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Petition circulates to recall commissioner

By Lyndsie Ferrell
RIO GRANDE COUNTY— A petition is circulating throughout Rio Grande County to recall Rio Grande Commissioner John Noffsker. A committee comprised of Mona Syring, Mettje Swift and Deanne Elliott began the petition due to their rising concerns with how Commissioner Noffsker is handling everyday business and in relation to the recent employee turnover in the county offices.

According to county

records and statements made by Syring, there have been several resignations and terminations during the time Noffsker has been in office though some of these do include circumstances where individuals may have left the county for other reasons than those mentioned in the petition.

In the petition, reasons for the recall are as follows, "We, the voters of Rio Grande County, hereby set forth recall proceedings against Rio

Grande County Commissioner John Noffsker. The grounds for this recall are actions by John Noffsker that illustrate misfeasance and malfeasance of his elected office and include, but are not limited to, actions in violation of Rio Grande County Policies and procedures."

The complaint list states, "Creating hostile county employment environments resulting in volunteer and forced resignations and internal

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John Noffsker

Eight current COVID cases in the SLV

SAN LUIS VALLEY— The SLV currently has 8 known active cases.

- Alamosa: 6
- Conejos: 0
- Costilla: 0
- Mineral: 0
- Rio Grande: 2
- Saguache: 0

See more case data on our webpage at <https://www.slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19>.

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

Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990

SLVHealth Respiratory Clinic 719-589-2511 ext. 9

Valley-Wide Health Systems 719-589-3658 ext. 9 (M-F), 719-589-2562 (Sa/Su)

For general (non-medical) SLV COVID-19 related questions: slvepr@alamosacounty.org, 719-480-8719

It's 'show time'



Courier photo by Keith R. Cerny

Every good San Luis Valley 4-Her knows that a clean goat is a show goat. This unidentified costestant was getting her herd ready for the big day during last week's San Luis Valley fair.

Alamosa County Commission to hear updates

ALAMOSA— The county board of commissioners will hear several updates on the current COVID-19 status in the county during their regular meeting Wednesday, Aug.

12 starting at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held with Zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/2703146874> or Join Zoom with Meeting ID: 270-314-6874 or call in number 253-215-8782

or 669-900-6833 and use Meeting ID: 270-314-6874

In addition to regular reports from various departments, the commission is expected to

get updates from Dr. Carmelo Hernandez of SLV Health, Lillian Coll, SLV Regional Epidemiologist, and Public Health Director Della Cox-Vieira. Dr. Cheryl Lovell is sched-

uled to give an update on Adams State University's plans for students' safe return.

The full agenda may be found on the county's web site.

Monte Vista's celebrates their strong class of 2020



The Monte Vista's Graduating Class of 2020 throw their hats in the air after completing 12 grades of school and finishing strong even in the midst of a pandemic.

Monte Vista High School Class of 2020 during their processional.

Photo by Rebecca Copley

By Rebecca Copley
MONTE VISTA - The COVID-19 pandemic drastically changed high school seniors' last months in school all over the world. Monte Vista's class of 2020 was finally able to hold their graduation ceremony Saturday, Aug. 1. Trying to

make the day as normal as possible, the ceremony was held outside on the school's football field with family and friends cheering from the bleachers behind masks.

Those in attendance were welcomed by the class of 2020s Co-Presidents Mae-gan Beckner and Josiah

Perea. After which an address was given by senior Jocelyn Lopez-Duran. During her address Lopez-Duran noted how they have survived the very crazy year 2020 has turned out to be by saying, "Clearly we've survived and we've survived

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Record

OBITUARIES

Gaspar "Dan" D. Rivera, 78

Del Norte resident Gaspar "Dan" D. Rivera, 78, died August 8, 2020 at his home in Del Norte surrounded by his family and under Hospice care.

Dan was born in Del Norte, Colorado on July 14, 1942, the son of Refugio and Antonia Maria Trujillo Rivera.

Dan served in the United States National Guard for six years. He worked for more than 25 years as a Chemical Operator for Roche Chemicals in Boulder, Colorado. Dan loved the outdoors and enjoyed the activities of hunting, fishing, camping and four-wheeling. He also loved country western music, movies and reading old western stories and books. Dan was an avid Denver Broncos fan.

He is survived by his wife Sandy Padia of Del Norte; his children Daniella Rivera of Northglenn, CO and Andrea Padia of Anaheim, CA; his brother and sisters Charlie (Elvira) Rivera of Del Norte, CO, Beatrice (Frank) Hudson of Del Norte, CO and Sandy (Anthony) Diaz of Monte Vista; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and



great-great nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents Refugio and Antonia Maria.

Cremation was chosen and a Memorial Mass will be held 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at the Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church in Del Norte. Interment will follow services in the Agua Ramon Cemetery with his parents.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online words of comfort, remarks and condolences for Dan's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com



Pike's Stockade historic site to reopen in August 2020

SANFORD— History Colorado will reopen Pike's Stockade near Sanford, Colorado, on Friday, August 7, 2020. The stockade has been closed since 2018 due to tree fall damage.

Pike's Stockade is a historic site in the San Luis Valley, seventeen miles southeast of Alamosa on the Conejos River. It is a reconstruction of a log fortress built by United States soldiers on the Zebulon Pike Expedition in January 1807. The replica stockade was first built in 1952 and was named a National Historic Landmark in 1961. History Colorado has administered the site for nearly a century and today it is maintained by the staff at Fort Garland Museum & Cultural Center. In addition to the log fortress, the site offers educational panels, walking paths, restrooms, and picnic areas.

The stockade was damaged by falling trees during a windstorm in 2018 and the site was closed until it could be made safe for visitors. Thanks to the support of the San Luis Valley Community

Foundation and the San Luis Valley Great Outdoors, History Colorado was able to make repairs to the site. Some work remains to be done to the structure itself and guests should heed all posted signs about maintaining distance from the stockade.

Pike's Stockade will be open daily from sunrise to sunset. In addition to the fortress, the grounds include walking trails, picnic tables, and plenty of space to socially distance. It is located at 22862 Co Rd 24, Sanford, CO, 81151. For questions about the site, contact the staff of Fort Garland Museum at 719-379-3512 or eric.carpio@state.co.us.

About Fort Garland Museum & Cultural Center

Fort Garland was built in 1858, ten years after the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, during American expansion into the west. Today, visitors can explore life in a nineteenth century military fort by walking the parade grounds and touring five of the origi-

nal adobe buildings. The Fort Garland Museum and Cultural Center is a museum of History Colorado.

