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ALAMOSA - Following state guidelines and more stringent requests from the City of Alamosa and Public Health, the Honeycutt family has announced it will move the 2020 Alamosa Round-UP to their farm eight miles north of town off the Stanley Road.

STAFF REPORT

In an email announcement Wednesday, Dawn Honeycutt said the rodeo organizers "came to a bit of a standstill with the City of Alamosa and the public health director.

"We are willing to abide by the Governor's guidelines to educate, encourage and promote maskwearing at the Round-UP this year," she said. "We even have a family that has purchased masks so we can

have them available at the gate for those who forgot theirs. We of course want to keep people safe and have a safe event.'

Honeycutt said City Manager Heather Brooks and the public health director wanted the rodeo to take it a step further by enforcing mask-wearing and asking people to leave if they would not comply, as well as notifying police, and possibly shutting the event down.

"We were not willing to do that," she said, "so we have decided to move the Round-UP off Alamosa city propertv."

The 2020 event will be held on the Honeycutt property in the south corner of a pivot irrigation circle. Parking and bleachers will be available, and plans include maintaining separate seating sections, vendors, social distancing and mask wearing.

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Some event times and locations have been moved to avoid losing daylight. The new schedule includes:

Tuesday 8/25-5:30pm Local **Barrel Race** 

Thursday- 8/27 Mutton Bustin 5:30 pm

Friday- 8/28 PRCA Rodeo 5:00pm

Saturday- 8/29 Cowboy Church 8:30am Saturday- 8/29 PRCA Ro-

deo 4:00pm Saturday- 8/29 Chancey

Williams Concert 9:00pm Sunday- 8/30 Demolition Derby 2:00pm

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# A beautiful graduation for 27 **Center High School graduates**



Attendees listen to Class President Jose Villagomez during Center's graduation on August 1.

### By CARRIE ZIMMERMAN

**CENTER** — It was a beautiful Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020, evening and a great celebration for 27 Center High School graduates. The class chose the motto by Walt Disney, "Why worry? If you've done the very best you can,... worrying won't make it better." The 2020 Class Valedictorian, Kristine Hoffner, and Salutatorian Dolores Estrada Hernandez both delivered moving messages. Class president, Jose Villagomez, also spoke to his fellow graduates and led the tassel

Graduates wore matching masks with the Class of 2020 logo, and COVID-19 safety guidelines were strictly followed. Each family of a graduate was given a 20x20 foot chalk marked box where up to nine immediate family members could sit. The box was divided into three equal

parts to maintain social distancing with each part of the box able to accommodate up to three people who live in a household together. Families provided their own lawn chairs. Extended family members were able to watch from their cars as the ceremony was broadcast over the radio and live streamed. Families and friends could also watch from the stadium seats that were marked off to honor social distancing guidelines.

The ceremony ended with an awesome fireworks show that was organized by High School principal Kevin Jones.

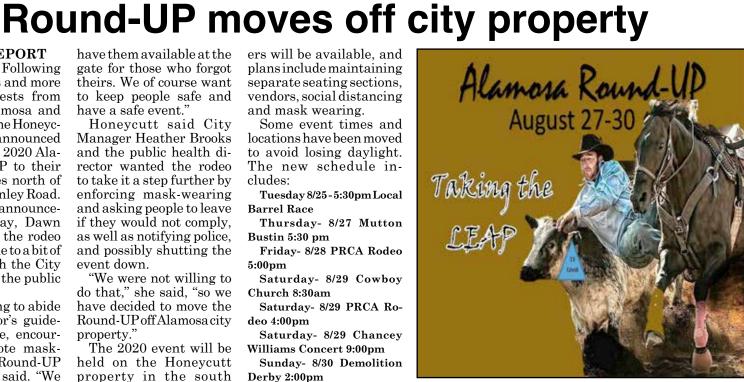
The class sponsors were Jan Vigil, John Noriega, Stephanie Archuleta and Garret Myer. They did a great job putting everything for the event and its COVID-19 planning together that was approved by the Saguache County Health department.

# Air Life Helicopter locates crash scene

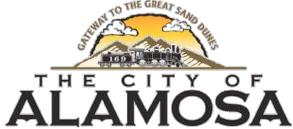
Alamosa Regional Communications Center received a 911 call at approximately 8:15 a.m. Aug. 1 concerning a vehicle and injured occupant that was located by a passerby. The crash was determined to have occurred at approximately 5 p.m. the previous day on Saguache County Road 14NN, 1.2 miles east of Saguache County Road 17FF.

for treatment. Investigation revealed the driver, 35 year old Salvador Bobadilla of Gunnison, was driving eastbound on County Road 14NN when his vehicle traveled off the left side of the road. Bobadilla overcorrected, sending his vehicle into a spin. The vehicle skidded off the right side of the roadway, down an embankment, rolling one time before coming to rest on its wheels. Bobadilla is missing a dog that ran

from the scene after the crash. We currently have no description of the dog. The investigation is ongoing.



# Special Event Guidance



ALAMOSA — Discussions with recent event organizers have highlighted the need to share guidance regarding holding a special event during this time in a manner that complies with the Governor's Executive Orders and Orders issued by the Colorado Departand the Environment (CDPHE). Guidance on the requirements can be found at https://covid19. colorado.gov/safer-athome/outdoor-events.

Staff with the City of Alamosa and the County Public Health Department have worked hard to help event organizers understand the orders and to explore creative ideas to help comply. The City recognizes that the ability to have a safe event during this time is valuable and something that we all want. Through discussions with organizers for the Alamosa Round-Up, it became clear that the requirement for face coverings was something that would prevent the event from happening at the City Fairgrounds.

Heather Brooks, City Manager, shared, "We love working with Dawn and her team for the Alamosa Round-Up, which is a key event for our community every year. I greatly appreciate the time Dawn spent on thinking through the different ways to change operations in order to comply and their willingness to still put the event on with dramatically lower ticket sales. Today, Dawn shared that she was not comfortable having to potentially ask attendees to leave challenging."

if they were not complying with the face covering requirement. Knowing that we have some in our community who do not agree with the public health orders and who have refused to wear face coverings means that organizers must be willing to ask ment of Public Health them to leave in order to ensure compliance. If an organizer is not comfortable enforcing the mask requirement, we simply cannot grant the special event permit

> or rental of the facility." As a long-time sponsor for the event, the City remains a supporter of the Alamosa Round-Up and looks forward to future years where restrictions will not prevent the event at the Fairgrounds. We are appreciative of the effort that organizers put into trying to meet the State requirements. but their choice to not enforce the face covering requirement in a manner that would comply with orders designed to protect public health prevented the event from moving forward at the Fairgrounds. The City did not have any further requirements beyond compliance with the Governor's and CDPHE's Ms. Brooks also shared

> "I think as our local organizers are thinking of their events, they are most likely not realizing that one of the requirements is the use of face coverings, especially if the event is outdoors. Given the current climate, some organizers may not want to organize an event knowing that ensuring compliance from the public will be

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locating the crash scene. Upon finding the scene, the helicopter transported the driver to a hospital out of the area

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# Record

### **OBITUARIES**

### Harry Fred "Bill" Miles

**GUNNISON** — Harry Fred "Bill" Miles passed away peacefully in his Gunnison home surrounded by family on July 8, 2020. He was born on February 28, 1933, to Wallace "Wally" and Dorothy "Dot" Miles in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was one of six Miles boys: Richard "Dicky", John "Jack", Stanley "Stan", George "Don" and Bert Tatman. Growing up in the years following the Great Depression, the son of a welder, instilled in him the value of hard honest work, frugality, and immense generosity.

Bill attended Fountain High School in Fountain, Colorado and it was there that he met the love of his life, constant companion, and most formidable sparring partner—a witty and beautiful young woman: Billie Jean "Jeanne" Williams. Bill and Jeanne, two young lovebirds, eloped to Raton, New Mexico 70 years ago on August 16, 1950, just before the start of their senior year in high school, to cement their love and commit to their life together. And they were back in their respective homes by curfew.

Bill was a star basketball player at Fountain High, and still holds the school record for the most points scored in a game—43. Of course, his own boys didn't share his passion for basketball, and they all became wrestlers, but his grandsons took up the sport and chased his records. But he'd often remind them that they had a big advantage that he lacked in his time—the three-point line. So as far as he was concerned, his records can never be broken. Bill was a superfan of Mountain Valley School athletics, and rarely missed his grandkids' games.

After high school, Bill enlisted in the US Army and proudly served our country for 8 years, including a stint stationed at Chelveston Air Force Base in England. After his service, he and Jeanne Bert Tatman, son-in-law

ALAMOSA—The San

Luis Valley Military Fam-

ily Support Group meets

the fourth Tuesday at 7

p.m. in Alamosa. For more

info call Vicki Jones at

ALAMOSA — Sierra

Blanca Chapter #43, Or-

der of The Eastern Star,

meets on the first and

third Mondays, at 7:30

p.m. at the Alamosa Ma-

sonic Hall, 512 San Juan

Ave. Call Sharon at 589-

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.

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attend with their children

and babies. Please call

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returned to Fountain where he drove school busses and big rigs for E.U. Williams Trucking and worked for the local fire department. While Bill was never a

stranger to hard work and had immense respect for a full day of manual labor, it was the back-breaking toil on the construction crew of the Airforce Academy—digging the trenches for water and sewer lines—that inspired Bill to go to college. In 1957 Bill and Jeanne moved their family to Gunnison, Colorado where Bill enrolled at Western State College. In addition to being a full-time student, Bill worked more than 40 hours a week to support his family. He built houses and worked as the night janitor at the Gunnison Post Office. Bill achieved his degree—a double major in Business and Accounting—in 1961, with three kids and a fourth on the way. He was a savvy business owner of local businesses Trio Propane and Holden Village. He was a Life Member of the Gunnison Elks Lodge #1623 and a dedicated member of the Gunnison American Legion Post 54. Bill was enthusiastic about giving back to his community that he loved so dearly: he sat on the Board of Directors of Gunnison Valley Hospital and retired from the Gunnison Volunteer Fire Department in 1984 after 21 years of dedicated

Bill and Jeanne had four children: Tena, William "Billy," Richard and

service.

