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ALAMOSA — Schools of the San Luis Valley, please submit the details of your 2020 graduation to the Valley Courier at news@alamosanews.com to help get the word out to family and friends on how they can safely view their seniors finalize their high school experience.

### Pre-orders only

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Community Greenhouse will celebrate spring by holding their annual plant sale. Due to COVID, they will not host an open house this year. Instead, plant pre-orders will be taken via Facebook Messenger or by emailing AlamosaCommunityGreenhouse@gmail.com.

For further information, call Jan Oen, 719-480-4771.

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## Valley sees spike of 40 new cases

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Friday Saguache County received notification of their second COVID-19 fatality. Currently, there are 106 total known active COVID cases in the San Luis Valley. Forty new cases were reported Friday evening. There have been 17 total hospitalizations, 87 total individuals have completed isolation and there have been 4 deaths of individuals with COVID-19. Numbers are updated weekdays at http://

www.slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/.

SLV Emergency has had feedback that readers would prefer to know the number of active COVID cases rather than the total number of positives since the beginning of the pandemic. While this number is useful, it is currently difficult to estimate due to widespread community transmission, and cannot be updated daily with accuracy. We will report active cases when feasible.

Public Health officials in counties with variances in place are monitoring data carefully for variance compliance, as well as considering how the recent Governor's updated Public Health Order affects the variance. The Governor's Public Health Order issued Monday applies to the entire State, including those that have submitted variances. Counties would need to submit a new Public Health order or variance request to deviate

from the State. In addition, the Governor plans to announce new changes June 1st, which will likely affect current restrictions.

Local Public Health agencies continue to pursue support from State and Federal agencies to manage the current situation in Center, particularly the followup that must occur after testing and help collect and monitor data. They are also actively pursuing solutions to reaching community members with targeted messaging, and working to address the types of support that must occur so the individuals impacted are able to follow current guidelines to reduce the spread of illness.

Testing right now is

limited to symptomatic individuals only. If you are sick, please call one of the hospital call-lines below to begin the screening process.

Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990

SLV Health Respiratory Clinic 719-589-2511 ext. 9

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

Mental Health resources: SLV Behavioral Health Group: 719-589-3671

Crisis Hotline: 1 (844) 493-TALK (8255), or text TALK to 38255

Online: www.colorado.gov/ruralmentalhealth, www.slvbhg.org

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

## Great day for a graduation



Photos courtesy of Cassie Shawcroft

LA JARA — Centauri High School held an outdoor ceremony for their graduation allowing for social distancing with graduates being called to receive their diplomas from their parking spots. Top, Kevin Gonzalez (right) stands with Superintendent Curt Wilson. Bottom, Noah Sowards delivers the invocation.

## Friends of South Fork seek participants for annual yard sale

By LYNDISIE FERRELL

SOUTH FORK - The Friends of South Fork (FOSF) in partnership with the town will be hosting their second annual yard sale and community clean up event June 26. The organization came up with the idea two years ago, in hopes of helping the community get "cleaned up" for summer guests and to help citizens get rid of unwanted trash and personal belongings.

There will be dumpsters at the South Fork Visitor Center where residents and guests can dispose of trash in two large dumpsters. The center asks that those who take advantage of the dumpsters to not bring electronics, paint or chemicals.

In addition to the dumpsters, residents are invited to bring their unwanted belongings to either the visitor center parking lot or community center to participate in a community wide yard sale. "We are also making a map with locations if people want to sell stuff from their homes. They just need to contact Mark Teders at the center to be included on the map. Those that are coming to visit the yard sales around town can stop by and get a map on the day of the

event," said FOSF member Kris Steffens. "This is a great community event and we had such a great year last year. Hopefully this is something we can continue to offer residents and even guests from surrounding areas for many years to come," said Steffens.

This summer, FOSF in partnership with part-time resident Nate Willett with several volunteers and donors are trying to get a team together for the summer months. According to FOSF member Kris Steffens, the organization has spent considerable time and money on equipment and work on the softball field located near the South Fork Community Center in order to get a softball team together and hit the field for play.

The summer is going to be packed full of fun events and programs for the entire community and this event is a great way to prepare for the busy months yet to come. For more information or to be included on the community yard sale map, please contact Mark at the visitor center by phone at 719-873-5512 or visit Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or contact Kris Steffens at 719-850-4838

## Uncertainties ahead for higher education



By MEG COLWELL  
Courier Reporter

Friday morning, Adams State University announced plans for campus, in the coming months. While major adjustments are being made, staff and faculty seemed optimistic about the future.

The state of Colorado is under a "Safer-at-home" order until June 1. On this day, Governor Jared Polis, will announce his next steps for the state. Polis could either extend the Safer-at-Home order, or move into Phase 3; and begin slowly re-opening. Regardless of Polis' decision, ASU May and June courses will remain virtual. The university has also issued a mandatory-mask policy for any and all on campus grounds.

With regards to the fall semester, ASU is still not entirely sure whether they'll re-open campus for classes. The university is relying on an Internal and an External Taskforce to help make the best decision. The Internal Taskforce meets weekly to reassess the situation. As of now, there is a tentative plan in place to return to campus on July 15. However, this plan is contingent on many moving parts and is not certain.

The External Taskforce largely follows Alamosa Public Health's lead, with ASU adhering closely to the organization's recommendations. The university has accepted that, even if the campus is re-opened in the fall, life will look a lot different. Social distancing, temperature checks, sanitation

stations and contact tracing are all necessary. The university hopes to get to a place—both financially and practically—where testing for prevention becomes possible. This would mean the number of tests needed are actually available.

With final regards to closing, ASU is exploring whether or not it'd be beneficial to begin the fall term early, so it could end early. This has become a national trend. The goal is to avoid the holiday break. If the term started normally, many students would go home for the holidays; and then, after much exposure to others, would have to return to campus. If the term began earlier, it could end just before the holidays. Of course, ASU likes this idea, but wonders if it will do any good. Especially considering most students have already returned home and been exposed to others, the university continues to debate.

ASU's briefing ended with discussions of legislation. The CARES act allocated \$13 trillion to higher education. Colorado's Governor Office received \$1.7 billion and has distributed \$450 million to higher education institutions across the state.

So, ASU has some money to spend. However, there are stipulations to how the money should be spent and deadlines for said spending. Looking ahead, ASU is prepared for the year 2021-2022 to be much worse, fiscally; as much of the allocated funds need to be spent by the end of this year (2020-2021).

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# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Susanna E. "Ruybalid" Coker

May 12, 1931–March 29, 2020

**MOGOTE** — Susanna E. Coker passed away on March 29, 2020, in Colorado Springs, CO. She was born May 12, 1931, in Mogote, CO.

Susanna graduated high school at McCurdy Mission School in Santa Cruz, NM (Class of '49) and completed her teaching degree at Adams State College in Alamosa, CO.

On June 4, 1954, Susanna married Sgt. Armando Quintana, and they traveled to his postings in Japan, Germany, and Ft. Carson (CO).



Armando died in February 1965.

Susanna later married Sgt. James L. Coker on February 8, 1968. James

died on September 4, 1991.

Susanna is survived by her brother Ruben and four sisters-in-law: Carol Ruybalid, Stella Ruybalid, Lola Ruybalid, and Judy Tolliver.

She was preceded in death by her parents Francisco and Deluvina; a sister, Lifeda Bowman; six brothers: Levi, Ben, John, Frank, Tony, and Louis; one niece and five nephews.

On April 7th Susanna was laid to rest with her husband, James, at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, CO. A memorial service will be held at a later time.

### 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](http://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.

## Same number, different name

**ALAMOSA**—SLV Health announced a new name for the phone number that Valley residents call when they suspect they might have COVID-19 related symptoms.

The Nurse Hotline, also known as the Nurse Triage, now has a new name – the SLVH Respiratory Clinic.

As always, if you think you are experiencing an emergency, please call 911.

