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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.



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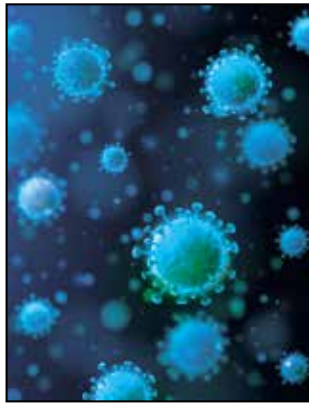


Third COVID death reported in Alamosa

May have been Care Center resident

STAFF REPORT
ALAMOSA— A third COVID-19 related fatality in Alamosa County was reported Tuesday morning by the county public health department, bringing the San Luis Valley total deaths to five.

The recent death was a resident of a local long-term care facility and passed away while in the hospital, according to a press release from public health. That may be associated with an announcement by San Luis Care Center early Tuesday morning that



one resident and one staff member have tested positive for the virus.

According to the email announcement, the resident was transferred to a local hospital for non-COVID related reasons but while there was tested and found to be positive for COVID-19.

San Luis Care Center said it also has one associate who has tested positive

for the virus and is recovering at home and will not return to work until the CDC's strict guidelines are met for returning to work after testing positive. The announcement went on to say that the nursing home has no tests pending currently but will conduct a full facility test, including residents and associates, on June 11-12.

"We stay in consistent communication with families and always welcome their questions and contact," wrote Patrick Morden, executive director of the Care Center. "Even though our visitation remains restricted, we're happy to coordinate phone calls, video chats, or window visits as requested."

Morden went on to say that residents "are and have always been our highest priority."

He said the Care Center is working closely with the Colorado Department of Health, the Agency for Health Care Administration and the local health department and following the guidance they provide.

"Our primary concern is for the health and safety of our residents, nursing staff and other care providers," Morden wrote. "They are on the front line of this unprecedented outbreak. Our staff is trained in the proper use of PPE and are following all relevant guidelines in infection control."

"Our associates are true heroes, and I am amazed by them each and every day as they show up to care for the residents as they

would their own family members."

The Alamosa County Public Health Department would like to remind the public that we continue to have evidence of widespread community transmission within the county. It is important that we all minimize the spread of COVID-19 by continuing to practice social distancing, by staying at least six feet away from others, by covering the mouth and nose with a mask or non-medical face covering when in public and washing our hands frequently.

For more information about COVID-19 in Colorado, see covid19.colorado.gov.

Riparian Park honored by Lottery



ALAMOSA— Alamosa's Riparian Park was recently recognized as one of 11 projects to receive the Colorado Lottery Starburst Award for excellence in the use of Lottery funds for community and conservation projects in 2020.

Nearly \$5 million in Lottery funds are represented in these 11 projects. Winning projects were chosen from across the state based on the creativity of the project, economic and social impact on the com-

munity, and whether the project achieved its goal.

A result of a two-year effort by Western Rivers Conservancy, the City of Alamosa, GOCO and other partners, the 203-acre City of Alamosa Riparian Park was completed late 2019. The project conserves a mile of the Rio Grande River and creates new opportunities for recreation along its banks.

The largest funder of the project, GOCO, ranked Alamosa Ripar-

ian Park as its number-one Open Space Project in 2018 and provided \$695,000 for the city to purchase the land. In addition, CTF gave \$20,000 to the project.

Lottery proceeds are distributed statewide through grants via Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), the Conservation Trust Fund (CTF), Colorado Parks & Wildlife, and Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST).

"With so many projects funded with Lottery dollars, it's sometimes easy to forget all the different types of outdoor projects that result from Lottery revenue," said Tom Seaver, director of the Colorado Lottery. "This year's Starburst Awards showcase the diverse uses of Lottery money -- ballfields, bike parks, playgrounds, riparian zones, and of course, massive land purchases."

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Rio Grande Basin roundtable meeting

STAFF REPORT
The Rio Grande Basin Roundtable meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon.

Bethany Howell, with the Rio Grande Water Conservation and Education Initiative (RGWCEI), gave a quick Public Education, Participation, and Outreach (PEPO) update. Howell acknowledged the many accomplishments made in the 2019-2020 year, including the production of quarterly newsletters, the creation of educational videos, and the ability to attend statewide meetings. Looking ahead, Howell expressed excitement about creating a podcast; meant to encourage more conversation in the community. More education about the project means more support and success.

Emma Reesor presented on behalf of the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project (RGHRP). Reesor gave an update on the Conejos River Partnership project. This was born out of Conejos rivers

and stream management process, which revealed the following priorities: diversion infrastructure inventory, channel instability and riparian restoration, aquatic connectivity, and a multi-benefit plan.

The project elements are as follows: replace aging diversion infrastructure for five ditches on Conejos River, stabilize surrounding streambanks, improve riparian and aquatic habitat, and connectivity.

Reesor was sure to mention the project beneficiaries: New JB Romero Ditch, North Eastern Ditch, Sabine School section district, Fuertecitos ditch, Elledges ditch, Diversion of Water Resources and CO Parks and Wildlife. Design and engineering are credited to Robins Construction and Riverbend Engineering. Project coordinators include the Conejos Water Conservancy District and RGHRP.

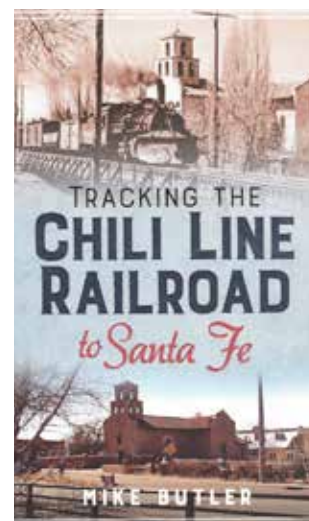
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New Book by Santa Fe author traces the Chili Line Railroad to Santa Fe

SANTAFE, N.M.—Publisher, America Through Time, has just released Santa Fe author Mike Butler's sixth book. This book, *Tracking The Chili Line Railroad To Santa Fe*, is both a guide to finding remnants of the railroad today and a pictorial history of the line with 53 color photographs and 70 black and white photographs. Maps are included showing the route of the Chili Line and adjacent roadways from Antonito, Colorado to Santa Fe.

The Denver and Rio Grande Railroad operated the 125-mile long "Chili Line" from 1880 to 1941. The nickname was of course taken from the many chili ristras seen hanging from houses along the line. It was also said that upon pulling into the lunch stop at Embudo Station, the conductor would shout to the passengers "Chili stop!"

In addition to discussing the villages and railroad structures along the line, the author gives a vignette of a "Colorful Character of the Chili Line" in each chapter. One such character was Os-



car Berninghaus, a young artist hired by the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad to paint advertising posters for the line. In 1899 Berninghaus rode the Chili Line and the crew strapped him to the top of a boxcar so that he could get a better view for his sketches. Berninghaus later became a member of the famous Taos Society of Artists. Another character was conservationist Aldo Leopold, who became the first superintendent of northern New Mexico's

Carson National Forest in 1912. Leopold built the ranger cabin in Tres Piedras which still stands today. He rode the Chili Line to Santa Fetocourt his girlfriend and eventual wife Estella Luna Otero Bergere.

Each chapter of the book also has a section titled "Tracking The Chili Line Today" which helps readers find existing remnants of the line. Sections of roadbed for the Chili Line can still be found, and the author discusses highways, jeep roads, and hiking trails where the roadbed still exists. Visitors can hike a section of the line by driving to the Buckman Direct Diversion plant on the Rio Grande about 20 miles northwest of Santa Fe. The trail follows the railroad grade along the river north for about 1.5 miles before reaching the boundary of San Ildefonso Pueblo.

Author Mike Butler is a retired administrator from the Denver Parks and Recreation Department. His other books include five titles published in Ar-

cadia Publishing's Images of America Series: *Around The Spanish Peaks*; *Great Sand Dunes National Park*; *Southern Colorado: O.T. Davis Collection*; *Littleton*; and *High Road to Taos*. He and his wife, artist Mary Jane Butler, have lived in New Mexico for five years, and now reside in Eldorado at Santa Fe.

Tracking The Chili Line Railroad To Santa Fe, is a 128-page paperback book, with a list price of \$24.99. It is available from bookshop.org which supports bookstores of the reader's choice. This book, and all the author's books, are also available from Amazon.com and arcadiapublishing.com.

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Record

OBITUARIES

Claudine Pearson Wood

DEL NORTE—Claudine "Dean" Pearson Wood came into this world during the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918-19 and left it during the recent coronavirus pandemic, June 7, 2020. She was the youngest of nine children, born at home, to John Thomas Pearson and Kathryn Lorena Hill Pearson of Hedley, Texas, May 14, 1919. Claudine, Dean to friends, Muchie or Mudgie to grandchildren, spent her early life on the family farm, picking cotton in the fields, riding a mule to school (she didn't like mules), and helping her mother. Her mother passed away when Dean was eleven years old, and the next few years were chaotic for the youngest children in her family, especially during the Depression. Dean became the first in her family to attend college, having graduated from Clarendon Junior College. She married Arlie Lee Wood, a young rancher, of Clarendon, Texas in 1940. To this

union was born five children.

In 1962, Arlie and Dean moved their four youngest children to Western Colorado to try to alleviate their youngest daughter's asthma. Their oldest child, Carole, was already married and stayed behind in Texas. In 1968, they moved to a farm in the Sargent Community in the San Luis Valley.

Arlie and Dean loved to spend time at Santa Maria Reservoir. Dean didn't fish, but she was always ready for an adventure. In later years, they bought a Volkswagen camping van and visited all of the lighthouses on the West Coast because she loved lighthouses.

