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Graduation season in the valley



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



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.



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 rural-relevant 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."



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 Memorial Hospital, Superior, Neb.
- CHI St. Alexius Health Carrington, Carrington, N.D.
- Clay County Medical Center, Clay Center, Kan.
- Gove County Medical Center, Quinter, Kan.
- Howard County Medical Center, 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 Medical Center, Raton, N.M.
- Osborne County Memorial Hospital, Osborne, Kan.
- Rio Grande Hospital, Del Norte, Colo. *
- Sabetha Community Hospital, Sabetha, Kan.
- Sanford Mayville Medical Center Mayville, N.D.
- ThedaCare 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.

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 Eye Timberlake, Development & Communications Officer

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.

76 SLV POSITIVE CASES

- Alamosa County - 43
- Conejos County - 1
- Costilla County - 4
- Mineral County - 2
- Rio Grande County - 8
- Saguache County - 18

15 HOSPITALIZED

32 ISOLATION COMPLETED

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

2 DEATHS

627 TOTAL TESTS

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

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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, farming.

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, bowling leagues and the Sansouci 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.

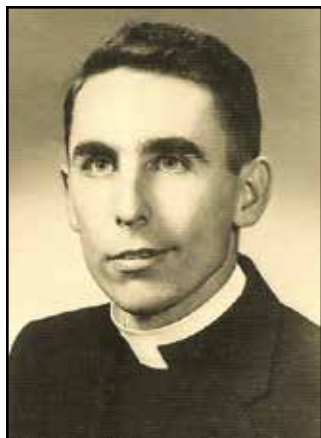
Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Nellie,

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



ALAMOSA — The Reverend Harold Gilbert Skinner age 92 of Hickory North Carolina passed away Friday, May 8, 2020, with his loving wife Nancy by his side. He was born December 20, 1927, in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, the son of the late Edgar D. Skinner and Lillian Heilig Skinner. He earned his Eagle Scout award and his pilot's license before graduating as valedictorian of Rocky Mount High School in 1946.

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 Lutheran 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 nieces.

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 she spent with her family

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 great-great-grandchildren, sister Priscilla Lucero of Pueblo, CO; brother Lupe (Hidoko) Salazar of Denver, CO; sister-in-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 (Addie) 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 romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Susie Julia Jaramillo

LOSS SAUSES — Long-time 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 Sauces, 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 great-grandchildren and her siblings, Johnny Marquez

of Antonito, Colorado and Orinda 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 part-

nered 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 child.

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 fam-

ily 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; step-daughter, 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 attitude.

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, Mariana (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; mother-in-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 Home.

Bobbie Lynn Bagwell

MANASSA — Long-time 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 egg nog. 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 Bagwell, Jr.

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 family.

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 as a wonderful and dedicated mother, homemaker 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 the girls for school and do their hair. On Saturdays, she would take the grandchildren to their

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 the room.

Margie is survived by her sons Methaeb, Anass and Hammed of Aurora Colorado; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, 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. Arrangements 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 of the railroad tracks soon

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 Oportunidad, which operated the Colorado Migrant Council, an organiza-

nization that was active in 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 history.

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

the corner of 9th and State 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 Council.

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 is all about.



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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

ways 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 by calling (719) 312-7530.

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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 garden has the best envi-



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 Department of Agriculture
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-

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

Pollinators are make-or-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 together 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 the foundation of healthy

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 better.

Remove thatch
 Thatch is a tightly knotted layer of leaves, grass

roots, stems, and other 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 organic material in the lawn exceeds the ability of the microorganisms in the soil to break down that organic matter. A half-inch of thatch is normal. If thatch gets too thick, it will need to be removed. The home improvement resource DIY Network says dethatching can take place in the summer, fall and winter using a thatching 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

develop 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

sets in.

