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SLV Today Memorial Day

ALAMOSA — Monday May 25 there will be a special Memorial Day service for veterans at 10 a.m. The event will begin at the Alamosa Cemetery then will continue to the Alamosa Spanish Cemetery. Those that participate are asked to social distance and wear masks.

Saguache County

SAGUACHE—Saguache County Commissioners Will be holding a special meeting on Saturday, May 23, 2020 at 5 p.m. in person attendance will not be allowed in order to protect the public. To Join Zoom Meeting use the following information
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Creede 2020 graduates celebrate on the big screen

By LYNDIE FERRELL

MONTE VISTA — As the sun set over the San Juan Mountain Range, the Creede 2020 graduates greeted family and friends as they drove into the Star Drive-In Movie Manor in Monte Vista to celebrate their accomplishments and graduate from high school in an entirely new way.

Emotions were high even though people gathered within their vehicles to congratulate this year's graduates. The fact that things like basic human touch and interaction were not possible during this time of celebration weighed on many, but thanks to the efforts of both the school district and drive-in, these amazing students were honored on the big screen.



Left, Valedictorian Grace Whitehorn stands in front of a truck decorated for her at Creede's graduation. Right Creede's seniors line up with their vehicles for the graduation ceremony at the very popular Star Drive-In Theater in Monte Vista

The parking lot in front of the second movie screen was packed to the brim with family and friends there to show their unwavering support and pride

for the nine graduates. The night started as soon as the first stars began to flicker to life in the evening sky and a pictorial retrospective slideshow



Courtesy photos

on the screen walked each student through their memories; pictures from youth until now flittered across the screen while "It's a Great Day to be Alive" by Travis Tritt played on the radio.

Mr. Collin Vanchattle gave the opening remarks thanking everyone for the effort that was put in to create a unique

and heartfelt graduation celebration. After explaining to the need for social distancing and minimum human contact, Vanchattle addressed the seniors, "Please just take a moment and think about what you have accomplished. This is a right of passage and graduation is a big moment in your life. See CREEDE page 3

Possible solutions for Colorado agriculture

COVID-19 has affected several industries around the country including the farm industry, and federal organizations such as the United States Department of Agriculture are working to initiate programs to support farmers and small businesses in need of financial assistance. "Through a combination of swift, federal, state and local response efforts and collaboration, as a country we have been able to so far navigate through what has been a period of great uncertainty and rise to the challenge of supporting our communities" said Congressman Scott Tipton in a recent column addressing the agricultural struggles in Colorado.

"We are not out of the woods yet, but we are making progress to ensure families and businesses have the resources they need to survive and get back on their feet as communities reopen, including our farmers and ranchers who continue to feed our nation even in the midst of a crisis."

USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue announced the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program this past month, which will provide \$16 billion in direct support for producers who have been impacted by the pandemic. Additionally, the CARES Act and organizations that include Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Risk Management Agency are working to provide more flexibilities to help producers affected by the coronavirus outbreak.

The United States Small Business Administration has made multiple programs available to agricultural producers whose operations have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic including the Paycheck Protection Program and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program.

SOIL
Slow Opportunities for Investing Locally (SOIL) of Sangre de Cristo, is a community-based nonprofit that will make zero-interest loans to local farmers and food producers, kicked off its initial membership drive in April with a three-year matching grant from the New Belgium Family Foundation.

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

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

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

CFAP

The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program will include direct support based on actual losses for agricultural producers where prices and market supply chains have been impacted, as well as assistance for producers with additional adjustment and marketing costs resulting from lost demand and short-term oversupply for the 2020 marketing year caused by COVID-19. The program is eligible to farmers regardless of size and market, if they suffered an eligible loss.

Dumped Milk

COVID-19 shutdowns have caused disruption in the milk market, and dairy producers are dumping milk as a result. The Risk Management Agency is ensuring that milk producers who purchased insurance are not inappropriately penalized if their milk must be dumped because of recent market disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

For the 2020 calendar year, RMA is allowing Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) to count dumped milk toward the milk marketings for the DRP or actual marketings for the LGM-Dairy programs regardless of whether the milk was sold. Producers will still have to provide to the AIPs supporting documentation from the cooperative or milk handler verifying the actual pounds dumped and that the milk was dumped.

Crop Insurance Flexibilities

Producers can continue to work with their Approved Insurance Providers, or AIPs, on policies, claims, and agreements. Farmers with crop insurance questions or needs should continue to contact their insurance agents about conducting business by telephone or email.

The Risk Management Agency is working with those insurance providers to provide additional flexibilities in response to COVID-19, including enabling producers to send notifications and reports electronically, extending the date for production reports, providing additional time and deferring interest on premium and other payments, authorizing replant self-certification, waiving the witness signature requirement for approval of Assignments of Indemnity, allowing dumped milk to be counted as milk marketings for the Dairy Revenue Protection or actual marketings for the Livestock Gross Margin for dairy programs, allowing phone and electronic transactions for 2021 crop year sales and reporting dates, including options and endorsements, extending the deadline for some perennial crop Pre-Acceptance Inspection Reports, waiving the 2021 crop year inspection requirements for the Nursery and Nursery Value Select programs in certain cases and authorizing AIPs to allow organic producers to report acreage as certified organic, or transitioning to organic, for the 2020 crop year if they can show they have requested a written certification from a certifying agent by their policy's acreage reporting date.

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Health update for the weekend

SAN LUIS VALLEY - One new COVID case was identified today for Costilla County, bringing the total cumulative positive case count to 114. Numbers are updated weekdays at slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/.

Residents of Center are especially encouraged to stay at home as much as possible right now, as there is an elevated spread of the virus in that area. In just 3 weeks, known cases of COVID-19 jumped from 10 cumulative cases to 53, with almost all of the 43 new cases in the Center area. The virus spreads easily in social gatherings and it is possible to spread the virus even if you don't feel sick. Wear a mask and maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others when you are out in public. Wash your hands frequently. If you are sick you must stay at home, do not visit friends or family, do not go to work, and do not go to the store.

Individuals with COVID symptoms are encouraged to 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
- If you are experiencing a mental health crisis, please call 719-589-3671, or the crisis hotline 1 (844) 493-TALK (8255). After business hours, please call 911 or the crisis hotline 1 (844) 493-TALK (8255) or text TALK to 38255. You can also find resources at www.colorado.gov/ruralmentalhealth

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

East Alamosa Water receives grant

ALAMOSA — With a nearly \$244,000 principal forgiveness loan, East Alamosa Water and Sanitation District plans to make a number of improvements to its water system.

The Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority notified the local district earlier this week that they will receive the \$243,952.80 loan for design and engineering associated with

their projects. An East Alamosa spokesperson said because the loan is principal forgiveness it is basically a grant.

Projects include replacing undersized water lines to six-inch, replace 40-plus year old asbestos concrete pipe, add 18 fire hydrants, replace water meters and install isolation valves. The valves allow for a portion of the system to be shut down in the event of a line break.

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OBITUARIES

Cordelia Marie Vigil Gallegos Candelaria



August 13, 1937 – May 16, 2020

Psalm 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

CAPULIN—Cordelia Candelaria, 82, of Louisville, Colorado entered into eternal glory with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 9:52 am. She passed from this life peacefully at her home. Cordelia

was born August 13, 1937, in Capulin, Colorado. Her devotion to her faith and love for Jesus was evident in the way she lived her life and the way she loved her many family members and friends.

Cordelia was born to the late, Selso Locadio and Emilia Marie (Archuleta) Vigil. Born and raised in the San Luis Valley, this is truly where her heart loved to be. While she lived in other places such as Boulder and Louisville (20+ year resident), she never missed an opportunity to take a trip to the Valley to visit family and friends. She would be sure to visit with the chance to attend festivals and parades and loved to see the amazing sandhill cranes. Cordelia had a large extended family; she

was the oldest girl of 12 children. She also had an abundant number of friends. She loved to talk, laugh and visit with all of them any chance she could get.

