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Board of Education regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday April 14th, 2020 in the school Library at 8751 Lane 7 North, Mosca CO with an Executive Session from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. and an **Open Session starting** at 6:30 p.m. Copies of agendas are posted at school site, website, the Hooper and Mosca Post Offices, and the Mosca Pit Stop. Meetings are open to the public.

# Conejos Government Closure

**CONEJOS COUNTY** As a result of COVID-19 recommendations, all Conejos County Govspent the late afternoon not just sheltering from the virus, but heavy black smoke as well. What was believed to be a large pile of waste tires on the southwest edge of town caught fire and sent smoke billowing over much of the area. Fortunately, the 'Stay at Home' order for toxic air conditions was lifted later that night. Firefighters from Manassa, Romeo, Antonito and the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control had the flames knocked down in a couple of hours. No official word on the cause of the fire was available at press time, although a firefighter on scene said it was caused by a controlled burn.



# SLV Emergency COVID-19 update

SAN LUIS VALLEY - The Easter weekend brought few changes to report, with no changes in the numbers. As the stay at home order continues, it is important to continue practicing social distancing, maintaining a distance of 6 feet or more from others and wearing a cloth mask when you must go out for an essential errand like your weekly grocery trip. If you work in critical infrastructure like agriculture or at the grocery store, practice social distancing to every extent

possible and take extra

your hands, follow the stay-at-home orders and adhere to the social distancing guidelines.

During this time it is as important as ever to follow the direction of your primary care provider and this includes taking medication as prescribed. There is a practice among some in the community of not taking medication as prescribed in an attempt to "save it" should the pharmacy close. The pharmacies will remain open, not impacting your ability to refill your medication. You can also utilize a mail service to refill medications to reduce the need to go out and these services can be set up so medications are delivered on a regular basis according to your prescription. It is important that you continue to take your medications as prescribed by your healthcare provider. If you need to visit with a healthcare provider, telehealth options may now be available, you can check with your healthcare provider to find out if they are offering this service. This is a stressful time

for everyone, staying home without personal contact with loved ones can be difficult. Take time to video chat with a friend or a group of friends over coffee, or give a family member a call to check-in. Although we are socially distancing, that doesn't mean we shouldn't be visiting and reaching out to others through the many digital resources available. If you are experiencing a mental health crisis, please call 719-589-3671 or call the crisis hotline 1 (844) 493-TALK (8255).

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CDC updates and guidance: https://www.cdc. gov/coronavirus

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

# SLV COVID 19

462-2911 (English and

Spanish) for Colorado

guidance: https://covid19.

Colorado updates and

general information.

colorado.gov

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 5:00 p.m. on April 13,

ernment offices will be closed on Friday, March 10, 2020.



# Facebook -Alamosa Valley Courier SLV WEATHER

Sunny/Windy 47/16

Wed: Partly Cloudy

58/25

Mon: High Wind 63/30

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 $steps \, to \, keep \, your self \, safe$ like wearing a mask. You can use a bandana, a mask sewn at home by you or a friend, or even just cut an old t-shirt. Ways to make vour own mask at home can be found at coloradomaskproject.org. Kids over the age of 2 should also be wearing masks if there isn't another option, such as a grocery trip with a single parent. Wearing a cloth mask can help slow the spread of COVID-19, they do not provide 100% safety from transmission. It is important to wash

After business hours, please call 911 or the crisis hotline 1 (844) 493-TALK (8255) or text TALK to 38255.

SLV Emergency has a new Instagram! Follow @ SLVEmergency on Instagram, Facebook or Twitter to get the latest news.

SLV COVID general questions 719-480-8719 for English, or 719-315-5019 for Spanish. You may also email your questions to slvepr@alamosacounty. org.

CO HELP line 1-877-

# Rio Grande National Forest not closed

Only the developed recreations sites have been closed. Campgrounds, picnic areas and areas with restrooms have been closed to help achieve our goals of flattening the COVID-19 curve.

Forest officials very much want to encourage folks to completely follow the Governor's order. So if Forest users are not driving great distances to do so, it is OK to access the forest while maintaining physical distancing requirements but never, use an area that is crowded.