The Fort Garland Museum and Cultural Center is located at 29477 Hwy. 159, Fort Garland, Colorado, and is open every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit www.FortGarlandMuseum.org or call 719-379-3512 for more information.

About History Colorado

History Colorado's eight museums around the state are now reopening to visitors. Inclusive, values-driven, and intentional, History Colorado has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic with an agile reorganization. Its blitz has created new educational channels for adults and youth (including at-home summer-camp kits now available), full-length episodes of its podcasts, a series of Archaeology & Preservation webinars, a major volunteer project, a weekly digest with over 28,000 subscribers, and one of the nation's most comprehensive collecting

initiatives: a partnership with dozens of schools, communities, and more than 40 newsrooms called History in the Making. While working from home, its State Historical Fund staff distributed more than \$1 million in grant dollars to community projects across the state between March 20 and April 20, and continued its grant funding on schedule.

History Colorado's mission is to create a better future for Colorado by inspiring wonder in our past. We serve as the state's memory, preserving and sharing the places, stories, and material culture of Colorado through educational programs, historic preservation grants, collecting, outreach to Colorado communities, the History Colorado Center and Stephen H. Hart Research Center in Denver, and nine other museums and historic attractions statewide. History Colorado is one of only six Smithsonian Affiliates in Colorado. Visit HistoryColorado.org, or call 303-HISTORY, for more information.

PENDING OBITUARIES

Del Norte resident Richelle S. Jaramillo, 50, passed away August 7, 2020. Arrangements are

pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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 Dawn Melgares at 719-580-0178. Visitors and new members are welcome.

ALAMOSA —The Alamosa Rotary Club meets every Monday at noon at Juanitos in Alamosa. Contact Dean Swift, 589-3499 or dean@deanswiftseed.com

ALAMOSA — Veterans Therapeutic/Support Group meets every Monday from 5-6:30 p.m. at 315 State Ave. Ste 101, Alamosa. Call 588-8885 to register or email d.counselingservices@hotmail.com

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

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.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

MONDAY
12 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Hall at 607 4th St., Alamosa
5 p.m. Women's Meeting at Masonic Hall, 598 Spruce St., Del Norte
7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede
7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara

TUESDAY
12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa
8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

WEDNESDAY
12 p.m. First United Methodist Church at 2005 Mullens, Alamosa
6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito
6 p.m. Amistad of San Luis at 403 Main St., San Luis
7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca
7:30 p.m. Masonic Hall at 598 Spruce, Del Norte.
8 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 607 4th St., Alamosa.

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

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

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

SATURDAY
5:30 p.m. at 929 State Ave., Alamosa
6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito.
8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

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

AL-ANON
TUESDAY
8 p.m. 15 Country Club Dr. Monte Vista

WEDNESDAY
5:30 p.m. SLV Behavior Health Group at 8745 CR 9S., Alamosa

THURSDAY
5:30 p.m. First Christian Church at 518 1st St., Alamosa

7 p.m. Crestone Town Hall, downtown Crestone (second and fourth Thursdays)

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Valley News

Kahler golf classic draws 67 players

ALAMOSA— Shooting identical net rounds of 72 both Saturday and Sunday, Tom Schultz and Kevin Jones tied for low net at 144 in the championship flight of the annual Kahler Golf Tournament at Cattails. Sixty-seven golfers competed in this year's event in five flights.

Challis Wright topped the field in actual scoring with 74-76 for 150, leaving Josh Hensley (74-78) and Adam Jaron (76-76) tied for second. Jones' 156 finished fourth in gross scoring while Schultz was fifth at 158.

In the first flight, Colin Schrader took top honors in both gross (156) and net (140), followed by Eddie Valdez with 161 gross and 143 net. Scott Kelleher was third

(162-148) and Melvin Yates finished fourth (167-151).

Austin Heersink won the second flight (165-147) followed by Dennis Shiohita (166-150) and Isaiah Anaya (170-152). Ric Cline was fourth in gross at 171 and tied with Jim Wright and Matt Glowczewski at 153 net.

The third flight went to Greg Jones (173-143) followed by Mike Milyard (175-147), Chris Bush (175-149) and Rob Lopez (182-152).

Roy Sanchez won both gross and net in the fourth flight (175-141), followed by Luke Porter (176-142). Diamond Mobbley finished third in gross at 181 and tied for fourth in net (147) with Mario Resendiz who was fourth in gross at 187.



Right: Among those enjoying the Alex P. Kahler golf tournament in Alamosa this weekend were, from left, Roy Sanchez, Luke Porter, Diamond Mobbley, Mario Resendiz and Bill Masse. Sixty-seven golfers competed in five flights over Saturday and Sunday.

Courtesy photo



Left: Cattails Golf Course in Alamosa was host once again to the annual Alex P. Kahler Golf Tournament. The local tournament attracts local talent every year for a fun environment on the links style course for a weekend well spent.

Courtesy photo

GRADS

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for the better.”

Senior Ashley Duran followed with another address sharing how their senior year was so different from expected, “Our last two months of high school were ripped out of our hands unexpectedly. We didn’t get that senior trip we raised all that money for, our last senior prom, or the traditional graduation we expected,” said Duran going on to share some great memories her class had made. After sharing some memories Duran said, “You are the people I shared my life with and eventually even though these last few months were taken away from us unexpectedly we finished our senior year. We finally made it.”

After Duran’s address all of the graduating seniors were given roses and they presented them to their parents. Emilio Sandoval then addressed his fellow graduating classmates echoing that their senior

year had not been what they’d expected, “The only positive thing from this coronavirus pandemic however is that it did not stop us. We could’ve just been negative and given up because things became difficult but applying what we learned at the high school, dedicated ourselves on continuing our plans on graduating. I’m so proud of the class of 2020. Growing up I remember us always saying we were the special class because we graduate in 2020. But who would have known that this would become true? We are a special class because we never let an obstacle stop us. We keep going, grinding, pushing to get what we want.”

Senior Larissa Medina also addressed her classmates offering some words of encouragement saying, “What we missed out on during one quarter does not take away from all the fun and accomplishments we have already experi-

enced. I took advantage of everything the high school experience has to offer.” Medina later sharing, “Don’t wait for the future to experience life. You should take advantage of the present because you never know what life changing event can happen next.”

