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SLV Today Kindergarten

ANTONITO — South Conejos School District will have preschool and kindergarten registration on May 20th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at 13099 County RD G in Antonito. Guardians are asked to bring immunization records and a birth certificate for their child. For more information call 719-376-7001.

SDC BOE

MOSCA — The Sangre de Cristo School Board of Education regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday May 12th, 2020 in the school library at 8751 Lane 7 North, Mosca CO with an Executive Session from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. and an Open Session starting at 6:30 p.m. Copies of agendas are posted at school site, website, the Hooper and Mosca Post Offices, and the Mosca Pit Stop. Meetings are open to the public.

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SLV COVID-19 numbers take another leap

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Our numbers changed again today due to positive test results and contact tracing investigation. Saguache County Public Health received notification of 2 COVID-19 tests. During the contact tracing investigation, 7 additional close contacts were identified with COVID-19 symptoms, for a total of 9 new cases for the county. Alamosa County Public Health is continuing the investigation of the outbreak

reported yesterday, and additional testing is anticipated in conjunction with the outbreak investigation. San Luis Valley case counts are updated every weekday at the SLV Emergency website, www.slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19.

Contact tracing is the investigation of close contacts of a person with an infectious disease. It is one of the most effective tools we have for preventing the spread of disease, especially as businesses begin to open

back up and more people are going out of their homes for essential activities. When a person is identified as carrying an infectious disease, that person can be isolated until they are no longer infectious. Close contacts of the confirmed case also stay away from others for 14 days (quarantine) during the time they could spread the disease unknowingly, and while they watch for symptoms to appear.

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SLV COVID-19

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 5:00 p.m. on May 7, 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.

52 SLV POSITIVE CASES

- Alamosa County - 27
- Conejos County - 1
- Costilla County - 3
- Mineral County - 2
- Rio Grande County - 7
- Saguache County - 12

11 HOSPITALIZED

21 ISOLATION COMPLETED

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

2 DEATHS

Homeless encampment moved from Old Airport Road



STAFF REPORT ALAMOSA — Wednesday night, members of Alamosa's city council listened to public comment regarding the temporary homeless encampment on Old Airport Road across from the Alamosa Cemetery. Following a lengthy public comment segment, the Alamosa City Council voted unanimously to relocate the temporary encampment to city property south of the softball fields on 20th Street.

When COVID-19 arrived in the San Luis Valley it affected many aspects of daily life. With an at-risk population living in close proximity, local shelter La Puente had no choice but to close their doors leaving many unsheltered without an answer. Looking for solutions to the unique problem they faced, work was set on the encampment. The backlash from the public was swift following its announcement.

Granted an opportunity to voice their opinion on Wednesday night, the public took full advantage. Alamosa's councilors listened to more than 20 constituents tell their own negative experiences with the issue as well as a few offering solutions such as a 'trash for food' program as well as a 'tiny house' program. Whether the callers were sharing their experiences, offering solutions or just strongly asking the city to reconsider location one thing was made clear — in the words of Roberta Taylor-Hill "We do not want the camp in our backyard."

City Manager Heather Brooks outlined the criteria and illustrated the thought process that went into the selection of the plot of land on Old Airport Road. After eliminating dedicated parks, and areas less than 3 acres, that left a few areas for relocation. Surrounded by non-resi-

dential areas and a low maintenance necessity the plot of land south of the softball fields checked a lot of boxes. Following an unopposed vote, the decision was made to move the encampment.

Brooks took the time out to address a number of different concerns that were aired during public comment. Brooks stated that a housing assessment for the data on the current house stock was going to take place to evaluate needs. Getting it done as soon as possible was important to begin applying for grants and begin working on any shortcomings that were found. She went on to support the creative solutions that were offered saying that proposed plans regarding transitional housing are "All things that are going to be explored and will be able to be supported by that data (from the housing assessment.)"

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Curbside Pick-Up

ALAMOSA — Alamosa Public Library knows many of you are in need of library materials. That is why the Library is excited to announce a new curbside pick-up service in front of the Library.

It's simple: Place a hold on items you'd like or call the library staff for help in choosing materials. The staff will prepare the materials for pick-up and call you when they are ready to make an appointment for pick-up. When you get to the library during your appointed time, call the library staff and they will bring the items out to a table while you wait in your vehicle. After staff goes back into

the building you pick up your materials. That's it!

For more information, please visit alamosalibrary.org/newsevents/specialprograms or call the library at (719) 589-6592.

If you do not have a library card, the Alamosa Public Library is offering temporary cards that allow you to access the Library's online resources during the COVID-19 closure. Please visit alamosalibrary.org/resources/sign-up-for-a-temporary-card/ to get yours.

A centennial celebration



Courtesy photo

ALAMOSA — Bill Gallagher celebrated his 100th birthday on Thursday May 7th.

While attending Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, CA he was a member of the University's first rodeo team. After graduation he enlisted in the Navy, proudly serving his country during World War II. After returning from active duty he married Shirley Rose Gray and later moved to the San Luis Valley in 1954. He farmed in the Carmel area for many years. While working for Sky Valley Farms he helped build the first lettuce cooler in the San Luis Valley. Bill owned and operated Gallagher Construction and also built numerous metal buildings in the Valley.

He and Shirley were married for almost 74 years until her recent passing. Affectionately known as Pappy by his loving family he has 2 sons, Tim (Marsha) Gallagher, Gary Gallagher, 4 grandchildren William (Yasuko) Gallagher, Angie (Jason) Rossback, Tami (Matt) Sliwowski, and Marlena (Steven) Halko, and 8 great grandchildren. His interesting and colorful life stories have entertained his family and friends for many years. Due to the COVID-19 his birthday will be celebrated at a later date.

Birthday greetings may be sent to: Bill Gallagher 3407 Carroll Street, Apt 29 Alamosa, CO.

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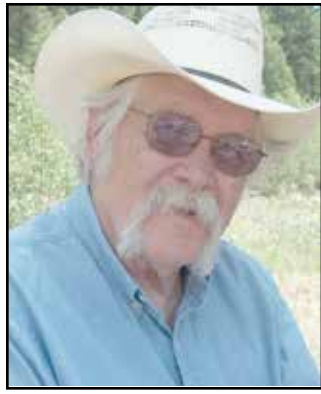
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OBITUARIES

Larry Leroy Squires, Sr



auto body shop. Larry was an avid hunter, a passionate storyteller and a creative pinstripe artist

and also enjoyed mechanic work and making jewelry. There were very few things that Larry couldn't do. Larry was one of the toughest guys around and he taught his children and grandchildren to be tough, he was often heard telling them to just walk it off. He had a gentle side as well, he was a caring man, who was often found to be very generous to those in need and above all, he was proud of his family and loved them more than anything.

Larry is survived by his wife of 59 years, Shirley Squires of Alamosa, his children, Larry (Christine) Squires of Pueblo, Shelley (Herb) Horn of Gillette, Wyoming, Steven (Laura) Squires of Clay Center, Kansas, Sam (Carey) Squires of Mancelona, Michigan and Shirlee (Jamie) Maurath of Cripple Creek, Colorado, his grandchildren, Elizabeth (Joe) Naill, Waylon (Autumn) Squires, Willie Squires, Karrie (Danny) Allen, Kimberly Horn,

Kacie (Nathan) Sheppard, Kamber (Quinten) Beck, Kelley Horn, Kayla Squires, Zach Squires, Colby Squires, Preston Squires, Sam Squires, Jr., Chloe Squires, Cali Squires, Hunter Squires and Mikey Maurath, as well as numerous great-grandchildren, his siblings, James (Rosie) Squires, Kevin (Cindy) Squires, Cindy Pike, Joyce Squires, Vicki Squires and Tomalou Squires as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family

and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Arlene Warner.

Cremation was selected and a memorial service will be held at a later time. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to Alamosa Christian Church and may be made in care of the funeral home office. To express condolences to the family, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com

Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa is in care of the arrangements.

PENDING OBITUARIES

Jerry Leigh Shawcroft

Lifetime valley resident Jerry Leigh Shawcroft, 67, passed away on May 7, 2020. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa.

VALLEY COURIER POLICY ON OBITUARIES

The Valley Courier charges a flat fee of \$30 for each obituary published. Pending arrangements or death notices are run at no charge.

This charge affects funeral homes, as well as family or other representatives, that directly place obituaries. All paid obituaries are published on our web site, www.alamosanews.com, for no additional fee.

In the event the newspaper errors in publishing an obit, corrections will be made and the obit will be rerun. If the errors are on the part of the submitting party, an additional fee will be assessed.

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

589-6396 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

ALAMOSA — Open drop-in meditation for health, stress management and spiritual growth, is held at 10:45 a.m. the second Sunday of the month at St. Thomas Episcopal Parish Hall, 607 Fourth St., Alamosa, with Mountain Institute, A Kriya, Meditation & Lamplighting School. Contact Martin at 575-758-5876 or talentolocal@live.com

ALAMOSA — Youngsters are invited to the Alamosa Public Library Story Room every Friday morning to sing, color, dance, read, enjoy adventures, share with friends and giggle. Babies and toddlers are welcome at 9:30 a.m. and preschoolers at 11 a.m.

ALAMOSA — Free breastfeeding classes are offered in Alamosa at the San Luis Valley Health Education and Conference Center on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 3-4 p.m.

MONTE VISTA — Valley Fiber Art Guild — VFA is a group for anyone interested in fiber arts: knitting, crocheting, weaving and spinning. We work on our individual projects, sometimes do projects

together and learn from each other. We meet the fourth Saturday of every month from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at 757 County Rd. 29, Monte Vista. Call or email Wanda Couzens-Smith for more information at (719) 852-5000 or wcouzenssmith@gmail.com

ALAMOSA— Alamosa Masonic Lodge meetings are every first and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. (except June, July and August) at the Alamosa Masonic Lodge, Main and San Juan.

ALAMOSA — Alamosa Toastmasters meets on Mondays at noon at The Bridge in Alamosa at 3407 Carroll Street. Participants will find a supportive learn-by-doing environment that allows them to achieve their goals at their own pace. Call (719) 588-5127.