At the age of 90, Dean decided she was going to visit Ireland and that her daughter, Cheryl, was going to take her there. They were always lost and had many hilarious misadventures, including Dean, accidentally locking Cheryl out of the cottage where they



were staying. Cheryl had to climb in through a window.

Dean was an accomplished seamstress, making much of her own clothing and that of her daughters. She had a keen sense of humor and a quick wit.

Her advice to young brides was to never learn to milk a cow because then you'll have to milk the cow. Her mind was sharp up until the end. She was frustrated with her failing body and quipped that Walmart didn't make parts like they used to. Dean

Texas Ranger, and the inspiration for Larry McMurtry's Lonesome Dove.

She said he slept with a revolver under his pillow. Her seventeen-year-old brother, Jerry, worked as a cowboy for him.

Arlie passed away in 1988, and Dean sold their farm a few years later. After spending a few years in Albuquerque near her middle son, Randy, and a little time in Richmond, Virginia near her daughter, Carole, Dean moved back to the San Luis Valley for good in 2006.

Dean is survived by her five children: Carole Morris, Richmond, Virginia; Ron Wood (Clydean), Atlanta, Georgia; Cheryl Scherzer (Owen), Del Norte, Colorado; Randy Wood (Ruth), San Rafael, New Mexico; and Michael Wood (Anne Gimlin), Nederland, Colorado. Also, twelve grandchildren, nineteen great-

grandchildren, and her first great-great-grandchild, due August 2020. Nieces, nephews, and many cousins remain.

She was preceded in death by her parents, all of her siblings, her husband of 48 years, Arlie Wood, and her son-in-law, Cam Morris.

Arrangements are by Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista. Private graveside services will be held at Monte Vista Cemetery, Saturday, June 13, 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice. If in Texas, donations to Clarendon College are suggested.

To express condolences, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com

Special thanks to the staff of River Valley Inn Nursing Home of Del Norte. They took such good care of her. Dean loved it there, and staff members became a second family to her.

Jose Luis Villagomez

CENTER — Jose Luis Villagomez, passed away May 28, 2020, at Parkview Medical Center with his loving family by his side. Born June 28, 1959, in Cañada de Caracheo Guanajuato, Mexico, the son of Jose Villagomez-Moreno and Reynalda Mendoza. Luis enjoyed hunting and fishing, but most of all he loved spending time with his family.



Survivors include his loving wife Theresa Villagomez of Center, CO; father Jose Villagomez of Center, CO; children Janet (Guillermo) Zapata of Las Cruces, NM; Gil (Lori) Chavez of Cheyenne, WY; Nehemiah Villagomez of Center, CO; brothers

all of Center, CO; four granddaughters, eight great-grandchildren, 15 nieces and nephews as well as numerous cousins and friends.

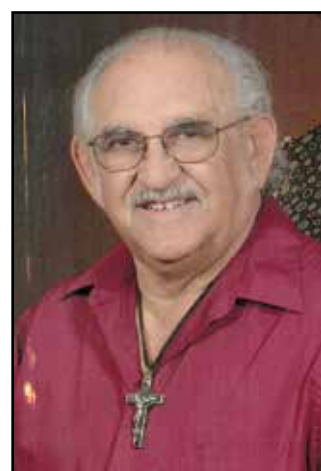
Luis was preceded in death by his mother Reynalda and daughter Alea Villagomez.

Cremation was chosen and a Memorial Service is planned for Saturday, July 18, 2020, at 1:00 PM at the Center Assembly of God Church. Inurnment will follow at the La Garita Cemetery. To leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

MONTE VISTA—Ervin L. Vigil, 77, went to his eternal rest on June 8, 2020, at the Homelake Veterans Center with his loving family at his side. Ervin was welcomed into the world on October 23, 1942, in Antonito, Colorado, the son of Anselmo Vigil and Clorinda Sanchez Vigil. Ervin served and was a Veteran of the United States Air Force, he was also a member of the V.F.W. as well as the Knights of Columbus in Alamosa. Ervin was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend who enjoyed going fishing, hunting, gambling, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include his sons Andrew (Girlye)

Ervin L. Vigil



Vigil of Alamosa, CO; Steve (Kelly) Vigil of Manassa, CO; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, close friend Shirley Duran of Conejos, CO; sister Shirley Villarreal of Phoenix, AZ. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Ervin was preceded in death by his parents Anselmo and Clorinda Vigil, love of his life, his wife Louise Vigil, two brothers Charles Vigil and Freddy Sanchez.

Cremation was chosen and a Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Monday, June 15, 2020, at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. A Memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 11:00 AM also at Our Lady of Guadalupe with full military honors. Inurnment will be held at a later date. To leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Mary Ruth Garcia



mosa, CO went home to be with our Lord Jesus Christ Wednesday, May 27, 2020.

Mary Ruth is originally from Monte Vista, CO.

Everyone knew Mary as "Ruth." She married Jerry Garcia on February 8th, 1969. She was happily married to Jerry for 51 years. Ruth was a Mama Bear to a lot of people, she had a big heart and cared about people, especially her family. She liked to teach and worked in Monte Vista School Dist., Migrant Head Start, and

many years doing labor. She loved singing, she had a beautiful voice, (we all will miss her singing, many times she would answer you with a song, special moments), but she also liked dancing, camping and gatherings with her family. She will dearly be missed but never forgotten.

Survivors include her husband Jerry Garcia of Alamosa, daughter Geraldine (Alonzo) Garcia-Cardona of Colorado Springs, CO, and Anita (Manuel) Vigil of Alamosa,

CO, Brothers and Sisters: Sister "Sister Josie" of Colorado Springs, CO, Brother Ted (Darlene) Sanchez of Orange, CA, Sister Theresa Sanchez of Monte Vista, CO, Brother Richard (Josie) Sanchez of Monte Vista, CO, and Sister-in Law's Evelyn and Delores Garcia of Denver, CO, Grandchildren: Shalonda Seanz of Alamosa, Jerry Garcia, Paul (Stephanie) Garcia, Jesus (Jamie) Cardona, and Joseph (Roxana) Cardona and Great Grandchildren: Ryan, Damian, Luciano, and Antonio Garcia-Cardona, Kale, Charlotte, and

Jesus Jr. 111 Cardona, and Leia and Gianna Garcia, all from Colorado Springs, CO. She is also survived by numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Mary Ruth is preceded in death with her parents John and Sinada Sanchez, Father and Mother-in-law Max and Lucy Garcia, Brother Tommy Sanchez, Brother-in-laws Junior and Jackie Garcia, Sister-in-law Luella Garcia and Grandson Frank Leyba.

Cremation was chosen and services will be held at a later date this summer. Arrangements by daugh-

ters Geraldine Garcia-Cardona and Anita Vigil.

May 17, 1947 – May 27, 2020

ALAMOSA – Mary Ruth Garcia, 73, of Ala-

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PENDING OBITUARIES

Janet Sowards Hess

Janet Sowards Hess, of Payson, Utah passed away June 9, 2020. She was the oldest daughter of Vern and Helen Sowards. Funeral services and interment will take place in Utah.

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Valley News

Coronavirus FAQ

SAN LUIS VALLEY-Tuesday Alamosa County confirmed its third fatality with COVID-19, bringing the total number of fatalities for the SLV to 5. One new case was reported for the SLV, in Rio Grande County, bringing the total number of cases for the SLV to 260. Twenty-two total people have been hospitalized, and 171

have completed isolation. Numbers are updated weekdays at slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/.

If you wear disposable gloves and/or disposable masks when you are out and about in the community, please throw away these items properly when you remove them, either in a trash receptacle or at home. Our public servants

and the employees responsible for cleaning public spaces and parking lots deserve our respect. They risk being exposed to COVID-19 while cleaning up improperly discarded gloves and masks.

If you have been notified by Public Health that you need to be in quarantine due to close contact with a COVID-19 positive case, it is very important to stay home and away from others for all 14 days, even if you get a negative test result in the interim.

FAQs:
I was diagnosed with COVID-19, but I feel ok (I am asymptomatic, or I have recovered). When can I go back to work? If you received a positive COVID-19 test result, it is important to follow the guidelines Public Health gave you when they contacted you to follow up on the test result. Everyone's case is different, depending on exposure, symptom severity and duration, and close contacts. If you have questions, call your local Public Health office.

My employer wants to know when I can come back to work, what can I tell them?

Tell them that you do not have a specific date, but need to stay home at least ten days since getting tested (with a positive test) or since you started feeling sick. This may be extended if you still feel sick after ten days, especially if you have a fever, or if Public Health has recom-

mended you continue to stay home.

I was told to quarantine, but I got tested and the test was negative, can I go back to work? No, you need to stay home until the full 14 days of quarantine are over.

I've been told by Public Health to isolate, but I need a work excuse, how can I get one? Your Public Health office can provide a letter with isolation/quarantine recommendations that can be used for that purpose.

My employer told me I need a negative COVID-19 test result to come back to work. How do I get one? A negative COVID-19 test is not recommended by Public Health for clearance to go back to work. A person can test positive for several weeks despite being asymptomatic or properly recovered. According to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), "Negative results do not rule out the potential for infection and may offer a false sense of security." More guidance for workplaces and employers can be found here: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/guidance-resources>.

I need a letter of clearance to go back to work, how do I get one? Public Health can provide a note saying you are no longer under quarantine or isolation guidance, but cannot officially

"clear" you of COVID-19 to return to work.

I am asymptomatic. I was tested for COVID after close contact with someone who tested positive, and my test came back negative, when can I get tested again? You should wait at least 7 days if you are still asymptomatic to pursue testing again.

Why can't everyone who wants a test get a test?

