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### Blood Drives

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

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](http://www.vitalant.org).



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**SLV WEATHER**



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## Shooting suspect in custody

By **KEITH R. CERNY**  
*Courier Publisher*

**ALAMOSA**— A white male, James Marshall of Alamosa, 27, was arrested at a home in east Alamosa Thursday night following a shooting in downtown Alamosa just before 6 p.m. possibly related to recent protests according to the Alamosa Police Department.

According to Joey Spangler, Alamosa Police Department captain, victim Danny Pruitt, 49, was located at 2nd St. and Richardson Ave. in a vehicle with a small caliber gunshot wound to the back of the head. The victim was initially treated at San Luis Valley Health and later flown to UHealth Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs

for further treatment.

Pruitt was believed to be a passerby through a protest at the corner of Main and State Avenue at the time of the shooting. Spangler said Pruitt's address is listed as Cañon City but may have been currently living in Fort Garland. Charges against Marshall were not yet known.



Courier photo by Meg Colwell  
The photo that helped Alamosa Police in their efforts to track down James Marshall following his involvement in a shooting in downtown Alamosa.

## Safety with new Colorado health order

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** — Friday, Alamosa and Conejos counties reported 1 new case each, and Rio Grande County reported 4. Due to merging duplicate cases in the State reporting system, Saguache County declined by 1. The total number of cases for the region is 231. Eighteen people have been hospitalized, 109 have completed isolation, and there have been four deaths. Numbers are updated weekdays at <http://www.slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/>.

With the Governor's new orders encouraging Coloradans to spend time outdoors, we can expect to see more activity in the San Luis Valley as a premier tourist destination. The Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve has re-opened, with precautions in place. Short-term rentals are now allowed to accept guests, and pools and playgrounds have reopened with limitations. It is important if you are traveling to recreate in the San Luis Valley to check local conditions to make the best decisions about mitigating your risk of COVID-19. While the outdoors is safer than indoors for groups to gather, keep the group number under 10, be considerate, wear a mask around others, and keep your distance from those not from your household.

The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment is expected to provide staffing support soon to the public health agencies in our region. Specially-trained individuals with backgrounds in public health and healthcare have been requested to help conduct this necessary follow-up after testing. This will help Public Health to clarify the scope of current community transmission in the SLV and monitor the spread of the virus.

Asymptomatic indi-

**SLV COVID-19**

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 2:00 p.m. on June 4, 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.

**231 SLV POSITIVE CASES**  
Alamosa County - 89  
Conejos County - 4  
Costilla County - 7  
Mineral County - 2  
Rio Grande County - 39  
Saguache County - 90

**18 HOSPITALIZED**

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

**4 DEATHS**

viduals who have had recent contact with a confirmed COVID-19 positive case can now pursue testing. Getting tested is important for several reasons. For the individual, having a diagnosis means that if your symptoms get worse and you need to seek medical care, healthcare providers will be more knowledgeable about how to treat you. For your family, knowing whether you have COVID-19 or not will help make decisions about how to protect more vulnerable family members, such as elderly parents or grandparents, or those with underlying conditions. For Public Health, knowing who in the community has tested positive allows Public Health to make the best recommendations and provide guidance to prevent further transmission to others. For a community, having accu-

rate numbers is important in order to be able to request resource or financial support from the State, or to know if a variance request is likely to be passed.

If you wish to be tested, please contact your primary care doctor or call one of the numbers below to start the screening process:

Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990

SLVHealth Respiratory Clinic 719-589-2511 ext. 9

Valley-Wide Health Systems 719-589-3658 ext. 9

It is important to keep in mind that since it can take up to 2 weeks to develop illness after being exposed to COVID-19, a person still needs to complete their 14 day quarantine period even if they test negative during that time.

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

## Conejos county Rotarians Food drive



**LA JARA** — Conejos County Rotarian's Support Local Food Banks.

Due to COVID-19, folks are using their local food banks more frequently to help put food on the table. Rotary Club members recognize that there is a higher food demand due to unemployment thus why Rotarians are seen in different communities of Conejos County gathering non-perishables items for the local food banks. "Holding Food Drives is one way of helping local food banks and it is gratifying to see the generosity of the folks in each community who want to help by donating food. The kindness shown

is fantastic!" said Julie Gomez-Nuanes, Rotarian. When tough times strike, many find themselves in need of help and thankfully they can get food assistance from their local food banks. "Help make a difference and join us in supporting your local food banks. "Coffee, tea, canned fruit, cake mix, sauces, mac and cheese, canned meat, pancake mix, syrup, paper goods, wipes are some things that food banks run low of." said Adele Barr, Rotarian. Thanks to all the Food Banks that help fill critical voids during difficult times. Contact your local food bank for more information.

## NEW 2020 Subdistrict No.1 Emergency Drought Programs

Current measurements show the aquifer is dropping at levels similar to 2018.

In light of the current drought conditions and declining aquifer the Board of Managers approved a new preventative measure to further reduce groundwater withdrawals.

Emergency Fallow Program

Contract Terms: Application due by June 5th

No Irrigation on Crop after June 10th

If accepted all irrigation must cease for the remainder of 2020

Payment: \$200/acre, paid in December

Alfalfa Deficit Irrigation Program

Contract Terms: Application due by June 14th

No Irrigation on Alfalfa June 15- July 20th

Full Circles Only Acres enrolled in contract must have been irrigated calendar year prior

Payment: \$60/acre, paid in August

Contracts can be found by going to

<https://rgwcd.org/sd-1-conservation-page>

Contact Marisa Fricke with questions 719-589-6301 or send completed contracts to [marisa@rgwcd.org](mailto:marisa@rgwcd.org).

The Rio Grande Water Conservation District office is closed to the public in compliance with State and Federal guidelines.

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# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Joan Veronica "Ronnie" Duran Hales

Joan Veronica (Ronnie) Duran Hales passed away on April 9th, 2020 at her home with her husband Mike Hales of Ogden Utah and her bestest friend in the whole wide world Chloe at her side. Ronnie passed away at the age of 65 after a year-long battle with brain cancer.

Ronnie was born to parents Gertrude Cordova and Geronimo (Jerry) Duran in a small town in Southern Colorado (Ortiz) on April 22nd, 1954. Ronnie was raised in California, Utah, and Idaho. Ronnie is survived by Mike Hales (Husband), her father Geronimo (Jer-



ry) Duran (Ofelia) UT, her stepfather Albert Cordova CO, her children Anita Miller CA, Kathie Hernandez TX, and Joey Duran (Stephanie) CA. Ronnie had 11 Grand-

children, and 7 great-grandchildren, her siblings Rose Vanderpool (Ron) CO, Joey Sanchez (Danita) CO, Dolores Atencio (Paul) CO, Racael Gonzales (Wally) CO and. Ronnie was preceded in death by her sister Anita Duran, her precious mother Gertrude Cordova, her Maternal grandparents, Antonio Valdez and Esmeria Salazar-Valdez and Paternal Grandparents Celestino Duran and Rosemary Duran, her Aunt Genevieve Duran, and her Uncles: Carlos Duran, Toribio Valdez, Albert Valdez, Richard Valdez, Raymond Valdez,

Eugene Valdez, and her "Jack Kitty" and other family members within Conejos County.

Ronnie lived a full and wonderful life. Some of Ronnie's favorite hobbies were scrapbooking, landscaping, beadwork, interior decorating, riding the Harley, camping and being outdoors. Ronnie was a champion of animal rights/she believed that all pets should be treated as you would like to be treated. Some precious moments recalled by Ronnie's siblings were summer camping trips, pinon picking, meal sharing and cooking. In the last

year of Ronnie's life, her hearts cry for everyone was "don't take anything for granted. Life is too precious, and it is so beautiful." Ronnie often verbalized her appreciation for her husband and siblings during her battle with cancer.

Ronnie referred to her siblings as her "Warrior soldiers" and she was the "warrior" going into battle. Ronnie proudly said that her family, many nieces and nephews and furbabies were the most wonderful thing in her life. Ronnie came to find the Genesis Church where she found

much comfort, peace and excitement in her spiritual pursuit. Ronnie's last wish was to reunite with her children and to spend Easter with her grandchildren. One day, that day will come.

The Celebration of life for Ronnie will be held at "The Genesis Project" Church in Ogden UT, at 10:00 a.m on June 20th, 2020. Aaron's Mortuary & Cremation in Ogden Utah will be in care of arrangements, to leave online condolences or words of strength for the family, please visit [www.aaronsmortuary.com/listings](http://www.aaronsmortuary.com/listings)

### John Preston Seamster Jr.

**MONTE VISTA** — John Preston Seamster Jr., 77, passed away June 3, 2020, at the Parkview Medical Center in Pueblo, Colorado with his loving family by his side. John came into the world on February 12, 1943, in Monte Vista, Colorado; the son of John Preston Seamster Sr., and Bonnie Lee Sharon Seamster. He was united in marriage to Geraldine Neal on September 8, 1963, and the two shared a long and loving union of 56 years. A second-generation farmer in the Sargent community, a former Eagle Boy Scout of America, President of the Sargent School District and board member of the Creede Theater, John was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and



friend who enjoyed fly fishing, going horseback riding, skiing and was an all-around handyman who could fix anything! He will be dearly missed.

