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SLV Today SDC Board of Education Meeting

MOSCA — The Sangre de Cristo School Board of Education regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday August 11th, 2020 in the school Library at 8751 Lane 7 North, Mosca CO with an Executive Session from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. and an Open Session starting at 6:30 p.m. Copies of agendas are posted at school site, website, the Hooper and Mosca Post Offices, and the Mosca Pit Stop. Meetings are open to the public.

SLV BOCC Meeting

The next SLV County Commissioners meeting will be held Monday, September 28, 2020 at 9:30 am. Most likely it will be held via Zoom. This meeting will be for the 2021 Budget.

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## SLV keeps up good work to nip COVID

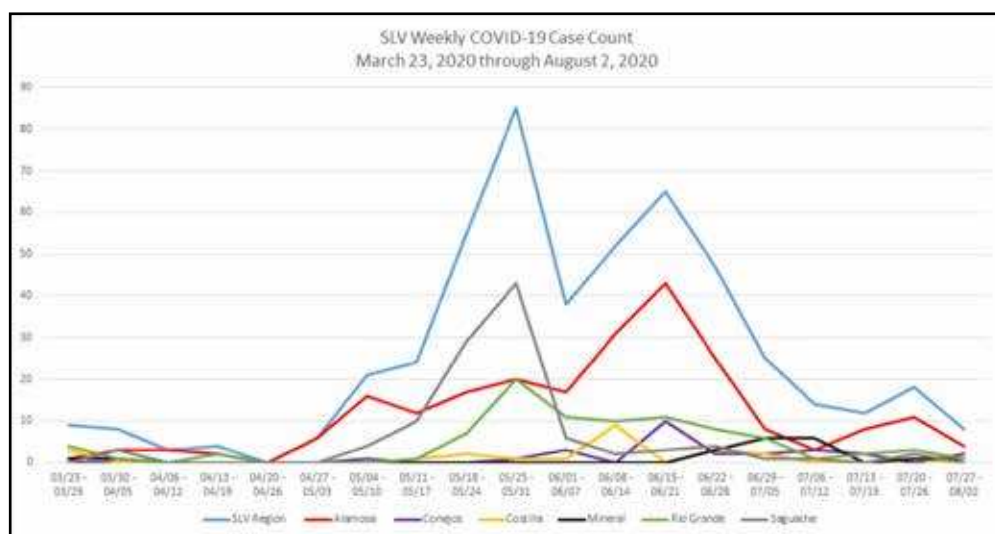
7 active cases as of Tuesday night

SAN LUIS VALLEY — As of 4 p.m. Monday night, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment reports that the SLV has had a total of 3,586 people tested for COVID-19 and 481 total COVID-19 cases. Fifty-one of those have been hospitalized, and 13 people with COVID-19 have died. There have been 13 outbreaks for the SLV region, all of which are closed or being closed this week. This information is updated weekdays on our website at https://www.slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/.

The SLV currently has 7 known active cases. Alamosa: 4 Conejos: 0 Costilla: 0 Mineral: 0 Rio Grande: 3 Saguache: 0

According to local data reports, there were 7 people hospitalized between July 18 and August 1, 2020. Our positivity rate is 4.3%, which is within the 5% threshold that indicates we're doing enough testing as a region. The best way for our community to maintain this threshold is for people to get tested for COVID-19 when they are sick.

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## NGBC is celebrating its 2nd Anniversary the week of Aug. 11 -15.

Come celebrate!

ALAMOSA — The Narrow Gauge Book Coop is celebrating its second anniversary the week of Aug. 11-15, with fun events being planned each. Starting Tuesday, Aug. 11, there will be a member/owner drive including special perks for new owners and members. There will also be an in-store scavenger hunt for kids, complete with prizes for everyone who completes it. On Wednesday, there will be a drawing for a Narrow Gauge Book Coop book bag. Customers making any kind of purchase that day will qualify. On Thursday, there will be an announcement of the winners of a kids' writing contest. Friday will feature the start of a window design contest. Also, Fabulous Friday Volunteers will be featured, with volunteers being honored. Saturday will be Member Appreciation Day, with discounts for all members. In addition, there will be free shipping of one book for those who order online during that week. Each additional book shipment will cost only one dollar. Be sure to join in celebrating!

In the summer of 2018, the Narrow Gauge Book Store announced it was closing after 40+ years of operation. A group of concerned citizens got together, raised money and bought the store. It reopened as the Narrow Gauge Book Coop. The former owner was very generous with the endeavor and many, many people were very generous with their money and volunteer time. It is now community-owned by people who buy \$100 or \$500 shares, and also supported by mem-

bers who pay \$25 a year in exchange for a discount on purchases.

The Coop sells new, used and local books as well as other quality items, such as locally made foods, art, and journals. It also features an online bookstore.

Customers can make special orders online, over the phone or in person. Before Covid-19, the store hosted local author readings and artists, children's events and various book clubs. It plans to do so again!

The Coop is a special place as a community hub. Its existence is a testament to the commitment of the Valley community in having a local bookstore. It plans to continue its mission of being "A community run book cooperative growing a culture of literacy by offering a diverse selection of new and used books and community workshops and events."

Future plans include stocking a section of homeschooling supplies, a new magical children's section, an enlarged selection of books about the Valley and the surrounding area, and also books written by people living in the Valley and the surrounding area. The Co-op always carries best sellers and a variety of books on topics from agriculture to Zen Buddhism.

Currently, the Co-op at 602 Main Street in Alamosa is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 719-589-3464. To browse the local inventory, find out more information on becoming an owner or member, or order a book online, go to https://www.narrowgaugebooks.com.

## SLV Fair underway in Monte Vista



Courier photos by Keith R. Cerny and Stephen Jiron

Top, Makenzie Consaul kept her on the judge as she was declared the first place winner Tuesday in her class of feeder pigs at the San Luis Valley Fair. More than 100 swine were entered in this year's fair and a large crowd was in attendance for the evening show. Travis Beagley of Texhoma, Okla. was the swine judge for this year's fair.

Bottom, Competitors in the Market Lamb Show present their stock to the crowd and the judge.



Photo courtesy of Narrow Gauge Book Coop

The Narrow Gauge Book Coop will be hosting a week's worth of events to celebrate their third anniversary of coming back into business.

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# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Andrew Lobato



**ANTONITO**—Pueblo former Antonito resident Andrew Lobato, 72, went to his eternal rest on August 1, 2020, at the Genesis Long Term Care Facility in Pueblo in the company of angels and his loving family. Andrew made his entrance into the world on April 24, 1948, in Antonito, Colorado, the son of Alfonso Lobato and Balbina Salas Lobato. Andrew was a very talented craftsman and loved working with his hands. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, doing ironwork and spending time with his family and friends. He was a kind, selfless and

loving person and will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

He will live on through his daughter Valerie Lobato, son Alfonso Lobato, sisters Sherry Lobato, Frances Cisneros both of Antonito, aunt Eliza George, Celia Salas both

of Antonito, CO. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Andrew was preceded in death by his parents Alfonso and Balbina Lobato, brother Lawrence Lobato, infant siblings Connie and Patricia Jean, niece Dina Vigil, as well as his maternal and parental grandparents.

Cremation was chosen and a memorial service will be held at a later date. To leave online condolences please visit [romerofuneralhomes.com](http://romerofuneralhomes.com). The arrangements have been placed in the care of Romero Funeral Home of Antonito.

### Donald Michael Gallegos



**ALAMOSA**—Donald Michael Gallegos has moved on to his heavenly home and will join loved ones who left before him.

He gracefully departed on April 24, 2020, and blessed all since he came into the world on 9/29/1935

He was a devoted Son to entrepreneur's Pete and Benita Gallegos of Alamosa Colorado, Owners of the Alamosa Taxi Service and the La Linda Vista Hotel on State Street. Donald started a career with the US Post Office and retired after 35 years. He was passionate about life and his humor and fables were beyond real. He loved telling stories and pretending. He enjoyed going to the Horse and Dog races with his brother Charles. He never told his true age because he created a game of adding the digits of your age to get your true age

so, instead of being 84 he would say he just turned 11 yrs. old (8+4)

Donald married Mary A Garcia (deceased) of Alamosa and they had 5 Children together, Debbie Gallegos Kelley, Michael J Gallegos (deceased) married to Georgette Gallegos, Donald M Gallegos (Jerome) married to Caroline Guerrero Gallegos, Charles C Gallegos married to Angelie Rulano Gallegos, Mark Anthony Gallegos (deceased) Don-

ald later Married Viola Martinez (deceased) and earned the love of her 5 children, Marcus Bernal, Louie Bernal, Debbie Jamieson, Emily Wythe and Louise Fuentes, and Grandchildren.

Donald along with his Surviving Brother, Charles Gallegos and wife Sherry have left a beautiful Legacy. He left a loving family that included 12 Grandchildren and 35 Great Grandchildren. Dad, Pops, Grandpa, Gramps, GG, Big Papa were some of the sweetest and most endearing names he was known by. He will be missed but thoughts of him will forever bring a smile to our faces.

There will be a graveside celebration of life on August 8th, 2020 at the Alamosa Municipal Cemetery at 2:30 PM.

### Allison Lynn Sparrow-Balog

November 24, 1961—

March 6, 2020

**ALAMOSA**—Allison Lynn Sparrow-Balog 58, with great sadness she passed away on March 6, 2020. With her passing, it brings great sorrow to the family, and her many friends, and especially one of her special nephews who she greatly admired, she spent a lot of precious time with her Nephew James Bailey.

Allison met the love of her life, Steven J Balog, when he owned and operated the St. Ives Bar and Grill in 1990. They married May 16, 1993, and lived a happy life together they moved around a bit and settled in Denver CO. While living in Denver Allison met a lot of good friends and she also became a caretaker for some people that lived in the same apartment complex as Steve and her. She really enjoyed taking care of those special people. And she took pride in helping the family members of those she took care of.

Allison enjoyed her time taking care of her husband



as well as making sure that her God Daughter and nephew had what they needed. She was also known to help others when they needed someone she was kind-hearted that way. Allison enjoyed riding bikes, and reading especially the bible that her mother gave her. She spent a lot of time helping her sister Kathryn take care of James, he was very special to Allison and she would spend hours playing games and reading with him.

Allison is survived by her brothers and sisters

Gary G. (Sharon) Sparrow of Spring Branch TX, Glenn (Marsha) Sparrow of South Fork CO, Linda G. Sparrow of Alamosa CO, Timothy G. Sparrow of Denver CO, Kathryn Sparrow of Del Norte CO. she is also survived by her nieces and nephews August (Sarah) Sparrow of South Fork, Jacqueline Sparrow of CO Springs CO, Bridget (Chuck) Sandoval of Monte Vista CO, Samantha Sparrow of Alamosa CO. As well as all her great-nieces and nephews.

Allison Precedes the death of both her parents Gene C. Sparrow and Mary B Sparrow, her husband Steven J. Balog and her nephews Brian Withersbee and Brandon Bailey, as well as her grandparents and Aunts and Uncles.

Her Memorial will be August 8, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. at the West Pavilion at Cole Park in Alamosa CO. after her memorial her ashes will be entombed at a later date in Fort Morgan Cemetery with her husband Steven J. Balog.

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### ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

**ALAMOSA**—The San Luis Valley Military Family Support Group meets the fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Alamosa. For more info call Vicki Jones at 852-3123.

**ALAMOSA**—Sierra Blanca Chapter #43, Order of The Eastern Star, meets on the first and third Mondays, at 7:30 p.m. at the Alamosa Masonic Hall, 512 San Juan Ave. Call Sharon at 589-4320.

**ALAMOSA**—La Leche League of the San Luis Valley holds its monthly meetings on the fourth Saturday at 11 a.m. at Hospice del Valle, 524 Main St. in Alamosa. Pregnant and nursing women are welcome to attend with their children and babies. Please call 587-3657.

