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Kindergarten

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ALAMOSA — Beginning Tuesday, May 4, the Assessor's Office will be open by appointment only to hear appeals. Property appeals will be handled by fax, e-mail and telephone. However, should you wish to visit with us in person, we will be setting up appointments to discuss your property valuation and/or classification. Please call our office at 719-589-6365 to set up an appointment.

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SLV total grows to 29

Daily update from SLV public health

SAN LUIS VALLEY— How many of us remember learning to drive? Imagine yourself as a brand new teen driver. From the back seat, your brother is urging, "Go faster!" From the passenger seat, your mother says, "Slow down, watch for traffic signs. Be a defensive driver and watch out for what is up ahead." For many of us trying to navigate our way through this pandemic, whether as individuals, heads of

households, or community leaders, it feels a lot like we are sitting in that driver seat right now. As a community, we are all in the same car together. We share the same goal of getting where we are going and doing it safely. We will get there. In the meantime, let's remember we are on the same side.

Habits can be difficult to change. Even more so, social convention. For instance, when you go shopping and happen to see friends, it is natural to want to stand close to them. It may feel awkward or embarrassing to do any differently, especially if you

don't see others following guidelines. However, the reason new viruses are so successful is that they capitalize on human behavior and thrive on what comes easy to us. This is why it is so important to practice social distancing and stand at least 6 feet away. You wouldn't want to unwittingly infect a friend if you happened to be an asymptomatic carrier, but this is one of the ways that this virus moves silently through a community. We need to start a new trend to outsmart COVID-19 at its game. In time, we may be able to go back to automatically hug-

ging friends again and standing just a few feet apart, but for now, it is important to keep each other safe.

Yesterday, Colorado launched a new campaign for businesses called "Can Do Colorado." This highlights business practices and certain businesses that have come up with innovative ways to combat COVID-19 and do business, by turning "No we can't" into "Yes we can!" See the website here:

https://sites.google.com/state.co.us/candocolo- rado/home?authuser=0. Let's focus on celebrating each other and pointing it out when people are doing the right thing.

Thanks to all of you who read our updates regularly. We were reminded today that some of our readers live outside the San Luis Valley.

We have focused this week on the statewide rules that have progressed to Safer-at-Home.

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Virtual visits are the new house calls

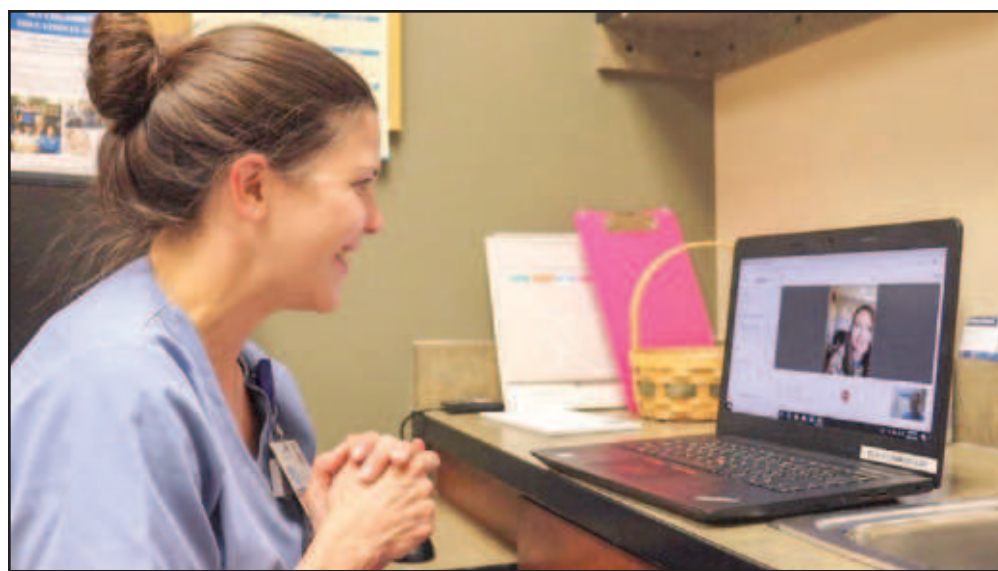


Photo provided by SLV Health

Dr. Amy Robertson uses telehealth to talk to a patient from an office in the Women's Health department at SLV Health Regional Medical Center in Alamosa. The technology is now being used throughout SLV Health to connect providers and their patients.

SLV Health now using telehealth to connect with patients

ALAMOSA — SLV Health has added another technology to their digital toolbox to help patients — this time from the comfort of the patient's own home.

As a pandemic spread throughout the country, and states started to implement stay-at-home or-

ders and social distancing, the providers, nurses and other staff at SLV Health started looking at other ways they could provide care to their patients in a safe and effective manner. Now, using the same technology that people use every day to talk to their family and friends, patients can now use to talk to their providers at SLV Health.

"Telehealth" is a convenient way for providers and patients to commu-

nicate with each other without having to travel to the hospital or clinic to be seen, by using phones or computers that have cameras, microphones and an internet connection. Currently, providers from primary care, obstetrics and gynecology, oncology, pediatrics and behavioral health are able to use telehealth to visit with their patients, with all other specialties currently being set up to offer it in the near future. Even prescrip-

tions can be filled using telehealth. For those that don't have a smartphone, tablet, or computer with a camera, phone visits or in-person visits are also being offered, based on the patient's needs.

"Both new and established patients can be seen using telehealth," said Mallori Gariner, a nurse practitioner for SLV Health.

When a patient calls in to make an appointment, a representative will de-

termine if the person is a candidate for telehealth, and schedules them accordingly. On the day of the visit, the patient will receive a call from the office to check them in remotely. Then, the office will send a text or email to the patient, linking them to a private video call, where they will be joined by the provider and nurse to complete the visit.

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Bird's eye view



Courtesy photo

A Roadrunner uses a tank to get a better angle on the land at a potato farm east of Del Norte.

Community takes on hunger

By SAM KELLY

La Puente AmeriCorps Vista ALAMOSA — La Puente's Hunger Education Week is coming to a close. It will end on Sunday, the last day to take the CROP Walk Challenge. Despite the current pandemic, Hunger Education Week has been a wonderful success. Much of that success is due to the overwhelming support of the community. The chosen hashtag of La Puente for this time has never been more accurate. We truly are stronger together.

Hunger Education Week launched with the CROP Walk Challenge. The new virtual format allowed La Puente to continue a decades-old community event despite the current social distancing requirements. Nearly 100 community members have

participated in the event, including some of La Puente's own staff and volunteers. If you haven't, you still can participate and donate. Visit www.lapuentehome.org/route

Typically Hunger Education Week host the first garden night bringing in many volunteers La Puente's Valley Educational Gardens Initiative. So instead, La Puente held a virtual VEGI Volunteer Drive. VEGI staff and volunteers worked in the garden live on Facebook while encouraging people to pledge to volunteer and help plant the garden. Thanks to their efforts, VEGI recruited 12 volunteers who committed to over 50 hours to help during the planting season. VEGI could always use more volunteers, so if you are interested reach



Courtesy photo

La Puente AmeriCorps members Sam Kelly and Hugh Poland were grateful to accept donations.

out to VEGI and inquire about opportunities to help feed our community.

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OBITUARIES

Jeanne "Gigi" E. Darricades



ALAMOSA — Jeanne "Gigi" E. Darricades (67), of Alamosa, Colorado, died peacefully on April 22, 2020, after a five-year courageous journey with an incurable cancer. This never deterred her from family, career, or helping others.

Jeanne "Gigi" was born to Dr. Alfonso E.L. Darricades and Catherine Visart Mullin Darricades on December 29, 1952 in Chuquicamata, Chile.

She spent her early childhood in Chuquicamata. Gigi attended and graduated from Bishop Strachan Boarding School in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Gigi moved to California and attended De Anza Jr. College, then UC Berkeley where she earned her Bachelors of Arts Degree in Political Science (74). She obtained her Master's Degree in Public Health (76) at UC Berkeley, thus following her father's passion for community health.

She began her career in rural health care in New Mexico, establishing clinics in western New Mexico.

In 1978 she moved to Gallup, New Mexico as Administrator of the McKinley General Hospital after working in Albuquerque as the Assistant Regional Administrator for the

Presbyterian Hospital Center. It was there that she met the love of her life, Mike Gibson. They moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1981 where she joined Intermountain Health Care Inc. serving in various capacities, including Director of Medical Affairs. While in Salt Lake City she earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Utah, and subsequently was admitted to the Bar in New Mexico, Wyoming and Colorado. Mike and Gigi moved to Gillette, Wyoming, where she practiced Health Care Law. They moved to Colorado in 1997, first living in the City of Craig where Gigi practiced Health Care Law. Gigi and Mike then settled in the City of Alamosa in 2000, and Gigi continued to practice Health Care Law. She subsequently practiced Environmental Law, becoming an expert in Land Conservation Law, representing the Rio Grande Land Trust and numerous private landowners.

In 2011 she was appointed President and CEO of Valley-Wide Health Systems, again returning to her passion of rural health care. In this capacity, she and her Management Team added clinics to the organization in San Luis, Antonito, Monte Vista

and Canon City. The new Canon City Health Center was dedicated to Gigi on June 11, 2019. She served as an Officer on a number of statewide boards, including the Medicaid Provider Rate Advisory Committee, Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care, Colorado Community Managed Health Care Network, and Colorado Community Health Network.

