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Today **Blood**

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Drives

Three blood drives will be taking place in the San Luis Valley, with social distancing guidelines in

The following is a list of upcoming blood drives in the San Luis Valley:

- Monte Vista Community Blood Drive: June 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the LDS Church
- Conejos County Community Blood Drive: June 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the SLV Health La Jara Clinic
- Alamosa Community Blood Drive: June 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the LDS Church, located at 927 Weber Drive in Alamosa...
- To make an appointment online or for more information on blood donor eligibility, frequently asked questions about blood donations during this pandemic, and the most up-to-date donor information, please go to Vitalant's website at www. vitalant.org.



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SLV WEATHER



Wind Gusts 69/32

Wed: Sunny 80/37

Thur: Sunny 84/42

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Alleged shooter released on bail **Staff Report**

ALAMOSA — While participating in a peaceful protest on the evening of June

4, 27-year-old James Marshall allegedly shot a man in his vehicle as he drove by. Marshall was released on bail from Alamosa County jail last week.

Hours after the incident at Main Street, approximately 8:40 p.m., Alamosa Police Department placed Marshall into custody. Marshall was charged with attempted 2nd Degree murder, 1st Degree assault, reckless endangerment, felony menacing, criminal mischief, illegal discharge of a firearm and prohibited use of a

The victim has since been identified as 49-year-old Canon City resident, Danny Pruitt. Pruitt was initially treated at San Luis Valley Health for a gunshot wound and was later flown to UC Health Memorial in Colorado Springs. According to Pruitt's niece, Alyssa Hatcher, he is stable condition. Doctors will be monitoring his recovery over the next

On June 6, Hatcher created a GoFundMe campaign for the Pruitt family.

Pruitt is reportedly a disabled veteran, father to a young daughter. So far the Go-FundMe campaign's

\$100,000 goal has been met and exceeded. To donate, visit: https:// www.gofundme.com/f/ disabled-veteranshot-in-back-of-headby-protester?utm_ source=facebook&utm_ medium=social&utm_ campaign=p_cp+sharesheet.

Protests have erupted nationwide in response to the murder of George Floyd at the hands of the Minneapolis Police. While across the country many protests have become violent, the handful of Alamosa protests have remained peaceful, until June 5.

Local organizer, Emily, expressed the protesting commu-





Left, James Marshall will be due in court for charge filing on June 15th. Right, shooting victim Danny Pruitt remains in hospital care in Colorado Springs.

nity's outrage at Marshall's unnecessary, violent actions: "The grassroots movement, which organized the events that took place in Alamosa, does not condone this violence," she said. "The man who performed this unimaginable action does not reflect the values of myself or

any of the other attendees."

Protestors on June 4 did not recognize Marshall, uncertain he had been present at previous demonstrations. Emily recalls noticing something "odd" about Marshall's demeanor.

■ See MARSHALL

ASU of 2020 called to use their persistence and resilience to build a more just and inclusive world

ALAMOSA — In the nearly 100 years Adams State University has been awarding diplomas, the 2020 Virtual Commencement Ceremony on June 6, was perhaps the most heartfelt. A combination of both live performances and speeches as well as special video messages brought on a surge of social media engagement as the Adams State Class of Spring 2020 received their degrees.

"It is truly an honor to join you in celebrating this extraordinary accomplishment under extraordinary circumstances," said Daneya Esgar, chair of the Colorado Legislature's Joint Budget Committee who served as the commencement keynote speaker. Esgar and Colorado Gov. Jared Polis addressed the graduates through pretaped recordings.

"Our young voices have always been the drivers of change and we need it now more than ever before," Esgar added. In and out of the class-

room, Adams State students learn the necessary skills to communicate, engage, and act in the best interest of their careers, personal relationships, community, and current events. This was evident in the messages by undergraduates Mariah McDermott and Hubert Price, and graduate students Jasmine and John Camponeschi. All spoke candidly about the current struggle for racial equality and justice and the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the need for unity to effect positive change and heal communities.

McDermott and Price, both first-generation students, earned bachelor degrees in political science. Their message focused on resilience. Price recognized his single

mother, who taught him

about resilience, includ-





Photos by Linda Relyea

Top, Joining the small group of Adams State officials on stage at the 2020 Virtual Spring Commencement Ceremony, John and Jasmine Camponeschi encouraged the graduate class to use their advanced degrees to bring equity for all.

Bottom, Live performances by music faculty and students were featured during the 2020 Virtual Spring Commencement Ceremony. Pictured, William Lipke, D.M.A., performs pomp and circumstance.

ing supporting others, to keep going despite challenges and to use failure as an opportunity to grow. McDermott appreci-

ated Adams State for welcoming students who have faced challenges and supporting them through tough times. "We do not know what will come from this changing world, but we are prepared to adapt, persevere, and change.' The post-baccalaureate

portion of the ceremony began with a message from the Camponeschis. Referring to current events, they rallied fellow graduates to work towards a more just society. "Regardless of what that diploma may say,

you have the opportunity

to use that privilege and power to rise up. To stand up for equity. To stand up for justice," said Jasmine Camponeschi, project director of the College Assistance Migrant Program Grant (CAMP) at Adams State. "It is our charge to fight

sexism, racism, and all inequity as we strive to create our new normals. It is our charge to do all that we can, to use our power and skill, our knowledge and education, to fight for others who cannot realize those three great truths of the American Dream...life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," added John Camponeschi, Monte

Vista School District educator. ■ See ASU page 3

May 'Cutest Baby' told



Courtesy photo

Maverick James Torres

ALAMOSA - An 8-month old toddler from Monte Vista is the May winner of the "Cutest Baby Contest" sponsored by San Luis Health and the Valley Courier.

Maverick James Torres is the son of Lucus and Rachael Torres and has one sister, Karsynn. His grandparents are Andrew and Luanne Torres and the late Mike and Joya Guttierrez.