In general, a test is not necessary unless you have had close contact with a known positive case or are symptomatic. For more information, see <https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid-19-in-colorado/about-covid-19/testing-for-covid-19>.

If you wish to pur-

sue testing, please contact your primary care doctor or call one of the numbers below to start the screening process:

- For symptomatic individuals only, call:
 - Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990
 - SLVHealth Respiratory Clinic 719-589-2511 ext. 9

For symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals who have had contact with a confirmed COVID-19 positive individual, call:

- Valley-Wide Health Systems 719-589-3658 ext. 9 (M-F only)

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

SLV COVID-19

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 4:00 p.m. on June 9, 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.

260 SLV POSITIVE CASES

- Alamosa County - 103
- Conejos County - 5
- Costilla County - 8
- Mineral County - 2
- Rio Grande County - 47
- Saguache County - 95

22 HOSPITALIZED

171 ISOLATION COMPLETED

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

5 DEATHS

1504 TESTS SUBMITTED

These are the total number of specimens submitted for testing by SLV healthcare providers by June 8th, 2020.

Viaero is a title sponsor of ALMA's Sundays at Six

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Live Music Association is happy to announce that Viaero Wireless in Alamosa has become a Title Sponsor of our organization by sponsoring ALMA's Sundays at Six concert series at the \$3,000 level in 2020. This extremely generous sponsorship will assist ALMA in producing Sundays at Six, its free summer concert series. The first summer concert will feature The Richmond Brothers on July 5 and will be live-streamed from ALMA's Facebook page and YouTube channel. Visit almaonline.org for links to the livestream. Benefits of Title sponsorship include recognition at Sundays at Six concerts, listing on the Sundays

at Six poster, appreciation plaque with press release, and recognition on social media. If your company is interested in supporting quality live music in the San Luis

Valley, please contact Nancy Harris at almaconcerts@gmail.com to find out more about becoming an ALMA corporate sponsor and how you, too, can be

recognized. ALMA "Builds Community through Quality Live Music." For more information, like ALMA on Facebook or go www.almaonline.org.



Courtesy photo

The Viaero Wireless Alamosa team; from left Jordan (retail sales associate) Danielle (store manager) Matthew (retail sales associate) Bianca (retail sales associate) and DJ (retail sales associate).

Park

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These Starburst awards demonstrate just a fraction of the ways Lottery dollars are going to work wherever and however Coloradans like to play."

Submissions include programs and projects such as parks, playgrounds, outdoor recreation facilities, land conservation, trail enhancement, open space acquisition, wildlife natural resource preservation, and public school improvements.

A result of a two-year effort by Western Rivers Conservancy, the City of Alamosa, GOCO and other partners, the 203-acre riverfront park was completed late 2019. The project conserves a mile of the Rio Grande river and creates new opportunities for

recreation along its banks. The largest funder of the project, GOCO, ranked Alamosa Riparian Park as its number-one Open Space Project in 2018 and provided \$695,000 for the city to purchase the land. In addition, CTF gave \$20,000 to the project.

Located just northwest of Alamosa, the park serves as an upstream anchor for the City's growing network of pedestrian and bike trails, adding more than five miles of new trails on the property itself. "It's wonderful to see the community unite around the shared desire to connect with the Rio Grande," said Andy Rice, Parks, Recreation and Library Director for the City of Alamosa. "Alamosa

Riparian Park meets our residents' needs for our burgeoning outdoor recreation and trail usage that center on the Rio Grande, making our city more healthy and vibrant." The park is a critical piece of the community's Revitalize the Rio Initiative, an effort to link trails and improve river health and access along the Rio Grande throughout Alamosa south to 11,000-acre Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge. "Alamosa Riparian Park is tangible progress toward achieving the community's vision to connect the rich assemblage of public green spaces and wildlife areas in and around Alamosa," explained Rice.

The park is within

walking distance of several neighborhoods and schools, and it will help link the city's major green spaces, including the Ox-bow Recreation Area just across the river. Creation of Alamosa Riparian Park inspired broad local support from every level of the community, including the City of Alamosa, Alamosa County, San Luis Valley Great Outdoors, Rio Grande Watershed Conservation and Education Initiative, Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project, San Luis Valley Development Resources Group, Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

Water

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Daniel Boyes gave his update on the Basin Implementation Plan (BIP). The updated projects include developing new education and outreach strategies, as well as strategies to meet to a water supply gap. Subcommittee meetings will be scheduled for late June and updated project data will be completed by July.

The BIP is made up of a general contracting team: Brown and Caldwell and the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB); a local expert, who acts as liaison: RGHRP; and the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable.

Craig Cotton, with Colorado's Division of Water Resources, gave a quick update. He said the drought forecasts looked grim, with temperatures expected to be higher than usual this year. Sam Stein, with the CWCB, reported all basins are on track to have work plans completed by the set July date. Also, the Water Availability task force is working with the drought task force to continue monitoring basins closely. Their next meeting will be on June 23 at 9:30 a.m.

There was some conversation about the upcoming year's projects. COVID-19 has resulted in unstable funding, but most believe it would still be fruitful to continue developing projects. The Roundtable is set to meet again on July 14 at 2 p.m.

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Opinion

Amarah's Corner

If you're struggling with addiction, I'm glad you're here. God's Word (the Bible) is a blueprint for us how to live our lives. Problem is, not many people bother to open, much less actually read the 'blueprint.' If someone isn't ready for sobriety, no amount of money or months in rehab will help. One must be 'ready' for help before help can kick-in. I hope you're ready.

26 Bible Verses to Help with Recovery from Addiction

"For freedom, Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." (Galatians 5:1)

"A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls." (Proverbs 25:28)

"...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." (2 Timothy 1:7)

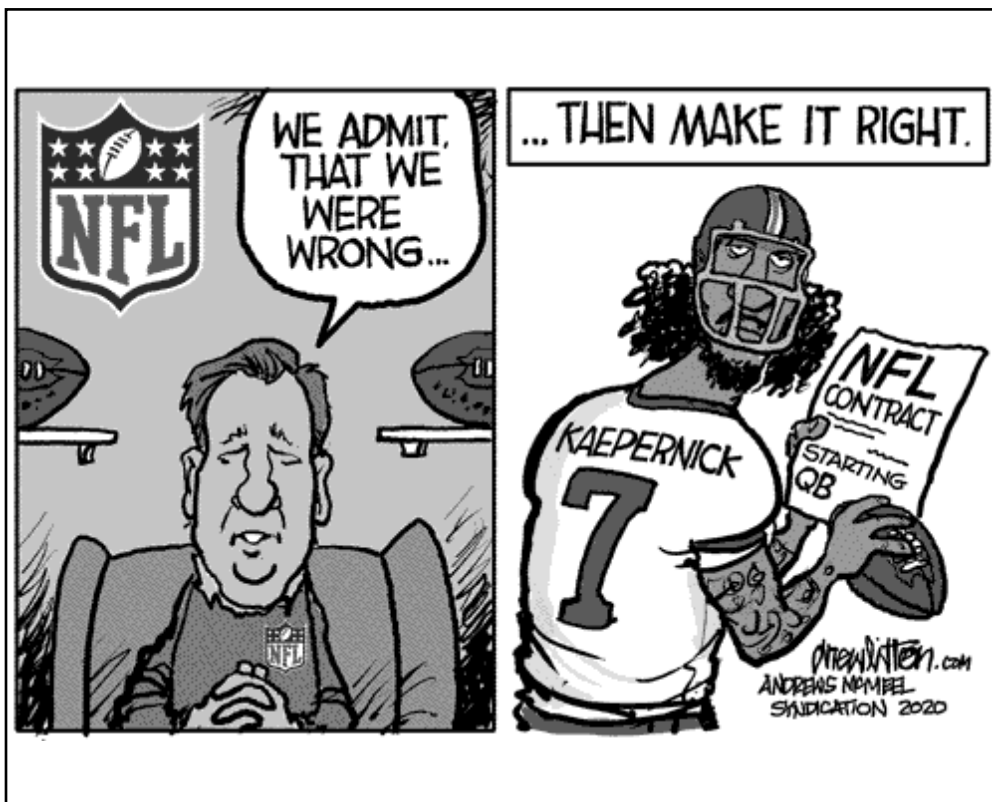
"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age..." (Titus 2:11-12)

"The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light." (Romans 13:12)

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise." (Ephesians 5:15)

"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit..." (Ephesians 5:18)

"No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation, he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." (1 Corinthians 10:13)



"Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." (1 Peter 5:8)

"Do not be deceived: 'Bad company ruins good morals.'" (1 Corinthians 15:33)

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (James 4:7)

"And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you." (1 Peter 5:10)

"Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul." (1 Peter 2:11)

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise." (Proverbs 20:1)

"...deliver us from evil." (Matthew 6:13)

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36)

"... suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, be-

"Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am being tempted by God,' for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin, when it is fully grown, brings forth death." (James 1:12-15)

"For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world." (1 John 2:16)

"All things are lawful for me,' but not all things are helpful. 'All things are lawful for me,' but I will not be enslaved by anything.'" (1 Corinthians 6:12)

Amarah's Corner



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cause God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." (Romans 5:3-5)

"For whatever overcomes a person, to that, he is enslaved." (2 Peter 2:19)

"For freedom, Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." (Galatians 5:1)

"But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires." (Romans 13:14)

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:1-2)

"A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls." (Proverbs 25:28)

Remember, Jesus loves you and Jesus is Lord!

Still Safer at Home

Since I have resumed writing this column occasionally, I have talked about birding and fishing, but the time has come to be candid about some other interests of mine. Although I sympathize with folks during the pandemic who may be sharing a home with restless children or incompatible adults, I am quite content living in isolation. Furthermore, one of the most unlikely places you will ever find me is with a crowd of demonstrators, however worthy the cause might be.

