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The Alamosa Board of Education will be holding a meeting to further discuss reopening plans and policies on August 3 at 7 p.m.

Zoom meeting information:

https://zoom. us/j/5051891882

Community Convening

ALAMOSA — SLV Health invites interested parties to participate in a community convening on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, from 1:00 -2:30 p.m. This meeting provides an opportunity to review the health priorities established during SLVH's 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment. Please call 719-589-1209 or emaildonna. wehe@slvrmc.org before the virtual meeting.



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Two assaults occur within about one block By KEITH R. in the 700 block of Hunt stable condition.

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ALAMOSA - Two incidents of assault Friday with a knife or another blunt instrument within about three hours and within about a block of each other sent one man to the hospital with a serious injury and resulted in felony charges against the perpetrator.

Alamosa Police Chief Ken Anderson said the first incident near the alley in the 700 block of State Avenue happened about 10:30 a.m. and resulted in a serious knife wound to the arm of the victim in an apparent fight over a bicycle. The second incident involved two female suspects about 1:50 p.m. Avenue.

That pair suffered superficial knife wounds, one to the abdomen and the other to her left hand. The victim declined to press criminal charges and a waiver of prosecution was signed, according to Anderson.

In the first incident, Paul Mankin, 63, of Alamosa is facing felony charges for assaulting 37-year-old Nicholas Goodman from Minnesota, who faces misdemeanor charges. He was taken to SLV Health emergency room for a large laceration to his arm and was later flown out on Flight for Life due to the serious nature of the injury and was reported in serious but

Chief Anderson said the incident apparently happened in the backyard at 509 Eighth Street. Police officers found Goodman bleeding profusely and applied a tourniquet until EMS arrived.

APD officers were summoned to the second incident for a possible stabbing on Hunt Avenue. Upon arrival, officers observed a female party who was later identified as Rachael Estrada, 36, of Alamosa with a stab wound to her left hand. A second female identified as Caelen Phipps, 31, of Alamosa was found with a stab wound to the abdominal area.

Anderson said both parties were transported to SLV Health where they were treated for superficial wounds and released. It is unknown at this time why and how this altercation took place, the chief said.



Courtesy photo Crime scene markers are shown at the alley on the 700 block of State Avenue from a reported stabbing incident about 10:30 a.m. Friday. APD collected photos and blood evidence on scene. The studded collar shown was said to have been used by a passerby to apply tourniquet pressure to the victim who suffered a serious slash to the forearm.

Frequently asked questions Friday

As of Friday the SLV had

- 12 known active cases. Alamosa: 7
 - Conejos: 0
 - Costilla: 0 Mineral: 0
- Rio Grande: 5 Saguache: 0

See more data, here: slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19

Friday FAQ: Q. What do "active" cases

A. Active cases are individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and are still completing isolation requirements. They are being actively supported by Public Health.

Q. What is the status of outbreaks in the San Luis Valley?

A. Almost all of the outbreaks in the SLV have been resolved. New cases are not outbreak-related, but rather a reflection of community spread.

Q. When do I need to wear a mask?

A. According to Executive Order D 2020 138, individuals who are 11 years of age or up need to wear a covering over their noses and mouths when entering or moving within any public indoor space, or while using or waiting to use public (buses, lightrail) or non-personal (taxis, car services, ride-shares) transportation services.

People who do not have to wear a mask include those who are 10 years old and younger and people who cannot medically tolerate a face covering (see next question).

See more: https://covid19.colorado.gov/mask-

Q. What if I can't wear a mask, but I need to go out in public?

A. If you cannot wear a mask due to a specific disability or condition that prevents you from functioning while wearing one, try wearing a scarf, loose face covering, or full face shield. If that is not possible, you should follow other public health recommendations

COVID-19 and find out what accommodations the public facility you wish to visit has in place before going. These may include:

Special opening times when fewer people will be present and social distancing is possible.

Ordering online or by phone with curbside pick-up or no contact de-

livery Waiting in a car for an appointment and entering the building

when called or texted Offering appointments by telephone or

video calls. For more about the ADA and mask policies, see this website: http://www. adasoutheast.org/ada/ publications/legal/adaand-face-mask-policies.

Q. I'm worried about my child getting CO-VID if I send them back to in-person learning. How do I make this decision?

A. The CDC has issued a helpful tool for parents and caregivers of children to help decide what is best for their family and situation. See the tool here:

https://www.cdc.gov/ coronavirus/2019-ncov/ community/schools-

childcare/decision-tool. html?deliveryName= USCDC_964-DM33876

Q: I want to get a medical condition checked out, but I'm afraid to leave my house. What should I do?

A. Healthcare providers are taking careful precautions to protect patients who need in-person care. Many providers also offer virtual visits, also called "telehealth." Call your medical provider to find out if they offer this

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

pital 719-657-4990 SLVHealth Re-

spiratory Clinic 719-589-2511 ext.

Piñon Flats Campground Changes at Great Sand Dunes

MOSCA-Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve re-opened Piñon Flats Campground on Wednesday, June 17, as part of phase 2 of their reopening plan to further increase recreational access following guidance from the White House, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and state and local public health authorities.

Upon reopening the campground, the park accepted only online payments tions through www.recreation.gov. This business practice ensured the safety of visitors and staff when interacting at the campground. For the remainder of the campground season, the park will continue to request online reservations through the month of October 2020.

Reservations can be made through www.recreation.gov.

The health and safety of our visitors, employees, volunteers, and partners continues to be

paramount. At Great Sand Dunes, our

operational approach is to examine each facility function and service provided to ensure those operations comply with current public health guidance and will be regularly monitored. We continue to work closely with the NPS Office of Public Health using CDC guidance to ensure public facilities and staff workspaces are safe and clean for visitors, employees, partners, and volunteers.

The CDC has offered guidance to help people recreating in parks and open spaces prevent the spread of infectious diseases. We will continue to monitor all park functions to ensure that visitors adhere to CDC guidance for mitigating risks associated with the transmission of COVID-19 and take any additional steps necessary to protect public health.

Details and updates on park operations will continue to be posted on our website, www.nps.gov/grsa, and social media channels. Updates about NPS operations will be posted on www.nps. gov/coronavirus.

Rolling Deep's 26th annual car show



Courier photos by Stephen Jiron

ALAMOSA — Cole Park was the scene for the Rolling Deep car show on Sunday, July 26. Lowrider enthusiasts braved a muggy Sunday afternoon while taking in the automotive bounty.



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Joe Paul Mora

ALAMOSA—Joe Paul Mora 93, went to his heavenly home on July 30, 2020. Joe came into the world on Oct. 27, 1926 son of Jose Pablo Mora and Elveria Romero Mora.

Joe proudly served his country during World War II and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. After he completed his duties in the service, he went on to marry the love of his life Dorothy Garcia on Sept 15, 1945. They shared a long and loving union until his passing. Joe was a devout Christian and member of the River of Life Church for over 60 years. Joe was a member of the American Legion Dicky Springs Post#113, the Elks Post

#1297 and WWII Last Squad. He enjoyed the time he spent with his family, they were his pride and joy. He enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting and working around the house.