A total of 185 votes were cast for the May entries. The June contest is live now and can be seen at alamosanews.com or the following link: https:// alamosavalleycourier.secondstreetapp.com/Cutest-Baby-Contest--June/gallery

TAXES DUE

Property Tax, Personal Property Tax & State Assessed Tax are all due to the Alamosa County Treasurer by Monday, June 15 to avoid interest.

Office is open to the public 8:00 am - 4:30 pm • Mon. - Fri. Call 719-589-3626 for questions or further assistance.

Record

OBITUARIES

Jimmie "Jim" Gerlock

MONTE VISTA—Jimmie "Jim" Gerlock, 81, passed away peacefully at his home on June 5, 2020, in the arms of his loving wife, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Jim was born on August 11, 1938, to Louie and Katherine (Schleinning) Gerlock in Sugar City, Colorado. After graduating high school in 1957, he spent several years farming in Gill, Colorado. He moved to Monte Vista, Colorado in 1983 where he met his wife Rebecca "Becky" Plane. They were married on July 21, 1989.

Jim worked at Adams State College in the maintenance department until retiring in 2003. He was always a farmer at heart and continued working potato harvest until his cancer diagnosis in 2010. He was a member and Past Exalted Ruler of Monte Vista Elks Lodge #2456. He had many interests, including camping, fishing and riding ATV's in the mountains.

He was an avid wood-

ALAMOSA—Lorraine

Hines went to Heaven to

be with the Lord on June

8, 2020. She loved the

Lord with all of her heart.

She read her Bible daily.

Lorraine was born July

14, 1928, in Science Hill,

Kentucky, the daughter of

Bessie Farmer and Char-

lie Farmer. She outlived

two husbands whom she

loved very much, Ralph

Hines and Albert Farmer.

loving daughter Elizabeth

"Liz" Chambers, broth-

er Durward (LaDonna)

Farmer, sister Katherine

Koenig, daughter-in-law

Linda Hines, grandsons Chas Hines and Brad

Hines, sister-in-law Nancy

Farmer, many nieces and

nephews and extended

family and friends, whom

She was preceded in

ALAMOSA—The San

Luis Valley Military Fam-

ily Support Group meets

the fourth Tuesday at 7

p.m. in Alamosa. For more

info call Vicki Jones at

ALAMOSA — Sierra

Blanca Chapter #43, Or-

der of The Eastern Star.

meets on the first and

third Mondays, at 7:30

p.m. at the Alamosa Ma-

sonic Hall, 512 San Juan

Ave. Call Sharon at 589-

 ${\bf ALAMOSA} {\leftarrow} {\rm La\,Leche}$

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

ALAMOSA —The Ala-

mosa Kiwanis Club meets

on the second, third and

fourth Thursdays at noon

at IHOP. Contact: Aman-

da Wilkinson, 719-589-

2564 or email amanda@

ALAMOSA — The Op-

timist Club of Alamosa

meets at Nino's Restau-

rant 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 wel-

ALAMOSA —The Ala-

mosa Rotary Club meets

alamosastatebank.com

587-3657.

852-3123.

4320.

she cherished.

She is survived by her



worker and built many pieces of furniture for his home and for others. Every year he had a big garden and kept a beauti-

Jim is survived by his wife Becky, his daughters, Cathy (Ty) Ryff of Topeka, Kansas and Melissa Widger of Alamosa, Colorado, his stepdaughters, Tammie Ball and Teri Carroll, his grandchildren, Steven Garcia, Sarah Duzenack, Alorah Duzenack, Layne Duzenack, Kendra (Justin) Rogers, Nathanyel Widger, Kendal Widger, Kaylee Gonzales, Keianna Gonzales, Travis Ryff, Lindsay (Ryan) Keen,

his great-grandchildren, Kinsley Rogers, Jack Ryff, Lucy Ryff, Mason Keen and Kyson Keen as well as his sister, Margaret Torgler and many extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sons, Shane Widger and Darrell Gerlock, his grandson, Nicolas Garcia and his siblings, Fred Gerlock, David Gerlock, Marie Schweizer and Annie Richardson.

A visitation will be held from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Friday, June 12, 2020 at the Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista. A funeral service will follow the visitation at 1:00 pm also at the funeral home.

Cremation will follow the services.

Contributions are suggested to the Cancer Relief Fund of the San Luis Valley and may be made in care of the funeral home office. To express condolences, please visit www. rogersfunerals.com

Rogers Family Mortuarv in Monte Vista is in care of the arrangements.

William Russell Rogers

ALAMOSA — William Russell Rogers (83), better known as "Bill", finished his earthly journey and passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 3, 2020. He was living at Price, UT at the time of his passing. Bill was born the 2nd of

five children on September 20, 1936, in Alamosa, CO to Walter Russell Rogers and Vera Florence Crowther. He lived in Carson, NM until he was 10 years old when they moved to Nortonville and then to Sanford CO. He lived all of his married life in Alamosa, CO.

Bill married Mary Jane Thomas on December 12th, 1958 in the Mesa, Arizona temple where they were sealed together for time and all eternity. From that point on, life for the two became a roller-coaster adventure of happiness, children, grandchildren, difficult times, church work, farming, and most of all just plain fun.

vears at Havnie's Auto Parts; then made a career as a foreman at Grower Shipper Potato Co. in Monte Vista where he retired more than thirty years later.

He worked for several

He was a builder: he built an addition to his house on Brown Street and later a house on his ranch.



He and Mary are the parents of four boys and one girl. They were his life and all that he did, he

did for his family. Bill began working with the Boy Scout troop that was sponsored by the Alamosa 1st and later the 2nd Ward for over 40 years. He led them on many 50 milers, camp-outs, and at least one canoe trip. He was a scout and a pioneer as he guided many young menthrough their teenage

Bill was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints where he served and fulfilled many church callings. In 2003, He and Mary Jane were called to serve in the San Salvador, El Salvador Mission.