**ALAMOSA**—The Alamosa Kiwanis Club meets on the second, third and fourth Thursdays at noon at IHOP. Contact: Amanda Wilkinson, 719-589-2564 or email [amanda@alamosastatebank.com](mailto:amanda@alamosastatebank.com)

**ALAMOSA**—The Optimist Club of Alamosa meets at Nino's Restaurant in Alamosa the first and third Tuesdays at noon. Contact the club at [alamosaoptimistclub@gmail.com](mailto:alamosaoptimistclub@gmail.com) or President Dawn Melgares at 719-580-0178. Visitors and new members are welcome.

**ALAMOSA**—The Alamosa Rotary Club meets every Monday at noon at Juanitos in Alamosa. Contact Dean Swift, 589-3499 or [dean@deanswiftseed.com](mailto:dean@deanswiftseed.com)

**SOUTH FORK**—Kiwanis meets every Thursday at 8 a.m. at the Feelin' Good Coffeehouse in South Fork. Contact: Karen Miller, 719-873-5466 or email [mkmillermink@aol.com](mailto:mkmillermink@aol.com)

**ALAMOSA**—The Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group meets on the second Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon. at the Alamosa Public Library, 300 Hunt Ave. Call the Southern Colorado office at 719-544-5720, ext. 304.

**ALAMOSA**—TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) CO 568, Alamosa, a non-profit weight loss organization, meets every Tuesday evening at the College Heights Baptist Church at 2035 Church

Avenue in Alamosa. Weight in is at 5:30 p.m. with an informative meeting at 6:15. Anyone interested in having weight loss support is welcome to attend a free meeting or call Doris at 589-6396 for more information.

**ALAMOSA**—Search and Rescue meetings are the fourth Tuesday at the Alamosa County Sheriff Office, 1315 17th St., at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer is welcome. Call Suzi at 719-588-9236.

**ALAMOSA**—The San Luis Valley Photography Club meets the first Wednesday at the Alamosa Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Contact Stephen Jensen at 379-0001 or [slvphotostephen@gmail.com](mailto:slvphotostephen@gmail.com)

**ALAMOSA**—Families Healing Families is a community-based organization that provides support and resources for families affected by the impact of substance abuse. They meet on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center at 92 Rio Grande Ave. (on the north end of Cole Park) in Alamosa.

**ALAMOSA**—Peace Meditation at the Campus Ministry Office, Adam State University, Alamosa, is held on Thursdays at 5:15 p.m. Everyone is invited. Contact Candace Knowlan 805-886-6959.

**ALAMOSA**—American Legion Auxiliary Unit #113, Alamosa, holds its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday at the American Legion Building at 514 Fourth Street, Alamosa. Call Evelyn Espinola at 719-313-1466 or Alice Robinson at 589-0543.

**ALAMOSA**—Youngsters are invited to the Alamosa Public Library Story Room every Friday morning to sing, color, dance, read, enjoy adven-

tures, share with friends and giggle. Babies and toddlers are welcome at 9:30 a.m. and preschoolers at 11 a.m.

**ALAMOSA**—Free breastfeeding classes are offered in Alamosa at the San Luis Valley Health Education and Conference Center on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 3-4 p.m.

**MONTE VISTA**—Valley Fiber Art Guild—VFA is a group for anyone interested in fiber arts: knitting, crocheting, weaving and spinning. We work on our individual projects, sometimes do projects together and learn from each other. We meet the fourth Saturday of every month from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at 757 County Rd. 29, Monte Vista. Call or email Wanda Couzens-Smith for more information at (719) 852-5000 or [wcouzenssmith@gmail.com](mailto:wcouzenssmith@gmail.com)

**ALAMOSA**—Alamosa Masonic Lodge meetings are every first and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. (except June, July and August) at the Alamosa Masonic Lodge, Main and San Juan.

**ALAMOSA**—Alamosa Toastmasters meets on Mondays at noon at The Bridge in Alamosa at 3407 Carroll Street. Participants will find a supportive learn-by-doing environment that allows them to achieve their goals at their own pace. Call (719) 588-5127.

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

**VALLEY**—The San Luis Valley offers many Alcoholics Anonymous groups.

A.A. members' primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Following are District 3 San Luis Valley AA 12-Step Meetings. The 6th Tradition states that we are not affiliated with any outside organizations, but in the spirit of cooperation, we list these meeting schedules for friends and family. For information, call 719-937-5083.

**SUNDAY**  
5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Parish Center at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa  
7 p.m. Town Hall at 108 W Galena Ave., Crestone

**MONDAY**  
12 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Hall at 607 4th St., Alamosa  
5 p.m. Women's Meeting at Masonic Hall, 598 Spruce St., Del Norte  
7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede

**TUESDAY**  
12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa  
8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian

Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

**WEDNESDAY**  
12 p.m. First United Methodist Church at 2005 Mullens, Alamosa  
6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito

6 p.m. Amistad of San Luis at 403 Main St., San Luis  
7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca  
7:30 p.m. Masonic Hall at 598 Spruce, Del Norte.  
8 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 607 4th St., Alamosa.

**THURSDAY**  
12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa  
12 p.m. Crestone Baptist Church, County Rd. T, Crestone  
7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede  
7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara.

7:30 p.m. Aables/Disables, Baptist Church at 751 Lincoln St., Monte Vista

**FRIDAY**  
7 p.m. Sacred Heart School at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa.

**SATURDAY**  
5:30 pm. at 929 State Ave., Alamosa  
6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710

Main St., Antonito.

8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

For schedule changes, please contact your group service representative (GSR)

**AL-ANON**

**TUESDAY**  
8 p.m. 15 Country Club Dr. Monte Vista  
**WEDNESDAY**  
5:30 p.m. SLV Behavior Health Group at 8745 CR 9S., Alamosa

**THURSDAY**  
5:30 p.m. First Christian Church at 518 1st St., Alamosa  
7 p.m. Crestone Town Hall, downtown Crestone (second and fourth Thursdays)

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NarcAnon)**

**TUESDAY**  
7 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 607 4th St., Alamosa  
7:30 p.m. Baca Grande Library at Road T, Crestone

**THURSDAY**  
7 p.m. SDA Church at 313 Craft Drive, Alamosa

**SATURDAY**  
9 a.m. Little Shepherd Episcopal Chapel at Alder St., Crestone  
7 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 607 4th St., Alamosa

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# Valley News

## Committee seeks to recall Rio Grande County Commissioner John Noffske

**DEL NORTE** — A committee has been formed to recall Rio Grande County commissioner John Noffske. This non-partisan effort came about in light of serious concerns about how Rio Grande County is being managed. According to the organizational chart on the commissioners' website, the commissioners work for the citizens of the county, and many citizens are questioning the actions of Mr. Noffske and the board, of which he is currently Chairman. The committee sent a statement to the Courier with the following claims:

Our concerns are that Mr. Noffske: Has created an adversarial working environment for county employees, which has resulted in both volunteer and forced resignations, as well as terminations. Has created an adversarial working environment for other elected

county officials; some officials refuse to meet with him.

Is incompetent, unprepared for meetings, and fails to grasp issues that are important to the county, which delays important decisions and is clearly a failure to perform the duties sworn to in his oath of office.

Has difficulty communicating effectively with his constituents.

Conducts himself in an inappropriate manner with his peers, subordinates, and external persons; he is frequently volatile, threatening, confrontational, and unprofessional.

Fails to follow state and county policies, procedures, especially in terms of adhering to open meetings rules.

While our apprehension has been building for some time, we became truly distressed when the well-qualified Director of Public Health was terminated in May. Only six weeks

after that termination, the Interim Director of Public Health resigned, citing a lack of support from the board of county commissioners, which had also appointed themselves the County Board of Health. We believe that if there were perceived problems with the Public Health Department, the board would have made a plan to rectify those problems immediately upon the termination of the director. Now, more than two months later, and with yet a second interim director in place, no new hires have been made, and the department only has one nurse. This would be a troubling situation under any circumstances, but in the midst of a pandemic, with schools set to open, and with flu season nearly upon us, this is now a grave concern. The lack of prompt and effective action indicates that Mr. Noffske's leadership falls short of what

is necessary to keep our county safe and functional.

Due to the hostile work environment, the county's administration department has also lost two key people in the last week, including the County Administrator (also the second person in that position to resign while Mr. Noffske has been commissioner). Among other things, the ability to manage the payroll is now severely limited. As of the last regular meeting of the board, Mr. Noffske stated that a meeting needs to be held to determine how each commissioner can assist with administrative tasks. But that meeting has not been held yet—at least not in an open meeting setting—which again delays decisions and could affect how and when county employees and suppliers get paid. Citizens can watch these meetings for themselves on YouTube,

on the "Rio Grande Seer" channel. We highly recommend that you watch all the posted meetings, particularly the ones held on May 27 and July 27. It is worth noting that fellow Commissioner, Suzanne Bothell, asked Commissioner Noffske to resign during the July 27 meeting.

For many years, Rio Grande County has been respected and considered a great place to work. It has had its share of problems, but has always worked in the spirit of solving the problems together. This is no longer the case under Mr. Noffske's ineffectual leadership. The citizens need and deserve a functional and reliable government for Rio Grande County, and thus have launched this effort to recall and replace Mr. Noffske with a qualified candidate, to be chosen in a subsequent election. Time is of the essence



Courtesy photo of Rio Grande County commissioner John Noffske.

if we are to get this important decision before the voters on the November ballot. Petitions are available for signature by registered voters of Rio Grande County. Please act quickly and contact Deanne Elliott at dliz.elliott@gmail.com; Virginia Christensen at foragel@gograde.org; Mettje Swift at metjtjeswift@gmail.com; Laura Conchelos at lauraconchelos@gmail.com, or Mona Syring at msyring555@gmail.com to arrange to sign the petition.

## SLV Republican Party opens local office

**ALAMOSA** — The San Luis Valley Republican party would like to announce the opening of their campaign office for the months leading up to the General Election on November 3rd. This will enable the Rio Grande, Saguache, and Alamosa GOP groups to promote their county candidates, as well as the state and national contenders running for office.

By serving all counties, this will allow a central distribution for candidate campaign information, signs, sending out mailers, answering questions or whatever is needed to further the candidacy for those of the Republican Party. The office can also be used for candidate "Meet and Greets," training sessions, petition sign-

ings, and voter registration.

The GOP office is located at 817 Main Street (across from Pizza Hut) with office hours allowing voters an opportunity to visit.

Office hours for the office are Monday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. with Tuesday through Friday being 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. As the campaign season progresses, evening and Saturday hours are possible.

They invite all to feel free to stop by for a cup of coffee while picking up campaign literature, yard signs, candidate and party information, and the National Platform of the Republican Party. A good political debate is also on the table. They look forward to visiting with any who desire to see all GOP candidates be successful in their individual campaigns.



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Tues - Thurs: 5:00, 7:55  
**JUMANJI**  
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Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Kevin Hart

## Governor Polis Provides update on COVID-19 Pandemic

**DENVER** - Gov. Polis provided an update on Colorado's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Colorado is in a better place than some of our neighboring states but we can't let up when it comes to social distancing, mask-wearing, and washing our hands to slow the spread of the virus," said Governor Jared Polis. "It's up to each

and every one of us to make sure we are taking the steps to protect ourselves, our loved ones and our community during this pandemic. While it is welcomed news that cases are not increasing, we need to have the resolve to keep it up to have them start decreasing."

As a result of the mask-wearing order and the decision to close bars, Colorado is see-

ing COVID-19 cases plateau, but the Governor cautioned Coloradans that the state is in a precarious position and everyone must remain vigilant and continue following social distancing requirements, wearing masks, and washing hands.