Cordelia loved life and enjoyed many things; she loved hummingbirds, monarch butterflies, traveling, music and dancing, crocheting, baking, tending to her beautiful roses, irises, four o'clocks and taking photos. She loved the sunshine. Cordelia loved to watch her home teams, the Denver Broncos and the Colorado Rockies play. She attended several home games for each as well as attending a few games away on some of her travel adventures to California. She was very knowledgeable in her family history and people often came to her to get relative informa-

tion. To be with people and share her life with others gave her so much joy. Cordelia had a heart full of love, compassion, and grace that was felt by everyone who knew her.

Of all that she loved and did in her blessed life, her relationship with Jesus was most important. Cordelia was a faithful follower of Jesus and believer of God. She enjoyed attending church and was devoted to studying the word of God every day. She spent much of her time praying and singing songs to the Lord. Her heart's desire was that her loved ones would come to know her personal Savior, Jesus Christ, so that we would all be united again one day in heaven.

Cordelia is survived by her three loving children: a son, Adolph "Rocky" Gallegos of Longmont, Colorado; a daughter, Della Marie (Rick) Servantes of Superior, Colorado; a son, Steve "Joe" (Roxanna) Gallegos of Frederick, Colorado; her grandchildren: Bernadette (Toa) Sagapolutele of Frederick, Colorado, Steve "Joe" (Danielle) Gallegos Jr. of Mead, Colorado and her beloved great-grandchildren: Jette, Mareta, Micah, Olivia and Gianna. Cordelia was preceded in death by her brothers Walter, Ben and Joe Vigil; and survived by her brothers, Celso (Christine) Vigil, Candido (Marlene) Vigil, Meliton (Mary) Vigil; sisters, Cecilia Marti-

nez, Joan Dominguez, Louise Sanders. Cordelia is also survived by her step-children, who lovingly called her their "bonus" mom; Victor, Corina, Becky and Cecilia, their spouses and children. Cordelia also leaves behind many members of her extended family including nephews, nieces, primos, primas and many friends.

A beautiful private viewing was held for her immediate family on Monday, May 18, 2020 by Howe Mortuary in Lafayette, Colorado with cremation service following. No public services will be held at this time due to the present pandemic restrictions. The family is grateful for all the kind words, condolences and prayers.

Anita Bernice Segura

SAN LUIS — Anita Bernice Segura, 82, went home to be with the Lord on April 21, 2020, at the Evergreen Nursing Home surrounded by her loving family. Anita came into the world on August 30, 1937 in San Acacio, Colorado, the daughter of Candido Martinez and Cecelia Cordova-Martinez.

Anita was a kind, beautiful and loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend who enjoyed dancing, cooking, gardening and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her daughters Flora (Phil) Archuleta and Frances (Lloyd) Trujillo, both of Alamosa, CO; Magdalen (Greg) Molyneux,



Elko, NV; Mary (Albert) Archuleta, Denver, CO; Elsie (Zack) Pimentel, Burlington, CO; son Efrén

(JoAnn) Segura, Alamosa, CO. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Anita was preceded in death by her husband Penta Efrén Segura, parents Candido and Cecelia Martinez, daughters Lucille Lovato and Juanita Segura, son Joseph T. Segura, brothers Joe O. Martinez and Valois Martinez, sister Dorothy Archuleta, mother and father-in-law Tircio & Magdalena Segura.

Private funeral services will be held at a later date.

To leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of San Luis.

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 Romero 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.

ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

05/20/2020-05/22/2020

Monica Cole, 42, Alamosa; Vehicle Had (Defective/No) Stop Light(s)
 Karisa Chavez, 40, Alamosa; Failed To Present Evidence Of Insurance Upon Request
 Cody Gordon, 31, Mosca; Shoplifting
 Juvenile, 15; Shoplifting
 Anjel Benskin, 37, Alamosa; Shoplifting
 Richard Fortney, 51, Alamosa; Open Container
 Deseray Stamps, 40, Denver; Reckless Driving
 Eduardo Trujillo, 40, Colorado Springs; Careless Driving
 Triston Winters, 21, La Jara; Careless Driving Causing Bodily Injury
 Marcia Offerdahl, 56, Cheshire, CT; Failed To Obey/Disregarded A Traffic Control Device
 Shiree Borrego, 33, Alamosa; Shoplifting
 Miguel Rael, 38, San Luis; Shoplifting
 Angel Tomas, 18, Alamosa; Assault
 Rodolfo Felix, 18, Alamosa; Assault
 Adriana Juan, 31, Alamosa; Careless Driving Causing Bodily Injury
 Greg Abeyta, 50, Fort Garland; Theft From A Building
 Ashley Villalpando, 29, Del Norte; Criminal Mischief
 Limbert Abeita, 41, Whitehorse Lake, NM; Violation Of Restraining Order
 Anthony Young, 51, Alamosa; Violation Of Restraining Order, Criminal Mischief
 Richard Fortney, 51, Alamosa; Theft From A Building
 Ashley Villalpando, 29, Del Norte; Failed To Present Evidence Of Insurance Upon Request,
 Drove A (Defective/Unsafe) Vehicle, Driving Under Suspension, Failed To Stop At Stop Sign

San Luis Valley Crimestoppers

If you have information about an unreported or unsolved crime in the San Luis Valley, Crimestoppers pays for information that leads to the arrest of criminal offenders. Citizens may report crimes anonymously and remain eligible for rewards.

Call San Luis Valley Crimestoppers at 589-4111.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

VALLEY — The San Luis Valley offers many Alcoholics Anonymous groups.

A.A. members' primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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

family. For information, call 719-937-5083.

SUNDAY

5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Parish Center at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa

7 p.m. Town Hall at 108 W Galena Ave., Crestone

MONDAY

12 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Hall at 607 4th St., Alamosa

5 p.m. Women's Meeting at Masonic Hall, 598 Spruce

St., Del Norte

7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede

7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara.

TUESDAY

12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa

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

ALAMOSA — Once upon a time there was a little girl who thought that "snips and snails and puppy dog tails" belonged to girls too!

Alyssa Kay Malouff was born on March 24, 1987 in Alamosa, Colorado to Nimon Malouff and Ada Boyce. She has an older brother Lane Malouff and a younger sister Delia Malouff. She quickly acquired the nickname of Lyssa.

Alyssa was born with a heart of gold and a smile that could warm the room. She was a child who cared more about picking flowers with a new friend in the middle of a softball game than whether the ball was coming her way.

Alyssa graduated from Adams State University while working two jobs and taking care of her beloved son Daniel.

Alyssa had many accomplishments during her short life. The two she was proudest of were her children Danny and



Lily.

Alyssa lost many people she was close to. She struggled with the loss of her nephew Dominic, her aunt Rochelle and cousin Dennin. They are now reunited. More than likely she is riding horses with Aunt Roch in the morning, listening to Dennin play his music in the afternoon and playing peek-a-boo with little Dom in the evenings.

Alyssa is survived by her son Daniel Brandt, daughter Lillian Cordova, mother Ada Boyce (Robert Davis), father Nimon Malouff (Becky

PENDING OBITUARIES

Alice Lynn Robinson

ALAMOSA — Alice Lynn Robinson, 66, passed away on May 21, 2020. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa.