Although the #RioGrandeNF is not closed to visitors, it wants to encourage anyone considering venturing out in the Forest to recognize social distancing while there and even consider delaying any recreational use. All campgrounds, picnic grounds and toilet facilities on the forest are currently closed to promote and ensure physical distancing.



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.

### 20 SLV POSITIVE CASES

Alamosa County - 7 Conejos County - 0 Costilla County - 3 Mineral County - 2 Rio Grande County - 5 Saguache County - 3

### 8 HOSPITALIZED

### **13 ISOLATION COMPLETED**

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

DEATHS

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### **BIRTHS**

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## **Piper K. Atkinson**

ALAMOSA - Piper Kate Atkinson was born March 30, 2020, at the San Luis Valley Health Center of Alamosa to Aaron and Katlyn Atkinson of Alamosa. Piper weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 20 and one half inches long.

AbigailÕs brothers and sisters are Kristin and Hudson. Maternal grandparents are Doug and Lynda Bagwell of Manassa. Paternal grandparents are Randy and Carrie Atkinson of Alamosa. Great grandparents are Tom and Barbara Bagwell of Manassa and Floyd Hall of Alamosa.

### **OBITUARIES**

# **Rowell Starr Dodson, 75**

ALAMOSA - Rowell Starr Dodson, 75, passed away at his home on Friday, April 10th, 2020 surrounded by his family. Rowell was born on March 25, 1945, to Carol and Dorothy Dodson in Oregon City, as one of three children. He would later marry Irene Bouslaugh and have five children.

He is survived by his wife, Irene; children: Mae Gallegos, Buzz Starr Sr., Pamela Marr, Patsy Slater



and Linda Fitzgerald; 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Rowell was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

The family has chosen cremation and will be announcing services at a later date. Rogers Family Mortuary of Alamosa is in care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences or words of strength for the family, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com.

### **ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS**

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

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

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

ALAMOSA-The Ala $mosa\,Kiwanis\,Club\,meets$ on the second, third and fourth Thursdays at noon at IHOP. Contact: Amanda Wilkinson, 719-589-2564 or email amanda@alamosastatebank.com

ALAMOSA — The Op-timist Club of Alamosa meets at Nino's Restaurant in Alamosa the first and third Tuesdays at noon. Contact the club at alamosaoptimistclub@ gmail.com or President Dawn Melgares at 719-580-0178. Visitors and new members are welcome.

ALAMOSA—The Alamosa Rotary Club meets every Monday at noon at Juanitos in Alamosa. Contact Dean Swift, 589-3499 or dean@deanswiftseed.com

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

ALAMOSA — Search and Rescue meetings are the fourth Tuesday at the Alamosa County Sheriff Office, 1315 17th St., at 6 p.m. Anvone interested in becoming a volunteer is welcome. Call Suzi at 719-588-9236.

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Photography Club meets the first Wednesday at the Alamosa Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Contact Stephen Jensen at 379-0001 or slvphotostephen@ gmail.com

ALAMOSA — Families Healing Families is a community-based organization that provides support and resources for families affected by the impact of substance abuse. They meet on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center at 92 Rio Grande Ave. (on the north end of Cole Park) in Alamosa.

ALAMOSA— Peace Meditation at the Campus Ministry Office, Adam State University, Alamosa, is held on Thursdays at 5:15 p.m. Everyone is invited. Contact Candace Knowlan 805-886-6959.

ALAMOSA — American Legion Auxiliary Unit #113, Alamosa, holds its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday at the American Legion Building at 514 Fourth Street, Alamosa. Call Evelyn Espinola at 719-313-1466 or Alice Robinson at 589-0543.

ALAMOSA — Open drop-in meditation for health, stress management and spiritual growth, is held at 10:45 a.m. the second Sunday of the month at St. Thomas Episcopal Parish Hall, 607 Fourth St., Alamosa, with Mountain Institute, A Kriya, Meditation & Lamplighting fourth Saturday of every month from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at 757 County Rd. 29, .Monte Vista. Call or email Wanda Couzens-Smith for more information at (719) 852-5000 or wcouzenssmith@ gmail.com

ALAMOSA—Alamosa Masonic Lodge meetings are every first and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. (except June, July and August) at the Alamosa Masonic Lodge, Main and San Juan.