If you feel you might have symptoms related to COVID - 19, please call the SLVH Respiratory Clinic at 719-589-2511, and press 9. If you call after busi-



ness hours, please leave a message.

Information can also be found by visiting [www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org](http://www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org).

## ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

05/22/2020-05/29/2020

Selena Maldonado, 25, Weston, CO; Following Too Closely

Donovan Chacon, 26, Denver, CO; Theft From A Building

Wayne Lopez, 34, Alamosa, CO; Failed To Obey/Disregarded A Traffic Control Device

Brad Mortensen, 62, Alamosa, CO; Changed Lanes When Unsafe

Roxanne Taylor, 37, Alamosa, CO; Harassment

Maria Salinas Carrillo, 52, Alamosa, CO; Harassment  
Juvenile, 15, Harassment

Loretta Vialpando, 50, Alamosa, CO; Failed To Obey Traffic Control Light Signal

Esther Raya, 79, Alamosa, CO; Careless Driving

Mario Mendoza, 30, La Jara, CO; Theft From A Building

Jeffry Watson, 49, Grand Lake, CO; Disorderly Conduct/Disturbing The Peace, Resisting Or Obstructing An Officer

Kalliandra Capps, 20, Parachute, CO; Resisting Or Obstructing An Officer

Leann Adams, 39, Monte Vista, CO; Shoplifting

Brandon Guodace, 33, Alamosa, CO; Resisting Or Obstructing An Officer, Obstructing A Peace Officer/ Firefighter/ Emergency Medical Services Provider/ Rescue Specialist Or Volunteer

Mario Mendoza, 30, La Jara, CO; Displayed Expired Number Plates, Driving While Under Restraint/Suspended/Revoked As A Habitual, Driving Under Restraint/Revoked, Displayed Fictitious Plates

Terry Lawson, 18, Alamosa, CO; Speeding, Drove Vehicle Without Valid Drivers License, DUI-Drugs

Benny Sabin, 61, Monte Vista, CO; Driving While Denied, Driver Vision Obstructed Through Required Glass

Louie Espinoza, 29, Alamosa, CO; DUI- Alcohol, DUI Per Se

Leroy Medina, 58, Alamosa, CO; Operated Unregistered Vehicle, Displayed Expired Number Plates, Failed To Present Evidence Of Insurance Upon Request, Driving While Under Restraint/Suspended/Revoked As A Habitual Aggravated

Louis Robert Fair, 35, Alamosa, CO; Shoplifting

Jeremiah Valdez, 44, San Luis, CO; Operated Unregistered Vehicle, Failed To Present Evidence Of Insurance Upon Request

David Silvas, 24, Alamosa, CO; False Imprisonment, Harassment, Domestic Violence, Child Abuse

Jacy Robinson, 20, Canon City, CO; Violation Of Restraining Order

Timothy Hatchett, 30, Alamosa, CO; Operated An Uninsured Motor Vehicle On A Public Roadway, Displayed Fictitious Plates

Jeremiah Dilley, 36, Center, CO; False Reporting

Chandler Mondragon, 19, Monte Vista, CO; Failed To Yield Right Of Way Upon Entering Highway

Joaquin Cordova, 29, Sanford, CO; Careless Driving

Charles Shamblin, 28, Alamosa, CO; Careless Driving

Juan Tomas, 25, Alamosa, CO; Following Too Closely, Failed To Present Evidence Of Insurance Upon Request, Reckless Endangerment, Child Abuse, Driving While Under Restraint/Suspended/Revoked As A Habitual, Resisting Or Obstructing An Officer, DUI-Alcohol, DUI Per Se

Michael Shea, 38, Alamosa, CO; Domestic Violence, False Imprisonment, 2nd Degree Assault

Veronica Avila, 36, Alamosa, CO; Violation Of Restraining Order, Violation OF Bail Bond Conditions

Angel Lucero, 37, Alamosa, CO; Failed To Use Turn Signals, Failure To Drive in Single Lane (Weaving), Failed To Present Evidence Of Insurance Upon Request, Driving While Under Restraint/Suspended/Revoked As A Habitual, DUI- Alcohol, DUI Per Se

Israel Raya Gonzales, 18, Alamosa, CO; 1st Degree Burglary, 1st Degree Kidnapping, 1st Degree Assault, Aggravated Robbery, Crimes Against At Risk Adults, Bias Motivated Crimes

Rodney Northrip, 29, Alamosa, CO; 1st Degree Burglary, 1st Degree Kidnapping, 1st Degree Assault, Aggravated Robbery, Crimes Against At Risk Adults, Bias Motivated Crime

Jakobe Shock, 31, Calhan, CO; 2nd Degree Burglary, Shoplifting

## 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.

## PENDING OBITUARIES

### Jose Luis Villagomez,

**CENTER** — Jose Luis Villagomez, 60, passed away May 28, 2020 at Parkview Medical Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

## ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

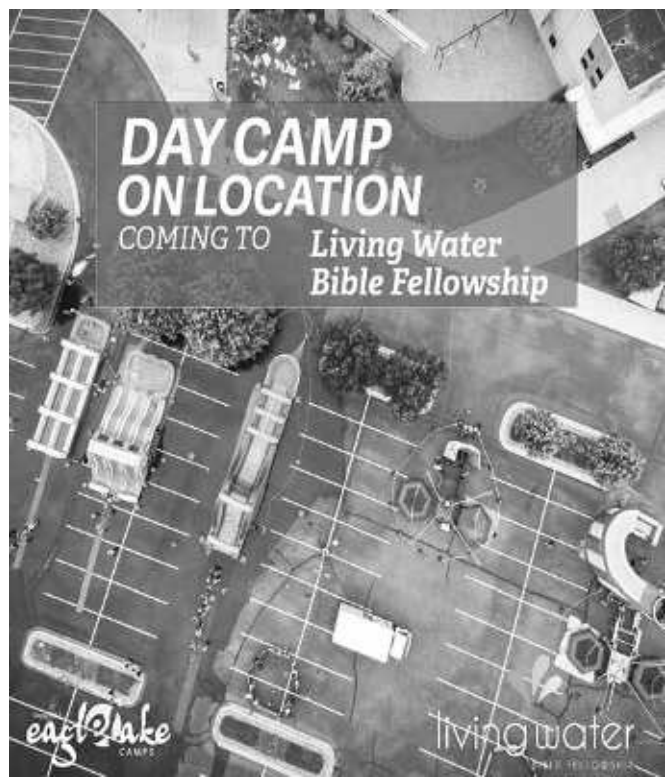
Street, Alamosa. Call Evelyn Espinola at 719-313-1466 or Alice Robinson at 589-0543.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:wcouzenssmith@gmail.com)



# Valley News

## Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad modified season

**CHAMA, NM and ANTONITO, CO** — The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad (C&TSRR) will launch its 2020 season on Saturday, June 13 with its first train of the season departing from Chama, NM. Originally, the C&TSRR's opening date was scheduled for Memorial Day weekend but the railroad delayed the opening and modified its schedule to align with restrictions surrounding COVID-19.

The historic steam railroad, twice voted North America's most scenic train by the readers of USA Today, will follow a modified schedule:

- From June 13 – September 11, one train a day will leave from either Antonito, CO or Chama, NM and stop at historic Osier, CO for a delicious lunch, included in the ticket price before returning to the station the train originated from.

- Trains will leave from Chama to Osier then return to Chama on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Trains will leave from Antonito to Osier then return to Antonito on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. There will be no train on Monday and no half-day rides.

- From September 12 – October 18, two trains will depart daily and run between Antonito and Chama with a lunch stop at Osier Station, following the traditional C&TSRR schedule.

- If you need to cancel your reservation this season, you will get a full refund if you cancel at least 48 hours prior to your trip.

- The 2020 schedule is subject to change and passengers will be required to follow all current federal and state safety precautions. Passengers are encouraged to check the website for the most up-to-date information.