That said, I will share the information that living like a hermit is much easier for me than for some other folks. So far, in my opinion, it certainly beats what is happening in the outside world.

What do I do as a very elderly, single person besides avoiding housework? I read a lot and I write and send emails and letters and receive them, and I remain informed about the news. I also read daily spiritual lessons and I meditate, though not like the Dali Lama who meditates for three hours a day. You might say

that I am praying that the people and the environment will improve soon, and I try to do my part toward those ends within my means.

One part of my daily routine is reading the Bible, which is not just a prop to display when a picture is being taken, as occurred recently when the president posed with one in Washington, D.C. I read it regularly although I long since have made my peace with theological matters in the Bible and boil God and the Holy Spirit down to compassion and mercy, love, or agape. I need to be reminded of that spirit, often, not just once in a while.

There's a lot of other interesting stuff besides the spiritual lessons in the Bible. For instance, during the eight weeks between Easter and Pentecost, I was reading the Book of Acts, which were so interesting that I just kept on reading when the magisterium would say,

okay, you can skip these other parts. I read about geographical places that I then wanted to look up in another book, the names of the women and not the men only, how the apostles were received or rejected in various places, and about a stormy trip that took required a boat to take weeks to get just from the Middle East to Greece.

I read the letters that Paul was writing like a teacher to Timothy, while he, Paul, was under house arrest in Rome and Timothy was trying to do his job. I was reading about these people who were so on fire with their new faith. It all becomes very real to me, as do the cities where they congregated.

Such events were happening at the same time when lions were killing gladiators at the coliseum to amuse the crowds over in Rome. That was the era when Nero was the Roman emperor, so, of

Rabbitbrush Rambler



Virginia Simmons

course, I had to read other things to learn more about Rome and Nero.

You know, Nero's the one who is said to have fiddled while Rome burned.

Whatever else you know about Emperor Nero, you probably have also heard about the great fire broke out in Rome in the Year 64 while his enormous new palace was being constructed. It coincides with the story about his fiddling. He was a patron of the arts and culture and fancied himself to be a musician and poet. His reputation as a tyrant was worse than his musicianship and poetry, though.

He blamed the great fire on Christians who were living as a minority in Rome at the time, and he ordered that they should be burned alive. (In fact, he had had his own mother killed because she was meddling too much in public affairs.) Within a few more years, Nero had Paul killed, and it is believed that Peter was martyred during Nero's reign also.

There is always something to learn while I am reading.

LETTERS

For James Iacino

Dear Editor,
This letter is in support of James Iacino to represent the San Luis Valley as our next Congressman from Colorado's Third District.

James brings dedication to public service as well as strong skills and approaches that are greatly needed in these times, from being a successful businessman and industry leader to a truly creative thinker. A third-generation Coloradan, he is Executive Chairman of his family's Denver-based Seattle Fish Company (founded 102 years ago). In

2016 he was named an Entrepreneur of the Year and the Colorado State University "Graduate of the Last Decade."

James is committed to agriculture and its sustainability. With years of experience in the food industry, he is well aware of the need for changes in the food supply chain. He will work hard to support local producers, sustain agricultural productivity, protect our water supply, and develop smaller, more regional food processors and distributors.

James also has strong proposals for our overall economic needs, including

on transportation and energy, which are likewise vital to the Valley's ag economy and that could open new opportunities here too.

We also need a Congressman who will work to protect our public lands that are the source of our water supply, recreation, wildlife and the Valley's valued way of life.

There is so much at stake in this election. More than ever, Colorado needs the best possible representation in Congress, to help us help ourselves and to protect our core interests. We are fortunate to

have a candidate with James Iacino's expertise, intelligence and commitment to public service to represent us. To learn more, see jamesforcolorado.com.

Along with endorsements from Ken Salazar, John Salazar, Attorney General Phil Weiser, our former State Senator Gail Schwartz and many others, please join me in supporting James Iacino for Congress in the primary this month.

Thank you,
Rio de la Vista
Del Norte

The trouble with Trump

Dear Editor:
I feel that the actions of our President last week makes clear the source of divisiveness in American politics. His willingness to send federal troops to break up a peaceful demonstration are the actions of a dictator, not a president. I've read that the belief is that he did so

to counter the statements that he was weak to seek refuge in the basement bunker at the White House when demonstrators took to the streets outside the gates. Risking the lives of demonstrators to allow him to cross the street and hold up a Bible in front of a church to me is beyond the pale. It has been said that

would he have opened the Bible and read some of it, he would not have done what he did.

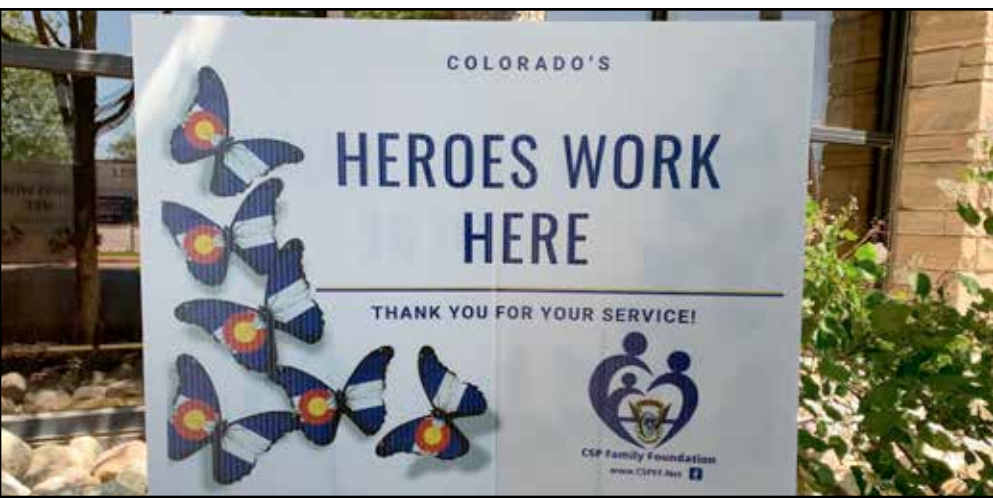
It makes me wonder if Cory Gardner and other Republican senate members are not rethinking their vote on impeachment just months ago. They passed up the chance to remove from office a person

who continues to prove himself unfit for the office. A person who most likely will not only be removed from office himself, but will cause the removal of other of his supporters such as Senator Gardner.

Sincerely, Don Thompson
Alamosa, CO

Lifestyle

CSP thanks healthcare professionals at SLV Health



Courtesy photos

Officers with the Colorado State Patrol thanked front line health care workers and first responders at SLV Health's Regional Medical Center and Conejos County Hospital by delivering these signs for the front entrances. The CSP's Family Foundation is appreciative of the hard work and dedication of the frontline workers in health care services across the San Luis Valley.

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H.O.P.E. (Helping Others & Promoting Equity) is a team of young adults focused on increasing the health and well-being of their peers in Alamosa. The team is **surveying 18- to 30-year-olds who live, work or attend school in Alamosa**, to get their opinions about life, well-being and opportunity in the region. All 18- to 30-year-olds in Alamosa are encouraged to fill out the survey; those who do will have an opportunity to enter a drawing to win one of multiple gift cards in varying amounts, up to \$75.

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The results of this survey will inform the team's work, current and future funding, and areas of focus for the next several years, so your input is essential.

The deadline to complete the survey and be entered into the gift card drawing is June 17, 2020.

Let your voice be heard and help make Alamosa a better place to live, work and play!

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H.O.P.E. (Helping Others & Promoting Equity o Ayudando a Otros y Promoviendo la Equidad, en español) es un equipo de adultos jóvenes enfocados en aumentar la salud y el bienestar de otros jóvenes en Alamosa. **El equipo está realizando una encuesta entre gente de 18 a 30 años de edad que vive, trabaja o estudia en Alamosa** para saber qué opina sobre la vida, el bienestar y las oportunidades que hay en la región. Animamos a todos los jóvenes de 18 a 30 años en Alamosa para que completen la encuesta. Quienes la completen tendrán la oportunidad de participar en un sorteo para ganar una de varias tarjetas de regalo de diferentes cantidades, hasta \$75.

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Los resultados de esta encuesta ayudarán a diseñar el trabajo del equipo, los fondos actuales y futuros y las áreas de enfoque de los próximos años. Tus ideas y comentarios son esenciales.

La fecha límite para contestar la encuesta y que tu nombre se incluya en el sorteo para una tarjeta de regalo es el 17 de junio.

¡Hazte escuchar y ayuda a que Alamosa sea un mejor lugar para vivir, trabajar y divertirse!

Lifestyle

How partnering is helping small businesses

Social distancing guidelines implemented in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak posed unique challenges to small business owners. Many small businesses were forced to close their facilities to customers to prevent the spread of the virus, which various sources estimated had claimed the lives of more than 200,000 people by the end of April. Delivery and curbside pickup enabled many businesses to offer limited services to consumers, but low revenue still forced many businesses to seek new ways to generate sales. Partnering is one creative way

many small businesses owners sought to generate more sales. By partnering with other local businesses, small business owners can capitalize on the community-first attitude many consumers are embracing as they look to help local industries weather the storm created by social distancing. Restaurant owners can look into partnering with local grocers who can sell prepared meals in their stores, many of which are operating only under very limited, if any, restrictions. Such a partnership can fill the needs of consumers who have grown tired of

making their own meals for weeks on end, while also giving grocery stores struggling with supply chain issues more items with which to stock their shelves. It also allows restaurant owners to generate revenue while ensuring food they purchased prior to the implementation of social distancing guidelines does not go to waste. Local auto body shops also can capitalize on partnering by working in conjunction with local automotive supply stores. By offering many of the items drivers need, such as windshield washer fluid, auto accessories and more, in their shops,

auto body shops can attract customers who still need to maintain their vehicles but don't want to make too many shopping trips. When customers call to book oil change appointments, ask if there are any automotive supplies they need, then partner with a local supply store to deliver those items before customers arrive for their oil changes. Such partnerships benefit consumers and business owners alike, making them ideal ways to generate additional revenue during what has proven to be challenging economic times for many small businesses. TF207086

How employers can approach furloughs

The outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 has put many business owners in a difficult position. Small businesses have been hit especially hard by the economic fallout of the outbreak, prompting many business owners to make difficult decisions in regard to their staff.