They spent 18 months serving the people there. Bill and his wife enjoyed square dancing. They

VALLEY COURIER

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web site, www.alamosanews.com, for no additional fee.

ting party, an additional fee will be assessed.

were members of Squaws and Paws square dance club for over 25 years. He was always very friendly. All those who knew him at the Heirloom Inn would often comment, "I wish I had known him when he was younger, he is so clever and witty."

He was very gener-ous with all that he had giving aid to many both friends and strangers. He never turned a blind eye to those who were

He is preceded in death by his wife and father (Walter) and mother He is survived by his five children Jack (Lorie) Rogers, Kelly Rogers, Tom (Tina) Rogers, Mickie (Tom) Crowther and W. Mark (Dani) Rogers; 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; four siblings Illa Mae Coombs, Gayle Rogers, Ann Shawcroft and Flo Ellen Coley.

A viewing will be held at Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa, CO Thursday, June 11th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. A graveside service will be held at the Sanford Cemetery on Friday, June 12th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Those wishing to leave online condolences, tributes and words of comfort for the family may do so by visiting www.Rogers-Funerals.com

Lorraine Hines



Farmer, Delmar Farmer, Joe Farmer and Frank Farmer, Marion Vallandingham, sisters Dovie Eads, Agnes Wesley, Julia Adams and Josephine

by many caring nurses, CNA's and every staff member at the San Luis Care Center in Alamosa. Many of the other residents and their families ents Charlie and Bessie had many other friends and she will truly be

every Monday at noon at

Juanitos in Alamosa. Con-

tact Dean Swift, 589-3499

or dean@deanswiftseed.

missed by all. Lorraine was a hard worker and enjoyed working at different jobs throughout her lifetime. She retired from the Alamosa High School where she was a cook for many years. Prior to that, she had been a seamstress making men's suits at the Palm Beach sewing factory in Kentucky. She also worked at the Gruen Watch Company in Ohio.

We all loved Lorraine and will miss her dearly. She was very kind and loving.

At her request cremation was chosen and there will be no formal memorial service at this time due to Covid-19 Pandemic restrictions, so please no flowers.

Rogers Family Mortuary of Alamosa is in care of the arrangements. To express condolences please visit Lorraine's obituary were her friends. She also at www.RogersFunerals.

Farmer. Lorraine is also survived

death by her son-in-law Dan Chambers, her son Scott Hines, her par-Farmer, brothers Edgar

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 infor-

mation.

ALAMOSA — The gmail.com

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

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

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

ALAMOSA — 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.

San Luis Valley Photography Club meets the first Wednesday at the Alamosa Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Contact Stephen Jensen at 379-0001 or slvphotostephen@

achieve sobriety. ALAMOSA— Peace

Happy First Birthday



ALAMOSA — Obadiah Jay Stucky was born in Alamosa Colorado on June 9th 2019 to parents Jody and Stacey Stucky, welcomed by older sisters Layla and Kaliah.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

source Center at 304 Wal-

12 p.m. First Christian

8 p.m. Mountain View

12 p.m. First United

6 p.m. Senior Citizen's

6 p.m. Amistad of San

7:15 p.m. RV Park in

7:30 p.m. Masonic Hall at

Luis at 403 Main St., San

Methodist Church at 2005

Building at 710 Main St.,

PresbyterianChurchat2nd

and Broadway, Monte Vista

WEDNESDAY

Mullens, Alamosa

Church at 1st and State,

nut St., La Jara.

TUESDAY

Alamosa

Antonito

Blanca

Crestone

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

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

Following are District 3 San Luis Valley AA12-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.,

7 p.m. Community

7:30 p.m. Creative Re-

Church on Main St., Creede

Alamosa 5 p.m. Women's Meeting atMasonicHall,598Spruce St., Del Norte

copal Church at 6074th St., Alamosa.

THURSDAY

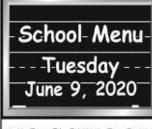
598 Spruce, Del Norte. 8 p.m. St. Thomas Epis-

12 p.m. First Christian

Church at 1st and State, Alamosa 12 p.m. Crestone Baptist

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





To sponsor the School Church, County Rd. T, Menu call 589-2553

Valley News

Valley over 250 cumulative cases

SANLUIS VALLEY-Sixteen new COVID-19 cases were reported for the SLV since last Friday, eight for Alamosa County, one each for Conejos, Costilla, and Saguache Counties, and 5 for Rio Grande County, bringing the total number of cases for the SLV to 259. Twenty-two total people have been hospitalized, 123 have completed isolation, and there have been four deaths. There are currently approximately 132 known active cases in the SLV. Numbers are updated weekdays at slvemergency.org/slv-

covid-19/. Travelers, If you plan to visit the San Luis Valley soon, check out the tips at https://www. alamosa.org/travel-toolstips/know-before-you-go to keep yourself and others safe during the pandemic. It's important to understand what the current situation is in any part of the country you visit, especially any current regulations or guidance. General guidelines include:

Check local conditions before visiting, consider contacting the respective tourism or Chamberof-Commerce Office if possible Follow current CDC

safe practices by maintaining a safe distance between yourself and other groups Wash your hands often

at least 20 seconds Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth

with soap and water for

Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze

Most importantly, stay home if you feel sick

Governor Polis' Office continues to update the "Safer at Home" guidance. Over the weekend, this included further information on gathering size for several types of events, such as rodeos. Public Health is aware it is frustrating for everyone to try to plan for summer events while certain guidance is still pending and in some cases, changing from day-to-day. The State must consider risk versus benefit when deciding which activities to allow and which to keep restricted. One of those factors is whether an activity draws people from wider geographic areas, or whether it is primarily locals who attend. For the most upto-date information on State guidance, please see https://covid19.colorado.gov/.

The San Luis Valley is currently experiencing critical fire weather. High winds are expected all week, and we are in a severe drought. Please be mindful of your activity during this time and be aware of burning restrictions in your area. If you see smoke or a fire, call your local sheriff.

