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Graduation information

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

School Board meeting

LA JARA — A Regular Board Meeting for the North Conejos School District Board of Education will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020. This meetingwillbeconducted entirely via teleconferencing or videoconferencing. Agendas are available at the District Administration Office 17890 US Hwy 285, La Jara, Colorado, or on our web site www.northcone-

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Cloudy/Windy 83/43

Wed: Sunny/Windy 76/29

Thurs: Mostly Sunny 73 /31

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Graduation season in the valley

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Courier photos by Mea Colwell

Alamosa High School's seniors parade down Carrol Street in a procession that began at Adams State University on Saturday morning.





Courtesy photos by Dawn Krebs

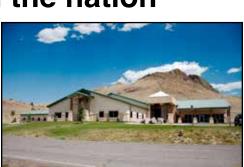
Left, the graduating seniors lined up in the front row of the Star Drive-In movie theater in Monte Vista on May 12, 2020. Right, the Sargent High School Class of 2020 graduation invocation was given by senior Luke Hoffstaetter

Rio Grande Hospital recognized among top 20 critical access hospitals in the nation

DEL NORTE — The Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals, including Rio Grande Hospital, scored best among critical access hospitals as determined by The Chartis Center for Rural Health CCRH for overall performance and quality. The rankings were recently announced by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA). NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and wellbeing of rural Americans and providing leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education, and research. NRHA membership is made up of 21,000 diverse individuals and organizations, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health. Forty "best practice" designations were also given to facilities that have achieved success in one of two key areas of performance, based on Index results: 1) quality: a rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across ruralrelevant process of care measures, and 2) patient perspective: a rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across all 10 HCAHPS domains. "NRHA is committed to ensuring our members have the best information to manage their hospitals," says Brock Slabach, NRHA membership services senior vice president. "We're pleased to recognize the accomplishments of these rural hospitals."

To receive the honor of one of the top 20 Critical Access Hospital (CAH), you needed to achieve success in overall performance. In the United States, there are more than 1300 CAHs, with 32 in Colorado. Rio Grande Hospital (RGH) was the only one in Colorado to receive such a high honor.

"We are often told that we are like family; we strive to deliver quality care and services to our community-that's our mission! They can depend on us." said Eve Timberlake, Development & Communications Officer



at RGH, "This honor a testament to that. We are proud of our physicians, providers, staff, and board for consistently helping us to achieve such accolades."

The list of Top 20 winners and best practice recipients, in alphabetical order and by category, is included below:

TOP 20 CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS IN THE NATION

Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital, Miller, S.D. Brodstone MemorialHospital, Superior, Neb. CHI St. Alexius HealthCarrington, Carrington, N.D. Clay County MedicalCenter , Clay Center, Kan. Gove County MedicalCenter, Quinter, Kan. Howard County MedicalCenter, Saint Paul, Neb. Jamestown Regional Medical Center, Jamestown, N.D. Kingman Community Hospital, Kingman, Kan. Mayo Clinic Health System-Red Cedar, Menomonie, Wis Mayo Clinic Health System in Saint James

Saint James, Minn. Miners' Colfax MedicalCenter, Raton, N.M. Osborne County MemorialHospital, Osborne, Kan. Rio Grande Hospital, Del Norte, Colo. * Sabetha Community Hospital, Sabetha, Kan. Sanford Mayville MedicalCenter Mayville, N.D. $The da Care\ Medical\ Center-Waupaca, Waupaca, Wis.$ Transylvania Regional Hospital, Brevard, N.C.

Upland Hills Health, Dodgeville, Wis. Wallowa Memorial Hospital, Enterprise, Ore. Westfields Hospital and Clinic, New Richmond, Wis.





Top, the truck carrying Alamosa's Emily Rodriguez-Lemus' streamers blow in the morning breeze as they approach Alamosa High. Bottom, Alamosa's Zeke Rangel waves from the sunroof en route to collecting a diploma.

SLV counties seek variances

SAN LUIS VALLEY In an effort to address local economic needs, several SLV counties have requested variances from portions of the Governor's current Safer at Home Public Health Order. Silver Thread Public Health District announced yesterday that their variance request was approved. We will have more information tomorrow about new

and pending variances for

additional counties in the

Valley. Conejos County Public Health is investigating possible COVID-19 exposures at the Conejos County Jail. One employee has been confirmed to have the virus. Close contacts of the confirmed positive employee have been instructed to isolate at home, monitor symptoms, and

be tested. ■ See COVID page 3

SLV COVID-19

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 5:30p.m. on May 18, 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.

SLV POSITIVE CASES

Alamosa County - 43

Conejos County - 1 Costilla County - 4

Mineral County - 2 Rio Grande County - 8 Saguache County - 18

HOSPITALIZED

ISOLATION COMPLETED

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

DEATHS

TOTAL TESTS

Total number of diagnostic test samples taken. This number is cumulative and is provided weekly.

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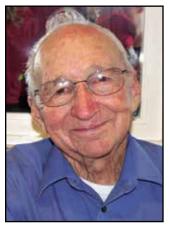
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OBITUARIES

James M. Ford

CENTER—Long-time resident of the Center, Colorado farming community, James M. Ford, left this world from his home on the morning of Wednesday, May 13, 2020, after a courageous battle with COPD and pulmonary fibrosis. He was born on July 29, 1929, in Hooper, Colorado to Herbert W. Ford and Evelyn Marie Rogers Ford and grew up on the family farm in the Center area. After graduating from Center High School, Jim farmed on his own before enlisting in the United States Navy serving as a Navy Corpsman attached to the 1st Marine Division in Korea. While on furlough in between training schools, he came back to the Valley to marry his fiancée, Nellie Susanna Beiriger on April 30, 1952. After the wedding, they went to South Carolina and



then San Diego. From San Diego, he was deployed to Korea where he served combat duty.

After serving in the military, he attended Adams State College obtaining an MA in education utilizing his GI Bill as well as working several jobs. His first teaching position was in Cope, Colorado where he also coached 6-man football, which was a learning experience for someone

who played 11-man football. He went on to teach in La Veta, Colorado which brought them closer to their families. After teaching for seven more years and several summer odd jobs later, Jim moved the family back to the Center area where he was able to resume his first love, While raising four

daughters, Judi, Jean, Joanne and Jolene and one son, James, the five J's (totally his idea), Jim and Nellie still found time to enjoy belonging to several local clubs, bowing leagues and the Sans-Souci Dance Club. They also belonged to the High Country 4-Wheelers Club enjoying the Colorado backcountry mountain passes driving the original Ford Bronco loaded up with kids, coolers and fuel eliciting smiles and laughter from other club members at the pit stops when everyone exited the vehicle. Jim and family also spent many summer weekends camping and fishing, eventually owning a trailer at Santa Maria which meant no more sleeping in an Army surplus tent that would leak in rainstorms causing the family to be all crammed into the family station wagon for the remainder of the night. After son-in-law, Danny, joined the family farm, Jim and Nellie were able to take a couple of extensive summer and fall trips to Europe, Scandinavia and Russia which provided many treasured memories for Jim which he most recently shared with his Visiting Angels.

After the kids were grown, Jim and Nellie loved spending their winters in Yuma, Arizona where they became friends with other retired farmers. Summer weekends were often spent in the gambling towns of Colorado and New Mexico, and even after Nellie passed away, Jim would go gambling by himself or with his son, James. Jim also enjoyed spending time with friends and family known as the "Lunch Bunch". Since he did not like to cook, his photo is on Calvillos Hall of Fame and at KFC they know his name. Jim is survived by his

daughter Judi Neufeld, son-in-law Danny, son James, daughter Joanne, grandson Brian Neufeld (Nicole), his favorite (and only) granddaughter Kristina Neufeld and her partner Christopher Graf, and great-granddaughters Landry and Kendall Neufeld.

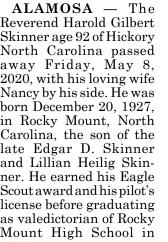
Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Nellie,

as well as daughters Jean

and Jolene. Having lived 90 years Jim had many stories, homilies, and memories that he loved sharing with any and all who were willing to sit down and spend a few moments with him. He was also a very generous and giving man often helping family, friends and neighbors. One of his favorite organizations that he always donated time and money to was the American Legion Center Post#131. For those wishing to honor Jim's memory donations may be made to the American Legion Center Post #131 in care of Tom Garcia, 564 Hurt St., Center, CO 81125. To express condolences, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com

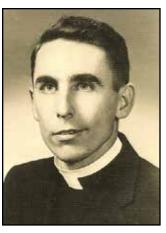
Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista is in care of the arrangements.

Harold Gilbert Skinner



After serving in the United States Army Air Force from 1946-1948 he attended Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, NC graduating as valedictorian in 1952. He was elected freshman and senior class president and best all-round male senior. Harold started dating his beloved wife Nancy Foil during their freshman year where they worked serving family-style meals in the dining hall. They were married on August 1, 1953.

Harold and Nancy moved to Chicago where he received his Masters in Divinity from Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1956 and was ordained as a Lutheran



pastor on June 10, 1956, by the North Carolina Synod. He served his Internship in Albuquerque, NM where their daughter Elizabeth was born. Their son David was born in Cheyenne, WY when Harold served as Mission Developer and pastor of Christ Lutheran Church from 1956-1958. He was $pastor of Trinity \\ Luther an$ Church in Cañon City, CO and was the first manager of Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp in Hillside, CO from 1958-1962. Their son Mark was born there.

The family moved to Greenville, SC where he served as pastor of St. Michael Lutheran Church from 1962-1973.

From 1973- to 1982 Harold was pastor of Wittenberg Lutheran Church



and Director of Karl W. Kinard Conference Center in Leesville, SC. He finished his pastoral career in Cherryville, NC from 1982-1992. He served two terms on the South Carolina Lutheran Synod Executive Committee and two terms on the North Carolina Lutheran Synod Council. He was a delegate to two National Church Conventions and served as District Dean in the South Carolina Synod and Conference Dean in the North Carolina Synod. He organized high school backpacking trips on the Appalachian Trail through Camp Lutheridge from 1971-1979. He continued hiking with his fellow pastors for 48 years.