Last week, the Attorney General's office issued a cease-and-desist letter to Live Entertainment, the company responsible

for these large-scale events in Weld County. The Attorney General's office has proactively sent cease and desist orders to the organizers and promoters, Adixion Music, as well as the venue, Imperial Horse Racing Facility in Pierce, to stop these illegal events. The Governor discouraged Coloradans from purchasing tickets or attending

these types of events because it is better for the community and noted that ticket holders may end up being scammed out of their money when these events are shut down.

## Spines shopping by appointment

**ALAMOSA** — In these uncertain times as you search for activities that can fill those once social hours, Spines may just be the answer. The Friends of the Alamosa Library is now offering customers the chance to shop at Spines by appointment for gently used books. Patrons may contact

Rhonda at 719-580-2010 or Allyn at 719-588-9410 to schedule a time to shop. Masks will be required, and we urge you to bring exact change for your purchases. A suggested purchase/donation of \$20 per visit would be appreciated.

Volunteers for the Friends have cleared old materials from the venue

and restocked with updated choices in all categories. We have had large donations of music CDs and DVDs as well as books. We now offer a special section for Spanish-language adult and children's fiction, and you can check out our free items at Spines or visit the Little Free Library in your area.

## Bicyclist injured in collision

**CONEJOS COUNTY**— A 23-year-old La Jara woman was seriously injured after her bicycle collided with a car about 6:30 p.m. Monday on Conejos County Road 18 south of Conejos County Road T. Hailey Coombs was transported by ambulance to the Conejos County Hospital after being ejected from the bike and traveling approximately 32 feet before

landing on the roadway, according to a Colorado State Patrol report. Richard Quintana, 64, of Manassa was driving the 2007 Toyota Corolla southbound on Road 18 when the accident occurred.

According to the report, the Corolla started to travel into the northbound lane to pass three bicyclists when Coombs moved into the northbound lane. The vehicle

skidded for more than 60 feet before colliding with the bicyclist with its left front.

After impact, the Toyota traveled an additional 40 feet to stop facing southbound in the northbound lane. The driver was released on scene.

CSP said the bicyclist was not wearing a helmet and alcohol was not a contributing factor.

## COVID

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To pursue testing for COVID-19, or for medical questions, call:

Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990  
SLV Health Respiratory Clinic 719-589-2511 ext. 9  
Valley-Wide Health Systems 719-589-3658 ext. 9 (M-F), 719-589-2562 (Sa/Su)

The Centers for Disease Control has recently updated isolation definitions for COVID-19.

If you are sick with COVID-19 symptoms the best thing to do is get tested, and, if you are positive, follow the recommendations Public Health gives you when they contact you after your test. Recommendations will vary depending on how mild or severe your illness is.

If you have been in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case, are asymptomatic, but have tested positive, the best thing to do is isolate at least 10 days since the date of your test unless you develop symptoms. If symptoms develop during isolation, the isolation period should be restarted and you should follow your personal Public Health recommendations.

Quarantine recommendations (staying home 14 days after last close contact with a COVID-19 case, even if you are not sick) remain the same.

For more on isolation, see <https://covid19.colorado.gov/how-to-isolate>.

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# Opinion

## Amarah's Corner

Continued...Amarah shares mom's story in Alamosa County Jail

My name is Jessica. This is the Story About My Life, Part-2:

"I would give anything to make things right. That's why I'm sitting in jail because I didn't get clean and back on track with my 2-year felony probation. I will complete it this time so you won't have to ever see your mother on drugs or behind bars, again. I'll do it right this time. I can do this!!

If I could change anything, I'd have to say I'd never have gotten on drugs from the beginning and I would have taken my kids to the doctor and school and made a life and gotten into housing. Plus, I'd have gotten a part-time job or a low-income place like I was told to and not have run the streets, smoking and drinking, just to be liked by people or guys, or maybe I would have just stayed with a family I could trust.

My advice for parents who are addicts: If you have a choice or a chance to get your kid back, don't mess-up or refuse the help. Do anything or everything you can to keep your baby or kids because you don't even know, or want to know, how bad it kills you to have a different family raising your kid (who is hating you in their heart), and then you can't ever change the way things end-up. So, please do everything right the first time and don't ever give up fighting for the right to have your kid. And, pray to God and ask Him to help you and give you strength and talk to someone who loves you and only wants the best for you. Please, do this. God is the only one who knows what you can do if you only will do it.

My advice for grandparents of kids like me: Don't ever give up on the kids. Fight for them. Love them and care for them always and forever. Please, do this.

My advice for kids like me: Don't ever start using drugs or drinking or doing anything that can harm you, or others. Love yourself and trust in God because He loves you more than you can ever imagine. Trust me on this.

I was in special education in school. I have a hard time with words, and with numbers. I have a hard time understanding numbers and remembering them because I'm not very good with numbers.

I played the musical recorder and the violin in school and I was in the choir. I played softball, basketball and volleyball with the foster family and I loved doing art in high school. I had a picture of a butterfly in the artbook. I wasn't kicked out of school because of bad grades; I was on SSI and in detention because of skipping class. I like drawing pictures and writing poems and stories but it's hard because I misspell words. I like drawing crosses and writing love poems or sad poems and stories about my life and how I don't need to be like the person I was before.

I got good grades when I was with the Reeves family (foster family) and got out of CPH. I was on the honor roll because they made me do my homework, looked over it for me, and helped me. I had friends in school, but I got into a lot of trouble and into evil things, smoking cigarettes, weed, and drinking. My teachers were good to me and helped me understand everything because I needed help with understanding words and spelling.

When I was a kid, I was invited to church and went to Vacation Bible School when I was forced to go. After my brother died, I didn't ever want to go back to church because I hated God because I thought He took my brother away from me. I believe in God, but it was hard to believe because I got into Wicca (pagan witchcraft) and had to get prayed over to get the devil out of me.

I didn't take my kids to church because I hated God because I thought He took my brother from me. I didn't teach my kids about God, but I told them about Him.

If I woke-up tomorrow morning and everything in my life was perfect, I would look just the same as I am now. I learned in women's Bible study that I look like my Lord God (Genesis 1:26-27) and He is amazing. And, I am amazing because He made me like Him, and I love Him for that."

Thank You, so much, for having the courage to share your story, Jessica. Your story reminds me of me.

Thank you for reading my column. Remember, Jesus Loves You and Jesus is Lord!

### Amarah's Corner



'Kids Like Me'



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## Handy Kid Containers

Kids today have many advanced ways to play, but hey don't have small conveniences like the generations before them.

Remember the Bull Durham tobacco bags? Almost every kid had two or three.

They were small and coarsely sewn, about the size of a pack of cigarettes, and contained plain ground tobacco.

It was simply for people who wanted to "roll their own."

My grandfather smoked a pipe, so my supply was guaranteed.

Mine contained marbles, jacks and other necessities. Don't ask.

I lost all but an emergency shooter to my uncle, who took my "steelie."

That meant war.

I swiped the marbles from Chinese Checkers and finally took his agate.

He has since found Jesus, but I'll bet he still feels that loss. He expressed the emotion so well.

Children today don't have the little bags.

Some were more skilled than others and begged their way into ownership of bags that once housed bottles of high-quality booze.

My camera rests in a Crown Royal bag. No one knows what's in there. I try not

to have it in plain sight, lest someone might think of the origin of the bag.

My friend keeps his shoe-shine kit in a slightly larger bag.

Then, when we had to keep our pens and pencils organized, it was easy to go to the pool hall and ask for empty cigar boxes.

We kept other things there, as well. My grandfather was a clockmaker and kept small cogwheels, springs and other essential parts in boxes on his worktable. He also had tobacco bags and cans for the essentials.

Cans of tobacco were slightly nicer than the smaller bags.

The prank phone call: "Do you have Prince Albert in the can?"

"Well, go let him out."

Most people knew about the various brands of tobacco.

Those cans also were used to store small items.

Coffee also came in metal cans that were handy everywhere and so did shortening and lard.

Then there were Band-Aids in metal cans with rounded edges and hinged

lids.

Scouts of both genders made portable first-aid kits with them.

We learned how to make cotton swabs with toothpicks and cotton balls, T-shirt compresses were held on with safety pins and were packed in the cans alongside bottles of Merthiolate.

Memories are made of this.

Every generation has its containers.

My sons had lunchboxes to show off. The grandkids have insulated bags.

They're spoiled. They eat lunch at school.

Shoebboxes are also disappearing. There is still a cardboard

one from my childhood safeguarding prize photos. A young woman wanted to know why I have containers for everything.

Somewhere along the line, I learned to contain stuff.

Yup, and one sunny afternoon, I found that agate marble lurking under my prized Red Ryder bandanna. Memories are made of this.

### Native Writes



Sylvia Lobato

### LETTERS

## Defending Noffsker

To the Citizens of Rio Grande County, This letter is written in reference to the recall effort against Rio Grande County Commissioner John Noffsker.

The committee (one of whom is the mother of former Rio Grande County Public Health Officer, Emily Brown) has stated a number of reasons why they want Commissioner Noffsker removed. I think we can agree the reasons are "vague" and "subjective". Many folks think this effort is nothing more than sour grapes because Mrs. Elliot's daughter was fired. As far as other employees being terminated or resigning, Commissioner Noffsker was involved in only two of those terminations.

Common sense tells us that whenever someone steps into a leadership position (in private business or government) and attempts to have the organization

operate on policy rather than what has become the norm (what's easier, more comfortable), the "new" person becomes the subject of much discord. Some folks understand operating within policy is best for the entity for which they work; others, however, will continue to buck the system, some will resign and find a job where it will be easier and some will even resign because they fear they may be subject to legal ramifications for prior actions.

As I stated, this recall effort is nothing more than a sour grapes "revenge" effort by a group of people who haven't been able to manipulate Commissioner Noffsker. Some folks associated with this recall group are also still bitter that Commissioner Noffsker won against their candidate - and two years later, they still cannot accept the will of the voters.

Commissioner Noffsker is a professional who follows policy and expects others to do the same. Sadly, in today's world, that trait is becoming less of an admired quality in too many folks.

If this recall moves forward, the recall committee can be expected to twist the truth to their favor, take comments out of context, and use other political tactics to get you to sign their petition - and, if successful, convince you to vote to recall him in the general election. Look deeper. Use your critical thinking skills. I encourage you not to sign the petition. Allow Commissioner Noffsker to continue to work toward making Rio Grande County a county of which we can be proud.

Sincerely,  
Cliff Kincannon  
Monte Vista, CO

## Precious resources

Dear Editor, The Salazar del Norte Center and the Rio Grande Water Conservation District hosted the second annual State of the Rio Grande Basin on July 28, 2020. After a grim report of the status of our aquifer recovery effort, host and former U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar asked a poignant question of the presenters.

It is a question we should all be asking ourselves: What action will we take to lead economic development that will protect our water resources and promote its highest and best use?

I believe the answer lies at our feet - in promoting soil health and adding value locally to what we produce to build a local food, fuel, and fiber system. As much as commodity agriculture has been our bread and butter, there is great value to be gained when we distinguish our resources and retain more of their value locally before exportation. This would provide greater profit per acre, create careers, jobs, support improved physical health, and protect our water.

One thing the pandemic has exposed is the frailty of our food system. For many years, the SLV has exported 90% of what it produces. This is no surprise. We produce enough potatoes to feed six states the size of Colorado. What is surprising and sad is that we import 90% of what we consume here. Thus, building our local food economy is low hanging fruit.

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relative feed value of SLV alfalfa that our unique growing conditions produce a higher plain of nutrition, especially when grown in regenerated soil. Let us quantify and capitalize on that, designating the SLV as the place where there's more nutrition per bite.

The foundation of this approach has taken root here over the last twenty- thirty years. One example is the introduction of animal impact on crop/cover crop lands, a principle of soil health, and the addition of meat processing plants around the Valley, including Lucas' shop, right there on Rancho Salazar. This is an incredible boon to smaller scale animal producers, and essential to those who have direct markets.