ALAMOSA — Alamosa Toastmasters meets on Mondays at noon at The Bridge in Alamosa at 3407 Carroll Street. Participants will find a supportive learn-by-doing environment that allows them to achieve their goals at their own pace. Call (719) 588-5127.

ALAMOSA - The GFWC Woman's Citizenship Club of Alamosa meets on the second Friday at noon from September through May at First United Methodist Church, NW door, 2005 Mullins Ave. For more information, please email: womanscitizenshipclub@ gmail.com.

ALAMOSA -- Made up of community members who write in many different genres, the Sophia Circle meets weekly to provide support for writers and their writing projects in the downstairs conference room at the Colorado Welcome Center at Alamosa, 6th and State on Sundays from 1-3 p.m.. Writers may drop in on any meeting. Bring copies of the work you want to share. Call Holly at 719-588-7066.

**CENTER** — The Center Kiwanis meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Kiwanis Hall in Center. Contact Dick Ramstetter at 719-580-3329.

ALAMOSA — Silver Linings, an open and free positivity group, meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. at Nestle Toll House Café in downtown Alamosa.

# Susan M. Gallegos, 67

SAGUACHE - SusanM. Gallegos, 67, passed away April 5, 2020, at her home; under Hospice care, with her loving family by her side. Susan came into the world on September 22, 1952, in Lebanon, OR; the daughter of William Ingerson and Peggy Harper Ingerson.

After earning her Bachelor's Degree, she went on to work for the Saguache County Land Use Department. She enjoyed working with members of the community. Susan was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend; who enjoyed riding horses, embroidering, cooking, baking and going fishing. Susan absolutely



loved the time she was able to spend with her family, grandchildren and friends.

She will live on through her husband, Leo B. Gallegos of Saguache; mother, Peggy Asher of Cortez; daughters, Megan (Jake) Ingelking of Phoenix, AZ; Mindy Rodrock of Fred-

She is also survived by seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and sister ,Cassandra (Terry) Wheeler of Mancos; aunt, Evelyn Bello of Salem, OR; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Susan was preceded in death by her father, William Ingerson; brother, Austin Ingerson and sister, Karen Ingerson.

will be held at a later date. To leave online condo-Vista.

### ericksburg, WV; and son, Jason (Mesha) Ingerson of Phoenix, AZ.

Cremation was chosen and a Memorial service lences please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Monte

## PENDING OBITUARIES

### Amos Paul Lucero, 89

LA JARA - Amos Paul Lucero, 89, passed away April 10, 2020. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

#### VALLEY COURIER POLICY ON OBITUARIES

The Valley Courier charges a flat fee of \$30 for each obituary published. Pending arrangements or death notices are run at no charge.

This charge affects funeral homes, as well as family or other representatives, that directly place obituaries. All paid obituaries are published on our web site, www.alamosanews.com, for no additional fee.

In the event the newspaper errors in publishing an obit, corrections will be made and the obit will be rerun. If the errors are on the part of the submitting party, an additional fee will be assessed.

#### 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.

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

ALAMOSA — The Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group meets on the second Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon. at the Alamosa Public Library, 300 Hunt Ave. Call the Southern Colorado office at 719-544-5720, ext. 304.

ALAMOSA — TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) CO 568, Alamosa, a non-profit weight loss organization, meets every Tuesday evening at the College Heights Baptist Church at 2035 Church Avenue in Alamosa. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. with an informative meeting at 6:15. Anyone interested in having weight loss support is welcome to attend a free meeting or call Doris at 589-6396 for more infor-

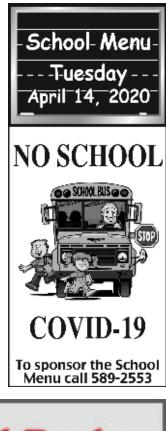
School. Contact Martin at 575-758-5876 or talentolocal@live.com

ALAMOSA - Youngsters are invited to the Alamosa Public Library Story Room every Friday morning to sing, color, dance, read, enjoy adventures, share with friends and giggle. Babies and toddlers are welcome at 9:30 a.m. and preschoolers at 11 a.m.