Within roughly a month of the implementation of social distancing guidelines that forced businesses to change how they interact with their customers, millions of people in the United States and Canada found themselves out of work. Some were laid off, while others were furloughed. Many small business owners opted to furlough their staffs, which may have confused employees who did not even know what a furlough was prior to the outbreak. Each company can adopt its own furlough strategy, but the Society for Human Resource Management defines a furlough as an alternative to a layoff that requires employees to work fewer hours or to take a certain amount of unpaid time off.

Businesses may decide to furlough some workers and not others. That can prompt employees to speculate about why they were among the furloughed workers. Navigating that potential issue is just one challenge employers considering furloughing employees may have to confront. The following are some ways employers can handle furloughing employees.

- Decide if a furlough really is for you. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce notes that deciding if a layoff or a furlough is best for your business may be as simple as recognizing if the company needs to shut down entirely. Those that do may be best served laying off the staff, while those that can operate at reduced capacity should consider furloughs a legitimate option.

- Consider an on-off furlough plan. The U.S. COC notes that an on-off furlough plan can help small businesses save money while still ensuring their employees avoid going months on end without income.

- Emphasize that a furlough is not about performance. The Economic Policy Institute estimates that nearly 20 million workers will be laid off or furloughed by July. That's a sobering statistic, but it highlights that furloughs are not due to underperformance but rather economics. Employers should emphasize that to staff when announcing furloughs. Employees appreciate honesty from their employers, so employers may even want to share specifics about the economic impact of the outbreak to illustrate just how necessary the furlough is.

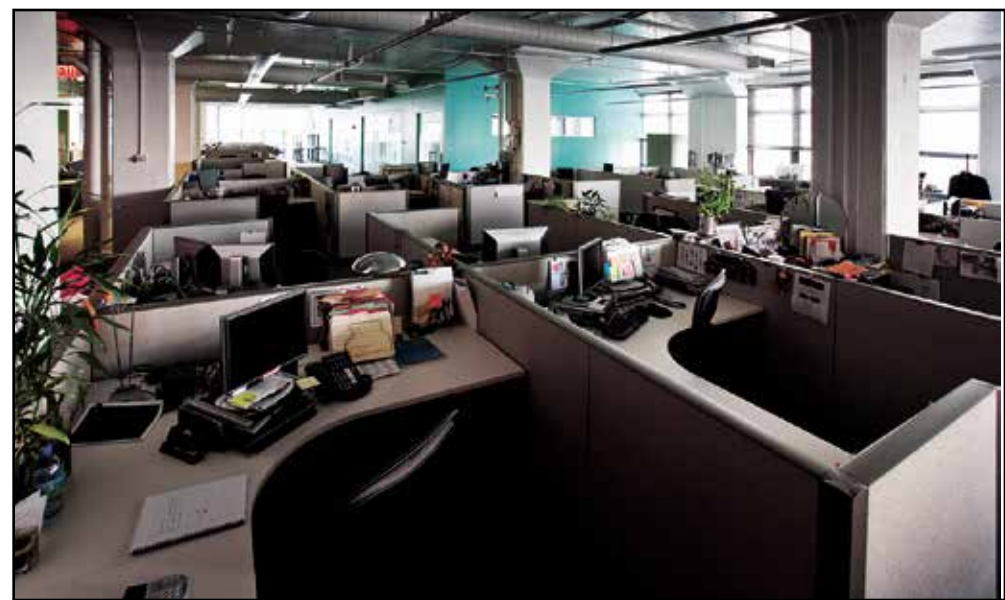
- Figure out benefits before announcing furloughs. In addition to

loss of income, employees will be concerned about potentially losing their benefits. Many employers have been able to furlough employees while still providing them with medical benefits. When announcing furloughs, be specific in regard to employees' benefits. This is especially important in regard to medical insurance and how having it can ease concerns about contracting the COVID-19 virus.

- Keep in touch with furloughed employees. While furloughed employees who are not working at all should not be allowed to use work-related email accounts or

phones or have contact with clients, the U.S. COC recommends employers make an effort to stay in touch and provide emotional support to such staff members. Something as simple as a weekly email asking employees how they're doing can go a long way toward ensuring staff that they have not been forgotten.

No employer wants to furlough employees, but it's a decision many have had to make in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak. Employers who must furlough employees can make the process less difficult in various ways. TF207072



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Small businesses have been hit especially hard by the economic fallout of the outbreak, prompting many business owners to make difficult decisions in regard to their staff.

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Lifestyle

Southwest Colorado anglers invited to CPW ZOOM meeting on fishing issues

DURANGO — Fishing enthusiasts in southwest Colorado are invited to a virtual public meeting during which Colorado Parks and Wildlife biologists will talk about aquatic issues in the region. The meeting will be held via ZOOM, 6-8:30 p.m., Monday, June 15.

CPW's aquatic biologists will explain current issues and on-going projects. The public will be able to ask questions.

The biologists are located in CPW's Southwest Region and work in these areas: Gunnison Basin, San Luis Valley, North Fork of the Gunnison, Ouray-Telluride, Montrose-Delta, and the Four Corners from Pagosa Springs to Durango to Cortez.

Biologists will discuss statewide regulation issues, including when streams could be closed to fishing, local special cutthroat regulations and spearfishing. They'll also talk about Gunnison River trout management and whirling disease, and management at Crawford and Vallecito reservoirs. After the presentations, questions and comments from the public will be taken.

To join the meeting, click on this link just before 6 p.m.:

<https://cpw-state-co.zoom.us/j/7595172189>

For more information about fishing and aquatic issues in Colorado, go to: cpw.state.co.us.



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Lifestyle

RHD confirmed in six Colorado counties

BROOMFIELD — The Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) has confirmed new cases of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHDV2) in domestic rabbits in Weld County, adding to cases previously reported in El Paso and Montezuma Counties. Additionally, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has verified cases of RHDV2 in wild and feral rabbits in Alamosa, El Paso, Prowers, and Pueblo counties.

A current map of confirmed cases in Colorado is available on CDA's Animal Health Division RHDV2 webpage.

Current CDA guidance on rabbit shows and fairs can be found here.

With incidents of RHDV2 increasing in Colorado and western states, CDA and CPW are asking the public to watch for multiple dead or sick rabbits, which can suggest RHDV2 or a sign of tularemia or plague, diseases that can cause serious illness in people.

Do not handle or consume sick or dead wildlife and

do not allow pets to contact or consume wildlife carcasses.

Reporting Suspected cases:

Domestic: Veterinarians and owners must report suspected RHDV2 cases in domestic rabbits to the State Veterinarian's Office at 303-869-9130. Disease investigations will be completed by a Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician.

Wildlife: To report suspect cases (sick or dead wild rabbits, hares, or pika), contact your local Colorado Parks and Wildlife office.

RHDV2 Background: RHDV2 is highly contagious and lethal among rabbits. It does not affect humans or domestic species other than rabbits and is not related to COVID-19. RHDV-2 is considered a foreign animal disease and is of high concern at the state and federal levels.

Colorado's first case of RHDV2 was confirmed in

Alamosa County on April 17, 2020. RHDV2 cases have also been reported in both domestic and wild rabbits in New Mexico, Arizona, and Texas.

Vaccination:

Vaccines are only available in Colorado through private practicing veterinarians who have applied for and been granted permission by the USDA to import and distribute the vaccine.

Veterinarians interested in importing the RHDV2 vaccine should contact the State Veterinarian's Office at 303-869-9130.

Guidelines for Domestic

Rabbits:

Rabbit owners should exercise extreme caution and biosecurity to avoid accidental exposure of domestic rabbits through contaminated feed, bedding, equipment, or clothing that may have come in contact with infected wild rabbits or birds that could transfer the virus from infected wild rabbits.

Domestic rabbits should not be housed outdoors in areas where rabbit hemorrhagic disease has been detected in wild rabbits.

Rabbit owners who have questions about the disease should contact their veterinarian.

Veterinarians and owners must report suspected

RHDV2 cases in domestic rabbits to the State Veterinarian's Office at 303-869-9130.

Guidelines for Wild Cottontails, Hares, and Pika: Please report any sick/dead wild rabbits, hares or pika to your local CPW office.

Do not handle rabbits or rodents that have been found dead.

Do not allow pets or scavengers to feed on found carcasses. Though RHDV-2 is not a risk to pets other than domestic rabbits, a number of other pathogens and parasites from carcasses can affect pets.

Do not handle or con-

sume rabbits or other game animals that appear to be sick. Instead, report these cases to the nearest CPW office.

Meat from healthy rabbits harvested by hunters is safe to consume when cooked thoroughly.

Helpful Links on RHDV-2:

<https://www.colorado.gov/aganimals/rabbit-hemorrhagic-disease-virus-rhdv2>

http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/Factsheets/pdfs/rabbit_hemorrhagic_disease.pdf

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/fs-rhdv2.pdf

Law Enforcement Integrity Act passes in state Senate

DENVER — Senate Bill 217, The Law Enforcement Integrity Act has passed with a vote of 32-1 in the Colorado Senate.