School board President Gary Wilkinson then presented graduating senior Tonita Lopez with the Melinda Pinkerton Inspiration award. High school Principal Jose Ortega then presented Monte Vista’s class of 2020. Each senior was able to walk across the stage and receive their hard-earned diploma. Monte Vista’s 44 graduating seniors included: Alia Drennan Baker, Zachariah Joseph Castro, Jarren Jake Chavez, Sydni Nicole Chavez, Manuel Antonio Contreras, Kriselle Leanne DuPont, Aeneas Jayson Gomez, Elianna Allyce Gonzales, Kayla Jenniel Hernandez, Casin John Holder, Nyelie Marie

Marrufo-Rivera, Yiselle Alejandrina Nungaray, Heather Paige Prevatte, Pablo Alejandro Rodriguez, Jason Stanton Ross, Melissa Rae Sanchez, Andrew Jared Smith-Martinez, Dakota Shane Timmins, Savanna Cruz Urbina, Kaidon Andrew Wenta and Kevin Lee Williams.

Students graduating with honors included: Elijah Joe Archuleta, Jovanna Lizet Arroyo, Ashley Rae Duran, Jason Andre Duran, Jacob Eric Gutierrez, Brycen Eric Hotz, Jocelyn Lopez-Duran, Madison Taylor Miller, Josiah David Perea, Madison Brienne Plane, Megan Palar Quintana, Emilio Carlos Sandoval, Kaylie Nicole Self, Alyssa Grace Nicole Tipword, and Renee Nicole Widger.

Students graduating with high honors were: Hailiee Jane Cale, Karica Danea Ceballos, Tonita Margarita Lopez, Larissa Rae Medina, Mareh Lynn Medina, Gabriel Michael

Samora Jr., and Levi Joseph Trujillo IV. Maegan Faith Beckner graduate with highest honors.

The strong Monte Vista class of 2020 had white and gold as their class colors, and a teal and silver rose for their flower. Their class moto: “If you ain’t cheatin’, you ain’t tryin’” -Al Ford.

RECALL

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personnel chaos. Creating adversarial environments and chaos with other elected officials. Incompetence, not being prepared for meetings, and failure to grasp issues facing the county where important decisions were to be made on behalf of the county, which in turn is a failure to perform the oath of office. As an elected official, failure to effectively communicate with his constituency. Conducting himself in an inappropriate manner to his peers, subordinates and external citizens including, but not limited to, acting in a volatile, confrontational and unprofessional manner. Failure to follow state and county policies, procedures and statutes including, but not limited to, open meeting laws.”

Four Rio Grande County

elected officials spoke out contrarily to the reference “chaos with other elected officials” stating that they were never contacted by the committee that is proposing the recall petition and do not feel that they work in a chaotic or hostile environment. In order to remain in compliance with their elected office roles and keep in good standing with the public that they serve, the four elected officials decided to remain anonymous. There is a total of 9 elected officials in the county including the three commissioners.

Commissioner John Noffske has refuted all allegations within the petition.

The timeline and state statute guidelines that must be followed in order for the petition to reach a ballot either through

a special election or in time to be placed on the November ballot follows: “When a group or committee decides they want to start a recall, they first have to submit a sample petition to the Clerk and Recorder for approval. Statute lists what must be on the petition and what cannot be on the petition. Once approved, the Clerk notifies the committee that it is approved, and they can then start gathering signatures.”

The Clerk also notifies the one(s) that are the subject of the recall petition. The committee designated on the petition must gather signatures from voters registered to vote in the county of the recall. Statute states the number of acceptable signatures is 25 percent of the votes cast for the position in the last

general election - 909 verified signatures are needed to force a recall.

The designated committee has 60 days from the date of the approval to submit the petition to the County Clerk and they can turn it in early if they choose to.

Once the petition is filed, the Clerk will verify the signatures as eligible and notify the committee. The person(s) who are the subject of the recall have 15 days to dispute any signatures. If there are disputed signatures, the clerk will verify or dismiss the disputed signatures. If there are a sufficient number of acceptable signatures, the clerk will notify the petition committee and set the date for the recall election not less than 30 days or more than 60 days after the petition’s approval.

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Lifestyle

Del Norte Public Library receives grant

By Lyndsie Ferrell

DEL NORTE- The Del Norte Public Library has been approved for a grant through the CARES Act funding that

has been being issued to organizations and governmental bodies throughout the state. The library was eager to share their news with patrons just in time for

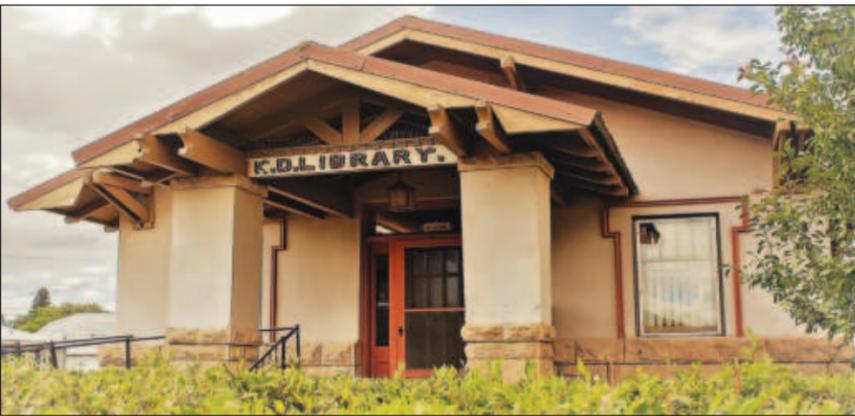
their annual book sale which took place Saturday, Aug. 1.

The library will be using the funds to expand their current technology and provide additional services to the public. The Del Norte Public Library applied for this grant through the Rio Grande Library District and will be purchasing new laptops, chrome books, audio books, tablets and improve their checkout system with the \$7,200 they received.

In the meantime, the library spent the majority of the morning Saturday celebrating with their patrons through their annual

book sale, which according to Director Susan Williams, was a smash hit. "It went a lot better than we originally expected. We had several board members come out to help set up and we were able to purge a large number of books. We made about \$700 that will be used for the library. We are so grateful for the outcome, especially since we didn't have our typical crowds that come for the Covered Wagon Crows."

The library is open Monday through Wednesday from noon to 5 p.m. Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from noon to 5 p.m.