He will live on through his loving wife Dorothy Mora, his children Larry Mora, Kenneth (Carmen) Mora, Jacque (Jim) Trujillo, Chris (Rhoda) Mora, and Patrick (Johnnie) Mora. His grandchildren Raquel Buser, Naomi (Chris) Benson, Chuck (Lexi) Mora, Nikki (Larry) Atencio, Deserae Mora, Rosalie (Rick) Sandoval, Will (Traci) Maestas, Jaime Lucero, Marcus (Jane) Trujillo, Matthew (Casey) Trujillo, Derrick Mora, Lenny Mora, Jerica (Irvi) Gonzalez, and Michael Mora. Greatgrandchildren Tessa Buser, Jayden and Carson Mora, Audry and Richard Sandoval, Briana, Marissa and Alan Maestas, Deon, Jordan and Devon Lucero, Riley and Brynley Trujillo, Hazel Trujillo, Dominic, Damian and Angeleigha Mora, Josh and JaeLee Gonzalez. Also survived by his sisters Theresa Romero of Denver, Co. Gloria Oshsner of Gooding, ID. Sister-in-law Josie Mora of Salt Lake City, UT and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Jose was preceded in death by his parents Jose and Elveria Mora and one brother



Ernest Mora. Cremation was chosen and services will be held at a later date. To leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.



ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

Nichele Giron 25 Olathe, CO Limitations On/Unsafe Backing

Phillip Vialpando 54 Alamosa Failed To Present Evidence Of Insurance Upon Request

Vanessa Davis 20 Alamosa Failed To Stop At Stop Sign

Isaiah Valenzuela 17 Alamosa Exhibition Of Speed, Speeding, Careless Driving

Angel Tomas 19 Alamosa False Reporting To Authorities

Jzyiah Gomez 18 Alamosa Speeding, Speed Contests, Exhibition Of Speed

Amanda Ramirez 27 Alamosa Driviers Vision Obstructed Through Required Glass, Failed To Present Evidence Of Insurance Upon Request

Brian Cox 46 Alamosa Shoplifting

Tyler Rogers 32 Antonito Shoplifting

David Winans-Clark 27 Alamosa Disorderly Conduct/Disturbing The Peace, Resisting Or Obstructing An Officer

Amber Sanchez 38 Alamosa Child Abuse, Reckless Endangerment

Steven Schaich 40 Denver, CO DUI- Drugs, Careless Driving

Xavier Medina 22 Center, CO Displayed Expired Number Plates, Drove Vehicle Without Valid Drivers License

Geneieve Montoya 31 Alamosa Operated Unregistered Vehicle, No Registration Card In Vehicle, Failed To Present Evidence Of Insurance Upon Request

Nicholas Mondragon 40 Alamosa DUI, Failed To Notifiy Police Of Accident, Careless Driving, Failed To Present Evidence Of Insurance Upon Request, Failed To Give Information And/Or Aid After Damaging Another Vehicle

Anthony Medina 33 Alamosa Theft, Tampering With Physical Evidence, Obstructing An Officer

San Luis Valley Crimestoppers

If you have information about an unreported or unsolved crime in the an Luis Valley, Crimestoppers pays for information that leads to the arrest of criminal offenders. Citizens may report crimes anonymously and remain eligible for rewards.

Call San Luis Valley Crimestoppers at 589-4111.

Perseid Meteor Shower

Now that July is almost over, the days are getting shorter and the nights are getting longer. So now we can observe the night sky again without having to stay up late, as long as the sky is clear. Amazingly July has been having a lot of rain that we desperately need to get out of the drought we've been in this year. So the rain is welcome!

The Perseid Meteor Shower peaks on the night of Aug. 11/12, but they are visible from July 17 to Aug. 24. The peak is when most are visible, and the Perseids can produce up to 100 meteors per hour. But I think there will be a lot for a few nights before and after the peak. Last year the full moon occurred during the peak, but this year it occurs on Aug. 3. So the last quarter moon is on the 11th making it 10 times dimmer than the full moon. After that the moon will get dimmer as it reaches the New Moon phase on the 18th. So I think viewing will be

They are the result of trails of debris left over

good for the week after

the peak.

from Comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle which completes one full orbit of the Sun every 133 years. The debris streak into our atmosphere at 36 miles per second, then they burn up into a fiery burst of light. It's our best and most exciting meteor

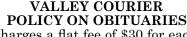
Pre dawn hours are always the best for viewing, but the moon will add some light to the sky. On the peak night the moon won't rise until 1 a.m. and be only 10 percent as bright as the full moon. You'll be able to see a lot of them before going to bed. Look in the NE and you'll see them flying around and up overhead. They'll be fast moving bright streaks.

The reason you can see more meteors in the early morning is because the Earth has rotated, so the night side is now heading into the stream. Before midnight the meteors must catch up with Earth, so they're most numerous from 1 a.m. to 4:30 a.m. You just have to deal with the moon this year, but it will get dimmer as the days progress. 3 a.m. is predicted to be the most active time. That's why I think you'll have a week of good mornings after the 12th. They will rise higher as the morning progresses and be visible high in the

northeast.

On the 19th I got to see Comet NEOWISE. It's now visible in the evening sky. Just look in the NW below the Big Dipper. I took my binoculars out at 9:30 and with them I found the comet. It was bright with a long hazy tail on its upper right. Then I went back out at 9:45 when the sky was darker. The comet had dropped down a little, but was brighter. Then when I looked at the sky without the binoculars I could see it as a faint haze going up to the right below the Big Dipper. So that was an amazing night!

Also Venus swings into its greatest elongation in the morning sky. Just look in the ESE for it, and you will see a very bright planet. So enjoy the planet and the meteor shower! We like to go out and soak in our hot tub while we watch the Perseids in the evening. Then I get up during the night to watch some more.



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3D Archery Shoot

RIO GRANDE COUNTY— The Piedra Bowhunters Archery Club will hold a 3D archery shoot on Sunday, August 9th at the Rock Creek Range (southwest of Monte Vista). Registration will begin at 8:00 AM. Shoot begins at 9:00 AM. \$20 entry fee, \$40 max for family. 30 Targets. Lunch will be available for \$5.00. Social

distancing and masks will be required during registration, lunch and awards ceremony. Volunteers are needed for set-up. Meet at the range on Saturday August 8 at 1:00 PM if you can assist.

Contact Jeff Geiser at 575-309-3198 or Michael Wright at 719-580-3064 for

Spring Fire arson trial update

SAN LUIS — The Spring Fire, allegedly started June 27,2018 5 miles east of Fort Garland by 53-year-old Jesper Joergensen, reportedly exceeded 107,000 acres and destroyed more than 141 homes.

While property owners wait, Joergensen has yet to stand trial. He is slated for a review hearing at 11 a.m. Sept. 14 in Costilla County court. While he was bound over for trial after a lengthy preliminary hearing, his alleged behavior during that trial and subsequent hearings led to a decision that he was incompetent to be tried without treatment.