He and Nancy retired to Hickory, NC, returning to live near their beloved Lenoir-Rhyne College where they attended countless football and basketball games, music concerts and plays. He and Nancy were very active in the Lenoir-Rhyne College Alumni Association, serving as national co-chairs of the Annual Fund. They were both conferred the Trustee Award of Lenoir-Rhyne on August 5, 2005. They traveled the world as members of the Airstream Caravan Club. He served as President of the Piedmont North Carolina Unit, was Region 3 Chaplain and was a devotional leader at the International Airstream Rally, travelling on countless Airstream Caravans.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Nancy Foil Skinner; daughter Elizabeth Skinner (Chris Wilmot) of New York City; son David Skinner (Fae) of Dallas, TX; and son Mark Skinner (Lou Ann Cheslock Skinner) of Alamosa, CO. He is also survived by a former American Field Service Exchange Student from Sweden, Maja Jansson Åberg (Christer & children Magda and Simon) of Säffle, Sweden, and a nephew and three

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Ellen Rogers, and two brothers, Edgar D. Skinner & Clarence G. Skinner. A celebration of his life will occur at a future date.

Memorials may be given to The Rev. Harold G. and Nancy Foil Skinner Endowment Fund, Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory, NC.

Maria Claudia Eufelia Espinoza



FORT GARLAND —

Maria Claudia Eufelia Espinoza, 104, went to her eternal rest on May 16, 2020, at the Evergreen Nursing Home. Eufelia was welcomed into the world on March 5, 1916. in Los Sauces, Colorado, the daughter of Candido Salazar and Maria Eugenia Gallegos Salazar. She was united in marriage to the love of her life Jose Manuel Perfecto Espinoza and the two shared a long and loving union until his passing. Eufelia and her husband owned and operated the Big Heart Cafe in Ft. Garland for 20 years. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend who enjoyed taking care of her grandchildren, cooking, gardening and caring for her flowers, plants, cats and dogs and praying the rosary. She loved the time



and friends.

She will live on through her daughter Connie (Maggie) Duarte of Ft. Garland, CO; son Robert (Debra) Espinoza of Ft. Garland, CO; 7 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, numerous greatgreat-grandchildren, sister Priscilla Lucero of Pueblo, CO; brother Lupe (Hidoko) Salazar of Denver, CO; sisterin-law Irene Salazar of Pueblo, CO. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins

and friends. Eufelia was preceded in death by her parents, husband Jose Espinoza, daughter Antoinette Eleanor Espinoza, siblings Antonio (Miguel) Gallegos, Eliosa (Ernesto) Naranjo, Angie (Pablo) Lopez, Victoria (Melico) Sandoval, Elvira (Adolpho) Marquez, Candido Salazar and Eusebio (Ad-

die) Salazar. Viewing and visitation will be held on Friday from 1-5 PM at the Rome-

ro Funeral Chapel in Alamosa. A Prayer Service officiated by Ezekiel Solis will be held on Friday at 7:00 PM at the Romero Funeral Chapel in Alamosa. A Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2020, at 10:00 AM at Holy Family Catholic Church in Ft. Garland. A Mass of the Resurrection will follow at 10:30 also at Holy Family Catholic Church. Interment will follow at the Ft. Garland Cemetery. To leave online condolences please visit romerofuenralhomes. com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home



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Susie Julia Jaramillo

LOS SAUSES — Longtime valley resident Susie Julia Jaramillo, 90, passed away on May 16, 2020, surrounded by her loving family at the Evergreen Nursing Home in Alamosa. She was born on July 28, 1929, in Los Sauses, Colorado to Jose and Lucrecia Marquez. She married Arthur Ben Jaramillo, Sr. on October 13th, 1956.

Susie loved spending time with her family and friends and especially loved cooking for guests.

She is survived by her children, Larry Marquez of Antonito, Colorado, Eva Jaramillo of Antonito, Colorado, Mark Jaramillo



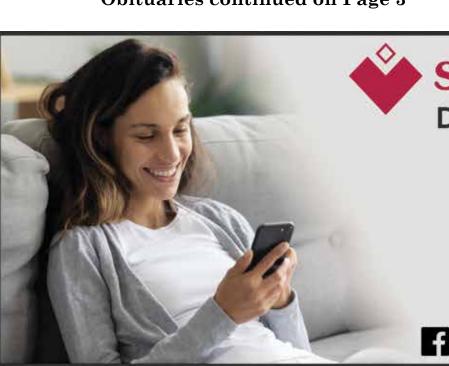
of Northglenn, Colorado and Yavanne Jaramillo of Taos, New Mexico, one grandchild, four greatgrandchildren and her siblings, Johnny Marquez of Antonito, Colorado and Orlinda Marquez of Alamosa, Colorado as well as numerous nieces, nephews and other extended family members.

Susie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her son Arthur Jaramillo, Jr. and her sister Lucy Salazar.

A private family graveside service will be held at the Los Mesitas Cemetery in Mogote and a Memorial Mass will be scheduled at a later time, to be announced. To express condolences, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com

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

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Valley News

Persevering through technical difficulties

By MEG COLWELL $Courier\ Reporter\ \&$ La Puente AmeriCorps Volunteer

ALAMOSA — With all the negative news circulating these days, La Puente wanted to share an inspiring story of heartfelt service. La Puente's Adelante program serves families across the San Luis Valley. Adelante understands families still need help during this pandemic—perhaps especially during this pandemic. Thus, staff and volunteers continue to safely serve clients.

In the past few weeks, an Adelante client has encountered the familiar pitfalls of remote learning -namely, the inequality in access. In true La Puente fashion, staff have partnered with the others in the community, to ensure the family has proper access to virtual classrooms and assignments.

Pretsy is an Adelante Family Advocate, with the Colorado Community Response Program; and was assigned to this particular family. The family faced two problems: their autistic child wasn't receiving appropriate attention and they lacked the technology remote learning requires.

The autistic child was falling through the cracks, receiving advanced assignments and struggling. Though there were only a few remaining weeks of school left, Pretsy understood the

significance of falling behind at the end of the school year; and how much harder it would be to catch up after a summer break. So, she took initiative and worked with the school; eventually securing appropriate assignments for the

The family also lacked a computer. Thus, their kids resorted to completing assignments via cell phone. This was a huge hassle and not always reliable – as mobile versions of websites differ greatly from what would appear on a computer screen.

Adelante was able to connect the family to SLV BOCES, who then helped connect the family to Blue Peaks Developmental Services. Together, the organizations were able to provide the family with a much-needed laptop;

and the children were able to complete assignments much easier.

Presty's efforts represent Adelante's larger values and tenacity. Her

partnership with other community members is a wonderful example of how unity is necessary to success. Together, we can.

Brown case continued

ALAMOSA — Monday morning Shem Brown appeared in front of Judge, Michael A. Gonzales for a status hearing. At Monday's hearing Brown had received an offer from the prosecution. The Coronavirus continues to make things difficult in the legal system and Brown's attorney Riley Selleck needed time to discuss the terms of the offer with his client. Brown will have a status conference on June 1st at 10 a.m.

On October 29, 2018, No Bond Felony Warrants had been issued for Shem M. Brown, Robert P. Martinez and Shawndon J. McVey in connection with the August 29, 2018, murder of Mathias Fritz and for the assault and shooting of Alma Salazar. Information was obtained from Crime Stoppers which led to the identification of the three suspects. Multiple search warrants were served which provided information to charge the



three with Murder in the 1st Degree, Kidnapping Robbery, Felony Menacing, and multiple Crimes of Violence enhancers.

COVID

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Due to the use of masks, proper cleaning and hygiene, and limited contact, inmates are at relatively low risk. Right now, there is no outbreak at any facility in Conejos County. Conejos County Public Health is actively monitoring the situation and updates will be available soon.

This week is National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) week. We would like to recognize and congratulate our local EMS agencies in their efforts to keep people alive, and especially their willingness to continue during the COVID pandemic. They put their own lives at risk every day to help save others.

We would also like to recognize the difficult work of Alamosa County Public Health in helping to contain the recent outbreak in Alamosa County. Mushroom Farm employees have been diligent in keeping themselves and each other healthy by carefully following public health recommendations. Several of them have now completed their isolation periods successfully.

Today, there were no confirmed positive tests, so our number remains at 76. Fifteen of those cases were hospitalized, and thirty-two have completed isolation. County case counts and other San Luis Valley data are updated weekdays at slvemergency. org/slv-covid-19. Last week we reported in error that the SLV had a

22% COVID-19 testing positivity rate. We re-evaluated the data and updated it with increased testing data over the weekend. As a region, our positivity rate right now is just above 10%, which means we are in line with recommended testing levels, although Alamosa and Saguache counties are significantly higher at 15%

and 19% respectively when measured separately. The higher the percentage, the greater the need for more testing. The more testing we do, the more accurate the numbers become.

ALL symptomatic individuals are now encouraged to pursue testing. Please call one of the nurse-lines below to start the screening process.

- · Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990
- SLV Health Nurse Line 719-589-2511 ext. 9
- Valley-Wide Health Systems 719-589-3658 ext. 9

SLV COVID general questions 719-480-8719. You may also email your questions to slvepr@alamosacounty.org.

OBITUARIES

Theresa Lyn Jimison (Kocerha)



ALAMOSA — Theresa Lyn Jimison (Kocerha), 53 of Pueblo, passed away on May 11, 2020.

Theresa was born on August 19, 1966, in Colorado Springs, grew up in Simla and Alamosa. Theresa is survived by her husband, Daryn Jimison; stepdaughter, Laura Jimison; brother Curtis Kocerha (Shelley and children); aunts, Edith Marchbanks and Lois Ann Bradshaw;

niece Felicia Kocerha (and children); nephews, Yancy Mann and Quinton Mann; and step-children Annette Marquez, Bonnie Atencio, Melissa Lopez, Hope Atencio, Gilbert Atencio, and Andrew Atencio.

Theresa is preceded in death by her son, Dustin Atencio; parents, Ernest Kocerha Sr. and Judith Kocerha; paternal grandparents, John and Maymie Kocerha; maternal grand-

parents, Stanley Sr. and Margaret Marchbanks; brother Ernest Kocerha Jr.; numerous aunts and uncles. Theresa attended Alamosa High school where she graduated in 1984. She then went on to attend San Luis Valley Educational Center for her LPN. When she graduated from there she took a job at Salida Hospital as a nurse. Theresa then returned to Alamosa where she found her love of being an ER nurse. She would work other floors and found a love for the labor and delivery floor but she still considered herself addicted to the adrenaline of the ER.