James "Jim." He is survived by his wife Jeanne, his children Tena and Jim, his

brothers Don Miles and

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Hugo Ferchau, daughterin-law Lyn Miles, his grandchildren: Michele and Nick Gallowich, Hugo and Debbi Ferchau, Josh Ferchau, Kahra and Josh Barron, Duke and Lauren Ferchau, Kevin and Shannon Miles, Missy and Brandon McLeod, Billy Miles, Eric and Melissa Miles, Michael Pacheco and Florencio Salomon. His great-grandchildren whom he lovingly referred to as his "Greats:" Desi, Darci, Anna, Melita, Evan, Derek, Aden, Zac, William, Lily, Emery, Aubrey and Lily as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and folks in town who all loved him dearly.

Bill is proceeded in death by his parents, three of his brothers: Dicky, Jack, and Stan, his daughter-in-law Becky, and his sons Billy and Rick. Bill will be remembered

for his generosity, helpful nature, hard work, wisdom, jokes, and many stories—he sure could tell a whopper. He has been endearingly referred to as ornery and as the "leader and strength of our family." He has left behind an enduring legacy and will be greatly missed by those who loved him (and probably even those who didn't).

Services for Bill will be August 16, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. at the Gunnison County Fair Grounds. This date would have been Bill and Jeanne's 70th Wedding Anniversary. There will NOT be a reception due to restrictions related to COVID-19. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the 1971 GHS Football Foundation, P.O. Box 482, Gunnison, CO 81230. Anyone attending the service is asked to wear masks, practice social distancing, and follow the guidelines set forth with the state and county's COVID-19 rules and ordinances. If COVID-19 changes, we may have to change or cancel Bill's service.

There will be signs posted at The Fair Grounds and on social media at that time.

### **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) Donald 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.

### VALLEY COURIER POLICY ON OBITUARIES

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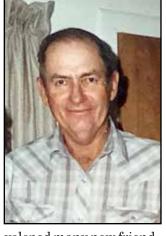
### Harold L. Ziegler

ALAMOSA — Lifelong Alamosa Rancher and Farmer Harold L. Ziegler, 88, died August 4, 2020, at the San Luis Valley Health Regional Medical Center in Alamosa.

Harold was born in Alamosa, Colorado to Frank and Mabel Anderson Ziegler on July 12, 1932. He married Elaine White in Alamosa on February 11, 1956. They enjoyed more than 45 years together until her death in 2002.

Harold loved working as a Farmer and Rancher and enjoyed every aspect, especially his cows. He was active in water resources for the San Luis Valley and was instrumental in his assistance with the Closed Basin Project.

He was named Water Manager of the year for Division III of the Coloin and a lifelong member of the Alamosa Presbyterian Church. Harold also served on the Mosca/ Hooper Fire Board. He de-



veloped many new friendships throughout his years serving the community on the various boards and ventures he participated

Harold's grandchildren were the highlight of his life. He never knew a stranger and often struck up a conversation with whomever he came in contact with, whether he knew them or not. In his spare time, he enjoyed playing cards.

Harold is survived by his children Debra Ziegler of Denver, CO, Lori Ann (Martin) Reynolds of Alamosa, CO, Gerald (Jeri Young) Ziegler of Alamosa, CO, and Brenda (Peter) Costner of Elizabeth, CO; his grandchildren Brandon Žiegler, Amy (Travis) Garoutte, Sara (Mitch) Miller, Kenneth Reynolds, Christy (Kip) McCormick,

Lisa Ziegler (Chris Mc-Mann), Aaron (Taylor Escheman) Ziegler, Kinsley Costner and Katie Costner; 11 great-grandchildren; his sister Dorothy Jean Ziegler of Alamosa and his brother Donald Ziegler of Golden, CO; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his infant children Venda and Darrell Ziegler, his wife Elaine, his sister Mary Ellen Lanzone, his brothers Aaron Ziegler and Delmer

A Funeral Service will be held 10 a.m. Monday, August 10, 2020, at the Living Water Bible Fellowship in Alamosa. Interment with military honors will follow services in the

Alamosa Cemetery. Contributions are suggested in his memory to Children's Hospital Colorado at: https://secure.childrenscoloradofoundation. org/site/Donation2?df\_ id = 1660 & 1660. donation=form1&utm\_ source=hospital&utm\_

medium=donatepage Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online words of strength, remarks and condolences for Harold's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

5 p.m. Women's Meet-

7 p.m. Community

7:30 p.m. Creative

12 p.m. First Chris-

8 p.m. Mountain View

12 p.m. First United

Methodist Church at

2005 Mullens, Alamosa

Building at 710 Main

6 p.m. Senior Citizen's

Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway,

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tian Church at 1st and

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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

MONDAY

4th St., Alamosa

5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Parish Center at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa

12 p.m. St. Thomas

Episcopal Hall at 607

7 p.m. Town Hall at 108 W Galena Ave., 6 p.m. Amistad of San Luis at 403 Main St., Crestone San Luis

7:15 p.m. RV Park in

7:30 p.m. Masonic

8 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 607

### THURSDAY

4th St., Alamosa.

12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa





Hall at 598 Spruce, Del To sponsor the School Menu call 589-2553

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

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 or President

580-0178. Visitors and new members are welcome. **ALAMOSA** —The Alamosa Rotary Club meets

every Monday at noon at

Dawn Melgares at 719-

Juanitos in Alamosa. Contact Dean Swift, 589-3499 or dean@deanswiftseed.

### 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

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. Weigh-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

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 — Open

drop-in meditation for health, stress management and spiritual growth, is held at 10:45 a.m. the second Sunday of the month at St. Thomas Episcopal Parish Hall, 607 Fourth St., Alamosa, with Mountain Institute, A Kriya, Meditation & Lamplighting School. Contact Martin at 575-758-5876 or talentolocal@live.com

rado Division of Water Resources, served on the Commonwealth Irrigation Company Board for 31 years, and as president for 15 years, served on the Colorado Water and Power Authority, received the Outstanding Young Farmer Award through the United States Jaycees, and was baptized

# Valley News

# City looks to streamline health safety response

ALAMOSA Wednesday's meeting, the Alamosa City Council took a step to create an avenue to ensure public health. The Council voted for approval on first reading Ordinance No.19-2020. An ordinance designed to make a public health violation a local ordinance violation rather than rely

on trespassing or reckless

endangerment. In Alamosa, the City's response to noncompliance has been education first, looking to correct non-compliance without excessive punishment. Under the current code, the first offense of reckless endangerment could carry jail time. Ordinance 19-2020 would make the willful violation of a local, state or federal order that has been issued for the protection of the public

As explained by City Attorney Erich Schwiesow, it would allow for a clean and concise response without having to resort to a 'hammer' such as reckless endangerment.

"The jurisdiction of Al-

amosa's municipal court is limited to ordinance violations." Explained Schwiesow. "So, we don't have an ordinance violation that addresses the violation of public health orders and therefore cannot write simple straightforward 'violation of a public health order' into Alamosa municipal court, currently, we have to write in trespass(ing) or reckless endangerment, violations of those municipal ordinances"

The ordinance was set forth as an emergency ordinance with staff seeking to have it passed on first Farm stand opens at the Rio

the possibility of a more direct response to perceived public health risks was varied. The rush on Wednesday's ordinance created apprehension among the council as well as the attending public. Councilor Michael Car-

son was uneasy with a reference to Code 6 of the existing Alamosa Code that was enacted during the City's emergency declaration from March 18th which runs concurrently with the state's own declaration. Chapter 6 granted emergency powers to the Mayor such as the discontinuance of the selling, distributing or giving away of gasoline, the discontinuance of the selling, distributing, or giving away of any firearms or ammunition and designating certain areas of the city as being restricted.

Public comment was in

favor of waiting "Yes we understand the guidelines you have to follow but nobody knows about this and so I would strongly support and suggest that you continue this to a second meeting so the public can actually

have time to read this ordinance.'

Rather than approve the ordinance as an emergency, the council passed it 6-1 with Councilor Carson casting the no vote. The second reading with a public hearing will be set for August 19th's City Council Meeting.

Interested parties can view the prospective ordinance by visiting https:// alamosa.novusagenda. com/AgendaPublic/ and checking the online agen-

# Hensley recognized for **CML** service



City Councilor Liz Hensley was recognized during Wednesday's City Council meeting for her service to the Colorado Municipal League (CML).

**Grande Farm Park** August 3rd was the "softopening" of the new farm stand at the Rio Grande

Farm Park (RGFP). The RGFP farmer's cooperative, comprised of 7 farmers with budding businesses who rent plots on-site to grow market produce, is now selling products three days a week to customers. Located just north of the junction of Highways 160

and 17 on Highway 17, visitors will see feather signs when the stand is open--every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3 to 7 PM. It is possible that, as the season goes on, the stand may be open additional hours if there is enough community interest.

So far products like onions, beets, snap peas, green beans, tomatoes, radishes, cucumbers, pi-non, and honey have been available. Available products will change as the season progresses. Follow the Farm Park's Facebook or Instagram pages for photo updates of what is available each day. Facebook users can find them at facebook. com/riograndefarmpark and they are @riograndefarmpark on Instagram.

The stand is set up for one-way, socially-distanced walking traffic. For safety, those working the stand will be enforcing distancing and the wearing of masks. Additionally, we are asking that customers not touch any of the products. One of two staff members working the stand will handle and bag products for customers and a second worker will take customers' payment. At this time we are only able to accept cash.