"Don't let anyone tell you that protesting doesn't work or isn't productive," said Representative Leslie Herod. "For several days now, Coloradans have been protesting in the thousands demanding justice for George Floyd. They have been venting their anger and frustration at the many black and brown people killed at the hands of law enforcement, which, let's be clear, is happening within our own Colorado communities. SB217 is, in part, an answer to their call."

She continues, "I am so proud of my colleagues in the Senate. It's now time for us in the House to step up and pass this bill."

Senate Bill 217 will increase accountability and transparency within Colorado's Law Enforcement system. The legislation is comprehensive and brings bold change to how law enforcement treats all Coloradans. The bill creates a police officer duty to intervene, it strengthens the existing criminal legal standard applicable to police officers using excessive force, it explicitly outlaws the chokehold and protects protestors from police violence. The bill also removes the shield of immunity for prosecution from law enforcement found to have acted unlawfully, allowing peace officers to be sued in their individual capacity. The bill will additionally require all law enforcement to use body cameras and to collect and report data on the individuals that are stopped and searched.

Elisabeth Epps, an abolitionist with the Colorado Freedom Fund and ACLU of Colorado reflects, "What we accomplished with Senate Bill 217 serves as a reminder that direct action matters. Protest matters. Black lives matter."

Senate Bill 217 will now be sent over to the House where Representatives Leslie Herod and Serena Gon-



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Representative Leslie Herod stands at the steps of the Colorado State Capital building.

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Public Notices

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 916-20
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On March 12, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.
Original Grantor(s)
Dave Sisneros AND Michelle Sisneros
Original Beneficiary(ies)
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC
Date of Deed of Trust
April 23, 2009
County of Recording
Alamosa
Recording Date of Deed of Trust
April 28, 2009
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
338372
Original Principal Amount
\$115,710.00
Outstanding Principal Balance
\$101,610.19
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
Tract 1, D-B Subdivision-Exemption, the Plat of which was filed September 5, 1979 under Reception No. 204696 in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Alamosa County, Colorado
SAVING AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion described in deed to the Department of Transportation, State of Colorado, recorded August 18, 1998, under Reception No. 289222 of the Alamosa County, Colorado, records
in Alamosa County, Colorado.
Also known by street and number as: 4159 County Road 103 South, Alamosa, CO 81101.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCOMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 07/15/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication 5/20/2020
Last Publication 6/17/2020
Name of Publication Valley Courier
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
DATE: 03/12/2020
Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado
By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Janeway Law Firm, P.C. 9800 S. Meridian Blvd., Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80112 (303) 706-9990
Attorney File # 20-024311
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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No. 1448
Published in the Valley Courier on May 20, 27, June 3, 10, and 17, 2020.

"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.
No. 1469
Published in the Valley Courier on June 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, and July 1, 2020.

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, Antonio 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.

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.
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-11J
Dated this 28th day of May, 2020.
No. 1485
Published in the Valley Courier on June 5, 6, 9, 10, and 12, 2020.

099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

WhimSpire
Foster Parents Needed.
WhimSpire Child Placement Agency licenses foster and adoptive homes across the state of Colorado. WhimSpire provides excellent training and support and competitive reimbursement. Please contact Lynnette McKinney at (970) 769-6249 for more information.

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

SANFORD SCHOOL IS accepting applications for a highly motivated high school business teacher to work with our talented students who are our future. Applicants must hold a Colorado Teacher's License and be willing to become vocational certified. Don't miss this opportunity to join our team and become a part of a great educational culture. Applications can be downloaded from the our website, www.sanford-schools.org. Position is opened until filled. Sanford School is an EOE & E.(7/14)

RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing Home in Del Norte CO, is accepting applications for the Housekeeping Department. If you would like to join our amazing team, please come in or call for more information. 719-657-1105. 1335 6th Street Del Norte CO 81132. (RVI in an EOE).(6/30)

RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing home is now hiring LPN's and RN's. Come join our team! Must have a current license and CPR. Days and Night shift With night shift differential. Please stop in for an application at 1335 6th st in Del Norte Co or call 719-657-1105 Ask for Susan or Chely. (RVI is EOE).(6/30)

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 HEADSTART is accepting applications for assistant 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 or call 719-628-9908 or 719-852-3215. Positions open until filled. An employment application must be completed.(6/10)

221 HELP WANTED

COSTILLA COUNTY IS seeking a full-time Options for Long Term Care case manager who will primarily work in Conejos County and some travel to Costilla County. Responsibilities include: Intake/ screening/referral and assessment of client's needs, development of care plans, management of a caseload and interviewing clients including conducting home visits. Ability to meet deadlines in a fast-paced work environment a must. Bachelor's Degree in a human services field Sociology/Psychology or Humanities preferred. Bi-lingual skills a plus. Experience as a case manager with the long term care client population may substitute for the required education on a year by year basis. Background check and pre-employment drug screening are required. Position is open until filled. Costilla County Public Health Agency is an equal opportunity employer. Costilla County Public Health Agency has the right to refuse any and all applications. Applications are available on the Costilla County website at https://colorado.gov/pacific/costillacounty under the Jobs tab or call 719-672-3332.(6/26)

1ST SOUTHWEST BANK is experiencing significant growth and is looking for a Specialized Lender with SBA experience and a Specialized Loan Assistant/Processor, offering a strong benefit package & career growth opportunities. EOE. Go to https://www.fswb.bank/who-we-are/careers/ for more details & to apply. (6/26)

ALAMOSA COUNTY EMPLOYMENT Opportunities, Job Descriptions, and Applications are available on the County's website www.alamosacounty.org.(7/10)

THE CITY OF Alamosa is accepting applications for a Utility Supervisor (\$45,551 per year) and multiple Cashier/CSR's (\$12.49 per hour) For more information please visit cityofalamosa.org. Protected by EOE.(6/19)

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

SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL District is currently seeking a preschool teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants must possess an associate's degree in early childhood education and must be director qualified and must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to apply@southconejos.com. Applications will be accepted until June 17th, 2020.(6/17)

MEL'S CUSTOM MEAT Processing looking for reliable and dependable person. No experience needed. Apply in person after 5:30pm. 602 2nd Ave, Romeo. (6/17)

221 HELP WANTED

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)

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. Applicants must include resume and P.O.S.T. certification.(6/12)

LOOKING FOR A career opportunity and being a part of your local community? 1st Southwest Bank is hiring a Deposit Services Specialist II, offering a strong benefit package & career growth opportunities. EOE. Go to https://www.fswb.bank/who-we-are/careers/ for more details & to apply.(6/10)

WORLD FUELS SERVICES/ALTA Transportation Looking to hire a OVER THE ROAD truck driver. 5 days out 2 off. Per Diem paid when away from home terminal. Modern fleet of equipment, Highly competitive hourly pay + OT with regular increases! Up to \$7,500 sign-on bonus. Referral bonus. Premier paid safety training (No tank experience required)! Vacation and holiday pay. Unparalleled health plans for your entire family. Retirement plan. Current Class A License with HazMat and Tank endorsements. 2 years recent Class A driving experience. Acceptable Motor Vehicle Record. Pass required DOT Pre-Employment Testing & Background. Please bring resume to 615 State Ave., Alamosa CO or call 719-588-4434.(6/19)

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)

MECHANIC NEEDED, MUST have basic hand tools, must have valid driver's license. Offers, 404k, and competitive wage DOE. Apply at Asphalt Constructors Inc. 7040 W Hwy 160, Alamosa, CO 81101. Ph. 719-589-6671.(6/19)

221 HELP WANTED

SWEET TOOTH ALAMOSA is seeking a full-time dental assistant. Experienced preferred not required. Willing to train the right candidate. Bi Lingual a plus. Individual must have great customer service, dependable, able to multi task. Please submit resumes to: sweettoothdental89@gmail.com.(6/17)

SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a Secondary Science Teacher. Applicants must have a current Colorado teaching license. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools.org. Sanford School is an EOE&E.(6/16)

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 Otilia 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)

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)

THE GREAT SAND Dunes Oasis is now hiring summer seasonal positions for cashiers, dishwashers, cooks, store clerks, and cleaners. To schedule an interview please call (719)378-2222.(6/26)

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@ahorrocks@urtigers.com or contact Aaron at 719-657-4030 ext 1001. Applications can be accessed online at https://www.dncsd.org/business/employment-opportunities. (6/23)

221 HELP WANTED

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 or at each branch location. Equal opportunity Employer, including considering individuals with Disabilities and Veterans/Affirmative Action Employer.(6/10)

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 or may be emailed to you, please contact April Quintana at 719-655-2231. Saguache County is an equal opportunity employer. (6/10)

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@tricotyseniors.com. (6/26)

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. Applications will be accepted through June 5, 2020 or until filled. Applications may be found on 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. Application deadline is June 8, 2020 or until positions are filled.(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 or contact Amy at 719-657-4030. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at:dncsd.org. (6/19)

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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.co or call him at 719-850-3623. (6/19)

CDL TRUCK DRIVER

wanted. Call 719-480-3983.(6/19)

267 WORK WANTED

AVAILABLE: EXPERIENCED PRIVATE personal care provider. Light housework, baths, toileting, dressing, meals, geriatric exercises. 719-587-9442.(7/1)

324 - FEED & SEED

PRIME NATIVE GRASS HAY for sale. Small bales, horse hay quality. Come cow hay. Certified USDA. Call Ed 719-852-3069.(7/14)

PREMIUM ALFALFA AND grass/alfalfa, small bales \$7.00 in hay shed (719) 580-2509. (6/20)