Survivors include his loving wife Geraldine Seamster of Monte Vista, CO; daughter Rene Honeycutt (Scott Edmonson), Shawna (Brian) Beck both of Colorado Springs, CO; nephew who was like a

son to him James (Kristi) Neal of Boerne, TX; grandchildren Neal (Alejandra) Norris, Abby Honeycutt, Katie Beck, Preston Beck, great-grandson Nolan John Norris, sisters Lila Hill of Meridian, ID; Nettie (Steve) Buhl of Texas. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents John and Bonnie Seamster, sister Leah Materi and brother-in-law Earl Hill.

Cremation was chosen and A Memorial Service and Inurnment will be held at a later date. To leave online condolences please visit [romerofuneralhomes.com](http://romerofuneralhomes.com). The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

**MANASSA** — Long-time San Luis Valley and current Colorado City, Colorado resident John Ray Robins, 58, died June 2, 2020, at home surrounded by his family.

John's life began in Alamosa, Colorado on October 24, 1961, the proud son of Gary R. and Suzan Grantham Robins. He married Bobbette L. Abeyta on February 15, 1995, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

John loved the mountains and being in the outdoors. He was truly a mountain man and enjoyed the outdoor activities of hunting, fishing, climbing 14ers and just being in nature. He also enjoyed traveling with his wife and children and saw the sights of China, the 15th-century Inca citadel Machu Picchu, located in

### John Ray Robins



the Eastern Cordillera of southern Peru and the Great Pyramids of Egypt to name a few.

John was the best daddy ever! He is survived by his wife Bobbette Abeyta of Colorado City, CO; his children Megan Elizabeth Robins of Alamosa, CO and G. Hunter Robins of Colorado City; his parents Gary and Suzan Robins of Bountiful, CO; his siblings

Tracey (Garth) Crowther, Jack Robins all of Bountiful, CO and his sister-in-law that he considered his sister Rachel Segura of Colorado Springs, CO; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

A Celebration of John's life will be held at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, June 6, 2020, at the Manassa Cemetery in Manassa, Colorado. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society and may be made in his memory at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) and click on the "Donate" tab.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences, tributes and words of strength for John's family, please visit [www.RogersFunerals.com](http://www.RogersFunerals.com)

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### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**THURSDAY**  
12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa  
12 p.m. Crestone Baptist Church, County Rd. T, Crestone  
7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede

7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara.  
7:30 p.m. Ables/Disables, Baptist Church at 751 Lincoln St., Monte Vista

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

**SATURDAY**  
5:30 p.m. at 929 State Ave., Alamosa  
6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito.  
8 p.m. Mountain View

Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

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

**AL-ANON**

**TUESDAY**  
8 p.m. 15 Country Club Dr. Monte Vista

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

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

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (Nar-cAnon)**

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

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

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

### Anthony Cisneros

Anthony Cisneros, (Vern, Tony) Passed away at Denver Health on May 31, 2020. Anthony was born in La Jara on August

6, 1968 to Mary, & Uvaldo Cisneros. He is survived by his sister Patricia Cisneros, his aunt Evila Ortiz, cousins Renee, &

Jessica Ortiz. Numerous cousin's & extended family, & his many friends. Services pending.

### ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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](mailto: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 [mkmiller-mink@aol.com](mailto:mkmiller-mink@aol.com)

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

**ALAMOSA** — TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) CO 568, Alamosa, a non-profit weight loss organization, meets every Tuesday evening at the College Heights Baptist Church at 2035 Church Avenue in Alamosa. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. with an informative meeting at 6:15. Anyone interested in having weight loss support is welcome to attend a free meeting or call Doris at 589-6396 for more information.

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

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

**ALAMOSA**—Families

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

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

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

**School Menu**

--- Friday ---  
June 5, 2020

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# Valley News

## Valley Humane League's transformation

**ALAMOSA** — The Valley Humane League (VHL) is transforming. As of May 15th VHL turned over the shelter operations to Dumb Friends League who are building a large shelter on the Airport Road in Alamosa and will run VHL at its present location until they open their doors. VHL's part of the deal was to purchase the land, which was made possible through the generous fundraising efforts of Dell Insurance and Ruby Slipper.

VHL will still be a non-profit entity but will shift its focus from sheltering companion animals to raising awareness of their ethical treatment and preventing animal cruelty through a variety of educational outreach programs at local schools and in the wider community.

VHL has been in existence since 1979, starting in Lola Mottashed's backyard. It has had many iterations since that time. Moving from the Mottashed

homestead to Estrella for several years. Then, when the well of funds dried up that shelter was abandoned. Later, in 2013, VHL reinvented itself when a group of animal lovers opened the shelter in Alamosa. They renovated the old dog pound operated by Alpine Veterinary Hospital and is the site of the shelter today.

VHL is indebted to the wonderful people who donated to its causes over the years. Donations for the shelter came from all over the country including New York, California and Florida. Whenever the shelter had a need, whether than be Blessing the abandoned dog, money to support the new shelter, the community stepped up and donated money, supplies and time to make sure VHL could care for the shelter animals. VHL is forever indebted to the Community members and ASU students came out regularly to walk



Courtesy photo

**Concept art for Dumb Friends League in Alamosa**

dogs. The list of generous people in our community would take up more space than is allowed for this article. You all know who you are and what you did to help the dogs of the San Luis Valley. Thank You!

## All fishing bag and possession limits removed for Sand Creek drainage, June 13

**MONTE VISTA** — In preparation for a native cutthroat trout restoration project, Colorado Parks and Wildlife -- starting Saturday, June 13 -- will remove all bag and possession limits for fishing on Upper Sand Creek Lake, Lower Sand Creek Lake and Sand Creek located in the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the National Park Service are working to restore the Rio Grande cutthroat trout to its native waters. In late August, the lakes and creek will be treated to remove all fish from the drainage. If all goes as planned, Rio Grande cutthroats will be stocked again in the fall of 2021. These waters are located high on the west flank of the Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range.

Anglers must hold a valid Colorado fishing license

and can only use standard methods of take. Commercial fishing is not allowed. The area holds rainbow, brook and non-native cutthroat trout. Anglers can keep all the fish they can catch from June 13 through Aug. 30

Once the Rio Grande cutthroat trout are re-established, anglers will have the unique opportunity to catch this native fish. Native cutthroat trout populations have declined over the last 100 years due to water diversions, land-use changes and competition from non-native trout that have been stocked throughout the Rio Grande drainage.

"This is a challenging project, but it will provide an ideal and protected habitat for these fish," said John Alves, senior aquatic biologist for CPW's Southwest Region. "We appreciate that the National Park Service shares CPW's goals to re-establish native cutthroats in the waters of the San Luis Valley."



Courier file photo

## Alamosa community and ASU were key to pianist success

**ALAMOSA** — Caleb R. Clark followed a more lyrical path on his way to receiving his Adams State University Bachelor of Arts in music performance, piano. The native of Erie, Colo. moved to Alamosa as a college freshman to study music education. After three semesters, he took a break and spent the next ten years working in the music industry.

However, he decided to finish what he had started. "I call this place my home because I grew up here, I

learned my trade here, and with the help of Adams State, I have continued to perfect my skills as a professional musician."

**"I call this place my home because I grew up here, I learned my trade here, and with the help of Adams State, I have continued to perfect my skills as a professional musician."**

- Caleb R. Clark

to be a part of it." His professors shared life experiences, the good and the bad.

They also asked him for advice as well. By making him feel more like a colleague than a student, he was able to share his experiences with fellow students, which helped them along their journey.

With the benefit of several scholarships, plus two summer school sessions, Clark is graduating with honors in four-and-a-half years with little debt.

Clark was accepted to the jazz and commercial music program at the University of Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nev. "This is a fantastic community to have lived in the past fifteen years. They have offered me so much support in so many ways that I could not even begin to list. Now that I have completed my original goal of moving to the valley, to graduate from Adams State, it will be so difficult to move away from this beautiful place."



Photo courtesy of ASU

Caleb R. Clark

## Campaign encouraging Coloradans to wear masks

**DENVER** - Governor Jared Polis today launched a new campaign, "Our Masks are Our Passport to the Colorado We Love," including a public service announcement, encouraging Coloradans to wear masks as much as possible when they leave the house.

The Governor today relayed the start of the news conference to accommodate the timing of George Floyd's memorial service. Gov. Polis praised the demonstrators who have continued making their voices heard and remarked on the wise words of Gianna Floyd, George Floyd's daughter.

"A video of George Floyd's six-year-old daughter Gianna, being carried in the shoulders of one of George's closest friends went viral this week. Smiling, she declares: 'Daddy changed the world.' And he certainly did. One of the best things about being a parent is those moments when our children show us wisdom in an unexpected way. Let us allow Gianna Floyd's youthful wisdom to guide us in our quest for justice and equality. Let us live up to an innocent child's expectations of what this country is capable of, and let us deliver on our promise of a changed world," the Governor said.

"The modeling shows that if we want to avoid a catastrophic breach of our health care system, and if we want to re-open our economy to a greater degree, then masks are absolutely essential,"

Governor Polis said. "Here in our great state, your mask is your passport to the Colorado we love, and will play an important part in keeping yourself and those around you safe. Studies show that men are particularly reluctant to wear a mask, because they think it makes them look weak or uncool. But real weakness is being too insecure to wear a mask and then spreading coronavirus to your family when you get back home. At the end of the day, wearing a mask allows us to enjoy more of the Colorado we love."

The Governor thanked Healthier Colorado, who partnered with the state to make this campaign happen, and the Colorado Outdoor Advertising Association who will be donating billboards for the campaign. The City of Westminster, Leavers Supermarkets, the Early Bird Restaurant, Pancho Cabrera, Metalonge, and all the volunteers were critical in the creation of this public service announcement.