Greater South Fork Marketing District Committee seeks county approval

By Lyndsie Ferrell

RIO GRANDE COUNTY- The Greater South Fork Marketing District Committee is seeking to place a question on the November 2020 ballot to form a marketing district in the greater South Fork area. In a meeting held by Rio Grande County Commissioners Wednesday, July 29, GSFCF representative Michele Cruse gave a brief overview of what the organization was seeking and what they needed to complete in order for the marketing district to be on the upcoming election ballot.

Rio Grande County Clerk Cindy Hill explained that the organization would need to collect signatures from business owners within the proposed district boundaries and that the decision to certify the petition would be based on 60 percent of all commercial assessed property values of the businesses that sign the document and reside within the proposed boundary.

"We are seeking to create our own marketing district in the greater South Fork area. As noted by the San Luis Resource Group, South Fork is a resort community. We rely on tourism and our accommodations including businesses account for 40 percent of the jobs in South Fork as opposed to 7 percent in the county. Our retail trade makes up 25 percent of our jobs as opposed to 8 percent in the county," explained Cruse.

Cruse continued to state that, "The Colorado Local Marketing District Act, which is also noted as Colorado Revised Statute 29 (CRS-29), specifies the steps that are necessary to form our proposed district. The purpose of this district is to

promote the prosperity and general welfare of our property owners and promote the continued vitality of all of our commercial businesses within the proposed district."

According to CRS-29, the marketing district committee would also have to have two public hearings before the petition could be certified by the clerk's office and then be approved by the Rio Grande County Commissioners. The deadline for the public hearings and the petition for signatures is Sept. 4. Hill reached out to the committee after a work session to notify them of the things they needed to do before the county could move forward.

In the July 29 meeting, Cruse addressed the board and stated that they had completed bylaws for a board of directors, an operating plan, a marketing plan and were prepared to set dates for the two public meetings. They would also have the additional signatures in time for the next Rio Grande Commissioner meeting that will take place later this month.

Commissioners expressed concern on whether or not the public hearings needed to be held at the county level or just the Town of South Fork. It was later decided that Rio Grande County Attorney Ryan Dunn would review CRS-29 before making a decision on where the public hearings would be held.

The matter was tabled for the time being in order to give the committee time to complete all the necessary steps before bringing the petition back to the county. Once the petition is certified and meets all necessary requirements, it will be up to the commissioners to approve it for the November ballot.

2020 general election candidate list webpage now live

DENVER – the Colorado Secretary of State's office announced the launch of a webpage listing the names of candidates for federal and state offices who have filed candidacy paperwork with the Colorado Secretary of State's Office.

This is an active candidate list, and candidates will continue to be added and removed as the Secretary of State's office completes the processing of paperwork and candidates withdraw and are replaced. The list will be finalized and the candidates certified to the ballot on September 4.

The major and minor party candidates are listed in ballot order as they were chosen in the lot drawing conducted by the Secretary of State's office. State statute requires that unaffiliated

candidates be placed after major and minor party candidates on the ballot, and they are so ordered on this list. RTD candidates are currently listed in alphabetical order by the last name of the candidates. They will eventually be ordered by a lot drawing that will be held at the end of August.

State statute requires that presidential and vice-presidential candidates be ordered in three tiers: major party candidates followed by minor party candidates followed by unaffiliated candidates. Within these tiers, the candidates are ordered on the ballot by the last name of the presidential candidates.

Coloradans can update and verify voter registration or register to vote online at GoVoteColorado.gov.

Woman suffers broken arm in crash

DEL NORTE- A woman distracted by a child in her car was ticketed after colliding with a trailer towed by a truck about five miles west of Del Norte on Friday.

Connie Vaughn, 31, address unknown, was cited for failing to drive in a single lane after her 2017 Toyota Camry crossed the center line into the eastbound lane of Highway 160 and stuck a trailer being pulled by a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Marshall Christie, 71, address unknown. The Colorado State Patrol said

Vaughn was transferred to Rio Grande Hospital with a fractured arm and was treated and released.

A child passenger of the Toyota was also transferred to the hospital but didn't sustain any injuries. Christie was checked by the ambulance on scene and also was not injured.

Seatbelts and child restraints appeared to be in use by all parties, according to CSP, and no alcohol, drugs or excessive speed was suspected.



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- 2 Local independent businesses invest more in our community:** They support local charities, schools and community events which financially impacts our community.
- 3 Local businesses sell a wide range of great products at affordable prices and cater to the needs and wants of the community.**
- 4 Shopping Local saves you money and time!** Travel expenses and personal time make the overall cost of items higher.
- 5 Shopping Local retains our community:** Without the support in the local community, restaurants, shops and services are forced to close.
- 6 Shopping Local retains our distinctiveness:** Local businesses respond quicker to the needs of the customers and stock products to meet the core community's needs.
- 7 Shopping Local encourages community growth.** By choosing to do business locally you help maintain Alamosa's diversity, charm & appeal. Which in turn, attracts new community members.
- 8 Shopping Local invests in community services and city economy.** Your dollars spent in locally-owned businesses have three times the impact on your community as dollars spent outside of Alamosa.
- 9 Local shops value you more:** Local businesses survive by their reputation & repeat business which means you get a higher standard of service.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

Bernard Kraan and Kurt Milana and Sonya R. Milana
95-1034 Hoalona St.
Millilani, HI 96789-5314

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 8th day of November 2016, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Alamosa County the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:

DEEER VALLEY MEADOWS LOT 21 BLK C UNIT 1 2.07AC QCD B 545 P 205 5-16-96 BSD REC #322760 06-08-05 KRAAN BER-NARD (1/2 INT) & MILANA KURT & SONYA R (1/2INT)
Parcel Number: 5417007003021

Certificate Number: 137
and said County Treasurer assigned a certificate of purchase on the 8th day of November 2016 to Alamosa County.

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2015;

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Bernard Kraan and Kurt Milana and Sonya R. Milana for said year 2015;

That on the 5th day of March 2020, said Alamosa County assigned said certificate of purchase to Eleggment LLC;

That said Eleggment LLC on the 28th day of February 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to Eleggment LLC on the 18th day of November 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on July 28, 2020, August 4, 2020 and August 11, 2020.

Witness my hand this 22nd day of July 2020
Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado
No. 1560

Published in the Valley Courier on July 28, August 4, and 11, 2020.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

Cottonwoods Phase II LLC
P.O. Box 2097
Durango, CO 81302

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 8th day of November 2016, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOTS 1-10 COTTONWOODS SUB BLK 12 3.957AC WD REC #324625 12-07-05
Parcel Number: 5413003003002
Certificate Number: 56

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano.