School Menu
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Valley News

Bingo starts in South Fork May 28

SOUTH FORK- Bingo fans in South Fork survived the winter months (plus the extension due to the COVID-19 situation), and they are eager to start playing bingo on Thursday evenings. Players say, "Let's rock and roll with those bingo cards and numbers." The South Fork Chamber of Commerce announces that play will start on Thursday, May 28, which is one day after the Colorado governor's last day of stay-at-home restrictions.

Play is in the South Fork Community Building on Highway 149.

The doors open to the building at 6:30 p.m. and play starts at 7 p.m. and ends around 9 p.m. Tiny Timbers Restaurant will provide the concessions this year. The restaurant will serve sandwiches, iced tea, soda and coffee drinks.

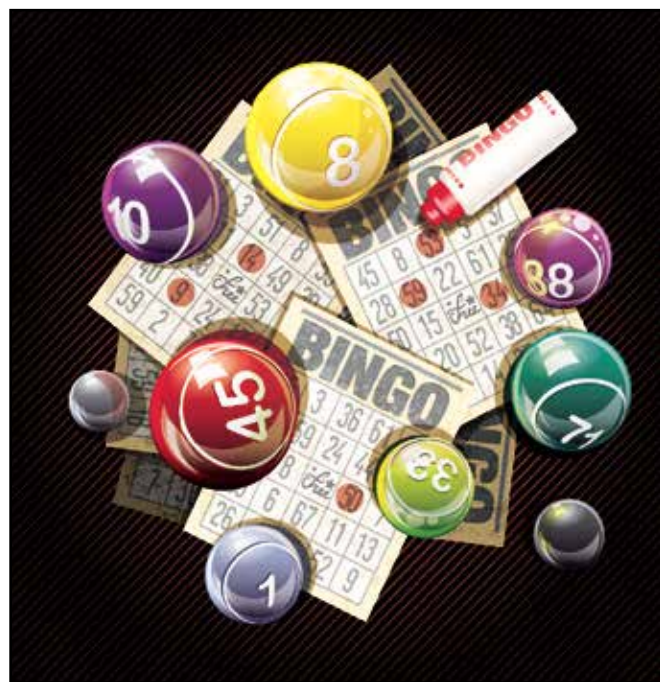
The Colorado Secretary of State regulates the play of bingo when money prizes are involved. Each year, the South Fork Chamber, who sponsors the Thursday evening bingo games, must renew their bingo license as well as file quarterly reports stating the

payouts, attendance counts, number of bingo packets sold and other information. The state also requires a certified game manager to be on-site for each evening of bingo. The Chamber has two game managers.

The Chamber president, L. L. Van Osdol, states, "Avid bingo players are anxious to start playing again. On the first few Thursday nights, the crowds are smaller and consist of mostly South Fork residents. Your chances of winning are, of course, higher. When summer visitors start attending, the crowds can be as

high as 90-100 players each evening. Lots of families join us in the summer. One Thursday last year, four generations from the same family attended."

Local Chamber member businesses provide prizes for a raffle at the intermissions. You receive a free raffle ticket when you purchase a packet of bingo cards. The Chamber sponsors 14 games each night, and a packet contains three cards for each game. Van Osdol states, "You have to be on your toes to track called numbers for three cards a game."



New water use ordinance

ALAMOSA — Over the past several years, the City has taken many steps to encourage water conservation among its citizens. These have included the establishment of the Water Smarts Team, adopting an anti-water wasting ordinance, public information and outreach, the soon-to-be-completed Water Efficiency Plan, demonstration gardens, and excess turf removal. Alamosa and the San Luis Valley is classified as a high-altitude desert. Even in relatively normal or high water years, the city is in a constant

state of water shortage and over-appropriation of water.

The new ordinance (12-2020) establishes a schedule with provisions similar to those that were adopted during the drought of 2018. Those temporary restrictions produced an approximate 30% reduction in irrigation (about 16% of normal water use).

The new ordinance allows for watering days as follows: odd-numbered addresses water only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays; even-numbered addresses on Wednes-

days, Fridays, and Sundays. No watering is allowed on Mondays.

The ordinance includes the following exemptions to the schedule: Watering of vegetable gardens or new plant material such as flowers, trees, and shrubs on the day of planting; essential watering to preserve turf subject to heavy public use (such as parks and sporting fields); and watering for up to 21 days to establish new turf from seed or sod.

The new ordinance enhances the existing no-wasting ordinance of common-sense prac-

tices like not watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., not watering during rain or wind events, no pooling of water, no broken irrigation equipment, etc. Evidence shows that deep, infrequent watering of lawns to a depth of six inches promotes deep root growth, thereby promoting more healthy, resilient, and water-efficient turf.

The order takes effect on May 30, 2020 in the City of Alamosa. For more information, please call Public Works at (719) 589-6631.



Winters in motorcycle accident

ALAMOSA — Tristan Winters 21, of La Jara was involved in a motorcycle accident on Tuesday night and has since been transported to Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs. On May 19th, Alamosa Police Department (APD) units were dispatched to the area of 1400 blk of Main St. in reference to a motorcycle accident. The driver of the motorcycle was identified as Winters. During the preliminary

investigation, it was found that Winters was traveling westbound on Main St. approaching a slight curve in the road. Winters was unable to maintain control of his motorcycle, striking the median and going into the eastbound lane. Winters was ejected from his motorcycle and transported to San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center, where he was later flown out to Penrose Hospital.

Centauri graduation

LA JARA — Centauri will hold a graduation ceremony today in a drive-up style event at 10 a.m. in front of Centauri High School with one car allowed per graduate. There will be a stage in front of the high school and graduates will remain in their cars until they are directed to cross the stage and get their diplomas. Graduates, remember you cannot decorate your caps but you can decorate the masks that you are all required to wear when you come and get your diploma. Graduates are asked to get to the school and park in their designated parking spot by 9:30 am. It is also asked that no one bring large vehicles or campers so

everyone has an unobstructed view of the ceremony from their cars. A map will be emailed to each family to let them know where to park. The radio station that will be broadcasting the graduation is KSPK 100.3. There will be a livestream on facebook and NFHS network. The link to NFHS will be sent in a school messenger at a later date. Centauri will have two photographers taking pictures of the graduates. After the graduation is complete, local law enforcement and the Colorado State Patrol has agreed to lead a parade of graduates through town.

Durango hatchery takes first spawn from rare cutthroat trout rescued in 416 Fire

DURANGO — After nearly a two-year wait, Colorado Parks and Wildlife hatchery staff and biologists in Durango have spawned a new lineage of Colorado River cutthroat trout that were rescued from a remote stream during the 416 Fire in 2018.

This marks a major milestone for CPW's on-going species conservation work in Colorado, and the result of decades of work by dedicated biologists, researchers and field staff.

Fertilized eggs of the San Juan cutthroats will hatch by mid-summer; some of the fingerlings will be placed in back-country streams in the southwest area of the state and others will be held at the Durango hatchery to start a sustainable brood stock. Now, the hatchery staff and biologists will continue the long-term effort to restore these native trout to their home waters.

"I'm thrilled that we've gotten a spawn from these fish, it's been a long process and we've got a lot more work to do," said Jim White, aquatic biologist for CPW in Durango.

The story of these fish that hold a unique genetic marker goes back nearly 150 years and includes some serious biological detective work. Since the 1970s,

CPW aquatic biologists have searched back-country streams looking for isolated populations of cutthroats -- Colorado's native trout. In southwest Colorado in the 1980s and 1990s, biologists found cutthroat trout that were suspected to have unique characteristics in eight small streams. Back then, however, technology to analyze genetics fully was still being developed. The biologists kept their eyes on the fish and made sure non-native trout were not stocked nearby.

In 2012, researchers from the University of Colorado went to the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History looking for preserved specimens of cutthroat trout that had been collected in Colorado. Two of the specimens they found were taken from the San Juan River near Pagosa Springs in 1874.