Gov. Polis also signed Executive Order D 2020 092, amending and extending prior Executive Orders concerning non-medical face coverings, to provide discretion to employers and operators of places of public accommodation to deny admittance or service and require the removal of any individual who fails to wear a medical or non-medical face covering. This Executive Order takes effect immediately.

Today, the state finalized guidance for places of worship, outdoor recreation and personal recreation. Drafts were released on Monday, June 1 and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment solicited input from stakeholders and industry before releasing final versions today. This guidance now allows horses of worship to allow up to 50% capacity, but no more than 50 people for in-person worship. This also allows for pools to open in a limited capacity.

The Governor also announced plans to bolster the state's education system through the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund or the GEER fund. This \$44 million from the federal government is intended to provide broad flexibility for Governors to address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on high-needs students from preschool through higher education. The majority of this funding will be utilized for a new P-20 Equity and

Innovation Fund. School districts, charter schools, institutions of higher education, and tribes will be invited to apply alone, in consortia, or with a partner. These funds will be utilized to address the impact of COVID-19 slide by transforming schools, improving transitions between P-12 and higher education, and increasing student-centered learning.

Gov. Polis announced that the Behavioral Health Task Force will publish an interim report outlining short and long-term impacts on the behavioral health system, including access to and affordability of services. Members will also evaluate the behavioral health crisis response to COVID-19 and recommend improvements for future events.

The task force is sponsored by Lieutenant Governor Dianne Primavera. Members of the task force include:

Yadira Caraveo, State House of Representatives  
Cara Cheevers, Colo-

rado Division of Insurance  
Lila Cummings, Colorado Hospital Association  
Curt Drennen, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Co-Chair

Daniel Darting, Signal Behavioral Health Network

Doyle Forrestel, Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council

Camille Harding, Colorado Department of Human Services

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Kim Nordstrom, Colorado Access

Carrie Paykoc, Office of eHealth Innovation

Rod Pelton, State House of Representatives

Susie Walton, Park County Human Services

Robert Werthwein, Colorado Department of Human Services, Co-Chair

Leon Wittner, Consumer - parent

Anthony Young, Association of Black Psychologists

The Governor also announced the state is launching LIFELINE PASS, a project that will encourage nursing homes and senior care facilities to allow visitation from relatives who safely test negative for coronavirus. As the state works on the guidelines over the next week or so, this new program will allow people who test negative for coronavirus, and have no known exposure or symptoms, to visit their loved ones. A 48-hour pass after a negative test can reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus to those who are most vulnerable and help make sure that residents of those facilities can receive visits in a reasonably safe way.

View the full news conference on the Governor's Facebook page.

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# Opinion

## Mountain Meadow Iris Control

Mountain meadows occur in areas with deep fertile soils and good moisture. Rocky Mountain Irises are one of the pretty wildflowers in bloom this time of year found in these areas. Irises start blooming in the spring and continue on into the summer. However, they are also an invasive weed in many pastures or hay meadows.

As you drive around the San Luis Valley, Irises can be seen in many areas where there is a good supply of moisture in the soil. Wherever you see an iris plant in a pasture or meadow it is almost always a Rocky Mountain Iris.

Mountain meadows grazing opportunities for livestock and wildlife can be improved by removing the iris. A large grass response is seen when the iris is removed or reduced in a field. Grass or grass-like plants is the first to recover. Which grass replaces the iris depends on the grasses available.

Iris is not palatable to either wildlife or livestock. The root system is resistant to trampling when animals graze a pasture with irises in it. The roots also allow the plant to spread quickly when competition from other plants is reduced.

Iris control was best when 2 lbs of 2,4-D were applied during the late vegetative to late bloom stage. This seems to be the low end of the effective application range for herbicides.

Research was done by applying 3 or 4 lbs of 2,4-D per acre. These treatments were similar in effectiveness of control. When



### Eye on Extension



Marvin Reynolds

less than 2 lb per acre of 2,4-D were applied the effectiveness was severely reduced.

There are other herbicides that can be used to treat iris. They are often more expensive and may impact more desirable plants. Some herbicides also require a "Pesticide Applicators License" to purchase. The effectiveness of these herbicides is often no better than 2,4-D.

Mowing is also a treatment option. When iris is mowed, during the bloom stage, for several years in a row the amount of iris is reduced. They must be mowed every year and it will take a few years before an impact is finally noticed.

In some areas, spot treatment can

be done. Whether mowing or using an herbicide iris control must be done at the right time. Persistence is also important as a one-shot treatment might not be as effective as hoped for.

While Rocky Mountain iris is an attractive plant, like all plants if it is in the wrong place it is a weed. By reducing or removing iris from pastures and meadows we can increase the amount of forage for wildlife and livestock. Let us keep our iris's in the flower bed and out of the meadows.

For more information on Rocky Mountain Iris control, contact your County Weed Manager or the Colorado State University Extension Office in Monte Vista at 719-852-7381.

Visit our website at: <http://sanluisvalley.colostate.edu> for information about services provided.

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## LETTERS

### Over the Days

After a 72-day recess due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we finally resumed the legislative session last Tuesday to finish the state budget and get our state on the road to recovery. I know this has been a challenging time for all of us and that businesses and residents are suffering all over House District 62. The Joint Budget Committee has had to cut \$3.3 billion from vital programs and institutions to balance the 2020-2021 budget. I wanted to take this time to outline some of my

priorities moving forward. I am 100% committed to the COVID-19 recovery in Southern Colorado. The San Luis Valley, particularly near Center, is experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak. We have to ensure that residents in that area have access to face coverings and are educated on how to properly use them, as well as are practicing social distancing and frequent hand washing. These are vital steps we can take to stop the outbreak and further spread in the San Luis Valley.

Let's all make sure we are support-

ing our small businesses through the reopening process. I have met with small business owners, and yes we continue the conversation within the community to get feedback from small businesses on how we can better support them during these times. I am committed to economic development in our region and this is an opportunity to truly focus on building a strong economy in Southern Colorado.

The murder of George Floyd at the hands of four Minneapolis police officers has re-invigorated the conversation about race in this country. Protests are taking place across the nation against police violence, but also against the systemic oppression that our communities of color, particularly African Americans, and Latinos experience on a daily basis. I do want to take the opportunity to recognize the good-hearted law enforcement officers who are committed to serving their community and put their lives on the line every day. Unfortunately, there are some that do not uphold the ideals that law enforcement should stand for,

and for that we must take action. I am a co-sponsor, along with my Democratic colleagues, on a bill introduced on Wednesday called the Law Enforcement Accountability and Integrity Act (SB20-217). The bill requires all law enforcement to wear body cameras and that footage from an incident be released within 14 days. It requires law enforcement agencies to track and report data on use of police force and stops, including demographic data. It eliminates the "fleeing felon" law, strengthens duty to intervene, and creates a system for state-level intervention to increase oversight. This bill is a step in the right direction to address police brutality and accountability, but the work will not be done. We must continue the fight for equal access to education, economic opportunity, and healthcare for communities of color.

I am committed to fighting for the precious resources of Southern Colorado, which includes our water and natural environment. A topic that will be discussed in interim is

how to protect water in our rural communities across the state. Water is the lifeblood of our communities; we do not want to see rural Colorado suffer at the expense of a growing metro area.

I know these are strange times, but in Southern Colorado we persevere, we innovate, and we move forward. I am inspired by how we have come together to help one another get through the past few months. We must continue to come together as a community and stand in support each other. I am always available to hear your questions or concerns and it is truly an honor to serve you.

Thank you  
Colorado State Representative Donald Valdez

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## Kretsinger shares

Dear Editor,

I want to express my gratitude for your unrelenting efforts to publish the Courier, especially now when it is harder than ever to keep going with decreased advertising and keeping your staff healthy. Communities that lose their newspapers suffer economically, according to a 2018 study from Notre Dame University and the University of Illinois. Apparently, what we don't know hurts us. As it turns out, the bond market has a dim view of communities that lack the scrutiny of local investigative reporting, which helps keep us all honest — politicians, regular citizens, and businesses as well.

During COVID-19, the Courier has provided a valley-wide perspective as best it can with limited resources and public health mandates. It is information that is vital to business owners making plans to function during the various stages of the pandemic. While the newspaper does not draw conclusions for us, it usually gives enough information for us to do that for ourselves.

On May 30, 2020, the Courier's headline read, "Valley sees a spike of 40 new cases", an alarming new status of our public health. Below the fold was a story about South Fork's cheerful plans for summer with not one mention of COVID-19 precautions, even though Rio Grande County experienced a spike of its own that week. Plans include the customary swell of tourists, many of whom are coming from

COVID hotspots.

Unfortunately, what was not reported was that the week before, Rio Grande County Commissioners terminated the employment of their director of public health, an experienced and highly qualified person who has been with the county for six years. We need to hear more about this. It is a decision that affects all of us and needs explanation and significant public discussion.

Alamosa County Commissioner Darius Allen, my good neighbor, was reported on May 29, 2020 as complaining about the State's denial of Alamosa County's variance requests to the State's public health orders, asking why suddenly Alamosa County is "responsible for the whole San Luis Valley." We may not be responsible for the whole valley, but we are all connected, in that Alamosa, as the mercantile hub draws commerce from across the valley and areas beyond. We are all connected, in the way that Rio Grande County's decision on opening tourism affects people in Alamosa and around the valley.