Theresa was also an EMT, EMT Intermediate and had gone to school to be a paramedic. She was the SLVRETAC coordinator and then the Southern Colorado RE-

TAC coordinator. Theresa was always known for her upbeat spirit and positive

Memorial Service, 10:00 am, May 23, 2020, The Vineyard of Pueblo, 10 University Circle, Pueblo 81005. Due to COVID-19 restrictions services will be held outdoors. They will also be live-streamed on Facebook through the Vineyard of Pueblo Facebook page.

Betty Jo Coronado

MONTE VISTA -Betty Jo Coronado, 82, of Monte Vista, Colorado passed from this life into eternal

life on the evening of May 13, 2020, in Del Norte, Colorado at Rio Grande Hospital. She was born October 13,

1937, in Taos, New Mexico, to Samuel Crawford and Jenny

Martinez.

Betty was a long time, resident to Monte Vista, where she enjoyed gardening, babysitting, going to church, working on jigsaw puzzles, word search puzzles, cooking, baking, and spending time with her family.

Betty is survived by her husband, Jose Coronado; brother, Patrick Crawford; daughter Joy

(Eduardo) Rascon, and granddaughter, Marianita (Ruben) Hernandez.

Betty is also survived by her other children; Olivama (Charles) Nixon, Toni Lee (Ramon)

Palma, Samuel (Joann) Valdez, Jenny Annette Valdez, Betty Jean Velasquez, Fay Helen

(Alfredo) Martinez, and Joseph (Lorena) Coronado. Her siblings; Bill Crawford, Litabell

Vigil, Frances Lewis, and Mike (Carol) Crawford, and her many brothers and sisters-in-law. Along with her 17 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great

grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents; grandsons, Eduardo N. Rascon, Samuel Valdez Jr, Daniel Sanchez; motherin-law Tanislada Coronado; great-grandson, Christopher Santiago de Jesus; grandchildren, Billy, and Natasha Archuleta; daughter, Mary-Anne Valdez, and brother, Samuel Crawford Jr.

Betty was very loved and will be greatly missed. Services will be held at a later date. The

family will reach out when a date has been set. Arrangements in care of Strohmayer's Funeral

MANASSA — Longtime valley resident Bobbie Lynn Bagwell, 62, passed away on May 16, 2020. She was born on April 15, 1958, in Havre de Grace, Maryland to Stancil and Bertral Bagwell. As a young woman, she was very involved in the 4-H and the Manassa Saddle Club. Bobbie was a lifetime member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She was the Church Librarian for many years, she was also an active member of the Celebration Committee. She worked for 24 years at Friday Health and she truly loved her job and treasured her co-workers. Bobbie loved animals, especially dogs and horses, fishing in the mountains, spending time with her parents and her friends and family, she loved to read and creating beautiful stained glass artwork. She enjoyed decorating for Hallow-



een. She will always be remembered by the family around Christmas time when they partake of the family tradition of hamburgers and eggnog.

Bobbie is survived by her parents, Stancil and Bertral Bagwell of Manassa as well as her brothers Scott Bagwell and Carl Bagwell both of Manassa. As well as numerous nieces, nephews and extended family. Bobbie was especially fond of her nephew Gerald Bagwell also of Manassa.

She was preceded in death by paternal grandparents Lester and Faye Bagwell and maternal grandparents Berton and Vidella DePriest, and brother Stancil Bag-

A visitation will be held Thursday, May 21, 2020, at the Rogers Family Mortuary in Manassa from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A private family graveside service will be held at the Manassa Cemetery. Contributions are suggested to the Manassa Third Ward Missionary Fund and may be made in care of the funeral home office. To express condolences to the family, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com

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

Marguerite "Margie" Elizabeth Khelik

CAPULIN — Marguerite Elizabeth Khelik, "Margie" passed peacefully on May 9, 2020, in Denver Colorado. Her final days were spent surrounded by the love of

Margie was born on

May 2, 1944, in Denver Colorado to Sigifredo and Eileen Rivera. Margie was raised with her three sisters Kathy, Sharon, and Jenny, by her Aunt Elicia "Alice" Rivera in the southern Colorado town of Capulin. Margie always had great stories and fond memories of growing up in the valley. She graduated from Capulin High School in 1962. She went on to earn an associate degree in cosmetology. She married Sami Khelik in 1965 and settled in Aurora Colorado.

Margie lived a full life the girls for school and as a wonderful and dedido their hair. On Saturcated mother, homemaker days, she would take the and worker in the retail



sector. She was also an active member of St Pius X church. Margie treasured her children and embraced every moment with them, instilling in her sons, strong values that have served them well. After retiring, she dedicated her time to her grandchildren. She insisted on being called "granny" because she felt that was younger than "grandma" Margie was always there to dress basketball games.

Margie loved the holidays and family get-togethers. She baked cookies at Christmas with a kitchen full of grandchildren. She cherished visits from family and friends. Margie never knew a stranger and could talk with anyone. She had the patience to teach crocheting and needlepoint to her grandchildren and had endless amounts of love and care to give. She always knew what to say. Margie had a sense of humor that she passed on to all her children and a smile to warm your soul. She was a strong independent woman who was always honest. She had the ability to command the energy of

Margie is survived by her sons Methaeb, Anass and Hammed of Aurora Colorado; her grandchildren and greatgrandchildren, and her

PENDING OBITUARIES

Mary Louise Espinoza

SANFORD — Mary Louise Espinoza, passed away May 17, 2020. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Blanca Garcia-Flores MONTE VISTA —Blanca Garcia-Flores, 51 passed away May 16, 2020. Ar-

rangements are pending and have been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Monte Vista. Sandra Kay Hon

MONTE VISTA — Sandra Kay Hon, 77, passed away May 16, 2020. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

Donald Mowen

MONTE VISTA — Donald Mowen, 91, passed away May 16, 2020. Arrangements are pending with Romero Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

Lifestyle

KRZA History

By PAT STANFORD Historic Preservation Advisory Committee

ALAMOSA — This month is historic preservation month, a time when we reflect on the importance of maintaining structures that symbolize the history and culture of Alamosa and more broadly the San Luis Valley.

One of the structures on the Alamosa Historic Registry is the KRZA building located on State Ave. at 9th St. State Avenue is the main thoroughfare of a modest Hispanic neighborhood that developed south after the city was founded in 1878. The KRZA building, which was constructed in 1890, was initially a residence owned by Lizzie Hurst who lived there for many years and passed the property on to her daughter. In 1943 ownership was passed to the First Church of the Nazarene, and later to the Hansen family who lived there until 1971.

In 1972 the building changed ownership again. Ownership was transferred to the Centro de La Raza por Educacion y Opportunidad, which operated the Colorado

promoting the civil rights and welfare of migrant workers. They remained in the building and as an active organization until the mid-1980's. In 1984 Radio KRZA moved into the building and began broadcasting the following year, opening a new chapter in the building's

In the course of 130 years the building's use has changed from dwelling to church to dwelling to office building to radio station. It is not surprising that the building had that fate. Its location on

is fairly prominent in the neighborhood. It has the tall side walls and steeply pitched roof that recall the iconography of a church.

Records of the County Assessor's Office indicate that the building was renovated in 1972, which coincides with the Migrant Council's acquisition of the building. The Assessor's records also document the addition of the greenhouse on the south side of the building, which occurred

in 1978. The building itself is a vernacular residence with Queen Anne features. The exterior retains substantial amounts of original fabric including the distinctive roof line, gargle end trim, roof detailing and exterior windows. It is significant because of its association with the early history of the south side of Alamosa, for its association with the Church of the Nazarene, and its association with the Colorado Migrant

The history of the building is, in a way, the history of a neighborhood. Many snug modest brick bungalows employ the same design features that can be found there. While the building retains many unique features it is in need of serious repairs, and plans are being made to try and restore the structure so as to preserve it for future generations. This building is a compelling example of what historic preservation month



Search for Morphew continues

Members of the Chaffee County Sheriff's Office, with assistance from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), continue the search for Suzanne Morphew.

Ms. Morphew is a Chaffee County woman reported missing on May 10, 2020.

On Sunday, May 17, members of the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office Dive Rescue Team searched water sites in the area. (Please see attached image.)

As the investigation into Suzanne Morphew's missing person case moves forward, Chaffee County residents are being asked to preserve any and all video footage from devices such as Ring doorbells, security cameras, game cameras, etc., from May 8th thru May 12th.

Citizens are only being asked to preserve the video at this time. Please do not send these videos to the sheriff's office or call the sheriff's office. As search areas are identified, investigators will contact residents in those locations to collect any camera footage within that May 8-12 window.

One of the most helpful

wavs the community can aid in the search of Suzanne Morphew is by preserving these recordings," said Chaffee County Sheriff John Spezze. "We are aware that some systems override video after several days, and we want to ensure video remains available if needed.

The Chaffee County Sheriff's Office asks the public to continue to report any information about this case

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Lawn and Garden

Pollinators are an important part of gardens

A thriving backyard garden requires homeowners to take steps to ensure the



ronment in which to grow and thrive. The right tools and components, including trowels, rakes, soil, amendments, and fertilizer, can help gardeners create beautiful spaces. It's also important that pollinators are made to feel welcome in the garden. The United States De-

partment of Agriculture Courtesy photo

The USDA notes that insects and other animal pollinators are vital to the production of healthy crops for food, fibers, edible oils, medicines, and other products.

reports that one-third of all agricultural output depends on pollinators. The USDA notes that insects and other animal pollinators are vital to the production of healthy crops for food, fibers, edible oils, medicines, and other products. Pollinators also are essential for maintaining habitats and ecosystems that many wild animals rely on for food and shelter.

The U.S. Forest Service says that, without pollinators, the human race and all of the earth's terrestrial ecosystems would not survive. Pol-

roots, stems, and other

lination done the natural way often yields large, flavorful fruits.

Pollinators are makeor-break components of large-scale agriculture, and they're just as important in private home gardens. The Pollinator Partnership, an organization that works to protect pollinators and their habitats across North America, says pollinators include bees, butterflies, beetles, birds, and bats. These animals travel from plant to plant carrying pollen on their bodies. The following are some ways to maintain healthy

pollinator habitats.

Consider the soil and types of plants that will thrive in it before choosing what to plant. Fix drainage issues and plant with sunlight in mind. Vary the colors and

shapes of plants to attract a greater array of pollinators. Plant flowers close to vegetable gardens to attract pollinators. · Group plants to-

gether when planting to more effectively attract pollinators. · Select plants that flower at different times

of the year so that nectar

and pollen sources are available year-round.