ALAMOSA — Free breastfeeding classes are offered in Alamosa at the San Luis Valley Health Education and Conference Center on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 3-4 p.m.

MONTE VISTA Valley Fiber Art Guild — VFA is a group for anyone interested in fiber arts: knitting, crocheting, weaving and spinning. We work on our individual projects, sometimes do projects together and learn from each other. We meet the

ALAMOSA — Groups are held for women who have experienced domestic violence every second Tuesday from 5-6 p.m.









# **College executives pen letter to Colorado officials**

COLORADO — Executives at higher learning facilities all over Colorado took the time out to thank those in office for their leadership and support during the COVID-19 crisis.

Dear Senators Bennet and Gardner and Representatives DeGette, Neguse, Tipton, Buck, Lamborn,

Crow and Perlmutter,

We write to express our appreciation for your leadership and support of higher education during these

troubling times. We are grateful for your work to address the economic impacts of the coronavirus

(COVID-19) pandemic on our institutions, our students, our employees, as well as the local

communities we serve. While we represent diverse institutions, we speak with one voice on behalf of

Colorado higher education.

The safety and well-being of students, faculty, staff, and local communities is our top priority. We are

thankful and GRATEFUL to our Colorado Members for your swift action to provide much-needed

support for essential health care ser-

vices; economic relief to states, students and institutions of higher

education; and regulatory flexibility for students and borrowers. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and

Economic Security (CARES) Act is essential to begin to address the needs on our campuses and in our

communities.

Higher education is uniquely positioned to play a critical role in the statewide aid effort, with our

talented student body and diverse faculty expertise. In recent weeks, our institutions have offered up

our facilities as COVID-19 safe havens, spill over hospitals, and housing, as well as have donated

personal protective equipment or are using 3D printers to create this equipment for the people,

organizations, and agencies on the front lines of this pandemic. Our institutions are committed to

having a positive impact across Colorado by contributing to the COVID-19 response, and partnering

with our federal representatives. Our campuses and institutions have been critical community partners

and have had a huge impact across Colorado by contributing to the CO-VID-19 response, partnering

with our Governor, our state legislators and you (our federal representatives).

We look forward to continuing our strategic partnership and our incredible work together on behalf of

Colorado. We are grateful for your voices in Congress on behalf of not only higher education

institutions but on all areas that serve our beautiful state.

Sincerely,

Angie Paccione, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Higher Education

Tony Frank, President, Colorado State University System

Leah L. Bornstein, President, Aims Community College

2Greg Salsbury, President, Western Colorado University

Charles G. Lief, President, Naropa University

Janine Davidson, President, Metropolitan State University of Denver

Stephanie Donner, Executive Director, Emily Griffith Technical College

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Jeremy Haefner, Chancellor, University of Denver

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Tim Foster, President, Colorado Mesa University

Joe Garcia, President, Colorado Community College System

Andy Feinstein, President, University of Northern Colorado

Colleen Walker, Chief Executive Of-

ficer, Auraria Higher Education Center Tom Stritikus, President, Fort Lewis College

Donald W. Sweeting, President, Colorado Christian University

Mark R. Kennedy, President, University of Colorado System

# The ideas behind strength-based parenting

Many a parent is familiar with the notion that children do not come with instruction manuals. Since babies are not born with instruction manuals, the best way to raise children is open to interpretation, and interpretations often lead to theories on parenting.

One such theory is strength-based parenting, an approach that focuses on developing and nurturing a child's character. Dr. Lea Waters, a Melbourne, Australia-based psychologist and author, has studied ways to improve interactions between parents and their children for decades. Dr. Waters emphasizes the value of identifying and nurturing children's character strengths, and the value that such efforts can have in regard to promoting children's long-term happiness and achievements.