Farm Park Vendors sell an array of fresh and locally sourced produce at August 3's soft opening.

# Shady Burro Enduro race this weekend

in partnership with the South Fork. Rocky Mountain Enduro Racers will be taking place in South Fork this weekend for their fourth annual motor dirt bike race in South Fork. Enduro Coordinator and Director Scott Bright and his team have spent countless hours planning with

several agencies to ensure

The race will take place and Sunday, Aug. 8, and 9. way 160 on Rio Grande National Forest roads Saturday and the north side of the road Sunday. Travelers in the area should expect a rise in traffic in the mornings from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. as racers head out to the

Shady Burro Enduro ers and the community of 4 p.m. until dark in the evenings on both Saturday

> the endurance of any rider regardless of age or ability. Participants will be riding the trails located

per day and undergo rigorous skills tests throughout

the race. To contact Bright, please

SOUTH FORK — the safety of both the rid- trails and from around north of town in the Rio visit www.shadyburro. Grande Forest between com, visit their Facebook South Fork and Del Norte. page at Shady Burro En-Riders travel anywhere duro or email Bright at scott@scottbright.net for more information or to participate in the business endorsement.





# Rodeo

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This will be same great rodeo, same great contestants, just a different location," Honeycutt said. "The current ticket holder's tickets will still be valid." Tickets will continue to be offered on-

line at alamosaroundup. "We are of course still working closely with the health department to ensure the safety of this event," she said. "Our goal is not to be disrespectful, nor rebellious to authority in our decision. We just don't feel morally right

about what they were asking us to do. She added that the rodeo organizers are thankful to their friends and sponsors who are helping make the

event happen.



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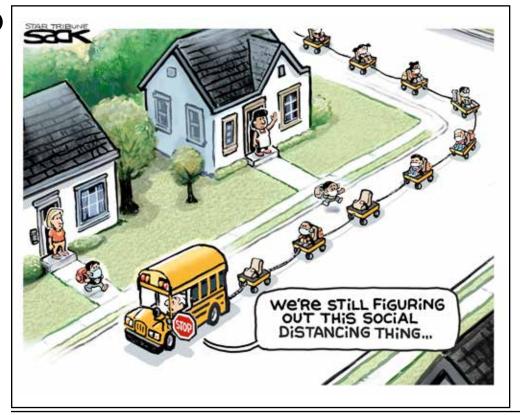
For decades, rural Colorado's kids.

teachers, and schools have been getting the short end of the stick from the State. Colorado is sixth from the bottom of all states in school funding and near the bottom for teacher pay, even though we are one of the wealthiest states in the I am running for State Board of

Education because as a former educator and School Board member, with three decades of experience in public health and rural educational development, I have a deep understanding of the unique, diverse issues our kids, teachers, and districts face across Western and Southern Colorado.

We deserve elected leaders who believe in local control and will work with districts to improve their schools and instruction.

Funding shortages aren't the only threat. Today, because of the novel coronavirus, our kids, parents, and teachers face the greatest challenge ever bestowed upon public education. Yet many state legislators are calling for a special session to propose diverting hundreds of millions out of public school funding. This is



unacceptable, and as a member of our State Board of Education, I'll be the voice Rural Colorado needs to increase funding to rural schools by expanding Colorado's Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) program and the matching funding it provides to districts for capital projects. I will also provide a knowledgeable voice regarding school operation in this time of coronavirus, which is most likely to continue as a major concern

into 2021 and beyond.

It is imperative that we solve the growing rural teacher shortage, expand our mental health programs, and focus on building safer, stronger schools in rural Colorado. Our kids, teachers, and parents deserve a State Board of Education with leadership, expertise, and urgency needed to tackle this crisis.

Politics have no place in our schools. I urge readers with partisan leanings to disregard political affiliation in this

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election and vote for the candidate they believe will be the leader that rural Colorado's kids deserve on the State Board of Education. You can learn more about my campaign and where I stand on the issues at MaylingForSchools.com.

Dr. Mayling Simpson is a former School Board member and years of experience in Public Health and educational development. She and her husband Paul live in Routt County, where her daughter teaches at Hayden High School.

# **National Health Center Week**

Across the country, the exceptional work of Community Health Centers will be recognized, work sustained while fighting on the front lines of COVID-19 to keep our communities healthy and safe. This celebration will demonstrate that not only is it possible to move beyond the partisan divide over health care, but to support and agree on a program vital to our communities.

Community Health Centers provide preventive and primary care services to almost 30 million people and continue to do so while facing a global pandemic. We provide care to people who disproportionately suffer from chronic diseases and lack access to affordable, quality care. While our approach is communitybased and local, collectively we are the backbone of the nation's primary care system. Community Health Centers lower health care costs by 24 billion dollars a year, reduce rates chronic diseases, and stimulate local economies. At Valley-Wide Health Systems, we provide primary medical care, dental care, behavioral health and pharmacy services, along with case management and care coordination services to help patients navigate the health care system. In our mission, we commit to providing high-quality, safe, effective and integrated health services in a respectful and inclusive manner for all with special consideration for underserved populations.

Community Health Centers look beyond medical charts to address the factors that may cause poor health, such as poverty, homelessness, substance use, mental illness, lack of nutrition, and unemployment. We are a critical piece of the health care system and we collaborate with hospitals, local and state governments, social, health and business organizations to improve health outcomes. We have pivoted to serving our communities through telehealth and COVID-19 testing, while still helping to ensure our patients can access necessities like food and housing resources.

While COVID-19 continues to exacerbate social and medical inequities across the country, Community Health Centers have stretched themselves to reconfigure services for those in need. As unemployment rates rise and more people lose their employee-sponsored health insurance, Community Health Centers must remain open to provide care for all, regardless of insurance

The mission of Community Health Centers remains crucial today because access to basic care remains a challenge in many parts of the United States. Many people live in remote and underserved communities where there is a shortage of providers. In many cases, the nearest doctor or hospital can be as far as a 50-mile drive in another county.

Congress must act immediately for Community Health Centers to continue to serve as health care homes. Emergency and long-term, stable funding will ensure we can keep our doors open and close the growing access gap for medically vulnerable communities. Without the action of Congress, Community Health Center funding will expire on November 30, 2020. I am grateful that our Colorado state and national legislators have shown leadership in protecting Community Health Centers from losing a major part of our funding.

Show your advocacy during National Health Center Week by supporting the Valley-Wide Health Systems clinic in your community. We will be there when you need us.

### **LETTERS**

# Lauren Boebert Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Sadly, Diane Mitsch Bush has chosen to start this general election by lying about her healthcare position and by lying about mine, too.

Diane's lies are bright and clear without room for the benefit of the doubt.

On April 21, 2018 at 1:50pm Diane sent a tweet to the world: "I absolutely

support Medicare for All". She followed that on May 3, 2018 at 1:23 am writing, "the majority of Americans...are looking for more government intervention in their healthcare" and advocated for "universal, singlepayer healthcare".

The lies? Diane is on the campaign trail telling reporters she doesn't support Medicare for All and doubles down by try-

ing to scare people into falsely claiming that I would somehow take away health insurance from Coloradans.

This is precisely what people hate about politics and career politicians. Can you hear Diane's pollsters and political hacks explaining to her she can't win on her socialized medicine scheme, so she had better just lie about her position and try to scare people about me?

I'm heading to Washington, D.C. to put a stop to this insanity.

People with pre-existing conditions must be protected. We need to make sure care is affordable and that prices are transparent. We need to increase access across our rural district. And as I have stated repeatedly throughout my campaign and in my Contract with Colorado, we need healthcare to be personal and portable.

I will never vote for legislation that will leave Coloradans without health

Please remember that the next time Diane Mitsch Bush lies to you about her policies or tries to scare you about mine.

Lauren Boebert Silt. Colorado

Republican Candidate

U.S. House of Representatives, C0-3

Note: For reference purposes, copies of Diane Mitsch Bush's tweets on this subject are attached. Among other places, Diane Mitsch Bush's claim to not be for Medicare for All can be found at approximately 1:57 of this KREX-TV

interview from 7/29/20:

https://www.westernslopenow.com/ news/local-news/diane-mitsch-bushspeaks-out-about-opponentattackshealthcare-environment/

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# **Keeping Noffsker**

Dear Editor,

Rio Grande County citizens are learning this week of an effort to gather signatures for a petition to recall Commissioner John Noffsker.

That's very sad, but not surprising;

many of us supported Mr. Noffsker because we were certain that he would be an agent of much-needed major change in RGC administration, management and, most importantly, in the policies and future outlook of the County. And major changes in policy and personnel often involve difficult and unpopular measures.

Sponsors of the recall effort will be asking for citizens' signatures over the next several days. I expect that they may be successful, based primarily on a negative emotional appeal, in gathering enough signatures to put the recall issue on the November ballot. But those of you who are asked to sign should remember these three factors:

An objective review of the voluntary and requested personnel changes which appear to be a major reason for the recall effort will show that, although these changes were stressful for the individuals involved, they were, on balance, beneficial to County operations.

A fair assessment of Mr Noffsker and the other Commissioners will show

**Editor's Note: The views** 

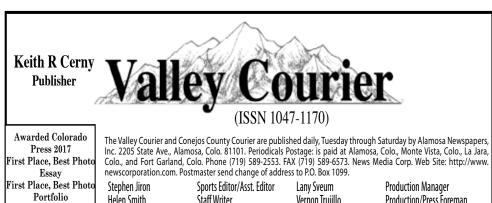
that their performance has been, for the most part, of considerable benefit to the County – worthy of praise, not condemnation.

The recall instigators are likely to maintain, in their defense, that their effort is "democracy in action." A recall is the antithesis of democracy. A small group of people intending to void the result of a valid, fair, and democratic election is about as undemocratic as you can get. This probably is a basic reason why a 2018 study showed that almost 2/3

either didn't make it to the ballot, or were defeated by vote.