Joergensen is in custody facing 141 counts of firstdegree arson, as well as a hold by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), since he is a Danish National with an expired



Retired 6th Judicial District Judge Gregory G. Lyman of Durango was set to determine the nature of charges against Joergensen.

Lyman is presiding since all of the 12th Judicial District judges recused themselves after it was learned that a fellow court employee lost a cabin in the fire.

There was no debate at the hearing whether

Joergensen started a fire at his home, a fire that devastated parts of two counties. The question is whether someone can be charged with felonious first-degree arson if he intentionally started a small fire at his residence, a fire that eventually became the third largest wildfire in Colorado history.

Joergensen reportedly first told investigators he was burning some trash that spread to nearby bushes but changed his story to say he had cooked some meat in an underground burn pit, thought the fire was out, went to sleep in a camper and awakened to the smell of smoke. He lost his camper home as the fire

progressed. His dog, who was with him at the time of his arrest, reportedly has found

a new forever home.

Annual drawing for Trinchera Ranch hunting licenses set for Aug. 12

Special drawing set for deer, elk hunting on private

ranch. MONTE VISTA -

The annual drawing by Colorado Parks and Wildlife for the opportunity to hunt big game on the Trinchera Ranch in the San Luis Valley will take place at 1 p.m., Aug. 12 at the Fort Garland-Blanca Community Center.

The drawing, open only to Colorado residents, is for those who would like to hunt doe deer or cow elk on the 170,000-acre private ranch. A total of 15 doe licenses and 15 cow licenses will be drawn; there are usually about 300 people who apply for these licenses. To enter

the drawing you must

fill out an application

in person that morning at the community center between 9 a.m. and noon. Applicants do not have to be present for the drawing but are asked to stay if possible.

A drive-thru will be set up to assure Covid-19 safety for applicants and CPW staff. Everyone must remain in their vehicles and should wear masks when picking up and dropping off their applications. While waiting for the drawing, applicants should remain in or near their vehicles and maintain a physical distance of six feet or more from others. The community center

is located at 17591 U.S. Highway 160 in the town

of Blanca. The drawing will be shown on Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/ CPWMonteVista. Log in at 12:55 p.m. Names of the winners will be posted on the community

center's electronic mes-

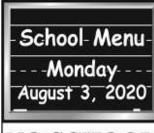
sage board. Those unable

to stay for the drawing can call CPW's Monte

Vista wildlife office for

results, 719-587-6900.

The event will also be broadcast live on local radio station KSLV, 96.5, starting at noon.



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Valley News

Monte Vista resident publishes two books

By REBECCA **COPLEY** MONTE VISTA — Local Monte Vista resident and City Council member Gary Johnson has recently authored and published two books. His latest book entitled, "How to Vote... and Win!" is ready just in time for 2020 voters. "How to vote and win is not about your favorite candidate nor is it about the evil other party candidate. It's about a process, and a process that if you follow, will free you from the stress and bother that usually accompanies an election

the book jacket. When asked what he hopes readers will take away from reading his book, Johnson answered saying, "Just a bigger picture of the whole process. Less of a personal responsibility for what's going on. Because what that evolves into is frustration. Because if you really get the bigger picture you

year," writes Johnson on

understand that there is a part you play in all of this and it's not looking at the graph after the election is over and there is this massive amount of votes that went over here, and some went over there and here's mine. Let me get the magnify(ing) glass. Johnson further shared

about his newest book saying, "It really is a unique perspective and has the potential of doing exactly what says on the back cover of just taking the stress out of this. And it's pretty simple there's a couple of places (in the Bible) one in Philippians it says don't worry about anything another one in 1 Peter that says don't have a care. Worrying doesn't solve anything. We all think it's important to worry but what good does it do?

Johnson shared that he hopes the 52-page book will be able to make a huge impact nationally and make a huge difference for many voters. "This gets away from all the polarization it's just talking about the truth and I really believe it's going to go very big across the country and make a difference," said Johnson sharing, "Our part in the Valley is an important one. When we talk about the grassroots Midwest, this is about as grassroots and down-home, honest, hardworking folks that really care about their country as any that you'll find."

Johnson has also published a fourth edition of his book, "The Love of God." Johnson who has a degree in Bible Theology shared that what caused him to write the book has to do with an important concept called mediation. "We usually don't see much about that and if we do we're thinking Eastern religions. But it's mentioned a lot in scripture three things are mentioned in the Bible that you should be doing with this book (the Bible) and that's reading it, studying it and meditating on it. All three are emphasized throughout,' said Johnson sharing that he was reading the book of Ephesians and meditating on it and that started his book. "My meditation takes place at the computer. I just get inspired and type stuff almost like a journal that I can go back and look at." Johnson shared that when he started writing, "The Love of God," it wasn't for other people or for a book. "I was just doing it because that's what I was lead to do," said Johnson.

The new edition features a leader's guide and a small group study plan that can be obtained through a QR code in the back of the book. The book also features a unique values chart and other discussion questions.

Both of Johnson's books, "How to Vote...and Win!,

Photo by Rebecca Copley

Published author Gary Johnson holding up his books, "How to Vote...and Win!" and the "Love of God." He also holds another book he is working on entitled,

and "The Love of God," can to Vote...and Win!" will be purchased on Amazon be available on this site or found on his website: books.axxiom.org. "How

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Monte Vista Schools prepare for reopening

By REBECCA COPLEY **MONTE VISTA - CO-**

VID-19 caused a very different end of year semester for students all around the globe. As the fall semester approaches many schools are getting their plans in place on how to return to the classroom as safely as possible. Monte Vista School district has recently put forth their plans as they get ready to reopen for this next semester. "Our plan will continue to be a work in progress," stated the district in highlights of their reopening plan as new information changes daily.

opening plan, the school district sent surveys to families in their district and said they tried to think of every possible scenario. Online registration will start on July 29. All parents and guardians will be required to register their children online. The school shared that it will be important to let them know if they

In forming their re-

plan on having their students attend in-person or online. According to the district whatever decision the parents or guardians make they will be required to stay in that option through the first nine weeks. Parents without internet access will be allowed to come to the schools to register.

In-person learning will look different this year as they will be following proper safety protocols. For 6th through 12th graders, there will be a staggered start Aug. 12 and 13. Preschool through 5th grade will start Aug.

For the first quarter, students in grades 3rd-12th will come to school 50/50. With grades 6th-12th being split into groups Mondays and Wednesdays while Tuesdays and Thursdays students in 3rd and 5th grades will be split 50/50 in the morning and afternoon or alternating days. According Wiedemann the district is working with Kids Con-

nection to provide a place for 3rd and 5th-grade students to go when not in session.

Students in preschool to 2nd grade will attend in-person every day. The school shared that they have added more teachers to these grade levels in order to decrease class sizes and follow guidelines.

The school has made clear that remote online learning will be available for any students that do not wish to return to campus with the added safety protocols. The remote online learning will start Aug. 12 same as the in-person classes.

Facemasks for many students will also become another necessary school supply. Cloth face coverings will be required for students ages 11 and older (5th grade to 12th) except during outdoor recess and exercise activities where students can maintain proper distance. Unless or education reason for not wearing a mask they

will be required to do so while indoors.