Finally, within that same May 30, 2020 edition, on the inner pages appeared a letter to the editor written by Calvin Brown, with regard to the lynching of George Floyd by Minneapolis police. I found Mr. Brown's words illuminating, cogent, and caring. I am sorry he feels he is the only black man in Alamosa. He is part of a proud few. And we need to hear more from him.

I was in the fourth grade when Presi-

dent Kennedy was killed in my town, which was dubbed the "City of Hate." Unfortunately, this was true, as we saw play out over the following years of the Civil Rights Movement. I was one year old when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation of public schools was unconstitutional. I was a senior in high school by the time Dallas Independent School District got around to enacting a misbegotten, slipshod desegregation plan that wreaked havoc on the community, devastation it has yet to recover from.

When one segment of our people is treated with hatred due to race, economics, homelessness, whatever — it harms all of us. We are all connected. As Senator Paul Wellstone said, "We all do better when we all do better."

I've come to think of what we're currently experiencing as The Great Pause, during which the importance of such basic things as food supply, human connections, environmental degradation, and reliable sources of information have become heightened. We need to discuss and learn from each other. We need local news. We all need our voices heard and we all need to listen. In this time, when the Universe has apparently decided to give us a clean slate, as a community, we need to give great thought as to how we can do things+ over. And get it right.

Sincerely,  
Trudi Kretsinger  
Candidate for Alamosa County Commissioner, District 1



# Religion

## Biblical prophets, veteran preachers and troubled streets

In times of turmoil, brutality, fire and rage, black preachers have always turned to the Old Testament prophets.

Hear Jeremiah addressing the king and his court: "Thus says the Lord: Act with justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan and the widow, or shed innocent blood. ... (If) you will not heed these words, I swear by myself, says the Lord, that this house shall become a desolation."

There's plenty more where that came from. No one is shocked when black pastors take biblical texts about sin, justice, repentance and mercy and weave them into images and headlines from the news, said the Rev. Terriel Byrd, urban ministry professor at Palm Beach Atlantic University. This is a crucial role they have always played -- within their communities, and as bridge-builders to others.

"Even when they know that what they're going to say will be rejected, they dare to speak as prophets," he said. "They aren't afraid to preach what they need to preach. If you go to church during times like these, you know a black preacher will not be silent."

After decades of studying the art of preaching -- he is the former president of the African American Caucus of the

Academy of Homiletics -- Byrd knows that traditions are different in white sanctuaries. But he is convinced America needs to hear from all kinds of preachers after the killing of George Floyd, his neck under the knee of a white Minneapolis police officer.

On the streets, some white police are kneeling -- this is powerful symbolism on many levels -- with protestors in prayer. Unity across racial lines in churches will be just as important.

Black church leaders will be on the scene during peaceful protests. When it's time to heal and clean up, all kinds of religious believers will take part -- black, white, whatever. But will they be able to speak together?

"It's crucial for white-church leaders to step forward and take a leadership role at this moment," said Byrd, reached by telephone. "If we have some true partnerships form, with a real sense of honesty and equality, we could see a way forward and make real progress fighting this injustice."

This is not, of course, the first time that clergy have faced this challenge.

In the spring of 1992, I was part of a Denver Seminary team that led a seminar blending studies of the Old Testament prophets with efforts to respond -- through preaching and religious education -- to spiritual signals drawn from

mainstream news and entertainment. Half of the participants were white, and half were black.

Obviously, it was impossible to ignore the Los Angeles riots following the acquittal of four Los Angeles police officers who had been videotaped beating Rodney King after a lengthy high-speed chase. In five days, 55 people died, more than 2,000 were injured and 1,000 buildings were damaged or destroyed.

The seminary's president -- the late Rev. Haddon Robinson, a world-famous homiletics professor -- approved a unique assignment during the riots. We asked each white student to contact a black pastor, seeking insights into the next Sunday sermon. Black students contacted white pastors with the same goal.

Every black pastor contacted by our students directly addressed the L.A. riots, and most quoted biblical prophets. The big idea: America needed to repent, because there was enough sin

and brokenness in this storm of racism and violence to touch us all. Only one white preacher addressed the riots, if I remember correctly. Several said they couldn't interrupt a planned sermon series.

Years later, Byrd and I discussed the sobering lessons learned in that seminar while we were teaching together at Palm Beach Atlantic.

The current crisis -- reaching from coast to coast -- demands a wider response. Silence is not an option, Byrd told me this week.

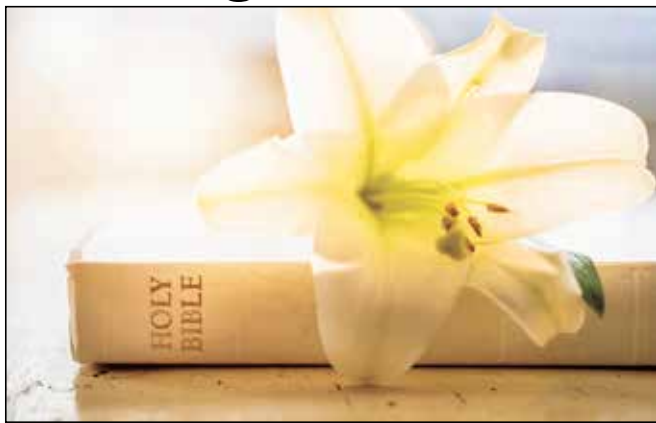
"Many white pastors seem afraid of being rebuked or being accused of causing division in their pews. I understand that they may not think they have as much freedom" as preachers in black churches, he said. "But, if white-church leaders say, 'We will stand together against racism,' that will matter right now. ... People know black preachers will say this. But who will join them?"

### On Religion



Terry Mattingly

## Bible Digest



### Friday, June 5, 2020

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." (Isaiah 64:6 AKJV)

We are not good enough. We all fall short. This is why we need the grace of God to forgive us.

### Saturday, June 6, 2020

"Who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." (Colossians 1:13-14 AKJV)

Jesus died to save us from Hell. Thank you Jesus.

### Sunday, June 7, 2020

"Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Before I formed you in the belly I knew you; and before you came forth out of the womb I sanctified you, and I ordained you a prophet to the nations." (Jeremiah 1:4-5 AKJV)

Life is sacred. God gave it to us. Life should be valued at conception. We are made in the image of God.

### Monday, June 8, 2020

"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:8 AKJV)

This is what Jesus, the Son of God, did for us. He died for us. We should live for Him.

### Tuesday, June 9, 2020

"For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." (Jeremiah 2:13 AKJV)

It just doesn't make sense to walk away from God.

### Wednesday, June 10, 2020

"Why God also has highly exalted him, and

given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:9-11 AKJV)

This day is coming. Jesus is Lord.

### Thursday, June 11, 2020

"Thus said the LORD, Stand you in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and you shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein." (Jeremiah 6:16 AKJV)

We may not need the good old days but we sure need the good old ways. Let's turn back to the Lord.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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County Rd. 2 E., Monte Vista (across from Sargent School) Pastor Hugh Harris - 719-852-2980 Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. <b>Back Row Church - Church Community</b> In the Alamosa Presbyterian Church Building Alamosa www.backrowchurch.com Kim Nipple - 303-632-9342 Worship Service - Wednesday Evening at 6:00 pm <b>Apostolic</b> Alamosa Apostolic Church 510 First St., Alamosa Meets Sundays 1-2 p.m. 2-3 p.m. - Lunch 3-5 p.m. - Worship Service Antonio Apostolic Church 710 Main St., Antonio Meets sundays 11-12 p.m. - Sunday School 12-1 p.m. - Worship service <b>Apostolic Pentecostal</b> Church of Champions, Acts 2:38 5055 Hwy 285 South, Alamosa - 719-867-3351 Dan Downing Pastor, 719-869-7307 Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - Service <b>Assembly of God</b> River of Life Church 2602 Clark Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Service <b>Center Assembly of God</b> 7th & Miles - P.O. 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## Overcome Fear That Keeps You from Your Destiny

God has a wonderful plan for each of our lives. Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." When we put our faith in Jesus as our Savior, we put ourselves in a position to walk out our God-given destiny.

Sadly, many believers in Christ aren't living out their destiny because of fear. The fear of man is a common problem that causes us to worry about things like, "What will they think of me? What are they going to say about me? What will they do if I don't do what they want? What if they reject me? What if they don't like me?"

Everyone struggles with insecurity and the fear of rejection to some degree. And there's nothing wrong with wanting people to like you. But when we are so focused on being people pleasers that our fear of being rejected, judged or criticized controls our choices, we're being controlled by the fear of man.

If we're going to get free of fear and really pursue everything God has for our lives, we have to make a decision that we won't let fear be the ruling factor—we will not live with fear! Instead, we can learn how to live courageously by the grace and strength we have in Christ.

**The True Meaning of Courage**  
It's important to understand what it means to live courageously. It doesn't mean we will never feel fearful, because the truth is, we will never completely get rid of the feeling of fear. But it does mean that when we feel afraid, we can do whatever we need to do through Christ who gives us strength. (See Philippians 4:13.) We can follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and do what God puts in our hearts to do, rather than settle for an okay or average life. And God wants to do amazing things in our lives that will likely pull us out of our comfort zones and require us to walk by

faith to do them. Now, I'm not talking about making foolish choices or doing things that are dangerous because you don't want fear of those things to hold you back. Being free from fear means we can be bold and take risks instead of just doing what seems "safe" but keeps us from becoming everything God has created us to be.