I urge all Rio Grande County citizens public servant. Let's keep him in place.

Charles Spielman Monte Vista



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# Can episcopal clergy consecrate bread and wine online?

In the late 1970s, the Episcopal Ad Project began releasing spots taking shots at television preachers and other trends in American

evangelicalism. One image showed a tele-

vision serving as an altar, holding a priest's stole, a chalice and plate of Eucharistic hosts. The headline asked: "With all due regard to TV Christianity, have you ever seen a Sony that gives Holy Communion?

Now some Anglicans are debating whether it's valid - during the coronavirus crisis -- to celebrate "virtual Eucharists," with computers linking priests at altars and communicants with their ownbread and wine at home.

In a recent House of Bishops meeting -- online, of course -- Episcopal Church leaders backed away from allowing what many call Virtual Holy Eucharist."

Episcopal News Service said bishops met in private small groups to discuss if it's "theologically sound to allow Episcopalians to gather separately and receive Communion that has been consecrated by a priest remotely during an online service.

Experiments had already

begun, in some ZIP codes. In April, Bishop Jacob Owens-

On Religion

**Terry Mattingly** 

by of the Diocese of Western Louisiana encouraged such rites among "priests who have the technical knowhow, the equipment and the inclination" to proceed.

People home, he wrote, will "provide for themselves bread and wine (bread alone is also permissible) and place

it on a table in front of them. The priest's consecration of elements in front of her or him extends to the bread and wine in each ... household. The people will consume the consecrated elements." Days later, after consult-

ing with America's presiding bishop, Bishop Owensby rescinded those instructions. "I understand that virtual consecration of elements at a physicalor geographical distance from the altar exceeds the recognized bounds set by our rubrics and inscribed in our theology of the Eucharist," he wrote.

were already taking place among other Anglicans. In Australia,

for example, Archbishop Glenn Davies of Sydney urged priests to be creative during this pandemic, while churches were being forced to shut their doors.

During

a livestreamed rite, he wrote, parishioners 'could participateintheirown

homes via the internet, consuming their own bread and wine, in accordance with ourLord'scommand."While following the rite online, "their fellowship with the body of Christ would be no less spiritual and no less real. We must not fall into the erroneous mindset of thinking that consecration of the elements is only valid for us if we are physically present to consume them, as if there were magic in the hands of the minister."

These debates may seem strange, following decades of news about Episcopalians and some other Anglicans voting to modernize church traditions in many ways -- from the arrival of female priests and bishops to the decision to allow noncelibate gays and lesbians into the priesthood and the episcopate. However, churches

throughout the global Anglican Communion have continued to maintain Eucharistic altar traditions common in Western Christianity, including the Roman Catholic Church.

Thus, the American church's modern Book of Common Prayer states, when describing the consecration of bread and wine: "At the following words concerning the bread, the

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Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.' But these are not normal

times, stressed the Rev. Dana Delap, in a Church Times essay entitled, "How we shared the bread and wine on Zoom." She is a vicar in the Diocese of Gloucester in England. Delap stressed that she knows Anglican leaders

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are reluctant to "make a theological statement without consideration." Still, at Easter, she allowed what she called the "least-worst

way" to have Mass. After all, she wrote,

What is the essence of consecration? Surely, it is the work of the Holy Spirit, whose action is not contained within the crusts of a loaf, the walls of a church or the doctrines of the Church, but who, through God's grace, meets us in bread and wine. We unite with one another when we gather for communion, but also with the saints and witnesses of our faith through

Twant to believe in a God who meets us in our homes and places of work, as well as in our churches.

# However, similar debates

### Friday, August 7, 2020

"Where no wood is, there the fire goes out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceases. (Proverbs 26:20 AKJV)

Let's cut out the gossip. It will save us and others a lot of heartache.

### Saturday, August 8, 2020

"For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endures to all generations." (Psalms 100:5 AKJV) As people say, God is

good all the time. Amen!

### Sunday, August 9, 2020

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy," (2 Timothy 3:1-2 AKJV)

We live in such a day. Pray. We need the Lord more than ever.

### Monday, August 10, 2020

"Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is

within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:" (Psalms

God is so good to us. Let's be good to Him.

never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.'

We have more information than ever and yet the truth seems to escape us. We need the Lord. He is the source of all truth.

### 12, 2020

High shall abide under

mighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. (Psalms 91:1-2 AKJV)

You can count on the

be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, showing all meekness to all men." (Titus 3:1-2

This is part of the Christian life. Remember, we





103:1-2 AKJV)

### Tuesday, August 11,

"Ever learning, and (2 Timothy 3:7 AKJV)

### Wednesday, August

"He that dwells in the secret place of the most

Lord. He never changes.

represent the Lord.

# **Bible Digest**



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## Thursday, August

# Your Pain Has a Purpose

Have you ever been hurt by someone? Have you been used, lied about, abused, cheated or deceived? Have you ever done a lot for someone and then, when you needed them, they didn't have any time for you?

Everyone experiences mistreatment of some kind, and forgiveness is not easy. But I've learned through personal experience that if you refuse to forgive, you are in for a miserable life!

For many years I hated my dad because he sexually abused me throughout my childhood. But all that did was make me bitter and hard to get along with. It didn't change him, and it it certainly didn't do me any good.

When they were in their old age, God spoke to my heart and told me He wanted me to move them close to where my husband, Dave, and I lived and take care of them until they died. At first, I resisted this idea because there was nothing in me that wanted to see them, much less spend money on them and meet their needs.

I told Dave what I was thinking, and he said if God was telling me to do this, we should do it. It wasn't what I wanted to hear, but he was right, so we moved them into a house near us and took care of them until they died. It wasn't easy...but I can honestly

say now that it is one of the greatest decisions I've ever made. God honored my obedience and gave me the grace to do the right thing, and before he passed away, my dad asked me to forgive him and he accepted Christ as his Savior. The reward of forgiveness far

outweighed the pain I had gone through for so many years!

Forgiveness and the Favor of God The story of Joseph in Genesis chapters 37-50 is also an amazing example of what God can do in our lives when we choose to forgive.

When he was 17 years old, his 11 brothers sold him to slave traders because they were jealous of him and hated him.

Joseph was taken to Egypt and

bought by Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh and captain of the guard. God gave him favor and Potiphar made Joseph overseer of his whole household (Genesis 39:5). But when Potiphar's wife became angry because Joseph wouldn't go to bed with her, she fied, claiming he had tried to rape her, and Joseph was thrown in prison.

Genesis 39:21 (NIV) says, "The Lord was with [Joseph]; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden." Joseph was put in charge of all the prisoners because the Lord was with him and gave him success in whatever he did!

Eventually, God gave Joseph favor with Pharaoh, and he was promoted to a position second in command to Pharaoh only, ruling over the land of Egypt. Several years later, his brothers came to Egypt for food because of a terrible famine, and this was his chance to take revenge on them. But Joseph wasn't at all interested in vengeance.

When he revealed his identity to his brothers and saw that they were afraid he would harm them, Joseph told them, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives" (Gen. 50:20

### God's Purpose for Your Pain Joseph is a powerful example of

how we can mature in our faith and character when we go through hard times. He chose to maintain his integrity with God no matter what it cost him personally, and the reward was far greater than the pain he had endured. As a result, he was able to fulfill God's plan for his life and help



many people who would have died from famine.

God has a plan and a purpose for your life, too! No matter how badly you've been hurt, I want to encourage you to trust God's love for you and His ability to bring healing to your soul. Refuse to live an angry, bitter life because of the way someone has mistreated you, and instead, pray for them and love them, doing good to them as you have an opportunity to do so (Matt. 5:43-45).

Let God use your pain to develop the fruit of the Spirit in your soul (Galatians 5:22-23) and make you everything He has created you to be. As you do, others will see the love and goodness of God through your life and be drawn to Him!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's three-teaching CD series Burnt But Not Bitter. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, Enjoying Everyday Life, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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osa Third Ward 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Mamosa Fourth Ward 927 Weber Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Siena Vista Branch (Spanish Language)

300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. St. Peters Lutheran Church & School Church: 1821 Grande Avenue, Monte Vista

School: 330 Faraday Steet, Monte Vista Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Services School: K-8, Monday-Thursday Trinity Lutheran Church & School 52 El Río Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship "Small Bible Study Groups Throughout the Week"

Church: 589-4611, School: 589-327 Conejos Canyon Community Chapel 20062 State Hwy. 17 (between mile posts 21 and 20) Fellowhip Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service Mountain Valley Church 408 State St. 17, Alamosa

Pastor, Richard Pinkerton 589-2899 or 588-7662 Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service Presbyterian Church of Monte Vista

702 Second Avenue, Monte Vista (719) 852-2565 Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Sunday Worship Seventh-day Adventist

Seventh-day Adventist Church 315 Craft Drive, Alamosa Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship

United Methodist Mosca United Methodist Church 5385 Barker Street, Mosca 720-254-5564 Reverend Hugh Harris Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m.

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Sunday 9:45am - Sunday School 10:45am - Service Valley Church of the Nazarene 228 Madison, Monte Vista - 852-5858

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9651 CR 4 S, Alamosa, CO Sunday Mornings - 10:30 Randy Brown - 719-588-7004 Enc Wolf - 719-480-3977



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Student Union Room 308 - ASC Campus, Alamosa Every Sunday, 8 p.m. - Mass You are loved.

# **Back to School**

# How to clean and sanitize a backpack

Backpacks are useful tools for students and adults alike. From hiking supplies to school books to sports equipment, backpacks can store just about anvthing. As veritable workhorses, they're bound to get dirty and can benefit from periodic cleaning. While it may be tempt-

ing to simply throw a backpack into the washing machine, it is important to check the care instructions first. Some canvas, nylon and fabric backpacks can go in the wash, but those made of leather or those with intricate details should not. Backpack manufacturers also advise against putting backpacks in a dryer.