The demand for locally raised meat has skyrocketed since COVID - 19 hit. We have but a few local meat processors are they are booked for months. I predict that once they taste local pasture-raised meat, people will not want to go back to feedlot-raised meat. It is a great time to capture this segment of our local food economy.

There's also a great market demand for poultry, which got a leg up recently for small producers in the revision of State Rules. The restriction on this industry is processing, for which there is no local facility.

A similar case could be made for ancient grains, which grow very well here and is one of Colorado's most in demand crops. This is a burgeoning industry that could benefit greatly

with the expansion of local cleaning and milling facilities.

Aside from food, we are the second sunniest place on the face of the Earth, solar developers claim. We really haven't scratched the surface with regard to solar energy generation.

And fiber presents itself in at least two crops coming from opposing ends of our timeline. Sheep are an historical crop, and hemp is just beginning. Both of these could use help with processing and distribution/marketing infrastructure.

Once the Valley has distinguished itself with its products and practices, all manner of tourism will follow. Agri-tourism and eco-tourism are fast-growing sectors of the travel industry. As has been the case throughout human existence, people travel in search of food. It is no different now. It is what has driven the microbrewery movement across the country for some years.

So, there is much that can be done - imagined, funded, built - that would benefit us in countless ways, not least of which is honoring and protecting our water.

Sincerely,

Trudi Kretsinger  
Candidate, Alamosa County Commissioner, District 1

# Commentary

## If the water goes, the desert moves in

Paonia, a small town in western Colorado with a handful of mesas rising above it, wouldn't green-up without water diverted from a river or mountain springs. The lively water travels through irrigation ditches for miles to gardens and small farms below. But this summer, irrigation ditches were going dry, and one, the Minnesota Canal and Reservoir Company, stopped sending water down to its 100-plus customers as early as July 13.



**Dave Marston**

Drought was hitting the state and much of the West hard, but a local cause was surprising: Water theft. Longtime residents who gather inside Paonia's hub of information trading, Reedy's Service Station, have a fund of stories about water theft. It's not unusual, they say, that a rock just happens to dam a ditch, steering water toward a homeowner's field. Sometimes, says farmer Jim Gillespie, 89, that rock even develops feet and crosses a road.

But this is comparatively minor stuff, says North Fork Water Commissioner Luke Reschke, as stealing ditchwater is a civil offense. Stealing water from a natural waterway, however, is a crime that can bring fines of \$500 per day and jail time. That's why what was happening to people who depend on the Minnesota Canal company for their fields or gardens was

serious: Water was being taken from Minnesota Creek before it could be legally diverted for irrigation to paying customers.

Once the ditch company "called" for its water as of June 8, only holders of patented water rights could legally touch the creek. Yet during three trips to the creek's beginning, starting in mid-June, and then in mid-July, I noticed that two ranches -- without water rights -- were harvesting bumper crops of hay. How could that have happened unless they'd illegally diverted water to their fields?

At first, no one would talk about the early-drying ditch except to hint broadly that it wasn't normal. Then one man stepped up: Dick Kendall, a longtime board member of the Minnesota canal company, and manager of its reservoir. "On July 5," he told me, "I saw water diverted from the creek onto one of the rancher's land. And I wasn't quiet about it."

Kendall reported what he saw to Commissioner Luke Reschke, who oversees the area's 600 springs, ditches and canals. Reschke dismissed it, he told me, because "The rumor mill is something else on Minnesota Creek. The only people who give me trouble are the new people who don't know how the system works." But locals say that four years back, Reschke's

predecessor, Steve Tuck, investigated when locals complained.

Though it may not be neighborly, stopping any illegal diversion is important, said Bob Reedy, owner of Reedy's Station: "Without water, you've got nothing around here." Annual rainfall is just 15 inches per year, and without water flowing into irrigation canals from the 10,000-foot mountains around town, much of the land would look like the high desert it truly is.

But it's not just a couple of high-elevation ranchers dipping into the creek. The West Elk Coal Mine runs large pumps that supply water for its methane drilling and venting operations in the Minnesota Creek watershed.

Mine spokesperson Kathy Welt, said the diversion is legal, and that they only take early-season water when the creek water isn't on call. That early water, however, is what begins to fill the Minnesota ditch's reservoir.

In other ways, the mine has damaged the watershed by building a sprawling network of roads in the Sunset Roadless Area (Threats at West Elk Mine). A cease and desist order from the State Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety on June 10, sought by environmental groups, halted the building of an additional 1.6 miles of new roads this spring (Colorado Sun). Satellite images of the road network resemble a vast KOA Campground: Where trees

once held back water and shaded snowpack from early melting, their replacement -- gravel roads -- shed water and add to early runoff.

For all of Minnesota Ditch's challenges, warming temperatures brought about by climate change could be the real challenge. Kendall said that this spring,

when he plowed out the Minnesota Reservoir road, dust covered the parched ground beneath the snow.

Water -- so precious to grow grapes, hay, organic vegetables and grass-fed beef, and to keep the desert at bay -- had vanished early on Lamborn Mesa above Paonia. Farmer Gil-

lespie summed it up, "there's just no low-snow anymore -- and it's not coming back."

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# Sports

## CHSAA 2020-21 Activities Calendar

The resumption of all activities and athletics are subject to change based upon any changes to national, state or local guidelines related to COVID-19. Sport-specific details will be communicated by Thursday.

	PRACTICE	FIRST COMPETITION	CHAMPIONSHIP (TENTATIVE)	MAX CONTESTS
<b>Season A</b>				
Cross Country	8/12	8/15	10/17	7
Boys Golf	8/3	8/6	10/5 & 10/6	198 holes
Softball	8/10	8/13	10/10	16
<b>Season B</b>				
Basketball	1/4	1/7	3/6	13 (1A-3A)
Competitive Spirit	1/4	1/7	TBD	N/A
Girls Swimming	1/4	1/7	TBD	7 + league
Wrestling	1/4	1/7	3/6	7 duals + 7 days
<b>Season C</b>				
Football	2/22	3/4	5/8	7
Gymnastics	3/1	3/4	TBD	8
Boys Soccer	3/1	3/4	TBD	10
Girls Volleyball	3/1	3/4	5/1	16
<b>Season D</b>				
Baseball	4/26	4/29	6/26	16 (2A-5A); 13 (1A)
Girls Golf	4/26	4/29	TBD	198 holes
Girls Soccer	4/26	4/29	TBD	10
Track and Field	4/26	4/29	TBD	8

**Activities**  
 Student Leadership Following a typical schedule.  
 Music Following a typical schedule.  
 Speech - Festival 10/1 1/30  
 Speech - Tournament 11/1 3/20

## Q&A: Assistant commissioner Adam Bright gives details on football's move to the spring



By RYAN CASEY  
 CHSAA Media Coordinator

Football has been moved to the spring as part of Season C of the new 2020-21 CHSAA sports calendar.

What does that mean for the sport? Here is a Q&A with CHSAA assistant commissioner Adam Bright, who oversees football.

**Question:** What was the reasoning behind moving football to the spring?

**Bright:** Given current state guidelines, football and contact sports would not be able to resume on a normal calendar.

This is a year where we have to forget what the top of the calendar says. It really doesn't matter what month it is. We have to be focused on the fact that the season is able to play, period. The fact that we are able to give these kids a chance to compete, to participate with their teammates, learn from their coaches, is what matters.

**Q:** OK spill the details ... how many games, what do playoffs look like, and so on? What's the plan?

**Bright:** It will start on Feb. 22, and run through May 8. Games will begin on March 4. There will not be a scrimmage week, nor will there be "foundation games" this season. Because of that, games will begin at the end of the second week of practice. Thursday, March 4 would be the first allowable game, meaning that teams will conduct practices Monday through Saturday during that first week, then would need three practices from Monday to Wednesday of the second week to achieve the mandatory nine practices prior to the first game.

The football season will be seven weeks long. Given that football is played only one game per week, seven games allows for a season that resembles a "normal" season and maximizes contests during the same number of weeks as other sports.

Football is being allowed to start practice a week earlier than other sports in Season C because of the required number of practices to begin play. And because it only has one game per week, the football postseason is extended an additional week to allow for a longer postseason.

**Q:** So with the season being reduced to seven games, how will scheduling work?

**Bright:** To build a schedule, we will build off of what their fall 2020 season was to look like. We will send this information to athletic directors so that there is a clear understanding of what schedules will look like.

The overarching goal is to have teams begin their schedules roughly mid-way through what would have been their normal schedule. For example, 5A and 4A will begin in Week 4 and play games 4-10 as games 1-7. In 3A the season would include Weeks 5-11, with 2A and below starting on Week 4 and playing through Week 10. Our friends in 6-man football would play games regularly scheduled in weeks 3 through 9 as games 1-7.

Obviously, there are things like bye weeks and out-of-state games for some teams in Weeks 4 and 5 mostly, and we will work in conjunction with athletic directors to build a database of open weeks

for teams to fill. The expectation is teams will play their condensed season as scheduled, utilizing the database as a resource to fill previously scheduled bye weeks.

**Q:** In my best Jim Mora voice: "Playoffs? You want to talk about playoffs?"

**Bright:** The football postseason will see a reduction to eight teams in each classification. These eight teams will all enter the postseason at the same time, and championships will all be done on the same weekend.

As we have seen, things can change quickly within the pandemic, and as such, logistics like location and time for these championship games will be a work in progress as we move closer to that time. Seeding and qualification for the postseason will be based on the four data points within the CHSAA Seeding Index, with the top eight eligible teams in each classification being placed in the postseason.

**Q:** Are there any practice limits or other items that would be different than a "normal" season?

**Bright:** Again, as things can change during this pandemic, we would have to take a wait and see approach. We have discussed various practice guidelines and scenarios based on different levels of COVID-19 restrictions and outbreaks. To speak to what the end of February and the month of March will require on the 4th of August is premature.

If we do foresee needs for practice guidelines that differ from those in the past, I can assure our coaches that they will have plenty of time to implement any changes if necessary.

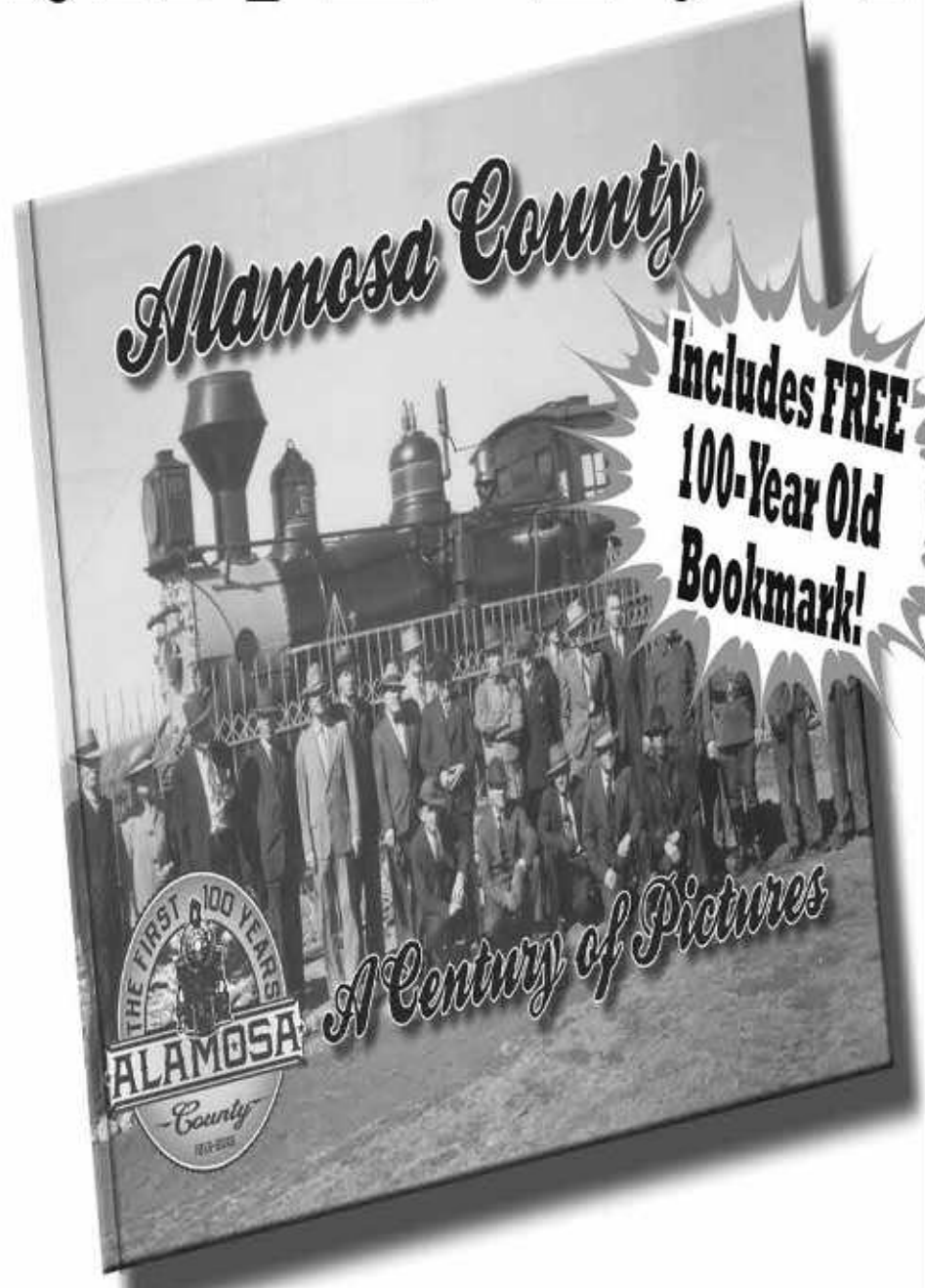
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# Lifestyle