For general SLV COV-ID-19 related questions: slvepr@alamosacounty. org, 719-480-8719

SLV COVID-19

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 3:30 p.m. on June 8, 2020. All numbers are cumulative. If there are discrepancies between these numbers and those showing on the state's data website, use these local numbers.

259 SLV POSITIVE CASES

Alamosa County - 103 Conejos County - 5 Costilla County - 8 Mineral County - 2 Rio Grande County - 46 Saguache County - 95

HOSPITALIZED

ISOLATION COMPLETED

These are SLV positive cases that have completed their isolation period and have been free of symptoms for more than 72 hours.

DEATHS



Carin Mari, Fred Hargrove and Don Richmond will take part in an online-only concert hosted by Society Hall

the guitar during the video, and will play it for everyone too!

The concert will be hosted on the Society Hall Facebook page at https:// www.facebook.com/soci-

etyhall/. We'll be inviting donations for Fred to the Society Hall PayPal tip iar at PayPal.me/society hall. Please tune in and help a friend get through a rough spot in the road!

Inline-only concert Pony Express, and for the

ALAMOSA — Society Hall, at 400 Ross Avenue in Alamosa, is excited to present an onlineonly benefit fundraising concert, featuring Carin Mari and Don Richmond, to help with medical expenses for popular SLV western singer and songwriter Fred Hargrove.

Fred Hargrove is one of the most beloved entertainers in our region, captivating many audiences both on the concert train and in many other events around the area with his western-themed music and his "never met a stranger" friendliness and charm. Fred has been going through cancer treatment for several months, with great results, he's been declared cancer-free. But he also needs to still do a regimen of radiation, and he is also several thousand dollars

in debt, and we'd like to help him out. So we're going to have an onlineonly concert, from the Society Hall stage, featuring rising western star Carin Mari and Alamosa musician, songwriter and record producer Don Richmond, each doing a set. And we're hoping Fred can share a couple of songs also, although the neuropathy in his hands from the chemotherapy will keep him from doing too much.

Acclaimed as one of Western Music's brightest hopes, Carin Mari is a songwriter from the heart with a deep passion for her music. She finds inspiration from life at home in the mountains of Colorado where she was born and raised. Carin has been touring nationwide for the past ten years, often with her band

last two years both opening shows and being the lead guitarist for Michael Martin Murphey. She is a very diverse artist and can include a wide variety of music in her shows including, Western, New Country, Bluegrass, Classic Country, and Folk. Whether Carin is on stage with a big band or playing as a solo entertainer, she is a crowd-pleaser with her soothing vocals and intricate guitar skills. She has great respect for sounds of traditional western music but strives to create her own refreshing sound that will appeal to the lovers of traditional music, as well as those new to the genre.

Don Richmond is wellknown to audiences around the region as one of the members of such bands as the Rifters, Hired Hands and Tumbleweed. He also does numerous solo performances showcasing his wide variety of original songs, with some selected covers thrown in, as well as his dazzling virtuosity on numerous different instruments. For many years he has operated Howlin' Dog Recording, a small recording studio with a nationwide reputation for excellence in acoustic and Americana music, recording and producing hundreds of albums for both regional and national artists.

As an additional feature of the evening, Fred is placing one of his guitars up for silent auction during the event - a custommade beauty by luthier Scott Harris of Caledonia Guitars of Taos New Mexico. Don will show

Baca Grande POA receives grant to prepare for wildfires

ALAMOSA — The Baca Grande Property Owners Association has received a \$245,000 2019 State Fire Assistance grant to reduce the wildfire risk within the community, with an emphasis on creating healthier, more fire-resistant common lands. Baca Grande POA applied for the grant in partnership with the Colorado State Forest Service.

The Colorado State Forest Service works with the U.S. Forest Service to administer the State Fire Assistance grant program as a tool to help communities with wildland fire mitigation. "The fact that Baca Grande POA's proposal was successfully chosen among proposals from 17 other western states shows the very serious wildfire risks in this community and the efforts the community is willing to make to reduce their wildfire risk," said Adam Moore, a supervisory forester in the CSFS Alamosa Field

Baca Grande POA will have until the end of 2022 to reduce the wildfire risk on 300 acres of land. Grant-funded projects will focus on creating fuelbreaks along common land with residents providing match by creating defensible space around homes. Baca Grande Emergency Services will spearhead the project and its crews and contractors will conduct the mitigation.

The general scope of the work is to remove ladder fuels, such as tall grass, shrubs and dead branches, and thin the number of trees to create separation between vegetation on the forest floor and the tree canopy, in order to reduce the chances of a high-severity wildfire. Remaining trees will be pruned to reduce the chances of a fire climbing into the top of a tree. Material will be either chipped, brought to the burn pit or made available to Baca Grande members for firewood.

The Baca Grande Firewise Committee is reminding residents that the majority of the land in the Baca is privately owned. so residents have an important role to play in reducing the risk of wildfire to their home and property while also decreasing the community's overall risk. Residents can:

Create defensible space around their homes, and report their hours or expenses to the Baca Grande Firewise Committee.

Participate in educational events and community work days.

Become active in the Baca Grande Firewise Committee. The committee can be reached at bacafirewise@gmail.com.

"This grant ties in nicely with our new Community Wildfire Protection Plan to help us reduce the community's wildfire risk and improve readiness," said Fire Captain Jim Vanderpool of Baca Grande

Emergency Services. Residents may

direct questions to info@bacapoa.org.

Other communities or municipalities in the San Luis Valley interested in reducing their wildfire risk should contact Moore at (719) 587-0915.

■ Continued from Page 1

From the moment it was evident the annual spring commencement would not be convened as scheduled, the Adams State Commencement Committee, chaired by John Taylor, Ph.D., professor of theatre, worked to honor the most recent graduates in the best possible fashion.

Departments across campus

worked together to provide a livestream with uplifting elements. Performances by music graduates Caleb Clark and Miriam Lipke, and music faculty William Lipke, D.M.A., and Matthew Valverde, D.M.A., were highlights of the ceremony.