"People were riding this railroad



Courier photo by Stephen Jiron  
**A frosted view from Cumbres Pass in Southwestern Colorado. The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad that showcases such beautiful scenery will launch an abridged season on June 13th.**

before the Statue of Liberty was built or the first National Park was opened," noted John Bush, president/CEO of the C&TSRR. "This railroad has steamed through our country's great history, in both challenging and prosperous times. We are grateful to continue our tradition of showcasing the untamed beauty of the Rocky Mountain West as it has been for centuries. These modifications were made to safeguard our passengers' safety and the viability of the railroad during these unprecedented times."

2020 Special Departures  
The C&TSRR will also offer a limited number of special departures in 2020. Reservations are strongly encouraged, and departures are subject to change.

Special departures include:

- 4th of July Dinner Train, leaves Chama at 5 p.m., dinner on Cumbres Pass, and a fireworks show, before returning to Chama at 10 p.m. There will be entertainment and a Fourth of July costume contest.

- Wildflower/Botany Train, August 2, 2020. This once-a-year special ride features acclaimed botanists who will discuss the native wildflowers and plants along the route.

- Dark Sky Dinner Train with Flamenco Guitar, August 15, 2020. Leaves Chama at 5 p.m., dinner on Cumbres Pass, with Flamenco guitar and festive attire encouraged. The train returns to Chama under a sky full of stars and a

Dark Sky.

- Sunset Dinner Train & Speakeasy, September 19, 2020. Leaves Chama at 5 p.m., dinner on Cumbres Pass with Speakeasy musicians and Roaring 20s attire encouraged. The train returns to Chama by 9 p.m.

Note that the sold out Fireman & Engineering Schools will operate as originally scheduled. Please check the website for up to the minute changes.

Historic Re-Launch of the #168 Postponed

The first official appearance of historic engine No. 168 has been postponed. The #168, one of only two locomotives of its class left in the world, has been completely restored to its original 1883 brilliance and was slated to return on Opening Day in 2020. Plans for the historic reintroduction of the storied #168 have been placed on hold. The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad will announce a new launch date as soon as possible.

Advance Reservations Recommended

With the abbreviated schedule, many rides on the C&TSRR, especially September fall color departures, will sell out well in advance. With historic equipment, it is not always possible to add additional cars to meet demand. To ensure that there are seats on the dates you want to ride, the railroad advises to please make reservations in advance at [www.cumbrestoltec.com](http://www.cumbrestoltec.com)

For complete information, visit: [cumbrestoltec.com](http://cumbrestoltec.com) or call 1-888-286-2737.

## Bingo Correction

**SOUTH FORK** — In Saturday May 23rd's Valley Courier an article ran detailing Bingo opening in South Fork with the first day of Bingo slated for May 28. Bingo for that day was cancelled last minute calling into question future sessions until further notice.



## Alamosa Voices supports food distribution

On Tuesday, May 19th the Alamosa School District announced a planned break in their food distribution service. The food services team had been providing a massive upscale of the food distribution program since the beginning of COVID-19 closures. The ASD food services team realized that hundreds of families relied on the District. They were preparing over 700 meals daily. They extended their services to provide meals through the week end. They set up a complex delivery service utilizing the Alamosa Transportation Department with over a dozen pick up locations across the community. Families and youth continued to rely on this important service and especially now food scarcity is a real and relevant concern. It was going to leave a large hole in food security.

On Wednesday, May 20th, Alamosa Voices, a loose coalition of community members, convened to consider supporting the food distribution program while the Alamosa School District took a well-deserved break. By Friday, EF's restaurant offered the use of their commercial kitchen and procurement of food. Ortega Middle School's Sources of Strength program coordinated volunteers for meal prep. The Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley coordinated efforts, purchased supplies and served as the central pickup location. Local businesses stepped up to support the effort as well. Safeway donated 10,000 bags. The Roast allowed the use of their cooler for food storage. Bimbo's bakery donated sandwich bread. Alamosa School



District transportation provided continued distribution.

By Memorial Day, May 25th seven volunteers assembled at 6am at EF's restaurant. They created meals for 600 people in three hours. By Tuesday, there were 10 volunteers and the momentum was building. By Friday over 25 volunteers had helped with the project. They created and distributed 12,600 meals over five days. They reached over 600 youth. Jamie Dominguez, of Alamosa Voices and EF's said, "That was a massive project but we got it done. Always a pleasure working with this group."

It was a phenomenal community effort that ensured that our youth and families were fed with high quality food.

The Alamosa Voices team wants to thank all of the community partners who helped with production, distribution, and coordination of this effort. Particularly they are thankful for the incredible work of the Alamosa School District and other Food Service providers who feed our youth everyday and will resume services on Monday, June 1st.

## SLV Federal Bank lobby opened

**ALAMOSA** — On May 27th, San Luis Valley Federal Bank opened its lobbies consistent with to Colorado's most current executive order.

- Each branch lobby will be open Monday – Friday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- Normal drive-up hours at each branch.

- Face masks are required if meeting with an employee in an office. Social distancing must be maintained.

- A limited number of members will be allowed in the building at one time.

- Restrooms are not be available to the public.

Safety of members and SLVFB Staff: SLVFB will continue to watch for



recommendations from the healthcare community and the CDC regarding the safety and health of bank members and staff. Additional cleaning precautions will be followed at each lobby. Sneeze guards have been installed, and member service staff will be wearing masks.

To find the latest updates from SLVFB about its response to the coronavirus pandemic, please visit our website [www.slvfb.com](http://www.slvfb.com).

## ASU

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The university also faces another problem. On May 27, 2020, a new performance bill was passed; outlining changes to the allocation formula for higher education funding. ASU must fulfill meet new standards to receive some sources of funding. These new standards

include (but are not limited to): ASU's share of Pell-eligible students, student retention rates, credential completion and so on.

The university continues to brainstorm ideas for cutting costs and staff are getting quite creative. Some solutions include:

eliminating fall's open positions, tightening the courses offered, or even combining courses/ departments. While many decisions remain up in the air, one thing is certain: ASU is ready to meet challenges head-on, to continuing providing quality education.

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# Opinion

## Valley Gardening & Stuff

Let's go back to Memorial Day. I told you we were going to participate in the parade, and we did. Larry, myself, and our two grandchildren, Peyton and Cash, both age eight. When we first got to the lot on 6th St. we were kind of disappointed, because there weren't many vehicles. But then...we looked towards Main St. and saw that the parade had already started, so we got in line.

Ruthie Brown

Valley Stuff

It was an absolutely amazing turnout! Not just the folks in the parade, but the folks along the route, waving the American flag. The patriotism could be physically felt—that's what many people said. It was great talking to our grandkids about why we were participating, and about their great-grandpa Red, and our freedoms.

It was pretty awesome to see them be inspired and argue about who got to sit by the window to wave our American flag.

It was so great to see the Colorado State Patrol, and Alamosa City Police, and Alamosa Sheriff's officers helping to direct traffic along the way. It's hard to put into words how wonderful their presence was. Maybe it was just their job, but I don't think so. They all wore the uniform well—even with masks on. I will be glad for the day when no one has to wear masks!

Meanwhile...Larry and I were thrilled to have a Green Spot 'staff meeting' at Square Peg Brewwerks on Wednesday! After 75 (I think) days of being shut down, they were finally able to open. As will the Colorado Farm Brewery this weekend. When I asked how this came to be, it was because of the Colorado Brewers Association and the Liquor Enforcement Divisions and business owners being able to meet and open up under certain conditions, such as having food available. At Square Peg, there are 3 restaurants within 1/2 block. At the Colorado Farm Brewery, this weekend and every weekend, they will have food trucks at their business. Certainly a good excuse to go out on date night!

Even though these businesses have opened up, it is still YOUR choice on whether or not you feel comfortable going into their establishments. That's what we try to teach our grandkids—personal choice, along with responsibility.

If the stress is getting you down... come by the Green Spot after I close, bring a lawn chair, and a beer from one of the above businesses and we will sit and visit. The fountain will give us a little ambiance. I say this because the grapevine is blooming, and the scent is heavenly! And...by the way...you need to bring me a beer too...light.