Whenever possible, choose native plants.

· Avoid the use of pesticides.

Provide a water source for pollinators, such as a shallow dish with stones half-submerged for perching.

Pollinators are important for gardens, whether those gardens are commercial operations or small backyard plots. Allow pollinators to share spaces and be mindful of behaviors that can threaten their survival. TF206026

Improve soil quality for a better lawn

A lush, green lawn can vastly improve a home's curb appeal. Thick, healthy grass indicates that homeowners care enough about their properties to invest the time, effort and money to make them beautiful.

According to the landscaping tool company Troy-Bilt, soil fertility is lawns. In fact, the quality of the soil is essential whether one is growing acres of grass, potted plants or vegetable garden beds. No matter which type of soil a homeowner is working with, there are various ways to make it

Thatch is a tightly knot-



with, there are various ways to make it better.

No matter which type of soil a homeowner is working

debris that accumulates between the grass blades and the soil. Too much thatch can hinder the movement of water, air and nutrients into the soil. According to organic fertilizer company Organo-Lawn, thatch often occurs if the production of dead Remove thatch organic material in the lawn exceeds the ability of the microorganisms in the soil to break down that organic matter. A halfinch of thatch is normal. If thatch gets too thick, it will need to be removed.

> ing rake. Aerate

A lawn aerator will create holes in the soil. This can improve drainage and encourage worms and helpful microorganisms that require oxygen to thrive in the soil. The Briggs & Stratton Company says the best time to aerate a lawn is during the growing season when the grass can heal and fill in any holes, such as spring and fall. Aeration can help

The home improvement

resource DIY Network

says dethatching can take

place in the summer, fall and winter using a thatchdevelop deeper grass roots for a healthier lawn.

Test and amend soil

A great lawn has loamy soil, which has a key ratio of clay, silt and sand. Silt is a granular material of a size between sand and clay that originates from quartz and feldspar. It is the most fertile of the three types of soil components. Sand does not retain water, but it helps to create spaces in the soil that permit air to circulate. Clay particles are small and bind together tightly, but clay is naturally nutrient-rich. The home improvement site BobVila.com says loamy soil should have equal parts sand and silt and half as much clay.

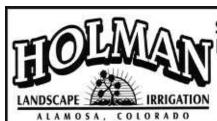
If the lawn is not yet established, loamy soil can be created and then the grass seeds planted. For established soil, after removing thatch and aerating, top-dressing the lawn can help. This involves adding a thin layer of soil over the lawn. It can improve the soil without

killing the existing turf. Ideally, it should be done in early fall or spring, as this gives the grass time to grow through three to four more mowings

before severe heat or cold

Healthy soil is vital to a lush lawn. It takes a little work, but improving soil can create vibrant, healthy, green grass. GT204792

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in Case No. W-3326. Therefore, LJ Farms believes that the decreed

legal description of the point of diversion for Well No. 1 (W-3326) in the decree entered in Case No. W-3326 is erroneous. 8. Names and

addresses of owners or reputed owners of the land on which any new

diversion or storage structure, or modification to any existing diver-

is or will be stored, including any modification to the existing storage

pool. LJ Farms is the only owner of the land upon which new diverstorage structures, or modifications thereto, WHEREFORE, LJ Farms respectfully requests that this Court enter a

decree approving this Second Amended Second Amended Applica-tion for Change of Ground Water Rights and Confirmation of a, but

not the only, Lawful Place of Use of Surface Water Right, and granting

all such other and further relief, whether legal or equitable, as the

2020CW6 Dwayne Catalano, 2946 Road 104 North, Mosca, CO

81146, 719-378-2216 and 719-588-3003, dwaynecatalano@hotmail. com. Application for Change of Water Rights in Alamosa County. Part A-2. Name of Structure: Well No. 4, Case No. W-350. Permit No.

12716-F, WDID 2008904. A. Well No. 4, Case No. W-350, Permit No. 12716-F was decreed on August 1, 1974, and an Amended Decree was issued on September 19, 1974, to applicants Sam Catalano and

Georgeanna Catalano. B. Decreed Location of Well: NW1/4 SW1/4 of

Section 19, Township 39 North, Range 9 East, NMPM, at a point 1321

feet from the South Section Line and 60 feet from the West Section

Line, in Alamosa County, Colorado. The GPS location of the well is determined by the DWR to be in UTM Zone 13S NAD83 0408297 mE

and 4162701 mN. This GPS location verifies that Well No. 4 is actu-

ally located within the SW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 19, Township 39 North, Range 9 East, NMPM. The Applicant herein requests the decreed location of Well No. 4, Case No W-350 be corrected. C. De-

creed Amount: 1700 gpm, being 3.78 cfs. D. Decreed Source of Water: Confined Aquifer. The depth of the well is 168 feet with 19" casing.

The well has plain casing from 0 feet to 115 feet and perforated cas-

ing from 115 feet to 168 feet. E. Appropriation Date: June 15, 1968. F. Use: Stockwater and irrigation of 160 acres in the SW1/4 of Section 19, Township 39 North, Range 9 East, NMPM. 3. Name of Structure:

Well No. 1, Case No. W-2784, Permit No. 54605, WDID 2012935. A

7. 1977, to applicant Howard M. Catalano, B. Decreed Location of

Well: NW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 23, Township 39 North, Range 9 East, NMPM, at a point 1665 feet from the South Section Line and 165 feet

from the West Section Line, in Alamosa County, Colorado. C. De-

creed Amount: 15 gpm, being 0.033 cfs. D. Decreed Source of Water Confined Aquifer. The depth of the well is 400 feet with 3" casing. The

amount of plain and perforated casing is unknown. E. Appropriation

Date: May 15, 1944. F. Use: Domestic. 4. Name of Structure: Permit No. 54340 A. The Statement of Beneficial Use of Ground Water for

Permit No. 54340 was received by the State Engineer on March 13, 1972. The Affiants were Sam Catalano and Georgeanna Catalano. B.

39 North, Range 9 East, NMPM, at a point approximately 210 feet

from the South Section Line and 159 feet from the West Section Line, in Alamosa County, Colorado. C. Amount: 50 gpm. D. Source of Wa-

ter: Confined Aguifer. The depth of the well is 259 feet with 3" casing

The amount of plain and perforated casing is unknown. E. Appropriation Date: December 31, 1947. F. Use: Domestic and stockwater. 5.

Detailed description of proposed change: 1. The applicant owns the

SW1/4 of Section 19 and the SW1/4 of Section 23, T39N, R9E, NMPM. Each field was historically irrigated by surface water (Billings

Ditch) and multiple wells. In addition, the applicant owns a seed potato storage in the SW corner of the SW1/4 of Section 19 and a com

mercial potato storage in the SW corner of the SW1/4 of Section 23

In the past, water supply for the seed potato storage has come from

a domestic and stock well. The commercial potato storage has beer

supplied by a domestic well. The applicant would like a change in

water right to transfer a small portion of one of the irrigation water

rights to a new commercial year-round use right to provide the water supply for the two potato storages. Each of the commercial wells will

pump 15 gpm. 2. It is the applicant's intent to transfer a small portion

of the historic consumptive use associated with Well No. 4 of Case

W-350, Permit No. 12716-F, to two new non-exempt commercial per-

mits to use at two potato storages. Currently, Well Permit 54340 is permitted for domestic and stock use and Well No. 1. Case No. W-2784, Permit 54605 is decreed for domestic use. New permits

would be issued for these two wells to add commercial use and as

partial replacements for Well No. 4 of Case No. W-350. An appropri

ate amount of land historically irrigated by Well No. 4 of Case No.

W-350 will be permanently dried up in the SW1/4 of Section 19 to

19, Township 39 North, Range 9 East, NMPM, to ensure that there is not an expansion of use. 3. The applicant requests that 30 gpm and 0.73 acre-feet of annual consumptive use be moved from 0.85 acres

of land (SW1/4 Section 19, T39N, R9E, NMPM) currently irrigated by

Well No. 4, Case No. W-350, Permit No. 12716-F, WDID No.

2208904, to be used for commercial purposes for: - Commercial Stor

age - Seed Storage - Equipment Washing, 4, On average, 144.2

acres have been irrigated on the subject property in the SW1/4 of

Section 19, with an average potential consumptive use demand of

255.2 acre-feet per year. The maximum area of irrigation on the entire

property has been 153.9 acres. The dry-up parcel is the southwest

cel has been 5.72 acres. 0.85 acres in the dry-up parcel will be permanently dried up to create the fully transferable consumptive use credit needed for commercial purposes. The dry-up location is in the

southwest corner of the SW1/4 of Section 19, T39N, R9E, NMPM,

The applicant will limit the number of irrigated acres by Well No 12716-F to the previously irrigated acres less the dry-up of 0.85 acres

of irrigated land. No more than 153.05 acres will be irrigated in the

future on the SW1/4 of Section 19, T39N, R9E, NMPM. The applicant's future irrigation shall be limited to a five-year rolling average

consumptive use of 975.34 acre-feet (being 195.07 x 5) and a maxi-

mum single year consumptive use of 286.16 acre-feet per year based on the historic maximum irrigation consumptive use minus the new

commercial use. The consumptive use will be determined by multiply-

ing the water pumped by the applicable application efficiency. The irrigation application efficiency is assumed to be 83% for sprinkler irri-

gation. The assumed irrigation efficiency may be adjusted upon

demonstration by the applicant to the satisfaction of the Division En-

gineer that the applicant's irrigation system efficiency is different from

what has been described or has changed. Absent agreement in writ-

ing by the applicant and the Division Engineer, or an order of the Water Court, the assumed efficiency of 83% for center-pivot irrigation

and 78.26% for commercial use shall apply. 5. The applicant requests

Commercial use be added as an additional use to Well No. 1, Case No. W-2784, Permit No. 54605. Currently, Well No. 54605 is decreed

for domestic use. The exempt use will be retained under Permit No.