ALAMOSA — The GFWC Woman's Citizenship Club of Alamosa meets on the second Friday at noon from September through May at First United Methodist Church, NW door, 2005 Mullins Ave. For more information, please email: womancitizenshipclub@gmail.com

ALAMOSA — Made up of community members who write in many different genres, the Sophia Circle meets weekly to provide support for writers and their writing projects in the downstairs conference room at the Colorado Welcome Center at Alamosa, 6th and State on Sundays from 1-3 p.m.. Writers may drop in on any meeting. Bring copies of the work you want to share. Call Holly at 719-588-7066.

CENTER — The Center Kiwanis meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Kiwanis Hall in Center. Contact Dick Ramstetter at 719-580-3329.

ALAMOSA — Silver Linings, an open and free positivity group, meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. at Nestle Toll House Café in downtown Alamosa.

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BIRTHS

Airius Wayne Joe Montoya

ALAMOSA — Airius Wayne Joe Montoya was born April 27, 2020, at the San Luis Valley Health Center of Alamosa to Lucinda Lucero and Demetri Montoya. Airius weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 20 inches long. Airius' siblings are Jeremiah Lucero and Zander Montoya. Maternal grandparents are Josephine and Wayne Lopez of Alamosa. Paternal grandparents are Mary and Joe Montoya of Lamar. Great-grandparents are Tony and Demetrio Montoya, Prez Velasquez and Nadine Lopez.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

VALLEY — The San Luis Valley offers many Alcoholics Anonymous groups. A.A. members' primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

Broadway, Monte Vista

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa
12 p.m. Crestone Baptist Church, County Rd. T, Crestone
7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede
7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara.
7:30 p.m. Ables/Disables, Baptist Church at 751 Lincoln St., Monte Vista

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

5:30 p.m. at 929 State Ave., Alamosa
6 p.m. Senior Citizen's

Building at 710 Main St., Antonito.

8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

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

AL-ANON

TUESDAY

8 p.m. 15 Country Club Dr. Monte Vista
5:30 p.m. SLV Behavior Health Group at 8745 CR 9S., Alamosa

THURSDAY

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NarcAnon)

TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

Valley News

Mushroom farm outbreak moves SLV total to 52

Eleven positive cases confirmed among farm workers

ALAMOSA—Alamosa County Public Health Department is investigating an outbreak of COVID-19 at the Colorado Mushroom Farm in Alamosa. After receiving the results of testing conducted on May 3rd, the Public Health Department



can confirm 11 additional positive cases.

Case investigation is ongoing, and the affected individuals have been instructed to isolate at home. The Colorado Mushroom Farm, operated by Rakhra Mushrooms, continues to work with the Alamosa County Public Health Department to ensure the safety of their employees and product. Due to the stringent cleaning methods observed at the facility, the Alamosa County Public Health Department has been advised that there is no danger in the product at this time.

These 11 cases pushed the San Luis Valley total of confirmed cases to 52, 27 of which are in Alamosa County. Rio Grande County has reported seven cases, Costilla county has three, Mineral County two, Conejos one and Saguache recently climbed to 12. Conejos had reported a second case recently which was later attributed to Alamosa. The Alamosa County Public Health Department would like to remind the public that we are all susceptible to COVID-19, regardless of

where we live and work. It is important that we continue to follow the guidelines of the Safer-At-Home order, to cover our nose and mouth with a fabric covering when in public, to wash our hands frequently, and to practice effective social distancing by staying six feet away from other individuals when in the community. For further information on COVID-19 see covid19.colorado.gov. For further information on the Safer-At-Home Order, see covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home.

Adams State plans to resume face-to-face instruction in fall

ALAMOSA, CO. (May 7, 2020) – As Adams State University brings to a close its 2020 spring semester, it is working to prepare the campus for the start of the 2020-21 academic year and the return of students to campus for the start of the fall semester.

“Adams State has every intention of resuming in-person classroom instruction in the fall,” said Adams State President Cheryl D. Lovell. “We greatly miss having students, faculty and staff on campus and are eager to return to our ‘normal’ mode of operations. Our top priority will always be to protect the health and safety of our

campus community members, so we must be very diligent to make sure this decision is supported by local public health agencies and meets all necessary state public health guidance.”

The fall semester is scheduled to begin Aug. 24, 2020. It is a 17-week semester that ends Dec. 18, 2020. Registration for fall courses is available at adams.edu, including courses and degree plans that are fully online.

Over the next several weeks Adams State will be working with community partners and its partners at the state level to make the best decisions for Adams State University and its student body. In June and throughout the summer, Adams State will continue to release additional information and details about the fall semester.

To prepare for the fall semester the University has created a Safe to Return Task Force. The task force will have two working committees: one focused on internal campus processes and the second focused on external community impact. “We believe with both internal and external stakeholder engagements, we will have a stronger support base and sustainability to allow for the safest and healthiest campus possible,” said President Lovell.

Adams State finished the spring semester with Blackboard-only online instruction following a state of emergency order and guidance issued to campuses of higher education by Gov. Jared Polis on March 11, 2020. It has scheduled a June 6 spring virtual commencement for its spring graduates. The ceremony will be a livestream event accessible via adams.edu/live. Summer courses being offered in the month of May at Adams State will be through Blackboard online in-



Courtesy photo by Mike Henderson

Adams State University plans on face-to-face instruction in fall 2020.

struction. The initial 6-week summer Maymester begins Monday, May 11 through June 21. The second 6-week summer session is June 22 through July 31.

Adams State is also planning a 3-week summer face-to-face class instruction from June 29 through July 17. Adams State will adjust that session if necessitate by COVID-19 concerns. Summer class registration is available at adams.edu/summer.

As it did in the spring semester, Adams State will be prepared to shift to Blackboard instruction if its plans to resume face-to-face classes in the fall are impacted by health and safety concerns related to COVID-19.

“Our preference is to resume in-classroom instruction when the fall semester begins in August,” said President Lovell. “We are excited about our future and remain committed to fostering student achievement, championing practices for lifelong learning and development, advocating for equity and inclusion, en-

Working with the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, we support students, advocate and develop policies to maximize higher education opportunities for all. The Department believes every Coloradan should have an education beyond high school to pursue their dreams and improve our communities. Read the CDHE master plan Colorado Rises at <http://masterplan.highered.colorado.gov/>

COSI aims to assist at workers displaced by COVID-19

DENVER – May 5, 2020: The Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI) announced today the availability of up to \$750,000 annually in grants to help workers displaced by COVID-19 enroll in certification and degree programs that align with Colorado Top Jobs, identified in the Talent Pipeline Report, so they can complete their credential within the next two years.

Public higher education institutions, community partners and workforce centers are encouraged to apply for the funds through a request for proposal grant process that will award \$75,000 annually per grant. Awards will go to student supports which improve and enhance local community-based service networks and increase enrollment and retention in public postsecondary institutions through proactive advising, wraparound support, and other support services.

“We are excited for this innovative opportunity to leverage COSI as a way to partner with institutions and workforce centers and identify new or reengaged students who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19,” said

Dr. Angie Paccione, executive director of the Colorado Department of Higher Education. “These grants allow displaced workers to upskill while our economy is in recovery so upon completion of gaining that credential or degree, they are ready to reenter the workforce with new knowledge and expertise.”

“COSI is focused on expanding supportive services and taking our proven support models on the road,” said Dr. Cynthia Armendariz, director of COSI. “With months of research and development, we were already planning this type of intervention before COVID-19 hit. Our team is excited to pivot and immediately respond to community need and support our state.”

Interested applicants can review grant eligibility and application materials. Additionally, COSI will host two webinars for interested applicants:

- Wednesday, May 6 at 3:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 7 at 9 a.m.

About the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative: The Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative was

created to increase the attainment of postsecondary credentials and degrees for underserved students in Colorado. The project addresses this challenge in two ways: accessibility and affordability. To increase accessibility, COSI funds programs that will help prepare students for postsecondary education, as well as support them through completion. To increase affordability, COSI provides matching funds for community scholarships.

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COVID

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There has been a lot of information shared recently about properly wearing a mask when you encounter other people, but what about gloves? For the general public, washing your hands frequently is often more effective than wearing gloves, especially if you are not familiar with wearing them. Like N95 masks, wearing gloves without proper knowledge of how to use them can provide ineffective protection or actually increase the chances of infection.

In the Safer at Home Public Health Order 20-24, the governor expanded requirements on appropriate glove-wearing for employees. This is intended to provide an extra layer of protection for the employees who serve customers. Specifics on

requirements for different kinds of businesses can be found on Colorado’s Safer at Home website at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home>.

Workers not familiar with wearing gloves should be directed on proper use. In general, to use gloves safely,

Wash hands and change gloves between customers or when starting a new activity.

If gloves are not feasible or appropriate, wash hands frequently and meticulously.

Employers, encourage frequent breaks to wash hands.

Guidance for workers on how to properly put gloves on and take them off can viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKfaiE8G2Q>

Teachers surveyed say they work in good schools

DENVER — The majority of educators who responded to a statewide survey this winter believe their school is a good place to work and a beneficial place for students to learn.

The Teaching and Learning Conditions Colorado survey was administered before the COVID-19 pandemic led to schools being closed to in-person learning for the 2020-21 school year. The anonymous survey was completed by more than half of the state’s educators, giving administrators and policymakers an inside look at what educators think is working and what needs to change in their schools.

“We recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has created a lot of change for schools and teachers since we asked them to fill out the TLCC survey,” said Katy Anthes, Colorado’s education commissioner.

“However, state policymakers can still use these results to make informed decisions on what our educators need to be successful in teaching our Colorado students. We also know that school staff are anxious to dig into their data and work on school improvements efforts where it makes sense.”

Here are some of the results from the survey:

A total of 86% of educators said their school is a good place to work and 88.2% responded that their school provides a good learning atmosphere for students.

Three-quarters of (74%) educators said they get recognition for doing a good job.

A total of 83.8% of educators report that instructional practices and supports are meeting student needs.

A large percentage of (90%) school leaders believe their district leadership is committed to taking steps to solve problems, compared with 86.8% from 2018.

In a new question this year, 96.7% of teachers agreed that students at their schools have at least one adult on staff they can trust to support them with social, emotional, or personal concerns.

During the 2020 administration, surveys were sent to each of Colorado’s 71,755 professional school-based educators, a total of 37,536, or 52%, of whom provided responses.