An analysis showed that the fish had genetic "fingerprints" specific to the San Juan River Basin. CPW researchers then began a similar analysis of the cutthroats they'd found in southwest Colorado. By this time, genetic-analysis technology had advanced and in early 2018 scientists confirmed that the marker in the museum specimens matched the cutthroat trout recently found in the wild.

Creede

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You have come this far, and you have completed it. Think about all the great times you have had and all of the hard times you have had; you made it. As the cliché says, you are going out into a brand-new world and this time it is true. You are going to go out into a world that no one has ever experienced before."

Next, Salutatorian Sadi Allen spoke to her fellow seniors, "Thank you for being here tonight and thank you to everyone who made this graduation possible during this uncertain time." Allen spoke about her time at the Creede School going from the old school building in town to the new one five years ago and about how being in a small school like Creede, could offer huge opportunities that would otherwise not be available. Allen highlighted her time

on the volleyball team, track and the chance to be a team manager which helped drive her decision to pursue sports management as she furthers her education.

"Thank you for instilling me with these responsibilities and giving me the opportunity to become a manager for both basketball and track. The Class of 2020 was born into this world either right before or during the aftermath of 9/11 and today we are graduating in the biggest pandemic since the Spanish Flu which was over a century ago, but we have better days ahead of us, or at least I hope so. One thing we also have in common is that we all graduated from Creede."

Valedictorian Grace Whitehorn was the next to speak. who started by

once again thanking the administration for working day and night to host a graduation. Whitehorn also took time to thank the teachers for the last few months, "Thank you for your time and dedication these last few months. They have not been easy."

"Congratulations to the Class of 2020. We did it even though the world seemed to be falling down around us, we persevered and came out strong. None of us expected a global pandemic to ruin the rest of our senior year but here we are."

Whitehorn ended her speech with a quote, "Embrace the suck. I did some research to find out where this quote originated from, I found that it comes from the 2003 Operation Iraqi Freedom. The American soldiers would say this to each other when times

were tough, and their limits were being tested. Embrace the suck means to accept the situation for what it is and to make the best of it. With everything we have had to do with this year, I believe this quote is fitting for our current situation. Our senior year was not a war zone, but I encourage everyone to embrace the challenge that this year has presented and to make the best of it. Congratulations Class of 2020."

The night was ended with an address by Ms. Kim Fairchild, whose soul message for her students was to always tell people how much you love them and to remember that anyone, at any time could be gone before they know it.

Diplomas were not presented at this time due to the COVID-19 restrictions but will be issued to gradu-

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Opinion

Memorial Day preview

When will the craziness end? There is going to be a 'cruise' on Monday, Memorial Day. I will be participating. I am hanging flags of the military branches on my big truck, along with the American flag and some banners that O&V Printing made for me. I will be doing this to honor my dad, and all who have fought for our freedoms over the years. I do this with the hopes that all businesses can reopen soon!! I believe the virus is a serious issue for many, many folks, but I am not believing the numbers.

When a friend can text me after my column last week and he can tell me how he has been seriously studying the numbers, and he can tell me that everything has been blown out of proportion, I have to listen.

His dad passed away during this virus.

He had to quarantine. He believes he and his wife had the virus. He still believes it is out of control.

I, personally, just want all my business friends and acquaintances to be able to open 100%. A restaurant can't survive on a 30% opening. Remember... these businesses are the ones who support 4H, Science Fair, After Prom, Cancer Relief Fund, Senior Citizens, Museum, and so many more.

The businesses that are owned by out of towners really don't care about

our towns in the Valley. Can you even imagine how much money is being lost?

How many folks might have gone to Splashland, or Sand Dunes Recreation or the Sand Dunes this weekend?

Some of you will say that these businesses (mine included) are selfish and only thinking about the money. Well, it takes money to pay the mortgage, to feed your family, to pay your utilities. It always takes money. The businesses I know are willing to meet with anyone early in the mornings or in the evening if you are needing to. Everyone wants everyone to be safe. The fact remains, you don't have to go to these businesses if you don't feel safe. That's a fact. It's the freedom of choice...that my Dad fought for, that many Vets fought for.

Meanwhile, some great friends spurred me on with a donation for my second flag project. They donated \$300.00 and that will buy 2 flag poles! Thank you S. and A. K.! I also found my flag catalog (I knew it was someplace), so I am ready to order the flags. One of the flags will be the Star of Life, even though I didn't know what that stood for.

After a little research, I found that the six arms on the flag stand for Citizen Responder, EMS Dispatcher, First Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, Hospital Care Providers, and Rehab.

What a great flag. I have 5-6 flags that needed to be picked for the police and fire. Etc. Please come by and give me some input (Jack and Theresa). And if you want to donate to this project, it will be greatly appreciated!

Meanwhile, I screwed up this week. I thought the public input on the new water ordinance was in a couple of weeks, but it was this past Wednesday. Dang it. I do not believe this ordinance will help the City save water! Time will tell. I like to water when needed—not every other day.

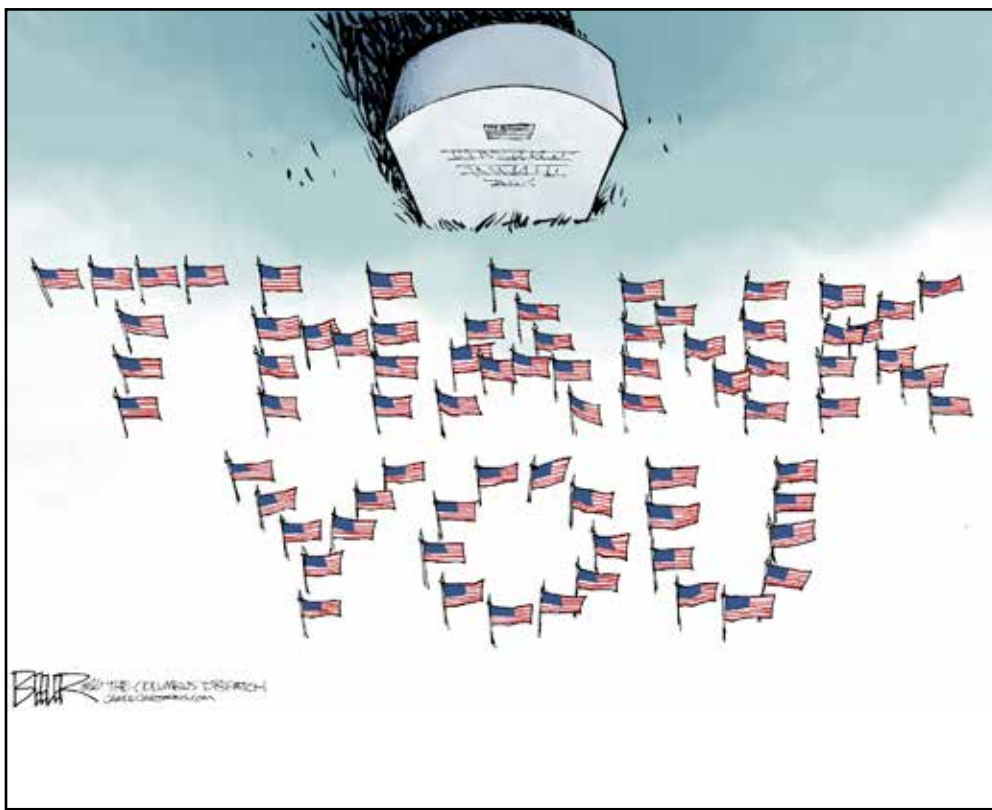
Most of the time I might water every third day. Instead of encouraging folks to cut back on watering, maybe giving a gift certificate to a local restaurant for cutting back, the city will be imposing restrictions.