54340 and the existing decree. Information concerning Permit No. 54605 is listed in paragraph 3 above. 6. The applicant requests Com-

mercial use be added as an additional use to the well currently permit-

ted as Permit No. 54340. Currently, Well No. 54340, is permitted do-mestic and stockwater purposes. The exempt use will be retained

under permit No. 54340. Information concerning Well No. 54340 is

listed in paragraph 4. 7. Well Nos. 54605 and 54340 will serve as partial replacements for the water right decreed to Well No. 4, Case

No. W-350, Permit No. 12716-F, WDID 2008904. A total of 30 gpm will

tion 23) and 54340 (Section 19). The partial replacement wells will

have non-exempt well uses by the addition of commercial use. The exempt domestic uses will be retained under the original permits/de-

cree. The wells will be subject to the Rules Governing the Withdrawal

of Groundwater in Water Division No. 3 (the Rio Grande Basin) as fi-nalized in Case No. 15CW3024. The partial replacement wells will

meet the metering requirements of Case No. 05CW12. New well per-

mits will be required for 12716-F, 54605 and 54340. 8. It is the intention of the applicant to contract with Subdistrict No. 1 of the Rio

Grande Water Conservation District to replace injurious depletions

associated with the non-exempt use of these two wells. 9. An estimation of the total commercial ground water requirements is shown on

Table 9 [available at Division 3 Water Court Clerk's office]. To meet

the commercial water requirements, the applicant will need two non-exempt commercial wells that each can pump 15 gpm and divert 0.92

acre-feet per year of which not more than 0.73 acre-feet in combina-

tion will be consumptively used. All future commercial pumping will be measured with a totalizing flow meter.

Table 9. Total Commercial Ground Water Requirements

Flow Rate

(gpm)

removed from the 1700 gpm decreed to Well No. 4, Case No. 350, Permit No. 12716-F, to be divided between Wells 54605 (Sec-

of the sprinkler. The maximum area irrigated in the dr

Court may determine necessary or desirable

DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 3, STATE OF COLORADO TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS **FILED IN WATER DIVISION 3.** C.R.S. 37-92-302(3), you are notified that the following

is a resume in Water Division 3, containing notice of applications and certain amendments filed in the office of the Water Clerk during the month of April 2020 in which the court ordered publication.

Case Number: 2013CW3009 LJ FARMS, LLC ("LJ Farms") (c/o Richard J. Mehren, Joshua B. Boissevain, Moses, Wittemyer, Harrison and Woodruff, P.C., 2595 Canyon Blvd., Suite 300, Boulder, Colorado 80302) SECOND AMENDED APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF GROUND WATER RIGHTS AND CONFIRMATION OF A. BUT NOT THE ONLY, LAWFUL PLACE OF USE OF SURFACE WATER RIGHT IN COSTILLA COUNTY 2. Purpose of Second Amended Application: LJ Farms is the owner of the ground water rights and surface water rights that are the subject of this Second Amended Application and that are used for agricultural irrigation purposes on LJ Farms' property located in portions of Sections 21, 22, 28 and 29, T3N, R73W, The location of the LJ San Acacio Farm is shown on the map attached The original application in this matter was filed on August 31, 2013 ("Original Application"). The first amended application in this matter was filed on June 27, 2014 ("First Amended Application"). With respect to the subject ground water rights, the purpose of this Second Amended Application is to: (a) a change of place of use for the ground water rights decreed to Wells Nos. 4 (W-3326), 1 (W-3326) and 2 (W-3326) so that those ground water rights may be comd for irrigation of three parcels of the LJ San Acacio Farm total ing 263 acres; and (b) change of the point of diversion for Well No. 1 (W-3326) to conform the decreed point of diversion to the actual location of Well No. 1 (W-3326). With respect to the subject surface water right, the purpose of this Second Amended Application is to obtain the out's confirmation that a portion of the LJ San Acacio Farm is a, but ot the only, lawful place of use of the water right decreed to the San Acacio Ditch, Priority No. 8, out of Culebra Creek, This Second Amended Application does not seek a change of water right for the water right decreed to the San Acacio Ditch, Priority No. 8. 3. Purpose of amendment: LJ Farms has entered into stipulations in this case with the State Engineer for the State of Colorado and Division ngineer for Water Division No. 3 (collectively, the "Engineers"), and with the Sanchez Ditch and Reservoir Company ("Sanchez Compa ny") pursuant to which the Engineers and the Sanchez Company consented to entry of a decree in this matter as set forth in their respective stipulations. The stipulations with the Engineers and the Sanchez Company were approved by the Court in this case on March 18, 2020 and March 27, 2020, respectively. The Costilla County Conservancy District ("District") is the sole remaining opposer that has not entered into a settlement stipulation in this case with LJ Farms. The District believes that the resume notice of the Original Application and the First Amended Application for this case was insufnt to grant the Court jurisdiction over LJ Farms' claims. LJ Farms es that the resume notice of the Original Application and the First Amended Application for this case was sufficient to grant the Court jurisdiction over LJ Farms' claims. LJ Farms files this Second mended Application in order to conserve the Court's and the parties resources by moving this case forward without dispute regarding the sufficiency of the prior resume notice. 4. Ground water rights to be changed: LJ Farms seeks to change the place of use for the ground water rights decreed to Wells Nos. 4 (W-3326), 1 (W-3326) and 2 (W-3326), which are described in paragraphs 4.1 through 4.3 below ("Subject Ground Water Rights"). The locations of the wells used to divert the Subject Ground Water Rights are also described in para aph 4.1 through 4.3 below and are shown on Exhibit A. In accorproximate location of the lands historically irrigated with the Subject Ground Water Rights. LJ Farms has quantified the historical use of the Subject Ground Water Rights using a study period that included 19 years between 1963 and 2000. During the study period no well mping records were maintained for the Subject Water Rights and,

imping of the Subject Ground Water Rights using other methods LJ Farms' historical use analysis considered the permitted place of use of the Subject Ground Water Rights and used aerial images to determine the acreage historically irrigated by the ground water right decreed to each well. 4.1 Well No. 4 (W-3326) (WDID 2405358) 4.1.1 Decreed name of structure: Well No. 4. 4.1.2 Decree: Case No. W-3326, District Court, Water Division No. 3, State of Colorado ered August 19, 1976, as amended April 6, 1978 and October 30 4.1.3 Decreed point of diversion: Township 3 North, Range 73 West, 6th P.M. at a point 600 feet from e West Section line and 1,800 feet from the North Section line, in ostilla County, Colorado. 4.1.4 Decreed use: Irrigation. 4.1.5 Deeed source: Unconfined aquifer. 4.1.6 Date of appropriation: Dember 31, 1957. 4.1.7 Decreed amount: 1,300 gpm (2.90 cfs). .8 Registration No.: 10322. 4.2 Well No. 1 (W-3326) (WDID 05355) 4.2.1 Decreed name of structure: Well No. 1. 4.2.2 Deee: Case No. W-3326, District Court, Water Division No. 3, State of olorado, entered August 19, 1976, as amended April 6, 1978. 4.2.3 Decreed point of diversion: NW1/4 SW1/4, Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 73 West, 6th P.M., at a point 2,400 feet from the South Section line and 600 feet from the West Section line, in Costilla Courty, Colorado. 4.2.4 Decreed use: Irrigation. 4.2.5 Decreed source: Unconfined aquifer. 4.2.6 Date of appropriation: December 31, 1957. 10320. 4.3 Well No. 2 (W-3326) (WDID 2405356) 4.3.1 Decreed name of structure: Well No. 2. 4.3.2 Decree: Case No. W-3326, District Court, Water Division No. 3, State of Colorado, entered Au-gust 19, 1976, as amended April 6, 1978. 4.3.3 Decreed point of di-version: SE1/4 SE1/4, Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 73

version: SE1/4 SE1/4, Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 73 West, 6th P.M. at a point 50 feet from the East Section line and 600

feet from the South Section line, in Costilla County, Colorado. 4.3.4

Decreed use: Irrigation. 4.3.5 Decreed source: Unconfined aquifer. 4.3.6 Date of appropriation: December 31, 1951. 4.3.7 Decreed amount: 1,350 gpm (3.01 cfs). 4.3.8 Registration No.: 10319. 5.

Detailed description of change of ground water rights: LJ Farms seeks to change the place of use of the Subject Ground Water Rights from the historical place of use to use as a commingled irrigation water supply for all or any portion of the 263 acres of land identified as Fields 17 (82 acres), 18 (58 acres) and 19 (123 acres) on the map attached as Exhibit D. LJ Farms' settlement stipulations in this case with the Engineers and the Sanchez Company include the following cumulative volumetric diversion limitations for the Subject Ground Water Rights to ensure that the requested change in place of use will not injure the water rights of any owner or user of any vested water right or decreed conditional water right: 5.1 Cumulative average annual volumetric limitation: Cumulative diversions of the Subject Ground Water Rights are limited to an annual volume of 440 acrefeet, calculated on a five-year rolling average. 5.2 Cumulative maximum annual volumetric limitation: Cumulative diversions of the Subject Ground Water Rights are limited to a maximum annual volume of 545 acre-feet. 5.3 Cumulative average annual consumptive use limi-

tation: Cumulative consumptive use of the Subject Ground Water Rights is limited to 365.2 acre-feet annually, calculated on a five-year rolling average. 5.4 Cumulative maximum annual consumptive use limitation: Cumulative consumptive use of the Subject Ground Water Rights is limited to a maximum of 452.4 acre-feet annually. 6. Confirmation of a, but not the only, lawful place of irrigation use for the water right decreed to the San Acacio Ditch: 6.1 San Acacio Ditch background: On June 14, 1889, the Costilla County District Court entered a decree confirming the following water right for the San Acacio Ditch from Culebra Creek ("San Acacio Ditch Water Right"). 6.1.1 Name of water right: San Acacio Ditch. 6.1.2 Original decree: June 14, 1889, Costilla County District Court. 6.1.3 Decreed point of diversion: South side of the Culebra; the head is located near or opposite the

house of Franciso Sanchez at a place called the Peñasco, in Costilla County. 6.1.4 Date of appropriation: April 30, 1856 under Priority No. 8. 6.1.5 Decreed amount: 46 cfs. 6.2 LJ Farms' interest in the San Acacio Ditch Water Right: A portion of the San Acacio Ditch Water Right is owned by the Sanchez Company. The Sanchez Company has issued shares of stock that represent the shareholders' ownership of a pro-rata portion of the San Acacio Ditch Water Right owned by the Sanchez Company ("San Acacio Ditch Shares"). San Acacio Ditch Shares are entitled to delivery of a pro-rata share of the water diverted under the San Acacio Ditch Water Right that is owned by the Sanchez Company. LJ Farms owns 283.67 San Acacio Ditch Shares ("LJ San Acacio Ditch Shares"). On November 13, 2012, the Division Engineer ordered LJ Farms' predecessor-in-interest in ownership of the LJ San Acacio Ditch Shares to cease and desist use of the water

available to the shares for irrigation of all lands that are not within a lawful decreed place of use of the San Acacio Ditch Water Right ("Cease and Desist Order"). This Second Amended Application was filed in response to the Cease and Desist Order and requests the