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

341 - GARAGE SALES

16TH ANNUAL YARD Sale! Dewalt and Milwaukee power tools, misc tools, hunting, fishing, camping, luggage, adult and kids clothes, toys, books, DVD's, household and xmas items! Well worth the drive, more items that we can sell in 3 days! Don't Miss!! We are Following CDC Guidelines! 6/11 7am-7pm 6/12 & 6/13 7am-3pm. 0230 County Road 10 S. Alamosa.(Waverly Road to almost the CR 100).(6/13)

350 - FARM EQUIPMENT

JD MODEL 530 Round Baler \$2,000. JD-46A Front End Load \$500. JD 2 Bottom Spinner PLOW \$300. JD 3 Spinner PLOW \$400. Call 719-480-0502.(6/10)

351 LIVESTOCK

HERITAGE BREED TURKEY POULTS - Bourbon Reds from free range parents. \$20 each or \$35 for 2. Limited number available. Ready to butcher at 28 weeks (toms average 30 lbs, hens 15 lbs.) Straight run only. 719-850-2832.(TFN-E)

PIGS FOR SALE \$1.00 lb. live weight. 570-395-0184 (TFN)

360 - MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

NEW / STILL in Box Swimming pool for Sale. 15ft diameter. Paid \$700 will take \$500. Call 719-480-9893.(6/30)

FOR SALE ELECTRIC Hospital Bed \$600. Call 719-480-4848.(6/27)

ZACH'S EUROPEAN MOUNTS. Professional work, low prices. 719-580-0398. (TFN)

369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

ALL DOGS ADOPTED FROM THE VALLEY HUMANE LEAGUE HAVE TO BE SPAYED OR NEUTERED BEFORE GOING TO THEIR NEW HOME. (TFN)

NEED CATS FOR mousers? Want to adopt kittens? Help trap/neuter/release efforts? Donate food/litter/supplies? Low cost spay/neuter clinic for cats. <http://www.catsaliveslv.com> 719-298-7028. (TFN)

369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

OOPS! GOT PUPPIES who need a home? San Luis Valley Animal Welfare Society is a non-profit animal rescue dedicated to stopping the euthanasia of healthy adoptable pets. Having pets altered is the number one way to stop pet overpopulation. If your pet has had puppies contact us. We will take the puppies into our rescue and spay the mama dog for free after the puppies are weaned. If needed we will also provide dog food & gas money to help the dogs to us to get in this situation. Spay/neuter is one of the greatest gifts you can provide your pet, your family and your community. We have found good responsible homes for over 8,000 animals. Contact 719-587-9663 (WOOF); email: woof@slvaws.org (TFN)

FREE TO GOOD HOME. Adults and kittens. NO MOUSES OR BARN CATS. Spay/neuter clinics coming to Alamosa in near future. Call Donna K 719-589-5952 or 719-580-9078. (TFN)

387 - WANTED TO BUY

LOOKING FOR A 2 or 3 bedroom Mobile Home 1981 or higher for \$15,000 or under. Call or text 719-580-9525(TFN-E)

415 - HOMES FOR SALE

HOME FOR SALE 869 Basalt Dr., Alamosa, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 3 car garage. \$225,000. Call 719-378-2045.(6/10)

415 - HOMES FOR SALE

PORTER REALTY, INC. Excellent Service, Expert Advice 719-589-5899 503 Main Street • Alamosa www.PorterRealty.com

\$325,000 - Exclusive Cabin setting sits on large lot with Conejos River access. Plenty of summer left to buy and use this awesome cabin that sleeps 7 comfortably. This extra-large 5-acre lot is flat with amazing mountain views, an oversized 1 car detached garage and a fire pit. Open floorplan has a master bedroom on the main floor, nice kitchen, and a large open left area for additional sleeping space or interior play. Check out the 3D virtual tour for an interior tour and 360 pan shots on the exterior before you schedule your private showing! 272 Aspen Trail, Alamosa, MLS # 769618

\$319,000 - Rare opportunity! This one-of-a-kind property is just a few minutes north of Alamosa on North River Road. The home sits on 18 acres of sub-irrigated pasture land and includes several outbuildings and corrals. The turn of the century, 1900 square foot, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home has been modernized with an updated kitchen complete with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. There are plenty of places to store toys and own several horses or other animals. Call today for your private tour! 4875 N River Road, Alamosa, MLS # 769617

\$227,500 - Brand new stick built home that is in the final stages of construction. Features include an open floor plan, white kitchen cabinets with solid wood drawers, stainless steel appliances, wood laminate flooring, carpet will be in bedrooms, forced air heating & stylish barn door in master. Large master bedroom with big walk-in closet, showers, large linen closet & separate toilet room. Metal siding, metal roof, augmented well with outside watering, 2 car attached garage, back patio for grilling, over 2 acres, and more. Call today for more details. 5157 Road 9 S, Alamosa, MLS # 770181

\$138,500 - 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Bungalow style home close to downtown, TSPC, and ASU. Great for investment or primary residence. Good sized bedrooms. Living room and dining room are open to each other. Oak cabinets in kitchen with refrigerator, oven/range, and dishwasher as included appliances. Separate laundry room has extra square footage for additional living or office area. Detached 1 car garage and covered patio, sprinkler system and more. Call today for more details. 409 Alamosa Ave, Alamosa, MLS # 769834

525 GUNS

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601 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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Accepting Applications for 2 & 3 bedroom apartments. Family living at an affordable price. **Immediate Availability**

Casa de Cortez 751 Mussman Lane Center, CO **754-3261** Rental assistance available to qualified households.

TTY 1-800-659-2656 This institution is an equal opportunity provider

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Casita del Sol 1405 W. 11th Street Alamosa, CO **589-8663** Rental assistance available to qualified households.

TTY 1-800-659-2656 This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Accepting Applications for 2 Bedroom Apartments - Handicap Units Available. Rent based on income for qualified households.

Gateway Villa Apartments 929 Spruce St. Del Norte, CO **657-3654**

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601 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Newly Remodeled Apartments AVAILABLE NOW Rent starts at \$680 a month. Vouchers accepted

Mt. Blanca View Apts. 201 Market Street Alamosa, CO **589-2850**

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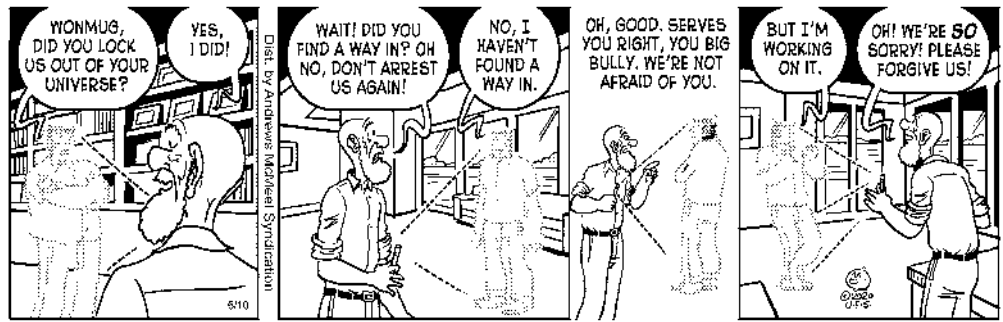
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 - 16 Petruccio's bride
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 - 19 Fam. member
 - 20 Jeered at
 - 22 Film cowboy Gene —
 - 26 High standards
 - 30 Less moist
 - 31 Expression
 - 33 Tex-Mex dip
 - 34 Slim watercraft
 - 35 Note
 - 38 Revise
 - 39 Register for
 - 41 Move swiftly
 - 44 PBS funder
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 - 3 Not this
 - 4 Heavy volume
 - 5 Caveman from Moo
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 - 7 Blast furnace inputs
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 - 13 Hardened
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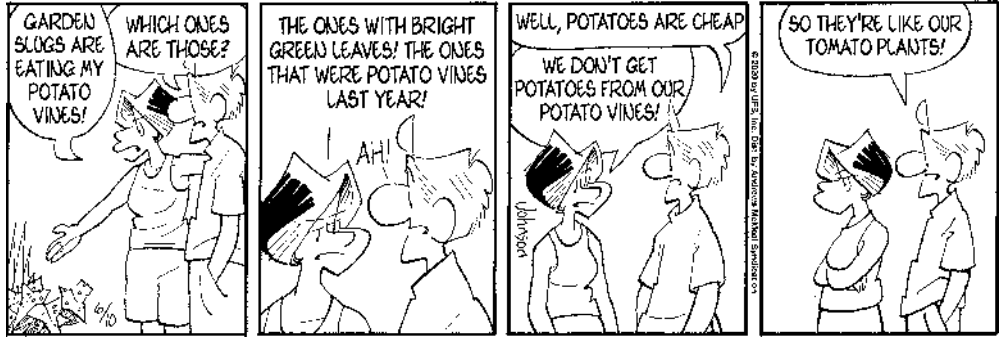