Lack of time to prepare for instruction and to support students remains the biggest challenge for educators, with 52.6% saying they have adequate time

to support students’ social and emotional learning.

This was the second distribution of the TLCC survey, which replaced the TELL Colorado survey in 2018. Results from the two surveys are on the TLCC website: www.tlccsurvey.org.

About the Survey The TLCC survey was developed by the Colorado Department of Education, APA Consulting, districts and partner organizations, including the Colorado Association of School Boards, Colorado Association of School Executives, Colorado Education Association, Colorado Education Initiative, Colorado League of Charter Schools and the Colorado Rural Alliance.

The survey was administered through Cambridge Education and provides feedback from educators on such indicators as school and teacher leadership, instructional practices and support, professional development, facilities and resources, managing student conduct, time for collaborative instructional planning, facilities and resources, community support, and involvement and other supports.

law and are following private property rules, city resources are limited in their response.

Brooks shared a similar message regarding buildings that have come under fire recently such as La Puente.

Community Corrections and the Methadone Clinic. “We cannot prevent them from conducting their business as long as their doing it in a lawful manner that’s allowed within that area.”

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Regarding some expressed concerns she cleared up confusion about the city’s role and ability to deal with what might be perceived as unwanted populations. As long as individuals are not breaking the



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Opinion

Save the bees with flowers – Part 2

In the last column, I discussed the sad health of bees in many places around the world including our country. I listed what bees need and said that one thing we can do to help them is to plant flowers. Since bees need flower blooms throughout the season, I listed flowers that do well in Alamosa in early spring and through May. Before I continue with later season blooms, I want to write about a plant I omitted last time whose blooms are just now popping. It is the Arnolds red bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera tatarian* 'Arnolds Red') that has a very compact growth habit (not a vine) and actually puts on lovely green leaves before the flowers open up in early spring. It's very hardy, rated down to zone 2. I highly recommend it.

I know it's early May, but in this column I'll discuss flowers for June and July -- it's time to decide your needs and to purchase plants and/or seeds!

I also make suggestions for flowers bees avoid. You might have an allergy or have had a bad experience with bees.

Or you might want to discourage bees from hanging around your outside dining area. Visit AlamosaFlowers.net and AlamosaTrees.net to see photos and specific information regarding most of these flowers.

Mid-June to mid-July is the time the widest variety of flowers bloom in our yard. I focus on perennials, shrubs, and annuals that reseed themselves. My June perennial and shrub favorites include columbine (*Aquilegia* species – Rocky Mountain blue columbine is Colorado's state flower), yellow Harrison shrub roses (*Rosa* 'Harrison yellow') and red wild shrub roses (*Rosa* ?), white snowball bush (*Viburnum x carcephalum*), Cheyenne white mock orange (*Philadelphus lewisii* 'Cheyenne'), purple Veronica (*Veronica gentianoides*?), red Oriental poppies (*Papaver orientalis*), yellow and orange Icelandic poppies (*Papaver nudicaule*), and annual orange California poppies (*Eschscholzia californica* – California's state flower). All of these have done well for many years with little tending except for watering and occasional fertilizing during the growing season as well as cutting back in late fall or early spring.

I love some very hardy, easy-care, low-water perennials such as purple Rocky Mountain penstemon (*Penstemon strictus*), red and pink yarrow (*Achillea 'Paprika'*), low goldenrod (*Solidago*), yellow-orange-red blanket flower (*Gaillardia*), and creeping purple Veronica (*Veronica oltensis* – does very well in rock gardens).

Perhaps you'd like to NOT attract bees to parts of your garden. Don't want them to interfere with your BBQ? Here are several guidelines: 1) choose red blooms – bees can't see red, it appears black to them. Red specimens of poppies, zinnias, and peonies are good options; 2) avoid highly scented flowers – instead select buttercups (*Ranunculus*), dahlias (Dahlia -- remember, they have to be dug up each fall and stored in a cool dark location over the winter), and hybrid roses with no scent (*Rosa* various), and 3) avoid violet, blue and yellow flowers.

You might also want to consider 4) opting for trumpet-shaped flowers – that shape makes many bees work harder to get to the nectar so they are less appealing – daffodil (*Narcissus*), some honeysuckles (*Lonicera*), and buttercups (*Ranunculus*); 5) peppermint – the scent drives them away; and 6) plant a tub of cucumber – the acid is unpleasant to them – some even suggest you peel a cucumber and leave the peels around your garden.

Other ideas include choosing double flowers with lots of overlapping petals that make it more difficult for bees to access the pollen inside. This includes some chrysanthemums (*Chrysanthemum* various -- I often buy some but they don't tend to last more than one or two seasons depending on our winter weather), roses, carnations, and impatiens. I often buy impatiens for one season use but don't have double-flowered roses or carnations. I love red geraniums in pots in the yard during the summer. I store them indoors over the winter.

Happy gardening and stay safe.

"Where flowers bloom so does hope." Lady Bird Johnson

Alamosa Landscapes



Marilyn Loser



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Managing the soil pH in a Garden

With gardening projects in full swing, it is a good time to review one of the major factors impacting a successful garden season, the soil pH. When preparing a garden site, one of the hardest things to manage can be the pH of the soil. In the San Luis Valley, the natural soil often has a pH of 7.5 or higher. We will find pH's in the 8.0 to 8.6 range often, and even some above a 10.0 pH.

What is pH? pH is a measurement of the acidity of the soil. It ranges from 1 to 14. A pH of 7.0 is neutral with a pH of 6.8 to 7.2 called "near neutral". Soils with a pH below 7.0 are called acidic. These high pH soils are called basic or alkaline. All plants have a pH range that they will grow best in. Most plants will grow in soil with a pH of 6.0 to 7.5. When the pH is outside this preferred range the growth or fruit productions can be drastically reduced or stopped completely.

Soils with a pH of 7.5 or above generally have a high calcium carbonate content. The high calcium carbonate is known as free lime. This is important as it is impractical to lower a soil's pH if it contains free lime. This free lime buffers

the soils against pH changes. If the soil pH gets above 8.3 it is referred to as sodic or alkaline soil. It can be very difficult to lower the pH of sodic soil. Very few plants will grow in sodic soil.

The soil pH is a product of the soil that it comes from and the climate. The quality of the irrigation water can also have an effect on the soil's pH. Many areas of the world where there are limited or small amounts of rainfall will have alkaline soils.

The soil pH can be adjusted with the right conditions and the right soil amendment. Changing the soil pH starts with a soil pH test.

To attempt to manage these soils that have a pH above 7.5, start by increasing organic matter in the soil. Also, manage the soil moisture by using organic mulches and proper irrigation. Overly wet or dry soils can amplify the problems of working with a high alkali

line soil.

Over time (decades) you may see a slight decrease in soil pH if proper irrigation is used. Many fertilizers can add acid to the soil which may help lower the soil pH over time.

Sometimes, we can help lower the pH of soil. If there is no free lime (pH below 7.5), applications of elemental sulfur can lower the pH. If there is free lime, lowering the pH is not practical, the cost is too expensive. To test for free lime, crumble up some dry soil, place a heaping tablespoon of the soil in a cup. To the cup add some vinegar. If the soil-vinegar mixture bubbles, the soil has free lime.

For soils without free lime, you can add elemental sulfur, aluminum sulfate, some ammonium fertilizers, or acid sphagnum peat prior to planting. The higher the pH, the more elemental sulfur will need to be added. To change the pH from a 7.5 to a 6.5, add 1.5 pounds of sulfur per 100 square feet. To move from an 8.3 pH to a 6.5 pH, you would need to add 4.0 pounds of sulfur per 100 square feet. This assumes you don't have free lime in the soil.

Aluminum sulfate can be used but it has the potential

to cause aluminum toxicity in plant roots. Fertilizers should not be used at rates higher than what is needed for the plant nitrogen requirements. Acid sphagnum peat should be incorporated before planting. The positive effects of acid sphagnum peat will last several years. However, over time additional measures must be taken or the soil pH will begin increasing.

To find out what the pH of your soil is, collect a sample of soil from across the garden, mix it together, and fill a Ziplock size sandwich bag. Send the sample to a lab for testing. A general soil test that will tell you the pH, fertilizer needs for N, P, K, and other nutrients will cost around \$35.00. You can have a sample tested at Colorado State University, Soil, Plant testing lab or another lab of your choice. Knowing your soil pH is one step to having a successful garden.

Take time to learn about your soil before planting a garden to improve your chances for success.

For more information, you can call the Colorado State University Extension, San Luis Valley Area Office at 719-852-7381.

Eye on Extension



Marvin Reynolds

LETTERS

Civics in action

For those of you who were not present, you missed a wonderful example of civic action last Wed, May 6th, 2020.

The Alamosa City Council held an online Council meeting which was attended by over 70 citizens. The issue being discussed was the knotty and growing problem of the unsheltered homeless population around Alamosa. The situation has been further complicated by the COVID-19 crisis and orders from the government to shelter in place.

The City has been working with the County and the homeless problem taskforce to find a place where these folks could camp during the crisis. Many are on public land but many are also on private property. The original plan called for a temporary camp near the corner of 20th St and Old Airport Road across from the cemetery.

This is near many homes and far from water or other resources.

We, the folks who live around the originally proposed site, made our opinions known in a letter, e-mails and phone calls to City officials.

Some felt that the City would not listen to us. Happily, they were proven wrong, as Council and City staff DID listen.

After dealing with the Zoom technology everyone who wanted to speak to Council was afforded time to air their opinions. Everyone was respectful though many were angry about the current situation, especially on the south side of town, as crime rates have escalated and there have been many break-ins and instances of homeless folks dumping trash in neighborhoods. Many folks expressed compassion for the homeless folks, but also said they had a lot of concerns for their safety.

After everyone had their say the councilors voiced their opinions, agreeing with the majority opinion that the area behind the Alamosa Family Rec Center would be a more suitable location. Council voted unanimously to change the proposed location and

by the next morning, city crews were busy preparing the site. The temporary camp is slated to be ready by mid-May. While this measure addressed the immediate needs of the community the City and County will continue to work on a more permanent solution to the unsheltered homeless problem.