Court's confirmation that up to 320 acres of a 450-acre parcel within the LJ San Acacio Farm and shown on the map attached as Exhibit E ("LJ San Acacio Land") is a, but not the only, lawful decreed place of 1 0.40 use of the San Acacio Ditch Water Right based on the following information: 6.2.1 The June 14, 1889 Decree for the San Acacio Ditch Water Right, as described in paragraph 7.1 above ("Original Decree"), does not describe the location of the land that may lawfully be irri-gated with the San Acacio Ditch Water Right. 6.2.2 The Original De-cree identified W.H. Meyer as one of the 18 claimants of the San Acacio Ditch Water Right. On May 7, 1889, in the proceeding that led to the entry of the Original Decree, W.H. Meyer testified to the Referee that he was irrigating 320 acres with the San Acacio Ditch Water Right. 6.2.3 The Engineers have in their files a copy of a map that shows 1,330.86 acres within the Costilla Estate that were held by W.H. Meyer as of July 29, 1887 ("Meyer Land"). All of the LJ San

seeks to change the decreed point of diversion for Well No. 1 (W-3326) from the location given in paragraph 4.2.3 above to the actual

point of diversion, which is described as follows and shown on Ex-

hibit A: NW1/4 SW1/4, Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 73 West, Costilla Estates Survey, at a point 620 feet from West Section line and 2,614 feet from South Section line, in Costilla County, Colo-

4117915.37mN, Zone 13 South, NAD 83. Well No. 1 (W-3326) has

not been replaced or relocated since it was first constructed and has

been at its current location since the decree confirming the ground

The UTM Coordinates for this location are: 450662.17mE,

TOTAL 0.93 Acacio Land is part of and lies within the Meyer Land. The LJ San Acacio Land is the only part of the Meyer Land that was capable of being irrigated by gravity with water from the San Acacio Ditch as of the date of the Original Decree. This Second Amended Application does not seek a change of water right for the San Acacio Ditch Water Right; does not seek a change of water right for the LJ San Acacio Ditch Shares; and does not seek to determine the location of the other lands that are a lawful place of use for the San Acacio Ditch Water Right. 7. Change of decreed point of diversion: LJ Farms'

Seed Storage 0.51 1 0.06 **Equipment Washing** 12.6 I 0.14 1 0.00 1 0.72

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Commercial Storage

1 0.19 Part B 6. Name of Structure: Well No. 1, Case No. 81CW03, Permit No. 20543-F, WDID 2005758. A. Well No. 1, Case No. 81CW3, Permit No. 20543-F was decreed on August 13, 1981, to applicant Howard M. Catalano. B. Decreed Location of Well: Center of the SW1/4 of Section 23, Township 39 North, Range 9 East, NMPM, at a point 1320 feet from the South Section Line and 1320 feet from the West Section Line, in Alamosa County, Colorado. C. Decreed Amount: 900 gpm, being 2.01 cfs. D. Decreed Source of Water: Unconfined Aquifer. The depth of the well is 100 feet with 16" casing. The well has plain casg from 0 feet to 30 feet and perforated casing from 30 feet to 100 et. E. Appropriation Date: January 16, 1976. F. Use: Irrigation of 160 acres in the SW1/4 of Section 23, Township 39 North, Range 9 East, NMPM. 7. Name of Structure to be Adjudicated: Well No. 1-SS, Permit No. 28263-F, WDID 2014047. A. Permit No. 28263-F was issued on April 1, 1985, to Howard Catalano. Permit No. 28263-F was approved as a supplemental well for the purpose of obtaining the original appropriation of Well No. 20543-F (Well No. 1, Case No. 81CW03). Well No. 28263-F was completed on May 14, 1985. B. Location of Well: SW1/4 SW1/4 of Section23, Township 39 North

Range 9 East, NMPM, at a point 1300 feet from the South Section

Line and 650 feet from the West Section Line, in Alamosa County,

900 gpm with the combined average annual amount of ground water to be appropriated by these three wells not to exceed 480 acre-feet feet with 16" casing. The well has plain casing from 0 feet to 6 feet and perforated casing from 6 feet to 66 feet. F. Use: Irrigation. This well, Well Nos. 20543-F and 26325-F are restricted to the irrigation of the SW1/4, Section 23, Township 39 North, Range 9 East, NMPM. Names and address of owners: Dwayne Catalano, 2946 Road 104 North, Mosca, CO 81146. Copies of Rulings and Decrees, well documentation obtained from the Division of Water Resources, and map are attached and are made a part of the application on file at the Clerk's Office at the Alamosa County Justice Center.
WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED OR HERETOFORE ADJUDICATED

THE WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED BY THESE APPLICATIONS MAY OF AFFECTED RIGHTS MUST APPEAR TO OBJECT WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY STATUTE OR BE FOREVER BARRED.

You are further notified that you have until the last day of June 2020, to file with the Water Clerk, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101, a verified statement of opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be grant ed only in part or on certain conditions or a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of opposition or protest must also be served upon the Applicant or the Applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service must be filed with the Water Clerk. A \$192.00 filing fee is required.

TOWN OF ANTONITO, COLORADO ORDINANCE NO. 2020-5_ AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTERIM LOAN FROM CO-

BANK, ACB IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,751,000; AUTHORIZING THE FORMS AND EXECUTION OF THE INTERIM LOAN AGREEMENT AND PROMISSORY NOTE TO EVIDENCE SUCH LOAN; AUTHORIZING THE CON-STRUCTION OF A PROJECT; PRESCRIBING OTHER DETAILS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. WHEREAS, the Town of Antonito (the "Town"), in Conejos County, Colorado, is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado (the 'State"), duly organized and existing as a statutory municipality under the laws of the State, acting through its elected Board of Trustees (the "Board"); and

operate, and maintain its water and sewer facilities as a public utility and income-producing project (the "System") and accounts for the financial operations of the System in the Town's Water and Sewer

prise within the meaning of Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Con-WHEREAS, the Board has heretofore determined that the interest of

the Town and the public interest and necessity demand and require the acquisition, construction, and completion of improvements to the wastewater system, including design, engineering nancing and administrative costs relating thereto, and any other costs

the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utility Service (the "RUS"), in order to finance the Project; and

complete the construction, with such interim financing to be repaid from the proceeds of the RUS Loan after the completion of construc-

and in the best interests of the Town (i) to enter into an interim loan agreement (the "Loan Agreement") with CoBank, ACB, a federally to which CoBank shall loan the Town an amount of not to exceed \$1,751,000 (the "Loan") for such purposes, and (ii) to issue a promissory note (the "Note") to CoBank to evidence the Town's repay obligations under the Loan Agreement; and WHEREAS, the Board has determined that in order to obtain the Loan it shall covenant that the Note shall be repaid with the proceeds of the

WHEREAS, TABOR requires an election to incur any multiple fiscal year obligation unless such obligation is incurred for an enterprise; WHEREAS under TABOR the Enterprise is a governmentowned business authorized to issue its own revenue Note and receiving un-

RUS Loan, if obtained, at or prior to the maturity of the Note; and

der 10% of annual revenue in grants from all Colorado state and local overnments combined: and WHEREAS, in 2019, the Enterprise received grants from all Colorado state and local governments combined which were less than 10% of

the annual revenue of the System; and WHEREAS, the Board serves as the governing body of the Enter-

the Loan Agreement and the Note (collectively, the "Financing Docu-

WHEREAS, the Financing Documents shall constitute revenue obingations of the Town, payable from the proceeds of the RUS Loan and the Net Revenues of the System (as defined in the Loan Agree-

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 31, Article 35, Part 4, C.R.S. (the "Sewer and Water Systems Act") and the Enterprise Act, the Financing Documents may be approved by the Board without an election; and WHEREAS, the forms of the Financing Documents are on file with he Town Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to approve the form of the Financing Documents and other documents referenced therein, authorize the execution of the Loan Agreement, and authorize the execution and delivery of the Note: and

of low or no interest Loan, the Board has determined that an emer gency exists and that adoption of this Ordinance as an emergency measure on first and final reading is necessary for the immediate

a part of this Ordinance.
Section 2. Determinations. The Board hereby finds and determinations.

mines that the Enterprise constitutes an enterprise under TABOR. Section 3. Approvals, Authorizations, and Amendments. The forms of the Financing Documents presented at this meeting are incorporated herein by reference and are hereby approved. The Town shall enter into and perform its obligations under the Financing Documents in the forms of such documents, with such changes as are not inconsistent herewith and as are hereafter approved by the Mayor of The Town (the "Mayor") or the Town Administrator. The Mayor, the Town Administrator and Town Clerk each are hereby individually authorized and directed to execute the Financing Documents and to affix the seal of the Town thereto, and further to execute and authenticate such other documents or certificates as are deemed necessary or desirable in connection therewith. The Financing Documents shall executed in substantially the forms approved at this meeting. The execution of any instrument or certificate or other document in

connection with the matters referred to herein by any one or more of the Mayor, the Town Administrator, and Town Clerk or by other appropriate officers of the Town, shall be conclusive evidence of the approval by the Town of such instrument.

Article 57, Part 2, C.R.S. (the "Supplemental Act") provides that a public entity, including the Town, may elect in an act of issuance to apply all or any of the provisions of the Supplemental Act. The Town hereby elects to apply all of the provisions of the Supplemental Act except Section 11-57-211 to the Financing Documents. Delegation. Section 5.

the Town hereby delegates to the Mayor or the Town Administrato the independent authority to make the following determinations relating to and contained in the Loan Agreement and the Note, subject to the restrictions contained in paragraph (b) of this Section 5: The interest rate on the Loan;

The principal amount of the Loan: The amount of principal of the Loan maturing in any given year and the final maturity of the Loan;

The dates on which the principal of and interest on the

Loan are paid; and
The existence and amount of reserve funds for the Loan, if any.