I remember when I had to make some bold, scary choices so I could move forward in God's plan for my ministry. I had friends who didn't think I had the right personality to be a Bible teacher. There were people in my church who didn't think women should teach the Word. And there were family members who didn't understand the call of God on my life and they rejected me because of it.

It was a very hard time, but I'm so glad God gave me the courage I needed to do it afraid. Now it's scary to think about where I would be if I hadn't trusted God and followed His plans for me because of fear that I'd lose my friends and not be well thought of by others.

### The Strategy to Conquer Fear

The only way you can conquer fear is to confront it—to keep going forward with God while the enemy of fear is trying to drive you backward. Remember that "the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline" (2 Timothy 1:7 NIV). When you're struggling to do what you know God wants you to do, go to the Word for encouragement. Here are a few powerful scriptures (NIV) you can use to conquer fear.

**Isaiah 41:10** says, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."



**Psalm 118:6** says, "The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

**Psalm 27:1** declares, "The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?"

**Romans 8:31-32** says, "...If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us—all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"

The Word of God has power to set you free from fear! Take time to study these verses and pray for God to help you live courageously in His will for your life. You'll discover there's nothing more exciting than overcoming fear and finding freedom to fulfill your destiny!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-teaching CD series **Facing Fear and Finding Freedom**. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting [www.joycemeyer.org](http://www.joycemeyer.org).

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# Lifestyle

## Danae Lucero receives County Sheriffs scholarship

**DEL NORTE** - The Rio Grande County Sheriff department recently awarded Danae Lucero, from Sargent High School the County Sheriffs of Colorado scholarship for Rio Grande County. CSOC, Colorado's state sheriffs' association, offered 30 awards of \$500 each this year to deserving high school and college students in Colorado to fund higher-level educational expenses for the 2020-2021 academic year.

A citizens' committee selected the winner for each county. Committees made their selections based upon criteria established by CSOC, including leadership, merit, character, involvement, purpose and need. Applicants were required to be full-time, legal Colorado residents who planned to attend a Colorado university, college or trade school.

CSOC established the scholarship program in 1978. Since then, this effort has continued as a meaningful expression of the sheriff's confidence in and respect for education and training. Monies for the program are derived, in part, from the CSOC honorary membership fund, which consists of contributions from individual citizens and businesses each year.



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Rio Grande County Sheriff Don McDonald, presents Danae Lucero with County Sheriffs of Colorado (CSOC), scholarship award for Rio Grande County.



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## Company donates socks to front line staff



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ProCompression.com, one of Lauren Martin Masterson's running sponsors, recently sent her a box of compression socks to donate to the SLV Health staff working in the SLV RMC Negative Pressure Rooms. Showing off their new socks, from left, are Amanda Mullen, resident physician; Oliver de Raet, MD; and Tiffanie Hoover, ACNP-C.

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# Sports

## CHSAA's Resocialization Task Force sets to resuming sports and activities

By RYAN CASEY  
CHSAA Multimedia  
Coordinator

CHSAA's Resocialization Task Force met on Wednesday, and built the foundations of a plan which aims to resume sports and activities during the 2020-21 school year.

The task force was comprised of pediatricians, orthopedists, sports medicine doctors, athletic trainers, superintendents, school administrators, coaches and CHSAA staff.

"I would like to thank the members of the Resocialization Task Force," said CHSAA commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green. "This was extremely difficult, with diverse opinions and challenges across the state. At the end of the day, everybody in the room was committed to reconnecting sports and activities to the educational platform. So that gave us a common purpose. Getting our kids back to activities that support their social, mental and physical health is our priority."

"If it were easy to come up with these decisions, professional and collegiate sports would already have definitive answers with the amount of resources at their disposal."

The group used a document created by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) as a guideline, and also looked at various other guidance from other states, as well as national-level sport organizations.

They were also informed by a survey of the CHSAA membership, which included more than 900 responses from coaches, athletic directors, district athletics directors, superintendents and principals over the course of 18 hours.

"If that doesn't tell you how important education-based participation is to the state of Colorado, no other data points will," Blanford-Green said.

The task force acknowledged that the goal in returning to play has to include mitigating the risk, as it is not possible to eliminate it entirely.

"As administrators, we have to recognize that we have a role in mitigating risk, and providing a safe environment for resuming athletics and activities," Blanford-Green said. "Those decisions will take time as guidelines become more relaxed, and medical guidance speaks to specific sports."

"We have to stay focused: We are not youth sports, club sports or summer programs," she added. "We have to make decisions aligned with where the resumption of education will be at the start of the 2020-21 school year."

The task force classified CHSAA's 29 sports into three categories: lower risk, moderate risk, and higher risk.

**Lower Risk**  
Boys golf  
Boys tennis  
Skiing  
Girls swimming\*  
Girls golf  
Boys swimming\*  
Girls tennis  
Unified Bowling  
Sideline Cheer

Note that swimming can only be categorized as lower risk if the CHSAA guidelines (for example, social distancing) for swimming events are met. Otherwise, swimming would be considered a moderate risk sport.

**Moderate Risk**  
Cross country  
Field hockey  
Gymnastics\*

Boys soccer  
Softball  
Volleyball  
Baseball  
Boys lacrosse  
Girls lacrosse  
Girls soccer  
Track\*

Note that track and field and gymnastics are considered moderate when considering the sport as a whole, due to the sharing of equipment, surfaces and social distancing.

**Higher Risk**  
Football  
Competitive Cheer/Dance  
Basketball  
Ice hockey

Wrestling  
The categorization of CHSAA's three activities — music, speech, and student leadership — will continue to be examined as guidance comes forward from various organizations and agencies.

The following definition of these categories comes from the NFHS document:

**Lower Risk:** Sports that can be conducted with social distancing or individually with no sharing of equipment or the ability to clean the equipment between use by competitors.

**Moderate Risk:** Sports that involve close, sustained contact, but with protective equipment in place that may reduce the likelihood of respiratory particle transmission between participants OR intermittent close contact OR group sports OR sports that use equipment that can't be cleaned between participants.

**Higher Risk:** Sports that involve close, sustained contact between participants, lack of significant protective barriers, and high probability that respiratory particles will be transmitted between participants.

The task force recommended that the CHSAA staff explore beginning lower-risk sports at the start of the 2020-21 school year.

"Our goal is to administer all activities and athletics in 2020-21 school year," Blanford-Green said. "Within that goal, our office and our membership must be willing to think outside the box. The traditional structure of a fall, spring or winter season has to be reexamined as resuming at any level could look different. We have to think about the categorized levels of sports, and the ability to resume them safely. Those must be our benchmarks."

For sports categorized as moderate and higher-risk, the task force wants CHSAA to gather definitive interpretations of state guidelines and medical data on when it would be safe to initiate their seasons. At this point, CHSAA is not able to move forward with sports classified as moderate and higher-risk. The hope is to be able to find an opportunity to play those sports at some point during the 2020-21 school year.

"This is the first week in June," Blanford-Green said. "We don't want to get in front of the guidelines or medical data that hasn't been clearly interpreted and make rash decisions which could negatively impact sports that could potentially start at some point this fall."

The task force meeting helped to set the foundation and standards for returning to play. Decisions made moving forward will be made with a combination of various resources and experts.

"There were levels of frustration throughout the day. There's no modern-day template for resuming play after a pandemic," Blanford-Green said. "But I feel like we came away with some actionable items, some much-needed definitions, to move to the next steps."

"I can't thank this task force enough for their time, effort and expertise as we navigated through uncharted territory to resocialize sports under diverse guidelines across the state," she added.



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**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, 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 announced 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.  
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**San Luis Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES)** 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 affects students from Alamosa, Centennial, Center Creede, Del Norte, Mofat, 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, 2020.  
 Please include students Name, date of birth and your relationship to the student. Identification will be required.  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing before the Conejos County Board of Adjustments will be on Wednesday, July 8th, 2020 at 6:15 PM. The hearing will be held in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Conejos County Courthouse. The purpose of this hearing is to consider an application for a Variance to the zone district required lot size in a Community/Townsite Zone District. The landowner is Albert Garcia, 122 State Street, Antonito CO 81120. The subject property is legally described as: A 1.5 Acre lot in the Southwest corner of Section 29, Township 33, Range 9 East, NMPM, County, Colorado. County Parcel #598729100027  
 The full details of this application are available for public inspection in the Office of the Land Use Administrator at the Conejos County Courthouse during regular office hours. Interested persons may appear to be heard at the public hearing.  
 Linda DeHerrera  
 Land Use Administrator  
 No. 1481  
 Published in the Valley Courier on June 5, and 10, 2020.

**District Court**  
 Rio Grande County, Colorado  
 Court Address: 925 Sixth Street, Del Norte, CO 81132  
 In the Matter of the Estate of SIDNEY LEWIS KLECKER, also formerly known as SID L. KLECKER, Deceased  
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 Attorney for Personal Co-Representatives  
 William F. Dunn, Reg. No. 1036  
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 Phone Number: (719) 657-3323; E-mail: bill@dunn-law.com  
 Case Number: 2020PR30019  
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 NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
 Estate of Sidney Lewis Klecker, Deceased  
 Case Number: 2020PR30019  
 All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Rio Grande County, Colorado, on or before October 15, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.  
 William F. Dunn, Attorney for the Co-Personal Representatives  
 585 Columbia Avenue, Del Norte, CO 81132  
 No. 1483  
 Published in the Valley Courier on June 5, 12, and 19, 2020.