Just what we need...another ordinance to enforce...or not! Maybe the conspiracy is to encourage everyone to dig up their grass and put down rock, more rock! That will fall right into the plan of renaming Alamosa Rockamosa, or Alarocka, right?

What really upsets me is that, as I have driven by a park on my way to work, the sprinklers have been on for FOUR days in a row. And when a group of folks met in Cole Park last week, we couldn't stand in one area because the standing water was so deep. Water conservation at its finest! Our city manager might say that I had time to give my comments ahead of time. I even was on a 'mostly' city employee committee for a while.

It was stated at the Council meeting how easy it has been to lose track of time—guess that's my excuse too. It's my excuse and I'm sticking with it!

Please have a safe Memorial Day weekend. If the opportunity arises, please shop with a locally owned business—it's so important. And just take a moment out of your day to remember and give thanks to all the Veterans who gave their lives so that we could be free. Free to drive up and down Main Street. A simple thing, because we are free.



This week, I had the pleasure of featuring Callie Adams' work. Adams is not only an outstanding illustrator and painter, but also Director of La Puente's Outreach services. Adams' sense of humor competes with her breadth of talent for my favorite 'thing' about her. In fact, I remember being surprised to find out she had a formal education in art and graphic design, rather than programming; because she created La Puente's current data system, Empowr. She is a raw, witty force of nature; succeeding at what she puts her mind to.

Adams credits her mother, Sue Kanen, for her first meaningful experiences with art. She explains: "My mother is an artist and an art teacher. I love her art and always admired her talent." (I, too, can speak to her mother's skill; as the Kanen's kindly housed me during my first weekend in the Valley. They welcomed me into their home, gave me a tour of the town, and shared some art with me. Like Adams, Mrs. Kanen has a wide variety of skills: teaching, painting, cake decorating and sculpting, etc. It must run in the family!)

While Mrs. Kanen tried to assist Adams with her art, Adams admits: "I was not easy to teach. Who learns from their parents?" Instead, she said: "My roommate taught me to draw and then my mother facilitated more."

"The first thing I created and loved was a portrait of a Pantene hair model, from a magazine. After that, I knew I could create anything I saw."

Still curious about the Valley's art scenes, I asked Adams what was offered. She mentioned the wonderful festivals, like: the Art Walk, Crane Festival, and the Summer Fest on the Rio. Adams also mentioned the "eclectic collections" of Alamosa's hospitals and clinics. Of course, COVID-19 will no doubt have an impact on these.

Yet, Adams mentioned one more avenue this article has not focused much on: the cities' rotation of art exhibits, right on our public streets! She exclaimed: "What a wonderful way to share with

Artists of the SLV



the whole community!"

As stated, Adams has a formal education in art and graphic design. She went on to work as a portrait artist for many years. However, she has recently experienced a sort of 'awakening,' or turning point, with her art.

"I have really come to enjoy painting, in a way I never did before. I have taken a class with Coni Grant, at the Alamosa Recreation Center; and, in a new and different way, that little interaction has assisted me in rejuvenating my art."

"After many years away from my art, I have started creating again. Although it is not my career, I have found that is my therapy! It relaxes me and gives me something to look forward to, when I need more in my life."

As busy as Adams is, having an outlet is necessary! Adams juggles a career, a family -- who, thanks to COVID, now spends much more time together, at home -- and her art. When I asked what that dynamic was like, Adams responded: "Hard. I keep one eye on the parenting, the other eye on the painting."

So far, the juggling seems successful. "I continue to work towards being a better painter. I'm focused on oils now, but do continue to hone in on my drawing skills. Occasionally, I work in water color. Of course, the San Luis Valley also offers many opportunities for landscape painting, too."

I asked Adams if and why she con-

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sidered herself an artist. She replied: "Yes, because art is something you learn as you go. It is not exclusively a natural talent. As an artist, I believe in growing all the time -- never settling."

"When I wake up in the morning, when I drive down the street, when I work; I see everything as art. I think, all the time, about how I would represent what I'm seeing on the page. I use metaphors for much of my training and -- no matter what I'm looking at -- I see the world as a beautiful place."

To close, Adams described -- one of the many ways -- her art serves her: "My art is my therapy. There are times when there is no one to be angry with, or no one to understand my joy at a thing. That is when art is art its best."

If you'd like to view or purchase more of Adams' work, visit: Her Instagram: @callie079 Her Etsy: CalliesArtShop

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Thank God and wear a mask

As CBS Doctor Jonathan Lapook notes on CBS This Morning, wearing a mask has proven to save lives; "We wear a mask for each other, not for ourselves," he said --in an interview on Friday morning.

As readers know, I am a former substance-prevention media specialist, journalist, and retired college professor who enjoys writing and fine arts. So, when I tell you, I wear a mask because I love God and you; you know I'm telling the truth.

The movement to defy government orders and medical experts like Dr. Anthony Fauci is leading us down a path toward tragedy.

The COVID-19 virus is a stealth culprit and travels by means of particles escaping our breath, speech, coughs, sneezes, hands that touch infected surfaces and then touch our faces.

Wearing a mask, not even a medical-grade mask, keeps most of the particles from reaching others. No one knows who is carrying and who is not. It's like a concealed virus without a license to carry.

It's out of respect and an abundance of caution that all of us should continue to wear a mask. It's also out of love of God and country that we should embrace the 6-foot apart rule and continue donning face coverings in public to protect others, not ourselves necessarily.

Consider if you are carrying the stealth virus that is hidden even from you. Unmasked, you enter a grocery store, wave and yell, "Hi!" A short time later 5 people who were within six-foot range contract the virus. Then another five from each,

and so on because a mask was not worn. Plus, some of these infected hosts will die.

Dr. Fauci and LaPook are warning us that opening too quickly will lead to a second more deadly wave of the virus. We must be vigilant in wearing a mask and loving others

by wearing a mask and washing our hands frequently. They and other experts cite the 1918 flu pandemic when the social guard was dropped; and people walked and talked together without protection or distancing and the second wave of the flu killed even more people. A total of 500 million people died worldwide as a result of that H1N1 flu virus then.

In the Valley, it looks like a restaurant or two has opened up early without sanction and have since received a slap on the hand for doing so and a warning to discontinue so that license for operating is not pulled from the business.

It is hard, granted, when we are quarantined and not able to work or serve the community as we once did. At this time, we have to rely on each other, on our love for another as Jesus beckoned us to do. We have to follow the tried and true protocols of washing our hands and wearing a mask which are indeed saving lives.

We have to apply for the loans and respite from the government. Because Jesus said to love one another, we must love each other and protect the elderly, and smallest children, those compromised immune systems, and those with diseases like diabetes, lupus, and asthma.

Love God, wash your hands, and wear a mask.

