we were dry and mild along the Palmer Divide, it was much worse than you progress further south toward New Mexico.

The month started with some favorable weather, as thunderstorms and moist conditions were in place on the 2nd and the 3rd. Upslope flow allowed areas of fog and drizzle to form, along with rain and snow showers at times. The cloudy conditions also held temperatures down, with high ranging from the 60s on the 1st to the upper 50s on the 2nd and low 40s on the 3rd. During the period, much needed moisture accumulated anywhere from a half to 2 inches of precipitation.

Unfortunately, after this storm departed, dry and mild conditions prevailed and temperatures highs in the 70s and touched the low 80s on the 10th. Plenty of sunshine returned as well, with no measurable precipitation from the 11th through the 15th.

A late, spring-like pattern began to affect the region starting on the 13th, when morning sunshine gave way to afternoon storms and scattered thunderstorms. High temperatures rebounded in the 70s and touched the low 80s on the 10th. Plenty of sunshine returned as well, with no measurable precipitation from the 11th through the 15th.

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Finally, on Memorial Day weekend, morning low clouds helped to keep temperatures down and added enough moisture to fuel thunderstorms that developed that afternoon. Unfortunately, these were fast-moving storms, so most areas didn’t receive sig-

To Charles Ashford

I just read your Letter to Our Community, “To Paul Lundeen,” regarding his proposal to “jail” those who “exercise their First Amendment rights” regarding their employment. You seem to know a lot about the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Perhaps you could help me understand some things about them.

The U.S. Constitution is a federal law, yet Paul Lundeen is a state representative, so wouldn’t it be more appropriate to judge him against the state Constitution? You have lots to say about education, yet I am sorry, but where in the federal Constitution is education directly addressed?

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The Aliorum De Awards

One of the most memorable and impressive evenings in history in our district occurred on April 24, 2018, when D38 recognized the Aliorum De Award winners. The Aliorum De Award recognizes individu-

als that had gone the extra mile to support students with disabilities. These individuals were school staff, students, and community members. The award truly honors acts of kindness, goodwill, hard work, success and charity toward individuals. There were numer-

ous stories shared expressing gratitude from parents, students, and teachers. It was very heartwarming to learn of support from families to those with disabilities. The undeniable and self-

less gift to reach out to those in need truly exempli-

fied benevolent character. We were reminiscing about

the many years our children have been in this district and felt that no other more significant event has ever occurred at Big Red. The number of students recognized for selfless giving was truly impressive. Teachers, students, and community members worked hard to support those overcoming challenges and resulted in bringing forth many miracles.

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For an overview see a memorable evening.

Frank and Tammy John

High school physical education

D38 requires physical education credits for high school graduation. In August of 2015, I asked the school board to create a policy allowing competitive athletes to choose the sport that would be substituted for the required PE credits (via a train-

ning log signed by their coach).

My rationale was: 1. According to the Colorado Department of Education, PE is not mandated at any grade level. The decision is completely up to local dis-

tricts. 2. D38 gives credit for a “walking” class (the fi-
nal consists of walking from LP to Walmart, buying a snack, and then walking back). 3. D38 gives credit for an “online” PE class through BYU for $150. 4. The ba-

sic reason for PE is to establish good habits for a healthy, active lifestyle. 5. Competitive athletes put in more hours of activity than their peers in PE classes. 6. Overtraining athletes can lead to injury in their sport. 7. By allowing competitive athletes to receive credit for their sport instead of requiring them to take PE, they would have more time available for academics, train-

ing, and sleep.

To date, there is still no policy on this matter to be found in D38. I hereby request publicly, once more,