The latter organization recognized her contributions by naming her the CHAMPS 2018 Stanley J. Brasher Legacy Award Winner, recognizing her dedication to solving problems of health, poverty, and human rights. In 2020 the organization declared March 6th. Gigi Darricades Day, stating that "She had earned the admiration and respect of her colleagues and staff for her dedication, professionalism, leadership, enthusiasm, fabulous sense of humor, and

a legal mind with a big heart". She retired from Valley Wide in 2019.

In Alamosa, she embraced the community by serving on several Boards including KRZA, the community radio station, the San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center, Adams State College, and the San Luis Valley Federal Bank. She was a supporter of nonprofits, including La Puente, the San Luis Valley Animal League and the Boys and Girls Club, the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project, and the Rio Grande Land Trust.

Gigi enjoyed traveling with Mike as they visited England, Africa, Cuba, and Canada. While in New Mexico she fell in love with ballooning and in Utah she obtained her Commercial Hot Air Balloon Certification. She and Mike participated in numerous balloon rallies and they organized a trip to England to fly

there with friends. She also loved challenges on the ground and enjoyed White Water Rafting.

Gigi's love for animals gave her much joy always having dogs and cats in her life. At the time of her death, her animals were close by. The cats were Coco and Pixie and the dog Lady, who she enjoyed walking along the nearby Rio Grande.

In addition to her parents, Gigi is preceded in death by her sister Irene "Renee" Cox, husband of niece Stephen Sproule and great-nephew

Danny Sproule. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Mike Gibson. Also surviving Gigi is her sister Constance "Tonton" (Edwin) Baumgartner of Merced, California, brother-in-law Sandy Cox of Langley, B.C. Canada, sister-in-law Miriam (Simon) Richardson of Bedford, England. Gigi will be sadly missed as she was like a second

mother to all her nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews who include: Holly (Stephen deceased) Sproule, Frances (George) Gallegos, Scott (Laura) Baumgartner, Bill (Melanie) Cox, Cathy (Vince) Lambert, Jacob, Maggie, Drew, Francisca, Brett, Samantha, Taylor, Elsie, Ashley, Alexandra, Kiara, Wyatt, Riley, Courtney Reid, Oliver (Sarah) and Owen Richardson.

"Raise your eyes to the skies as we know Gigi loved to fly".

A Celebration of life will be planned in the future when conditions around the country are safe for a gathering of family and friends.

If you would like to make a financial donation in Gigi's name please make it to the San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center, 225 6th Street, Suite B, P.O. Box 1534, Alamosa, CO 81101.

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Stephanie B. Yund



DEL NORTE — Stephanie B. Yund, 72, of Del Norte, passed away March 23, 2020 after a long battle against lung cancer.

Stephanie was born in Warren, Ohio on August 10, 1947 and grew up in the neighboring community of Kinsman. She earned a Bachelor's degree in psychology from Otterbein College located in Westerville, Ohio and a Master's in counseling from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Stephanie was a loving mother, devoted wife, and dedicated middle-school math teacher. Her teaching career, which spanned nearly 50 years, began in Ohio before she relocated to Albuquerque for a brief time and then eventually settled in Del Norte, Colorado. During her time in New Mexico, Stephanie

met her husband Bob (Robert A. Yund) and they married in 1976. After retiring from the public school system, Stephanie and Bob continued their love of education by teaching for Adams State in Alamosa, Colorado both on campus and online. Stephanie especially enjoyed baking and traveling; she also treasured memories of hot air ballooning with lifelong friends.

Stephanie's absence

will be felt not only by family, but by her former students and other members of the Del Norte community. Stephanie was preceded in death by her parents, George (Gray) and Helen Brandon, and Bob, her husband of 42 years. She is survived by her brothers Eric and Christopher of El Paso, Texas, sister Denise (Pelowitz) of Los Alamos, New Mexico, daughters Michelle (Serface) of Monte Vista, Colorado and Cara of Del Norte, Colorado, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that monetary donations be sent in Stephanie's memory to the Rio Grande Hospital in Del Norte (310 County Road 14, Del Norte, Colorado 81132).

Perry Lee Wilson



MONTE VISTA — Perry Lee Wilson, 66, peacefully passed away in the presence of his family, at home on April 30, 2020. He was born on October 21, 1953, in Hobbs, New Mexico to Frank and Floraine Wilson. On July 16, 1988, he married the love of his life, Sandra Crook in Manassa, Colorado.

All of his life, Perry was a hard worker. He owned and operated Diamond P Builders, building many beautiful custom homes throughout The San Luis Valley. He also owned and operated Diamond P Excavating, and this was his passion. He owned and operated a Turquoise Mine in Nevada with his brothers, Ronnie and Jerry.

Perry enjoyed fishing, camping, Navajo Lake, yard work and gardening, the Broncos, and trips to Mexico. His favorite season was fall and he loved roasting chili peppers. He loved to laugh and make others laugh with his storytell-

ing. He will always be remembered as a generous man with a big heart for giving and a deep love for his family and friends.

Perry is survived by his spouse, Sandra Crook of Monte Vista, his children, Shannan (Donald) Bryant of Denver, Garrett (Lacey) Pringle of Jefferson, South Dakota, Charrie Wilson of Woodstock, Illinois, and Celeste (Ernest Mark Pacheco) Lestienne of North Carolina, as well as, his grandchildren, Crystal, Cambridge, Isaac, Annie, Courtney, Alaina, Emma, James, Avry, London, Amaya, Danielle, Brandon and

Angela, his great-grandchildren, Esperanza, Tobias, Jeremiah and Piper (on the way), his siblings, Ronnie Wilson, Donnie (Judy) Wilson and Jerry Wilson, numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends, especially, Freddy Torres and John Garcia, the remaining of the "Three Amigos." His close friends John and Deb Braly, and Craig Blanchard.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Loretta, and his son John Holfeltz.

Cremation was selected and a celebration of life service will be held at a later time. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the San Luis Valley Cancer Fund through San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center and may be made in care of the funeral home. To express condolences, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com

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

Gerald L. Mullins



MONTE VISTA — Born the youngest child of a miner, general store owner, and the postmaster, Gerald "Moon" Mullins, also knick-named by his grandmother and known in the Cotopaxi community as "Puggy", was born on June 24, 1934.

In the family home in Cotopaxi, Colorado to Hugh Patrick and Orilee Mullins. With his family and friends, he grew up in the tiny community playing and hunting deer in the surrounding hills and fishing in the Arkansas River. Moon graduated from Cotopaxi High School in 1952.

After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force spending the better part of his four-year stint in Tucson, Arizona as a radio and electronics engineer. Upon his honorable discharge in 1956, Moon returned to Colorado and enrolled at Adams State College where he studied history and education. During his senior year in college, he completed his student teaching at Cotopaxi High School before graduating in 1960. Having met the love of his life while teaching her in high school, Moon and Phyllis (Adams) were married that same year. Over the years, they lived in Bailey, Gunnison, and Monte Vista, Colorado where they worked and

raised their three kids.

Moon earned in his Master's degree in Counseling and worked as a high school counselor in Gunnison and then Monte Vista, where he then retired. They owned and operated the Fabric Barrel as well as Moon's Pro Shop in Monte Vista.

In retirement, they traveled across the country, wintered for years in Arizona playing golf, and went to Ireland. Eventually, they settled in Colorado City, Colorado. Moon enjoyed playing golf with his lovely wife, friends and family, playing bridge, and going to the mountains. He was an avid hunter and fly fisherman. He taught his son, daughters, and grandchildren to love the outdoors as well.

As a historian, Moon also loved researching and writing about Cotopaxi and his family

history. Mostly, though, with his wife, he loved his family. They put a million miles on their car traveling to all of their grand kid's sporting events. He and Phyllis loved watching all of them, and rarely missed one of their competitions.

Moon went to heaven to be with his wife on April 27, 2020. He was preceded in death by his parents Hugh and Orilee, two brothers Johnnie and Hughee, and his wife Phyllis. He is survived by his children, Kana (Greg) Condon, Katrina (Albert) Francis and Monte (Stacie) Mullins as well as her grandchildren Chase (Jill), Kyle (Tammi) and Heath (Katy) Francis, Luke and Arika Condon, Taelor (Brandon) Sanchez, Clay and Faithe. Moon is also survived by four great-grandchildren, Jaycee, Jessa, Brady and Rynlee Francis. Also surviving him are siblings, Idell Clark and Glenn Mullins, in addition to many much-loved nieces and nephews.

Donations can be made to Friends of Hollydot at P.O. Box 19621, Colorado City, CO 81019, or the Joni Fair Hospice House at 1207 Pueblo Blvd. Way, Pueblo, CO 81005. Services will be announced for a later date and location. Online condolences at DavisMortuary.com

PENDING OBITUARIES

Leonard Hobbs Eshom

MONTE VISTA — Leonard Hobbs Eshom, 91, passed away May 1, 2020 at the Homelake Veterans Center in Homelake, CO. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

BIRTHS

Calais Kyrie Jaramillo

MANASSA — Calais Kyrie Jaramillo was born April 21, 2020, at the San Luis Valley Health Center of Alamosa to Sarah Sandoval and Robin Jaramillo. Calais weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 19 inches long. Calais's siblings are Darius, Mariah, Josiah, Rjay and Artavious. Maternal grandparents are Johnny and Arlene Sandoval of Manassa. Paternal grandparents are Robin Jaramillo and Michell Martinez of Pueblo and Alamosa respectively. Great-grandparents are Flora and the late Ben Gomez, the late Darita and Ted Gomez Martinez, the late Raymond and Janice Sandoval and George and Cora Jaramillo.