For students under the age of 10 years old, masks are encouraged. According to the district, if cloth masks are not suited for your child, face shields will be used in the classroom as needed. Students under the age of 10 will also not have to wear masks during outdoor recess and exercise activities.

Staff will be required to wear face coverings while indoors. "I think it's going to be the importance of the staff to make sure that we model good behavior and what we should do and follow what the guidelines are," stated Monte Vista's Superintendent Scott Wiedemann at their last board meeting.

The district will also soon have a detailed transportation plan. For more information and more details about the school's reopening plan the full district reopening to Superintendent Scott the student has a health plan can be found online at: https://ww2.monte.

Administrator Trish Slater resigns

Rio Grande County

By LYNDSIE **FERRELL**

DEL NORTE — Monday, July 27, Rio Grande County Administrator Trish Slater submitted her resignation to the Board of County Commissioners which was accepted by the majority of the board and deemed effective immediately.

Rio Grande County Commissioners entered into an executive session after a brief special meeting Monday to discuss personal issues and after the executive session voted to accept Slater's resignation. "It was a mutual agreement between both parties and was decided that it was just not a good fit for anyone. We are seeking a replacement immediately and may seek an Interim Administrator to get us through until we can find a permanent person to fill the position" said Board Chairman John Noffsker.

Noffsker explained that the county will be seeking someone who has experience in county administrative business and someone with the potential to stay



Trish Slater

for the long term. "It is unfortunate that we find ourselves in this position but regardless of what is going on at this current time we are going to focus on what is best for the county and its constituents."

When contacted, Slater declined to comment. According to Noffsker, Slater will be finishing out the payroll and helping to train additional staff in the office to run technical equipment like the Zoom meetings to make sure that the county runs smoothly until a replacement or Interim Administrator can be found.

Former Costilla undersheriff case sent back for trial

By SYLVIA LOBATO SAN LUIS — Former Costilla County undersheriff Andrew Espinoza was sentenced Jan. 26, 2018, following a four-day trial on wildlife charges. His conviction was vacated March 5 by the Colorado

Court of Appeals. His sentence was overturned and the case was sent back for trial. A trial date was set for Aug. 19, 2020, in Costilla County

Dec. 8, 2017, it took a 12-person district court jury an estimated 12 hours to find Espinoza, 43, guilty of nine felonies and not guilty of three misdemeanors following a four-day trial on wildlife charges.

The matter came before this appellate court on Espinoza's motion to vacate sentence upon reversal of conviction.

The 12th Judicial Dis-

trict considered the motion and the order of the Colorado Court of Appeals dated March 5, 2020, vacating Mr. Espinoza's judgment of conviction, and the grounds for relief set forth therein, it is hereby: Ordered and determined that the sentence imposed by the local court Jan. 26, 2018, was vacated to the date of the reversal of his judgment of conviction,

March 5, 2020. The jury found Espinoza guilty of felony illegal sale or purchase of wildlife, big game, illegal or endangered species. He was found not guilty of criminal attempt to tamper with physical evidence, first-degree official misconduct and wildlife - communicating with electronics.

He also faced a \$5,000 fish and game fine, \$1,800 probation supervision fee and a \$3,330 assessment to the victim's assistance fund.

A felon, Espinoza will not have a right to possess firearms and was ordered to relinquish them within 10 days after the jury verdict.

Espinoza was Costilla County undersheriff when he committed offenses while working on his own as a hunting guide and outfitter.

He was arrested and charged in December 2016 for offenses dating back to Nov. 4, 2014. Part of the complaint is that he allegedly helped his clients hunt on land where they were not permitted.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) investigators began looking into Espinoza in 2014 after stopping a vehicle near La Junta that was carrying several hunters from West Virginia, the warrant says. In their truck, authorities found four sets of mule deer antlers and several bags of meat but discovered proper regulations had not been followed.

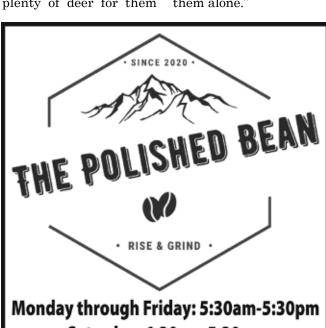
According to the warrant, the hunters told officers they had been hunting in San Luis with a man named "Andy Espinoza" of A&A Outfitters, who was also the undersheriff of Costilla County.

After an extended period of follow-up work, Colorado wildlife officials then began working with Indiana Department of Natural Resources detectives in May 2016 on an undercover operation targeting Espinoza, the warrant shows.

An Indiana detective contacted Espinoza, who allegedly said he charged \$4,500 per person for an all-inclusive guided hunt whether it was for deer or elk. Espinoza also told the undercover detective that he was undersheriff of Costilla County.

"Espinoza told (the detective) that there were plenty of deer for them to hunt, but a problem would be getting a tag," the warrant says. "Espinoza explained that the state does it by draw and he would look some stuff up.'

When the undercover officers arrived in Colorado to meet Espinoza for the hunt in November, the warrant states, Espinoza admitted that the deer license he had instructed them to buy was effectively invalid. The warrant says Espinoza told them, "the game warden knew what vehicles (Espinoza) drove and that the game warden knew what vehicles (Espinoza) drove and that the game warden would leave them alone."



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Opinion

What happy place?

Waking at midnight, I push away the curtain on the back door to see one cat sleeping on the wrought iron bistro chair cushioned with a towel. Just beyond the railing of the deck, hollyhocks all but dance in the moonlight shredded by the young quak-

ing aspen growing fifteen feet away. The lawn is freshly mowed and the security light on the back deck illumes the yard sculptures placed randomly near the lilacs and fencing. They are the remnants of a Master's thesis project long ago but which are feet.



but whisper of creativity and soul strength. I take a seat in the chair after cradling the cat who has stretched and asked to be picked up. The stars abound and the orbiting space station still blinks at earth. My dog appears with his tennis ball in his mouth and I select the mouthy ball for a toss or two.

Where or what is your happy place? (Write me at columnsbynellie@gmail. com) The Centers for Disease Control and the depression center at the University of Michigan recommend keeping your routine as much as possible, especially during this pandemic. Other experts recommend minute vacations where you breathe deeply and recall a physical place where joy and happiness rest with you. These are interesting and difficult

times, for sure. Navigating the throws of uncertainty is a challenge but remembering this pandemic as temporary and that situations will return somehow settles and restores hope. More than that, my hope is that America will gain its footing as a leader and bringer of facts not falsehoods. There is hope that this nation will hold tight to its long record of asking what we can do for others and extending safe havens to the oppressed.