Here are steps to cleaning a backpack.

1. To get started, begin by removing any items from the backpack, including all of the pockets. If necessary, use a vacuum to get crumbs out of the backpack.

2. Check the care label to see if there are washing instructions. This will determine if you should wash it by hand or if it can be put in the machine.

3. If the bag can be machine-washed, turn it inside out first or place it in a pillowcase so that the straps and zippers will not be caught. Then wash it on a gentle setting with a mild detergent and lukewarm



Courtesy photo

Here are steps to cleaning a backpack.

be hand-washed, use lukewarm water and a soft sponge or a gentle bristle brush. The outdoor retailer REI says you do not want to harm any protective coatings on the pack.

4. Zippers need occasional cleaning to remove dirt, sand or crumbs. Many zippers have water-resistant coatings so do not scrub them. Use a lubricant made for zippers to help them slide smoothly.

5. Hang the bag to air dry upside down. It likely will dry more backpack.

6. Do not store or use the backpack until it is completely dry.

7. Sometimes a backpack may need to be disinfected to prevent the growth of fungus or bacteria. Athlete's foot fungus can easily transfer from socks and shoes to the backpack if gym clothes are left in the bag. The Spruce says to skip chlorine bleach and use a pine oil or phenolic disinfectant or a disinfectant wipe, such as Pine Sol or Spicn-Span. Lysol brand

once or twice per year; otherwise, you may reduce the pack's ability to repel water. Use cleansing wipes to spot clean when necessary.

Backpacks can get grimy quickly. Routine washing can freshen them right up. TF209315

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When: August 7, 2020

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1011 Main Street, Alamosa

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\*One entry per family for the Laptop giveaway





Tasha Alexis, MD, MHA, has joined San Luis Valley Health as an occupational medicine physician and brings extensive experience as well as a patient-first attitude.

Welcome, Dr. Alexis, to the San Luis Valley!

# How to support scholastic athletes

The 2020-21 school year promises to be one unlike any other today's students, and even their parents and grandparents, have ever known. In March 2020, many schools were forced to abruptly cancel inperson instruction as government officials tried to prevent the spread of the deadly COVID-19 virus. As the 2019-20 school year wound down and summer approached, school officials remained uncertain if they would reopen for in-person instruction in the fall, leaving student-athletes to wonder what would happen to fall sports

The cancellation of in-person school sessions and extracurricular activities was hard on every student, and athletes have proven no exception. Many graduating seniors did not get a chance to compete alongside their teammates during spring sports season, bringing their scholastic athletic careers to an abrupt end. With the upcoming 2020-21 scholastic sports season in similar limbo, student-athletes in the class of 2021 might be worried that their own chances to compete are in jeopardy as well. In light of that, local communities can take steps to support

 Make a show of your support. Stay-athome measures prevented many schools from hosting traditional graduation ceremonies for graduating seniors. However,

scholastic athletes during an uncertain many communities found ways to honor their grads, and they can do the same for regard to the 2020scholastic athletes 21 scholastic sports who are unsure about season. But there are what the future holds. Purchase signs and/or T-shirts from schoolbased support organizations, erecting the signs in your yard so local athletes know they're still supported, even if they can't

· Create highlight videos. Smartphones have made it possible to record nearly every one of life's special moments and milestones, so chances are coaches, parents and neighbors have footage of local athletes competing in their sports. Parents, coaches and other fans can work together to create highlight videos for local scholastic sports teams, sharing the finished products via social media. These videos can make for great and lasting memories for studentathletes and even lift their spirits at a time when everyone can use a boost.

 Host pep rallies. If social distancing measures have been relaxed in your community and large or midsized gatherings are now allowed, organize a pep rally to honor and show support for local athletes. Work with school officials to ensure everyone celebrates safely. Such events are integral to studentathletes' experience during typical sports seasons, so they can be a great way for communities to offer some semblance of normalcy

to athletes who have

worked hard to make

Student-athletes face uncertainty in many ways for local communities to support their studentathletes, even if the games are postponed or canceled. BS208157

# Tasha Alexis, MD



719-589-8110

# Lifestyle

# **ALMA, Viaero Wireless** present OI' Scratch livestreaming on Aug. 9

mosa Live Music Association (ALMA) welcomes local favorite, Ol' Scratch, for a special Sundays at Six performance on Sunday, August 9, 2020 at 6:00 PM, to be live streamed from ALMA's Facebook page: https://www.facebook. com/almalivemusic. This

Ol' Scratch is a sinfully of Southern Colorado with a passion for Funk, Blues, Rock and exploration. Ol' Scratch consists of Andrew "Naughty" Naugh-

 $\label{eq:ALAMOSA} \textbf{ALAMOSA} - \textbf{The Ala-} \quad \text{free and open to the public.} \quad \text{``The Man'' Spears (Bass).}$ and Alonna Younger (Vogood five-piece band out cals). Explore their music and story at their website: http://www.olscratchmusic.com/

ALMA "Builds Community through Quality ton (Percussion), Marc Live Music." For more in-Albion (Guitar, Vocals), formation like ALMA on Gabe "Maestro" Swanson Facebook or go to www.



# **Prodigal daughter** returns, hosts Aug. 13 Alzheimer's open house

PUEBLO—The granddaughterofseveralwell-entrenched Pueblo families, Debra Antista-Bianchi has come to Southern Colorado to lead the Alzheimer's Association office based in Pueblo. The former director of the Association's office in Grand Junction, Antista-Bianchi is hosting a virtual Open House to kick off her arrival in Pueblo on Thursday, Aug. 13, from 5 to 6 p.m.

Relatives on both sides of Antista-Bianchi's family settled in the Pueblo region in the late 1800 and early 1900s, including two sets of great-grandparents. She learned of her family's connection to Pueblo from her great uncle and godfather, Anthony Capozzolo, whose name adorns the University of Colorado at Pueblo's Capozzolo Center for the Arts and the Capps Capozzolo Student Art Gallery.

"My mother, sister, and other family members now call Pueblo home," said Antista-Bianchi. "Even though I grew up in California, this is a great opportunity to return to my roots and to continue the great work the Association has done in this region."

To meet Antista-Bianchi and other members of



Debra Antista-Bianchi

Development manager for the Alzheimer's Association, at clong@alz.org.

tion provides a broad range or real-time counsel. The of information, educationalprograms and services at largest non-profit funder no charge to the more than of Alzheimer's research in 76,000 Coloradans living the world.

the Southern Colorado with Alzheimer's disease Alzheimer's Association and their loved ones. The team, please RSVP to Association operates a Charlotte Long, Regional 24/7 toll-free Helpline (800-272-3900), staffed by trained professionals, to help families with ques-The Alzheimer's Associations about the disease Association also is the

### **Aviation groups conducting** statewide FEMA face mask airlift

Association (CABA) and Angel Flight West (AFW), with the assistance of Denver International Airport of Aeronautics, will host a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Mask Airlift on Saturday, Aug. 8, from Signature Flight Support at Centennial Airport located in Englewood.

The airlift mission will be carried out by volunteer pilots, and will deliver over 300,000 masks to airports around the state. Masks were provided by FEMA to Denver International Airport for distribution to Colorado's public-use airports. The the state," said Cheri Cim-

rado Aviation Business and passengers, to help in stopping the spread of COVID-19.

"This is a unique opportunity for general aviation and the Colorado Division pilots to come together in a coordinated response to this pandemic" said Chris Swathwood, chairman of CABA. "We hope it will

also help to highlight the critical role aviation plays in our state during times of need, as well as the important role Colorado's smaller airports play in their local communities.' "Since the end of March, our volunteer pilots, in collaboration with the Colorado Hospital Asso-

ciation, have been flying

PPE to hospitals all over

**DENVER**— The Colo- port staff, tenants, pilots, executive director. "Now we're proud to continue our work by partnering with CABA, and other aviation organizations to help slow the spread of COVID-19 by providing PPE to Colorado's airports.'

Volunteers will be on hand at Signature Flight Support on Friday morning, Aug. 7, to sort the packages of masks for delivery to the individual airports. Then early Saturday morning, pilots donating both their time and aircraft will make the flight to over 30 Colorado airports to deliver the FEMA provided masks as part of the COVID-19 response.

For more information,

contact Kelly Sloan, 970-424-6615 email: kvsloan@ masks will be used by air- marrusti, AFW's associate gmail.com.



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# Lifestyle

# Take your cell phone into the backcountry; but know the limitations

By MARK RACKAY

These days, most of us are dependent, to some extent, on our cell phones. While service can be nonexistent or, at best, sketchy in remote areas, emergency rescue experts suggest that hunters carry their phones with them in the field.

Cell phones have become the most important tool for finding people who are lost or injured in the backcountry. Cell phones have changed the face of search and rescue missions. Hours and days have been shaved off response times and be- ${
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m phones},$ locating lost and injured people has become easier. The quality, battery life and features of the new phones are constantly improving.

Here are some tips on the use of cell phones in the backcountry.

Start your trip with the phone fully charged. You can always top off the charge in your vehicle on the way to your starting point. Also, turn on the phone's automatic location setting. This allows emergency services to get a "ping" and calculate your position using GPS. Then, keep the phone turned off. When phones are on they are constantly searching for a signal which drains the battery. Try to store the phone close to your body – keeping it warm also helps conserve battery power.

Turn your phone on at least once each day for about five minutes. When powered up the phone will search for, and hopefully find, the nearest tower. Even though there might not be enough signal to make a call, it can be enough to leave an electronic trail that can be used later in an emergency.