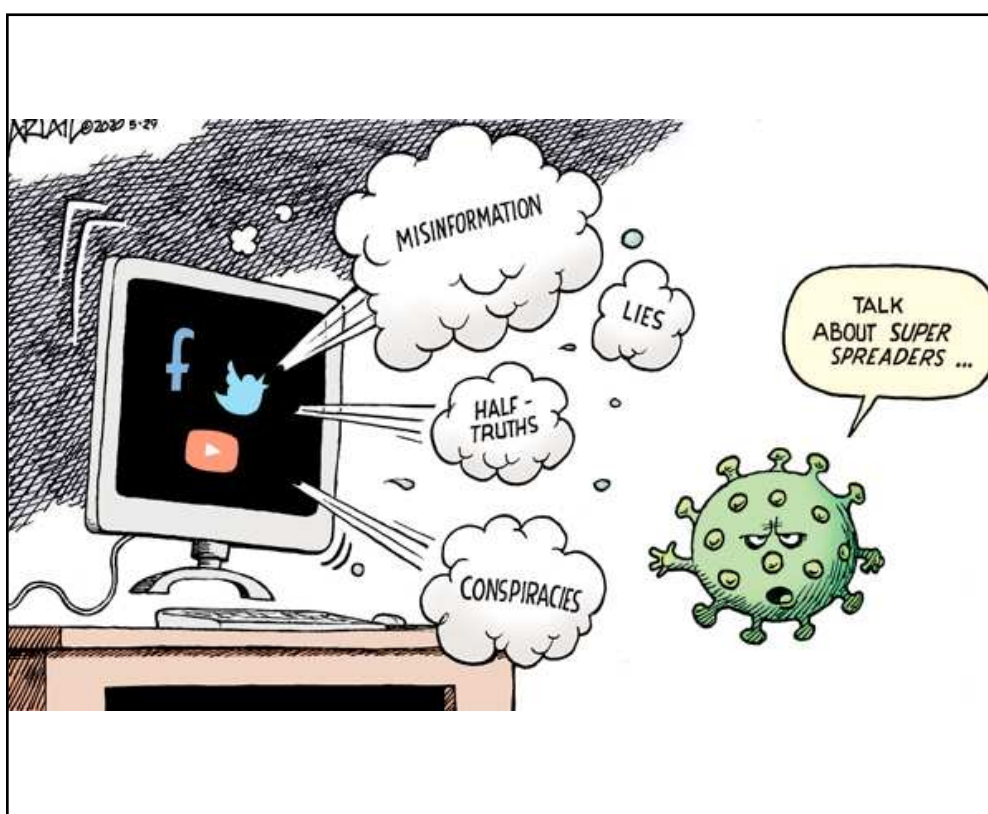
The bedding plant season is so intense! We get plants in every week, and I think I should almost be done, when I realize it is only the end of May! Doesn't it seem like it should be the end of June? The weather has been so hot, right? If you haven't planted your entire garden, you still have lots and lots of time. This weekend would be a great time to plant beans, or squash, if you haven't already.

You can also replant the tomatoes and peppers that froze. Can you believe that even some of the cold crops, such as broccoli and cauliflower bit the dust? Like I have said before.... it's all legalized gambling.

Thanks to Jack and Theresa Ruder for donating to my second flag project—so appreciated. I went out on a limb and ordered the poles and solar lights and flags because I know folks will help pay for this project. It's going to look really, really awesome!

If you want to see a nice little front yard landscape go by 203 Edgemont. Property owner Kelly Diss took out the grass a few years ago and did a beautiful mountain type xeriscape. It has some class, there is a water fall, it's beautiful. There are all kinds of low maintenance plants. This little paradise is one of my favorites in Alamosa, because it is still ALIVE, and not all rock---if you know what I mean.

In the next week or so, I plan on putting Mom's Garden under drip irrigation. I need to redesign the old system, and put in new on the north side. If you'd like to help, and learn, let me know. Ruthie Brown, the Queen, at 719-580-7838.



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## I'm a patriot if . . .

I'm a patriot even if I protest outside the capitol or local business.

I'm a patriot even when I question authority in the Whitehouse.

I'm a patriot when I am on welfare and food stamps.

I'm a patriot even if I live in public housing or century-old cottages in contrast to your million-dollar condominium and gold bathroom thrown.

I'm a patriot, a former higher education professor, a substance abuse preventionist, a reporter, a mom who also enjoys fine arts while participating as a voter.

I'm a patriot because I'm a citizen or a wannabe citizen.

I'm a patriot when I call for the end of immigrant detentions.

I'm a patriot even if I am over 65, contract COVID-19, or rely on a wheelchair.

I'm a patriot when I question others' interpretation of the U.S. Constitution.

I'm a patriot even when I'm against the war machine and subscribe on YouTube to Noam Chomsky, Democracy Now and NPR.

I'm an active patriot when I call for the administration to quit hoarding Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and to provide life-saving ventilators.

I'm a patriot and a believer and sometimes an atheist or agnostic. Other times

I follow Ancient Aliens.

I'm a patriot even when I'm not heterosexual or of Judeo-Christian heritage.

I'm a patriot even if I am "the other."

I'm a patriot whether I sing or not, serve in the military or not, and even when I call for Medicare for all like Germany, Finland, England and Canada.

I'm an active patriot whether or not I'm a democrat or reluctant-to-do-anything republican.

I'm a patriot when I wear a mask and follow social distancing protocol and encourage others to do so, too.

I'm a patriot when I fault you for being a hoarder to the detriment of others who also need toilet paper, hand sanitizer, disinfectant.

I'm a patriot even when you forget about the 1918 pandemic and the havoc of tuberculosis in the '30s and '40s.

I'm a patriot even if I support abortion rights and you don't— even while you seem to abort life by not caring about the 1-2% deaths from the Covid-19 virus in the vulnerable citizenry.

I'm a patriot even when I am aghast at the near 100,000 Covid-19 deaths in this country published on the front page of the New York Times.

I'm a patriot when I call the current administration nothing but a feral dictatorship that listens to other dictatorships on

the planet and those from the inglorious past.

I'm a patriot even when and if I use my right of free speech to burn the country's flag or when I take a knee at the sounding of the National Anthem before the game to make a point about injustices.

I'm a patriot because I do NOT listen to Fox and those cronies spewing fake news to the country and to the make-believe king in the Whitehouse.

I'm a patriot and a caring human being when I listen to scientists and Dr. Anthony Fauci instead of the would-be-king in Washington, D.C.

I'm a patriot and a compassionate being when I call for the arrest on murder charges of the police officer (with or without provocation) that snuffed out another innocent black life.

I'm a patriot and hold the right of free speech sacred—along with journalists who ask questions that you prefer not to answer because you do not want to be accountable to the American public.

I'm a patriot and I vote democratic because the platform supports human beings not corporations.

I'm a citizen of the U.S., a patriot, an educator, an astronaut, a senator, a counselor, a physician, a nurse, a bricklayer, a mayor, a hairdresser, a reporter, an accountant, a farmer, a stay-at-home parent, an engaging provocateur and I vote.

I'm indeed a patriot; so, write me at [columnsbynellie@gmail.com](mailto:columnsbynellie@gmail.com)

I'm a patriot and I vote.

### Movin' On with Nellie



Nelda Curtiss

## Spay and Neutering is key

First, as always, I'd like to thank all the people who have donated cat food, supplies and funds for veterinarian services, kitty condos and who volunteer time to keep our feral (community) cats healthy, safe, well-fed, and spayed/neutered. Funding is still needed in the Valley for cat food, as well as, volunteers on the ground for humane trapping. (Call Donna at 719-589-5952 719-580-9078 or Lisa Karst of SLV Cats Alive! at 719-298-7028.)