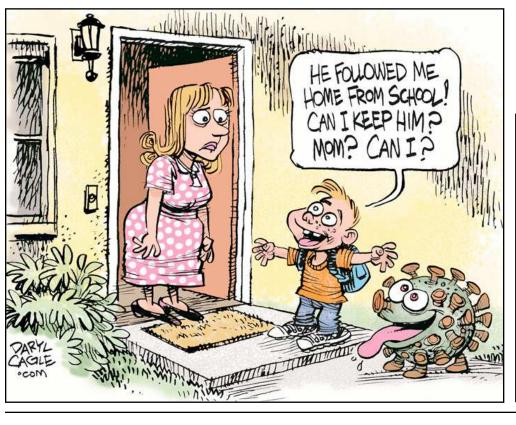
Taking the late senator John Lewis calls to get into "good trouble" when unfairness spins biases and hatred is a call to action has the makings of a happy place. It's a call to change what you can or help change as you can. It's understanding the minute vacation and jumping forward to prevent a return of oppression, like that during World War II, and lifting the veil that keeps people from understanding news events.

If we do not strive to keep our democracy and so let it wave beyond us into the ocean of depravity, then we have become the oppressor, as well. What will our happy place be if we do not have our freedom of speech or newspapers that print facts or broadcasts that ask the questions of people in power? Will it be a happy United States where you want to live and breathe? Or will it be a law and order wasteland where a military state decides on whims who is guilty or not? Who lives or dies? What happens when we close our eyes to the injustices and the destruction of civil liberties? What might smack of law and order is merely a rouse, a ploy to persuade apathy and acceptance of racism, sexual depravity and bullying from the highest office in

the land.

We must vote to save our happy place; we must vote to stand with democracy and oust a wannabe dictator. We must stand with democracy and the constitution thereby upholding the people's right to know with unbiased journalism and broadcast news. The news is not our enemy; the people who vie to give our country to authoritarian rule and thus install state-run news factories are the enemies of the state, enemies of

democracy.
Voting and expressing yourself to your representatives in the House and Senate are the measures we can act on. Vote for your happy place. Breathe deep, embrace democracy



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Colonization of the American West and its influence on Southwest pottery

This week I've been longing to engage in my own art therapy: throwing pots on the ceramic wheel. This led me to seeking out more information

on the pottery of the southwest I hear so much about, here in the San Luis Valley. While story is a rich example of the resilience and adaptability of indigenous cultures, it is also one of commercialization and exploitation by colonists.

The early 1800's were brutal for indigenous communities, as they had been for centuries. White settlers continued to encroach upon indigenous lands, regularly ignoring a given treaty's terms. Additionally, the transcontinental railroad had made great progress; connecting the country and creating new leisure activities for the elite.

The Traditional Fine Arts Organization (TFAO) is 'a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering education in American art through advocacy, publication and research.' An exhibit titled 'Pueblo Clay, America's first pottery,' is published on the organization's webpage. The exhibit describes how the indigenous peoples of the southwest, particularly the Pueblos of New Mexico, were advertised as tourist attractions.

"For example, the Santa Fe Railroad created an advertising campaign based on native arts. Railway travelers who stopped at various

train stations on the way west became customers of the local native crafters, especially of those who made pottery.

"During this period, direct sales
to tourists became a muchneeded financial resource
for American Indians. This
was then, the point of
transition from functional
pottery to pottery as commodity."

Paired with the railroads' construction was the legislation taking place at the same time. A PBS history program titled 'New perspectives on the West,' published on the PBS webpage, describes intentional political action aimed at financially and culturally damaging indigenous communities.

In 1883, a group who called themselves "Friends of the Indian," met in New York to develop a strategy to essentially force indigenous peoples into mainstream American life. Just a few years later in 1887 Congress passes the Dawes Severalty Act; imposing a system of private land ownership onto indigenous communities.

For centuries, indigenous communities had been practicing an intimate tradition of communal land ownership. However, at this point in time, individual tribes are already struggling with the loss of stolen lands and some with the extinction of the buffalo – due to white hunters and the railroad construction. This

Act enticed individual indigenous peoples with the lure of up to 160 acres of land, coupled with full U.S. citizenship. Subsequently tribes were pitted against one another and age-old relationships were destroyed.

All of this left indigenous communities struggling to support themselves. Swarms of tourists began pouring into the region and created a market for indigenous creators. Later on, the creation of the automobile and Route 66 furthered this interaction. Markets for indigenous arts became so popular, traders began acting as liaison between indigenous community.

nities and tourists.

The TFAO site states "In fact, traders often initiated designs and marketed specific types of wares that they thought would sell, thereby directly influencing the designs and types of objects that Native people produced." It was in this way the integrity of indigenous designs was compromised – so a profit could be made off of White settler's preference. While a rich variety of indigenous pottery forms and designs do exist, they were not encouraged by this new consumer base.

This article was informed by the following sources:

-TFAO's exhibit, 'Pueblo Clay, America's First Pottery'

-PBS' 'New Perspectives on the

Valley Stuff

Life is good in the neighborhood of LODA! I say this even as there are police cars everywhere as I write this. Can't even begin to tell you how many sirens we have heard today—both police and ambulance!

I'm hearing rumors of stabbings, so I'm guessing maybe some low-lives are fighting over drugs. Life goes on, right?

I didn't print up pictures of the suspected little thieves of my little yellow truck, because the guy has already been identified.

He is somewhere around the age of 15-16.

Through the 'grapevine' I hear this young man is now a runaway, which makes me sad. I wouldn't wish that on any parent. I can only hope that he comes back, confesses, and makes restitution.

I would even work with him, and her, if I thought they wanted to change their ways. Doesn't hurt to hope.

It is pretty neat to have so many folks honk and wave when they see that my truck is back. I even had a call from a friend in Del Norte this morning(Friday), wondering if I had my truck back because he noticed one up there. And just now, afternoon, another friend saw one in the Safe-

way parking lot. I hope those other folks with little yellow trucks aren't harassed too much!

My flowers are looking fabulous if I do say so myself.

We are now cutting back the Iris and maybe dividing some that didn't do well this last year. Some I am just going to lift them a little, to where the rhizomes can breather, and maybe add a little bone meal. I'm going to be

digging some of the small Echinops from in front of the store and see if I can carefully transplant them to Mom's Garden.

Drive by the Green Spot
(you can even come in for a
free cup of coffee) and take a look at the
Echinops—a/k/a Blue Globe Thistle.

It is really beautiful this year, especially with the combination of the perennial Four O'clocks, and annuals we have planted. Can you tell I am

Our duplex is starting to get back where we can be proud.

Some plants/shrubs just took over the past few years but with the help of Dani, the pruning has been done, and we will transplant even more out of there, to Mom's Garden. I am now feeling my Mom looking down and showing me a smile, knowing how hard we have worked in this garden. Can you tell I am proud?

In years past, the 'dead' area (by MG) between the sidewalk and the road has always had weeds. They start out so tiny(right)...and before you turn around they are six inches or more. Every Fourth of July and Labor Day weekend I was out there weeding, weeding to make it look nice for out-of-town visitors. A couple of years ago, I started spraying Weed Impede, a seed inhibitor and I have to tell you, I love that product! With all the rain last week, I sprayed the 'dead' area and also the area between the flower bed and the sidewalk. I would much rather work on flowers, I treated myself to my year's wages and had Cory Malmberg, with Bad Mountain Tree Trimming, work on my trees at home. What a difference! It makes such a difference. Remember, I work for almost non-existent wages. Both Cory and Joe Reynolds Tree Service do a great job on trees. Both are quite busy. Plan ahead and get

on their schedules.