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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099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEEKING CHARACTER 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.(5/22)

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

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NONPROFIT COMPANY, 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.org.(5/19)

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

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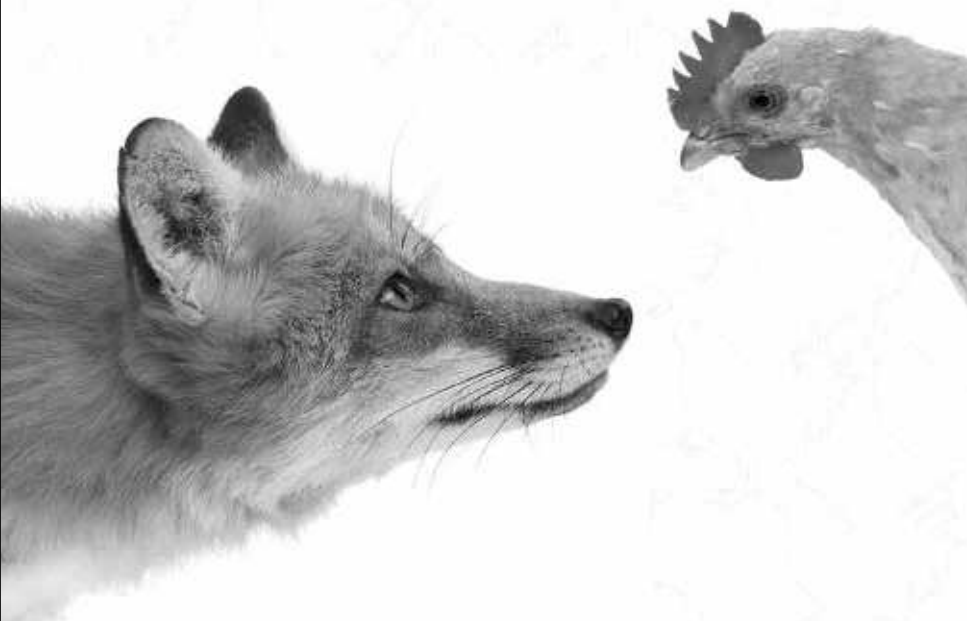
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- 1 Hiking trail
 - 5 Reflect
 - 9 Tablet
 - 12 Name in essays
 - 13 Microbiology gel
 - 14 Some
 - 15 Discovered
 - 16 Throw light on
 - 18 Succinctly
 - 20 Blanched
 - 21 Add- (extras)
 - 22 High pt.
 - 23 Icky
 - 26 Bad bets
 - 29 Lubricate
 - 30 Hubbubs
 - 32 Found a buyer
 - 34 Hockey feint
 - 36 Movie lioness
 - 38 - Juan
 - 39 Handy
 - 41 Andes ruminant
 - 43 Legal matter
 - 44 Region of India
 - 45 Slug cousin
- DOWN**
- 1 Gnat or ant
 - 2 Not into the wind
 - 3 Level
 - 4 Horse-drawn carriage
 - 5 Uses the USPS
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 - 7 Mr. Mineo
 - 8 Blows, as a volcano
 - 9 Mop companion

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- 10 Green Gables' girl
- 11 Did a salon job
- 17 Horses' hair
- 19 "May It Be" chanteuse
- 22 Growth on rocks
- 23 Quick lawn
- 24 Place
- 25 Sorts
- 26 Droop
- 27 Ms. Parks of civil rights fame
- 28 Criticize
- 31 - ex machina
- 33 Genetic material
- 35 Creepy
- 37 Sunblock additive
- 40 Chopped down
- 42 Acid in milk
- 44 Mural undercoat
- 45 Quaff with sushi
- 46 Declare invalid
- 47 Horde
- 48 Nautical marker
- 49 "Present!"
- 50 Famous prep school
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ALLEY OOP

I'M GOING TO ANSWER ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS... ON MY PRIVATE ISLAND!

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ARLO & JANIS

YOU AND I ARE GOING TO FIGURE THIS OUT! GUIDE... INFO...

MENU! SOUND... PICTURE... SMARTHUB...

TOOLS? PICTURE MODE... PICTURE SIZE... SPEAKER SELECT...

SLEEP TIMER!!

WHAT WAS SO WRONG ABOUT A BUTTON LABELED 'SLEEP'?