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Valley News

Five Ditches project wraps up

Over the past several years, the Restoration Project has worked with five ditch companies and diverse stakeholders to improve irrigation infrastructure on the Rio Grande between Alamosa and Del Norte, while also benefiting the river as a whole.

The project's founding document, the 2001 Study, found that changes in hydrology and aging, failing diversion structures were causing sediment deposition, erosion, loss of riparian habitat, and inefficient diversion of water. The Five Ditches Project addressed these issues by replacing diversion dams and head-gates for five ditches and restoring surrounding streambanks. These efforts have resulted in a multitude of benefits, including improved diversion efficiency and irrigation operations, enhanced fish and wildlife habitat, reduced erosion and increased community safety.

As the Five Ditches Project wraps up, those involved wanted to once again acknowledge the incredible collaboration that made this project possible and give an overview of everything that has been accomplished together.

If you haven't seen it already, check out the film made by Moxiecran Media about the Five Ditches Project at: <https://vimeo.com/364411112/347528821>.

Rio Grande #2 Ditch
The Rio Grande #2 Ditch irrigates 250 acres northeast of Del Norte. It suffered from an inefficient diversion dam and high maintenance due to trash and sediment. In Winter 2017, the diversion dam and headgate were removed and replaced with a fish-passable stacked rock cross vane diversion structure and a steel headgate. The surrounding channel and streambanks were also reshaped and stabilized, and aquatic and riparian habitat improvements



and a rock deflector were added. Consolidated and Pace Ditches

The Consolidated Ditch irrigates 6,849 acres, and had a crumbling, century-old concrete headgate with a difficult to maintain push-up diversion dam. To remedy these issues, the headgate was replaced with a new concrete structure with trash rack and automation, and a new concrete diversion dam was constructed featuring a fish ladder and two Obermeyer gates for fine control and sediment flushing. The adjacent banks have also been reshaped and revegetated, improving habitat for wildlife and channel stability.

The Pace Ditch is a smaller diversion irrigating 107 acres, and is located directly adjacent to the Consolidated Ditch. Both ditches share the new diversion dam, and the Pace headgate was replaced at the same time as the Consolidated headgate, with a

manual slide gate and pipe to convey water to the ditch.

San Luis Valley Canal
The San Luis Valley Canal provides water for 20,200 irrigated acres. Its headgate was redesigned to replace the existing hundred-year-old structure. Over time the river had moved away from the headgate structure, resulting in a static pool in front of the headgate that caused sediment deposition. The new concrete headgate is situated closer to the river and features automated gates. The banks were reshaped around the new structure, and a severely eroding bend in the vicinity of the diversion was reshaped, stabilized, and revegetated. The project also includes a trash deflector and rock weir check structure.

Centennial Ditch
Supplying water to 8,500 acres, the Centennial Ditch had a degraded concrete

diversion that was dangerous to maintain. In order to divert water at certain flows, the ditch rider would have to wade into the river to put boards across the dam and raise the water level. In Winter 2017, the old diversion structure was removed and replaced with a grouted rock dam. The new structure also includes an Obermeyer gate in the low flow channel for fine control and sediment flushing. By request from CPW, the dam is a fish barrier to prevent the passage of nonnative species. Nearby streambanks were also stabilized.

Thanks again to each of the five ditch partners!

Centennial Irrigating Ditch Company
Consolidated Ditch and Headgate Company

Cooley & Sons Excavating
Pace Ditch
Rio Grande #2 Ditch Shareholders
Riverbend Engineering
Robins Construction
San Luis Valley Canal Company
National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB)

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW)

The Five Ditches Project made great strides toward meeting agricultural, environmental, and recreational needs on the Rio Grande, however aging infrastructure and bank erosion is still a significant challenge across the Rio Grande headwaters. Your support will allow them to continue working with irrigators, landowners, and partners on the Rio Grande and Conejos River to complete infrastructure improvement and river restoration projects!

CDOT and DNR remind people to stay local

STATEWIDE—With the weekend approaching and warm temperatures tempting Coloradans, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Colorado Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are reminding people to keep recreational activities within 10 miles of home to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Digital message boards on Colorado roadways across the state will remind motorists about the restrictions and to stay close to home.

This week Governor Polis moved the state from a "stay-at-home" to a "safer-at-home" status. Coloradans are still urged to stay home but continue to avoid unnecessary travel and visiting our mountain communities. Coloradans along the Front Range should not travel to the mountains or foothills to hike, ski, snowmobile or engage in any other recreational activities. Residents are reminded to stay in their local neighborhoods or communities this weekend.

The virus is still present in Colorado and can re-surge at any time. According to the Center for Disease Control, any travel increases the risk of spreading COVID-19 across communities. Many Colorado counties have extended their local Stay-At-Home orders. Check with your local public health agency for the latest local ordinances. <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/find-your-local-public-health-agency>

"With the good weather,

it may be enticing to head to the mountains this weekend," said Shoshana Lew, executive director of CDOT. "However, we have a responsibility to protect our state and our community by staying close to home during this pandemic. Please follow the public health order and recreate within 10 miles of home. It's up to us all to keep each other safe."

Campgrounds at State Parks and on National Forests and other recreation areas remain closed. Picnic areas and facilities at some trailheads are not available and some backcountry parking lots are closed (or have limited capacity). Coloradans are urged to be aware of any local closures or public health orders and avoid busy trailheads.

"Colorado has made great progress in reducing the threat of COVID-19 but we all must continue to do our part," said Dan Gibbs, executive director of DNR. "Our favorite trail or mountain crag will be there for us when this pandemic is over. For the next few weeks, Coloradans need to stay close to home and look for recreation opportunities within 10 miles of where they live. Taking a brisk walk, bike ride or run to a different part of your community are all good activities to do in lieu of heading to our mountains or other further destinations."

There's still plenty of ways to enjoy the physical and mental benefits of Colorado's outdoors. Stay close to home,

and choose times and places where you can maintain six feet of physical distance between yourself and others.

Other general reminders include:

- Recreate locally. Keep recreational activities within 10 miles of home to prevent disease spread.

- If you are in the Denver metro area, don't travel to our mountain communities.

- Reduce visits to the trails and open spaces in the foothills.

- If you live outside the Denver metro area, avoid traveling to Denver for recreational activities.

- Individuals may participate in local and personal recreation in outside public spaces, as an authorized Necessary Activity, in groups no larger than 10 and practicing social distancing maintaining 6 feet between participants.

- Wear a mask when

participating in activities.

Car crashes are consistently among the leading injury-related reasons for emergency room admissions in Colorado. If Coloradans must drive, they are reminded to obey the speed limit, avoid distractions, and never drive impaired.

COVID

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In some counties, things will look a little different than they do for the state as a whole. Make sure that you are aware of orders that are in place in the county where you live and where you work. They are what is best for your community. Check your county's website for details.

Today Alamosa County confirmed two new cases, so our cumulative total of positive cases for the San Luis Valley is 29. Numbers are updated daily at <http://www.slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/>.

As we head into another beautiful weekend in Colorado, we want to remind people that patience is a virtue. These are difficult times we are living in, so it is important to be easy on ourselves and others. Provide a good example when you go out

by wearing a face covering and keeping 6 feet apart from those you don't live with. Stay close to home when you go out to enjoy the outdoors - within your own county if possible. We are a resilient community and we will get through this next phase.

Resources
San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group (719) 589-3671

Small Businesses resources: <https://choosecolorado.com/covid19/>.

Support local business: <https://slvsupportlocal.com/>

If you have COVID-like symptoms call a nurse line:

Rio Grande Hospital: 719-657-4990

SLV Health: 719-589-2511 ext. 9

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

SLV COVID 19

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 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.

29 SLV POSITIVE CASES

- Alamosa County - 13
- Conejos County - 1
- Costilla County - 3
- Mineral County - 2
- Rio Grande County - 7
- Saguache County - 3

10 HOSPITALIZED

20 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

Health

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"I am incredibly grateful to have a way to talk to my high-risk patients without bringing them into the clinic," said Gariner. "Some of my older patients have been the best at navigating the entire process. They're pros by the first visit!"

The telehealth option will be available anytime

during regular business hours and is for almost all patients. For those that require a physical exam or more of a "hands-on" approach, a face-to-face visit with the provider can be scheduled.

"Most telehealth appointments are highly effective, and quite comforting to patients during

this time of increased need for social distancing," explained Gariner. "However, if a provider determines that a patient needs a higher level of care, they are scheduled for an in-person visit."

SLV Health has been using telehealth for about a month and has found it an effective way to bridge

the gap between medical staff and patients without sacrificing quality of care.

"I have found it to be quite the contrary - I'm providing safer, more personal care by being invited into patient's homes," said Gariner. "Getting to meet their dogs, their children or even see their homes - it's been a great

experience."

To schedule an appointment today, call 719-589-3000.

Food

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Another annual event that was modified this year was the Fill the Van Food Drive. Typically this event takes place outside of grocery stores and helps collect food for La Puente's Food Bank Network. But due to an amazing community support of our effort to buy a semi of food, this blessing changed this year led to it being renamed the Fill the Van Needs Drive. Accepted donations included cardboard boxes, plastic bags, and egg cartons to help folks take food home. The 38 residents came out to donate and support their community. The event raised \$550 for the hunger relief and stocked the food bank with plenty of plastic bags and cardboard boxes.