We would also like to address the negative comments made about La Puente Home. Rumors have it that La Puente recruits homeless folks from other communities. This is not the case, the numbers have increased everywhere. Many of us remember the days before we had a homeless shelter in Alamosa. There was no place for them to go and often people froze to death sleeping out in the open and in their cars. For 30 years La Puente has been dealing with the homeless situation in a heroic fashion. It is not their fault that the number of homeless has swelled. With the current crisis that is unfolding, we can see a wave of foreclosures and evictions coming in the next year that will dwarf past problems with homelessness. It is unfair to expect La Puente to shoulder the entire burden. We are proud of the people in this community who want to create a safe place for the unsheltered homeless and support the efforts of our local governments.

We would like to give a big shout-out to Heather Brooks, City Manager for her untiring efforts and constant communication with stakeholders, to Mayor Coleman and the City Councilors for listening to their constituents and acting upon their opinions, and to the many folks who took the time to attend the meeting and speak up.

In a time when so many are disappointed in big government, it is heartwarming to know that our local government really does care and is working hard to satisfy folks in all directions.

Thank You, City of Alamosa!

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Religion

'Called' To Work on Coronavirus Front Lines

Dr. Lorna M. Breen was surrounded by scenes of chaos and death at New York-Presbyterian Allen Hospital that reminded her of a biblical apocalypse. She told her family it was "like Armageddon."

Hit by the coronavirus herself, she fought to recover and regain strength -- so she could return to work as medical director of the emergency room at the center of the pandemic. On the last Sunday in April, she took her own life.

On Religion



Terry Mattingly

Was this tragedy caused by pressures at work or by damage from the virus?

"I know it, in my heart, that it was both," said Jennifer Feist, the doctor's sister, to NBC News. "She had COVID, and I believe that it altered her brain. And then she went back to the most horrific, unimaginable conditions."

"For somebody whose

life's calling is helping people, and she just couldn't help enough people ... the combination was just untenable," she said. "I'm hearing so much, from people who work in health care, saying: 'We always have to be brave. ... It's not OK to say that you're suffering.'"

A school friend used the same faith-based term -- "calling" -- to describe the doctor's view of her vocation. Mary Williams grew up with Breen at the First Baptist Church in Danville, Pennsylvania.

"She was brilliant," she told the Daily Item, in the Susquehanna River Valley. "She had a bright light and she had a compassionate soul and was a lover of people. Becoming a doctor was her best calling."

The coronavirus pandemic has caused stunning levels of stress for doctors, nurses, scientists and other

health care workers. This is true for religious believers and unbelievers alike. Professionals are struggling with mental and physical exhaustion, as well as concerns about their own health and the safety of friends and family.

Nevertheless, the pandemic has put unique pressures on those who view their work as a "calling" rooted in their faith, said Rebecca Randall, science reporter for Christianity Today magazine. She recently published a feature in which she asked doctors and scientists -- from the front lines in northern Italy to Oxford University in England -- how they were striving to keep the faith during this crisis.

"A lot of them truly believe they are supposed to do something with this incredible challenge that God has given them," she said in a telephone interview. "For them, they have a special sense of 'calling' to do this work. That helps give them strength, but it also can lead to a kind of weight of responsibility."

The coronavirus crisis has added another painful wrinkle to this dilemma. Shelter-in-place rules continue, in many parts of the world, to prevent these believers from attending face-to-face worship services and fellowship inside the churches that provide their most dependable support networks.

It's one thing for medical personnel to know that their congregations are praying for them. It's something else to be able to hug people, cry on their shoulders and, in some cases, mourn at their funerals.

Randall corresponded with Dr. Julia Wattacheril, a New York City physician active in front-line triage work and research

that, right now, is linked to efforts to understand COVID-19.

At one point, Wattacheril said she ventured out onto her roof where she "yelled at God" and prayed about her anger and loss of hope. Eventually, she decided that she had become "too concerned with the fruit" of her own labors, and thus was feeling "anxious and distrustful of what God was doing."

Wattacheril wrestles with her grief by praying, often while walking, as well as listening to sermons and music. It helps that her church community -- via technology -- has continued to "rally and remind me of what I tend to forget about myself, as well as

my well-worn Scripture verses with decades of history," she said.

At this point, said Randall, many of these believers working in medicine and science have reached the "place where they are thinking about how God can still be in control, even if they now know that we are not in control of what is happening all around us."

"They are at a place where they know that there is no quick solution. Right now, they are praying for a sense of hope that lets them carry on."

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Bible digest



Friday, May 8, 2020

"I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no savior." (Isaiah 43:11 AKJV)

Only the Lord can save us from our sins. Have you repented of sin and turned to Him for forgiveness? Saturday, May 9, 2020

"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed to the day of redemption." (Ephesians 4:30 AKJV)

Don't say no to the leading of the Holy Spirit. He wants to bless and make us a blessing.

Sunday, May 10, 2020

"I, even I, am he that blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and will not remember your sins." (Isaiah 43:25 AKJV)

Thank God for His grace and forgiveness.

Monday, May 11, 2020

"For you were sometimes darkness, but now are you light in the Lord; walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth);" (Ephesians 5:8-9 AKJV)

Christians can walk in the light of God's truth instead of being chained in darkness. Amen!

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

"Thus said the LORD, your redeemer, and he that formed you from the womb, I am the LORD that makes all things; that stretches forth the heavens alone; that spreads abroad the earth by myself;" (Isaiah 44:24 AKJV)

God made us and will redeem us from sin. Only He can do all of the above.

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

"Speaking to yourselves

in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things to God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;" (Ephesians 5:19-20 AKJV)

Christians have a reason to sing. We are saved from sin and filled with thanksgiving for what He has done in us.

Thursday, May 14, 2020

"Woe to him that strives with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherd of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashions it, What make you? or your work, He has no hands?" (Isaiah 45:9 AKJV)

We are not in charge. God is. We don't know. He does. Have faith in God.

The Key to Having a Perfect Heart



Moving Up Higher with Joyce Meyer

Your heart is the most important part of you. It's not only a physical organ that keeps your blood pumping, but when the Bible refers to the heart, it's talking about who you really are. Each person has an inner and an outer life. There's the person we show to everybody around us and the part of us that only God can see, the part He really cares about.

The Bible tells us to have a perfect heart. Matthew 5:48 (NIV) says, "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." If you're a perfectionist, this is a scary verse, because it's a struggle to always try to be perfect. But this is not what it means to be perfect, according to Scripture.

The Amplified Bible translation of Matthew 5:48 says, "...Be perfect [growing into spiritual maturity both in mind and character, actively integrating godly values into your daily life], as your heavenly Father is perfect." A person with a perfect heart is someone who loves God and always wants to grow.

What God Is Really Looking For

2 Chronicles 16:9 (NIV) says, "For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him."

This verse doesn't say that God can just work through those who are perfect but through those who are "fully committed to him."

Just as we don't have to make ourselves perfect before we come to Christ (which we couldn't do anyway), we don't need to behave perfectly in every area of our life before God will work in us and through us. When I first started teaching a home Bible study years ago, I wore short shorts and smoked while I taught the Word, sitting on my living room floor.

I had a lot of growing to do, but I really

loved God and wanted to please Him. He met me right where I was and worked with me to get me where I needed to be. There's always room to grow in my walk with Christ, and I'm so thankful that God keeps working in me and through me on every level of my journey, every day of my life.

How Committed Are You?

A person with a perfect heart is someone who loves God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength, and who is fully committed to Him. The question is: What areas of your life have you been holding back from God? Have you been giving Him your time, praying and studying the Word? Do you give of yourself to others, helping to meet their needs as you're able? Are you managing your finances the way God wants you to, living within your means, saving, spending and giving as He puts it on your heart to do so?

It's important to remember that whatever God asks us to do, it's always for our good. Initially, it may feel sacrificial, giving up things we like or want. But as we obey God, we find later on that there was so much more we didn't even know about, and what God wanted was much better for us in the long run.

More than anything else, the Bible says God wants us to love Him (Luke 10:27), and love sacrifices and obeys. The more we love Jesus, the easier it is to obey and trust Him. Because when you really love someone, you want to please them and make them happy. What makes God happy is helping you do anything that will give you a better life.

Have a Meeting with Yourself

In Mark 7:15, Jesus says, "Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them. This

verse makes it clear that it's what comes out of a person's heart that really matters.

We all need to have a meeting with ourselves once in a while to examine what's really in our hearts. It's easy to smile and act like we're good on the outside, while on the inside, it's a different story. I remember times when I was in church, singing "I Surrender All" with my hands in the air, and thinking, "If Dave thinks I'm cooking something for him today, he's got another thing coming." It's possible to appear to be doing one thing while your heart is somewhere else.

My goal with this message is to help you make a committed decision to love God with all of your heart, and to fall in love with Him more and more every day. As you do, you'll discover how it's the key to having a heart that's more like His... a perfect heart.