Ruthie Brown

Valley Stuff

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My dream would be that the City of Alamosa and Trinidad State Junior College would hire these guys and get the trees trimmed on Main St. Its way past due!! The

ash trees that have outlived their lifetime, need to go. If my memory serves me right, I was told over 20 years ago that the Ash trees downtown had another 6 years in them. This was by a CSU professor, who was teaching a Master Gardening Class at the time. Drive downtown and take a look and you will see what I mean.

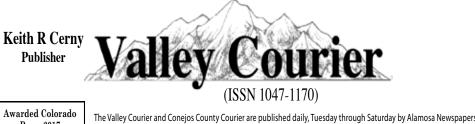
I decided that I would offer my services to the City of Alamosa to spray the lawn in front of the Police Station. And then I would donate the fertilizer and even spread it.

I would even spray the lawn two or three times if that is what it takes to get rid of the weeds. Do you think they will take me up on my offer?

Please add my old friend Elaine Martinez, to your prayer list. She sure could use some relief from her pain.

In closing, if you would like to participate in the Zoom meeting for Fidella and Terry Gibbs, owners of the Campus Café, come by and take a picture of the 'call numbers'—if that is what they are called.

Over 50 numbers, signs, capitols and small letters, etc. to go to court for their reckless endangerment citation. You might want to start typing in the letters on Sunday, just to get it right. For the record, I hate Zoom meetings, and I think it's time to start holding meetings in person again—just my humble opinion!



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Lifestyle

Rio Grande Farm Park pilots Farm-to-Pantry program

Farmers are providing fresh produce to various Alamosa food pantries to reach increased demand

ALAMOSA - The Rio Grande Farm Park (RGFP) is piloting a new Farm to Pantry project, thanks to generous support from the Colorado Health Foundation. This partnership will provide fresh, local produce at no cost to various food pan-

tries in Alamosa. The idea for this project arose during the 2019 Rural Philanthropy Days event hosted by the Community Resource Center. The then-director of the Rio Grande Farm Park, Julie Mordecai, was inspired by former Farm Manager Jesse Marchildon declaring that food is a right and that every person ought to have easy access to truly healthy food--free of cost. The RGFP Farmers Co-op, a collaborative organization of the farmer incubators beginning their businesses at the Park, signed on to help make the vision a reality. It will meet two goals for the Co-op: create greater self-sufficiency for RGFP farmers through access to new markets, while also providing fresh, nutritious food to those whose access is limited. This also meets a need recognized by the Food Bank, whose clients

valuable items the Food Bank could provide. Funding from the Colo-

identified fresh fruits and

vegetables as the most

rado Health Foundation is providing participating farmers with stipends to grow this extra produce.

Over the course of the next two years, \$48,000 worth of produce grown by the RGFP Farmer's Co-op will be donated to organizations serving the SLV. Partners for this project include the Food Bank Network of the San Luis Valley, Boys and Girls Club of the San Luis Valley, Adams State Food Pantry, and the San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center.

While the inspiration for this project came long before COVID-19 took hold, its relevance has been underlined in the wake of the global pandemic. The program's partners have all seen an uptick in the need to provide food to their clients. As supply chains have been interrupted, supermarkets and grocery stores have faced challenges in consistently sourcing the products people are accustomed to. The San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition is honored to be taking part in a resurgence of local food networks. By connecting consumers directly to farmers, the Coalition hopes that a higher value is placed on local food, and our food system becomes more resilient. In doing so, the community can

Pantry program for years to come.

If you are interested in receiving fresh produce at no cost through this program, determine which food pantry partner best

suits your needs:
-For students, staff, and faculty of Adams State University, RGFP produce will be available at ASU's food pantry, open Monday through Friday from noon to 1 PM.

-For children and teens, the Boys and Girls Club of the SLV will be providing RGFP produce through

their programming.
-For clients of the SLV Immigrant Resource Center, RGFP produce will be available through the RGFP's new on-site farm stand which will be open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 3 PM to 7 PM. Contact the IRC for more details.

-For anyone in need, RGFP produce will be distributed through the Alamosa Food Bank, open Monday through Friday from noon to 4 PM.

To support RGFP farmers in these efforts, you can purchase produce from RGFP's new on-site Farm Stand at 6395 CO-Hwy 17. It will be open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3 pm to 7 pm. Please remember to wear your mask and obey the posted COVID-19 safety guidelines.



support the RGFP Farm to

Motorists can expect lengthy traffic delays in east Alamosa

ocated gas line was work zone. hit during construction activity for the US 160 and CO 17 intersection improvement project on the east side of Alamosa. Motorists are urged to be prepared for full traffic stops and lengthy delays through the night and possibly tomorrow. Travelers are also advised to follow traffic flow guidance and/or directions for possible detours from

ALAMOSA— An un- flagging personnel at the include:

Gas utility workers are enroute to the project work site to repair the broken gas line.

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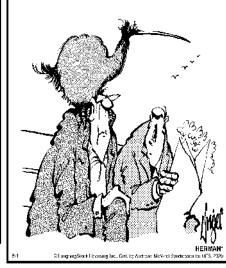
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"He's probably taking a breather on his way north."

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

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Previous Solution: "It's funny when guys don't like to talk about makeup. I'm like, 'You know you're wearing makeup, right? We all are." - Jon Hamm

Business owner struck dumb by customer's bigoted rant

small business owner. My The problem is, the ofstore has local (repeat) and fice is about a 40-minute one-time customers. The other day, while checking out, one of my local custom- the provider because the ers spewed out a verbal and extremely bigoted rant. I was stunned speechless. I who is 10 minutes away felt I should do something, but I wasn't sure what it should be. I have started the original doctor to let losing sleep over it. If it happens again, should I the practice? Write a note? remain silent and keep the Leave it alone? What is the peace, or stand up for all Americans and lose this customer and probably more? -- FREAKED OUT IN FLORIDA

DEAR FREAKED OUT: To paraphrase a well-known saying, "All that's necessary for evil to flourish is for good men to ignore it and say nothing." If the rant your bigoted customer spewed was aimed at another shopper, you had a responsibility to protect the victim of the onslaught. In the future, it would not be out of line to state firmly that you don't want that kind of talk in

your establishment. While doing that may (or may not) lose you a few customers, you would at least be able to sleep better than you're sleeping now.

P.S. It may also GAIN you some customers once word gets around.

DEAR ABBY: I have been with the same doctor

for 15 years, only requir-

DEAR ABBY: I am a ing an annual checkup. drive, longer if I hit a rush hour. I have stayed with care is so good. However, I recently found a doctor and provides the same quality of care. Do I call them know I am leaving proper protocol? -- GOOD **PATIENTIN MICHIGAN**

> DEAR PATIENT: Contact your long time doctor's office and ask either that your medical records be sent to your new doctor's office, or they be readied for you to pick up so you can deliver them yourself. In light of the fact that you have had a 15-year relationship with "Longtime Doctor," it would be nice if you wrote a letter thanking him/her for taking such good care of you all these years and explain that the commute has become more than you can now handle, which is why you are leaving.