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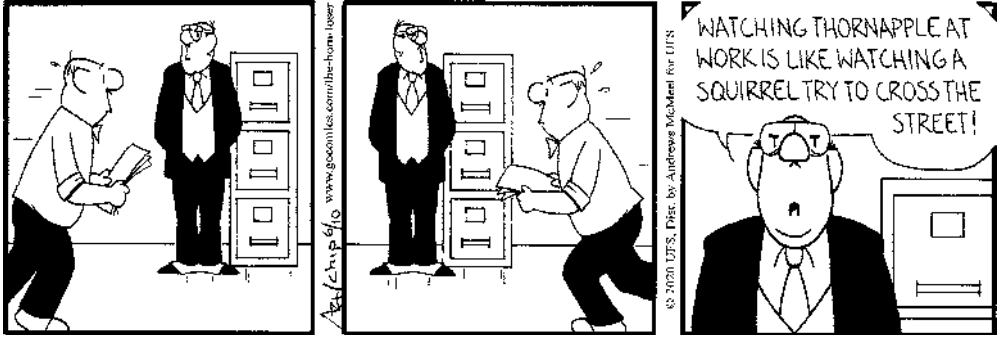
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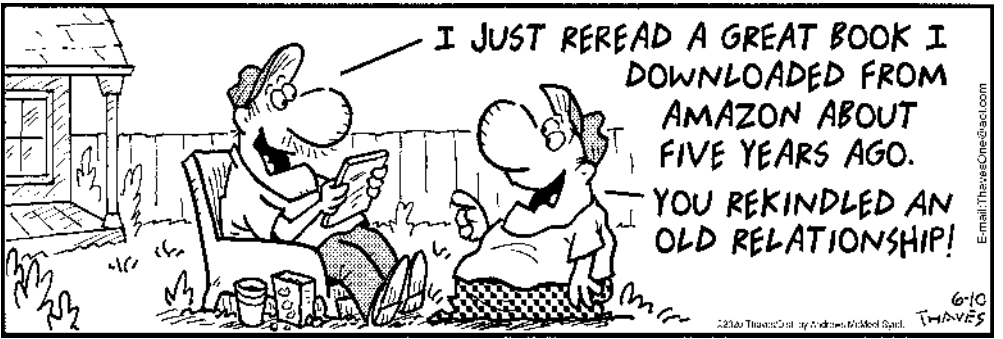
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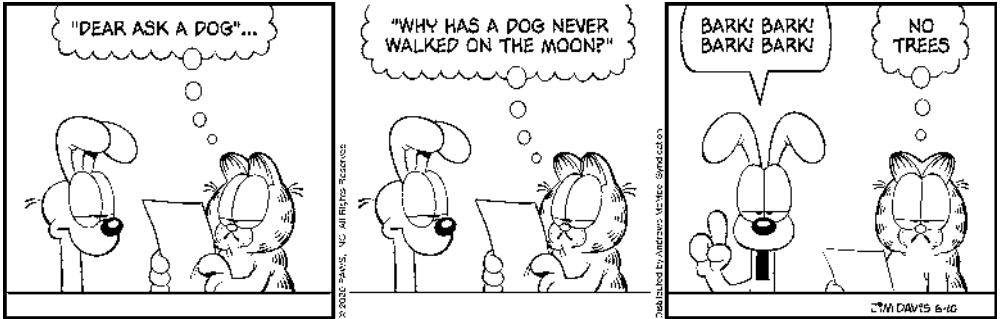
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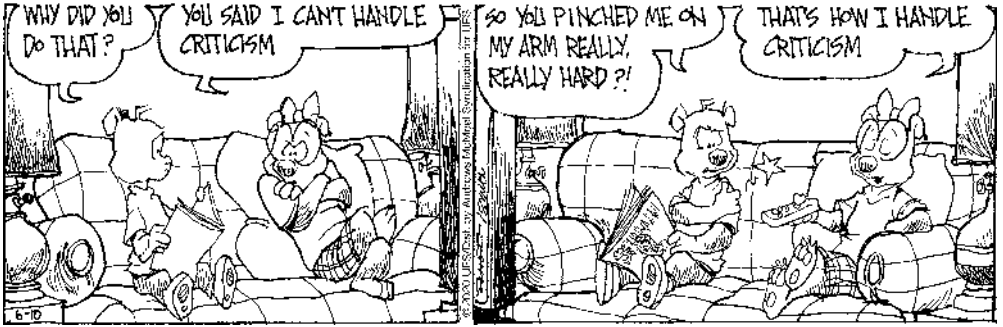
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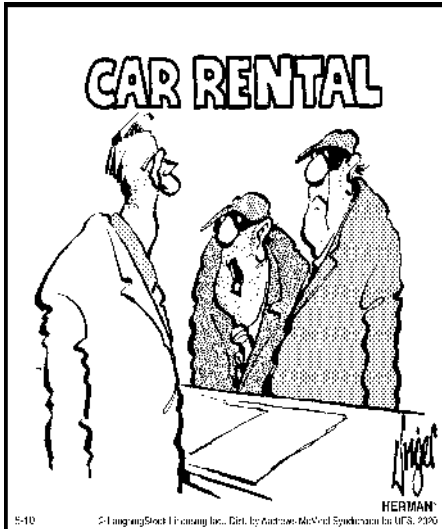
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by Luis Campos

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T R F C D F S R S A J V A B U W N H N C U D J A R P
X V N I N W V H U V J D P N . " — A T U W J N C C

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Previous Solution: "The tide has turned! The free men of the world are marching together to victory!" — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, D-Day, 1944)

Man keeps granddaughter a secret from his ex-wife

DEAR ABBY: I divorced my wife 20 years ago, leaving behind two daughters. My older girl was 5 when I left, and due to my ex's lies, I wasn't able to see them.

When my older daughter turned 18, she contacted me. She confessed that she had been forced to lie in court, and we reconnected. At 19, she came to me pregnant. She asked if I would take her baby and asked that I tell no one, especially her mother. I agreed.

Last year, my daughter died in a car wreck. My granddaughter will turn 4. Should I go against my daughter's wishes, tell my ex and risk her taking her? Or should I let things remain as they are? My current wife and I are the only people who know. -- SECRET IN VIRGINIA

DEAR SECRET: I urge you to discuss this matter with a lawyer because there may be legal ramifications. Your former wife has demonstrated she is the kind of person who would force a child to lie in a custody matter. Having done it once, she's capable of doing something equally underhanded. I am trying hard to come up with a reason why you should go against your daughter's wishes and disclose this to your ex, and I cannot think of a single one.

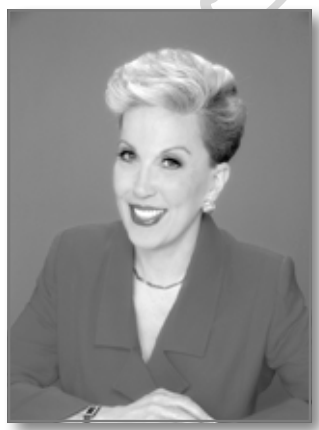
DEAR ABBY: I'm concerned about my daughter. She's 12 and wants to hang

out with a 21-year-old male volunteer from her school. His mother works there, and I've known their family for a few years, although we've never socialized.

Recently, my daughter said she wants to meet him at a park to learn some skateboard moves. She tries to tell me it's harmless, that he just likes the skateboarding sport, but I am uncomfortable about the age difference and the fact that he works at her school. I don't know what to do. What's your advice in this situation? -- STUMPED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR STUMPED: Although the young man's motives may be pure, I do not think your daughter should be meeting him at the park without supervision. Accompany her so you can gauge the situation. Because he is volunteering at her school, you should first check to see if that kind of fraternization is allowed because it may not be, and it could cost him his position.

DEAR ABBY: Am I awful because I don't sympathize when people put their business on the internet? For example, I read some comments on YouTube, and this woman was talking about how "all men cheat." I told her maybe it's just all the men she opens her legs to. My account was suspended for a week because of it.



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his many kids talk to him. I asked what he had done to them that none of them speak to him, and he got mad. Abby, I'm not looking for trouble. I feel that if you can't take someone not kissing up to you, stop putting your business out there. Am I wrong? -- STRAIGHTFORWARD IN THE WEST

DEAR STRAIGHTFORWARD: I think so. When traits were handed out, it appears someone forgot to give you a filter. I agree that some people overshare online and doing it comes with a risk. However, your comments weren't helpful; in fact, they were cruel. When a bee stings, its prey tries to swat it away, and that's what's happening to you. To avoid trouble, curb your impulse to comment, or be prepared to deal with the consequences that are sure to follow.

Lifestyle

Funding available to help Colorado farmers, ranchers, farmers markets

New fund will have gifted \$340,000 to support producers statewide by late June

able food grown with great care is going to waste while producers scramble to find — or create — new ways to get food to would-be buyers, and our tables. Producers need cash now to shift to online and direct-to-consumer sales, buy PPE, cover losses, and shift to new storage and distribution methods.

In response to these market disruptions, food- and ag-focused organizations in Colorado partnered to create a new Colorado Farm & Food Systems Response Team. The team is focused on addressing the needs and opportunities of small- and mid-size growers, beginning farmers and ranchers, veteran farmers, farmers of color, LGBTQ+ farmers — as those often underserved by government programs will bear the brunt of the crisis's impact. The response team created the fund and is administering it.

Every producer story is different. Sharyn Cascia of Arapahoe County is one of 27 grant recipients so far. On her farm, Pronghorn Ridge, she pasture-raises chicken and turkey and sells directly to consumers. COVID-19's effects on the food system resulted in a spike in demand for her product, at the same time that Sharyn herself became ill — and recovered — from what she presumes was COVID-19. During that

three week period, the farm lost sales and was unable to build the infrastructure necessary to support increasing the size of its flock to meet demand.

“Our food- and ag-focused organizations came together because we care about our local producers and believe in supporting them in this crisis,” said Matt Barry, chief development officer for the National Western Center, one of 14 organizations that make up the response team. “Between funding, sharing best practices, and coming together on weekly calls to build a network, we’re doing what we can to support Colorado’s food system.”

The fund is made up of donations from Colorado-based foundations including the Colorado Health Foundation, Gates Family Foundation and others, as well as from individual donations. The fund is still accepting donations; the team will issue grants in successive rounds until all funding is gone.

“COVID-19 represents a real threat to smaller operations in our communities,” said Wendy Peters Moschetti, director of food systems at LiveWell Colorado, a response team organization. “We want to offer this small lifeline, so that they can continue to support their own organizations while moving high-quality food to the people of Colorado and beyond.”

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