For more on this topic, order Joyce's two-teaching CD series *Secrets for a Healthy Heart*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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Youth Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>South Fork Baptist Church 0130 Four Seasons Dr. (Old Chinum Bldg.), South Fork (East side near laundromat & car wash) Sunday School, 9:30am Sunday, 10:30am - Worship</p> <p>For more information - Pastor Paul Moon - 719-496-7702</p> <p>Catholic Sacred Heart Church 715 4th Street, Alamosa</p> <p>Saturday, 5:15 p.m. - Mass Saturday, 7:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass Sunday, 8 a.m. - Mass Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Mass Sunday, 5 p.m. - Mass</p> <p>Catholic Mass Student Union Room 308 - ASC Campus, Alamosa Every Sunday, 9 p.m. - Mass</p> <p>Hooper Church 3rd and Adams, Hooper Sunday, 9 a.m. - Morning Worship</p> <p>Meditation, Kriya Mountain Institute Alamosa - (575) 758-8876 United Church of La Jara 522 Walnut, La Jara 719-274-6260</p> <p>Terry Buckman, Pastor Cell Phone: 309-8444</p> <p>Office Hours: Mon. 9:00 am - 12:00 Sunday 9:00 am - Contemporary Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am</p> <p>Christian Science Society 400 Ross Avenue, Services Hall, Alamosa Services - Sundays at 10:00 p.m. The second Wednesday of each 4 p.m. Thanksgiving Day 10 a.m.</p> <p>Pioneer United Church in Del Norte, Colorado A Congregation of Evangelical Covenant Order Presbyterians 630 Spruce St. (1.5 blocks south of Hwy. 100) Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Sunday</p> <p>Church of the South Fork 0116 Larden Dr., South Fork, Co. 81154</p> <p>Sunday are at 9 a.m. - Services School Room. Choir is held on Wednesday at 6pm during the summer months with a final practice at 8:15am on Sunday</p> <p>Christian Bethel Christian Church Pastor Erik Lira</p> <p>Worship Service Sunday 3:00 p.m. Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bilingual Services Monday Free Music Classes Instrumental Classes 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Voice & Bass Guitar 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Word of Faith Christian Center 401 Santa Fe, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Friday, 6:00 p.m. M.O.S.H. Youth Night</p> <p>The Peak Community Church 510 San Juan, Alamosa</p> <p>Sundays 6 p.m. - Fellowship Sundays, 7 p.m. - Worship & More</p> <p>Pentecostal Alamosa Pentecostal Church 184 East 2nd St., Alamosa - 719-889-0475 Pastor Carl Sutter</p> <p>Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Sunday School Sunday 1:00-1:45 Worship 2:00-3:00</p> <p>Christian Fellowship Church The Door 1300 West 12th St., Alamosa Pastor Martin Montoya - 719-887-6197</p> <p>Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6:30 p.m. - Victory Service Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Revival</p> <p>Christian Independent Alamosa Christian Church 410 McQuerry, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - Family Night & Youth Group</p> <p>Christian Reformed Alamosa Christian Reformed, 719-889-3493 1861 Rd 10 S., Alamosa Pastor Philip VanderWilt</p> <p>Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>Churches of Christ Alamosa Church of Christ 408 Victoria Avenue, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Classes Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study Healing Hearts, a Bible-based 12 step group meets, every Friday at 7 p.m.</p> <p>South Fork Church of Christ 205 Birch St., South Fork, 719-873-1259 Kevin Bradley Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Central Church of Christ 200 Franklin Street, Monte Vista, 719-852-3811 David L. Baker Preacher</p> <p>Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Class Sunday, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study</p> <p>San Luis Valley Church of Christ 704 Del Sol, Alamosa, 719-889-2114</p> <p>Sunday Bible Study 9 a.m. Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6 p.m.</p> <p>Cornerstone Community Church Hwy. 160 Del Norte next to Rio Grande Medical Clinic Pastor Mark 719-657-9107</p> <p>Sunday 9:30 a.m. free breakfast Sunday 10:20 a.m. Contemporary Worship & Children Sunday School Wednesday 5:15 p.m. Dinner, music, fellowship, teachings</p> <p>Episcopal Saint Thomas Episcopal Church 1007 4th Street, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service</p> <p>Saint Stephen the Martyr 729 3rd Avenue, Monte Vista Sunday, 10 a.m. Service</p> <p>First Christian Church 518 First St. (First & State) Alamosa 589-6805</p> <p>Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - Church Service Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study</p> <p>Valley Fellowship 240 East 5th Street, Center - 719-754-3804</p> <p>Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship, Prayer and Bible Study Bible Studies during the week, call for information.</p> <p>First United Methodist First United Methodist Church 2035 Mullins Ave., Alamosa 719-889-2243</p> <p>'Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors' Morning Worship - Sunday, 10:15 am Children's Church - Sunday, 10:30 am</p>	<p>Community Churches United for Christ Community Church (SBC) "Community Centered Around Love" 7th & Broadway in Blanca 719-379-3317</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 11 am</p> <p>Bible Believer's Community Church 11782 E US HWY 160 Alamosa, CO 81101 719, 266-3239</p> <p>Sunday worship 10:30 Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm www.bccchurch.co</p> <p>Presbyterian Alamosa Presbyterian Church 330 San Juan Avenue, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship</p> <p>Hispanic Pentecostal Iglesia Pentecostal Unida L.A. 307 Tenth St., Alamosa Guadalupe Salazar Pastor 719-887-3545</p> <p>Wed. 7:00 p.m. Service Sat. 7:00 p.m. Youth Service Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Sun. 5:00 p.m. Worship</p> <p>New Hope Church "The Church on the Hill" 2525 Hwy 160, South Fork, Co. 81154 Interim Pastor Ed Fleming • 719-873-1202 www.newhopest.com</p> <p>Morning Worship - 10:00 am Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 - 9:45</p> <p>Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa 330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101 alamosafellowship@gmail.com</p> <p>Sunday 4:30 PM Worship in the north wing of the Alamosa Presbyterian Church</p> <p>Independent, Fundamental Baptist First Baptist Church of Costilla County 5177 County Rd H, Mesita 719-295-0011 Pastor Paul Jones</p> <p>Sunday 9:45 am - Sunday School Sunday, 10:45 am - Morning Worship Sunday, 12 Noon - Potluck Dinner Sunday, after dinner - Afternoon Worship Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - Meets, Bible Study and Prayer meeting Home Bible studies in Costilla County Meeting in different locations</p> <p>DEAF MINISTRY FOR ALL SERVICES Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Alamosa YSA Ward 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Alamosa Second Ward 527 Weber Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Alamosa Third Ward 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Alamosa Fourth Ward 527 Weber Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Sierra Vista Branch (Spanish Language) 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.</p> <p>Lutheran St. Peters Lutheran Church & School Church: 1821 Grande Avenue, Monte Vista School: 330 Faraday Street, Monte Vista</p> <p>Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Services School K-8 Monday-Thursday</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church & School 52 El Rio Drive, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>*Small Bible Study Groups Throughout the Week* Pre-School through 5th grade Church: 689-4611, School: 589-3271 Conejo Canyon Community Chapel 2062 State Hwy. 17 (between mile posts 21 and 20) Fellowship Sunday 8:30 a.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service</p> <p>Mountain Valley Church 408 State St., Alamosa Pastor Richard Penlington 589-2859 or 589-7662</p> <p>Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service</p> <p>Presbyterian Church of Monte Vista 702 Second Avenue, Monte Vista (719) 852-2555</p> <p>Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Sunday Worship</p> <p>Seventh-day Adventist Seventh-day Adventist Church 315 Craft Drive, Alamosa</p> <p>Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>United Methodist Mosca United Methodist Church 5385 Barker Street, Mosca 720-254-5564</p> <p>Reverend Hugh Harris Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Unitarian Universalist Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa</p> <p>"North Wing of Alamosa Presbyterian Church" 719-887-5529</p> <p>Service & Youth Programs at 10:30 am Sunday</p> <p>United Presbyterian Church of Antioch P.O. Box 655, Antioch</p> <p>Office Hrs. Tues, 9:00am-12:00 Sunday 9:45am - Sunday School 10:45am - Service</p> <p>Valley Church of the Nazarene 228 Madison, Monte Vista - 852-5565 Sunday/Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>Sunday School Classes 9:00 a.m. Every other Wednesday 6 p.m. (575) 758-5876 for information for class schedule</p> <p>Church of Scientology 511 Main Street, Suite #12, Alamosa 719-587-5554</p> <p>Monday and Wednesday, 7-10 p.m. - Services</p> <p>Grace Assurance Ministry Church without Religion 9661 CR 4 S., Alamosa, CO Sunday Mornings - 10:30 Randy Brown - 719-588-7004 Eric Wolf - 719-480-3977</p>
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Public Notices

NOTICE OF PENDING NON-SIMULTANEOUS EXCHANGE

NOTICE is hereby provided that the State Board of Land Commissioners ("Board") has authorized a non-simultaneous exchange ("Exchange") pursuant to Article IX, § 9 of the Colorado Constitution and § 36-1-124.5, CRS for the following parcel of state trust land below described:

PARCEL A TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE NEW MEXICO MERIDIAN SECTION 27: NW1/4, containing 160 acres, more or less

PARCEL B TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE NEW MEXICO MERIDIAN SECTION 28: NE1/4SE1/4, containing 40 acres, more or less

Altogether the ("State Property") (The legal description for the State Property may be modified by a final survey)

SUBJECT TO any and all covenants, restrictions, easements and rights-of-way, whether or not of record. Only the surface rights of the State Property are proposed to be conveyed by patent for cash that will be deposited with the State Treasurer for the Board to acquire replacement property it identifies at a future date. All mineral rights, including sand and gravel, all subsurface rights, all Denver Basin groundwater, and geothermal rights, if any, and access therefor to the State Property, are reserved to the Board. Each parcel described above requires a separate cash bid. The minimum acceptable value to bid for the surface rights of the State Property in this Exchange is set at Parcel A: \$144,000 and Parcel B: \$40,000.

The publication of this notice on April 17, 2020 begins the 4-week public notice period required by 36-1-124(1), C.R.S. All comments on the Exchange must be clearly marked "Comments on the Mogote Parcels Exchange". Comments must be emailed to lawtonlafontaine@state.co.us or mailed to Matthew LaFontaine, Acquisition and Disposition Manager, 1127 Sherman Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80203 ("Submission Address").

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope on the Board's Application for Acquisition of State Trust Land with a \$100 non-refundable fee. The sealed envelope must be clearly marked "Bid for the Mogote Parcels Exchange" followed by the parcel(s) being bid upon. A separate application and fee must be provided for each parcel. Bids must be mailed or delivered in person to the Submission Address. Bids received without the fee or via facsimile or electronic mail will not be considered.

All sealed bids and comments must be received by 3 p.m. on May 27, 2020 ("Bid Deadline"). Bids and comments received after the Bid Deadline will not be considered.

Board staff will open the sealed bids, if any, on the Bid Deadline at the State Land Board main offices at 1127 Sherman Street, Suite 300, Denver, CO 80203, to verify that the bids received meet the minimum requirements. In the event that Executive Order D 2020 017 or any subsequent extension in kind is in effect as of the Bid Deadline, participants may call into the bid opening at (303) 866-3454 x3334. If only one bid is received and it meets the minimum requirements specified herein, Board staff is authorized to approve such bid as the successful bidder(s). If multiple or alternative bids are received, all bids meeting the minimum requirements specified herein, will be presented to the Board in open session at a future Board meeting.

The Board will review all bids presented and determine, at its sole discretion, which bid best meets the needs of the trust(s) the parcels benefit. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids for the State Property and the right to withdraw the parcel from availability on any exchange or transaction. Following the Board's or Board staff's determination of the successful bidder(s), Board staff will notify the successful bidder(s), if any. The State Land Board reserves the right to require a best and final bid on each of these transactions.