Adams State Board of Trustees Chair Michele Lueck inspired students to remember and celebrate their achievements. Brief videos by Denver Broncos Dalton Riser and Courtland Sutton added to the special celebration.

The recent graduates are invited to participate in either the fall 2020 or spring 2021 Commencement Ceremony.

Marshall

■ Continued from Page 1

She explained, "His persona was off from the cohesion of the groups I had experienced at the other events." All previous attendees had maintained the peace, "Even when passersby would yell out profanities or use inappropriate hand gestures." During the June 4 protest, Emily said Marshall had "a somewhat aggressive demeanor and would often speak over myself and the other young women who were leading the chants."

Just a day after the shooting, Marshall was released on bail - resulting in outcries from the community. The Alamosa Sherriff's Office issued a response on

'Bond was set at \$60,000 and Mr. Marshall was financially able to post that bond. Mr. Marshall chose to exercise his constitutional right and posted his bond to get out of jail. This is the same right

available to all American citizens. "According to the United States Constitution and the Colorado Constitution, every person arrested for any crime is entitled to have a monetary bond set based

upon the crime committed. When

a person is arrested, they are processed at the County Jail and bond is set according to a bond schedule that is set by the Colorado Judicial Branch. We recognize that this type of

crime and these types of allegations are concerning to the citizens of this community. Please understand that the Sheriff's Office and local law enforcement take your concerns very seriously.'

To read the whole message be sure to visit the Alamosa Sheriff Department Facebook page.

Marshall's is scheduled for a Filing of Charges on June 15 at 9 a.m.

3 ways to respond to

Online - my2020census.gov If you received an invitation with an ID

number, great, use it. If you don't have an ID number, that's fine. Just follow the instructions to enter your address.

Phone - call 844-330-2020 (en español 844-468-2020)

Mail - if you do not respond online or by phone, you may receive a paper questionnaire in the mail or one may be delivered to your home by a Census worker. Fill it out and drop it in the mail.



2020census.gov

Lifestyle

at graduation rarely

leave a dry eye amongst

the GOAL staff. Many

of these students have

GOAL High School, virtual graduation - June 20th

While it may seem perfectly natural for an online school like GOAL High School to have a virtual graduation, GOAL Chief Executive Officer, Constance Jones clearly expressed the disappointment for students, staff, and families alike at not having a live ceremony. She points out that this "in no way diminishes the importance of what you have accomplished," also adding that "a ceremony lasts an hour, the accomplishment of graduating from high school is going to last a lifetime." Despite the pandemic and lack of face-to-face interaction, the GOAL didn't skip a beat. The thirty statewide dropin centers were closed, but online attendance, engagement and success

GOAL is looking to top last year's graduating class of 800 students with nearly 1,000 students having earned Colorado Department of Education accredited diplomas! Ms. Debbie Rose, GOAL

rates remained steady.

Board President, will be accepting the class stating that "they are now on a trajectory to achieve dreams they previously thought unattainable, with ripple effects that will uplift their communities."

The virtual presentation has been a labor of love for the digital media team of Mark and Michael DeHerrera with very able assistants - GOAL High School senior interns, Kiernan McGrath and Dominic Nava. According to Chief Operations Officer, Mr. Duane Nava, "Our Digital Media Team is undertaking quite the task?by producing sixteen separate graduation videos that will cover the entire State of Colorado. The videos?will feature twenty-seven speakers altogether and?nearly 1,000 graphics and pictures to honor each student.?Allfilming?was done through Microsoft Teams to ensure the

safety of our students."

The student speeches

accomplished this landmark against all odds even prior to the adversity presented by the current pandemic. As the school year wraps up, many of the locations around the state have been busy with car parades, yard signs, and gift packages for the graduates. Many of the students will be graduating with associate's degrees, industry and workforce certifications, and college credit through GOAL'S partnerships with colleges and universities across the state. These accomplishments, along with a GOAL Staff Scholarship, a Daniel's Scholarship, and many other awards will be acknowledged as well. These students will move forward into the working world, the military, or post-secondary education where online could be the new place to do so.

Moving forward, education, as a whole, will continue to make a shift to various forms of "blended-online" education, the model which GOAL High School pioneered over ten years ago. Meanwhile 2020 GOAL graduates will be opening the next chapter of their young lives. While some aspects of life are out of their

skill set is soundly in control, class of 2020 graduate Kelsey Leibli, a Daniel's Scholarship recipient, credits GOAL with preparing her for the virtual world. "My time management skills have vastly improved. Not only do I get to feel a sense of freedom by making my own schedule, but it also instills a sense of responsibility and independence." However, Kelsey is also a strong believer in

high-touch along with the high-tech. "I am a big believer that your community helps build who you are, so in turn, it becomes your responsibility to build your community. I am very active and always try to do my part in building community up.' Clearly, the GOAL High School Class of 2020 is ready to take on the world, regardless of circumstances.

"The best part of my job is helping community members make home ownership a reality." Joel Polkowske Loan Officer

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Alamosa

Coronavirus relief funding deadline extended for special districts necessary expenditures

BROOMFIELD Colorado's Conservation Districts now have until July 7 to opt in for Coronavirus Relief Funding (CVRF) through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), following a decision by DOLA to extend the ap-

plication deadline. As part of the federal CARES Act outlined under Title V, CVRF allows local governments to receive reimbursements for

that were not accounted for in the most recent local government budget and that were incurred as of March 1st due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Up to \$275 million will be allocated to local governments across Colorado.

Applicants are required to supply affirmations of spending, reporting, monitoring, and other federal situ-

ations. Counties and municipalities are required to collaborate on funding requests. To opt in for CVRF funding, districts must complete an application on DOLA's website.