Movin' On with Nellie



Nelda Curtiss

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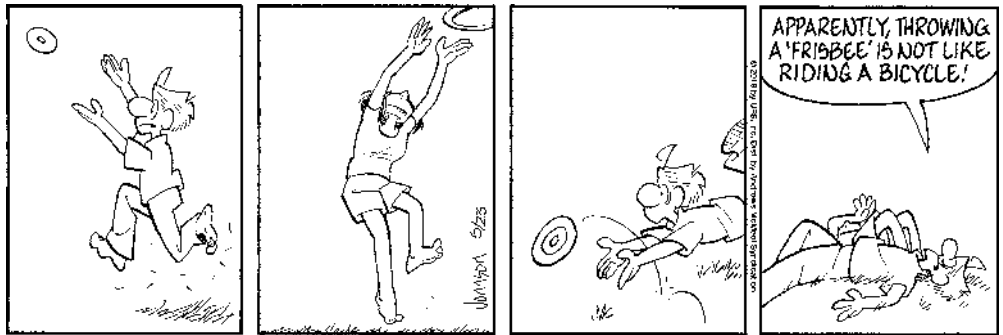


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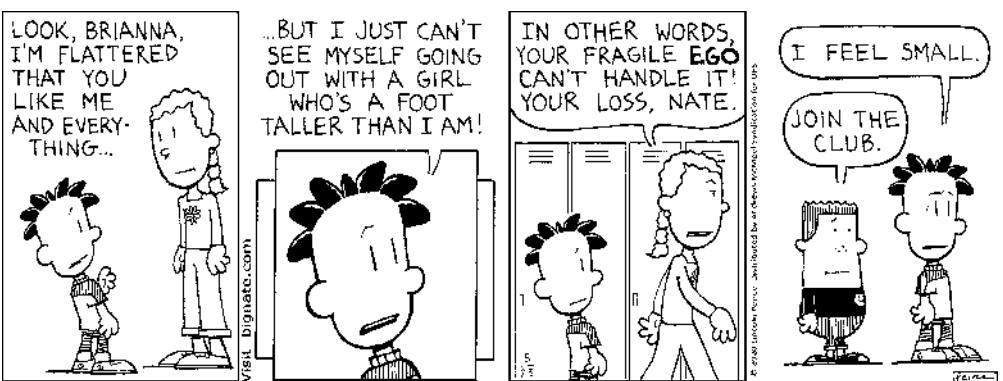
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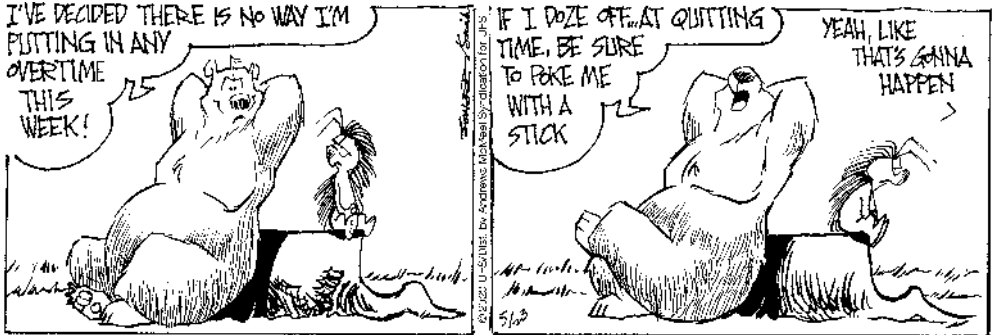
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TODAY'S CLUE: B steno 1

Growing up, the unreal had as much importance as the real." — Megan Follows

Parents strive to heal their youngest son's broken heart

DEAR ABBY: My son, a high school senior, was in a relationship with a young woman who broke up with him and began dating his best friend. He was heart-broken. She played him into being friends and tells him he's her best friend, but her actions prove otherwise.

His father and I comforted him as best we could, but he still has feelings for her. It was a tough breakup for him, and he says he can't understand why he feels this way for her. We as parents are having a hard time keeping our opinions to ourselves. We are not happy with him still being around her and try to discourage it as much as possible.

We all attend the same church, from which I've offered to remove myself, but my son says no. We limit the time he gets to be around her, but she has begun flaunting other dates in front of him, which is making it hard for us to be cordial toward her.

How can I help my boy heal his heart and move on? He's my youngest, the last one ready to venture out to college, and I want him to have a fresh start for the new journey. -- HEAVY-HEARTED MOM

DEAR MOM: Some lessons in life people must learn for themselves, and this is one of them. As much as you wish to help your son

heal his heart, he's going to have to arrive at the realization that there's more pain than pleasure associated with the girl who rejected him. That is when he will move on, not before.

College will provide him an opportunity to meet new people and cultivate new interests. Being in a new environment will also help. In the meantime, be patient, refrain from saying anything nasty (as tempting as it might be) about his former girlfriend and keep your son as busy as you can.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to the same woman for 34 years. We have raised two great kids. The problem is, my wife does not show, respond to or initiate any affection or intimacy. I understand she has been through menopause, but is this the new normal? For me it is a lonely, cold existence. Most nights she won't even share the same bed with me. She also does not respond well to talking about things. Must I live the rest of my life this way? -- ROOMMATE IN VIRGINIA

DEAR ROOMMATE: Your problem is less about the lack of affection and intimacy in your marriage and far more about the lack of communication your wife allows you to have with her. If a problem can't be discussed, there is no way to arrive at a solution or a



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

compromise.

If you haven't told her how lonely and isolated you feel, start there. What's happening is not fair to you. This is something that should be discussed with her doctor because there may be a medical solution if sex is painful for her.

However, if it is more complicated than that, recognize that you need more help than I can give you in a letter or a newspaper column, and ask your doctor or insurance company to refer you to a licensed marriage and family therapist for the answers you are seeking. If your wife refuses to go with you, go without her.

TO MY MUSLIM READERS: It is time for the breaking of the Ramadan fast. Happy Eid al-Fitr, everyone. -- ABBY

Lifestyle

Farm

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staple), dry peas, grain sorghum, honey, lentils, mohair, oats, peanuts, rice (long and medium grain), soybeans, unshorn pelts, wheat, wool (graded and nongraded); and other oilseeds, including canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard seed, rapeseed, safflower, sunflower seed, and sesame seed. Seed cotton and sugar are not eligible.

Under the new maturity provisions, producers can still repay the loan as they would have before the extension. Producers can repay the MAL on or before the maturity date, upon maturity by delivering or forfeiting the commodity to CCC as loan repayment or after maturity, and before CCC acquires the farm-stored commodity, by repaying the outstanding MAL principle and interest.

A Marketing Loan Gain occurs when a MAL is repaid at less than the loan principal. If market gain is applicable during the now-extended loan period, producers can receive a gain on the repayment made before the loan matures.

Crop Acreage Reporting

Acreage reporting is key to eligibility for many USDA programs, including crop insurance, safety net, disaster assistance, farm loan and conservation programs. While USDA Service Centers are currently open by phone or virtual appointments only, FSA is still available for assistance on timely filing acreage reports. FSA staff are providing acreage reporting assistance through phone, email and virtual meetings like Microsoft Teams.

Acreage reporting dates can vary by crop and by county. Producers should contact the FSA office at their local USDA Service Center for details in their respective county.

Animal Mortality

While support for livestock is available through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program in some circumstances, limited markets and processing may cause livestock producers to depopulate herds. NRCS offers assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program to help agricultural producers properly dispose of livestock that were depopulated because of impacts from the coronavirus pandemic.

Through the Emergency Animal Mortality Management practice, NRCS helps producers plan and cover part of the cost for disposing of livestock because of an emergency animal mortality event. Once capacity is reached in an animal mortality facility, NRCS will help producers dispose of the remaining livestock through burying, incinerating, disposal at landfill or render, and other disposal options.

To receive assistance, both an application and approved early start waiver must be filed with the local NRCS field office prior to disposal of animal carcasses. Producers must have farm records established with the Farm Service Agency (FSA), meet all eligibility requirements, and have application filed at the local NRCS.

Prior to payment, a swine mortality certification is required by a veterinarian or animal health specialist. Payment rates for swine include: Burial: \$74.28 per animal unit (\$89.14 for historically underserved producers), carcass disposal other than burial: \$111.53 per animal unit (\$191.20 for historically underserved producers), incineration:

\$219.88 per animal unit (\$263.86 for historically underserved producers) and disposal at landfill or render: \$0.05 per pound (\$.006 for historically underserved producers).