Participation in the bidding process does not create any rights until the Board or Board staff has approved the successful bidder(s) and a contract has been fully signed by both parties. All costs incurred in the submission of any comments or bids are solely at the expense of the party submitting such comments and/or bids, and the Board shall in no event be liable for any such costs.

A more detailed description of the above-described State Property and additional information and bid application forms can be obtained online at:

colorado.gov/statelandboard/proposals-bids

The State Land Board has not made, does not make, and specifically negates and disclaims any representations, warranties, promises, covenants, agreements, or guaranties of any kind or character whatsoever, whether express or implied, verbal or written, past, present, or future, of, as to, concerning or with respect to the State Property including, but not limited to: (a) the value, nature, quality, or condition of the State Property, including, without limitation, the water, soil, and geology; (b) the income to be derived from the State Property; (c) the suitability of the State Property for any and all activities and uses which successful bidder(s) may conduct thereon; (d) the compliance of or by the State Property or its operation with any laws, rules, ordinances, or regulations of any applicable governmental authority or body; (e) the habitability, merchantability, marketability, profitability, or fitness for a particular purpose of the State Property; (f) the existence of any access to the parcel(s) from public thoroughfares; or (g) any other matter with respect to the State Property.

The successful bidder(s) will be required to cooperate with the Board in complying with the mandates of CRS § 36-1-118(4)(a) and (b) and § 36-1-119.

Newspaper: The Valley Courier
Publication Dates: 4/17/2020, 4/24/2020, 5/1/2020, 5/8/2020
Transaction: TRXN 19-014 MOGOTE PARCELS - Public Notice No. 1396
Published in the Valley Courier on April 17, 24, May 1, and 8, 2020.

Public Notice: date of publication Summitville Mine Del Norte, Colorado

The State of Colorado and Federal Department of Interior Trustee Council for the Summitville Mine Natural Resource Damages Settlement has released a Solicitation for Project Proposals (SPP) to identify restoration projects in the Alamosa River Watershed. Approximately \$550,000.00 remains available for qualified restoration projects.

A copy of the SPP can be accessed online at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphpe/summitville-mine> or obtained in person from Pearl Campos at:

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Hazardous Material and Waste Management Division, Records Center
74300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, CO 80246
or during normal business hours by calling: 303-692-3231
No. 1424
Published in the Valley Courier on May 8, 2020.

The Henry Southway S Corporation Family Trust, and its trustees Izora L. Southway, and Rock I. Southway, all of Alamosa, Colorado, intend to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to acquire 25 percent or more of the voting shares and thereby control of Alamosa Bancorporation, LTD., Alamosa, Colorado (the company), and to be approved as members of the Southway Family Control Group. Additionally, Rock I. Southway intends to apply to retain voting shares of the company as a member of the Southway Family Control Group, which controls 25 percent or more of the company. The company controls Alamosa State Bank, Alamosa, Colorado. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the notice.

You are invited to submit comments in writing on this notice to the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, One Memorial Drive, Kansas City, MO 64198. The comment period will not end before May 29th, 2020, and may be somewhat longer. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the notice, contact Dennis Denney, Assistant Vice President, at (816) 881-2633. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the notice if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.

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ESTRAY: #1254. 1 Sorrel Jenny Mule NOB; 1 Brwn Filly Str LF RH pstrn; 1 Grulla Stud NOB; 1 blk Mare LH crnt NOB; 1 Brown Mare LH sock NOB; 4 Brown Mares No White NOB; 1 Brown Mare str, strp snip, bh pstrn NOB; 1 Sorrel Mare Star RH pstrn NOB; 1 Brwn Filly NOB; 1 Bay Stud LF RH pstrn, Small Blaze NOB; 1 Brown Stud Blaze RH sock, LH Rf pstrn NOB; and 1 Brown Filly Star Bh pstrn NOB. Livestock must be claimed by legal owner within 10 days or will be sold by Colorado Brand Board. For information call 719-298-2893 or 303-869-9160.

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099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CONEJOS COUNTY

Department of Social Services is accepting Requests for Proposals to provide mentoring services to our Conejos youth with an emphasis on a youth-to-work program. Ideal services would also include skills that promote the importance of preventing out-of-wedlock pregnancies, minimizing welfare dependency and incorporation of a two-generation family focused approach on both parent and child needs. Proposals can be sent to P.O. BOX 68, Conejos, CO 81129 c/o Nicholas Barela. Closes 5/15/2020.(5/9)

CONEJOS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

is accepting Request for Proposals for following services: Intensive Mentoring. Program should model an intervention program designed to teach both parents and youth the skills needed in changing the negative behaviors both at school and within the community and should be targeted at reducing the likelihood of involvement with Child Welfare Services. Proposals can be sent to P.O. BOX 68, Conejos, CO 81129 c/o Nicholas Barela. Closes 5/15/2020.(5/9)

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

THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL

District is accepting applications for the following position: Administrative Assistant (AES 3-5) Bilingual preferred. Applications are available online at <https://dist.alamosa.k12.co.us> For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.(5/16)

ALAMOSA BUILDING SUPPLY

is seeking a service minded individual for full time Driver/Yard Position. Also seasonal yard help starts 6-1-20 ends around 9-1-20. We offer competitive compensation & performance bonuses; Pick up an application at the store. Or email your resume to info@alamosa-buildingsupply.com No phone calls please.(5/15)

221 HELP WANTED

SANGRE DE CRISTO SCHOOL

District is looking for highly motivated Middle School Science Teacher that has a desire to teach and the ability to pass their passion of learning onto students. For more information please contact Mr. Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@sangreschools.org. Teaching applications may be downloaded from sdc.schools.net. Positions open until filled.(5/26)

SANGRE DE CRISTO SCHOOL

District is seeking a girls High School Basketball coach for the 2020 / 2021 season. For more information contact Brady Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@sangreschools.org.(5/26)

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NEED SECRETARY FOR

Morgan Drain District Board. Send Resume to: 21343 Hwy 285, La Jara CO 81140.(5/14)

LOCAL TRUCKING COMPANY

has an opportunity for an overnight driver. Come join our team. Class a CDL required with a clean MVT with two years experience, hazmat certification a plus. Home daily with weekends off. Please pick up application at 311 6th Street, Alamosa, CO 81101.(5/23)

THE TOWN OF CENTER

is seeking a part-time Town Treasurer (10 to 20 hrs. weekly). The qualified candidate will plan, manage and schedule all finance and accounting responsibilities for the Town of Center, will authorize and prepare all accounting and financial reporting required by any internal and external sources, and will be required to attend an on-site monthly meetings to review the town's reconciled financials with the town board. The qualified candidate will also have knowledge of and be able to prepare an annual budget. This position also offers the ability to work from home remotely. For a complete job description and application please go to www.centerco.gov. The deadline for applications is May 22, 2020. (5/12)

221 HELP WANTED

LOOKING FOR A CAREER OPPORTUNITY

and being a part of your local community? 1st Southwest Bank is growing and hiring in the following positions, Loan Processor and Senior Teller, offering a strong benefit package & career growth opportunities. EOE. Go to <https://www.fswb.bank/who-we-are/careers/> for more details & to apply.(5/12)

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 May 8th, 2020.(5/8)

THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL

District is accepting applications for the following: OMS Band/Choir & AHS Band/Music Electives Teacher Looking for a qualified, enthusiastic applicant to teach band/choir classes at Ortega Middle School & Alamosa High School. Position requires daily travel between schools. Potential extra-curricular stipend for pep band, music festivals, honor band/choir, 5th grade band. Must possess a Colorado Teachers License. Applications are available online at <http://alamosa.k12.co.us>. For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.(5/12)

CORRESPONDENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Academic Advisor. The Adams State Correspondence Education Program is seeking a full-time academic advisor/recruiter position. Primary responsibility to recruit and advise incarcerated students in two-year associate, four-year baccalaureate degree programs and the Correspondence MBA programs. This individual will work directly with incarcerated students for a significant portion of the job. Please send all application materials to jbullington@adams.edu and for more information or to apply please visit our website at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1U8jLc-m1fBtd2dvwvcFzG_Id10jrCH_U/view(5/8)

221 HELP WANTED

RIO GRANDE SAVINGS & LOAN

is seeking a Mortgage and Consumer Loan Officer to join our team in the Monte Vista office. The Loan Officer is responsible for promotion of RGSLA products and services, including, but not limited to home purchase loans, home refinances, consumer loans, and home construction loans. Qualified candidates will have excellent written and verbal communication skills, superior customer service skills, and the ability to work independently, as well as cooperatively in a team environment. Prior lending experience or other applicable experience is preferred, but not required. Salary commensurate with experience. RGSLA also offers a rich benefit program including a 401k match and a family health insurance plan, along with a stable and enriching work environment. For additional information please contact Denise Heersink @ 719-852-7048 or deniseh@rgsla.com. Applications available at www.rgsla.com/contact and can be submitted to kater@rgsla.com - deadline is May 9, 2020.(5/9)

COME BE PART OF SOMETHING INCREDIBLE

join the team at Centennial School District R-1! We are currently seeking community-minded, student-centered educators for the following positions: High School Social Studies, K-12 Music, K-12 Spanish, and Special Education Paraprofessional. To apply for one of these positions visit <https://www.centennial.k12.co.us/ocentennial-r1/page/teaching-certified-staff-positions> or send resume, cover letter, unofficial transcripts, three current letters of reference, and a copy of any appropriate licenses to tmelster@centennial-school.net.(5/20)

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.co or contact Amy at 719-657-4030. Applications can be retrieved online at: dnscsd.org.(5/8)

221 HELP WANTED

THE RIO GRANDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

is compiling a list of prospective personnel for the position of Lieutenant within the Sheriff's Office. This is open to both internal and external applicants. Persons applying from outside the Rio Grande Sheriff's Office must complete a county application. The applicant should have ten (10) years of law enforcement employment as Colorado POST Certified Officer. Must have at least three (3) years accumulative time as a Law Enforcement Supervisor. Must have completed supervisor/leadership training, and have basic investigative training or internal investigation training. Salary range is DOE. Application process closes May 15, 2020, at close of business. Those interested may come to the Rio Grande Sheriff's Office and pickup an application packet, with submission requirements and outline of duties. Rio Grande Sheriff's Office is located at 640 Cherry Street, Del Norte, CO 81132. The Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer.(5/19)

MOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL

District is accepting applications for an Elementary Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Successful applicants will: Hold or be able to obtain a valid teaching license from the Colorado Department of Education with an Elementary Education endorsement. Prioritize relationships with all stakeholders while creating engaging learning experiences. Demonstrate strong classroom instruction and management skills. Possess strong interpersonal skills and a growth mindset. Applications are available for download on the district website at <http://mountainvalleyschool.org>. Please include a resume, cover letter, and 3 current letters of recommendation. Completed applications can be submitted to Attn: Travis Garoutte, Mountain Valley School District, PO BOX 127 Saguache, CO 81449 or emailed to garouttet@valley.k12.co.us. For more information, please call 719-655-0268. Mountain Valley School is an Equal Opportunity Employer.(5/19)

MATHIAS CONCRETE POSITIONS

opening for full time CDL truck drivers Class A or B. Call for more information. 719-852-3732.(6/3)

221 HELP WANTED

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL

District is accepting applications for a Third Grade Teacher. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted 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 by May 5, 2020, or until the position is filled. The application may be accessed on the district website <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996.(5/12)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL

District is accepting applications for an Alternative Education Campus & Online Secondary Science Teacher. The Byron Syring DELTA Center & the Monte Vista On-Line Academy seek an enthusiastic, interactive, relationship-based science teacher to join a dynamic team serving nontraditional students. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted 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 by May 5, 2020, or until the position is filled. The application may be accessed on the district website <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996.(5/12)

MEDICAL DIRECTOR POSITION AVAILABLE

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221 HELP WANTED

SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL district is accepting applications for middle school girls volleyball coach. Applicants must be willing to meet all CHSAA guidelines. For more information, contact Mr. Lucero at mlucero@sierragrande-school.net. Applications are available at Sierra Grande School district at 17523 Hwy 160, Blanca, Co 81123 or www.sierragrandeschool.net. Application deadline is open until filled. Sierra Grande is an equal opportunity employer. (5/8)

SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL district is accepting applications for Girls high school head basketball coach; applicants must be willing to meet all CHSAA guidelines. For more information, please see the school website for detailed information or contact Mr. Lucero at mlucero@sierragrande-school.net. Applications available on website or at Sierra Grande School District at 17523 Hwy 160, Blanca, Co 81123 or www.sierragrandeschool.net. Application deadline is open until filled. Sierra Grande is an equal opportunity employer. (5/8)

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THE UPPER RIO GRANDE (previously Del Norte) School District is seeking applications for a Jr/Sr High School Principal for the 2020/2021 school year. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Principal License. Previous experience as a Principal or Asst. Principal is preferred. Applications may be obtained online at www.dncsd.org. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Chris Burr, Superintendent, cburr@urtigers.co, 719-657-4040. (5/9)

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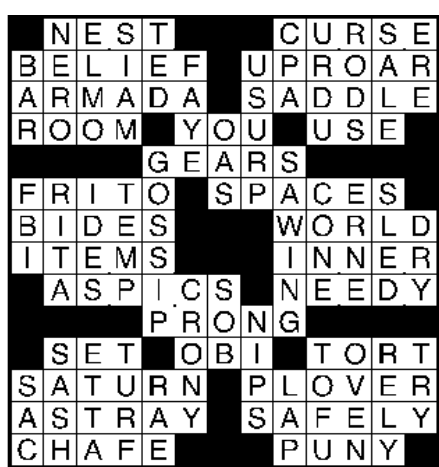
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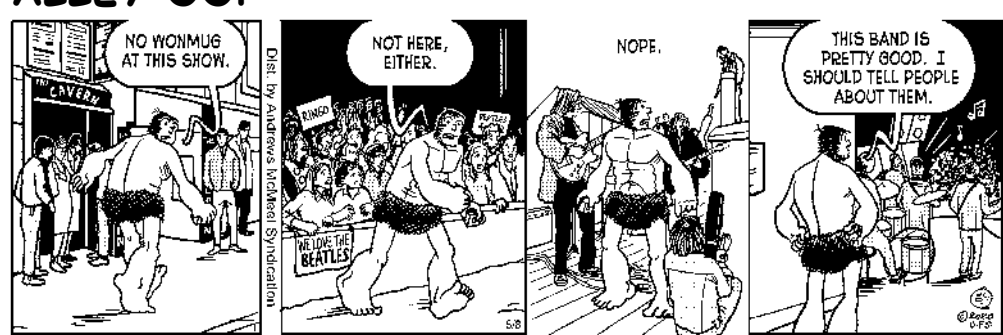
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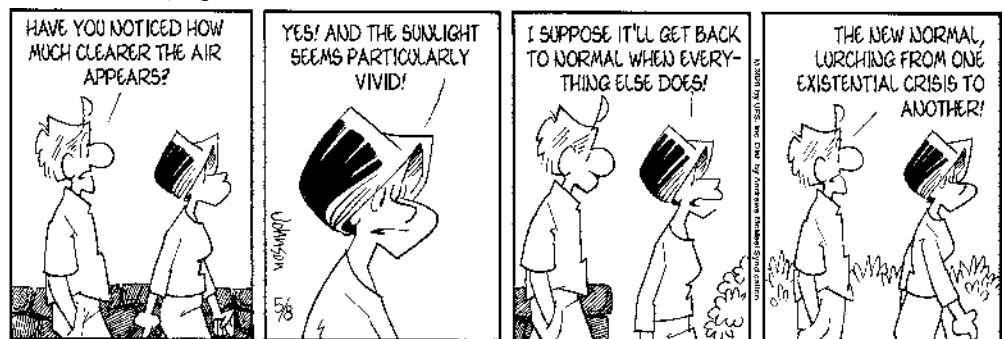
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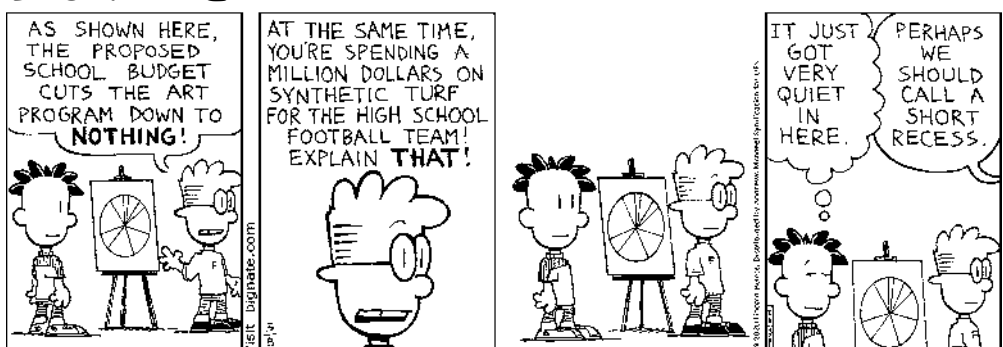
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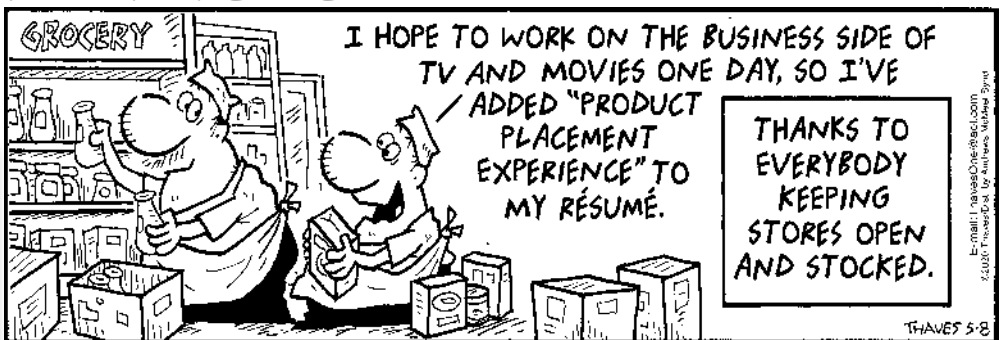
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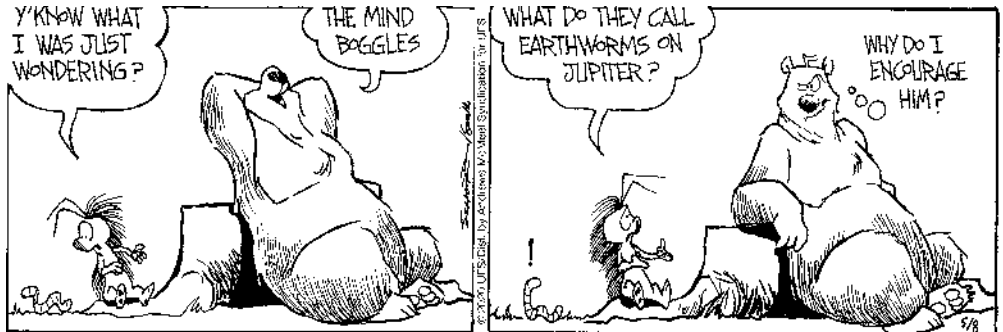
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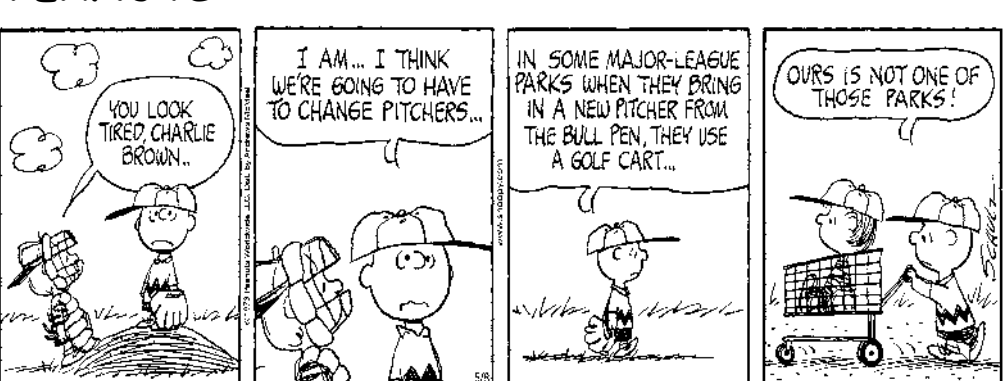
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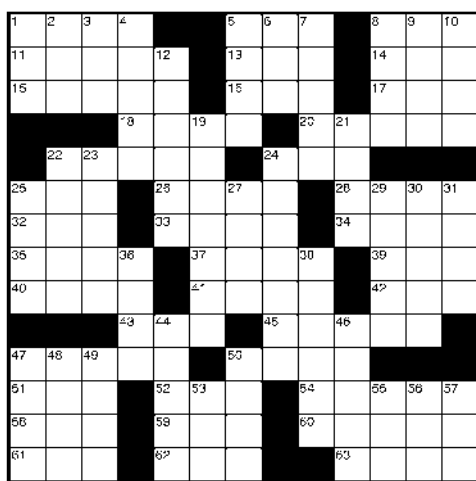
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HERMAN



"Hey, Lily! Was it 2008 I got my bronze medal for ballroom dancing?"