### 221 HELP WANTED

**MONTE VISTA ESTATES** is currently seeking a full-time dietary Cook to add to our amazing team! The Cook is an essential role in the overall dining services offered to our residents and tenants. The cook assists in the preparation and service of meals and snacks in accordance with facility policies and procedures. Monte Vista Estates is a skilled five star rated nursing home -we take great pride in the food we serve our residents. If you love working with the elderly and enjoy making a difference in the lives of our seniors, please contact us. Interested individuals may respond to this ad or you may contact Ottilia at 719-852-5138. The shift(s) for this position are as follows: Days, Evenings Job Type: Full-Time Salary: Based on experience JOB REQUIREMENTS: Must be able to learn specific food preparation procedures, follow recipes and menus, and operate all equipment in a safe manner. Knowledge of nursing home or assisted living food service is preferred. Must be able to maintain a clean, organized work area. Must be able to work well with all department staff.(6/16)

### 221 HELP WANTED

**THE TOWN OF SANFORD** is accepting applications for a Police Officer. Candidates must be Colorado P.O.S.T. certified and willing to submit to psychological, background, and criminal history checks. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Pick up applications at Sanford Town Hall, 390 Greenleaf Street - Monday & Tuesday form 8-4pm or apply online at Colorado.gov/TownofSanford. Applications must include resume and P.O.S.T. certification.(6/12)

### 221 HELP WANTED

**THE NORTH CONEJOS** School District is accepting applications for (1) part-time Health Educator. A degree in health education is preferred but not necessary with experience in health & wellness. Teaching experience and basic computers skills are a plus. Call Amber Martinez at 298-1617 with questions. Applications are available at the Administration Office, 17890 US Hwy 285, La Jara, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. Submit application to Curt Wilson, Superintendent. EOE.(6/9)

### 221 HELP WANTED

**MONTE VISTA ESTATES** Nursing Home is seeking a full time night shift CNA. Shift is 10:00pm-0600am. If you love working with the elderly and enjoy making a difference in the lives of our residents, please contact us and or drop by for an application. We look forward to having you join our team.(6/16)

### 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

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

### 221 HELP WANTED

**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)

**SOUTH CONEJOS 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@southconejos.com. Applications will be accepted until June 17th, 2020.(6/17)

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**THE TOWN OF ANTONITO** is seeking well qualified legal counsel, with expertise and experience in municipal law. Applicants must be available the second Thursday of every month and for special meetings, when applicable. This is a yearly contract position commencing in July, 2020. The position is currently paid via monthly retainer; however, hourly compensation may also be considered. The salary range for retainer is approximately \$1,150 - \$1,500 per month, contingent upon experience. Please submit a cover letter, resume and any other pertinent application materials to Town of Antonito, Legal Counsel Hiring Committee PO Box 86, Antonito, CO 81120 or in person at 515 River Street, Antonito, CO between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8:30 - 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.(6/6)

**CONEJOS COUNTY SHERIFF'S** Office accepting applications for Investigator and Patrol Deputy. Duties include: Enforces Colorado laws & ordinances, report writing, investigates, apprehends and arrests suspects. Patrols entire county. Investigator: Investigates crimes and questions witnesses, examines scene of crime to obtain clues and gather evidence, secures evidence, interviews suspected persons and gathers facts of particular cases. Must be 21 years of age, have a valid driver's license and be Colorado Post Certified. Must be eligible to carry a firearm, pass background check and drug screen. 2 years' relevant law enforcement experience preferred for Patrol and 3 years for Investigator. Starting salary is \$35,360 DOQ. County Application Required. Deadline Ongoing. EEOE Applications available at the Conejos County Human Resources Office or via email upon request at [cricci@co.conejos.co.us](mailto:cricci@co.conejos.co.us). Inquiries call 719-376-6799 or 719-376-2196.(6/5)

**LOOKING FOR FULL** time ranch hand in La Jara. Hours vary with seasons. We raise sheep, hay and vegetables and are certified organic. Housing is available on farm if needed. Call 719-274-0293 or 719-588-1035.(6/19)

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**MONTE VISTA SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for a Middle School Science Teacher. A complete list of desired qualifications is available on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application at <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>, by Tuesday, June 2, 2020, or until the position is filled.(6/10)

**SLV FEDERAL BANK** is now accepting applications for a Loan Officer in our Monte Vista office. Applications and position descriptions are available at [www.slvfed.com](http://www.slvfed.com) or at each branch location. Equal opportunity Employer, including considering individuals with Disabilities and Veterans/Affirmative Action Employer.(6/10)

**THE DEL NORTE Jr/Sr High School** is seeking a qualified Secondary Social Studies teacher for the 2020/2021 school year. If you are interested please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Aaron Horrocks at [ahorrocks@urtigers.com](mailto:ahorrocks@urtigers.com) or contact Aaron at 719-657-4030 ext 1001. Applications can be accessed online at [\(6/23\)](https://www.dncsd.org/business/employment-opportunities)

## 221 HELP WANTED

**THE SAGUACHE COUNTY Land Use Office** is accepting applications for a full time Saguache County Code Enforcement Officer. Applicants must have a valid Colorado Divers License, must pass a criminal background check as well as a pre-employment drug test. Applications will be accepted through June 5, 2020 or until filled. Applications and job descriptions may be found on [www.saguachecounty.net](http://www.saguachecounty.net) or may be emailed to you, please contact April Quintana at 719-655-2231. Saguache County is an equal opportunity employer.(6/10)

**WANT TO MAKE** a difference in a child's life, looking for a rewarding and fulfilling career, are you a positive, self-motivated individual, consider working with young children and head start. **MONTE VISTA HEAD START** is accepting applications for anticipated teacher, teacher assistants, center assistants and substitutes. Teacher and Teacher aid positions required a BA and or AA in Early Childhood Education, CDA's accepted. Applications are available at Monte Vista Head Start, 2863 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista, Colorado. For more information you may contact the director by e-mail, [director@mvheadstart.org](mailto:director@mvheadstart.org) or call 719-628-9908 or 719-852-3215. Positions open until filled. An employment application must be completed.(6/10)

**ELEMENTARY TEACHER NEEDED** at Del Norte Elementary School for the 2020/2021 school year. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at [aduda@urtigers.com](mailto:aduda@urtigers.com) or contact Amy at 719-657-4030. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at [dncsd.org](http://dncsd.org). (6/19)

## 221 HELP WANTED

**SAGUACHE COUNTY LAND Use** is seeking a part time Land Use Clerk. Duties include general office duties must pass a criminal background check as well as a pre-employment drug test. Applications are available on line at [www.saguachecounty.net](http://www.saguachecounty.net). Applications will be accepted through June 5, 2020 or until filled. Applications may be found on [www.saguachecounty.net](http://www.saguachecounty.net) or may be emailed to you, please contact April Quintana at 719-655-2231 for further information. Saguache County is an equal opportunity employer. (6/10)

**THE SAN LUIS Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services** has positions for a full time Medicaid Coordinator/Admin. Assistant. This position will provide quality clerical assistance and record keeping to the special education department and Medicaid agencies; to provide all required documents for Medicaid reimbursements to appropriate Colorado agencies. High school diploma or equivalent required with least one-year secretarial experience, knowledge of financial reports and processes preferred. Process requires application, letter of interest, and three current letters of reference. Send completed application process to Nita McAuliffe, Director of Exceptional Student Services, SLV BOCES, 2261 Enterprise Drive, Alamosa, CO 81101 or [nmcauliffe@slvboces.org](mailto:nmcauliffe@slvboces.org). Application deadline is June 8, 2020 or until positions are filled.(6/10)

**DEL NORTE HIGH School** is seeking a qualified Boys' Basketball Head Coach for next season. If interested, please email Richie Madrid, Del Norte High School Athletic Director at [rmadrid@urtigers.com](mailto:rmadrid@urtigers.com) or call him at 719-850-3623. (6/19)

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**ACCEPTING RESUMES FOR ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR** position with Tri-County Senior Citizens and Housing. Must be proficient in Microsoft suite. (Word, Excel, Publisher) Prior experience in bookkeeping or accounting. Must be well organized, detail and deadline oriented. Will assist with day to day operation of Senior Center and Senior Apartments. Must relate well with people. Will plan activities, events and trips. Will prepare newsletter and reports for board review, will keep website current. Full time position 35-40 hours per week Monday-Friday. Mail resumes to 311 Washington Street, Monte Vista, CO 81144 or email to [mary@tricityseniors.com](mailto:mary@tricityseniors.com). (6/5)

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 52 Tee-hee kin (hyph.)  
 54 Like — of bricks  
 55 Limate  
 56 Roulette bet  
 57 Posse's quarry  
 58 Part of UCLA  
 59 Not cluttered

**DOWN**

1 Nine-lived pet  
 2 Bradley or Sharif  
 3 Costa —  
 4 Made catcalls?  
 5 Nail groomer  
 6 Pianist at Rick's

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7 Place to relax on a train (2 wds.)  
 8 Bogging down  
 9 Graven image  
 10 Stunt  
 11 Current rage  
 19 Mag. staffers  
 21 Reverse dresser  
 24 Fussy instrument  
 25 Reed  
 26 Stead  
 27 Off-white  
 28 Bronte governess

29 Super Bowl cheers  
 33 Heartache  
 35 Chits  
 36 Best  
 39 Rodeo event  
 40 Mai —  
 41 Dash's kin  
 43 Ancient harps  
 44 Gyro shell  
 45 Famed prep school  
 47 Icicle site  
 48 One-time Mets' stadium  
 49 Zig's opposite  
 51 GI address  
 53 Picnic pest

## ALLEY OOP

WILL HE BE OKAY?  
 HE'S GOT STARS GOING AROUND HIS HEAD. HE'S JUST KNOCKED OUT FOR A BIT.  
 NOW TO FIGURE OUT HOW THE DEVICE WORKS.  
 OOH! I KNOW.  
 DEAR WHERES THE MEDICINE TO HELP ME?