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Please contact Nikki Brinson, Colorado State Conservation Board District Operations Manager, at nikki.brinson@ state.co.us or 303-842-3108 before July 7 with





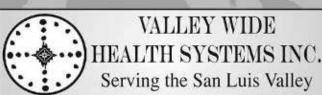
1403 Tremont Ave. • Alamosa

401 Edison Ave. Alamosa San Luis Valley **FDIC** 589-8800 Federal Bank

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ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

ADAMS STATE 2020 SPRING COMMENCEMENT WAS CELEBRATED WITH A VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT ON JUNE 6. 2020

THE VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT CAN BE VIEWED AT HTTPS://WWW.ADAMS.EDU/LIVE/

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2020 SPRING GRADUATION COM WE ARE NOW CONSIDERING OTHER OPTIONS INCLUDING A VIRTUAL GRADUATION OR A COMMENCEMENT AT A LATER DATE.



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Public Notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

9th Street Rock and Material Removal Project The Town of Del Norte (hereinafter called the "Owner") will receive bids for the

9th Street Rock and Material Removal Project by email to delnorte maint@yahoo.com until 9:00 AM, June 24th, 2020. Plans and specifications will be distributed electronically upon re-

quest to delnortemaint@yahoo.com The Project consists of the removal of Rock and Material from future

9th Street roadway extension area northwest of the old high school. The removed material shall be stock piled at the town of Del Norte's Maintenance Yard west of town. Interested bidders must visit the site to determine quantities, as the bid is a lump sum.

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. No. 1464

Published in the Valley Courier on June 2, and 9, 2020.

"San Luis Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BO-CES) will be conducting a record and file update this summer. We will be destroying all special education records of students whose files have been closed since July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. This effects students from Alamosa, Centennial, Center Creede, Del Norte, Moffat, Monte Vista, Mountain Valley, North Conejos, Sanford, Sangre de Cristo, Sargent, Sierra Grande and South Conejos school districts. If any students or guardians want their complete file you can request it from the SLV BOCES office at 719 589-5851 on or before July 2nd,

Please include students Name, date of birth and your relationship to the student. Identification will be required. No. 1469

17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, and July 1, 2020.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Colorado State Statute No. 83-21-5-1. Aspen Mini Storage Facility, having given proper notice to the parties of the storage unit herein stated at their last known address, shall dispose of all property in said unit. Said disposal shall be any time after June 16, 2020. Contents of locker to be disposed of are: #46 belonging to Heriberto Rivera.

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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 herein-

after 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 Alejandrina M. Tapia-Kemble 0757 W. Barnes Lake Road

Columbiaville, MI 48421 Cleo E. Tapia 0757 W. Barnes Lake Road

Columbiaville, MI 48421

Jeffrey S. Kemble 0757 W. Barnes Lake Road

Columbiaville, MI 48421 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 12th day of No-

vember 2015, 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: SANGRE DE CRISTO ESTATES LOT 8 BLK 10 UNIT 18 5.32AC WD B 370 P 133 8-4-88 Parcel Number: 513732110008

Certificate Number: 192

and said County Treasurer assigned a certificate of purchase on the 15th day of November 2019 to Alamosa County

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

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Alejandrina M. Tapia-Kemble and Cleo E. Tapia and Jeffrey S.

Kemble for said year 2014;

That on the 15th day of November 2019, said Alamosa County assigned said certificate of purchase to Elegment LLC;
That said Elegment LLC on the 1st day of December 2019, the pres-

ent 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 Elegment

LLC on the 22nd day of September 2020, unless the same has been 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 June 2, 2020, June 9, 2020 and June 16, 2020.

Witness my hand this 27th day of May 2020 Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado No. 1473

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AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the herein-

after 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: The Parrigin Family Trust

121 S Sycamore Creek Pl. Tucson, AZ 85743

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 12th day of November 2015, 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:

SANGRE DE CRISTO ESTATES REPLAT PORTION UNIT 18 LOT 7 BLK 14 UNIT 18 5.00AC EXC ALL M/RTS WD REC #300001 12-1-2000

Parcel Number: 513728303016

Certificate Number: 342 and said County Treasurer assigned a certificate of purchase on the

12th day of November 2015 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 2014; That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of

The Parrigin Family Trust for said year 2014; That on the 15th day of November 2019, said Alamosa County as signed said certificate of purchase to Elegment LLC;

That said Elegment LLC on the 1st day of December 2019, the pres-

ent holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Trea-surer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to Elegment

LLC on the 22nd day of September 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.
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June 2, 2020, June 9, 2020 and June 16, 2020.

witness my hand this 27th day of May 2020.

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Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado

No. 1474

Published in the Valley Courier on June 2, 9, and 16, 2020.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the herein-

after 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: Jerry Lynn Smith Jerry Lynn Sumu 4401 Ulster Ave.

North Port, FL 34287 Jerry Lynn Smith P.O. Box 1025

Dunseith, ND 58329 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 12th day of No-

vember 2015, 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:

SANGRE DE CRISTO ESTATES LOT 3 BLK 11 UNIT 18 6.37AC SWD REC #341358 02-08-10 Parcel Number: 513732111003

Certificate Number: 423

and said County Treasurer assigned a certificate of purchase on the 12th day of November 2015 to Alamosa County.

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

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Jerry Lynn Smith for said year 2014;
That on the 15th day of November 2019, said Alamosa County as-

signed said certificate of purchase to Elegment LLC; That said Elegment LLC on the 1st day of December 2019, the pres ent holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Trea-

surer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to Elegment LLC on the 22nd day of September 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 June 2, 2020, June 9, 2020 and June 16, 2020.