Cell phones, like radios, work off of a line of sight. This means that land features such as mountains, heavy tree cover and rock formations can block signals. If you are going to make an emergency call, find the highest and most open location search for a signal. Hold the phone in the air at arm's length and rotate around until you find

reception. I was on an elk hunting trip some years ago where the only service I would find was in a spot about 50 feet from camp, next to a fence line. I would power up the phone and check in twice

daily from that location. If you do not have enough at info@mcspi.org.



reception to make a call, or if reception is spotty, it's possible you can send a text message. As soon as the phone locates a tower, the message will be sent. The emergency 911 people can receive a text. If they receive the text from you, they can usually answer. If you can't text 911, your contact at home might be the next choice. Send them the emergency text about where you are and the problem that you have. The person can then contact 911 and get help coming.

Given that cell phone service is becoming available in more and more remote places, it's a good idea to carry your cell phone with you in the backcountry. I remind everyone to carry an extra power source for his or her phone. These little portable battery packs will hold a charge for months and power up your phone when you need it. The pack is very small and compact, so taking it with you is no problem. I buy the 4000mAh size and it will charge your phone twice. You can buy one for around ten bucks and it is money well spent.

Conserve battery power by turning off Bluetooth, Wi-Fi and other apps running in the background. Lower the brightness setting and turn off roaming. You won't need any of that on your trip or in an emergency.

I usually keep the cell phone turned off when I want to escape the world and head outdoors. It can always be turned on when I need it. The cell phone has become quite a lifesaving device for outdoor people and I don't leave home

Mark Rackay, an avid hunter, is director for the Montrose County Sheriff's Posse. He can be contacted

### **Update: USDA provides** information on where to send unsolicited seeds

Following numerous reports in Colorado and nationwide of unsolicited seed mailings, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has released state-specific guidance on how and where to send the seeds.

Instructions for mailing seed packets to USDA:

\* Place the unopened seed packet and any packaging, including the mailing label in a mailing envelope. If the seed packets are open, first place the seeds and their packaging into a zip-lock style bag, seal it, and then place everything into a mailing envelope.

\* Mail the envelope to: USDA APHIS PPQ 3950 North Lewiston Street, Suite 104 Aurora, Colorado 80011-

\* Please include your

name, address, and phone number so that a State or Federal agriculture official can contact you for

additional information, if \* If you are unable to

mail the package to one of noxious weeds.

BROOMFIELD, Colo. - the locations below, please contact your APHIS State plant health director or call 303-373-6645 to arrange a no-contact pick up or to determine a convenient drop-off location.

Do not plant seeds from unknown origins, and do not put the seeds in the trash, which could ultimately end up in the landfill and then sprout. Contact the Colorado Department of Agriculture's Seed Reporting Hotline at 303-869-9081 or email the Plants Division at cda\_ nursery@state.co.us with

additional questions. USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is continuing to work closely with the Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Postal Service, and State departments of agriculture to prevent the unlawful entry of prohibited seeds and protect U.S. agriculture from invasive pests and

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# **Public Notices**

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to ARTICLE EIGHT of the Alamosa County Land Use Development Code; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: that a Public Hearing before the Board of Alamosa County Commissioners was held June 10, 2020 at 8:30 A.M. in the Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101, for the purpose of considering text amendments to the Land Use and Development Code for Alamosa County.

The full details of this application are available for public inspection

in the County Land Use office during regular office hours.

Any interested person(s) may appear and be heard at the public hear-

Rachel Baird Land Use Administrator Alamosa County Land Use & Development Code-Text Amendments

Text Amendment 1: Section 3.1 General Base District Standards
To read as: E. In residential districts, building across lots lines is only permissible on adjacent, sub-acre lots under the same ownership in residential districts established before 1975.
Text Amendment 2: Section 3.2.1 Manufactured homes

To read as: 2. The home shall be set up and tied down in accordance with current building code regulations by a manufactured home installer licensed by the State of Colorado...

Text Amendment 3: Under Section 3.2.8 Alternative homes

To read as: Homes not classified as light frame construction as defined in the International Residential Code (IRC) i.e. steel structures,

pole barns, earth ships, rammed earth, straw bale, super adobe, etc A. Building plans must be stamped by a registered Colorado profes-sional engineer or architect and/or plans are subject to third party review at the cost of applicant.

Text Amendment 4: Under Section 2.3 Permitted uses & 3.5 Industrial

To read as: Industrial hemp processing: RU: S; I: S. 3.5.8 Industrial hemp processing The processing of hemp shall include production or processing of any

byproducts of hemp to include Cannabidiol (hereafter: CBD) deriva-tives, hemp oils, or CBD oils of any kind, and any foods, sugars, sol-vents, plastics, fibers, textiles, insulating, rope, or fuels derived from hemp. Processing hemp is considered light industrial in nature, and not an agricultural activity

A. Hemp processing shall only be conducted in an approved and per-mitted facility, expressly excluding residential structures, and in such

structures that comply with zoning, building code, local fire code, and any other county or state requirements. B. Hemp processing facilities shall be permitted through Special Use review. 1. Applicant must prowide any State and/or Federal required inspection report, licensure, or other approval process (CDPHE, OSHA) necessary for state or Federal approval of hemp processing facilities in a valid, unexpired format. C. The following methods for processing of hemp, are pro-hibited: 1. Extraction of hemp using butane solvents, or other combustible materials or methods prohibited by the State of Colorado for processing as expressed within 18-18-406.6 C.R.S. or its analogue or progeny statutes, is expressly prohibited. 2. Extraction is prohibited using "any liquid chemical, compressed gas, or commercial product that has a flash point at or lower than thirty-eight degrees Celsius or one hundred degrees Fahrenheit, including butane, propane, and diethyl ether. [but specifically excluding alcohol and ethanol...meaning these are allowed]." C.R.S. 18-18-406.6(4). D. Approved methods for hemp processing include those approved by Alamosa County as a Special Use Permit. Any application for processing must show the process to be utilized is technically feasible, and safe. 1. Any applica-tion for processing shall include as part of the application process fire district approval from the proposed jurisdiction, and a safety plan also approved by the local fire district. 2. Approved facilities and methods may include expeller pressed processing, or mechanical or machine manipulation of hemp or other safe methods approved by Specia Use review. 3. Processing and extraction of marijuana and THC (tet-rahydrocannabinol) in any form is strictly prohibited under this section. E. Permitted processing facilities must have proof of testing certifying each shipment/delivery and separate load of hemp meets the State and Federal requirements for hemp (.3% THC or lower), or shall test each shipment/delivery and separate load prior to processing Proof of such testing shall be kept and available for inspection for 36 months from the time of receipt. Tests which indicate a shipment. delivery is above .3% THC shall be reported to the Alamosa County Land Use Department and a copy of the test results shall be mailed

Text Amendment 5: Under Section 3.6.3 Residential accessory uses To read as: Accessory structures in residential districts shall not be located closer than 10 feet to the principal structure, either on the same lot or an adjacent lot, unless it is attached to, or forms a part of, such principal structure or fire separation requirements as defined in the International Building Code apply. 2. Accessory structures in the Rural (RU) district shall not be located closer than 14 feet to the principal structure, either on the same lot or an adjacent lot, unless it is attached to, or forms a part of, such principal structure. 7. The conversion of accessory buildings is only permissible provided the structure can meet or exceed the residential design standards of the

transmitted via email, or otherwise provided within two business days

of receiving the results. 2. Any contaminated product must be dis-

International Residential Code (IRC).
Text Amendment 6: Under Section 3.7 Temporary uses To read as: b. Shall not be placed on Rural (RU) zoned lots less than

I acre in size; c. Shall not exceed 2 units per five acres or less up to

a maximum of 8 units per parcel; Text Amendment 7: Under Section 2.3 Permitted Land Uses

osed of per county regulations

To read as: The applicant has proven ownership or approval of owner for the applicable property and RV. 2.Temporary recreational vehicle occupancy during the construction of a residence, including all RV's trailers, campers, pull campers of any vehicle type and on any parcel or site shall be permitted only for a cumulative total of two years (24 months) with a renewal every 12 months provided that the following criteria must be met prior to approval:...d. A building permit for a resi-dence has been obtained. e. The placement of a RV conforms to any covenants on the property. f. The applicant has proven ownership or approval of owner for the applicable property and RV.

Text Amendment 8: Under Section 4.1 addressing and road naming

To read as: C. Proof of legal access

Text Amendment 9: Under Section 4.5 Outdoor lighting In recognition of Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve's

designation as a Dark Sky Park by the International Dark-Sky As-

sociation, all new nonresidential and multifamily development within the urban influence area or within seventeen (17) miles of the park's visitor center shall comply with the standards of this section.

Text Amendment 10: Under Section 8.2.3 Application requirements.

4. A copy of the deed for each parcel in the proposed development; 5. Proof that property taxes are current at the time of application and the time of recording for each parcel in the proposed development...E. Concurrent applications...3. Concurrent application fees are equal to the cost of the application with the higher fee. Text Amendment 11: Under Section 8.2.6

B. Attendance by applicant(s) or duly authorized representative(s) is required for all hearings except those for replats and plat vaca-

itions. 1. Applicants must submit a notarized letter of authorization of applicant(s) unable to attend. 2. Failure to attend or have an authorized to a submit a notarized letter of authorization of applicant(s) unable to attend. 2. Failure to attend or have an authorized letter of rized representative attend is grounds to table or deny the application C. Hearings shall be scheduled in a timely manner and at the sole discretion of the land use administrator. No. 1577

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### Costilla Combined Court

304 Main Street P.O. Box 301 San Luis, CO 81152

San Luis, CU 91152 719-672-3681 In the Matter of the Petition of: Harold Lee Padilla For a Change of Name to: Harold Lee Gano Case Number 2020C30018 PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Public Notice is given on July 28, 2020 that a Petition for a Change of Name of a Adult has been filed with the Costilla County Court. The Petition requests that the name of Harold Lee Padilla

be changed to Harold Lee Gano By: Angel Sanchez

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### **Request for Proposals** City of Alamosa, Colorado

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City of Alamosa First Street Improve
BELL AVENUE to STATE AVENUE August 4, 2020
The City of Alamosa is requesting bids from qualified agencies for the 2021 First Street Improvement Project from Bell Ave to State

Ave. This project is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2021 and will consist of replacing the water, sewer, and storm sewer infrastructure as well as rebuilding the road, curb, gutter, and sidewalk. Bids must be received by 2pm on August 14th, 2020 in the Public Works office located at 300 Hunt Ave. For full description of work, please visit the City of Alamosa website at: https://cityofalamosa.org/finditfast/livingin-alamosa/public-bids/ For questions, contact Public Works Director Harry Reynolds 719-589-6631

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Saguache County is currently accepting proposals for the Saguache County 2020 Fiscal Year audit. The ideal firm or individual will have extensive knowledge and experience related to conducting governmental audits in accordance with generally accepted accounting and auditing standards, and preparing financial statements that conform to all state, federal and industry guidelines.