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2015;

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Cottonwoods Phase II LLC for said year 2015;

That said David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano on the 2nd day of March 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano on the 18th day of November 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on July 28, 2020, August 4, 2020 and August 11, 2020.

Witness my hand this 22nd day of July 2020
Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado
No. 1561

Published in the Valley Courier on July 28, August 4, and 11, 2020.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

Cottonwoods Phase II LLC
P.O. Box 2097
Durango, CO 81302

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 8th day of November 2016, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOTS 1-27 COTTONWOODS SUB BLK 13 10.526AC WD REC #324625 12-07-05
Parcel Number: 5413003005001
Certificate Number: 57

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano.

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2015;

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Cottonwoods Phase II LLC for said year 2015;

That said David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano on the 2nd day of March 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano on the 18th day of November 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on July 28, 2020, August 4, 2020 and August 11, 2020.

Witness my hand this 22nd day of July 2020
Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado
No. 1562

Published in the Valley Courier on July 28, August 4, and 11, 2020.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

Patrick Jonathan Salas
6640 Malouff Road #1
Alamosa, CO 81101

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 14th day of November 2014, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Jesse Marshall the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:

SAN LUIS VALLEY RANCHES INC LOT 16 BLK 1 UNIT 12 5.15AC WD REC #334224 03-21-08
Parcel Number: 527720301002
Certificate Number: 249

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Jesse Marshall.

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2013;

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Patrick Jonathan Salas for said year 2013;

That said Jesse Marshall on the 30th day of March 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to Jesse Marshall on the 18th day of November 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on July 28, 2020, August 4, 2020 and August 11, 2020.

Witness my hand this 22nd day of July 2020
Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado
No. 1563

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Costilla Combined Court

304 Main Street
P.O. Box 301
San Luis, CO 81152
719-672-0681

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
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
No. 1574

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ESTRAY: #1276 One Black Mare, Blaze, RH Sock and One White Mare. LN Government Freeze Brands. Livestock must be claimed by legal owner within 10 days or will be sold by Colorado Brand Board.

For information call 719-298-2893 or 303-869-9160.
No. 1585
Published in the Valley Courier on August 11, 2020.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids in an envelope marked: Center Sanitation District Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements The Center Sanitation District (hereinafter called the "Owner") will receive sealed bids for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements (the "Project") at Element Engineering, 12657 W Cedar Drive, Suite 300, Lakewood, CO 80228 until 10:00 AM, September 24th. At such time, Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. Plans, specifications, and bid forms will be distributed electronically. Plans can be downloaded at www.elementengineering.net under "Project Bidding" and will be available on August 12th, 2020 at 4:00 PM. The charge for plans is \$50.00. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Project Site on August 27th at 10:00 AM. Bids shall be made on the forms furnished by the Owner and shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope and endorsed with the name of the Bidder. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in an amount of at least 5% of the Bid, in the form of a bid bond. The bond will be retained by the Owner if the successful bidder refuses or fails to enter into a contract with the Owner. Bids shall be valid for ninety (90) consecutive calendar days from the bid date.

The Project consists of the closeout of the district's wastewater treatment lagoons, construction of a new influent lift station, headworks screen, grit removal system, secondary treatment system (basins, piping, etc), tertiary lift station, tertiary filter, UV disinfection system, process building, controls, miscellaneous yard piping, and a new out-fall pipe. Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis.

Bidders are hereby advised that the Owner reserves the right to not award a Contract until ninety (90) days from the date of the opening of Bids, and Bidders expressly agree to keep their Bids open for the ninety (90) day time period. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive any informality, technicality or irregularity in any Bid, to disregard all non-conforming, non-responsive, conditional or alternate Bids, to negotiate contract terms with the Successful Bidder, to require statements or evidence of Bidders' qualifications, including financial statements, and to accept the proposal that is in the opinion of the Owner in its best interest. Owner reserves the right to accept any combination of Bids which in Owner's sole, and absolute judgment will, under all circumstances, best serve the Owner's interests. Owner also reserves the right to extend the Bidding period by Addendum if it appears in its interest to do so. Please note that the project is funded in part by the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service and is subject to all program requirements.
No. 1586
Published in the Valley Courier on August 11, and 18, 2020.

NOTICE

The Rio Grande Canal Water Users Association, whose address is 147 Washington Street, Monte Vista, CO 81144, hereby gives notice that pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute § 7-42-114, the Association received notice from Carmen C. Rubino, Personal Representative of the Estate of Gary Phillip Rubino, Sr., stating that Rio Grande Canal Water Users Association Stock Certificate No. 4905, representing 3 shares in the Rio Grande Canal Water Users Association, was conveyed to Carmen C. Rubino, Paige J. Soulier, Gary Phillip Rubino, Jr., Simon J. Rubino, and Gerald S. Rubino by Gary Phillip Rubino, Sr., pursuant to Beneficiary Deed recorded on December 5, 2015, in the Records of Rio Grande County, that Gary Phillip Rubino, Sr., subsequently died on December 28, 2015; that Jennifer N. Rubino conveyed her interest in such stock certificate to Carmen C. Rubino pursuant to quitclaim deed dated August 21, 2016; and that such stock certificate has not been found in Gary Phillip Rubino Sr.'s records since his death, and therefore, that such stock certificate has been lost, mislaid, or destroyed. Said notice further stated that such stock certificate had not been transferred or hypothecated by Carmen C. Rubino, Paige J. Soulier, Gary Phillip Rubino, Jr., Simon J. Rubino, or Gerald S. Rubino, other than the quitclaim deed from Jennifer N. Rubino to Carmen C. Rubino described herein, at the time of said notice, and that all assessments levied by the Rio Grande Canal Water Users Association against such stock certificate have been paid since the Association was first notified that such stock certificate had been lost, mislaid, or destroyed.