Witness my hand this 27th day of May 2020 Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado No. 1475

Published in the Valley Courier on June 2, 9, and 16, 2020

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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: Klaus Heiner Reich

12334 31st Ave. NE, Unit 308 Seattle, WA 98125

Klaus Heiner Reich Seattle, WA 98121

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:

SANGRE DE CRISTO ESTATES BLOCK 8 LOT 1 UNIT 15 5.05AC

M/L WD REC #344333 05-14-09 Parcel Number: 513724204001

Certificate Number: 209

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Alamosa County. That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Klaus Heiner Reich for said year 2015; That on the 8th day of November 2016, said Alamosa County as-

signed said certificate of purchase to Elegment LLC; That said Elegment LLC on the 1st day of December 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Trea-

surer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to Elegment LLC on the 22nd day of September 2020, unless the same has been

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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 15th day of November 2012, 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

LOT 10 COTTONWOODS BLK 7 RESUB POR BLKS 4, 7, 8 & 9 .523AC WD REC #324625 12-07-05

Parcel Number: 541303001011 Certificate Number: 118
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore

unless the same has been redeemed;

to David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano. That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent prope

(and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2011: That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Cottonwoods Phase II LLC for said year 2011;

That said David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano on the 30th day of December 2019, 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 22nd day of September 2020,

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

Witness my hand this 27th day of May 2020 Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado

No. 1477 Published in the Valley Courier on June 2, 9, and 16, 2020.

June 2, 2020, June 9, 2020 and June 16, 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

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2012, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in

Durango, CO 81302

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:

LOT 11 COTTONWOODS BLK 7 RESUB POR BLKS 4, 7, 8 & 9

.736AC WD REC #324625 12-07-05 Parcel Number: 541303001012 Certificate Number: 119

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 prope

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That said David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano on the 30th day of December 2019, 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 22nd day of September 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 June 2, 2020, June 9, 2020 and June 16, 2020. Witness my hand this 27th day of May 2020

Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado No. 1478 Published in the Valley Courier on June 2, 9, and 16, 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 herein-

after 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 15th day of November 2012, 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: LOT 12 COTTONWOODS BLK 7 RESUB POR BLKS 4, 7, 8 & 9

.836AC WD REC #324625 12-07-05 Parcel Number: 541303001013 Certificate Number: 120

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 2011; That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Cottonwoods Phase II LLC for said year 2011;

That said David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano on the 30th day of December 2019, 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 22nd day of September 2020, unless the same has been redeemed; Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the

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Durango, CO 81302

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2012, 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:

LOT 13 COTTONWOODS BLK 7 RESUB POR BLKS 4, 7, 8 & 9 561AC WD REC #326625 12-07-05

Parcel Number: 541303001014 Certificate Number: 121

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

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Witness my hand this 27th day of May 2020
Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado

Published in the Valley Courier on June 2, 9, and 16, 2020. NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of the Alamosa School District RE-11J, Alamosa School District RE-11J, Alamosa School District RE-11J, Alamosa School District RE-

mosa, Colorado, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and has been filed in the Administration office of the School District, 209 Victoria Avenue, Alamosa, CO, 81101, where it is available for public inspection during business hours. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption and a public hearing held thereon at a regular meeting of the Board of Education of said District at the Board Room, 209 Victoria Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101 on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.
Colorado statutes provide that it is not necessary for the Board of

Education to formally adopt the proposed budget on May 28, 2020, but if the proposed budget is to be adopted at some future meeting, the date, time, and place of any continued meeting shall be an-nounced by the Board of Education and entered into the minutes of the meeting at which adoption of the proposed budget is considered. Any person paying school taxes in said District may, either at such meeting or at any time prior to the final adoption of the proposed budget, file or register his/her objections thereto. BOARD OF EDUCATION ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J Dated this 28th day of May, 2020.

No. 1485 Published in the Valley Courier on June 5, 6, 9, 10, and 12, 2020.

163 **LOST & FOUND**

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

221 **HELP WANTED**

COSTILLA COUNTY

IS seeking a full-time

Options for Long Term

Care case manager who

will primarily work in

Conejos County and

some travel to Costilla County. Responsibilities include: Intake/screen-2020.(6/17) ing/referral and assessment of client's needs, development of care plans, management of a caseload and interviewing clients including conducting home visits. Ability to meet deadlines in a fast-paced work environment a must. Bachelor's Degree in a human services field Sociology/Psychology or Humanities preferred. Bi-lingual skills a plus. Experience as a case manager with the long term care client population may substitute for the required education (6/12)on a year by year basis. Background check and pre-employment drug screening are required. Position is open until filled. Costilla County Public Health Agency is an equal opportunity employer. Costilla County Public Health Agency has the right to refuse any and all applications. Applica-

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ALAMOSA COUNTY **EMPLOYEMENT**

Opportunities, Job Descriptions, and Applications are available on the County's website www. alamosacounty.org.(7/10) THE CITY OF Ala-

mosa is accepting applications for a Utility Supervisor (\$45,551 per year) and multiple Cashier/CSR's (\$12.49 per hour) For more informa-That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to David J tion please visit cityofalamosa.org. Protected by EOE.(6/19) COOK NEEDED AT

Wagon Wheel in La Jara. Please call 719-274-5965 ask for Margie.(6/13) **SOUTH CONEJOS**

SCHOOL District is currently seeking a preschool teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants must

possess an associate's degree in early childhood education and must be director qualified and must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to apply@ southconejos.com. Applications will be accepted until June 17th, 2020.(6/17)

HELP WANTED

SCHOOL District is currently seeking a full-time special education teacher, secondary math teacher, and part-time art teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants must possess an associate's degree in early childhood education and must be director qualified and must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to apply@southconeios. com. Applications will be accepted until June 17th,

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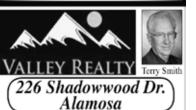
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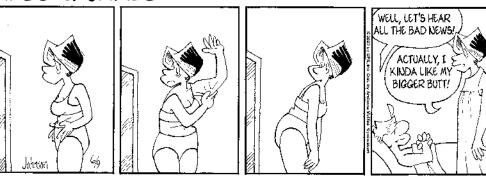
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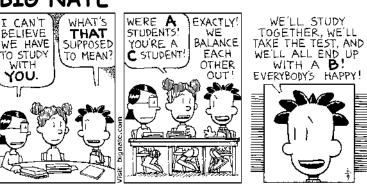
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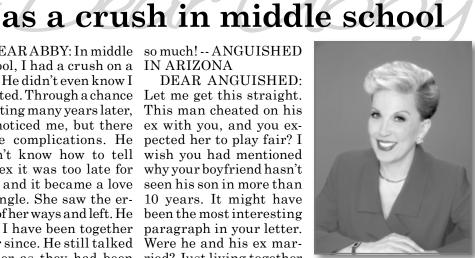
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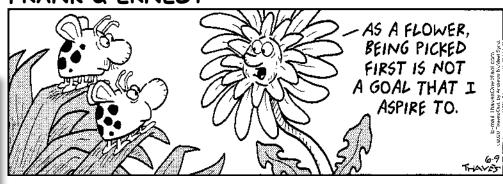
of the shrub showing what appears to be a chemical burn. (She has been known to use toxic chemicals to rid her yard of weeds, etc.) I don't want to offend her, but at the same time, I'm struggling to find the words to properly address my desire for her to mind the property line. Help! -- RELATED TO MY NEIGHBOR