PPP

The Paycheck Protection Program is a guaranteed loan program administered by the SBA. The purpose of the program

is to support small businesses and help support their payroll during the coronavirus pandemic. Agricultural producers, farmers, and ranchers with 500 or fewer employees whose principal place of residence is in the United States are eligible.

Farms are eligible if they have 500 or fewer employees or if they fit within the revenue-based standard, which is on average annual receipts of \$1 million. Moreover, farms can qualify for PPP if they meet the SBA's alternative size standard, which include a maximum net worth of up to \$15 million and the average net income federal income taxes of the business for the two full fiscal years before the date of the application not be more than \$5 million.

The EIDL Program allows for advances of up to \$10,000 and borrowed funds up to \$2 million. These are administered through the SBA and will provide economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue. Loan advances will not have to be repaid.

SBA's EIDL application portal reopened on May 4 as a result of funding authorized by Congress through the Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act. For the first time, agricultural enterprises are now eligible for the disaster assistance from EIDL. American farmers, ranchers and other agricultural businesses will now have access to emergency working capital. These low-interest, long-term loans will help keep agricultural

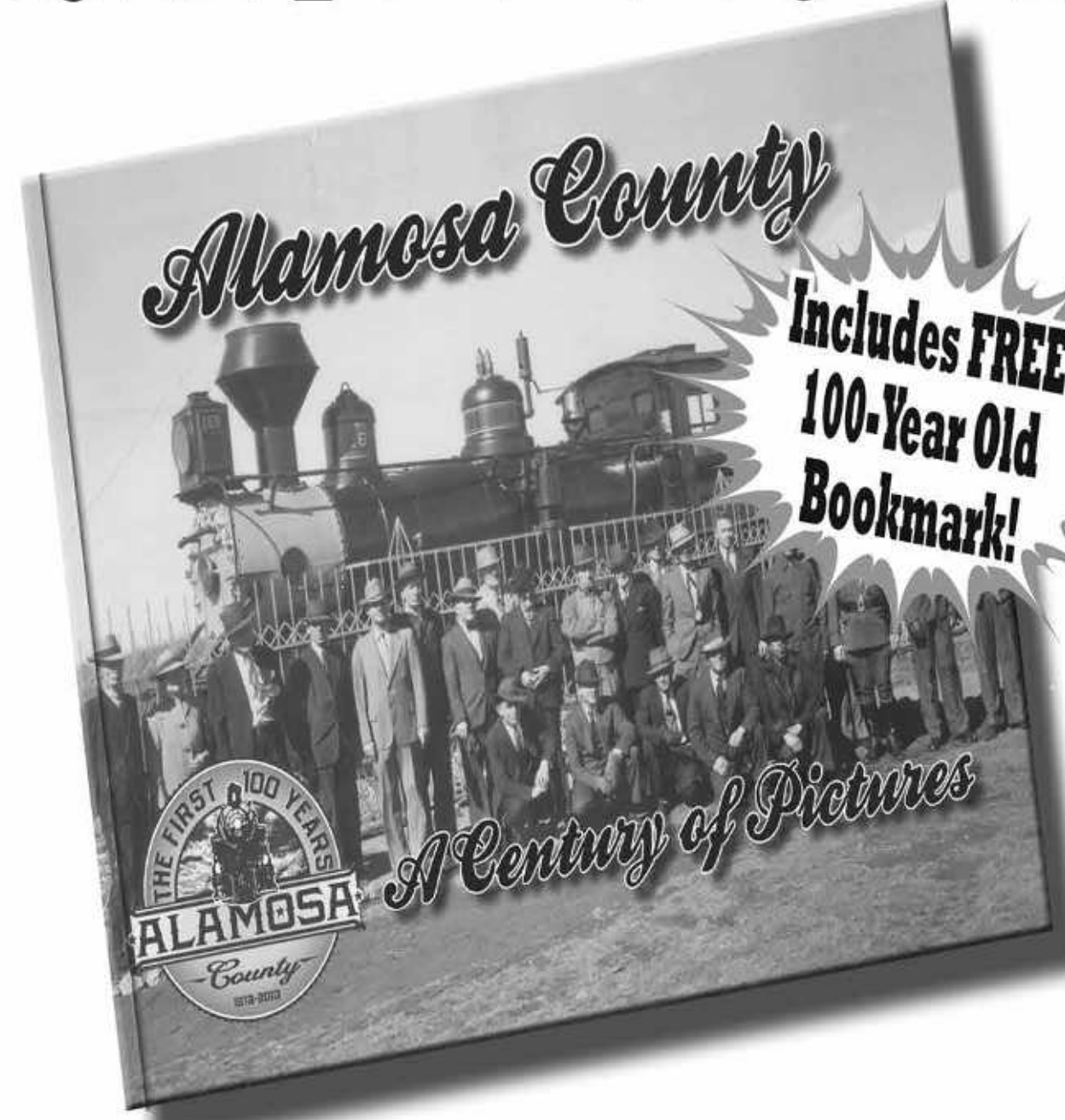
businesses viable while bringing stability to the nation's vitally important food supply chains.

Agricultural businesses include businesses engaged in the legal production of food and fiber, ranching and raising of livestock, aquaculture, and all other farming and agricultural related industries. Eligible agricultural businesses must have 500 or fewer employees.

For agricultural producers that submitted an EIDL loan application through the streamlined application portal prior to the legislative change, SBA will move forward and process these applications without the need for re-applying. All other EIDL loan applications that were submitted prior to April 15 will be processed on a first-in, first-out basis.

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Technical Sgnt Fischer, a senior soon to graduate from Sierra Grande, LtCol. Chad Grondahl, professional pilot, with Jania Arnoldi, President/CEO and Emelin Martinez, Chief Medical Officer of Valley-Wide Health Systems. LtCol. Grondahl flew relief PPE supplies from Centennial Airport to San Luis Valley healthcare organizations on behalf of the Civil Air Patrol. "I hope to be back soon with more supplies as soon as they're available," said LtCol. Grondahl.

Rio Grande National Forest announces developed recreation sites will remain closed through May 29

MONTE VISTA — Rio Grande National Forest officials today announced that developed recreation sites will remain closed through May 29. Closures remain in place to allow employees to prepare facilities, as well as time to ensure the necessary personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies are readily available. Trails, trailheads and general forest areas will remain accessible for public use.

The value of nature to promote mental and physical health comes at a time when access is vital to the American public. We are working diligently to open the trails for full access and ask that visitors be patient during this transi-

tion period. Be prepared for other options if your trail is closed, and whenever possible, recreate locally.

If you do plan on visiting the national forest, please recreate responsibly by adhering to the following safety and responsibility guidelines:

- Stay close to home to keep other communities safe.
- Stay 6 feet apart from others.
- Avoid crowding in parking lots, trails, scenic overlooks and other areas.
- Take CDC precautions to prevent illnesses like COVID-19.
- Prepare for limited or no services, such as restroom facilities and garbage collection.

• Prepare to pack out trash and human waste.

Stage 2 fire restrictions are in place to enhance public safety, protect natural and cultural resources and help minimize human-caused wildfires.

The safety of our employees and the public will continue to be our number one priority as we closely monitor the situation and implement changes accordingly.

Information on individual recreation sites and opportunities are available on our website at

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/riogrande>. Please also follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/USFSRGNF and Twitter twitter.com/RioGrandeUSFS.



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Amazing benefits to seniors having pets



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The organization A Place for Mom, which helps match families with senior living residences, says pets provide a comfort system that produces measurable health results.

Pets bring much joy to the lives they touch. So it should come as no surprise that the 2019-2020 National Pet Owners Survey, which was conducted by the American Pet Products Association, found that about 85 million families in the United States own a pet. In Canada, 7.5 million households are home to companion animals, states the PetBacker blog.