## Local music duo thanks Alamosa businesses

ALAMOSA — Alamosa based music duo, Diamond Life, would like to thank their many supporters for their Summer 2020 music event Sweet Street Sounds. The live music event was held every Saturday in June and July and was located at various business in Alamosa. Their goal was to uplift and entertain the community, as well as generate traffic to small businesses. Diamond Life would like to thank Weekend's Tavern, The Shop, Emma's Food of the Southwest, Purple Pig Pizzeria, Narrow Gauge Bookstore, Firedworks Art Gallery, and Square Peg. Thank you for a summer of music!



## Colorado State Fair Releases 2020 On-Site and Virtual Activities Lineup

Pueblo, Colo. - The Colorado State Fair Board of Authority has voted to hold a variety of competitive activities at the Colorado State Fairgrounds as part of the reimagined 2020 State Fair August 28-September 7. With a primary goal of supporting Colorado's 4-H and FFA youth, and in close coordination with local and state health officials, the following on-site events and competitions will be held this season: 4-H Dog Show, 4-H Rocket Fly Day, Market Goat, Hog, Beef, Sheep, Chicken and Turkey Shows, FFA Heifer Wrangle Show, NNWSS Catch-A-Calf Event and Junior Livestock Sale. 4-H Horse show events

will feature a Gymkhana Horse Show, Ranch Horse Show, Parade of Counties and High School Senior Night, and Western and English Shows. The 2020 competitive events are not open to the public and will operate with strict indoor and outdoor health protocols in place, including limited guests accompanying youth competitors. All events will be livestreamed on the State Fair website. The public is invited to take in a taste of the fair with a Drive-Thru Fair Food Event, taking place August 28-31, and to participate in the Colorado State Fair Foundation's annual Youth in Ag Golf

Tournament at Walking Stick Golf Course on August 28. All Coloradans are also encouraged to join in this season's virtual competitions, including a Garden Harvest Competition, Pet Photo Contest, Talent Show Competition, and Vast, Great Outdoors Photo Contest. FAQs related to this summer's modified State Fair can be found here and high resolution photos of the 2019 State Fair are available for download here. Additionally, visit the Colorado State Fair website, Facebook page @ colostatefair, or call 719-561-8484 for the latest updates and information.

## How to effectively and safely sanitize a car

The COVID-19 pandemic changed the way people live. One readily felt effect was spending more time at home. Vehicles sat idle in driveways and even some automotive insurance providers reduced rates because people were driving much less.



Even with stay-at-home measures in place, people still need to leave their homes to stock up on essentials, such as food or medicine. In other cases, people may have been essential workers who drive for a living, including delivery drivers or health care personnel who were incapable of working from home.

Any time a person goes out in public, he or she runs the risk of contracting viruses. Bacteria and germs may reside on various surfaces, including those inside vehicles.

People want to protect themselves and now are more aware of the importance of frequently cleaning and sanitizing their cars. Keeping a vehicle safe to drive without affecting its upholstery or electronic components is paramount.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention makes a distinction between cleaning and disinfecting. Cleaning refers to the removal of germs, dirt and impurities from surfaces. It does not kill germs, but can lower their numbers. Disinfecting refers to using chemicals to kill germs on surfaces. The following are some ways to deeply clean and sanitize a car.

- Wash hands. First and foremost, it is crucial to wash your hands before and after using the car. This can reduce the likelihood of growing ill because of transferred viruses or bacteria.

- Use rubbing alcohol. Solutions that contain 70 percent alcohol are effective against many viruses and bacteria, including coronaviruses, says the CDC. Furthermore, Jeff Stout, Executive Director of Global Innovation at Yanfeng Automotive Interiors, says that, for the most part, nearly every interior surface of a vehicle can be cleaned with isopropyl alcohol. Plastic to painted chrome to imitation leather have been tested to ensure they don't degrade when exposed to pure isopropyl alcohol.
- Avoid bleach or hydrogen peroxide. While bleach and peroxide are very effective cleaners and sanitizers, they are likely to damage a car's upholstery, according to Consumer Reports.
- Use soap and water: Experts say that vigorous washing with a soap-and-water solution can be effective against

many contaminants because it breaks down the protective envelope that surrounds coronaviruses and other germs to disarm them. Friction also can help to break down germ cells during cleaning. "You want to do the best with what you have, so even soap and water can chip away at the risk," says Stephen Thomas, M.D., Chief of Infectious Diseases and Director of Global Health at Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY.

- Address frequently touched surfaces. Pay attention to the steering wheel, door handles, buttons, touchscreen displays, shift lever, and more when sanitizing. Each of these items can harbor germs.
- Deep-cleaning a vehicle has become a necessity since COVID-19 emerged. Frequently cleaning and sanitizing can help make vehicles safer to operate. FC209212

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# Lifestyle

## Conour Animal Shelter



This is Goofy, he is a one year old male pitbull/shepherd mix. He is very friendly with people and has a lot of energy.



This is Drools, he is a 4 year old pit bull mix. He is friendly to people once he gets to know you. He would need to be the only dog in the house as he does not like other dogs very much



This is Norman, he is a 2 year old shepherd mix. He is friendly with people but is a little shy at first, he does seem to do well with other animals.



This is Chris Redfield, he is a Staffordshire Terrier around 2-3 years old. He is very friendly with people and is friendly towards some dogs.



This is Oscar, he is a chihuahua mix around 2 years old. He does need to get to know you well, he gets along with one dog at a time but gets easily overstimulated, he is partially potty trained.

**MONTE VISTA** — Conour Animal Shelter would like to express their deepest gratitude and appreciation to all those who have contributed to the success of the Upper Rio Grande Animal Society by contributions, donations, volunteering and general support at Conour Animal Shelter.

**To adopt or reclaim any of these pets,** contact Conour Animal Shelter at 852-3366 or 2825 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Also, see [www.slvanimalshelter.com](http://www.slvanimalshelter.com).

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**CHALLENGER**  
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MSRP \$38,280  
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NEW 2019 JEEP  
**CHEROKEE**  
TRAILHAWK 4X4

MSRP \$38,780  
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NEW 2020 JEEP  
**WRANGLER**  
UNLIMITED SPORT 4X4

MSRP \$36,085  
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AUTOMALL PRICE **\$34,995.99**

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# Public Notices

**District Court Rio Grande County**  
**Court Address: 925 6th Street Rm. 204 Del Norte, CO 81132**  
 719-657-3394

In re: The Marriage of:  
 Petitioner: Carrie Diani Turnbow  
 And  
 Co-Petitioner/Respondent: Benjamin DiWayne Turnbow  
 Case Number: 2020DR11  
 Division 1 Hearing Room 1  
 Amended Notice to Respondent  
 Rio Grande County, District Court, Case No. 2020DR11  
**BENJAMIN DIWAYNE TURNBOW, YOU ARE NOTIFIED**, pursuant to C.R.S. 14-10-107(4), that an action has been filed for Dissolution of Marriage, regarding your marriage to CARRIE DIANI TURNBOW. You are further notified that a copy of the PETITION and SUMMONS may be obtained from the clerk of the court during regular business hours and that a default judgment may be entered against you if you fail to appear or file a response within 35 days after the date of publication.  
 Date July 17, 2020  
**HOLLIE WHEELWRIGHT**  
 Clerk of Court  
**Heather Ortega**  
 Court Judicial Assistant  
 No. 1550  
 Published in the Valley Courier on July 29, August 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2020.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing before the Conejos County Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM and a hearing before the Conejos Board of County Commissioners will be on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 10:45 AM to consider an application for a Special Use Permit for a 112 Mining permit.  
 The subject property is legally described as 18.5 acres located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 32 North, Range 7 East, Conejos County, Colorado. Commonly known as Robins Gravel Pit #1, physically addressed as 3113 County Road D.5, County Parcel Number 613703100006.  
 Details regarding this application and process are available for public review by contacting the Conejos County Land Use Office by phone 719-376-2014 or by email request to landuse@co.conejos.co.us. Any interested person may appear to be heard at the public meeting.  
 Linda DeHerrera, Conejos County Land Use Administrator  
 No. 1551  
 Published in the VALLEY COURIER on 07/22/2020 and 08/05/2020

**BRADBURY STAMM CONTRACTORS, INC., the Construction Manager General Contractor for this project, requests subcontractor proposals and qualifications for the following project:**  
**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**CENTAURI HIGH SCHOOL REPLACEMENT**  
**CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS**  
 Project Description: Proposals will be accepted for all trades.  
 Project Site Address: 17889 US Highway 285, La Jara, CO 81140  
 Proposals and qualifications will be accepted until 2:00 PM MST on August 20, 2020. DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers are strongly encouraged to respond. Proposals and qualifications will be accepted in the following formats:  
 Electronic Copies to: bids@bradburystamm.com  
 Bidding documents are available upon request via email to bids@bradburystamm.com. A non-mandatory pre-bid will be held on August 06, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the Project Site (in the south parking lot). Direct any questions to Bradbury Stamm Contractors at (505) 765-1200.  
 No. 1557  
 Published in the Valley Courier on July 25, 29, August 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, and 19, 2020.

**COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE**  
**PUBLICATION – BANKRUPTCY RESTART**  
 (CRS §38-38-103)  
**FORECLOSURE SALE No. 5-19**  
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following Deed of Trust:  
 On February 10, 2020, under Reception No. 20000215, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be re-recorded in the County of Conejos records.  
 Original Grantor(s): ROG, Inc., a Colorado Corporation, Roger Sidney Garcia and Olivia B. Garcia  
 Original Beneficiary: Alamosa State Bank  
 Current Holder of the Evidence of Debt: Alamosa State Bank  
 Date of Deed of Trust: November 23, 2015  
 County of Recording: Conejos  
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust: November 30, 2015  
 Recording Information (Reception No and/or Book/Page No.): Reception No. 15001555  
 Original Principal Amount: \$395,000.00  
 Outstanding Principal Balance: \$324,702.00  
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: (1) default by the failure to pay monthly payments of principal and interest for the months of March, 2019 to and including this month, and (2) default by the failure to pay property taxes and property insurance.  
**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
 The legal description of the Property that is subject to the Notice of Election and Demand in accordance with CRS §38-38-101(4)(g) is: EXHIBIT "A"  
 Parcel 2:  
 All of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, in Block "N" in the Town of Antonito, County of Conejos, State of Colorado.  
 Parcel 3:  
 Tract 1, Wayne Garcia Division of Land, the plat of which was filed November 24, 1993, under the Reception No. 206002, County of Conejos, State of Colorado  
 Together with all water and water rights, ditches and ditch rights, rights of way appurtenant to and used in connection therewith, including but not by way of limitation, including 75 shares of the Manassa Land and Irrigation Company stock, all wells and well rights, including all pumps, motors, sprinklers, control panels, and guns and miscellaneous irrigation equipment located on or regularly used or subject to use on the premises.  
 Also known by street and number as: Parcel 2: 217 Main Street, Antonito, CO 81120 Parcel 3: the property was and remains vacant land.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ONLY A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.  
**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.  
**THEREFORE**, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at the office of the Conejos County Public Trustee, Conejos County Courthouse, 6683 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
 IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.  
 First Publication Date: July 29, 2020  
 Last Publication Date: August 26, 2020  
 Name of Publication: The Valley Courier  
 Date: July 27, 2020  
 Mack M. Crowther  
 Public Trustee in and for the County of Conejos, State of Colorado.  
 The name, address, telephone number and bar registration number of attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
 Tuck Young, Reg. No. 2190  
**KETTELKAMP, YOUNG AND KETTELKAMP, P.C.**  
 201 West 8th Street, Suite 540  
 Pueblo, CO 81003  
 Phone Number: (719) 543-4321  
 Attorneys for Alamosa State Bank  
 The attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
 No. 1568  
 Published in the Valley Courier on July 29, August 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2020.

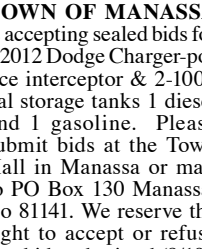
**East Rio Arriba SWCD ITB Number: 20-RCPP 1**  
 East Rio Arriba Soil & Water Conservation District is soliciting proposals for installation of livestock well, livestock pipeline, drinking troughs, storage tank and solar pumping plant. Work includes burial of livestock pipeline, attaching livestock drinker (troughs), storage tank and solar pump as a livestock watering unit. The livestock well will be the priority to ensure available water before other practices are initiated.  
 This is a single project specific ITB located west of Ute Mountain or East of Cerro de San Antonio along the New Mexico/Colorado State in Taos County.  
 Full ITB and Scope of Work can be requested by email, see email address listed below. Sample contract and any ITB amendments will be posted to the district's website at www.eraswd.net.  
 A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held for these projects. Further information regarding date and time will be provided when the complete ITB packet is requested.  
 The due date for the sealed bids will also be provided with the ITB packet.  
 Interested bidders must contact the email provided below by August 12th, 2020.  
 If you have any questions about submitting a bid, please contact the Procurement Manager: Marcos Valdez, 505-753-3508 ext. 104, Email: marcos.valdez@nm.nacdn.net  
 No. 1573  
 Published in the Valley Courier on August 5, 7, and 8, 2020.

## 099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SANGE DE CRISTO**  
 Schools will offer an old propane tank for sale. It is in Hopper Colorado and is missing the tag and numbers so it is being sold as scrap only. Unit offered and sold as is, with no guarantees whatsoever. The tank is approximately 6000 gallons (estimate only). Sealed bids must be to the Superintendent's office by 12:30 pm Tuesday August 11th to be considered.(8/11)

**HOSPICE DEL VALLE**  
 is now hiring a full-time Nurse Case Manager. Requirements include: \* Graduate of an accredited school of professional nursing \* Current license as Registered Nurse in Colorado \* At least one year of professional experience in the delivery of nursing services \* Willingness/ability to travel within the hospice service area \* Ability to lift fifty pounds, independently perform personal care on a patient weighing up to two hundred and fifty pounds. \* Understanding, identifying, and assisting in the coordination of the needs of the terminally ill and their families with a strong commitment to the hospice concept \* Effective verbal, nonverbal, and written communication skills \* Supervision of CNAs, LPNs, and other paraprofessionals providing care to the patient and family \* A strong desire for continued personal and professional growth and development \* The ability to perform duties independently For the complete job description or if interested please contact Executive Director Laura Lewis @ 719-589-9019.(8/22)

**TOWN OF MANASSA**  
 is accepting sealed bids for a 2012 Dodge Charger police interceptor & 2-1000 gal storage tanks 1 diesel and 1 gasoline. Please submit bids at the Town Hall in Manassa or mail to PO Box 130 Manassa, Co 81141. We reserve the right to accept or refuse any bids submitted.(8/19)

**101 MEMORIALS**  
  
*In Loving Memory of Dora Elena Martinez Soto 7/9/48 - 8/5/18*  
 Today is the second anniversary of the day that we lost you & all though it feels like it was just yesterday. We love you, and miss you always! God Bless You. From the Morales Soto & Gutierrez Family

**112 - BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**  
**1 STYLIST SALON**  
 Alamosa CO good space, rep., retail. Equip & inventory w/ purchase. Right person clients stay. 719-580-4307(8/12)

**163 LOST & FOUND**  
**\$100 REWARD!**  
**HAVE you seen Odie??**  
 19 year old Chihuahua, yellowish tan color. No collar. Last seen 11th & Bell in Alamosa. Call 719-937-8077 or 719-588-2162.(8/8)

**LOST YELLOW AND white male tabby cat.**  
 Lost on Brush Lane vicinity east of Alamosa. Has a red reflective stretch collar and is very friendly. If you have seen this cat or has showed up at your house please call 719-580-4842 he is much loved and missed.(8/5)

**LOST A PAIR of men's black work boots on W. Hwy 160 on way to a fire call. 4/2 approx. 4:30pm west of Budweiser before Del Viento Road. If found please call 719-580-0398.(TFN)**

## 221 HELP WANTED

**NOW HIRING FOR**  
 Potato Harvest Season Truck Drivers & General Labor Help. Call San Acacio Seed, LLC between the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. 505.787.7054.(8/14)

**MONTE VISTA SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for an Elementary Teacher at Bill Metz Elementary. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html by August 18, 2020, or until the position is filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996.(8/22)

**THE TOWN OF La Jara** is hiring a temporary part-time Office Assistant. The candidate must be able to perform general administrative and office duties with strong computer and internet skills, have cash handling and basic accounting experience. The candidate should also possess strong communication and phone skills. Salary based on qualifications. Applications can be picked up at 221 Broadway, La Jara, CO 81140.(8/21)

**SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL** District is currently seeking a full-time elementary counselor. Applicant must possess or qualify for a CDE counseling license; master's degree in guidance & counseling is preferred. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to apply@southconejos.com. Applications will be accepted until August 6th, 2020.(8/5)

**BUILDING CUSTODIAN** - Experienced individual needed for janitorial services with responsibility for cleaning various county buildings. Full-time position with variable hours which include evening and/ or early morning work times. Applications available at Saguache County Administration office. Call 719-655-2231 for more information. Applications close on Thursday August 20, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. Saguache County is an EEO employer. Drug testing and background check are required for final applicants.(8/19)

**CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS** located in Center, CO seeks a School Social Worker or Professional School Counselor to fill a full time position at the elementary level for the 2020-2021 school year. Candidates should have a Master's degree in school social work or school counseling and possess a current Colorado Special Services Provider License endorsed in school social work/school counseling or a license from DORA. The right candidate will have experience working in a school setting. Ability to speak Spanish is preferred, but not required. Candidates should be familiar with the MTSS model, as well as a comprehensive school counseling program aligned to the ASCA model or a school social worker program aligned to the SSWAA model. The position will involve promoting student success through leadership, advocacy, and collaboration with a progressive team to implement comprehensive school interventions. This full time position will begin August 3rd, or when filled. The position salary will be based on experience. Center Consolidated Schools is an equal-opportunity employer. To apply, send a Cover Letter, Resume, Letters of Recommendation, Certified Application found at https://www.center.k12.co.us/District/1115-Employment-Opportunities.html to Carrie Zimmerman, Superintendent of Schools, Center School District 26JT, 550 S. Sylvester Avenue, Center, CO 81125. For more information, please contact Katrina Ruggles at kruggles@center.k12.co.us.(8/11)

## 221 HELP WANTED

**U.S. TRACTOR & Harvest** in Monte Vista is now hiring a full time Equipment salesman, competitive wage and benefit pkg. Please email resume to sales@ustractor.com.(8/21)

**U.S. TRACTOR & Harvest** in Monte Vista is now hiring a full time Parts Person, competitive wage and benefit pkg. Please email resume to sales@ustractor.com.(8/21)

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for full and part-time custodians. Applications are available at the Administration Office, 17890 US Hwy 285, La Jara, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. Please call 719-274-5174 with questions. Application deadline is until positions are filled. Submit application to Mr. Curt Wilson, Superintendent. EOE.(8/11)

**ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT** is looking for individuals who love children, are looking for a flexible schedule, and want to serve their community. ASD is looking for a diverse and reliable pool of substitutes that can support teachers when they require coverage. Apply for a substitute license through CDE and submit an application to substitute in Alamosa School District today! A training for approved 2020-2021 ASD substitutes will take place on August 18, 2020. Substitute Teachers: \$110 per day for PERA Teacher Retirees, \$100 per day with a current Colorado Teacher License or a BA Degree and a Colorado Substitute Authorization License, \$90 per day with a high school diploma and a Colorado Substitute Authorization License. Applications are available online at alamosa.k12.co.us. For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.(8/11)

**THE COSTILLA COUNTY** Public Health Agency (CCPHA) is looking for a talented and results-driven candidate to serve as Deputy Director of the Agency. This position is responsible for assisting the Public Health Director with the overall planning and management of the operations of CCPHA to achieve the department's vision, mission and core values. The Deputy Director provides significant input and guidance to the director influencing executive decisions that direct the operations of the department and is responsible for managing and supervising the assigned programs and staff of the CCPHA including immunizations, health promotions and wellness and prevention services. The Deputy Director will work under the direct supervision of the Public Health Director. The ideal candidate will have a strong background and working experience in Public Health Epidemiology, infection control and response as well as broad preparation and substantial knowledge of nursing administration and interpersonal relationships including extensive knowledge of the principles and practices of community health nursing. The ideal candidate will have a Master's Degree from an accredited college or university in Public Health, Public Administration, Business Administration or related field. At least five years of professional public health or nursing experience in a generalized family health nursing service, including three years in a supervisory or administrative capacity is preferred. A license to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Colorado is also ideal. A candidate with a Bachelor of Science degree from an accredited college or university in Nursing, Public Health, Public Administration, or a closely related field may be considered. Position open until filled. To view the job description and application, use the following link: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/costillacounty/news-public-health-agency-deputy-director-position.(8/11)

**SAN LUIS VALLEY Rural Electric Cooperative**, 3625 US Hwy 160 W, Monte Vista, CO has an opening for a full-time warehouseman working Mon-Thurs 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Duties include: Reading work orders to determine what materials are necessary for construction projects and pulling material. Loading and unloading materials for proper storage. Transferring materials to and from storage to designated area. Accounting for incoming and outgoing materials in the warehouse. Properly identifying and tagging materials. Delivering materials to jobsites as needed. Performing cycle counting for inventory management. Performs building maintenance and snow removal as needed. Wage is \$23.89 - \$27.71/hr. High School Diploma is required. 1-2 years' experience with inventory control and material handling is required. Must be able to operate a forklift. Application can be completed by visiting our website www.slvrec.com and following the appropriate link. (EOE). Applications will not be accepted after Saturday, August 8, 2020.(8/8)