## ARLO & JANIS

LET'S MAKE IT INTERESTING! I'LL BET FIVE ON THE TIGERS!  
 BET ON A GAME THAT'S ALREADY BEEN PLAYED? NO, THANKS!  
 I'LL TAKE THAT BET!

## BIG NATE

AHHHH! A GAS LEAK EMERGENCY IN THE MIDDLE OF SOCIAL STUDIES!  
 NOW I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE HOMEWORK I DIDN'T DO!  
 I'VE GOT THE TEXTBOOK RIGHT HERE! DO IT NOW!  
 ARE YOU INSANE?  
 THAT WAS GOING TO BE MY QUESTION.

## THE BORN LOSER

I HAVE TO HAND IT TO YOU, GLADYS—DESPITE MY LOSING WAYS, YOU HAVE REMAINED A LOYAL PARTNER!  
 YES, MY DEAR, I'VE STUCK WITH YOU THROUGH THICK AND THIN!  
 OR SHOULD I SAY, THROUGH THICK HAIR AND THIN HAIR!

## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

MMMM—THERE'S NOTHING SWEETER THAN THE SMELL OF A FRESHLY BATHED BABY!—OR MORE SATISFYING THAN KNOWING THE HOUSEWORK'S DONE.  
 THERE'S NOTHING MORE COMPELLING THAN THE LOOK IN A LITTLE CHILD'S EYES, OR MORE FULFILLING THAN SEEING THEM THRIVE IN YOUR CARE!  
 WHAT WORDS CAN DESCRIBE THE INTENSE AND SPECIAL FEELING A MOTHER HAS AFTER BEING FAT HOME WITH HER BABY ALL DAY?  
 GET ME OUT OF HERE!!

## FRANK & ERNEST

BIOLAB  
 NO, THIS IS A GOOD THING. ANTIBODIES ARE NOT BULLIES GOING OUT AND LOOKING TO PICK A FIGHT.

## GARFIELD

GARFIELD FINDS ME FASCINATING  
 SOMETIMES HE STARES AT ME FOR HOURS  
 REALLY?  
 IS THAT TRUE?  
 DID YOU KNOW THAT I CAN SLEEP WITH MY EYES OPEN?

## THE GRIZZWELLS

(SIGH!) THIS SHELTERING IN PLACE HAS MY SCHEDULE ALL SCREWED UP  
 I JUST SLEPT THROUGH MY NAP

## PEANUTS

Dear Contributor, We are returning your stupid story.  
 You are a terrible writer. Why do you bother us? We wouldn't buy one of your stories if you paid us.  
 Leave us alone. Drop dead. Get lost.  
 PROBABLY A FORM REJECTION SLIP...

## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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## HERMAN

"Marriage is give and take. I eat your cooking so you do the dishes."

# Sorrow consumes couple's lives after son's suicide

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I lost our son to suicide a few years ago. We have never gotten over it. I have recovered somewhat and would like to resume having intimate relations, but she's not that far along.

I no longer feel there's any reason to continue on this earth. There is no point to my being here. I think about suicide daily. I have been told that if I were going to do this and hurt my family as my son did, I would've already done it.

My wife and I have been cast into a hell that's impossible to bear. There is no way to describe the pain, anger and sorrow we feel. I want to die because I feel the world would be a better place without my sorrowful self taking up resources. I have sought help ever since we lost my son, and have been taking all kinds of medication that I no longer want to take. Is there a way out other than my option?

DEAR BEYOND DEPRESSED: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the tragic loss of your son. I cannot imagine the hell you and your wife are going through.

Because you can't get the thought of suicide out of your mind, it is very important that you receive more help than I can give you in a letter. Your doctor should be put on notice about your issue with your medications. Also, a group that might be helpful for you and your

wife is the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. If you contact them, they can refer you to a local support group for people who are surviving a loved one's suicide. The website is afsp.org. If, however, you feel you have reached a point where harming yourself is imminent, I urge you to call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255. Please don't give up.

DEAR ABBY: I have two children. One is 6, and the other is an infant. My 6-year-old is kind but mischievous at times. I am a firm believer that children need loving parents, but also parents who discipline when it's needed.

My mother recently came to live with me and my husband. She helps out a lot, but she is causing some confusion in our home. She doesn't discipline my 6-year-old when needed. In fact, she often acts like a child herself when she should be acting like an adult. This issue causes my 6-year-old to sometimes be disrespectful.

When my husband and I hear the smart-mouth talk, we address it, but there's only so much we can do when my mother won't take an adult role. I have had several conversations with her about it, but nothing changes. I don't want her to leave, but I'm afraid her attitude toward parenting and discipline will cause some real problems in my home. Please help.

DISCIPLINED IN VIRGINIA



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR DISCIPLINED: Continue the conversation with your mother. Explain that although she may think you are too strict with your older child, you are that child's mother, and this is the way you want the child raised. Then tell her that if enforcing the rules is too much for her, she may have to find other living arrangements. Talk to your child, as well. Make sure he/she understands that the rules come from his/her parents and no one else.

I am troubled by your statement that your mother sometimes acts like a child. I wish you had mentioned why she's living with you. If you suspect there's a possibility she might be experiencing the onset of dementia, INSIST that she be evaluated by a physician and a neurologist to ensure that she's well.



# Lifestyle

## Sargent School District Honor Roll

### Second Semester High School Honor Roll

Clay Kimberling  
Antonio Martinez  
Breannen Maxwell  
Daylon Maze  
Kage Pepper  
Megan Peterson  
Ashlyn Rockey  
Taylor Rockey  
Kendra Sears  
Cole Seger  
Katherine Sewell  
Drew Smith  
Caden Stickens  
McKenzie Tolliver  
Angelica Urbina  
Mary Willis  
Carson Wolfe  
Autumn Yocom  
Noah Young

### Superintendent's Honor Roll:

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Payton Brown  
Nigel Cortright  
Kyla Davis  
Parker Ford  
Jaylynn Gomez  
Lauren Hefner  
Kamryn Holland  
Chinmay Jayanty  
Jennifer Johnson  
Stephanie Johnson

Montana Younkerman

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Mitchell Plane  
Evan Watts  
Mallory Carbutt  
Karen Holguin-Guzman  
Madison Kyffin  
Aiden Price  
Lindsey Temple  
Lexus Aguilar  
Christopher Brandt  
Lauren Deacon  
Brennan Gearhart  
Wyatt Hanson  
Sara Hensley  
Cameron Hsu  
Riley Kenison  
Marian Kidd  
Sadie Mitchell  
Caleb Rabon

Alicia Urbina-Gregory  
Eliana Walker  
Nathan Garcia  
Luke Hoffstaetter  
Dustin Kyffin  
Riley Lester  
Danae Lucero  
Trevor Paskett  
Akyia Ross  
Shelby Temple  
Gregory Watts

### Second Semester Junior High School Honor Roll

### Superintendent's Honor Roll:

Makayla Brown  
Jessica Buser  
Liam Ellithorpe

Lucas Garcia  
Ellaree Rockey  
Emma Sewell  
Becca Stambaugh  
Mayah Stephens  
Mia Stickens  
Josiah Yocom  
Giovanni Aguilar  
Westen Burkhart  
Annabelle Heineman  
Brooke Hoffstaetter  
Saige Hostetter  
Cayden Larimore  
Hayden Lester  
Sydney Lorentzen  
Jack Noonan  
Aaron Price  
Jordan Rockey  
Garrett Thomson

### Principal's Honor Roll:



Deonisia Camacho  
Tanner Kenison  
Maia Krattli  
Evolyn Raybourn  
Seth Waggoner  
Daniel Willis  
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Joshua Carbutt  
Tori Hill  
Azmarae Lister  
Trenton Lovelace  
Trenton Paskett