Pets offer companionship and unconditional love. While they are fitting for any family, seniors may find that having a pet is especially beneficial. The organization A Place for Mom, which helps match families with senior living residences, says pets provide a comfort system that produces measurable health results. Caring for pets and being around them can produce a chemical chain reaction in the brain that may help to lower stress hormones while also increasing production of the feel-good hormone serotonin.

This is not the only health benefit pets may provide. A recent study from the Mayo Clinic, which looked at 1,800 people between the ages of 25 and 64 who had healthy hearts, found that almost half owned a dog. Having a dog was likely to spur heart-healthy behaviors, like exercising with the pet, eating well and having ideal blood sugar levels.

Pets also provide emotional support and companionship that can help seniors—including those who may be divorced or widowed—feel more secure and happy. The National Poll on Healthy Aging found that, among respondents who had pets, 88 percent said their

pets helped them enjoy life, and 86 percent said their pets made them feel loved.

Seniors considering getting a pet can explore the many benefits to doing so.

- Reduce pain: A 2012 study published in Pain Magazine found therapy dogs provided “significant reduction in pain and emotional distress for chronic pain patients.”

- Feeling of purpose: Caring for an animal not only stimulates physical activity, but it also can give seniors a reason to get up and go, which equates to a feeling of purpose.

- Altered focus: Having a pet can help seniors focus on something other than physical or mental health issues and preoccupations about loss or aging, according to New York-based psychologist Penny B. Donnenfeld.

- Increased physical activity: Pets require care, and that interaction can get seniors moving more than if they didn't have a pet.

- Improved health: Ongoing research from Harvard Medical School has found dog owners have lower blood pressure, healthier cholesterol levels and lower risk of heart disease than those who don't own a dog.

- Stick to routine: Caring for pets helps seniors maintain a routine. Having structure after retirement can be important to ward off risk of depression. Staying on top of feeding, grooming and other pet needs also can help prevent cognitive decline.

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Public Notices

BRADBURY STAMM CONTRACTORS, INC., the Construction Manager General Contractor for this project, requests subcontractor proposals and qualifications for the following project:
NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT
CENTAURI HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENT
EARLY SITE & UTILITIES PACKAGE
 Project Description: Proposals will be accepted for all trades to demolish 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:
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 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.
 No. 1438
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 23, 26, and 27, 2020.

099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

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THE DEL NORTE Jr/Sr High School is seeking a qualified Secondary Social Studies teacher for the 2020/2021 school year. If you are interested please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Aaron Horrocks at ahorrocks@urtigers.com or contact Aaron at 719-657-4030 ext 1001. Applications can be accessed online at https://www.dncsd.org/business/employment-opportunities.(6/23)

221 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 RESUMES 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@tricityseniors.com.(6/5)

221 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)

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 No. 1442
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 16, and 23, 2020.

101 MEMORIALS



Today is 5 years that you have been gone. My prayers are with you always. Miss you so much and love you everyday. Remembering Dad always Darlene

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

DEL NORTE BANK is seeking a qualified candidate for their Residential Mortgage Division. Ideally, candidate will have minimum one year of mortgage lending experience, or very strong mathematical/analytical and communication skills. Attention to detail, multitasking while managing multiple loans and meeting deadlines is critical. If you're interested in joining our dedicated team, helping borrowers obtain their dream of Homeownership, please apply at Postmaster@truelocalbank.com. Full time on-site position M-F 8:00 - 5:00. Full benefits. Del Norte Bank is Your True Local Bank, EOE.(5/30)

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

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

NOTICE OF PASSAGE Ordinance No. 12-2020

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at a regular meeting of the Alamosa City Council duly called, Council finally passed and adopted Ordinance No. 12-2020, an ordinance amending Section 20-37 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alamosa to place restrictions on the use of water, limiting times when residents may water lawns and adding a new Section 20-38 setting forth a schedule and other remedies.

Further notice is hereby given that the full text thereof is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the Office of the City Clerk.
 Alamosa City Council
 Holly C. Martinez
 City Clerk
 No. 1453
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 23, 2020.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING On Ordinance No. 13-2020

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 13-2020, an ordinance approving an intergovernmental agreement with the Alamosa County Fire Protection District to operate and maintain a burn facility for firefighter training.

This ordinance was accepted on first reading on May 20, 2020, and a Public Hearing thereon set for Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. This hearing will be held in Alamosa Council Chambers, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado.

Further notice is given that any and all persons of interest may appear at said hearing and be heard in this matter, and that the full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the office of the City Clerk.
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163 LOST & FOUND

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing before the Conejos County Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM and a hearing before the Conejos County Commissioners will be on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 10:45 AM to consider a request from Robins Construction for an extension to their Special Use Permit 112 Mining Permit that is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2020.

The subject property is legally described as 18.5 acres located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 32 North, Range 7 East, Conejos County, Colorado. Commonly known as Robins Gravel Pit #1, physically addressed as 3113 County Road D.S. County Parcel Number 613703100006.

Details regarding this application and process are available for public review by contacting the Conejos County Land Use Office by phone 719-376-2014 or by email request to landuse@co.conejos.co.us. Any interested person may appear to be heard at the public meeting.
 Linda DeHerrera, Conejos County Land Use Administrator
 No. 1455
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 23, and June 3, 2020.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing before the Conejos County Planning Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 6:15 PM and a hearing before the Board of County Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 10:30 AM. The purpose of these hearings is to consider an application submitted by Lester Hochstetler for a Special Use Permit for manufacturing and sales of cultured stone, 16162 County Road P, La Jara CO 81140.

The property is zoned rural and is legally described as 40 Acres Located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 34 North, Range 19 East, NMPM, Conejos County Colorado. Parcel 586723200119

The full details of this application are available for public inspection. Call the Land Use Office 719-376-2014 for review procedures or submit a request by email to landuse@co.conejos.co.us. Any interested person may appear to be heard at the public meeting.
 Linda DeHerrera, Conejos Land Use Administrator
 No. 1456
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 23, and June 3, 2020.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing before the Conejos County Planning Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 5:30 PM and a hearing before the Board of County Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 10:15 AM. The purpose of these hearings is to consider an application submitted by Matthew & Megan Stalzer for a Special Use Permit for Short-term Overnight Lodging, 18443 County Road 8, Capulin CO 81124.

The property is zoned rural and is legally described as 35.02 Acres Located in a fraction of the Northwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 35 North, Range 8 East, NMPM, Conejos County Colorado. Parcel 571919200098

The full details of this application are available for public inspection. Call the Land Use Office 719-376-2014 for review procedures or submit a request by email to landuse@co.conejos.co.us. Any interested person may appear to be heard at the public meeting.
 Linda DeHerrera, Conejos Land Use Administrator
 No. 1457
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RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing Home in Del Norte CO, is accepting applications for the Housekeeping Department. If you would like to join our amazing team, please come in or call for more information. 719-657-1105. 1335 6th Street Del Norte CO 81132. (RVI in an EOE).(5/29)

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

221 HELP WANTED

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

RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing home is now hiring LPN's and RN's. Come join our team! Must have a current license and CPR. Days and Night shift With night shift differential. Please stop in for an application at 1335 6th st in Del Norte Co or call 719-657-1105 Ask for Susan or Chely. (RVI is EOE).(5/29)

APARTMENT MANAGER. OVER the Rainbow Apartments, downtown Alamosa seeks a live-in, skilled property manager. Responsibilities include lease management, facility upkeep, handling tenant needs and issues. Qualifications: mature, good communication and computer skills, good references. Knowledge of human services helpful. Compensation includes salary, apartment, paid utilities and benefits. Serious applicants, please submit resume to hr@lapuente.net.(5/29)

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

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221 HELP WANTED

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341 - GARAGE SALES

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369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

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