

La Veta Town Board opposes LATN and ballot questions by Carol Dunn

LA VETA- At its meeting on October 18, the La Veta Town Board discussed the low altitude tactical navigation (**LATN**) training area which has been proposed for Southern Colorado. Trustee Dawn Blanken told the Board that Cannon Air Force Base estimates the training will involve about three flights a day at an altitude of 200 feet above ground level over the area which will include La Veta. One audience member who had lived on a ranch said aircraft noise during exercises over the designated Military Operations Area since the 1990s has caused the loss of calves, primarily because flights were much lower than the agreed upon compromise of 500 feet. Others encouraged the Board to support the military in its training efforts. One gentleman suggested that the proposed flights' interference with elk reproduction might be a good thing for the area. On a vote of 5-2, the Board passed a resolution opposing the **LATN**.