All interested parties should submit a letter of interest and a proposal for services by November 6, 2020 at 3:00 PM to: Saguache County Administration office. For additional information contact Saguache County Administration at 719-655-2231 or wmaez@saguachecounty co.gov. No. 1526

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### 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

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.eraswcd.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

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.nacdnet.net

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### NOTICE OF DIRECTOR SEAT VACANCIES/APPOINTMENT ALAMOSA RE-11J SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education of the Alamosa RE-11J School District is accepting applications from persons interested in serving on the Board of Education from the date of appointment in September 2020 until the next regular biennial school election in November 2021

To be eligible for appointment, each candidate must be a registered elector of the school district for at least twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the date of appointment and must not have been convicted of a sexual offense against a child: C.R.S. 22-31-107(1)(5). The applicant must also be a resident of the director district 1, 3 or 7 in which the vacancy exists. Boundaries for director districts 1, 3, and 7 can be reviewed on the district website www.alamosa.k12.co.us or can be located at the Alamosa School District Administration Office, 209 Victoria Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101.

Any person who meets the qualifications and who desires to be considered for the appointment is invited to submit the following required

> A letter of interest

Two (2) personal letters of recommendation > Two (2) professional letters of recommendation

> Provide a five (5) minute presentation to sitting Board of Education > Engage the sitting Board of Education Members in a Q&A session

Required paperwork is to be submitted to Dr. Michael Mumper: President, Alamosa RE-11J School District Board of Education by 4:00pm, September 02, 2020 at the Alamosa School District Administration Office 209 Victoria Avenue Alamosa CO 81101 The Alamosa RE-11J School District Board of Education will interview

prospective candidates the evening of September 08, 2020 during a Work Session prior to the regularly scheduled Board of Education For further information, please contact Mrs. Katrina Brown, Secretary

Alamosa RE-11J School District Board of Education at 719-587-1600. Published in the Valley Courier on August 7, 8, 11, 12, and 14, 2020.

### 099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SANGE DE CRISTO \$100 REWARD! HAVE 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 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 weighingup 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

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)

please contact Executive

Director Laura Lewis @

### 102 **CARD OF THANKS**

THE FAMILY OF Debra L. Neal wish to thank evervone for their kindness and sympathy at this time. Thank you Conejos County Hospital and the individuals who took care of her and watched over her.

### 112 - BUSINESS **OPPORTUNITIES**

1 STYLIST SALON Alamosa CO good space, rep., retail. Equip & inventory w/purchase. Right person clients stay. 719-580-

### 163 **LOST & FOUND**

old Chihuahua, yellowish tan color. No collar. Last seen 11th & Bell in Alamosa. Call 719-937-8077 or 719-588-2162.(8/8) LOST A PAIR of men's

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**

SLV BREWERY & ROAST CAFÉ hiring kitchen, server, barista, and host positions. Call or email Scott: 719-580-1922; scott@slvbrewco.

com.(7/3) **BLUE PEAKS DEVEL-**OPMENTAL SERVIC-ES is seeking a Registered Nurse to coordinate medical services and provide a nursing care for the developmentally disabled residents of the Blue Peaks residential program. Duties include the delegation of basic health care functions to direct care staff, the coordination of the medical transportation program, the maintenance of records demonstrating the provision of quality health care for each resident and medication administration training. Must be at least 21 and currently licensed as an active Registered Nurse within the State of Colorado. Blue Peaks offers an

excellent benefit package which includes 401k, paid vacation, paid sick leave, life and health insurance. Any person interested in this position should submit a letter of interest and resume by August 13, 2020 to Blue Peaks Attn: Heather Parga, HR Director or Cindy Espinoza, Residential Director, 703 4th St., Alamosa, CO 81101 or you can email it to us at cespinoza@bluepeaks.org or

hparga@bluepeaks.org.

EOE.(8/12) CLEANING CUSTO-**DIAN** - Experienced individual needed for janitorial services with responsibility for cleaning various county buildings. Part-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 27, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. Saguache County is an EEO employer. Drug testing and background

final applicants.(8/26)

### 221 **HELP WANTED**

SIERRA VISTA LUM-BER is seeking a full time yard-person 40-45 hours per week to load customers, load and unload trucks and keep lumber yard and warehouse organized. Must be dependable, a self starter and be able to pass a drug test. \$13.00/ per hour or more, depending on skills and experience. Apply at Sierra Vista Lumber, 1301 West Ave., Alamosa.(8/26)

HOMELAKE is seeking a permanent full-time Health Care Tech II (LPN) position for our Domiciliary and a Temporary Custodian. We offer competitive salary, retirement plan (Public Employees Retirement Account (PERA), 401K/457), health and dental insurance options, life insurance, short term disability, 10 paid holidays/year, paid sick and vacation for permanent positions. Must have a current driver license; pass a CBI/FBI background check, and drug screen. Interested candidates in the above positions must complete an official State application. http://agency. governmentjobs.com/colorado Contact Nina for assistance at 719-852-8215. For questions regarding available open shift(s) for LPN position contact Tracy Vargas, ADON at 719-852-5118.(8/15) VENDOLA PLUMB-

ING & Heating, INC. Hiring full time Licensed Plumbers, HVAC Service Techs and Plumbing Laborers. Laborers must travel out of town. Inquire at 185 1/2 Broadway Avenue, Alamosa.(8/15) HOLIDAY INN EX-

PRESS is now hiring for full time Room Attendants, Laundry, Front Desk Agents, Breakfast Attendant. Apply in person.(8/15) NOW HIRING FOR Po-

tato 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.

THE TOWN OF La Jara is hiring a temporary parttime 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)

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

**BUILDING CUSTO-DIAN** - 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 check are required for are required for final applicants.(8/19)

### 221 **HELP WANTED**

CENTER CONSOLI-

DATED SCHOOLS lo-

cated 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 ing 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, Transcript, and a completed 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@cen-

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

ter.k12.co.us.(8/11)

**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)

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)

### 221 **HELP WANTED**

THE COSTILLA

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) 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.

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.

### **HELP WANTED**

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cepting applications for an Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional at Bill Metz Elementary. The person in this position a student. For a complete list of desired qualifications and experience, visit the 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.

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 inrial handling is required. Must be able to operate a forklift. Application can be completed by visiting com. and following the appropriate link. (EOE). Applications will not be accepted after Saturday,

School is looking for an energetic and experienced candidate to serve as our - 12 Art Teacher for the 2020/2021 school year. Apelor'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 MONTE VISTA at ahorrocks@urtigers.co 657-4040. Applications can be obtained online at www.

> dncsd.org.(8/18) 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

dncsd.org.(8/18) POTATO HARVEST TRUCK driver wanted. Experience necessary. Pay according to experience. Call 719-850-2137.(8/19)

application on-line at www.

Make a difference, not just a living! Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc.

Accepting applications for the following positions Behavioral Health Provider – Outpatient (BHP)

Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. is hiring outpatient behavioral health

clinicians who will provide individual, group and family mental health and substance use treatment. Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. is a mission-driven organization providing high quality care. Outpatient behavioral health clinicians will be responsible for providing care to a wide range of ages and cultures which will include diagnosing, formulating treatment plans and providing evidence-based interventions. All employees at Valley-Wide work to foster a culturally responsive and comfortable environment for clients, while improving patient experience, employee experience and community relations.

ervices to the underserved population. Leading candidates will be a Licensed Addiction Counselor or MA-level with a CAC II or CAC III. All candidates must be eligible for or currently have licensure in the State of Colorado as a BHP (such as, but not limited to: LCSW, LPC, LAC or LMFT). Knowledge of substance use services, EMDR, Acudetox or other specialty behavioral health services are highly desired. Bilingual skills (English/Spanish) are also desirable. Please visit our website for more details:

Qualified applicants must have strong initiative and passion to provide

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# Classifieds

### 221 **HELP WANTED**

CHILDREN'S GAR-DEN EARLY Learning Center in Alamosa is looking for an assistant director to join our 30 person strong team. We are located at 1304 San Juan Ave. Our ideal candidate is self-driving and has a Director's Letter from the Colorado Office of Early Childhood. Please contact the center at 719-937-4654 for more information.(8/26)

SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a high school assistant bovs 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) MOUNTAIN VALLEY

SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Facilities Director. Under the direction of the suwill 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. QUALIFICA-TIONS: 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

### 221 **HELP WANTED**

ADAMS STATE UNI-VERSITY seeks applicants for an Administrative Assistant II position in the Student Union and Housing Department. For application or more inforwww.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 DOO. This position will perform moderately complex general clerical/ secretarial work characterized by some repetitive and routine tasks for sional 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)

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@urtigers. co or call (719) 657 - 4040 ext 1001 for more information.(8/14)

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

LOOKING FOR A career opportunity and being a part of your local community? 1st Southwest Bank is hiring a Deposit Services Specialist, offering a strong benefit package & career growth opportunities. EOE. Go to https://www.fswb. bank/who-we-are/careers/ for more details & to ap-

HIRING IOURNEY. MAN ELECTRICIAN full time year round work. Call Mike 719-588-4142.