Donna Ditmore

Cat Tails

As a manager for cat welfare for ALPHA Humane Organization (non-profit, tax-exempt), I'd like to remind everyone to spay and neuter their inside/outside pets

to prevent disease and overpopulation. Those who have been spayed or neutered have their left ear clipped. This is a painless procedure that a vet performs while the feline is still under the anesthetic.

Consequently, with ongoing Trap/Neuter/Release (TNR) opportunities, the markings alert the trapper, "This one is fixed" and can be immediately released so it won't be needlessly stressed.

Never, never, never have a cat declawed. This is inhumane and painful as the paw is cut at the first joint. For example, there are other ways to prevent an animal from sharpening its claws on furniture. Scratch posts can be strategically placed near fur-

niture and slowly relocated once they like it better. A little bottle of deterrent can be used. It can be bought at any store's pet section. This product has a nice fragrance and is inexpensive. Other owners have spritzed the offending cat with a water stream from a bottle to successfully train against scratching furniture, as well.

Stay tuned for upcoming details on a spay and neuter clinic available in the future. ALPHA supports cat care and kitten rescue and networks with other agencies like Cats Alive! SLV and veterinarians Dr. Warren Deal at Monte Vista Animal Clinic and Dr. Casali, when available for other needed events like TNR.

This is Donna K's Cat Tales signing off for now. God bless you.

### LETTERS

## Justice for Floyd

Dear Editor,  
George Floyd was lynched on May 25, 2020, when Police Officer, Derek Chauvin knelt on Floyd's neck for 8 minutes and 46 seconds. In that span of little under 9 minutes Floyd's repeated cries of duress were ignored until he became unresponsive. This despite being surrounded by several other officers and a crowd of horrified onlookers.

For 8 minutes and 46 seconds Floyd choked, and no one acted. His death lies at the confluence of several issues; the militarization of the police force, overt racism, and criminal neglect, to name a few, but let us not forget the paramount factor in Mr. Floyd's death.

His Blackness.  
America is built upon the dehumanization of its Black citizens. This dehumanization is what allows for institutions such as slavery to not only come into existence but flourish in a world where these ideas are rewarded. It becomes a systemic problem, one where no justice can be reached because the systems of power are persistent in their view that Black Lives matter less.

How else could one explain the complete disregard for Floyd's life as he struggled for oxygen on the Minneapolis pavement?

In times like this, a Country should turn to its leadership for a calming hand and yet the President seems intent only on fanning the flames of conflict and dissent in the hopes of firing up his base for another campaign.

In response to the claims of 'looting' occur-

ring in Minnesota after the murder of Mr. Floyd, instead of pulling us toward calmer water Trump threatened them with the full artillery of the U.S. Military.

"When the looting starts, the shooting starts" he joked after referring to the protesters as thugs. This disregard of the protesters beliefs and their views is part of a larger erosion of dissenting voices in the discourse today.

The removal of Black voices from the public discourse is hardly new. It is easier to disenfranchise a group when you do not have to listen to their ailments. It becomes possible to pretend that a system built upon exploitation is actually beneficial to its execution.

And this is where the 'Riot' becomes a last resort against a system built on denying your humanity. In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, "A riot is the language of the unheard." To exist in a world built on denying your voice, a riot is a scream against that denial. It is a declaration of existence and a call for collective empathy.

Those who condemn the riots but remain mute on the continued slaying of Black people are committed only to the idea of justice. One that assumes we are equal because there is peace. But this is a false peace, achieved only through the forced silence of the most vulnerable members of our community.

In preparation for writing this piece I re-watched the video of Officer Chauvin killing George Floyd. After its conclusion I felt a flurry of emotions. I would not be able to pick the strongest one and I think



Courier photo by Meg Colwell

Protestors on Mainstreet in Alamosa tout signs in reaction to unrest in Minnesota

that's the point. It's okay to be angry, sad, or confused, but you have to feel something. The time for inaction has passed, and if we ever want to get past the 'false peace' we need true understanding.

Or there will be more riots.  
Signed, The only Black man in Alamosa, Calvin Brown

Editors Note: Former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin has since been charged with third-degree murder and second degree manslaughter.

Twitter flagged President Trump's incendiary tweet stating "This Tweet violated the Twitter Rules about glorifying violence".

# Lifestyle

## Draft guidance available for how schools can safely open in the fall

**Initial guidance will be adjusted over the summer as CDE receives feedback and the COVID-19 situation evolves**

**DENVER** — As schools plan for the 2020-21 school year under the extraordinary circumstances brought on by COVID-19, the Colorado Department of Education working alongside school district leaders and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has developed initial and draft guidance for reopening schools in the fall.

The 2020-21 school year will look different with new protocols for schools to minimize the spread of COVID-19. The Planning the 2020-21 School Year: Framework and Toolkit for School and District Leaders provides initial guidelines and ideas to help schools effectively manage all the new protocols and priorities this fall.

“I am amazed and grateful to our teachers and administrators for all they are doing to ensure that even during this historic pandemic, Colorado’s kids are still learning,” said Colorado Gov. Jared Polis. “These guidelines are an important first step on the path of ensuring dis-

tricts, families, and of course kids are prepared to the greatest extent possible for this fall.”

The toolkit is a working document and will be updated to reflect any new public health orders,

the status of our COVID-19 cases in communities across Colorado and any progress our medical community makes on treatment.

The toolkit will also be adjusted based on feedback from district and school leaders, teachers, students, other education staff, education organizations, the State Board of Education and advocates. In addition, an advisory committee with multiple stakeholders has been formed to provide extensive feedback on planning for the 2020-21 School Year. CDE is also requesting public feedback on the toolkit through this feedback form.

The top priority of the toolkit is to keep students and educators healthy. At the same time, children must continue to keep learning.

“Our first and foremost concern is the health and safety of students and staff,” said Colorado Education Commissioner Katy Anthes. “We are doing everything we can to make sure schools can safely open in the fall. I’m incredibly grateful to our teachers for their tremendous work transforming their lessons for remote instruction, but I think we can all agree that in-person learning at schools provides an important structure for our children, and it also supports working parents in their need to return to



Alamosa High School

Courtesy photo

their jobs.”

The toolkit includes sections on operational issues like health screenings, passing periods, cafeteria

operations, and buses, as well as suggestions on supporting a blended approach to learning through both in-person and online instruction.

## Colorado files lawsuit defending streams and wetlands

**COLORADO** — On behalf of the State of Colorado, Attorney General Phil Weiser filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Denver to protect Colorado’s streams and wetlands from a dangerous federal rule that would leave them vulnerable to pollution under the Clean Water Act.

By radically changing how the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers define “waters of the United States” that are protected under the Clean Water Act, the new 2020 rule will leave a substantial portion of Colorado’s streams and wetlands without federal protection and jeopardize the integrity and quality of Colorado’s waters.

“The federal government’s new definition of ‘waters of the United States’ violates the Clean Water Act, contravenes controlling U.S. Supreme Court precedent, and ignores sound science,” Weiser said. “This illegal action shirks the federal government’s responsibility to implement this law and thrusts on Colorado the responsibility of protecting water quality with limited warning and with no support to do so. We are bringing this lawsuit to stop this new rule and reckless action from taking effect.”

The Clean Water Act protects U.S. streams, wetlands and rivers from pollution. Previously, under Supreme Court precedent, the rule included ephemeral streams—streams that run because of melting snow or precipitation—and wetlands that aren’t connected on the surface to larger bodies of water.

“We need to challenge this action to avoid a bigger problem for our

economy at a time when our state is already hurting from COVID-19. Some flood control, stormwater erosion, transportation, and other important projects may not be able to move forward because the new rule takes away the permitting path needed to ensure environmental protection and project development. That’s a problem that we need to fix,” said John Putnam, Environmental Programs Director, Colorado department of public health and Environment.

The new 2020 rule does not include many ephemeral streams or wetlands without a surface connection. The lawsuit states that the new, narrower definition of the types of water protected under the Clean Water Act eliminates federal jurisdiction over a significant number of Colorado’s tributaries, adjacent waters, and wetlands that affect downstream waters, without providing any rational basis for the rule. This leaves Colorado’s snowmelt streams and wetlands vulnerable to pollution, which would negatively impact our state’s agriculture and outdoor recreation economy.