DEAR ABBY: I was sitting around bored with nothing to do and started thinking about my classmates from 1960. I hadn't seen or heard from some of them in more than 55 years, so I decided to call them and found all but two.

Boy, was it ever worth it! Most of the conversa-



ABIGAIL Van Buren

tions lasted 30 minutes or more. I enjoyed hearing their voices and reminiscing about old times. I couldn't believe how quickly the day went by. It made me feel great, and I hope it did the same for them. When I told them why I

was calling, some of them thought it was such a good idea they were going to do it too. Maybe others will want to consider this. Try it. It's worth it. -- CATCH-ING UP IN WISCONSIN

DEAR CATCHING UP: What you did was wonderful. Many people have been using this quarantine period to reconnect with longlost friends, and I highly recommend it. There's no surer cure for the blues -- or boredom -- than reaching out to others. Thank you for an upper of a letter.

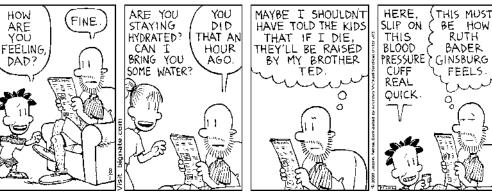
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Saturday, August 1, 2020

8 am-Noon Set Up – Selected Groups*
10-11 am Mandatory Livestock Exhibitors' Meeting 11 am-Noon Horse Exhibitors' Test

Sunday, August 2, 2020

SOFTBALL FIELDS 8-9 am 4-H Dog Check

In 9 am 4-H Dog Show LIVESTOCK PAVILLION

4 pm Dairy Goat Judging Followed by Milking Competition

6 pm Mike Kelley Memorial Open Barrow Show

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1-3 pm Dairy Goat Check In Breeding Livestock Check In Barrows for Barrow Show Check In

Monday, August 3, 2020

NAZARENE GYM 8-11 am 4-H/FFA Project Check In

9 am-2 pm 4-H/FFA Project Judging ARENA

8-8:30 am Horse Check In 9 am 4-H Horse Show

LIVESTOCK PAVILLION

9 am Breeding Beef Show/ Dairy Calf

pm Breeding Sheep Show

3 pm Production Meat Goat Show

5 pm Breeding Swine Show 5:30 pm Swine Showmanship

MCMULLEN BUILDING 7-11 am Poultry Check In

pm Poultry Judging

9-11 am Market Swine Check in/Weigh in

8 pm Poultry Check out BŘEEDINĞ STOCK MUST CHECK OUT BY 9 PM

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

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8-8:30 am Horse Check In

9 am 4-H Working Ranch Horse Show

LIVESTOCK PAVILLION

2 pm Market Lamb Show Followed by Lamb Showmanship 5:30 pm Market Swine Show

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8-10 am Market Lamb Weigh In/ Check in 10am- 12 pm Market Goat Weigh In/ Check in

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

NAZARENE GYM

10 am-12 pm. Pick up Indoor Project that don't make State Fair

8 am 4-H Gymkhana The Horse Awards Ceremony will be held after completion of the Gymkhana in the Arena

LIVESTOCK PAVÍLLION

9-11 am Market Goat Show followed by Goat Showmanship

3-5 pm Market Beef Check in

Thursday, August 6, 2020

LIVESTOCK PAVILLION

9 am Market Beef Show followed by Beef Showmanship RELEASE OF NON-SALE ANIMALS MAY BEGIN AFTER LAST SHOW. NON-SALE ANIMALS MUST BE OUT OF MCMULLEN BUILDING BY 6 PM THURSDAY AUGUST 6, 2020

Friday, August 7, 2020

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4 pm Sale Poultry back in pens

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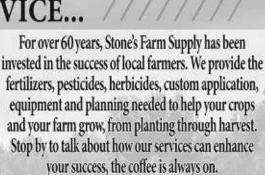
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Drought impacting pasture and rangeland worse in Southern Colorado

COLORADO - Pasture the U.S. Drought Monitor. and rangeland conditions in the Western part of the county were above average in 2019, following a cool wet spring across much of the region. But as with so many things, 2020 tells a different story. And it's not a good story.

As of July 7, 2020, 49 percent of the continental U.S. is experiencing drought to some degree. This is up significantly from last year, and up from a reported 24 percent at the beginning of 2020. Roughly two-thirds of the Western U.S. is experiencing some form of drought, with key cattle regions some of the worst hit.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 95 percent of Colorado is experiencing some level of drought conditions. While 37 percent of Colorado mostly in the southern half of the state is in an extreme drought.

July 21 the Del Norte river gauge for the Rio Grande reported the river flow was only 330 cubic feet per second (CFS) which is approximately 900 CFS below the 121 year average for that date. At the Lobatos river gauge in Conejos County, the Rio Grande's flow was only 40.7 CFS with the 120

The worst concentration of drought is centered on the Southern part of Colorado, stretching into the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandle. Over 95 percent of Colorado is under some form of drought, with almost 40 percent of the state experiencing "extreme" drought

As a result of longstanding drought conditions, USDA reports that at least 44 percent of the state is experiencing "poor to very poor" pasture and rangeland conditions.

U.S. Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO) cosponsored S. 3893, bipartisan legislation that would allow the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to authorize emergency having and grazing on land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) during a pandemic like COVID-19. The Pandemic Authority Suitable To Utilize Reserve Easements (PASTURE) Act was introduced by U.S. Senators John Thune (R-SD) and Tina Smith (D-MN).

"Farmers and ranchers in Colorado have faced many challenges because of the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, including a delay from shipping livestock to be

additional grazing, but they have been working around the clock to keep our nation's food supply secure," said Senator Gardner. "This bipartisan bill will provide for the opportunity for much-needed relief and assistance to Colorado's vital agriculture industry.'

We are experiencing a global health pandemic, and farmers and ranchers are feeling the economic impact," said Senator Thune of South Dakota. "Our bill is straightforward—allowing emergency haying and grazing would help producers ensure adequate forage for the livestock they are having to keep longer than expected due to low prices and meat processing capacity shortfalls resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. My hope is that this will provide our ag economy, South Dakota's top industry, with much-needed assistance at

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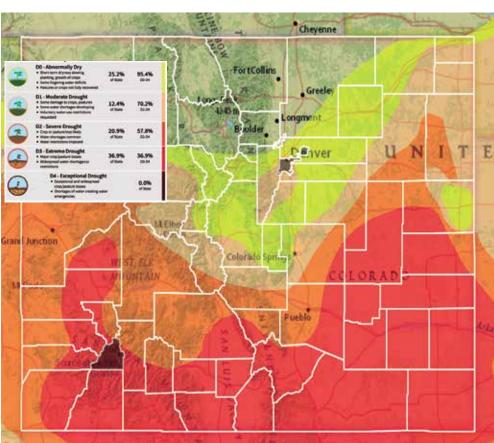
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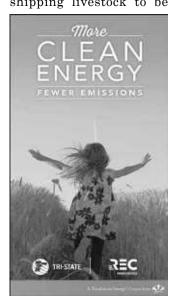
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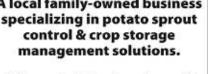
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BRADBURY STAMM CONTRACTORS, INC., the Construction Manager General Contractor for this project, requests subcontractor proposals and qualifications for the following project: NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT CENTAURI HIGH SCHOOL REPLACEMENT