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RIO GRANDE COUN-

TY 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. Inrequired. Must be 21 years of age, pass back-ground investigation and 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)

SAGUACHE COUNTY.

COLORADO, is seek-

ing 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 ob 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:

wmaez@saguachecounty-

applications are accepted.

### 221 **HELP WANTED**

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

ALAMOSA COUNTY **EMPLOYEMENT** Opportunities, Job Descriptions, and Applications are available on the County's website www. alamosacounty.org.(9/2) is accepting applications for a Junior High Football coach. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools. 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. sanfordschools.org. Sanford School is an EOE & 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 preemployment 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)

**RETAIL MANAGER: LOOKING** for a job with a Mission? Join Western National Parks Association as the FT, Park Store Retail Manager at Great Sand Dunes National Park & Reserve. Find out more about this adventurous opportunity by visiting www.wnpa.org/jobs. Equal Opportunity Employer: disability/veteran and other protected classes.(8/7)

FARM HELP NEED-**ED.** \$20/hr. Must have experience with hay 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

Saguache County Administration, P.O. Box 100, Saguache, CO 81149 NATIVE GRASS HAY for sale. Small bales, horse hay quality. Certico.gov. Faxed and emailed fied USDA. Call Ed 719-852-3069.(8/18)

### 324 - FEED & SEED

HORSE AND COW hav: grass, grass/alfalfa, alfalfa. 3x3 and 4x4 bales, vari-719-850-8917 (7-13-TFN)

### **341 - GARAGE SALES**

GARAGE SALE, FUR-**NITURE,** clothing, toys. Sat. Aug. 8 7 am – 1 pm. 226 Driftwood, Alamosa.

GARAGE SALE FRI., Sat., & Sun. 9 am – 3 pm. Early birds pay double. 5315 Barker St., Mosca BIG YARD SALE, Sat.

Harley Davidson, clothes, baby clothes, etc. 819 11th St., Alamosa. ESTATE SALE SAT. 8/8 & Sun. 8/9 8 am - ? Lots of miscellaneous items for

8/8 & Sun. 8/9 8 am -

? Furniture, tools, tires,

La Jara. (8/9) GARAGE SALE SAT. 8/8 7am-??. 127 Joe S.

sale. 19295 S. Hwy. 285,

Chavez Dr., La Jara.(8/8) HUGE GARAGE SALE 730 Grande, Del Norte. Indoors/Outback Fri-Sun 8am-5pm. Tons of Trea-

sures.(8/8) MULTI FAMILY YARD Sale. 8/7, 8/8, 8/9 8am-2pm. 1821 San Juan, Alamosa.(8/8)

YARD SALE SAT. Aug. 8th 8am-? 0630 Eagle Road, Alamosa. Follow pink signs on North River Road. Household items, 1940's mahogany china hutch with drawers. end tables, wall pictures. barbwire, tools, reclaimed wood, free standing basketball hoop, and misc. (8/8)

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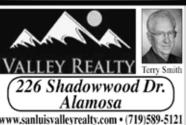
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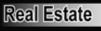
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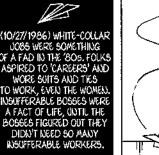
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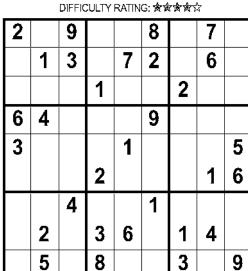




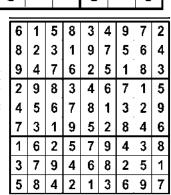


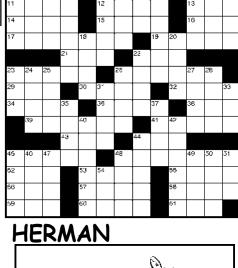


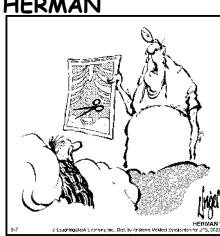
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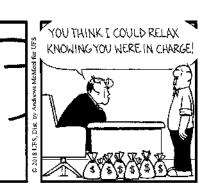




'i gotta open you up again. Those things are \$96 a pair!"

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# Guilt remains 40 years after job reference was withheld

years ago, I did someone an injustice, and I have felt guilty ever since. I worked for a consulting firm in Washington, D.C., that fired an accounting clerk who was in my small office. I didn't know why she was fired, and I never heard a cross word exchanged between her and her supervisor. She seemed to be

capable and friendly. A prospective employer called me for a reference, and because my company told me that it did not respond to requests for references, I didn't give her one. Ever since, I have wished I had shared what I knew about her. If I was allowed a do-over, I would have told the employer about my positive experience with her and my belief that she was capable and friendly. Her being Black and not having my reference may have increased her difficulty in finding a job. I am sharing this with your readers so they may avoid making a similar mistake. -- GUILT-RIDDEN IN

DEAR GUILT-RID-DEN: Some companies, on the advice of their legal counsel, strictly adhere to a policy of disclosing only dates of hire and discharge nothing to do with race

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DEAR ABBY: About 40 you should not feel guilty

for having done so.

DEAR ABBY: My heart is heavy as I write this. Since the pandemic started, my father-in-law has called us every couple of weeks to ask if we are safe and OK. I have heard nothing from my own father.

I finally called him, mentioning that I thought he would call to check on us. His response was, "I'm the adult; you should be checking on me." (I have two grown children and two grandchildren, so I was taken aback by the thought that I was not an "adult.") I mentioned that because he is not in a nursing home, in jail or has to go to work, I figured he was much safer than my husband and me, who still must go out to work every day and be in contact with hundreds of people.

I feel like my father doesn't care about us like my father-in-law does. What do you think? -- DIS-APPOINTED IN FLORI-DEAR DISAPPOINT-

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you do, expect nothing in return. And you should thank your lucky stars you have a darling father-inlaw who takes up the slack.

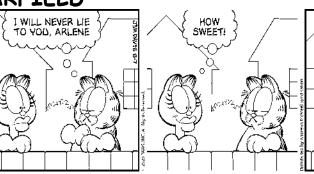
DEAR ABBY: I have two close, dear friends. They're my inner circle. Both are extroverts and quite talkative. I'm an introvert and quieter. My problem is, I can't get a word in edgewise when we're together. I'm not sure how to tactfully address this subject with them. Any ideas? -- INTRO-VERT IN THE SOUTH-WEST DEAR INTROVERT:

Yes. Speak up and say exactly what you told me "Hey, folks, I can't get you say it with a smile, it shouldn't be regarded as insulting because it's the truth.

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# Lifestyle

# Colorado, teens report an alarming increase in use of ultra-potent marijuana

**COLORADO** — Six years after adult-use marijuana commercialization began in Colorado, teens report an alarming increase in their use of ultra-potent pot products in the form of dabs and vapes, according to official state data released today (Aug. 3, 2020).

More than half of high school students who use marijuana reported that they dab marijuana to get high. Among students who reported using marijuana in the past 30 days, 52 percent said they dabbed it, up from 34.4 percent just two years ago— a 50 percent increase, according to the new bi-annual Healthy Kids Colorado Survey results, based on surveys of over 53,000 middle and high school students statewide last year.

"Dabbing" is a method of inhaling highly concentrated THC (commonly referred to as hash oil, wax or shatter) using a blow torch-heated delivery system commonly referred to as a dab rig. THC is the main highinducing chemical in marijuana. (To download high-quality, free-to-publish photos of marijuana concentrates bought in Colorado, go to THCpho-

The survey results also show a 69 percent increase in students vaping marijuana in two years. Among high school students who used mari-



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juana in the past 30 days, 34.3 percent reported vaping it, up from 20.3 percent in 2017.

Denver, the epicenter of commercialization in the state, likewise experienced dramatic increases. High school dabbing increased over 80 percent in two years and vaping increased almost 50 percent.

Colorado has no limits on marijuana potency and has seen levels of THC steadily rise in commercial products. Some concentrates, which make up an increasingly large share of the market, can exceed 90 percent THC. Those potency increases have been documented in a state funded study.

At the request of the Colorado General Assembly, the Colorado department of public health and Environment just completed a comprehensive analysis of the health effects of marijuana potency that acknowledged that almost 93 percent of products sold in Colorado are greater than 15 per-

cent THC.

In the early 1990s, the average THC content in confiscated marijuana samples was less than 4 percent. Marijuana potency has accelerated in the past decade as marijuana commercialization expanded.

Rachel O'Bryan, one of Smart Colorado's co-

in the field of marijuana commercialization and the impacts on kids, said, "It's no surprise that kids are switching to easily concealed ultrapotent pot when they are bombarded with images and marketing for these high-THC products that have proliferated since legalization. This is not the much milder marijuana of their parents' generation."

Peer-reviewed scientific studies show that marijuana harms developing brains yet researchers haven't been able to fully explore the effects of these new ultra-potent products. A recent study found a significant association between using marijuana concentrates and progressing to more frequent use among adolescents. The study found that the rate of persistence of use and progression of use is greater with concentrated THC than with other marijuana

When nationwide high school use of e-cigarettes

soared by 78 percent in a single year and 26 percent of Colorado students, twice the national average, reported current e-cigarette use, then-Gov. John Hickenlooper and public health officials sounded the alarm, laws to ban flavored nicotine vaping liquid were passed and states, including Colorado, sued the e-cigarette manufacturer Juul for illegally marketing to

children. O'Bryan said she hopes these latest figures will finally shock the state

into action. 'Commercialized marijuana in Colorado, and the way our state has chosen to leave the industry largely unregulated, is setting our children up for future addiction," she said. "I hope this news is a wake-up call to policymakers that a serious discussion and immediate action on rampant pot potency is needed. Our children have only one chance to grow up and we as a community are failing them."





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