All these amazing events were used to bring attention to the issue of hunger locally and globally. In truth, so many are doing their part to relieve hunger in our community. The Boys and Girls Club, for instance, is providing daily snacks to the community. Meals on Wheels have been delivering meals to seniors across the Valley. Alamosa Voices has supported by providing warm meals for La Puente's community meal. Valley Roots Food Hub is delivering fresh produce to those in need. So many others in the community are helping, out of the kindness of their hearts, to make sure their neighbors are fed.

Moving forward, La Puente

will continue in its efforts to relieve hunger in the San Luis Valley. They can only do so with the support of their community. If you want to help in local hunger relief efforts, consider volunteering at the Alamosa Food Bank to help pack and hand out boxes of food to those in need. You can also volunteer in the garden with VEGI and help grow fresh produce that will be provided to the Food Bank and local schools. If you can't volunteer, consider donating much-needed items to the Food Bank, Shelter, or Street Outreach. All information related to helping La Puente, during this crisis and even beyond, can be found at www.lapuentehome.org/strongertogether.

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Opinion

God Bless America ...

BEVERLY HILLS—God Bless America, and how's everybody?

President Trump was optimistic Thursday, reporting progress in the war on COVID-19. We're attacking the virus from three angles. Pfizer is working on a treatment, Oxford is working on a vaccine, and Trump just called Hillary to tell her he's heard the virus is going to testify against her.

The White House hosted Las Vegas hotel owners Thursday, who laid out their plan to re-open their shutdown city. Last weekend in Vegas, O.J. Simpson was photographed pushing a cart full of home supplies out of Costco bare-handed. You'd think of all people, O.J. would be wearing gloves.



Argus Hamilton

New York Yankees legend Derek Jeter, who famously gave his thousands of one-night-stands an autographed baseball, must wait a year to be inducted in the Hall of Fame. MLB said Derek's induction ceremony will be delayed a year due to the virus. Which particular virus is anybody's guess.

The Dick's Sporting Goods Open golf tournament scheduled for August in upstate New York was cancelled due to the shutdown, forcing the chain to scale back. They're not alone. You could say the airlines, restaurants, and comedy clubs are competing with Dick's to cut themselves down to size.

The Daily Mail quoted marriage counselors who predicted a spike in the divorce rate



because couples have been forced to spend too much time together in home confinement. I can't live with love and can't live without it. Sometimes I sleep on the couch just to feel like I'm still in a relationship.

President Trump was asked where he thought the virus came from, and he said a Chinese lab, yet China says wet-market wildlife was also involved. The virus's origin raises the same question we all used to raise during a Barry Bonds home run. No one's sure if it came from a test tube or the bat.

President Trump asked reporters at his press conference Thursday to give his administration's progress against the coronavirus a fair shake in their daily coverage. Just that morning, CNN reported that a man who was eaten by a shark died of coronavirus. Nancy Pelosi blamed it on Trump.

President Trump visits a plant in

Phoenix that's making the face masks today. He's like every comedian, itching for a crowd after six weeks of mandatory home confinement. I suspected this was all about stopping Trump when they made it illegal to gather in groups larger than a Biden rally.

Nancy Pelosi raved about Joe Biden's stance for women Friday without answering questions about the sexual assault claim. The VP candidates were also mum. Democrats practiced social distancing Friday by keeping six feet away from their conviction that women have a right to be heard.

Joe Biden appointed an advisory council of four prominent women Thursday to advise him on his selection of a female vice-presidential running mate. It's important Joe get objective advice on selecting a female

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Art and history of the SLV

Nancy Harris was born and raised in California. She moved to the SLV in 2012. She lives in Alamosa with her husband, Alex, and their three cats. Ms. Harris is currently the manager of the Alamosa Live Music Association.

Meg Colwell

Harris is a mixed media artist who uses paper, paint, and found objects to create her original abstract collages. Harris typically starts with a blank canvas or sheet of watercolor paper, and then builds up layers of material, such as stained tea bags, acrylic paint, and paper, using a gel medium for adhesive. The resulting collages are colorful, complex, and playful.

Harris has been an avid art lover since high school. She fondly remembers writing about her encounters with abstract art at a local art museum. To this day, Harris is a strong advocate for all art forms, particularly abstract art.

What Harris loves about the

collage process is the opportunity to work and experiment with both traditional and non-traditional media. Harris enjoys the challenge of solving the puzzle that each new piece presents and working out the right arrangement of materials, colors, textures, and composition.

Harris obtained a Master's degree in the History of Art & Architecture from the University of California at Santa Barbara, where her emphasis was on Modern Art, American Art, and Collecting. She wrote her Master's thesis on the AIDS Memorial Quilt. Having studied art history for nearly a decade, Nancy decided to take art classes after graduate school. She found her way into a mixed-media collage adult-ed class in Santa Barbara, CA in 2008, and she has never been the same since. Harris fell in love with the collage medium and has been making abstract collages for over a decade.

Harris states: "My art is almost



Courtesy photo

Constructed, Nancy Harris

entirely abstract, meaning that it doesn't necessarily reference anything concrete in the world. I don't make landscapes, or portraits, or still lifes. I don't paint butterflies, or flowers, or trees, or 'pretty scenes.' What I do is to take disparate elements—a piece of decorative paper, a bit of metal, a postage stamp, a scrap of plastic, a random image of a bird, a handmade ceramic medallion, parts of



Courtesy photo

Mine, Nancy Harris

a page with text—and combine them in a way that is pleasing and new and harmonious.

"I play with texture and color and pattern and build them up in layers to create a whole that is beautiful. While I often utilize bright and complementary color schemes, I recently created a series of collages that were made just from blacks, whites and neutrals. Two good examples of

this use of neutrals are 'Vintage' and 'Constructed.'

As a ceramic artist, I appreciate how Harris relinquishes any "point" past the point of creation. She says: "I believe that any meaning that is conveyed by my art happens between the art and the viewer."

"In other words, I do not try to communicate any particular meaning through my collages. Rather, I allow the odd juxtaposition of images, shapes, textures, colors, and patterns in my collages to "speak" to the viewer. I feel strongly that the one who views my art brings their own interpretation to the piece of art."

When I asked Harris what words of wisdom she would give aspiring artists, she replied: "I believe that collage is one of the most versatile and creative art forms. There are very few rules with collage...almost anything goes. There is great freedom in collage's unlimited possibilities."

Valley Gardening and other important stuff

If you are reading this early on Saturday morning, we will be selling flowers in front of our courtyard Saturday morning for the Alamosa High School Ag Program. Actually, these are plants that they started growing, just as this dang virus set in. And then...no students could go to the greenhouse. Ag teacher, Justin Tedford, finished

Ruthie Brown

Valley Stuff

planting the plugs...but now...where do you sell them? We are proud that we are able to help them out. This flower program was a big fundraiser for the greenhouse and we are hoping to help them break even this year. Come on down...have a free cup of coffee...buy a plant...make a donation—if you can. The sale starts at 10 a.m. and will go until 2 p.m. Social distancing, with good manners, will be practiced.

Charlotte Sheely (aged 92!) found me in the hardware store this week and asked if I wanted some lilies and some rhubarb. Of course, my answer was a big yes. She certainly is an inspiration for gardening—I only have 27 years to catch up to her. I was inspired...and can hardly

wait to get the lilies planted in Mom's Garden.

As I worked in Mom's Garden Friday morning, I was wishing I had done more cleanup in the fall. Not sure why I never remember to do that. I am figuring if I work an hour every morning, and an hour every evening for a bit, I will have it done. My apologies for the lateness. Thank goodness you can't fire a volunteer, or I would be history. If you want to do a little manual labor social distancing, I would love to work with you. Give me a call at 580-7838 if you want to set up a time.

I know it is only the beginning of May, and we will certainly be getting some more frosts, but it sure feels like planting weather. I lean towards planting early, and covering the seedlings if necessary, vs. planting late. To me, it seems like you can plant the first of June, get a frost on the 10th, and a hail storm on the 16th so why not plant early. It's all legalized gambling.

I especially think you need to plant tomatoes early, like right now! You

can have the most beautiful tomato plant in the world in August, and maybe it is producing some fruit, but plants know when it is fall and they will start shutting down. It's just a fact of nature.

If you plant your tomatoes early, you will need to figure out how to cover them—with Nsulate cloth, or a sheet. Or plant them in a Wall o' Water. Actually, you won't find any Wall o' Water's around anymore, as the company has gone out of business. I have what is called a Season Extender. Do not cover your plants with plastic, as the plastic will get cold and pass that temperature on to your plants.

Wherever you are getting your seeds, I recommend getting them sooner over later. There has been a huge interest in gardening this year (go figure) so the seeds are running low. Last year I could place an order and get the seeds within 2-3 days. This year it has been 2-3 weeks. And many seeds are not available.

Overwatering your lawn will not make it turn green any faster! Be patient. Water deeply. Mow high! Kill the weeds first, and then fertilize. Mow high!!

A fellow who lives on the old Airport Road brought me a copy of a letter from the City of Alamosa city manager this week. And then he brought me in a bunch of pictures taken at a homeless camp in an area known as the Devil's Playground—disgusting! And then he told me about the City and other 'stakeholders' wanting to make a 'go-to' camping area for the homeless when they are evicted from private property. This camp is proposed for the Old Airport Road—across from other homes!

Can you believe that? The letter even addressed four key areas of COVID-19 and how these campers, and their potential symptoms, should be addressed??? It is amazing that 'stakeholders' can even think about making recommendations such as this WITHOUT involving the citizens in the neighborhood. What would you do if a camp was set up across from your home with porta johns, and dumpsters, and a hand-washing station and water. Can you imagine looking out your window to that sight? Would you ever let your children and grandchildren play outside again? If you would like to see the pictures, come on by and take a look.