Altering wife's perfect dishes is blasted by sympathetic cook

DEAR ABBY: Regarding "Recipe for Disaster in Texas" (Feb. 17), I have to say I disagreed with your response. Although Michelin won't be awarding me any stars, I consider myself a good cook, and I strive to make unique, flavorful meals for my family. My husband frequently feels the need to doctor my recipes, and I think it's disrespectful of the time and care I took in preparing the meal.

He insists on combining ingredients that don't belong together. He puts cheddar cheese on spaghetti Bolognese and ranch dressing on chicken teriyaki. He knows this isn't appropriate, and he would never ask for this modification in a restaurant.

"Recipe" should learn to appreciate that his wife is preparing meals for him. If he can do better, he can take over the cooking. -- FLAVOR QUEEN OF NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR QUEEN: I enjoyed the responses to that letter about a husband re-seasoning his wife's gourmet meals to her distinct displeasure. Some of the online comments made me chuckle, so I'll share them, too. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: While I was in the military, it was normal to add salt, pepper and ketchup to everything without tasting it first. The habit has followed me for

50 years, no matter where I am. I tell the host that it's normal for me and to not take it personally. Mac 'n' cheese needs ketchup; veggies, potatoes, eggs and watermelon need salt; most everything else needs pepper. For me to taste something, it has to burn my tongue. -- VIETNAM VET IN MISSOURI

DEAR ABBY: That wife sounds like an over-sensitive control freak. Personally, I can't handle peppers, but I do like lots of cheese and sour cream on my enchiladas. My wife, who does the majority of the cooking, knows my preference, so she does me the honor of putting more of that on my enchiladas. I also like to dip my fries into mayo instead of ketchup, so she obliges. This is what we do for people we love. We don't threaten, "My way or the highway, Bub!" -- G.S. IN ABBYLAND

DEAR ABBY: I laughed when I was told to substitute "healthy" plain yogurt for sour cream. It never tasted anything like sour cream to me. Then I got some Greek yogurt and realized it works just as well. (It's an excellent protein source, and many older adults need more as we age.) Now I add plenty without feeling guilty. -- ONLINE LOVER

DEAR ABBY: My husband jokes that he has Mexican taste buds but a



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

white guy stomach. Thank heavens we have separate bathrooms. -- C.K. ON THE NET

DEAR ABBY: I know when my husband gets out the Tabasco that the meal is not quite to his liking. I don't usually mind, because I don't cook just for him. I cook for the entire family. (And, just for reference, he thinks I'm an amazing cook.) -- P.M. ON THE WEB

DEAR ABBY: Oh, yes -- Tabasco sauce. My dad had so much of it in his lifetime, he should have been McIlhenny's pitcher. I can see the ad now: Announcer: What do YOU have Tabasco with? Man: I have it with chili! Woman: I have it with eggs!

My dad: I have it with a straw. -- "ABBDICT" A.C.

Lifestyle

Creede hires new superintendent



Courtesy photo
Keith Crispell

CREEDE — The Creede School District Board of Directors selected Keith Crispell to be the new super-

intendent. Crispell will assume duties on July 1, 2020, replacing interim superintendent Collin Vinchattle. Vinchattle has served in the interim capacity since mid-2019 after the resignation of the prior superintendent. Crispell was chosen from a field which consisted originally of 10 applicants, which the Board had narrowed to 5 finalists. That list of finalists ultimately was narrowed to just two. The other remaining applicant was Kelly Reed, who is well known in education circles in the San Luis Valley.

For the search process, the School Board had engaged the services of Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB). As part of their work, CASB provided a dedicated consultant to guide the Board in the process. Community members were engaged early on in the process through community forums. Those community members were tasked with developing ranking criteria and providing input into what qualities the candidates should have in order to best serve the District. Two committees were formed to interview the candidates and provide feedback to the Board. The committees were comprised of members of the Creede community and school staff. Mr. Crispell had been hired in 2019 to serve the Creede School District to serve as Dean of Restorative Services and Assistant Principal. He brings a wealth of education and management experience to Creede. He was a classroom teacher and coach in the Necedah (Wisconsin) School District beginning

in the early 1990's, and has worked with students and staff at elementary, middle, and high school levels. He has held K-12 administrative certification since 2009. In addition, Mr. Crispell served as Coordinator and Treasurer with budget responsibilities for the Gifted & Talented Network for 14 schools in the Mississippi Valley. He brings experience in grant writing and successful implementation/administration of grants. He has also served as Coach to his peers in the area of staff development, technology and collaborative learning.

In Creede, Mr. Crispell has proven his value to the District with his dedication to the students and their families. As Dean he has continued the District's commitment to Restorative Practices

for discipline and student conflicts. He has earned the respect and trust of school staff and administration as evidenced by the number of positive recommendations and comments received. The feedback from those involved in the community committees underscores the confidence he has earned from the community thus far. Mr. Crispell is married to Michele, who is also a respected educator. Michele has served our students as an elementary teacher in the District. They have two grown sons, and they have committed their future to Mineral County and the Creede School District. The District is fortunate to have Keith & Michele as members of their school, and as members of the vibrant Creede community.

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Rio Grande County requests variance

By **SUZANNE BOTHELL**

DEL NORTE — In a special session Wednesday morning, Rio Grande County Commissioners voted unanimously to approve a request for a waiver to the "Safer at Home" state public health order.

Rio Grande County is requesting restaurants be opened up to 30% of seating capacity, churches be opened to 30% of seating capacity, gyms and fitness centers be opened up to 30% capacity and RV parks be opened with common areas at 30% capacity. Along with the openings, there would still be some restrictions. For each venue, there would still be conditions, but for each, there would be 6-foot distancing between people, sanitation requirements, you would still be asked to wear a mask when you are close to people and anyone who is sick will still be asked to stay at home.

This request is being made in light of the low incidence of COVID-19 in Rio Grande County. On March 23, the first cases of COVID-19 were reported and to date, there have been a total of seven cases. As of April 28, all cases had been released from isolation.

Requests to Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) have been taking about two weeks for a response. Until a response is received, Rio Grande County is still under the "Safer at Home" order. More information about this order can be found at covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home

The COVID-19 virus is still out there. As always, you should wash your hands often, cover any

sneezes or coughs and be cautious about interactions with other people. It is still recommended that you wear a mask when you are around people and if you are high risk, take extra care.

Above all, if you are sick, stay home and don't share it with others. Keeping our numbers low is how we will be able to get back to normal stages, of course.

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Department of Ag seeks feedback for recovery



BROOMFIELD — In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) has formed an Agricultural Recovery Team alongside its Food Security Task Force with the mission of developing and implementing innovative strategies to support agricultural workers and businesses in recovery and revitalization of the agricultural economy.

As the recovery team begins to build a long-term recovery roadmap, the Department's goal is to address the needs of all stakeholders and to invest in the health and resilience of Colorado agriculture. CDA is committed to advocating for all of Colorado's agricultural producers and workers, and non-producer stakeholders.

Key to this work is gathering public feedback for consideration in ag recovery efforts and planning. CDA is seeking submissions that share current needs as well as ideas for helping ensure Colorado agriculture and its

stakeholders are positioned to be successful during the COVID-19 recovery phase.

Ideas, needs and suggestions are encouraged and will be accepted until May 15, 2020 through the CDA Food Security Task Force Response form. CDA will review all submissions and share a summary of the input received early this summer.



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Sports

Dave Forster returns to Sierra Grande as girls basketball coach

By RYAN CASEY
CHSAA Media Coordinator

BLANCA — Sierra Grande has brought Dave Forster back to its school, hiring the highly-successful coach to helm their girls basketball team.

Athletic director Matt Lucero announced the hire on Tuesday night.

"We welcome Dave Forster back to the Sierra Grande family," Lucero said.

Forster, who has more than 40 years of coaching experience, was the head coach at Sierra Grande from 1988-98, leading

them to the Great 8 three times, and a runner-up finish in 1992. A 1981 graduate of Adams State, Forster has a career record of 477-187 in 29 years as a girls basketball coach, and 43-12 as a boys basketball coach.

Forster, a 2019 inductee to the CHSCA Hall of Fame, spent the 2019-20 season as the head coach for the Sangre de Cristo girls. The Thunderbirds went 20-4 and reached the Class 1A state tournament.

He has also spent time as a coach at Sanford, and was a volunteer assistant

at Adams State in 2018-19, but is perhaps most well-known for his 20-year stay at Centauri from 1998-2018. In that time, he led the Falcons to the 2006 championship and 323 wins. They reached the Great 8 a total of 10 times in her tenure, and the Final 4 four times.

Forster has also coached football, track and cross country.

Sierra Grande went 7-14 last season in Class 1A. The Panthers haven't reached the state tournament since 2008-09, but have made consistent appearances at regionals.



CHSAA photo by Katie Pickrell

Dave Forster will return to Sierra Grande to coach basketball. This winter Forster steered Sangre de Cristo's T-Birds to a 16-3 regular season record and a playoff berth. At the state tournament Sangre de Cristo was edged 38-34 by South Baca in the first round of the double elimination tournament before the season's forced completion.

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