Through the lawsuit, Colorado is asking the court to maintain the definition in place since the 1980s and to stop the new, unlawful rule from going into effect. In so doing, Colorado is following up on its comment to the agencies, which praised earlier 2008 guidance as legally sound and grounded in science. Maintaining the status quo will also protect important agriculture exemptions, respect state authority to administer water rights, and provide the appropriate level of federal partnership.



A man fishes the Conejos River.

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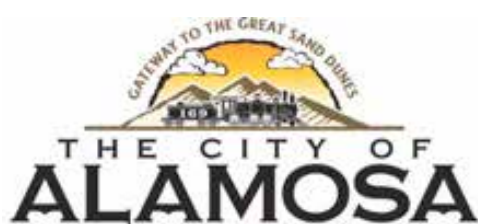
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# Lifestyle

## Imagine Your Story

ALAMOSA—The Alamosa Public Library is pleased to announce that the Summer Reading Program (SRP) begins on June 1. The SRP has been a staple of the library's children's programming for many years, and while pandemic modifications have been made, the library staff is committed to continuing the tradition of bringing engaging and creative literacy enrichment to our community. SRP performances in Cole Park have been put on hold until further notice, but the Read-for-Beads program will go on with some added hands-on challenges and projects. Online Registration is open and will continue all summer at [alamosalibrary.org](http://alamosalibrary.org). Programming runs June 1- July 31.



The theme this summer is "Imagine Your Story" and centers around fables, fairytales, folklore, and legends. While many may be staying close to home this summer, readers can go anywhere using their imagination!

Programming in June and July includes:

- Read-for-Beads!
- Find Larry the Library Gnome

- Weekly Literacy Enrichment Challenges & Project Packs
  - Raffle Prizes
  - Virtual performances from beloved past performers as well as new
  - Imagine Your Puppet Show video submissions
  - Storytime Online
  - Teen challenges and raffles
- Full details are available on the library's website: [www.alamosalibrary.org/summer](http://www.alamosalibrary.org/summer)

The page will be updated weekly regarding the week's programming,

so it is a one-stop-shop for all things SRP! Alternatively, please call the library for more details! (719) 589-6592.

Please Note: The Library's dropbox is unlocked and open for returns. We are offering curbside service Mon – Fri, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. by appointment only. Place holds on items for our library through our online catalog from [www.alamosalibrary.org](http://www.alamosalibrary.org) or call us at 719-589-6592 ext. 0. We will contact you to schedule an appointment to pick up your materials.

## Great Sand Dunes Implements Emergency Fire Restrictions



ALAMOSA —The entire area within Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve is under extreme fire danger due to below-normal moisture conditions combined with unseasonably warm temperatures and windy conditions. The resulting low

fuel moisture situation has created severe wildfire conditions and any fire ignitions may result in extreme fire behavior. Additionally, long term forecasts do not anticipate significant improvement in current conditions and the availability of firefighting resources is limited. Such conditions create a severe hazard to human health and safety and the potential for serious damage to park resources should a wildfire be ignited.

Therefore, to reduce the risk of fire and protect park resources the following restrictions are established under the authority of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.5 (a)(1) Closures and Public Use Limits, §2.13(c) Fires,

and § 2.21(a) Smoking.

The following acts are prohibited on the public land, roads, and trails within the National Park and Preserve regardless of land ownership, including private property and in-holdings, until further notice:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using an open flame including fire, campfire, stove fire, charcoal grills and barbecues, coal and wood burning stoves.
2. Smoking.

Exemptions:

1. Any Federal, State or Local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons using devices such as stoves, grills or lanterns with pressurized gas canisters for isobutene or propane that include shut-off valves.
3. Persons within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or building.

These restrictions go

into effect at 12:01 am on June 3rd, 2020 and remain until rescinded. Please call the Visitor Center at 719-378-6395 if you have any questions.

## Adams State recognizes outstanding graduates

ALAMOSA – Small class sizes and staying close to home attracted Brooke Mitchell, Sargent High School graduate, to Adams State University. She is graduating with honors in agribusiness and accounting on June 6 at the Spring 2020 Virtual Commencement Ceremony.

During her junior year, Mitchell accepted an internship with Wall,

Smith, Bateman, Inc., and she will continue working at the firm after graduation.

Her academic advisors met with her every semester to stay on track and graduate on time. "They were with me at every step and helped me find options for my future."

She graduated in four years with 150 credit hours and little debt, because of scholarships,

working and parental support. "I definitely am a different person since my freshman year at Adams State. I started college without focus, but after my first accounting class, it clicked. I am very happy with my decision and that Professor Rogers (Natalie Rogers, professor of business) helped convince me to be an accounting major."



Photo courtesy of ASU

Brooke Mitchell appreciated the opportunities at Adams State, which included an internship, which lead to a job after college.

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## Personal Protective Equipment Available for Colorado's Ag Operations

BROOMFIELD - Colorado communities and businesses in need of personal protective equipment (PPE) to support worker safety and operations of critical agricultural production in the wake of the COVID-19 public health emergency should make requests for equipment through local emergency managers.

As the growing season progresses for produce and other ag sectors in Colorado, the need for masks and other PPE is expected to increase

amidst the demand from other business sectors opening.

"Agriculture is an essential business and protecting worker health and safety is critical for the well being of every single person doing the work of getting food to the table, and for maintaining a strong supply chain," said Kate Greenberg, Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture.

A statewide listing of local emergency managers can be found here.

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No. 1459  
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The next quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers for Special Improvement District No. 1 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District is set for June 2, 2020 and will begin at 1:30 p.m. The Rio Grande Water Conservation District offices are currently closed to the public because of preventive measures to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, therefore, this meeting will be held by Zoom teleconference only. The public may participate and listen in to the meeting by dialing in to the Zoom Meeting/teleconference. To join please call either number: 1-301-795-8592 or 1-669-900-6833, enter the Meeting ID: 841 6447 5467##, and wait for the meeting to begin. There is no charge for this call. This meeting is open to the public.  
No. 1460  
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The Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Managers for Special Improvement District No. 3 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District will be held on June 4, 2020, and will begin at 8:00 a.m. The Rio Grande Water Conservation District offices are currently closed to the public because of preventive measures to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, therefore, this meeting will be held by Zoom teleconference only. The public may participate and listen in to the meeting by dialing in to the Zoom Meeting/teleconference. To join please call either number: 1-346-248-7799 or 1-301-715-8592, enter the Webinar ID: 858 0243 9569##. There is no charge for this call. This meeting is open to the public.  
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The next quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers for Special Improvement District No. 4 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District is set for June 2, 2020 and will begin at 9:00 a.m. The Rio Grande Water Conservation District offices are currently closed to the public because of preventive measures to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, therefore, this meeting will be held by Zoom teleconference only. The public may participate and listen in to the meeting by dialing in to the Zoom Meeting/teleconference. To join please call either number: 1-253-215-8782 or 1-301-715-8592, enter the Meeting ID: 827 1393 5271##, and wait for the meeting to begin. There is no charge for this call. This meeting is open to the public.  
No. 1462  
Published in the Valley Courier on May 30, 2020.

**SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET**  
The proposed 2020/2021 Sargent School District RE-33J preliminary budget has been submitted to the Board of Education and is available for public inspection. The budget is available by contacting the district administrative office by phone at 719 852-4023, option 6 or emailing flfoster@sargent.k12.co.us. The Board of Education will consider the adoption of the proposed budget at a hearing to be held on Monday, June 22, 2020, in the High School Library, and/or via Zoom virtual meeting. Any interested taxpayer may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to final adoption of the budget by the Board.  
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**COMMUNITY RESOURCES & HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
Is seeking bids and/or proposals for 12 self-help homes; to be built in the next year 2020-2021. All interested sub-contractors and suppliers are welcome to submit bids for the following:  
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Gutters & installation  
Sub-contractors or suppliers may obtain specifications & proposal packets during business hours 7:00 am to 5:00 pm @ 1016 West Avenue, Alamosa, CO  
Deadline for bids is June 12, 2020 by 5:00 pm.  
CRHDC reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all proposals and waive all formalities.  
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### 101 MEMORIALS

*In Loving Memory of Paul Gonzales Happy Birthday in Heaven*

*If only we could see you, If only we could hear you, If only we could hug you, If only, So loved, so missed by Mom, Mare and Albert*

### 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)

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

### 221 HELP WANTED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 221 HELP WANTED

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

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

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

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

### 221 HELP WANTED

**VALLEY TRACTOR REPAIR** has an immediate position open for an over the counter parts man with knowledge of Ag parts and tractors. This is a full time position with benefits. Please send resume to Ric Myers at [ric.manager@valleytractorrepair.com](mailto:ric.manager@valleytractorrepair.com) or can deliver to 2573 South County Road 6 East, Monte Vista, Co 81144 or call 719-852-0200.(6/3)

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**HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS** is now hiring a full time maintenance / janitorial / lawn care person. CPO certified is a plus. Apply in person. (6/2)

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

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

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

**OPEN POSITIONS AT Rio Grande Farm Park.** Paid Internship (June-August) and Project Coordinator VISTA (starting in August). Visit [RioGrandeFarmPark.org/Opportunities](http://RioGrandeFarmPark.org/Opportunities) for details or email your resume to [amber.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com](mailto:amber.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com).(6/3)

### 221 HELP WANTED

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

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

**ELEMENTARY TEACHER NEEDED** at Del Norte Elementary School for the 2020/2021 school year. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Aaron Horrocks at [ahorrocks@urtigers.com](mailto:ahorrocks@urtigers.com) or contact Aaron at 719-657-4030 ext 1001. Applications can be accessed online at <https://www.dncsd.org/business/employment-opportunities>.(6/23)

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### 221 HELP WANTED

**OFFICE MANAGER/BOOKKEEPER WANTED** in Mosca. Duties: General Office Admin, Bookkeeping, Manage online markets, Sales Tax, Payroll, QB Reports. Part-time \$18/hour. Send Resume and cover letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com Questions call 719-588-8245.(6/2)

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### 341 - GARAGE SALES

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**FREE KITTENS TO** good inside homes. Call 719-250-7597.(6/22)

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

### 369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

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# Comics

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**ACROSS**

1 Roman Antony  
5 Certain corp. officers  
8 Metal for galvanizing  
12 Fiendish  
13 Mr. Buchwald  
14 District  
15 — — grip!  
16 "Mr. Mom" co-star (2 wds.)  
18 Freeway access  
20 Pouch  
21 Head gesture  
22 Danced all night  
25 Up till now  
28 Weird-sounding bird  
29 Help with a heist  
33 By word of mouth  
35 Not fresh  
36 Peeves  
37 Ringo, once  
38 Astute  
39 Genghis —

41 Egg source  
42 Islands near New Guinea  
45 Incite Fido  
48 Hidden microphone  
49 Castle, in chess  
52 30th U.S. President  
55 Currier and —  
57 Crooked  
58 Pentagon VIP  
59 Kitchen herb  
60 Crafted  
61 Magazine execs  
62 Maxwell or Lanchester

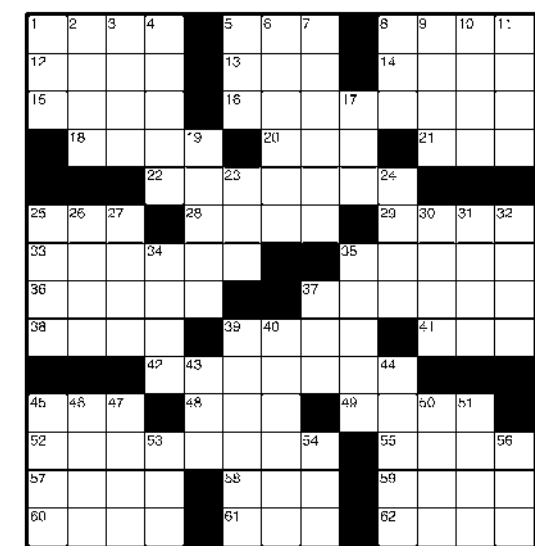
**DOWN**

1 Tilly or Ryan  
2 Declare  
3 Moreno or Rudner  
4 Device that grips  
5 Wine cask  
6 Magician's word  
7 Try too hard

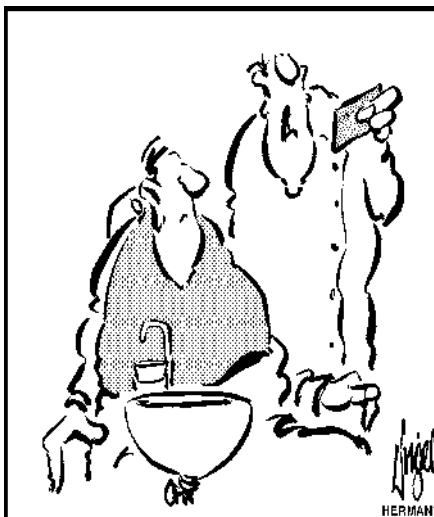


8 Zig's opposite  
9 Cyrus' realm, now  
10 Fiddling emperor  
11 Witty one  
17 Hotel freebie  
19 Becomes tiresome  
23 — Orbison  
24 Computer input  
25 Famed WWI sergeant  
26 Great Lake  
27 Yarn  
30 Hot soak  
31 La femme  
32 Promgoer

34 Camera's eye  
35 Baja gent  
37 Thud  
39 Temp fix  
40 Didn't share  
43 Teahouse attire  
44 Static  
45 Defraud  
46 Corn Belt state  
47 Wood amount  
50 Running track  
51 Small casks  
53 Strong soap  
54 Nav. officer  
56 Diver's milieu



## HERMAN



"Your teeth are fantastic, but your gums have to come out."

## 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.

"FAI DMAIGC PXEWH DAKYLM EWH  
EWLA LMY SAXGC LMRL SRDW'L EW  
LMY SAXGC PYOAXY ... ZZYXFAWY  
DMAIGC BXYRLY." — XEBJF HYXZRED

TODAY'S CLUE: F equals O

Previous Solution: "Reality is never as bad as a nightmare, as the mental tortures we inflict on ourselves." — Sammy Davis Jr.

## Stepmom goes a step too far claiming children as her own

DEARABBY: My former husband had an affair years ago, and when our divorce was final, he married the woman he was involved with. I'll call her "Libby."

Although I have moved on, it bothers me when she refers to my children as "her children." I have asked her to stop, but she continues to talk about "her daughter" and "her son" and insists it's a term of endearment and it shouldn't bother me. My children don't like Libby, so if she's trying to get the world to believe they're one big happy family, it isn't working.

I think it's rude of her to insist on telling people that these are her children. It's as if Libby not only took my husband, but she's also claiming to be the mother of my children. How should I handle this wretched person who refuses to get it? -- REAL MOM IN KENTUCKY

DEARMOM: Libby gets it, and she may persist in doing it in order to get your goat. But this is not a battle you should pick. It's possible "Stepmom" may simply be trying to acknowledge her role in the parenting equation.

about not washing their hands, whether at work or in public? I noticed at work that some of my co-workers walk right past the sink or rinse their hands with water for a second and then leave. I think washing your hands thoroughly with soap is more important now than ever, and not washing hands is a health hazard. -- WATCHING THE WASHING IN TEXAS

DEAR WATCHING: You are right. It is a health hazard. Everyone should realize that fact in light of the current health crisis. According to the Mayo Clinic, unwashed hands are spreaders of disease, which is why medical personnel and workers in the food industry are urged to be diligent about it.