**DEL NORTE JR/SR High School** is looking for an energetic and experienced candidate to serve as our 7 - 12 Art Teacher for the 2020/2021 school year. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License with a Visual Art endorsement. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Aaron Horrocks, DNHS Principal at ahorrocks@urtigers.co or contact Aaron at 719-657-4040. Applications can be obtained online at www.dncsd.org.(8/18)

## 221 HELP WANTED

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for (1) part time Health Aide starting August 19th, 2020. Does not include benefits. Less than 20 hours per week. Qualifications: First aid, CPR certification, current CNA license, ability to accomplish basic office/clerical duties which includes ability to learn computer programs necessary to position. Yearly medication administration training also required. Health Aide will assist school nurse with students throughout the school district with specific health needs. Applications available at North Conejos School District Administration Office 719-274-5174. Submit application to Curt Wilson, Superintendent. EOE.(8/11)

**MONTE VISTA SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for a High School Mobility Specialist Paraprofessional. The person in this position will work one-on-one with a student. For a complete list of desired qualifications and experience, visit the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html, by August 12, 2020, or until the position is filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996.(8/21)

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**DEL NORTE ELEMEN-TARY** School is seeking an energetic, caring candidate to serve as a PARA-EDUCATOR. Applicants must have a high school diploma. Please submit your application to Amy Duda, DNES Principal at 950 French Street, Del Norte, CO 81132; aduda@del-norte.k12.co.us; or call at 719-657-4030. The position will be opened until filled. You can pick up an application on-line at www.dncsd.org.(8/18)

**SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for a high school assistant boys basketball coach. Applications can be downloaded at http://www.sargent.k12.co.us. EOE.(8/15)

**MOUNTAIN RIVER CREDIT** Union is seeking full-time and part-time applicants for Tellers for its Alamosa branch. Ideal candidates will have good general math skills, cash handling and superior customer service experience. Prior Teller experience is desirable but not necessary. Hours: M-F 8-5:30. Please submit a resume with a cover letter to sjones@mountainrivercu.org or call the Alamosa branch at 719-589-2544 and ask for Monica to make an appointment to pick-up an employment application. Equal Opportunity Employer.(8/14)

**ALAMOSA COUNTY SEEKING** Part-time Veterans Assistant Grant-Office Assistant. Job description, and application found www.alamosacounty.org.(8/14)

## 221 HELP WANTED

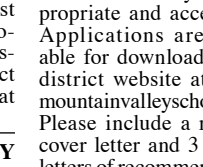
**MOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for a Facilities Director. Under the direction of the superintendent, the director will perform all duties and responsibilities involved with the overall management and safe operation of the school district facilities, grounds, maintenance, and custodial department; and other related work as required. QUALIFICATIONS: 1. High school graduate or equivalent. 2. Strong management (people, financial and project) skills. 3. Working knowledge of heating, electrical, plumbing, construction and safety. 4. Such other qualifications as the Board may find appropriate and acceptable. Applications are available for download on the district website at http://mountainvalleyschool.org/. Please include a resume, cover letter and 3 current letters of recommendation. Completed applications can be submitted to Travis Garoutte at PO BOX 127 Saguache, CO 81149 or emailed to garoutte@valley.k12.co.us. For more information, please call Travis Garoutte at 719-655-0268.(8/14)

**ALAMOSA COUNTY EMPLOYMENT** Opportunities, Job Descriptions, and Applications are available on the County's website www.alamosacounty.org.(9/2)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR** the San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center. See www.slvcareer.org for position details and instructions, and www.slvahc.org to learn more about the 42-year old nonprofit.(8/12)

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**ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY** seeks applicants for an Administrative Assistant II position in the Student Union and Housing Department. For application or more information, please see https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/ Deadline is July 30, 2020. AA/EOE

**THE CITY OF Alamosa** is accepting applications for a full-time Public Works Administrative Assistant \$14.42 - \$15.15 per hour DOQ. This position will perform moderately complex general clerical/secretarial work characterized by some repetitive and routine tasks for management and professional staff. For a full job description and to apply please visit cityofalamosa.org or City Hall, 300 Hunt Ave. This position is protected by EOE laws. Deadline is August 7, 2020 at 4:00 PM.(8/7)

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**221 HELP WANTED**  
**POTATO HARVEST TRUCK** driver wanted. Experience necessary. Pay according to experience. Call 719-850-2137.(8/19)

**SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for a Junior High Football coach. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordechools.org. Sanford School is an EOE & E.(8/8)

**SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for a High School Volleyball coach. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordechools.org. Sanford School is an EOE & E.(8/8)

**THE DEL NORTE Jr/SR** High School is accepting applications for a full-time Physical Education Teacher. The position would include Junior High PE classes and High School Strength and Conditioning class. To apply please visit dncsd.org to download the application and submit completed applications to Aaron Horrocks at ahorrocks@urrtigers.co or call 719-657-4040 ext 1001 for more information.(8/7)

**THE CITY OF Alamosa** is seeking a Temporary Site Manager for Homeless Isolation/Quarantine Housing \$2,400 bi-weekly and a \$3,000 bonus for completing the duration of the temporary position. For a full job description and to apply visit the city of alamosa.org. Protected by EOE laws. Open until filled.(8/5)

**SANGRE DE CRISTO** School District is seeking an assistant HS Football coach for the 2020/2021 season. Applications may be downloaded from sdc.schooldesk.net. For more information contact Dave Curtis at 719-378-2321 or 719-588-8185.(8/5)

**CONSTRUCTION HELPERS NEEDED.** Full / Part time. Must be reliable and dependable. Call Ztec Construction 719-992-1396.(8/5)

**RIO GRANDE COUNTY** is seeking a Dispatch/Detention Officer. High School Diploma or GED, or one to three months related experience and/or training or equivalent combination of education and experience. Interaction with inmates required. Must be 21 years of age, pass background investigation and 5 panel drug test, including testing for marijuana required. Inmate interaction required. \$14.57 per hour. Pick up and submit applications to Human Resources 925 6th Street, Room 200, Del Norte, CO 81132. Applications also available online at www.riograndecounty.org. (8/12)

**221 HELP WANTED**  
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**SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO**, is seeking to fill the position of Public Health Director. The position requires a master's degree in a public health discipline; a nurse candidate shall be licensed to practice in Colorado within six months of hire; OR, similar experience to a nurse with exemplary history and at least two years of administrative experience in public health, and willing to seek additional public health education and experience within five years of hire. A complete job description and qualifications are available online at: http://www.saguachecounty-co.gov. Must possess and maintain a valid driver's license. Saguache County is a drug-free workplace. All inquiries should be directed to: Saguache County Administration. E-mail: wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov phone: 719-655-2231, fax 719-655-2635. Applicants must submit a job application, cover letter, and a resume. Resumes must not exceed three pages in length. The job application is available online at http://www.saguachecounty-co.gov/administration-home. Submit cover letter, job application, and resume to the following address: Saguache County Administration, P.O. Box 100, Saguache, CO 81149 wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov. Faxed and emailed applications are accepted.(8/7)

**THE SAGUACHE COUNTY** Land Use Office is accepting applications for a full time Saguache County Code Enforcement Officer. Applicants must have a valid Colorado Divers License, must pass a criminal background check as well as a pre-employment drug test. Applications will be accepted until filled. Applications and job descriptions may be found on www.saguachecounty.net or may be emailed to you, please contact April Quintana at 719-655-2231. Saguache County is an equal opportunity employer.(8/7)

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**SEEKING CONSTRUCTION MANAGER/GENERAL** Contractor to build the Rio Grande Farm Park Education Center. Find full Request for Proposal at www.slvlocalfoods.org. Questions call 719-539-5606.(8/22)

**ALAMOSA COUNTY SEEKING** Veterans Service Officer. Job description, required qualifications, and application found at www.alamosacounty.org.(8/19)

**FARMHELP NEEDED.** \$20/hr. Must have experience with hay equipment. Call 719-588-0207(TFN-6/27)

**NEED A SECOND IN-COME?** child support? Car Repairs? Taxes Due? Earn up to \$800/month delivering the Valley Courier. Contact Keith at 589-2553. (2/26-TFN)

**324 - FEED & SEED**  
**NATIVE GRASS HAY** for sale. Small bales, horse hay quality. Certified USDA. Call Ed 719-852-3069.(8/18)

**HORSE AND COW** hay: grass, grass/alfalfa, alfalfa. 3x3 and 4x4 bales, various quality and pricing. 719-850-8917 (7-13-TFN)

**341 - GARAGE SALES**  
**GARAGE SALE 905** First Street, Alamosa. Friday 8/7 - 8:00am-noon; Saturday 8/8 - 8:00am-10:00am.(8/8)

**FOR SALE! 907** State. Open House tours and final Yard Sale. Masks required. August 7th, 8th, and 9th. 8am-4pm. ??'s 719-580-6417.(8/8)

**DVD'S!! WE HAVE** lots and lots of DVD's for Sale. Come check them out at 502 13th St. in Alamosa. All DVD's are \$1.00 10am-?? August 4th-7th.(8/8)

**350 - FARM EQUIPMENT**  
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**351 LIVESTOCK**  
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**FREE KITENS TO** good home. Call 719-250-7597.(8/5)

**FREE TO GOOD** home. Female mix pup little over a year. Needs running room without chickens. TEXT 719-580-6930 if interested.(TFN)

**OOPS! GOT PUPPIES** who need a home? San Luis Valley Animal Welfare Society is a nonprofit animal rescue dedicated to stopping the euthanasia of healthy adoptable pets. Having pets altered is the number one way to stop pet overpopulation. If your pet has had puppies contact us. We will take the puppies into our rescue and spay the mama dog for free after the puppies are weaned. If needed we will also provide dog food & gas money to get the dogs to us to help in this situation. Spay/neuter is one of the greatest gifts you can provide your pet, your family and your community. We have found good responsible homes for over 8,000 animals. Contact 719-587-9663 (WOOF); email: woof@slvaws.org. (TFN)

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  - 6 Common-place
  - 11 Minor partner
  - 12 Squirm
  - 13 Sushi bar selection
  - 14 Determine value
  - 15 Landscape
  - 16 — du jour
  - 17 Jackrabbit
  - 18 Nonsense!
  - 19 Was, to Ovid
  - 23 Plumbing problem
  - 25 Artifice
  - 26 Knock politely
  - 29 Kind of reading
  - 32 Actress — Farrow
  - 33 Raw metal
  - 34 Long-answer exam
  - 35 Near and dear friend
  - 36 Calendar row
  - 38 Dancer — Astaire
- DOWN**
- 1 New Mexico's flower
  - 2 Calculator key
  - 3 Big name in trains
  - 4 Unhurried gait
  - 5 Herr, in Madras
  - 6 Pliny's bear
  - 7 Wimple wearer
  - 8 Sporty truck
  - 9 Happy sighs
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  - 18 Knocks
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  - 28 Chirp
  - 30 Accrue interest
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  - 37 Seal skin canoes
  - 39 Take away from the total
  - 41 Veep's superior
  - 43 Bill tack-on
  - 44 — Davis of "The Fly"
  - 45 Remove from office
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- 10 Brown of renown
- 11 Rib
- 12 Kelly or Whitman
- 16 Ridicules (2 wds.)
- 18 Knocks
- 20 Haunches
- 21 Great Wall locale
- 22 Bluish-green
- 24 Flight dir.
- 26 Municipality
- 27 Sphere of interest
- 28 Chirp
- 30 Accrue interest
- 31 Tint
- 37 Seal skin canoes
- 39 Take away from the total
- 41 Veep's superior
- 43 Bill tack-on
- 44 — Davis of "The Fly"
- 45 Remove from office
- 47 Andy's friend
- 48 Haley or Trebek
- 49 Muslim honorific
- 50 Not masc.
- 51 Electronics mfr.
- 52 Before, in verse

## ALLEY OOP

I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE SHOULD TRAVEL TO, WONMUG.