## Center School District Honor Roll



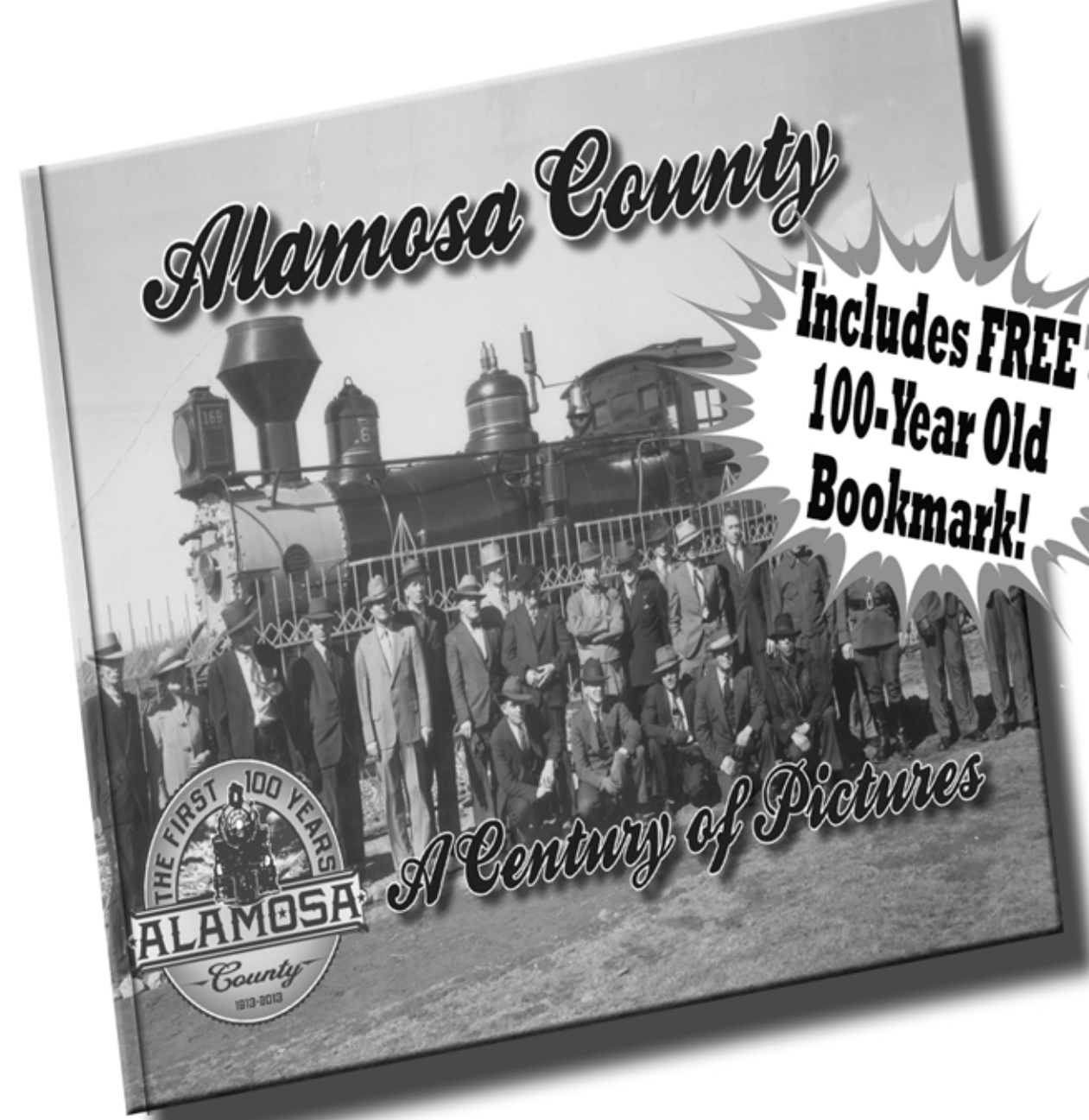
### High School Honor Roll

Last Name	First Name	Grade	GPA
Arellano	Samantha	9	4.00
Bencomo	Jesse	11	4.00
Chavez	Molly	9	4.00
Gardea	Kelly	9	4.00
Gonzalez	Daniela	9	4.00
Ruggles	Cael	9	4.00
Zapata-Chavez	Priscila	10	4.00
Maldonado	Mark	9	3.86
Quintana	Yahiy	10	3.86
Varela	Alexis	10	3.86
Villalobos	Arleth	9	3.86
Arellano	Mackayla	11	3.80
Estrada Majalca	Deisy	10	3.71
Felix Jr	David	9	3.71
Molina-Valadez	Giselle	9	3.71
Trejo-Chaparro	Yamileth	10	3.71
Moreno	Briana	11	3.67
DeHerrera	Destiny	11	3.60
Gonzales-Rodriguez	Raul	10	3.57
Martinez-Villagomez	Evelyn	9	3.57
Molina-Campos	Luis	11	3.50
Moreno	Joaquin	9	3.43
Vargas	Alyssa	11	3.43
Reyes	Cruz	9	3.29
Garcia	Adrian	11	3.25
DeHerrera-Valdez	Azia	11	3.20
Garcia	Mica	10	3.14
Bolanos	Rafael	10	3.00
Trujillo	Elexus	11	3.00

### Middle School Honor Roll

Last Name	First Name	Grade	GPA
Garcia	Arazeliz	8	4.00
Nunez-Fierro	Devannie	7	4.00
Palma-Duran	Nicholas	7	4.00
Swanson	Elijah	6	4.00
Thompson	Shayla	8	4.00
Valadez-Gonzalez	Jose	7	4.00
Duran	Jordan	8	3.88
Larimore	Hayle	8	3.88
Maldonado	Yulisa	8	3.88
Martinez	Liannette	8	3.88
Seesz-Sanchez	Willa	8	3.88
Swanson	Noah	7	3.88
Perez	Daniel	6	3.78
Villasenor	Carmen	6	3.78
Gonzales-Rodriguez	Dulce	7	3.75
Maldonado	Julian	7	3.75
Martinez	Charlene	7	3.75
Martinez	Cheyenne	8	3.75
Valadez-Felix	Jesus	8	3.75
Valadez-Felix	Luis	7	3.75
Miranda	Ximena	7	3.63
Ruiz	Juliana	8	3.63
Palma	Dulce	6	3.56
Perez	April	6	3.56
Perez	David	6	3.56
Rendon Jr	Ruben	6	3.56
Maez	Sonya	7	3.50
Paiz	Ciara	8	3.50
Palma	Martin	7	3.50
Rosales	Lluvia	8	3.50
Roblero Santiz	Josue	6	3.44
Bustamante	Alexa	8	3.38
Casados	Promise	7	3.38
Muro-Ornelas	Kimberly	8	3.38
Felix Macias	Azul	6	3.33
Lujan	Alyciana	6	3.33
Garcia	Alanna	8	3.25
Lopez	Giayaneli	8	3.25
Merritt-Armenta	Mason	8	3.25
Bencomo	Feliz	6	3.22
Fernandez-Duran	A'zzikio	6	3.22
Hernandez	Damian	6	3.22
Molina-Campos	Sheyla	6	3.22
Harrington	Selah	8	3.13
Roblero-Santiz	Cristian	8	3.13
Trejo-Chaparro	Juan	8	3.13
Guaderrama	Ivan	6	3.11
Lopez	Vanessa	6	3.11
Aguilar	Omar	7	3.00
Carrasco	Camila	6	3.00
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Martinez-Montoya	Billy	8	3.00
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# Lifestyle

## 2020 Ray and Colette Skeff Scholarships



Courtesy photo Ray and Colette Skeff. The Skeffs donate their scholarship to local students every year promoting the furthering of young men and women's educations.

rissa plans to attend the Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

Scholarships for Center High School have been awarded in the amount of \$665 to Kristine Hoffner and Samantha Gonzalez. Kristine plans to pursue a Bachelor's in Pre-Med, and then go on to medical school.

She will attend Adams State University in the fall. Samantha plans to start at Adams State and wants to continue her education to become a doctor.

An annuity was purchased for both the Monte Vista School District and the Center School District in 2003. Each year a check is sent for the interest on the funds to be given as a scholarship to students selected by the schools. Kansas City Life Insurance Company is on the hook for a minimum of 20 years and a maximum if either Ray or Colette are living.

2020 is the 17th year of the Skeff Scholarship for both schools and the total awarded is \$53,660.

The seniors of 2020 would have been 1 year old when the scholarship started in 2003.

The Skeff's wanted to give the scholarships to express their support for deserving students who want an education.

Ray was a graduate from Center High School and Colette was a graduate from Monte Vista High School.



Courier file photos

From left; Meagan Beckner Monte Vista HS, Samantha Gonzalez Center HS, and Kristine Hoffner Center, and Larissa Medina Monte Vista HS were the 2020 Skeff Scholarship awardees.

## SLV Health receives large mask donation



Photo courtesy of SLV Health

Monica Hinds, RN, SLVH Emergency Department Director, helps to unload the mask kits donated by the Colorado Hospital Association along with Ryan Daugherty, SLVH EMS Director and Lt. Colonel Chad Gron Dahl of the Civil Air Patrol, Colorado Wing.

ALAMOSAS — Staff from SLV Health made a special trip to the San Luis Valley Regional Airport in Alamosa recently to meet a very special plane - one that was carrying 5000 mask kits.

Colorado Hospital Association donated the mask kits to SLV Health, and the flight to get the kits to the valley was donated by the pilots who volunteer with Civil Air Patrol. When the plane landed, it was greeted by Michelle Gay, CHC, SLVH Director of Compliance; Monica Hinds, RN, SLVH Emergency Department Director; and Ryan Daugherty, SLVH EMS Director.

"We can't thank the Colorado Hospital Association enough for their incredible work and dedication to rural communities during this crisis," said Gay. "We appreciate the latest donation and want them to know how fortunate we are to have a partner in them. Our team is incredibly grateful."

In March, SLV Health underwent a shortage of personal protection equipment (PPE) such as masks and gowns when its

supply chain was overwhelmed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The San Luis Valley community was quick to jump in and assist the health organization, making masks and gowns, and in some cases even donating their own personal supply of PPE equipment. Now, with the addition of the mask kits, the sewers are getting ready to help once more.

"We are slowly getting the word out to all of our local seamstresses in the valley that may be interested in helping once again," Gay said. "These are amazing men and women that want to continue to sew and help keep us safe."

The cloth masks are used for SLV Health employees who don't have direct contact with clinical patients, so that the N95 masks and other vital PPE are reserved for use by the medical staff that need them most.

Anyone interested in helping sew masks can contact Michelle Gay at 719-587-6362 or by email at michelle.gay@slvrmc.org.

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