BIG NATE

JUST TELL ME, DEE DEE! WHO LIKES ME?

I'LL GIVE YOU A HINT!

IF YOU AND SHE GET TOGETHER, YOU'LL BE A REAL SHORT-TALL COUPLE!

UH... WOULD I BE THE TALL OR THE SHORT?

GUESS.

IT'S CUTE THAT YOU ASKED!

THE BORN LOSER

BRUTUS HAD A ROUGH DAY AT WORK, MAMA, SO PLEASE TRY TO BE NICE.

HELLO, BRUTUS! HAVE YOU LOST A LITTLE WEIGHT? IF YOU DON'T LOOK QUITE AS FAT AS YOU NORMALLY DO!

OH WELL, I TRIED.

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

JOHN, IT SHOULDN'T COST US THIS MUCH TO REMOVE A HOUSE GUEST. WHY CAN'T WE JUST ASK HER TO GO?

BECAUSE WE'RE TOO NICE.

NICE PEOPLE DROP LARGE HINTS AND HOPE THE OTHER GUY WILL CLUE IN. NICE PEOPLE HATE TO CAUSE TROUBLE.

NICE PEOPLE CAN BE VICTIMS OF THEIR OWN GENEROSITY. EL-FIND FACE IT--WE'RE GENEROUS TO A FAULT.

FIONA JUST HAPPENS TO BE ONE OF THE FAULTS WE'VE BEEN GENEROUS TO.

FRANK & ERNEST

GROCERY

MASKS REQUIRED

SORRY, SIR, THAT'S NOT THE TYPE OF MASK YOU NEED.

GARFIELD

AQUARIUM

HOW MUCH TARTAR SAUCE DO WE HAVE?

THE GRIZZWELLS

MAN, YOU LOOK TERRIBLE THESE DAYS

(SIGH) TELL ME ABOUT IT!

FLORA AND I AGREED NEVER TO GO TO SLEEP ANGRY, AND I HAVEN'T SLEPT IN WEEKS

PEANUTS

OKAY, MARCIE, HERE ARE THE TICKETS... GET OUT THERE AND SELL THEM!

THESE TICKETS COST FIFTY CENTS, SIR... WHO'S GOING TO PAY FIFTY CENTS TO WATCH CHUCK'S TEAM PLAY BALL?

YOURS IS NOT TO REASON WHY, MARCIE! YOURS IS TO SELL TICKETS! THIS IS FOR CHARITY!

I'M SORRY, SIR... I GUESS I'M ALWAYS "REASONING WHY"

STOP CALLING ME "SIR"!

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HERMAN

"Is this the guy who was stuck in the elevator for three days?"

Sister thinks twice about becoming a kidney donor

DEAR ABBY: I'm currently waiting to donate 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 the cost.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Before heading back to 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 THOUGHTS IN TEXAS

DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS: YOUR CONCERNS ARE VALID. DONATING

a kidney is a decision that needs to be well thought out. It is also a decision that is ultimately up to only you. It shouldn't be made because you feel pressure based on who you're donating to, in your case, your sister. Keep in mind, it's impossible to control another person's behavior. Once this precious gift is given, there's no going back. Speak up now and let her know how you felt about what you saw, but understand it won't necessarily guarantee that she will make any changes.

My suggestion is to continue this conversation with your living donor social worker or ILDA (independent living donor advocate) at the transplant center where you were evaluated. These professionals can help to guide you toward making the best decision by further exploring your concerns, not only for you, but also your family.

While being a living kidney donor can be a positive and beautiful experience, it is equally important to make sure that it's the right decision for you. The same is true for anyone considering donating. For those who are interested in being a potential kidney donor and would like to confidentially connect with someone who has already donated, contact the Patient Information Help Line of the National Kidney Foundation ((855) 653-2273). However: THIS IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR SPEAKING WITH A

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 time.

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 co-authors. 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 wasp larvae 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, or they would die 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.

*https://centerforsystematicentomology.org/insectamundi/0759_Kurczewski_et_al_2020.pdf

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