In an article for Greater Good Magazine, Dr. Waters defined character strengths as those things that are personalitybased and internal, including curiosity, courage, humor, and kindness. These character strengths work in conjunction with talents, which may include things like athletic ability, musical skills and problem-solving. Strength-based parenting espouses the importance of cultivating kids' character strengths as much as their talents. Dr. Waters notes that it would be hard to find anyone who made the most of their talents without also relying on their character strengths. For example, even the most gifted natural athletes need to draw on their work ethic in order to reach their full potential as athletes.

Dr. Waters' research has led her to conclude that children and teenagers whose parents help them to identify and use their character strengths benefit from that assistance in myriad ways. Such children experience more positive emotions and flow, are more persistent, are more confident, and are more satisfied with their lives compared to children whose parents did not help them identify and use their character strengths. Dr. Waters' research, published in 2018, also found that children whose parents took a strength-based approach to parenting earned better grades, were less stressed, more capable of coping with friendship issues, and more capable of coping with homework deadlines than children whose parents did not employ a strength-based approach to parenting.

Parenting is a big responsibility, and parents can explore various approaches to raising happy children to fulfill their responsibilities as parents. One such approach is strength-based parenting, which parents can explore on their own to decide if it's an approach they want to pursue. FP205880

# **Ditch burning leads to** more fires



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San Luis Valley firefighters continued to battle brush fires over the weekend. most starting when irrigation ditch burning got out of control. An Alamosa Fire Department brush truck is shown on the scene of a fire Saturday afternoon near the intersection of Road 106 and 14 South. The SLV has been under a Red Flag Warning nearly every day recently which includes Stage 1 Fire Restrictions. Farmers and others should be extremely cautious with any outdoor burning.

# -ocal restaurants get creative

By REBECCA COPLEY SAN LUIS VALLEY - CO-VID-19 has changed normal operations for many industries.

Almost every business is becoming creative and adapting to help stop the spread of the virus. The restaurant industry has been one of the hardest hit financially. Some recent surveys report that about 82% of hourly employees working in food service are experiencing reduced hours or unpaid leave. Many restaurants have had to lay off their servers and other employees.

However, in spite of the difficulties, many of our local restaurants are still doing their best to adapt and continue to serve their communities. With new restrictions taking place, restaurants have been forced to do strictly takeout and deliveries only.

Rhoda Koehn of Sunflour Café in Monte Vista has been getting creative as they are offering frozen homemade casseroles that you can take home and heat up for your family while you're stuck at home. They also have delicious cinnamon rolls and bread available, and much more, including their daily lunch specials. "We're all kind of looking for a new normal," said Koehn sharing that one of the hardest things she had to do is let go most of her employees, "I'm just trying to reduce costs where we

can and make this work." "My Brother's Place," which was recently opened in Alamosa just two weeks before the restrictions took affect is still serving up their delicious pizza, sandwiches and more to go. Brothers, and coowners, Joe Lukondi and Andy Lukondi, are keeping positive attitudes during these hard times even though they too have had to lay off employees. When asked if there was anything they would like the community to know Andy Lukondi answered by saying, "Just the people that have been coming in, and everybody that's been supporting us we want thank them."

Locavores is another restaurant



SLV Health's Kristy Dunn picks up some barbecue during Woody's and Century Property Management's giveaway on March 26

in Alamosa that has adapted quickly and made innovative changes so they could continue to provide fast, healthy food to their customers. They now offer takeout, delivery (within a five-mile radius), and have online ordering. They have also launched an online grocery service. Owner Wendi Seger said she saw the need in the community for basic grocery items that have been out of stock at local groceries and box stores. After approaching the health department, and working with her wholesale supplier, she received approval and support. Their Fast 'N Fresh Market allows customers to purchase basic groceries and pantry staples online then get them through takeout, curbside pickup or delivery.

"I just as much as anyone am plagued at times with an intense level of fear. Sometimes it is so paralyzing that I want to just close it down and go home to my family. But then I think about all the health care workers in our community. Many of whom have sat in this very dining room laughing and joking with friends. I am reminded how courageous

they are right now. Their courage gives me courage, and so I keep going. I think now more than any other time, each of us needs to dig deep, take inventory of what we can do. What skills and resources we have and be courageous in using them," said Seger.