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute § 7-42-114, Carmen C. Rubino, Personnel Representative of the Estate of Gary Phillip Rubino, Sr., has demanded the issuance of a duplicate certificate in accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes § 7-42-114 to 7-42-117. You are hereby notified that on or after September 28, 2020, the Rio Grande Canal Water Users Association will issue a duplicate certificate by cancelling lost Stock Certificate No. 4905 and issuing a new stock certificate in the name of Carmen C. Rubino (1/3), Paige J. Soulier (1/6), Gary Phillip Rubino, Jr. (1/6), Simon J. Rubino (1/6), and Gerald S. Rubino (1/6), as tenants in common, unless a contrary claim is filed with the Rio Grande Canal Water Users Association prior to September 28, 2020.
Date: July 17, 2020
No. 1565
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District Court Denver Probate Court
Rio Grande County, Colorado
Court Address: 925 6th Street, Room 204
Del Norte, CO 81132
In the Matter of the Estate of:
Kenneth L. Thompson, a/k/a Kenneth Leroy Thompso
Deceased
COURT USE ONLY
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address):
Eugene L. Farish, Esq.
739 1st Avenue, P.O. Box 430
Monte Vista, CO 81144
Phone Number: 719-852-5101 E-mail: gene@farishlaw.com
FX Number: 719-852-4633 Atty. Reg. #: 2557
Case Number: 2020 PR 30024
Division:
Courtroom:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-101, C.R.S.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Kenneth Leroy Thompson, Deceased
Case Number 2020 PR 30024
All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Rio Grande County, Colorado on or before November 27, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.
Earl G. Bailey
Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice
396 North 100 West
Address
Saint Charles, ID 81114
City, State, Zip Code
No. 1566
Published in the Valley Courier on July 28, August 4, and 11, 2020.

NOTICE OF DIRECTOR SEAT VACANCIES/APPOINTMENT TO THE 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 school 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 information and process:
> A letter of interest
> Resume
> Two (2) personal letters of recommendation
> Two (2) professional letters of recommendation
> Provide a five (5) minute presentation to sitting Board of Education Members
> 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 meeting.
For further information, please contact Mrs. Katrina Brown, Secretary: Alamosa RE-11J School District Board of Education at 719-587-1600. No. 1575
Published in the Valley Courier on August 7, 8, 11, 12, and 14, 2020.

Request for Proposals
City of Alamosa, Colorado
City of Alamosa First Street Improvement Project
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/indifast/living-in-alamosa/public-bids/>
For questions, contact Public Works Director Harry Reynolds 719-589-6631
No. 1576
Published in the Valley Courier on August 7, 8, and 11, 2020.

Saguache County Government is accepting bids to install an air conditioning at the Saguache County Courthouse and Administration Building. Bids submitted must include proof of liability and workers compensation insurance coverage. For further information contact Santiago Garcia at 719-221-3172. Bids are due by 3:00 PM Thursday August 20, 2020.
No. 1584
Published in the Valley Courier on August 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, and 19, 2020.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Colorado State Statute No. 83-21-1. M&M Storage Facility, having given proper notice to the parties of the outside storage unit herein stated at their last known address, shall dispose of all property in said unit for Zak United UAVF Inc. Said disposal shall be any time after August 25th 2020.
No. 1590
Published in the Valley Courier on August 11, and 18, 2020.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

Jerald Spriggs and Gertrude Spriggs
9694 E 36th Lane
Yuma, AZ 85365-7027

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 14th day of November 2014, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Jesse Marshall the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:

MT BLANCA VALLEY RANCHES LOT 10 BLK 8 UNIT 10 5.00AC JWD B 286 P 736 2-5-82
Parcel Number: 513922107010
Certificate Number: 271

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Jesse Marshall

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2013;

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Jerald Spriggs and Gertrude Spriggs for said year 2013;

That said Jesse Marshall on the 30th day of March 2020, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to Jesse Marshall on the 18th day of November 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on July 28, 2020, August 4, 2020 and August 11, 2020.

Witness my hand this 22nd day of July 2020
Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado
No. 1564
Published in the Valley Courier on July 28, August 4, and 11, 2020.

099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

102 CARD OF THANKS

THE FAMILY OF Debra L. Neal wish to thank everyone 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. 719-580-4307(8/12)

163 LOST & FOUND

\$1000 REWARD FOR safe return! Have you seen Odie?? 19 year old Chihuahua, yellowish tan color. No collar. Last seen 11th & Bell in Alamosa. Call 719-937-8077 or 719-588-2162.(8/29)

173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

RECYCLE COLLETON: DO you have a collection of cans, bottles, and newspapers stacking up that need to go to the recycling center but don't have the time to take them? We will pick up and collect your recyclables and take them to be recycled for you. Cost \$45 for 1 month service agreement or \$35 a month for 3 month Service agreement. Contact Cole at 719-496-2713 to get started as soon as next month. Alamosa addresses only.(8/28)

221 HELP WANTED

RIO GRANDE HOSPITAL has an opening for a Business Office Account/Financial Assistance Clerk. File application online at <http://riograndehospital.org> under /Contact/employment, EMPLOYMENT. Additional questions: michaeln@riograndehospital.net. RGH is an EOE.(8/19)

221 HELP WANTED

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT: GUADALUPE Parish Credit Union has an opening for temporary Member Service Representative. Banking experience, excellent communication and computer skills is required. Bilingual preferred. Please submit a resume and three professional references to GPCU, Attention: Robert A. Chavez, President/CEO, P.O. Box 97, Antonito, CO 81120 or drop off at the main branch. Application deadline is, August 21, 2020 at 5pm. For more information please contact Robert A. Chavez, President/CEO at 719-376-5413.(8/19)

MOFFAT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL District #2 is currently looking to hire a full time employee as a Paraprofessional in our PreSchool Classroom. This would be a full time position with the hours of 7:45am to 4:15pm Monday through Thursday. Please go to moffatschools.org and select employment opportunities and complete a non certified application. You may call 719-745-0500 Ext. 102 to request an application or come by the school at 501 Garfield Avenue, Moffat, Colorado 81143 and pick one up. MCSDF#2 is an equal opportunity employer.(8/28)

THE 12TH JUDICIAL District Probation Department currently has an opening for a full-time Probation Officer with a salary of \$4126.00 per month. Minimum requirements are a Bachelor Degree from a four year college or university with major course work preferably in Criminal Justice, Sociology, Psychology, Social Work, or related field. Upon hire and as a condition of continued employment, the employee must complete all Mandatory New Employee Training. Prospective employees are subject to a background investigation prior to hiring. A Colorado Judicial Department Application, located at www.courts.state.co.us/Careers, under Job Title "Probation Officer", Location "Alamosa" must be submitted via the website no later than August 20, 2020. Please include a detailed resume as well.(8/19)