Help for the abandoned

The campers first noticed the famished young cat as they headed up the Penitente Canyon to their campsite.

The grandeur of the rocky landscape seemed to shrink the cat and pronounce his vulnerability. Surely someone nearby was missing this cat, they thought.

Some discussion on Facebook made it obvious that the creature was abandoned. The campers knew he wouldn't survive on his own and reached out to the Cats Alive! SLV rescue. Someone nabbed the cat that was soon identified as an abandoned cat and

welcomed him to the Kitty corner Waystation in Monte Vista

She first noticed the young cat meowing in the dormant lilacs. Over a couple months and seen only at night, she saw what she thought was a slender long-haired black feline, then she thought it might be a Russian Blue mix. She looked for it when she fed some trapped-neutered-released (TNRed) cats. Noticing the small collar around its neck was too tight, she eventually nipped the blue choker. Each brief encounter made her understand the

cat was shy and so would not let her see it. Obviously, the interloper was hiding from some of the dominant cats in the yard, as well.

Finally, as the caretaker was scrambling to feed the hungry eight cats meowing at her, the young cat stepped up to be petted and to purr in exchange. Combing the cat with her fingers, she discovered it was an unaltered "he." Lisa Karst, president of Cats Alive! SLV, suggested "nabbing him" so he might be "fixed" and rehomed if tame enough. After borrowing a pet carrier, the caretaker did that. "He was tame, and I was able to put him in the carrier without a claw or meow," she said.

Both these cats were abandoned or escaped. Indoor cats forced to fend for

themselves in the wilds are at risk of great harm. Even inside our towns, there are wildlife that can brutally attack discarded cats. Raccoons and skunks are predators, as are mountain lions seen along the Rio Grande. Rattlesnakes are out as Carla Taylor, technician at Monte Vista Animal Clinic, reported.

These cats multiply when abandoned and these cats can be caught, fixed, and released or rehomed. At these times of the pandemic, the community cats all need dry and wet cat food, funds for neutering, and formula for kittens. Please consider donating to Cats Alive! SLV, PO Box 84, Alamosa, CO 81101, call 719-298-7028 or email catsaliveslv@gmail.com.

Movin' On with Nellie



Nelda Curtiss

Lifestyle

SOIL Sangre de Cristo launches zero-interest farm loans

SOIL Sangre de Cristo, a community-based non-profit that will make zero-interest loans to local farmers and food producers, kicked off its initial membership drive in April with a three-year matching grant from the New Belgium Family Foundation.

The New Belgium Family Foundation will match 50 percent of funds raised by SOIL Sangre de Cristo up to \$25,000 each year, and will also donate an additional \$10,000 annually for three years.

SOIL Sangre de Cristo loans will be available to eligible farmers and food producers in the South Central Colorado region, with the goal of supporting healthy farms for a resilient and diverse local food system. The loans are zero-interest and do not require collateral, with each loan tailored to the applicant's specific needs.

SOIL will raise funds through yearly memberships, which start at \$250 for Investor Members. Farmers and food producers can join for \$25. All members will vote on the loan awards.

SOIL Sangre de Cristo co-founder PJ Bergin was inspired by the farming heritage of Chaffee County, when it was known as the lettuce basket of the

country, as well as the annual summer farmers market in Salida.

"I felt I was supporting the local farmers, the farm economy, that way," Bergin said. "But at the end of the market I began to think more and more, how did they survive the winter? Where was the income coming from to buy the seeds to start for the spring? Were they out there working other jobs so they could stay farmers?"

To qualify for the annual matching grant from New Belgium, SOIL Sangre de Cristo plans to sign up a minimum of 10 new investor members each month. They easily met April's goal with nine founding members, one of whom gave more than the \$250 minimum to make sure the first monthly goal was met. Founding members will have a front-row seat to the new organization as it grows and sets its funding guidelines.

"The members will be building this organization," Bergin said.

SOIL Sangre de Cristo is modeled on similar nonprofits in 18 states, which to date have collectively invested more than \$73 million in 752 food enterprises. In Colorado, SOIL-affiliated groups are creating more



resilient food systems in the communities around Boulder, Durango, and Carbondale, with more than \$700,000 in loans for crucial items such as tractors, worker housing, and irrigation.

SOIL is an acronym for Slow Opportunities for Investing Locally and is based on the principles articulated by activist and author Woody Tasch in *Inquiries into the Nature of Slow Money: Investing as if Food, Farms, and Fertility Mattered* and *SOIL: Notes Towards the Theory and Practice of Nurture Capital*.

The zero-interest loans promote community investment in the local food economy and offer farmers a way to grow or shore up their businesses without the red tape and collateral required by traditional banks.

"Working with banks

can be extremely difficult," Bergin said, "when all they need is that push to get over that next hurdle."

More information and a membership form for SOIL Sangre de Cristo can be found at soilsangredecastro.org.

Additional Colorado Slow Money/SOIL groups include 2 Forks Club: 2forks.org

Four Corners Slow Money: <https://www.fourcornersslowmoney.org/>

SOIL Boulder: slowmoney.org

Background and information on the Slow Money Principles can be found here: <https://slowmoney.org/about>

Spring Large Item Pick-up

ALAMOSA—To help facilitate spring cleanup efforts citywide, the City of Alamosa is offering large item trash pick-up Monday, May 18 through Thursday, May 21 for City trash customers.

Please call the Public Works office by Thursday, May 14 at 5 p.m. to schedule pickup of large items (late callers will not be accepted). A pick-up of no more than

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If you have any questions or to schedule your pick-up, please contact the Public Works Department at (719) 589-6631.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission to meet May 6 - 7

DENVER - The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission will discuss the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation; Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships; an update on Chronic Wasting Disease; the State Land Board Public Access Program 2020 enrollment; final consideration of limited license numbers for black bear, deer, elk, pronghorn and moose for the 2020 season; regulations related to river outfitter licenses, and regulations related to furbearer and small game licenses at a virtual meeting on Wednesday, May 6 and Thursday, May 7. The meeting will be streamed live on CPW's YouTube page here.

The commission will also discuss 2021 OHV Grant recommended funding, 2021 Non-Motorized Trail Grant pilot categories, an update on planning trails with wildlife in mind, an overview of the Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plan Process, as well as citizen petitions for rulemaking related to big game hunting and small game and furbearers.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6 and adjourn at 5 p.m. The commission will reconvene at 8 a.m. on Thursday, May 7 and adjourn at 12:30 p.m.

Additional agenda items include:

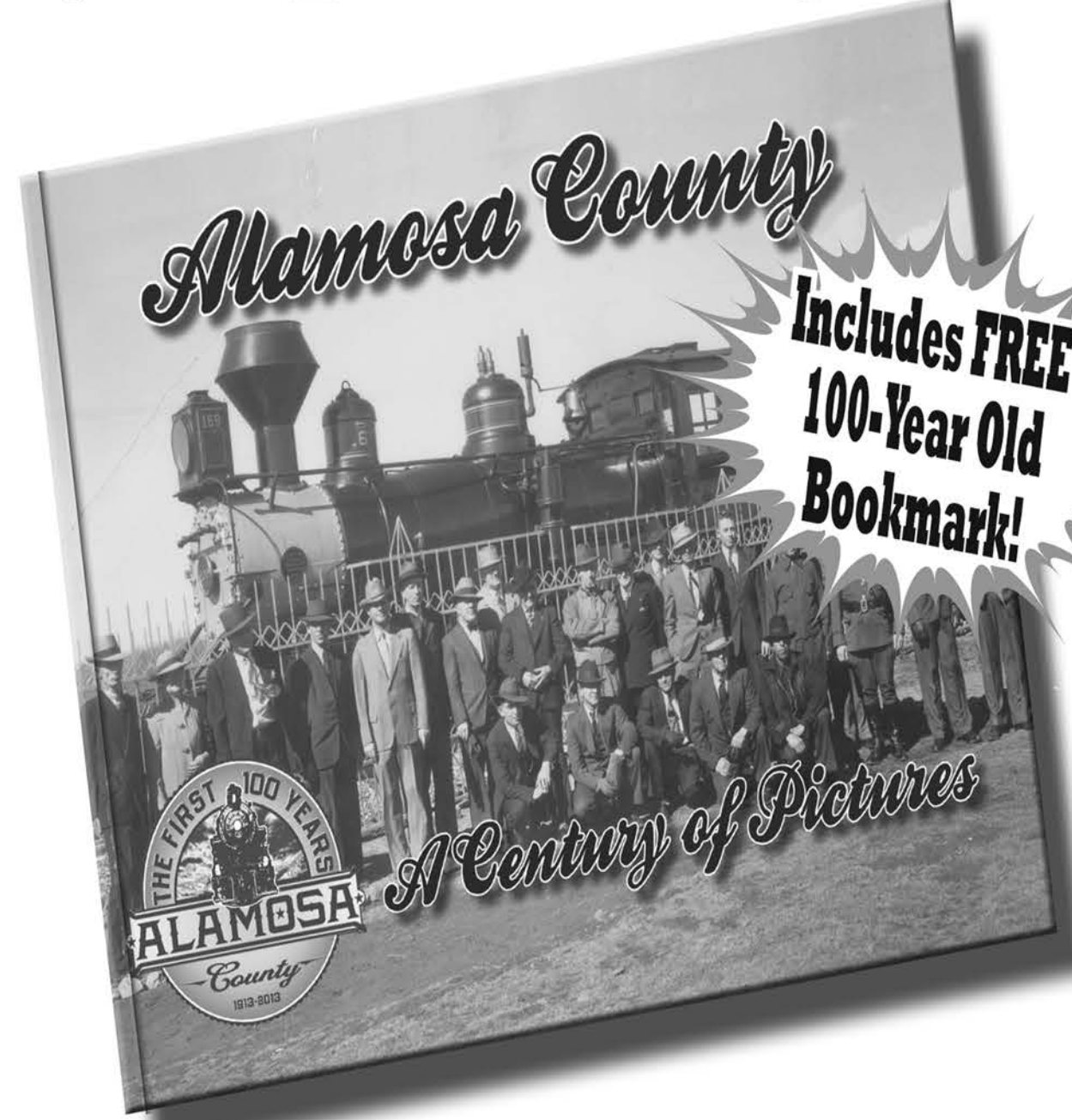
- Department of Agriculture update
- Department of Natural Resources update
- Financial update
- Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) update
- Conservation Leaders for Tomorrow update

A complete agenda along with all materials for public review for this meeting can be found on the CPW website. The public is encouraged to email written comments to the commission at dnr_cpwcommission@state.co.us. Details on providing public comments for virtual meetings are available on the CPW website.