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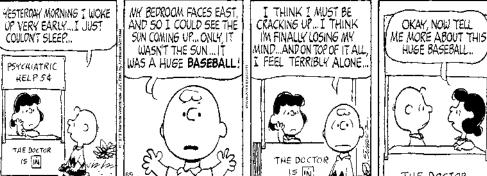




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More than 90% of Coloradans surveyed admitted to driving distracted weekly

STATEWIDE— As many Coloradans get back on the road heading into summer, CDOT is reminding drivers to leave distractions behind and just drive. According to the AAA Foundation, over 95% of drivers in the United States view reading or typing a text/email on a hand-held cellphone while driving to be very or extremely dangerous. Yet in a 2019 survey of Colorado drivers conducted by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), 91% of Coloradans admitted to driving distracted weekly. With handheld technology more prevalent than ever, distracted driving is one of the biggest threats to safety on Colorado's roads, causing thousands of crashes each year. The latest data from

- 15,673 crashes involved a Colorado distracted driver in 2018, amounting to an average of 42 crashes a day.

CDOT shows:

Overall, 53 (6%) of the
 890 drivers in a fatal crash
 in 2018 were distracted.
 o Of the 81 drivers

aged 15-20 involved in a fatal crash, 17% were distracted, the highest percentage of distracted drivers for any fatal crash age group.

With increasing numbers of Coloradans beginning to leave their homes following the governor's Stay-at-Home order, CDOT is finding unique ways to remind drivers to stay focused on the road. In its latest campaign,

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CDOT shines a light on the impact and impression distracted driving leaves on others by harnessing the power of human reactions and social stigma. Coffee sleeves in local shops, videos on gas station televisions, and digital ads on mobile devices ask the question: if drivers saw how others reacted to their distracted driving, would they change their behavior?

"When you get behind the wheel, you're not only in control of your own safety, your actions impact the safety of everyone around you," said Shoshana Lew, executive director at CDOT. "Just as we are all doing our part to protect each other during this pandemic, we need to protect each other on the roads as well and that means eliminating dangerous distractions."

CDOT's goal with its new campaign is to highlight the stigma around distracted driving and shift people's behavior towards safer driving. The reactions of others can be a powerful deterrent to negative behavior, and CDOT hopes to highlight those reactions to benefit the safety of everyone on the road.

"As drivers get back on the road and head out to enjoy the summer weather, our officers continue to work to help all Coloradans get home safely," said Col. Matthew Packard, Colorado State Patrol Chief. "Unfortunately, while the risks associated with distracted driving are well documented, studies show the majority of Coloradans still choose to engage in this behavior—and that's a very disturbing problem."

To view the Distraction Reactions campaign PSA video and materials, visit: https://bit.ly/CDOT-distraction-reactions.

CDOT also continues to encourage the use of phone features and apps that help drivers turn off distractions, such as enabling "Do Not Disturb While Driving" mode on iPhones which blocks incoming text messages and notifications while driving. Android phones offer a similar function, and there are also other third-party apps designed to achieve the same goal regardless of the type of phone a person uses.

For more information about distracted driving in Colorado and to learn more about the Distraction Reactions campaign, visit distracted.codot.gov.

COVID-19

Safe transportation infrastructure is essential for emergency first responders and freight drivers as Colorado navigates the COVID-19 pandemic. With that in mind, road maintenance and construction continues on CDOT projects with social distancing and other health safety measures to reduce COVID-19 exposure on the worksite. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment announced

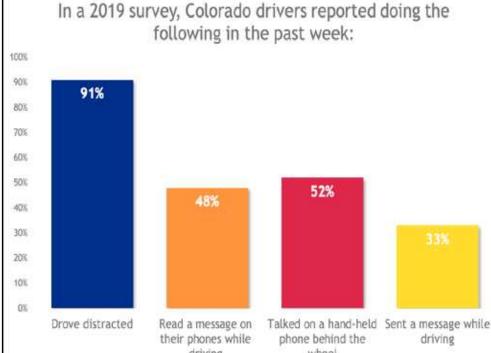
urged to join the campaign for #DoingMyPartCO by practicing social distancing, wearing face masks, staying at home when possible, and avoiding nonessential travel. With fewer vehicles on the roads, CDOT crews will be able to work more efficiently and safely.

WHOLE SYSTEM. WHOLE SAFETY.

In early 2019, CDOT announced its Whole System
— Whole Safety initiative to heighten safety awareness. This initiative takes a systematic, statewide

approach to safety combining the benefits of CDOT's programs that address driving behaviors, our built environment and the organization's operations. The goal is to improve the safety of Colorado's transportation network by reducing the rate and severity of crashes and improving the safety of all transportation modes. The program has one simple mission—to get everyone home safely.

ABOUT CDOT CDOT has approximately 3,000 employees located at its Denver headquarters and in regional offices throughout Colorado, and manages more than 23,000 lane miles of highway and 3,429 bridges. CDOT also manages grant partnerships with a range of other agencies, including metropolitan planning organizations, local governments and airports. It also administers Bustang, the state-owned and operated interregional express service. Gov. Polis has charged CDOT to further build on the state's intermodal mobility options.





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