WANTED FULL TIME position at El Sagrado Farm on an organic sheep and hay farm in La Jara. CO. Must have good people skills, be honest and dependable. Experience with animals, farm work a plus. Must have phone and transportation. Our mission is to be leaders in sustainable agriculture and sustainable living. Living quarters on farm a possibility. Call Colin 719-588-1035. (8/28)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Route Bus Driver. Preference will be given to applicants that hold a CDL, but the transportation department will work with the right candidate in obtaining the license. For additional information contact Mark Hotz, Maintenance/Transportation Director, at 719-852-2881. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html by August 20, 2020, or until the position is filled. For questions regarding the application process contact the Administration Office at 719-852-5996.(8/28)

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

221 HELP WANTED

THE BOE OF Center Schools is now accepting applications for Elementary Teacher Assistant for the 2020-2021 School Year. Qualifications: Highly Qualified according to ESSA or, such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. For information and application materials please call (719) 754-3442 or visit the District's website at www.center.k12.co.us and click on the Employment Opportunities and "Non-Certified Staff Application". Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE.(8/18)

CVCLC AT HOMELAKE is seeking permanent full-time evening shift CNA positions for our 24-hour Skilled Nursing Home. Prefer experience with long-term care but not required. 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, sick leave and paid vacation. 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.gov.employmentjobs.com/colorado> Contact Nina Esquivel for assistance at 719-852-8215. For questions regarding shift hours please contact Crystal Gallegos, DON or Sandra Qualls, ADON at 719-852-5118.(8/18)

TRUCKING COMPANY LOOKING for motivated part time office assistant. Must have proficient computer skills including Quickbooks and Microsoft Office. Experience with collecting receivables, professional phone skills, and organization. Please drop your resume at 311 6th Street, Alamosa. (8/28)

SIERRA VISTA LUMBER 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)

221 HELP WANTED

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

221 HELP WANTED

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

221 HELP WANTED

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

221 HELP WANTED

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for an Elementary Teacher at Bill Metz Elementary. 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 <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html> by August 18, 2020, or until the position is filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996.(8/22)

221 HELP WANTED

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

324 - FEED & SEED

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

369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

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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)

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

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](https://www.dncsd.org) to download the application and submit completed applications to Aaron Horrocks at ahorrocks@urtigers.co or call (719) 657-4040 for more information. (8/14)

350 - FARM EQUIPMENT

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

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

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

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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)

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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)

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369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

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420 - LOTS & ACREAGE

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ALLEY OOP

OH, MIGHTY ORACLE, WE SEEK YOUR GUIDANCE. WE ARE SEARCHING FOR THE BEST AMUSEMENT PARK EVER CREATED.

WHAT'S SHE DOING?

PATIENCE, SHE'S THINKING.

THE PLACE YOU SEEK IS IN ST. LOUIS, IN THE YEAR 3277.

SHE'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL AND MAJESTIC BEING.

ARLO & JANIS

GENE! OH, MY NAME'S GENE!

ARE YOU HERE WITH YOUR FAMILY?

YEAH, WE COME TO THE BEACH EVERY YEAR.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?

ALMOST TWO WEEKS.

WHEN DO YOU LEAVE?

MOM AND DAD ARE LEAVING TOMORROW!

BIG NATE

I HATE THESE GUYS. THEY THINK THEY'RE SO MUCH BETTER THAN WE ARE.

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PLUS, THEY HAVE POWER BARS AND WE ONLY HAVE ORANGE SLICES.

I AM SO DEPRESSED RIGHT NOW.

THE BORN LOSER

HOW ABOUT A GAME OF MONOPOLY, SON?

THAT TAKES SO LONG!

OH, IT DOESN'T TAKE THAT LONG. I PLAYED HUNDREDS OF GAMES WHEN I WAS A KID!

YEAH, BUT DID YOU EVER FINISH ANY OF THOSE GAMES?

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

Dear Martha
By the time you get this I will be home. Maybe you're wondering why I haven't called?

I worked hard on the farm, but the hardest part about being away was missing you.

Maybe you didn't have time, or maybe you didn't know what to say, but not getting a letter or even a call from you really hurt.

... I CAN SAY IT, BUT I CAN'T SEND IT.

FRANK & ERNEST

MUSIC SHOP PERCUSSION

I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD GET A SNARE, KETTLE, BASS OR BONGOS.

— THAT'S A CONUNDRUM!

GARFIELD

TODAY'S WORD IS...

THUMP!

"HOPELESS"

WAS THAT WALL ALWAYS THERE?

THE GRIZZWELLS

(SIGH!) GUNTHER, I WISH YOU COULD SEE THE WORLD THROUGH MY EYES

I GUESS I COULD GIVE IT A SHOT

HAND 'EM OVER

PEANUTS

STRIKE THREE!

IF YOU'RE GOING TO BREAK BABE RUTH'S HOME-RUN RECORD, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THAT...

AS YOU SEEM TO KNOW...

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HERMAN

"Stay away from those wooden ones. I nearly got my head blown off!"

Law enforcement officer feels judged by some in the family

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been together since we were 16, married for 25 years. Her parents took me in as a teenager, and her family has been my family ever since.

I'm the kind of person who loves everyone equally. I will bend over backward for someone in need and have done so for my wife's family many times.

Over the last few years, my wife's brother, nephew and niece have turned against me. They've called me controlling, hateful and racist. I am none of those. I am, though, a law enforcement officer and a Christian. My wife's brother is a convicted felon, and her niece went to one of those anti-everything colleges.

This has created a rift in the family and caused my wife and me to feel hated and isolated, which has ruined family gatherings and holidays. How can I fix this? What can I do to help them see me for who I am, instead of their biases based on my religion and occupation? -- REALLY NOT LIKE THAT

DEAR REALLY NOT: There is nothing you can or should do to erase their biases. From your description, you have done enough good deeds for your in-laws to have shown them the kind of person you are.

You have mentioned only your brother-in-law the felon and his radicalized daughter. Where

does the rest of the family stand on this? If they are joining in and allowing you to be isolated, quit trying to impress them. Instead, spend your time with people who like, understand and accept you for who you are and don't look back. Your brother-in-law and his kids will come looking for you as soon as they need something else from you, but when they do, I sincerely hope you'll resist the temptation to buy your way back in.