The commission meets regularly and travels to communities around the state to facilitate public participation. Anyone can listen to commission meetings through the CPW website. This opportunity keeps constituents informed about the development of regulations and how the commission works with Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff to manage the parks, wildlife and outdoor recreation programs administered by the agency. Find out more about the commission on the CPW website.

The next commission meeting will take place on June 11 and 12.

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NOTICE is hereby given that a Plan of Water Management for Special Improvement District No. 5 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District has been approved by the Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District.
 That the Rio Grande Water Conservation District offices are currently closed to the public due to preventive measures to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, therefore, any interested person who wishes to inspect the Plan can access it on the District's website, www.rgwcd.org, or by contacting Chris Ivers at 719-589-6301 or email at chris@rgwcd.org to obtain a copy of the Plan. That public comment will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Board of Directors on May 28, 2020, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The hearing will be held by webinar/teleconference only. The public may participate and listen in to the hearing by dialing +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799, Webinar ID: 844 4946 1557. There is no charge for this call. All objections to the Plan of Water Management must be filed in writing with Cleave Simpson, General Manager of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District at 8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado, 81101, any time prior to the date of the public hearing. Public comment and objections heard on May 28, 2020, will be limited to 3 minutes each.
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NOTICE is hereby given that a Plan of Water Management for Special Improvement District No. 4 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District has been approved by the Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District.
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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)

CONJOS 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)

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221 HELP WANTED

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.centroco.gov. The deadline for applications is May 22, 2020. (5/12)

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 bullington@adams.edu and for more information or to apply please visit our website at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1U8jL1cm1fBtd2dvwcfzG-ldl0jrCH_U/view/5/8

SIGNING BONUS-\$1,000 AT HIRE, \$1,000 after completing one year of service. Conejos County is seeking a Caseworker for the Department of Social services and offering a signing bonus. Annual Salary \$35,000. Responsibilities include: Intake and/or ongoing social casework services to families/adults, attending drug court, performing assessments, counseling, and crisis intervention. Duties are to protect children and adults from situations of abuse, neglect and other forms of maltreatment. Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Psychology or related field required. One-year experience preferred. Applications are available at Conejos County Administration Office 6683 County Rd. 13, Conejos, CO 81129, or via email upon request at cricci@co.conejos.co.us. Deadline is May 7, 2020. Inquiries call 719-376-6799 EEOE.(5/6)

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 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/centennial-rl/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@centennialsschool.net(5/20)

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)

221 HELP WANTED

CONEJOS COUNTY DEPARTMENT of Social Services is seeking a Case Manager (CM). Responsibilities include: Determines eligibility for Food Stamps, Adult programs, Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF), and Medicaid. Ability to apply critical thinking to a wide range of situations. Must have strong computer and interviewing skills. A broad knowledge of community services a plus. High School Diploma or equivalent required, two years of education and customer service experience preferred. County Application Form Required. Applications are available at Conejos County Administration Office 6683 County Rd. 13, Conejos, CO 81129, or via email upon request at cricci@co.conejos.co.us. Deadline is Wednesday, May 6, 2020. Inquiries call 719-376-6799 EEOE.(5/6)

221 HELP WANTED

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 81149 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)

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)

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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@ur-tigers.co or contact Amy at 719-657-4030. Applications can be retrieved online at: dncsd.org/5/8

SOUTH-CENTRAL COLORADO SENIORS, Inc., the Area Agency on Aging is looking for a Home Delivered Meals Driver. The job is perfect for someone retired or just wanting to volunteer! 1.5 - 2 hours per day, Monday through Friday. Requirements: Current Driver's License, clean driving record, compassionate and effective communication skills with older adults. South-Central Colorado Seniors' Nutrition Program is an EOE and an application must be completed. Applications are available at 1116 3rd St. in Alamosa. Call 719-589-4511 for more information.(5/2)

THE NORTH CONEJOS School District is accepting applications for (1) Construction Technology teacher at Centauri High School. Applicants applying for the position need to hold, or be able to obtain, a valid CDE teaching license, have construction experience (at least 10,000 hours of verifiable work experience), or have the education to obtain a valid CTE Construction endorsement. Applications are available at the District Office, 17890 US Hwy 285, La Jara, CO, or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. For more information on educational requirements to obtain certification or to submit application contact Mr. Curt Wilson, Superintendent. Application deadline is until position is filled. EOE.(5/2)

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)

221 HELP WANTED

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- A Rural Health Clinic in Lake City, CO seeks a medical director to oversee clinical operations in a beautiful, remote mountain town! The Responsibilities Include: Overseeing two seasoned advanced practice providers, providing primary & urgent care to residents & tourists, & overseeing operations of the laboratory & dispensary. This position offers a flexible schedule and negotiable pay. Malpractice costs would be covered by the clinic. Interested applicants can send their CV to: lakecitymc@gmail.com OR call (970) 944-2331 with any questions. CV due date is June 15, 2020.(5/12)

MONTE VISTA ESTATES Nursing Home is seeking a full time day shift RN to add to our amazing team! Shift is 6am-6:30 PM-Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (one week) Thursday, Friday Saturday (second week) rotating schedule. The open positions are essential roles in the overall care offered to our residents. Seeking a full time day shift CNA Seeking a full time evening shift (2-10) shift CNA. If you love working with the elderly and enjoy making a difference in the lives of our residents, please contact us. We look forward to having you join our team.(5/8)

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SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a Secondary Spanish/PE Teacher. Applicants must have a current Colorado teaching license. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordechools.org. Sanford School is an EOE & F. (5/5)

SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is now accepting applications for a .5 graphic design & photography teacher. Qualifications: Must hold a Colorado Teacher's License, or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Please submit a District application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to apply@southconejos.com. Deadline 4/16/2020. (4/16)

JONES OIL COMPANY seeking route drivers. Need to have CDL Class A or B with hazmat and tanker endorsement. Clean MVR. Must be 21 or older. Call 719-754-2221 for application. (5/27)

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@sierragrandeschool.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@sierragrandeschool.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)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR--HINSDALE County is seeking to hire a County Administrator. This position directs the day-to-day operations of Hinsdale County in accordance with policies and other direction provided by the Hinsdale Board of County Commissioners. Hinsdale County is located in southwestern Colorado and has 843 residents plus seasonal and second home owners. The annual budget expenditures (all funds) for 2020 is \$5,745,653. Hinsdale County employs 34 full time and 8 part time employees. County services include: Road and Bridge, Coroner, Building, Code Enforcement, Transfer Station, Sheriff, Health & Human Services, General Administration and other. For a full job description, please contact accounting@hinsdalecounty-colorado.us or 970-944-2225 ext. 103 or check the County website at: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hinsdalecounty/human-resources-7. Applications are due May 1st at 4:00 p.m. MST. (5/9)

221 HELP WANTED

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)

SANFORD SCHOOL IS seeking a self-motivated special education paraprofessional willing to assist with multiple grade levels K-12 for the 20-21 school year. Duties include small group, one-on-one instruction, assist with lesson planning, and curriculum. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordechools.org Position opened until filled. Sanford Schools is an EOE. (5/9)

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ALAMOSA MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT is now hiring for seasonal staff. Please visit their website www.mosquitobytes.org. Click on EMPLOYMENT for job descriptions and applications. Alamosa Mosquito Control District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Must be 18+ to apply. (5/8)

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221 HELP WANTED

THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for the following position at Alamosa High School: English Language Para/Translator AA Degree or 24 hours of college credit is required. Bilingual preferred. Applications are available online at https://alamosa.k12.co.us. For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (5/12)

THE CITY OF ALAMOSA is seeking a Full-time Seasonal Maintenance Worker I for the Streets Department. For more information and to apply visit cityofalamosa.org or City Hall at 300 Hunt Avenue. Protected by the EOE law. Deadline date May 8, 2020 at 4:30 pm. (5/8)

THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for the following position at Ortega Middle School: Boys & Girls Cross-Country Head Coach Applications are available online at https://www.alamosa.k12.co.us. For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (5/12)

SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a Secondary Social Studies/History Teacher position. Please visit our website for additional information and application: www.sargent.k12.co.us or call 719-852-4023, option 6. Applications accepted until position filled. EOE. (5/22)