The interest rate on the Loan shall not exceed the maximum interest rate permitted under C.R.S. § 5-12-100 The principal amount of the Loan shall not

The final maturity of the Loan shall not be later December 31, 2025. Section 6. Conclusive Recital. Pursuant to Section 11-57-210 of the Supplemental Act, the Note and the Loan Agreement shall contain recitals that the Note is issued pursuant to certain provisions of the Supplemental Act. Such recital shall be conclusive evidence

of the validity and the regularity of the issuance of the Note after its Colorado. The GPS location of the well is determined by the DWR to be in UTM Zone 13S NAD83 414918 mE and 4162673 mN. C. delivery for value. Section 7. Ratification and Approval of Prior Actions. All actions Permitted Amount: The combined maximum pumping rate of this well and Well Nos. 20543-F (Well No. 1, 81CW03, WDID #2005758) and

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WHEREAS, the members of the Board have been duly elected and

WHEREAS, the Town has heretofore determined and undertaken to

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that the System is an ente

incidental thereto (the "Project"); and WHEREAS, the Board has applied for a loan (the "RUS Loan") from

WHEREAS, the RUS cannot provide financing for the construction of the Project, but requires that the Town obtain interim financing to

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that in order to finance all or a portion of the cost of the Project, it is necessary and advisable

WHEREAS, there have been presented to the Board the forms of

WHEREAS, except for the Town's Loan Agreement and Governmental Agency Note executed and delivered February 20, 2015, with the Colorado Water Resources Power and Development Authority (the "2015 Loan"), the Town has not pledged nor hypothecated the Net Revenues derived or to be derived from the operation of the System, or any part thereof, to the payment of any loan, bonds, notes or for any other purpose, with the result that the Net Revenues may now be pledged lawfully and irrevocably to the payment of the Note on a parity with the 2015 Loan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31-16-105, C.R.S., because of the urgent need for the financing of the Project and the limited availability preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN
OF ANTONITO, COLORADO, ORDAINS:

Recitals Incorporated. The foregoing recitals are made

Section 4. Election to Apply the Supplemental Act. Section 11-57-204 of the Supplemental Public Securities Act, constituting Title 11,

Pursuant to Section 11-57-205 of the Supplemental Act.

The delegation in paragraph (a) of this Section 5 shall

be subject to the following parameters and restrictions: exceed \$1.751.000; and

heretofore taken by the officers of the Town and members of the

to the Financing Documents, or actions to be taken in respect thereof, are hereby ratified, approved, and confirmed bly pledges and hypothecates the Net Revenues derived or to be derived from the operation of the System, or any part thereof, to the payment of the Note, which pledge is on a parity with the 2015 Loan. The creation, perfection, enforcement, and priority of the pledge of revenues to secure or pay the Note and the Loan Agreement provided Act and this Ordinance. The amounts pledged to the payment of the Note and the Loan Agreement shall immediately be subject to the lien of such pledge without any physical delivery, filing, or further act. The lien of such pledge shall have the priority described in the Loan Agreement. The lien of such pledge shall be valid, binding, and enforceable as against all persons having claims of any kind in tort,

persons have notice of such liens. Section 9. Limitation of Actions. Pursuant to Section 11-57-212 of the Supplemental Act, no legal or equitable action brought with respect to any legislative acts or proceedings in connection with the Financing Documents shall be commenced more than thirty days af-

contract, or otherwise against the Town irrespective of whether such

ter the authorization of the issuance of the Note. Section 10. Limited Obligation; Special Obligation. The Loan Agreement and Note are payable solely from the Net Revenues (as defined in the Loan Agreement), and the Loan Agreement and Note do not constitute a debt within the meaning of any constitutional or

No elected or appointed officers or agents of the Town shall be subject to any pecuniary liability in connection with any agreement, covenant, or undertaking by the Town, or by them, contained in any document executed in connection with the authorization, execution, and delivery of the Financing Documents or this Ordinance or with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken in good faith with reference thereto. Section 11. Disposition and Investment of Loan Proceeds. The

proceeds of the Loan shall be drawn from time to time upon the prior approval of RUS as provided in, and subject to the conditions set forth in, the Financing Documents, and shall be applied to pay the costs and expenses of acquiring, constructing and equipping the Project, including costs related thereto and, to the extent permitted under federal tax laws, reimbursement to the Town for capital expen-ditures heretofore incurred and paid from Town funds in anticipation of the incurrence of long-term financing therefor, and all other costs and expenses incident thereto, including without limitation the costs of the Loan Agreement shall be responsible for the application or disposal by the Town or any of its officers of the funds derived from the Loan. In the event that all of the proceeds of the Loan are not required to pay such costs and expenses, any remaining amount shall be used for the purpose of paying the principal amount of the Loan and the interest thereon, as applicable. Section 12. Town Representative. The Mayor, the Town Adminis-

trator and the Town Clerk are hereby designated as the authorized officers for the purpose of performing any act or executing any document relating to the Loan, the Town, or the Financing Documents. A copy of this Ordinance shall be furnished to CoBank as evidence of Section 13. Estimated Life of Improvements. It is hereby deter

mined that the estimated life of the Project to be financed with the proceeds of the Loan is not less than the final maturity of the Loan. Section 14. Direction to Take Authorizing Action. The appropriate officers of the Town and members of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to take all other actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Ordinance, including but not limited to such certificates and affidavits as may reasonably be required by Section 15. Ratification and Approval of Prior Actions. All actions

heretofore taken by the officers of the Town and members of the Board, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, relating to the Financing Documents, or actions to be taken in respect thereof, are hereby ratified, approved, and confirmed.

Section 16. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid

or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, the intent being that the same are sever Repealer. All orders, resolutions, bylaws, ordina regulations of the Town, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Ordi-

nance are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. Section 18. Ordinance Irrepealable. After the Note is issued, this Ordinance shall constitute an irrevocable contract between the Town and CoBank, and shall be and remain irrepealable until the Note and the interest thereon, as applicable, shall have been fully paid, satisfied, and discharged. No provisions of any constitution, statute, charter, ordinance, resolution or other measure enacted after the is-suance of the Note shall in any manner be construed as impairing the obligations of the Town to keep and perform the covenants contained

Recordation. A true copy of this Ordinance, as adopted by the Board, shall be numbered and recorded on the official records of the Town and its adoption and publication shall be authenticated by

of publication. Section 20. Declaration of Emergency. By reason of the Town's need to improve its System to provide for the health and welfare of its citizens and the further need to acquire additional financing to improve such System, and the limited availability of such low interest financing through CoBank, the Board declares that this Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety.

and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon final passage on first reading and adoption upon Board approval.

Section 21. Publication and Effective Date. This Ordinance after its passage on first and final reading shall be numbered, recorded, published and posted and the adoption, posting, and publication shall be authenticated by the signature of the Mayor and the Town Clerk. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Ordinate shall become enective immediately. [Remainder of page left blank intentionally] INTRODUCED, READ BY TITLE, PASSED ON FIRST AND FINAL READING AS AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED THIS 14th DAY OF MAY, 2020. TOWN OF ANTONITO, COLORADO

ATTEST: Town Clerk STATE OF COLORADO) SS COUNTY OF CONEJOS

TOWN OF ANTONITO l, Stephanie Trujillo, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Town Clerk of the Town of Antonito, Colorado (the "Town") do hereby certify: That the foregoing pages are a true, correct, and complete copy of an ordinance adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Town (the "Board") of the Town as an emergency ordinance at a regular meeting of the Board held at the Town Hall on May 14, 2020, by an affirmative vote of three fourths (3/4) of the members of the Board as follows:

| "Yes" | "No" | Absent | Abstain |
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| | "Yes" | "Yes" "No" | "Yes" "No" Absent |

That notice of the regular meeting on May 14, 2020, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, was posted in a designated public place within the boundaries of the Town no less than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting as required by law

That the ordinance was published in newspaper of general circulation in the Town, after its adoption, in accordance with the laws of the State. The affidavit of publication is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 14th day of May, 2020. No 1450

Published in the Valley Courier on May 19, 2020.

Manager General Contractor for this project, requests subcontractor proposals and qualifications for the following project: NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT CENTAURI HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENT

BRADBURY STAMM CONTRACTORS, INC., the Construction

EARLY SITE & UTILITIES PACKAGE Project Description: Proposals will be accepted for all trades to de-

molish and replace a parking lot on the school campus.

Project Site Address: 17889 US Highway 285, La Jara, CO 81140

Proposals and qualifications will be accepted until 2:00 PM MST on May 28, 2020. DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers are strongly encouraged to respond. Proposals and qualifications will be accepted

in the following formats: Electronic Copies: bids@bradburystamm.com Hard Copies: BRADBURY STAMM

Hard Copies: 7110 2nd Street NW Albuguerque, NM 87107

Bidding documents are available upon request via email to bids@

bradburystamm.com. A non-mandatory pre-bid will be held on May 19, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the Project Site. Only one representative per interested proposer may attend. Direct any questions to Bradbury Stamm Contractors at (505) 765-1200.

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The Conejos Library District is accepting bids for renovations for the three libraries, LaJara, Capulin, and Antonito. If interested, For more information, please call 719-587-4008 or 719-937-3303. No. 1451 Published in the Valley Courier on May 19, 20, 22, and 23, 2020

District Court

Rio Grande County, Colorado Court Address: 925 Sixth Street, Del Norte, CO 81132 Telephone: (719) 657-3394

In the Matter of the Estate of STEPHANIE BRANDON YUND, also formerly known as STEPHANIE B. YUND,

COURT USE ONLY Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives:

William F. Dunn; Atty. Reg. #: 1036 585 Columbia Avenue, Del Norte, CO 81132

Phone Number: (719) 657-3323: E-mail: bill@dunn-law.com Case Number:2020PR30015

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-

Estate of STEPHANIE BRANDON YUND, Deceased

Case Number 2020PR30015
All persons having claims against the above named estate are re-

guired to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Rio Grande, County, Colorado or on or before October 1, 2020 or the claims may be forever barred. William F. Dunn, Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives 585 Columbia Avenue, Del Norte, CO 81132

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099 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SEEKING CHARAC-TER ARTIST, pencil or chalk. Call 719-849-0483.(5/20)

163 **LOST & FOUND**

LOST: HEARING AID lost somewhere at Safeway or Walmart. REWARD Please call Diana at 274-5998.