DEAR ABBY: I work closely with a woman who is 21 years younger than I. We are both single. Because of our age difference and professional relationship I am not looking to date her. However, over the last couple years I have developed romantic feelings for her.

I converse with her by asking questions about movies she likes, books she reads or what she did the previous weekend. Her answers are usually short and without elaboration. I even share with her things that I do in my life, but never once in the five years I have known her, has she ever initiated a conversation with me or asked me about my life. She acts differently with other male co-workers. She does things for them, smiles at them and seems genuinely interested in their conversation. It really stings every time I see her socialize with others and



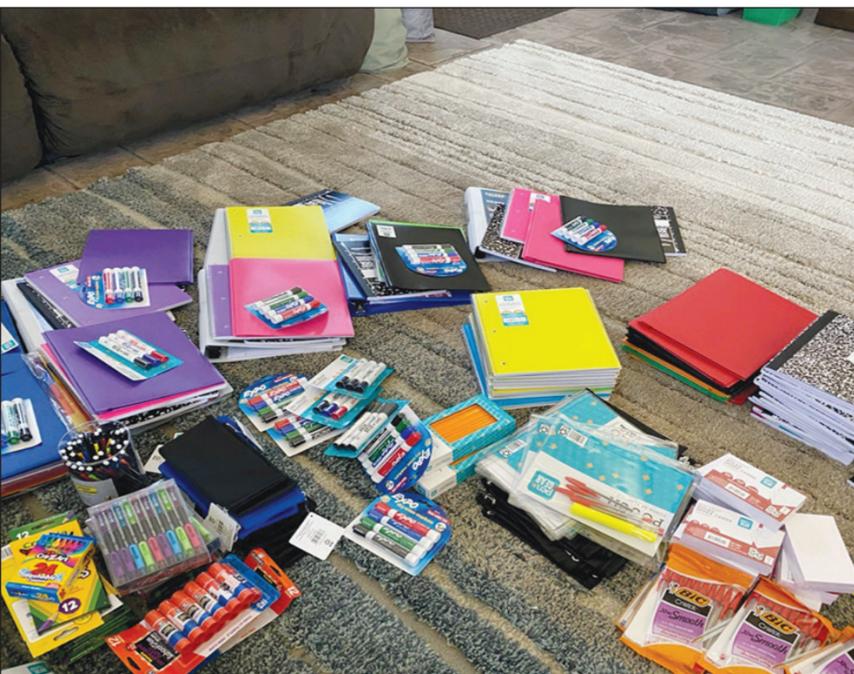
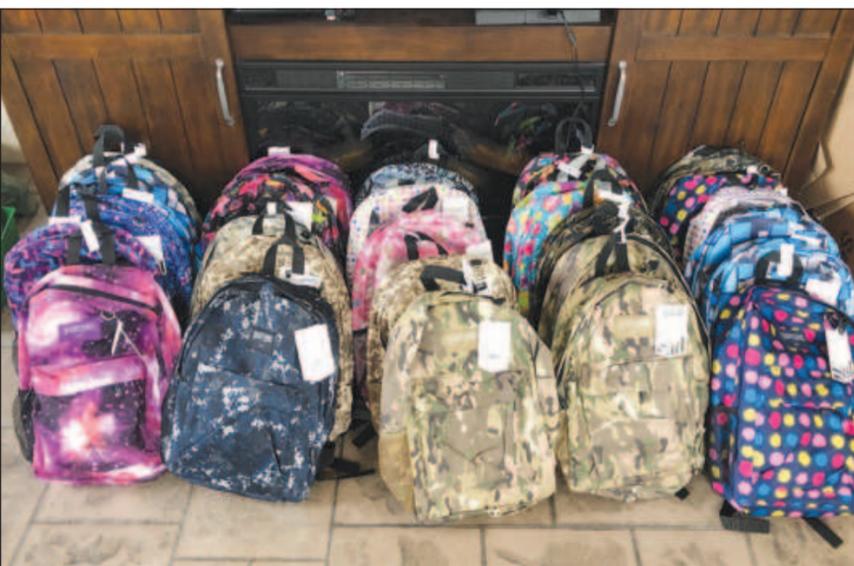
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ignore me. What can I do to get out of this psychological rut I am in? -- STUCK IN ILLINOIS

DEAR STUCK: Your co-worker may have picked up on the fact that you are attracted to her and it is not reciprocated, which is why she keeps your relationship strictly formal and work-related. I am sure this stings, and for that you have my sympathy.

You now must do what everyone else in your situation does, which is concentrate on meeting women who are available. You are not going to find what you're looking for in your workplace. What's going on is not healthy for you or conducive to a productive work environment. If you can't quell that crush on her, you may have to change jobs so you won't have to work so closely with her -- or at all.

Lifestyle



SLVBHG supports students

By AZAREL MADRIGALI-CHASE

San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group (SLVBHG) was fortunate to have funding to support students and families with much needed school supplies and backpacks during this difficult time. SLVBHG staff are thankful to have an opportunity to provide assistance to many students and families. In the San Luis Valley we have 2 of the poorest counties in Colorado. Supporting families with school supplies ensures that we are not only supporting the needs of families, but giving each child supplies they need to be prepared to start the school year prepared. SLVBHG has packed 243 backpacks with supplies and clinicians are working with their clients to get them delivered. SLVBHG continues to look for opportunities to support students and schools. School supplies can be a burden on families, on average most parents spend over a \$117 on back-to-school school supply necessities for each child. Many of the backpacks have already been delivered directly to the children and the excitement and smiles on their faces have been priceless. Parents who have picked up their child's backpack have been so appreciative. Going back to school

can be stressful in the best of times, but it can be even more stressful after COVID-19. We hope that having the needed school supplies is one less worry for families this school year. Making sure that kids feel at ease about returning to school by having open conversations about what is worrying them and helping them to know that their feelings are normal. Parents and teachers don't need to know the ins and outs of 100s of mental health disorders, knowing symptoms that kids may be experiencing that could be related to a mental health disorder is a good place to start and all that is needed to be able to seek help for the child. Encouraging your students to talk about mental health is the first step to helping them cope with strong emotions.

SLVBHG School based mental health specialists and intensive case managers will continue to work with schools to support students in a variety of ways. All children have access to behavioral health services and many programs that SLVBHG offer. We encourage parents and school staff to reach out to SLVBHG to get connected to resources and services. Give us a call at 719-589-3671, visit our website www.slvbhg.org, follow us on facebook and Instagram at @SLVBHG.

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