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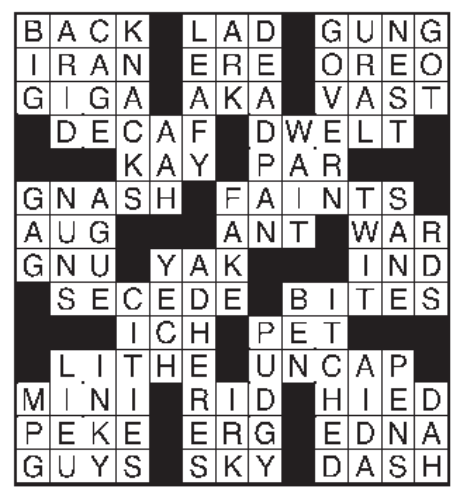
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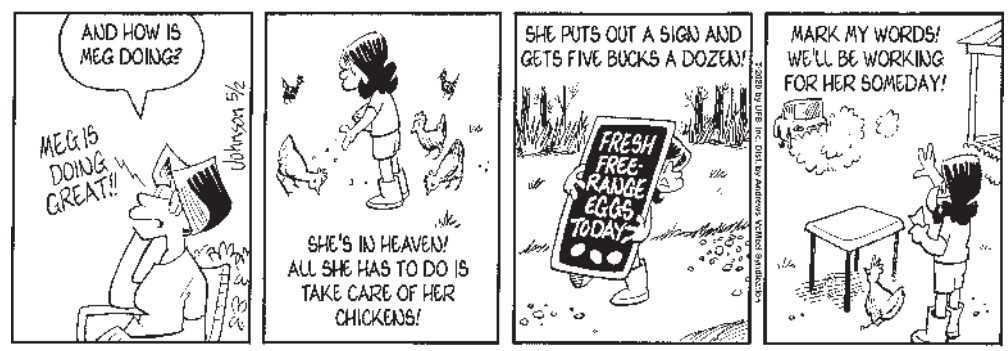


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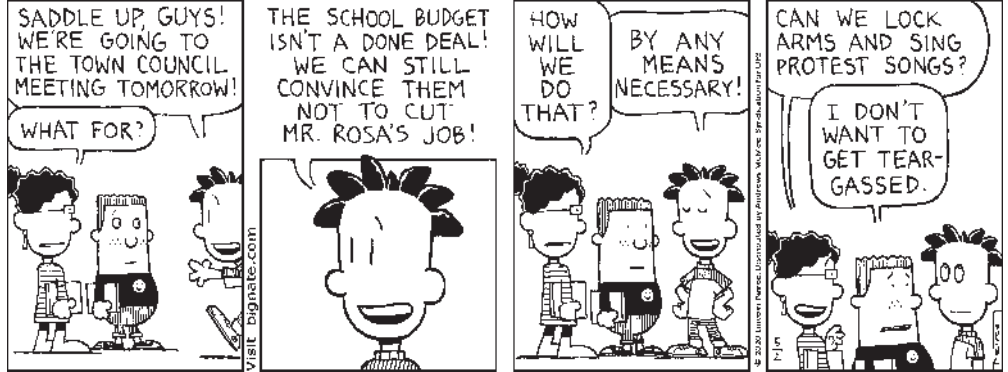
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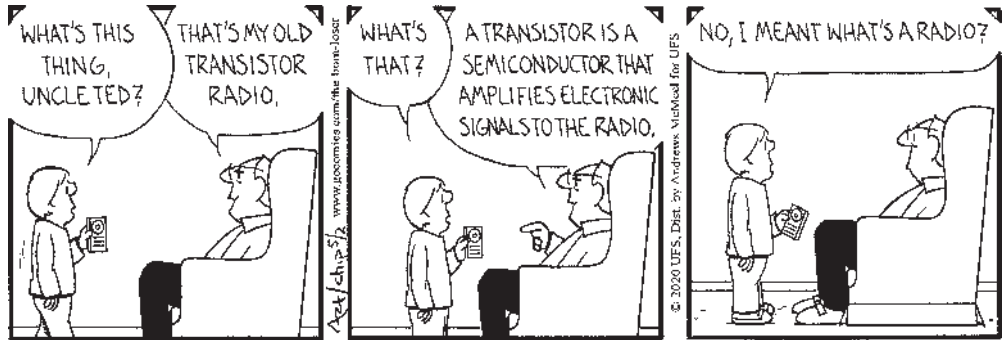
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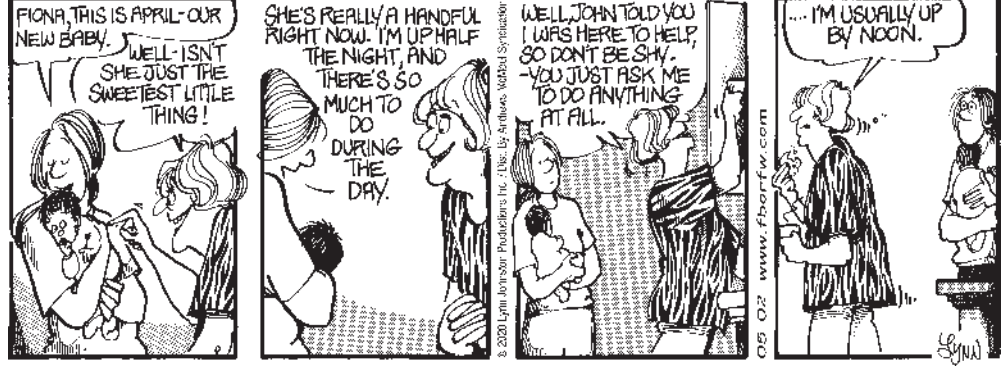
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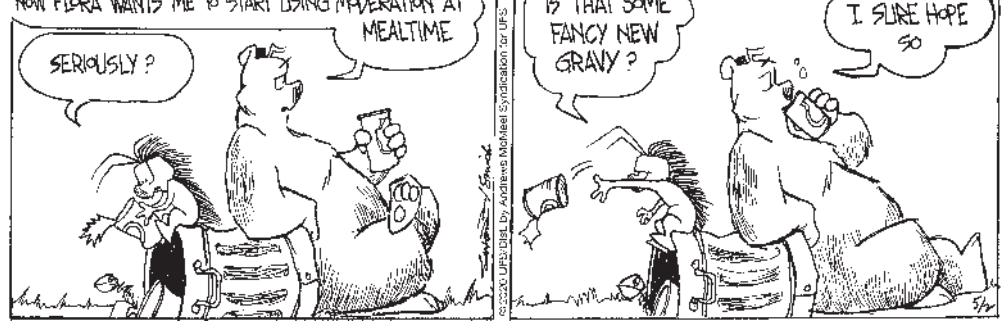
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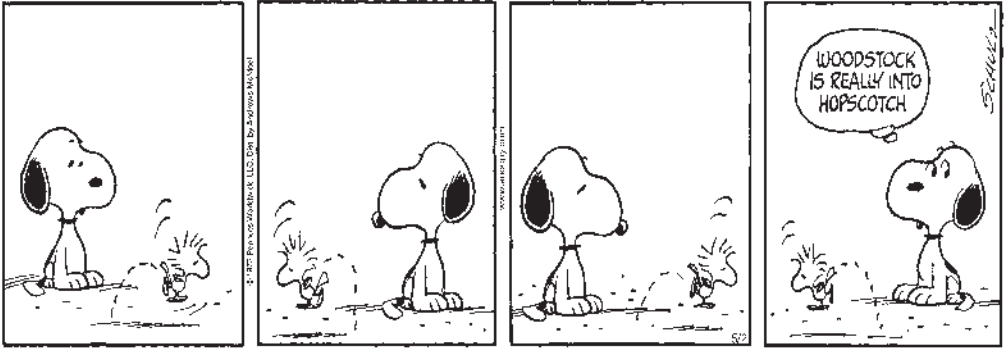
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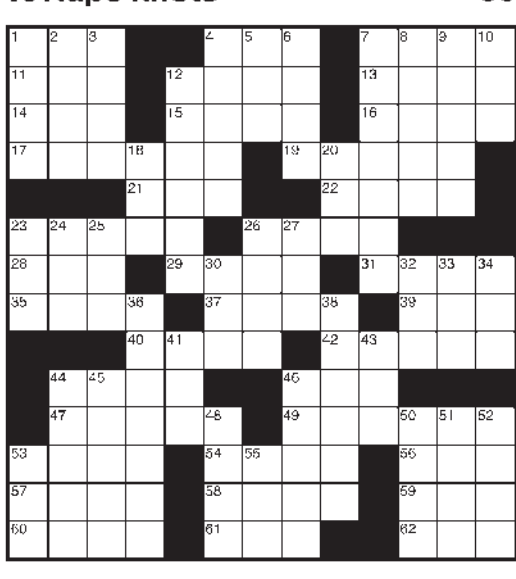
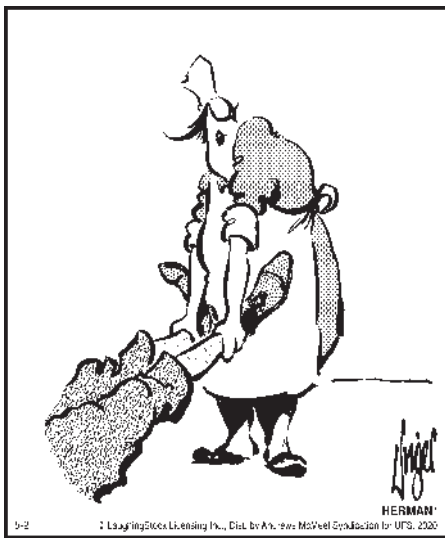
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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

“ JV XCEENZ KVB FVVO UVG FNE ,
 UVG RCJ CHBCUP FNE TNEENZ ,
 CJO EKCE'P EKN NIRMEMJF DCZE . ”

— EMFNZ BVVOP

TODAY'S CLUE: X stenbe /

Previous Solution: "Find out who you are, and be that person. That's what your soul was put on this Earth to be." — Ellen DeGeneres

Bride chooses not to walk down the aisle with her dad

DEAR ABBY: For some reason, my father hates my fiance to the point where, when I stayed with my fiance for one day, Dad wouldn't allow me to come home. Dad said many nasty things after eventually letting me back home, but among the more hurtful ones were that he hoped my fiance would abuse me, and that I shouldn't be allowed to get married. He doesn't remember saying them, but I remember them well.