That said, I don't think it would be prudent for you to assume the parental role and remind your co-workers to wash their hands after using the bathroom. You might, however, suggest to your boss, once people are no longer working remotely, that it would be wise to issue a memo about the importance of frequent hand-washing.

DEAR ABBY: My sister, "Camille," and I have almost nothing in common. She lives far from where I do. We have seen each



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other infrequently over the years, but when we have, she has always dropped a nasty comment or two, ridiculing me or my husband or our lifestyle.

She recently took early retirement and wants to come for a visit. Another sister says Camille is much more relaxed now because working full-time was very stressful for her. I gave up on a relationship with her long ago, and I have no desire to see or entertain her. We didn't even like each other as children. Yet, I'm feeling guilty about saying no to her visit. Is it OK to draw the line on contact with a family member? -- LEAVE ME ALONE IN WASHINGTON

DEAR LEAVE: Yes, it is. And it is also OK to tell her exactly why.

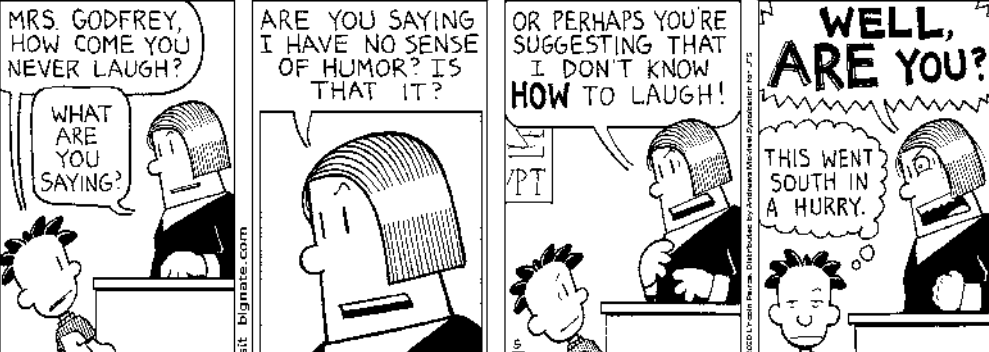
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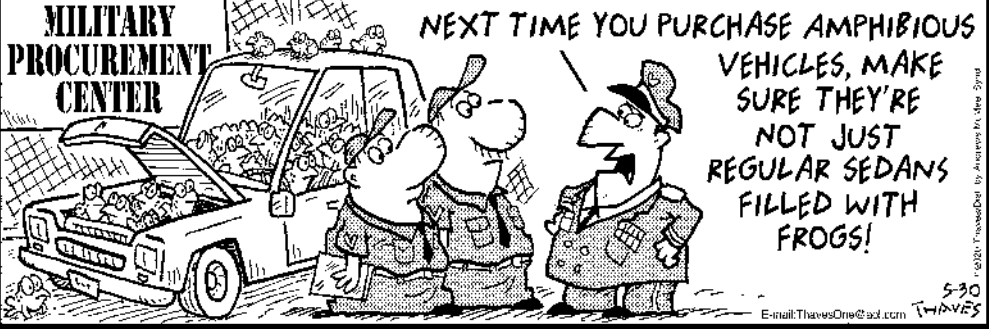
## THE BORN LOSER



## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



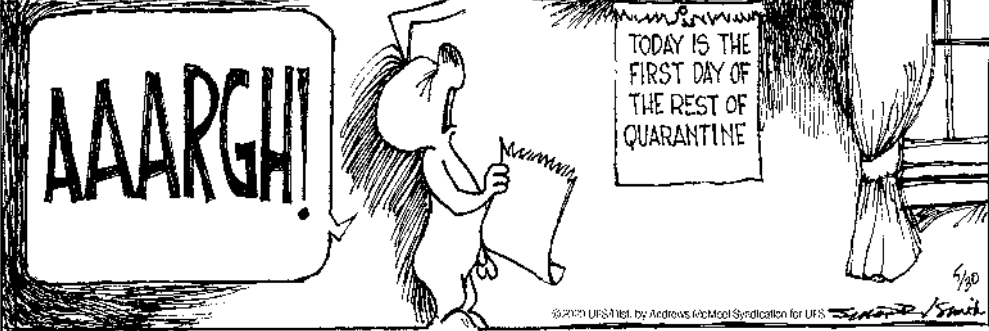
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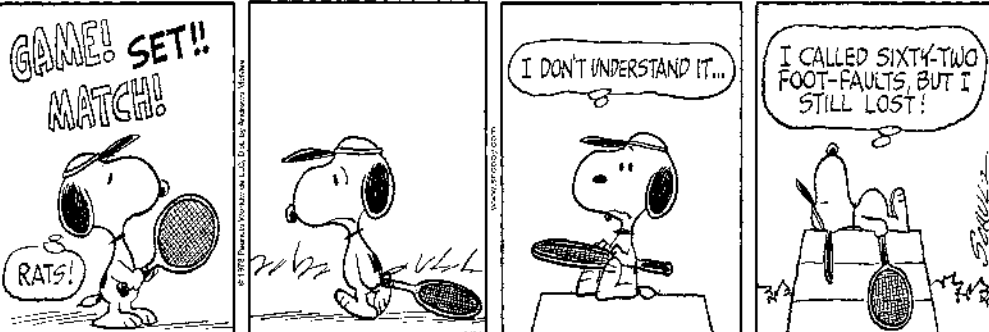
## GARFIELD



## THE GRIZZWELLS



## PEANUTS



# Sports

## Patience needed as states develop plans for restarting high school sports

By **KARISSA NIEHOFF**,  
*NFHS*

For several weeks, Americans have been awaiting answers to several questions. When will restaurants restart dine-in services? When will hair salons and gyms be open? When will people be able to congregate for worship services? And, of course, when will education-based sports and activities return?

And the answer to the all-important last question is the same as the first three – it varies from state to state.

If there was ever any doubt about the popularity and interest in high school sports and performing arts – and how much these programs have been missed during the past three months – it was erased last week as the NFHS released its Guidance for Opening Up High School Athletics and Activities document.

The response was non-stop through the mainstream media as well as our social media platforms as the first nationwide discussion about the return of high school sports and other activities was in full swing.

Since that disappointing week in mid-March when it seemed like all of life came to a halt, millions of people – from high school students, coaches, parents, administrators, officials and fans – have been looking forward to the return of school-based sports and other activity programs. And the guidance document offered some hope that soon the light at the end of tunnel will not be the oncoming train we have felt for many weeks.

Now, state high school associations are developing timetables and protocols for return of activities in their states. And those guidelines will be different from state to state. This is not a one-size-fits-all plan. Depending on the specific circumstances of a state with respect to the containment of the virus, its progression through the various phases of returning to activities could be much different than another state.

As the guidance document developed by the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee noted, our hope is that students can return to school-based athletics and activities in any and all situations where it can be done smartly. When it comes to education-based sports and performing arts within our nation's schools, nothing is more important than the health and safety of the participants AND the individuals conducting those programs.



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Some individuals have expressed concern that our guidance document is too cautious, noting that some non-school youth programs have already restarted in some areas.

In one state this past week, a non-school sports program was allowed to restart because the “data shows children are less affected by the coronavirus.” While the preponderance of evidence shows that to be true, plans in education-based activities will include also protection for adults who coach, officiate and administer those events, which may be seen as a more conservative approach.

Within high school sports, the drive of coaches and dreams of parents cannot run ahead of player safety. Last week, a successful high school football coach with three previous state titles was suspended for allegedly holding practices. And there have been reports of parents considering moving to another state with fewer COVID-19 cases to enhance the chance of their son playing football and earning a college scholarship.

The NFHS, through its Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, took action in developing its Guidance for Opening Up High School Athletics and Activities document. The various state high school associations are taking action in the coming weeks in developing plans for a return to activities at the state level.

Now, we would ask parents and other fans to take action – and that action is patience. The urge to return to normal is understandable, but the path back to where we were three months ago will take time, and that “time” will not happen at the expense of the safety and well-being of everyone involved in high school sports and performing arts programs.



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