Project Description: Proposals will be accepted for all trades Project Site Address: 17889 US Highway 285, La Jara, CO 81140 Proposals and qualifications will be accepted until 2:00 PM MST on August 20, 2020. DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers are strongly encouraged to respond. Proposals and qualifications will be accepted

Electronic Copies to: bids@bradburystamm.com

Bidding documents are available upon request via email to bids@ bradburystamm.com. A non-mandatory pre-bid will be held on August 06, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the Project Site (in the south parking lot). Direct any questions to Bradbury Stamm Contractors at (505)

Published in the Valley Courier on July 25, 29, August 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, and 19, 2020.

Improvement District No. 2 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation Grande Water Conservation District offices are currently closed to the public because of preventive measures to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, therefore, this meeting will be held by Zoom teleconference only. The public may participate and listen in to the meeting by dialing in to the Zoom Meeting/teleconference. To join please call either number: 1-346-248-7799 or 1-669-900-6833, enter the Meeting ld: 880 6734 0172##, and wait for the meeting to begin. There is no charge for this call. This meeting is open to the public Published in the Valley Courier on August 1, 2020.

The next quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers for Special Improvement District No. 6 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District is set for August 4, 2020 and will begin at 1:30 p.m. The Rio Grande Water Conservation District offices are currently closed to the COVID-19, therefore, this meeting will be held by Zoom teleconfer ence only. The public may participate and listen in to the meeting by dialing in to the Zoom Meeting/teleconference. To join please call either number: 1-346-248-7799 or 1-669-900-6833, enter the Meeting ld: 849 8400 9757##, and wait for the meeting to begin. There is no charge for this call. This meeting is open to the public No. 1571 Published in the Valley Courier on August 1, 2020.

In accordance with the provisions of C.R.S. 37-45-114 (Appointmen of Board of Directors), notice is hereby given that applications will be accepted by the District Court of Conejos County, Colorado (PO Box 128, Conejos, CO 81129) within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice, for the positions of directors of the Alamosa-La Jara

percent in Alamosa County, and ten percent in Rio Grande County. To date, the district court has received three applications from Conejos County property owners, one from an Alamosa County property owner, and one from a Rio Grande County property owner. The acting director of the district has requested that the court appoint a total of five (5) directors as a reorganized Board. Applications/resumes shall be sent to the court at its address above

stated. Applicants must have resided in the district for not less than one year, must be an owner of real property within the district, and must be an owner of real property within the particular county which In addition, prospective applicants should have backgrounds reflect

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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. 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 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS 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 con-

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kruggles@center.k12.

co.us.(8/11)

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ustractor.com.(8/21) 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.

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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)

COUNTY Public Health

Agency (CCPHA) is look-

ing 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 Didirect 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 accred-

ited 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/pa-

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(8/11)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. Interaction with inmates required. Must be 21 years of age, pass background investigation and 5 panel drug test, including testing for marijuana required. Inmate interaction required. \$14.57/per hour. Pick up and submit applications to Human Resources 925 6th Street, Room 200, Del Norte, CO 81132. Applications also available online at www.riograndecounty.

HELP WANTED

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 subemployment application https://ww2.monte.k12. co.us/employment-opportunities.html, by August 12, 2020, or until the position is filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996.(8/21)

MONTE VISTA **SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for an Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional at Bill Metz Elementary. The person in this position will work one-to-one with a student. For a complete list of desired qualifications and experience, visit the district web site. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, 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.

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

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

HELP WANTED

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

SCHOOL District is currently seeking a parttime media teacher/librarian. Applicant must possess or qualify for a state teaching license OR have an issued state substitute license or qualify for one. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to apply@southconejos. com. Applications will be accepted until August 3rd, 2020.(8/1)

MOUNTAIN RIVER CREDIT Union is seeking full-time and parttime 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 superintendent, the director will perform all duties and responsibilities involved the overall management and safe operation of the school district facilities, grounds, maintenance, and custodial department; and other related work as required. OUALIFICA-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 or emailed to garouttet@valley.k12.co.us. For more information, please call Travis Garoutte at 719-

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

655-0268.(8/14)

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

THE DEL NORTE Jr/Sr High School is accepting applications for a fulltime 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@ 657 - 4040 ext 1001 for more information.(8/14)

DEL NORTE ELE-MENTARY 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@urtigers.co; or call 719-657-4030. The position will be open until filled. Please pick up an application at the District Office or on-line at dncsd.org. (8/14)MONTE VISTA

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accepting applications for an Elementary Paraprofessional. This is a full-time position. For a complete list of desired qualifications and experience, visit the district web site. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitemployment application https://ww2.monte. k12.co.us/employmentopportunities.html, by August 2, 2020, or until the position is filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996.

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) THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL District is

accepting applications at Alamosa High School, Ortega Middle School and Alamosa Elementary 3-5 for the following positions: Building Night Janitors. Applications are available online at https:// www.alamosa.k12.co.us. For more information. contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline August 1, 2020. EOE.(8/1) LOCAL PORTABLE

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ing applications for a Junior High Football coach. Applications can be downloaded at www. sanfordschools.org. Sanford School is an EOE & E.(8/8)DISTRICT is accept-

ing applications for a High School Volleyball coach. Applications can be downloaded at www. sanfordschools.org. Sanford School is an EOE & THE DEL NORTE Jr/ SR High School is accepting applications for a full-time Physical Educa-

tion Teacher. The position would include Junior School Strength and Conditioning class. To apply please visit dncsd.org to download the application and submit completed urtigers.co or cal 719-657-4040 ext 1001 for more information.(8/7)

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

SAGUACHE COUNTY,

COLORADO, is seek-

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

Saguache County Ad-

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

diesel mechanics. Email edgarenterpriseinc@ gmail.com for application or pick up at Everything Auto and Diesel, 701 Špruce, La Jara.(8/4) SALES POSITION

AVAILABLE. Must have own transportation. Call Ztec Construction 719-992-1396.(8/1) HIRING JOURNEY-

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THE SAGUACHE COUNTY Land Use Office is accepting ap-Saguache County Code Enforcement Officer. Applicants must have a valid Colorado Divers License, must pass a criminal background check as well as a pre-employment drug test. Applications will be accepted until filled. Applications and job descriptions may be found on www.saguachecounty.net or may be emailed to you, please contact April Quintana at 719-655-2231. Saguache County is an equal opportunity employer.(8/7) 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 equipment. Call 719-588-0207(TFN-6/27)

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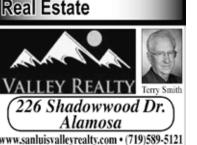
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