Only my immediate family and my fiance's family know the specifics, and whenever I say I would rather have my brother walk me down the aisle, my relatives are all in disbelief. Dad has come to terms with my engagement to my fiance, but he treats him differently compared to my older sister's boyfriend. Am I really in the wrong for not wanting him to escort me? -- MISUNDERSTOOD BRIDE-TO-BE

DEAR MISUNDERSTOOD: Does your father have a substance abuse problem? An anger management problem? Under the circumstances, it is understandable that you would prefer someone else walk you down the aisle.

Your fiance must be a saint to want to enter a marriage with a built-in-in-law problem like your dad. My advice is to do what is best for the two of you, including considering an elopement.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a girl in my teens. My best friend moved away, and I miss her so much. It feels like the world has turned against me, and I am depressed.

I don't like to text her, and I don't think she would let me call her every single day, although I haven't asked. I'm afraid we're not going to be friends anymore, and I feel so distant from my other friends. I made a new friend this year, but it isn't the same.

What should I do, Abby? Do I talk to her about it? Or should I stop being her friend? -- MISSING MY BEST FRIEND

DEAR MISSING: It is painful when life separates people. As you pointed out, friendships, unlike Lego blocks, are not interchangeable. Do not suddenly stop communicating with your friend. You should absolutely talk to her and tell her how you are feeling because she may be feeling the same way.

With more time, you will get past this. You will meet more people and establish new relationships. But in the meantime, try to stay busy, which will help you feel less isolated.

DEAR ABBY: I am an 84-year-old divorced alum from a local college, who has developed feelings for a 59-year-old widowed alum from a local university. She works at my former college and visited me a month ago asking for a donation to the



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college. Since then, she has shown extreme appreciation of my gift, via letter, emails and phone calls.

I'm curious as to how much her feelings of appreciation are for her success as a fundraiser, or if the attraction could be mutual. Do you think the age difference is too much for me to pursue a meaningful relationship with her? I would appreciate your opinion. Thank you. -- UNKNOWN FEELINGS IN VIRGINIA

DEAR UNKNOWN FEELINGS: Depending upon the condition you are in physically and financially, the age difference may not be an insurmountable problem. At 59, she is old enough to decide whether it's a deal-breaker. Invite her out. See if she accepts. If she hits you up for another donation, you will know where you stand.

Lifestyle

Awards and recognitions for nurses

Nurses' efforts are not always recognized, but there are instances when their patients or the families of their patients offer their gratitude to these widely unsung heroes of the medical profession. In recognition of the integral role nurses play within the health care industry, organizations such as the American Nursing Association and various national and regional groups award official honors to reward nurses for their undying efforts on behalf of their patients.

- **Distinguished Direct Patient Care Award:** This award recognizes a registered nurse who provides exemplary direct patient care. He or she must also contribute to the advancement of the nursing practice by demonstrating a commitment to personal leadership.
- **The DAISY Award:** The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses recognizes the work nurses do every day. The award was established by the DAISY Foundation, which focuses on eliminating diseases that attack the immune system

(DAISY). A DAISY Award is presented monthly to nurses in hospitals across America.

- **The Grace Award:** This award recognizes outstanding achievements and dedication in caring for expectant mothers and children.
- **Public Health Service Award:** This award honors nurses who are outstanding professionals and contribute to public health nursing.
- **Jeanne Mance Award:** This award is the highest recognition for nursing achievement that the Canadian Nurses Association offers. It is named after one of the country's most inspirational nurses, and has been issued at the CNA biennial convention since 1971.
- **Diversity Award:** This award recognizes registered nurses who have a long-standing commitment and have made significant contributions to the advancement of diversity in the nursing profession.
- **The Beacon Award for Excellence:** This award honors nursing units that distinguish themselves by

improving multiple facets of patient care. Recipients set the standard for excellence in patient care and use evidence-based information to provide positive patient outcomes.

- **Excellence in Leadership Award:** Established to honor a person whose primary responsibility is to manage people or projects, this award is given to those who excel in leadership, teamwork, communication, accountability, and more.
- **The Award of Excellence in Nursing:** Presented each year during National Nursing Week, this award is given to nurses who were nominated by their peers. This award celebrates the dedication, initiative and excellence of nurses employed by Canadian First Nations communities and Indigenous Services Canada and Inuit communities.

These are a few of the awards and recognitions bestowed on the hard-working nurses who make a difference in the lives of their patients across Canada and the United States. TF204815



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National Nurses Week

ALAMOSA — The American public has again ranked nurses as the professionals with the highest honesty and ethical standards, according to a Gallup poll released in December, 2019. The annual poll marks the 18th consecutive year that nurses have been ranked the most trusted out of a wide spectrum of professions, including medical doctors and police officers. The World Health Organization has designated 2020 as the Year of the Nurse and Midwife, which corresponds to Florence Nightingale's 200th birthday.

Here is a message from Ernest Grant, American Nurses Association President. "I am extremely proud that nurses everywhere have been bestowed this wonderful accolade by the people whose lives they touch every day. The

fact that nurses have been consistently voted the most honest and ethical professionals is a testament to the public's trust. We'll work hard to keep their good faith throughout 2020 and beyond. I couldn't think of a better way to enter into the "Year of the Nurse". Ernest Grant continues "Gallup announcing nurses as the most trusted profession is not only another reason to celebrate nurses during the "Year of the Nurse," but also an opportunity to shine a light on this noble profession. This milestone celebration offers a platform to raise the visibility of nurses and increase the capacity of the nursing workforce. Nurses occupy many roles in our society and are on the front lines when it comes to immunizations, natural disaster preparedness,

shaping health policy, and advocacy," said Grant. "For this reason, nurses are critical in improving the landscape of health and health care because an effective health care system is one that values all nurses." This is no more apparent than in this time of COVID 19 as nurses step up and show their compassion and commitment to their patients, in whatever capacity. Their stories are truly inspiring. Thank a Nurse! National Nurses Week is May 4-10, 2020. Nurses in the San Luis Valley community work hard to provide you with the best possible health care. Give them a big smile and a heartfelt Thank You. For further information, contact Charlotte Ledonne, RN at SLV Area Health Education Center, 589-4977.

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Sports

Shawcroft named 3A Athletic Director of the Year

WESTMINSTER— In a normal year the Colorado Athletic Directors Association (CADA) announces the awards at their annual conference. Unfortunately this is not a normal year. As there will not be a conference this year they are announcing the awards online. Centauri's Jesse Shawcroft of Centauri High School was awarded the CADA 3A Athletic Director of the Year. Shawcroft's Falcons were competitive in nearly every arena. In the fall season the Football team went 8-1 through the regular season and picked up two more wins in the playoffs before dropping a 14-7 decision to Strasburg in the semifinals. Volleyball also extended beyond the regular season with a 14-8 record going 1-1 in their regional triangular. In the winter the wrestling squad placed four wrestlers including state champion heavyweight Remi Lucero. As a team Centauri placed 5th with 91.5 points. On the basketball court both the boys and girls teams advanced to the Great 8 round of the state championships after both finished the regular season with identical 17-2 records. The boys fell to the defending state champions, Manual, in a 59-56 battle. The girls were favored in their final four matchup with Eaton before the basketball championships were cancelled prematurely. The full listing of all CADA awards follows.



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Jesse Shawcroft

CADA 2A Athletic Director of the Year: David Schuessler, Clear Creek

CADA 3A Athletic Director of the Year: Jesse Shawcroft, Centauri High School

CADA 4A Athletic Director of the Year: Kris Roberts, Cheyenne Mountain HS

CADA 5A Athletic Director of the Year: Adam Kelsey, Denver South High School

CADA Administrative Assistant of the Year: Joyce Cunningham, Littleton High School

CADA Administrator of the Year: Diana Sirko, Mesa County Valley School District

CADA Board Member of the Year: Reynaldo "Chico" Garcia, St. Vrain

CADA Award for Distinguished Service: Sue Prahl, Niwot High

School
CADA Media Representative of the Year: Dan Mohrmann, CHSAA Now/Southern Colorado

CADA Middle School Athletic Director of the Year: Jeff Conway, Coal Ridge MS

CADA New Athletic Director of the Year: Jimmy Cottrell, Kiowa High School

CADA Retired Athletic Director of the Year: Frank Lee, Fairview High School

State Award of Merit: Denny Squibb, Fruita Monument High School

Student Athlete Scholar award:

Male: Elijah Meyers, Arickaree High School
Female: Susan Puchino, Littleton High School

CADA Committee Awards
Kurby Lyle Service Award: Mike Jacobsma, Dawson High School

Frank Kovaleski Professional Development Award: Karen Higel, Denver Public Schools

NFHS Citation Award: Mike Hughes, Lakewood High School

Distinguished Service Award: LeRoy Lopez, Fredrick High School

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