THERE'S JUST SO MUCH GOOD WE COULD DO IN THE PAST.

BASICALLY EVERY TIME PERIOD BEFORE NOW IS FRAUGHT WITH DEATH, DISEASE AND SOCIETAL STRUGGLES THAT WE COULD ALLEVIATE.

EVERYTHING IS A NIGHTMARE.

OR YOU COULD PICK SOMETHING FUN.

## ARLO & JANIS

SCREEEE CRASH!!

(2/25/1986) GUN VIOLENCE ON TELEVISION BECAME A CONCERN IN THE '80S, AND NETWORKS PLEDGED TO ELIMINATE IT. HOWEVER, WRITING GOOD TV DRAMA WITHOUT VIOLENCE PROVED COSTLY AND DIFFICULT, SO AUTOMOTIVE MAYHEM WAS SUBSTITUTED. WITH THE COMING OF CABLE PRODUCTIONS, THINGS GOT BACK TO NORMAL.

RRRRMMMM SMASH!!

HEY, DAD, WHEN WILL I BE OLD ENOUGH TO DRIVE?

## BIG NATE

WHAT'S UP, GUYS? TEDDY AND I ARE HAVING A YO MAMA SMACKDOWN!

WHAT'S THAT? WELL, I'D START BY SAYING SOMETHING LIKE...

YO MAMA'S SO FAT, WHEN SHE EATS AT KFC, SHE LICKS OTHER PEOPLE'S FINGERS!

WHA--? WHAT? HOW DARE YOU?

MY MOTHER IS A SAINT!

DRAMA QUEENS DON'T UNDERSTAND YO MAMA SMACKDOWNS.

## THE BORN LOSER

I HAVE BEEN FEELING QUITE TENSE, LATELY.

HAVE YOU EVER TRIED MEDITATION TO HELP YOU RELAX, CHIEF?

YES... I PREFER MARTINIS!

## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

HEY, SLOW DOWN, WILL YA? CHECK OUT THE MUSTARD IN THAT FIELD OVER THERE. LOOKS LIKE IT'S GONNA TAKE OVER HALF THE CROP!

WHEAT THERE'S PRETTY GOOD MIND YOU, HEADS'R LOOKIN' BUT READY TO CUT-- LOTTA GRASSHOPPERS THIS YEAR, THOUGH, AN' SPRAYS DON'T DO MUCH TO THE HOPPERS.

IF THIS WIND KEEPS UP, WE'LL LOSE A LOTTA TOP-SOIL OFF THE NORTH FIELD, WHICH REMINDS ME-- TH' COWLING'S LOOSE ON THE TRACTOR.

WELL, DAN-- IT'S NICE TO SEE VER SENDIN' THAT CITY KID HOME WITH AN EDUCATION!

## FRANK & ERNEST

GROCERY

I NEVER IMAGINED THAT I'D BE VENTURING BEYOND MY COMFORT ZONE BY GOING TO THE SUPERMARKET.

## GARFIELD

MY TEETH ARE SCARY SHARP, HUH?

YEAH, I'D BE AFRAID TO CLOSE MY MOUTH

## THE GRIZZWELLS

(SIGH!) I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHY I'VE NEVER BEEN LUCKY WITH LOVE.

HEY, I KNOW A GIRL I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO.

I'VE TRIED TO DESCRIBE YOU TO HER, BUT SHE DOESN'T BELIEVE IT.

SWEET!!

## PEANUTS

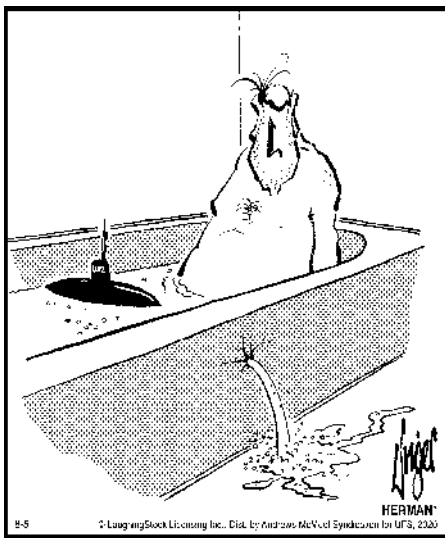
SEVEN HUNDRED AND ELEVEN...

SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWELVE... SEVEN HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! ONLY ONE MORE TO GO...

CHARLIE BROWN, DID YOU KNOW THAT ONE OF OUR PLAYERS CAN TIE BABE RUTH'S RECORD OF CAREER HOME RUNS THIS YEAR? DOES ANYONE KNOW THAT?

YES, I, FOR ONE, AM QUITE AWARE OF IT!

## HERMAN



"How was I supposed to know it fired torpedoes?"

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

" PCSIJVE FJ ZCJV FZGCWVOSV, OSX FV'J XFTTFANUV HPIS ECN'WI ECNSB OSX JFSBUI OSX JCWV CT TFBNWF SB CNV ECNW CHS UFTI." — ROA ITWCS

TODAY'S CLUE: *of a certain age*

Previous Solution: "I wish heroes didn't exist. ... If everyone were at peace, if everyone were happy, why would we need heroes?" — Jet Li

# Dad feels helpless to mend teenager's crisis of identity

DEAR ABBY: My 14-year-old daughter recently came out of the closet, and it has made my husband and me quite upset. She says she is "bicurious, pansexual and polyamorous." She now insists everyone call her by a gender-neutral name, gave herself a side shave and dyed her hair pink after we repeatedly told her not to. She wants us to refer to her as "they" and not "she."

Boys used to like her, and she used to have friends, but she threw it all away to be "unique." You may think we should let her be true to herself, but in the process, she is disrespecting us and ruining her image. She thinks she's all grown up and can do whatever she wants, and I just can't get through to her.

She is also letting herself go. She used to be in good shape, but she quit track and field because it was a "gender-conforming" sport. She is now getting chubby, looks horrible and is depressed. Help! -- DAD WITHOUT ANSWERS

DEAR DAD: Your daughter may, indeed, be depressed. She's at an age where she is trying to figure out who she is, and because she has lost her friends and her parents are mad at her, I can understand why.

It is very important that you not panic. Her hair will grow back; her gender identity and sexual orientation will be confirmed with time. The most important suggestion I

can offer would be to love your daughter, stop criticizing her and make an appointment for you and your husband to talk with a psychologist with expertise in adolescents. Above all, she needs the support of her parents right now.

DEAR ABBY: I met this beautiful woman online three months ago. We haven't met in person yet, but plan to. We spend at least eight hours a day online together, and our relationship has really advanced. I know she's real and not a "catfish" because we talk about everything. We even tell each other the L word.

My dilemma is, she has a second Facebook account and absolutely refuses to accept my friend request. She says she needs her privacy, and it's none of my business. She also tells me her friends on that page are all male co-workers. She said she prefers to have mostly male friends in her life.

Am I wrong to be upset if she refuses to let me see that profile or be one of her friends there? Am I asking too much? I asked her what happened to transparency, but she won't answer that question either. What's going on here? -- STUCK ON HER IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR STUCK: Although you have spent a lot of time online with this woman, your relationship is still new. As your relationship proceeds, how will you feel about the fact that most of her friends



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are other men?

I DO think there is something going on, which is the reason she doesn't want you to see that account. The most important question is: Do you trust her? You won't know the answer to that until your relationship has developed further. So stop using the L word until you know her much, much better.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 11 years told me that when his former mother-in-law dies, he would like to go to the funeral. He was friendly with her before he married her daughter. I'm not OK with this. What do you think? -- UNUSUAL IN THE SOUTH

DEAR UNUSUAL: If your husband feels the need to pay his respects to his former mother-in-law, he should do it. And when he does, it would be nice if you were at his side, supporting him in his grief.

# Lifestyle

## Car trouble? Check the fuse box

Modern automobiles are technological marvels that rely on electrical components more than ever before. According to The Family Handyman, vehicles have 40 or more fuses grouped in two or more places.

Just like fuses in a home's electrical panel, automotive fuses stop excessive current flow that can overheat circuits, damage equipment or cause fires. Any electrical component in a vehicle, such as the radio or headlights, are tied to a fuse.

When something goes awry with automotive electrical components, drivers may be quick to believe the components themselves or even the car's battery or alternator are to blame. Mechanics say that it's entirely possible that a blown fuse is the cause of the problem. Simply checking and/or replacing the fuse can alleviate the issue.

**Finding the fuses**  
The location of the fuse box depends on the make and model of the vehicle. Drivers should consult their owner's manual to learn where the fuse boxes are located. Some vehicles have two fuse boxes that serve different purposes. Engine compartment fuse boxes protect certain engine components, including the anti-lock brake pump. Fuses inside or beneath the dashboard may protect dome lights or the air conditioning system.

According to How a Car Works, the individual fuses in the box are typically numbered. That makes it easier for drivers to determine which vehicle components aren't working. If the fuses are not numbered, then it's a matter of removing fuses to see which circuits stop working to help narrow down the issue.

**Replacing fuses**  
Vehicles may have different types of fuses. It's important to know which ones are in the car so you can get the right replacement.

"Blade" fuses are common and have a conductive horseshoe-shaped metal strip that runs through an outer plastic housing. If the metal strip appears broken, the fuse is no good.

Cylindrical glass fuses are found in some cars. They're also known as "Buss" fuses. If the metal

strip that runs down the center is broken, the fuse needs to be replaced.

Older European cars have ceramic fuses built with an outer copper conductive surface. The narrow part of the copper piece breaks in the middle when the fuse blows.

Regardless of their design, fuses will be clearly labeled with their ampere ratings, accord-

ing to CarID. Physically remove the fuse using a small, specially shaped fuse puller tool that may be included inside the fuse box. Replace the fuse with one of the same amperage by gently pushing it into place.

If the new fuse blows relatively quickly after replacement, or multiple fuses blow at one time, a larger current issue may be the problem. Consult

a mechanic in this instance. FC209210

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THIS MOUNTAIN/VOLCANO IS ACTUALLY THE TALLEST ON EARTH. IT IS MORE THAN 10,000 METERS TALL, THOUGH HALF OF IT IS SUBMERGED IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

ANSWER: MAUNAKEA

### Great Outdoors Word Find

Find the hidden words in the puzzle.

CAMPING	MOUNTAIN	TRAVEL
COAST	NATURAL	TREES
HIKING	OCEAN	VISTA
LAKE	RIVER	WILDLIFE

J T N H N L U J F A S C  
S T W U J A Y A K P G A  
E G J R X K T C Y X R M  
E Y F A E E X U Q A Z P  
R Z X W U V T N R C N I  
T W I L D L I F E A H N  
C O A S T A E R E I L G  
J V T G T N J C K Z G R  
S P I N L D O I J A L S  
Z F U S A S N E K K X X  
U O X A T G L E V A R T  
M C O L Q A P M X W D E

### THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

**1786:** DR. MICHEL-GABRIEL PACCARD AND JACQUES BALMAT BECAME THE FIRST TO CLIMB MOUNT BLANC.

**1876:** THOMAS EDISON IS GRANTED A PATENT FOR HIS MIMEOGRAPH.

**1988:** WRIGLEY FIELD HOSTS THE FIRST NIGHT BASEBALL GAME IN ITS HISTORY.

### Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

EFHRS IAR

Answer: Fresh Air

### New Word

**PANORAMA**

an unbroken view of an entire region

## Bingo is back



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### How they SAY that in...

**ENGLISH:** Nature

**SPANISH:** Naturaleza

**ITALIAN:** Natura

**FRENCH:** Nature

**GERMAN:** Natur

### Did you know?

SCIENTISTS THINK THAT BREATHING IN AIRBORNE CHEMICALS PRODUCED BY PLANTS HELPS PEOPLE FIGHT OFF ILLNESSES. THAT'S A GREAT REASON TO SPEND TIME OUTDOORS.

### GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: OWL



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