LOST A PAIR of men's black work boots on W. Hwy 160 on way to a fire call. 4/2 approx. 4:30pm west of Budweiser before Del Viento Road. If found please call 719-580-0398.(TFN)

221 HELP WANTED

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

NONPROFIT COM-PANY, CRHDC, seeking ONE MONTH TEMP F/T Construction Supervisor to assist families with new home construction in Alamosa evenings and weekends. Construction exp. required. \$20 p/h. Resume and cover letter to melanie@crhdc.

HELP WANTED

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

ACCEPTING RE-

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

CDL TRUCK DRIV-ER wanted. Call 719-480-3983.(6/19)

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

HELP WANTED

RIO GRANDE COUNTY is seeking a Dispatch/Detention Officer. High School Diploma or GED, or one to three months related experience and/or training or equivalent combination of education and experience. Interaction with inmates required. Must be 21 years of age, pass background investigation and 5 panel drug test, including testing for marijuana required. Inmate interaction required. \$14.57/per hour. Pick up and submit applications to Human Resources 925 6th Street, Room 200, Del Norte, CO 81132. Applications also available online at www.riograndecounty. org.(5/23)

OPEN POSITIONS AT Rio Grande Farm Park. Paid Internship(June-August) and Project Co-ordinator VISTA (starting in August). Visit RioGrandeFarmPark. org/Opportunities for details or email your resume to amber.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com.(6/3) THE BOE OF Center Schools is now accept-

ing applications for Secondary Math Teacher for the 2020-2021 School Year. 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. For information and application materials please call (719) 754-3442 or visit the District's website at www.center.k12.co.us and click on the Employment Opportunities and "Certified Staff Application". Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE.(5/22)

221 **HELP WANTED**

LABOR: VALID **DRIVER'S** LICENSE REQUIRED. Duties include, getting in and out of trash truck, emptying trash bins into trash truck. Physical labor Required, must be able to lift up to 100 lbs, other duties as assigned. 32 to 40 hours a week, Home Base in Manassa, CO Please call 719 580 1518 or 719 843-5354.(6/2) **CDL TRASH TRUCK**

DRIVER & LABOR:

8245.(6/2)

JONES OIL COM-

PANY seeking route

drivers. Need to have

hazmat and tanker en-

dorsement. Clean MVR.

Must be 21 or older.

application.(5/27)

CDL Required, must pass a pre-employment drug test. Familiar with Conejos Count Area preferred. Duties include, Driving Trash Truck, getting in and out of trash truck, emptying trash bins into trash truck. Physical labor required, must be able to lift up to 100 lbs. Must provide clear DMV Record, starting hourly rate \$15-\$17.00 depending on experience. 32 to 40 hours per week(Monday-Thursday), weekends off. Please call (719) 843-5354 or (719) 580-1518 for an application. Home base in Manassa.(6/2)

CDL TRUCK DRIV-ER needed immediately for local project. \$14.00 to \$18.00 per hour; based on experience. Please call 719-588-8369.(6/2)

LOOKING FOR A career opportunity and being a part of your local community? 1st Southwest Bank is growing and hiring a Teller, offering a strong benefit package & career growth opportunities. EOE. Go to https:// www.fswb.bank/whowe-are/careers/ for more details & to apply.(5/22)

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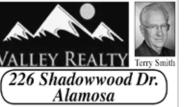
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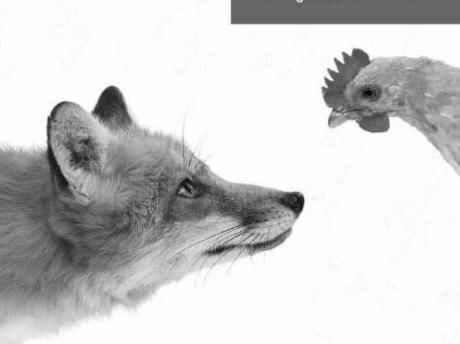
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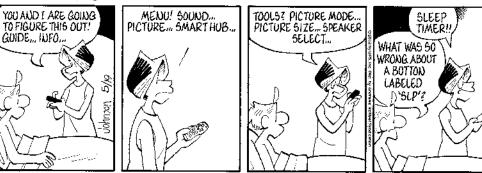
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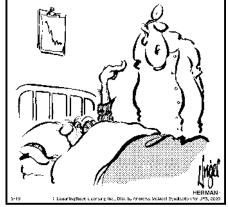


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Sister thinks twice about becoming a kidney donor

rently waiting to donate needs to be well thought out. my kidney to my sister, who is a year older than I am. My husband and I traveled many hours to get evaluated and tested at her clinic, so the insurance would cover

our home state, we decided to stop by to pay her a surprise visit and, honestly, she did something that's making me rethink my decision. She was eating pizza and drinking a can of soda. Abby, my sister is on dialysis and supposed to be following a strict diet. It upset my husband, but he didn't say anything to her because we had just had an argument in the car about my decision to donate to her. It upset me, too, but I didn't speak up either.

I have been disciplined all my adult life, living a healthy life and making smart choices to benefit my body. Now that my sister needs a kidney, I feel this may have been the reason for my good habits. How can I stress to her how important it is to me that she adopt better eating habits if she is to get my kidney? I don't have another one to donate if she ruins this one. My husband and I will also be sacrificing time away from our four kids (ages 1-15) for the surgery and recovery. -- SECOND

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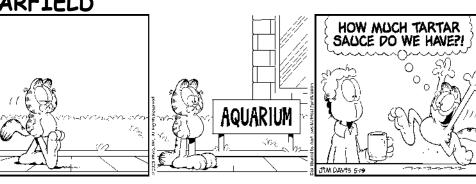
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DEAR ABBY: I understand that nonbinary folks prefer the pronoun "they" instead of "she" or "he." It's going to take some getting used to, but that's OK. My question is, when using "they" but referring to one person, do you use a singular or plural verb? Singular sounds weird, but plural is confusing. -- THE GRAMMAR NERD

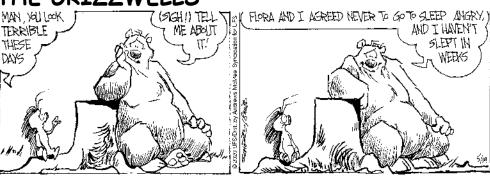
DEAR GRAMMAR: I agree that the usage will take some people a while to get used to, but language is constantly changing. Use the plural form of the verb when speaking about a nonbinary or gender-fluid person who prefers "they." Example: "They are a new member of our company.' Or, "I love singer Sam Smith. They have won four

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Lifestyle

Insect journal features the work of Trinidad State's own "spider woman"



By MARGARET SANDERSON

ALAMOSA — For Kelly Kissane, it's the little things. Specifically bugs. Many find spiders and small flying critters creepy. She finds them fascinating. "I was born to be an entomologist," she says.

Kissane has been teaching biology at Trinidad State since last fall. And she has wasted no time in getting acquainted with the Valley, one bug at a

Entomology is the study of insects. Just recently Kissane spent hours at a local campground collecting specimens while observing spiders and other insects. "Most of what I found are wolf spiders," she said. "Wolf spiders chase their prey and ambush it much like a wolf. They have chewing teeth, are very hairy, and don't spin webs," she added. They

can be quite big, up to two inches. Kissane is a wolf spider expert.

Spider wasps, which are solitary wasps, burrow into the ground and feed mostly on wolf spiders. In April, a scientific article about spider wasps and their prey was published in Insecta Mundi, a publication

peer-reviewed by experts.* The recently published article has had over 300 reads worldwide including Europe, South America, Israel, and Turkey. Kissane was one of the five coauthors. She was invited to join the project because she is the only Dolomedes (genus or group of species) expert in the United States and possibly in North America. Dolomedes are large hairy semi-aquatic spiders on which spider wasplarvae feed. Wolf spiders are in the Dolomedes group. Kissane said there are nine species in North America, seven of which need to be near water. Two Dolomedes species live in Colorado. They're a little smaller than the species east of the Mississippi where the female is

four times larger than the male and can be as big as a hand. "Species are a group of organisms that can interbreed and produce viable fertile offspring," she explained. "When I was collecting Dolomedes triton for my research, I learned pretty quickly that I needed to keep a sponge with water in the vials where I was keeping the spiders, at 1."

within 24 hours."

"For as long as I can remember, I was into science. I still remember my first experiment in the sandbox at the age of four

or five. Earthworms didn't

have legs and snakes didn't have legs, so I was going to raise earthworms until they got bigger!" said Kissane. Much to her mother's dismay, she has been turning over rocks and looking under logs ever since. "My mother had a very firm idea of what little girls were supposed to be. They were supposed to wear dresses and sit quietly playing with dolls. I was none of that! I was very tomboyish. I still am," said Kissane.

When she was working in a genetics lab at the University of Arizona, there was an arachnology (spider) lab down the hall with some very enthusiastic students who had brought back some large spiders from Florida about the size of her hand. Fascinated with these spiders, Kissane knew this would be her life work.

After ten years of living and teaching in Texas, Kissane was missing the mountains. Her studies had taken her to Tucson, Arizona, Reno, Nevada and Western Oregon University with their respective mountain ranges – Santa Catalina Mountains, Sierra Nevada and the Cascades. "I used to hike to relieve stress and I didn't have that in Texas. Now I'm back in the mountains

hiking again."

"Water is really important to me especially when I study semiaquatic spiders. The Rio Grande is nearby along with other bodies of water and the Valley has the drier climate that I prefer," she said. Kissane grew up in a small town on a farm near Saginaw Bay on Lake Huron. Her family was poor. "I wanted to help first generation students and help guide them over the obstacles I faced," she said. "First generation students don't feel like they belong at college. They don't know if they can make it. There's a lot of insecurity there."

Kissane has given many talks to young students. She said, "At a certain age, kids are fascinated with bugs and spiders. I just never outgrew it! I'm looking forward to being able to identify the different invertebrates (animals without a backbone) I brought back (from the campground)."

Kissane is a member of the Animal Behavior Society and the Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology. Her focus is the study of insect behavior. At Trinidad State she teaches General Biology 1 & 2, Microbiology, Pathophysiology and non-majors

biology. Kissane can be reached at 719-589-7035. The link to the spider

wasp article is listed below. Although the article is full of scientific jargon, there is a fascinating account in the introduction about how the spider wasps paralyze their prey, then turn the spider over and drag its heavy body on its back to their underground nest where they lay their eggs on the soft spider belly and keep it alive for the larvae to feast on when they hatch. The larvae have scissor-like jaws and can easily cut into the living spider's belly and feed on it. "Keeping the spiders alive keeps the meat fresh," said Kissane.

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