Woody's Q-Shack teamed up with Century Property Management, and last week served free meals to truck drivers, law enforcement, first responders, medical workers, grocery workers, and anyone else working the front lines keeping everything running during the pandemic. Nino's in Monte Vista served students free meals March 23 as Monte Vista School district's food services didn't begin until the next day.

These beautiful acts of kindness and community are what we need in these times. We are in this together, and let's remind our restaurants that we are here for them too. Go get something to-go from your favorite local restaurant. Get a cup of coffee from your favorite coffee shop. We are in this together, and when this ends lets all go out to eat and celebrate together!

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Lifestyle



**DENVER** — Gov. Jared Polis provided an update on the state's response to CO-VID-19 on Monday.

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"Colorado's beef industry is a critical part of our state's economy, which is why we continue working closely with the Weld County public health department to ensure the safety of the JBS workers and get the plant open as soon as is safe in order to protect the food supply," said Governor Jared Polis.

"We should all be doing our part and staying home as much as possible, but when we leave the house for essential activities it's critical that we wear a face mask to protect those around us. Coloradans are known for their creative and entrepreneurial spirits, and are always ready to rise to the challenge.

"The Colorado Face Mask Challenge is just one way for Coloradans to add their personal touch and I can't wait to see the designs they submit."

Gov. Polis provided an update on the outbreak at the JBS plant in Greeley. The



# **COLORADO** Governor Jared Polis

priority in this situation remains protecting workers and the Greeley community at large, as well as getting this critical part of the national food infrastructure back online. JBS closed the facility for a deep cleaning on Friday, March 10, and will be closed for two weeks.

The Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and Weld County Public health have been in conversations with JBS to design an aggressive testing and containment strategy, so they can continue their critical work which ranchers and consumers rely on. Gov. Polis has prioritized the Colorado National Guard to provide logistical support for testing so the plant can safely start up again.

Affected JBS workers should contact the Department of Labor and Employment at coloradoui.gov to be connected with potential benefits or assistance.

On April 3, Governor Polis urged all Coloradans to wear masks to limit the spread of COVID-19 when leaving their homes for critical activities. Today, Gov. Polis encouraged Coloradans to participate in the Colorado Face Mask Design Challenge. Some of the submitted designs will be featured on the Colorado Creative Industries Facebook page, and a select few will be printed on real face masks produced by Colorado companies and will be available for purchase.

Coloradans can submit designs by filling out the submission form and can learn more about the challenge https://coloradocreativeindustries.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/mask\_contest\_guides-1.pdf

The Governor also announced that the state will begin releasing all available race and ethnicity data on reported cases of COVID-19 in the state. The data released currently represents 75% of all reported COVID-19 cases, initial disease reports to public health are often missing information on race and ethnicity.

CDPHE is drafting a public health order to clarify the type of data the department needs from health care entities. The public health order will help the department have a more complete dataset moving forward.

The initial data shows that the percentage of cases is statistically higher for Hispanic/Latino, African Americans, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Coloradans compared to the overall population distribution.

The administration is also continuing conversations with the hospital association around hospital discharge data and the best way to report patients who have recovered and have been discharged. CD-PHE is also working with local public health departments to gather comprehensive and uniform data.

# City Market looks to stay safe

ALAMOSA — City Market has implemented many protective and preventive measures to further promote social distancing in our stores, including: introducing capacity limits, limiting the number of customers to 50% of the building's maximum capacity, installing plexiglass partitions and floor decals to promote physical distancing and enhancing daily sanitation practices.

As we continue to navigate this unprecedented event, we are constantly evaluating the practices we have in place to ensure that we are providing a safe working and shopping environment. I am reaching out to provide you with an update regarding additional actions we are taking:

Extending Operating Hours To further promote social distancing in our stores we will be extending the hours of operation. Effective Monday, April 13, all stores will be open from 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Providing additional shopping hours will help to spread out the flow of traffic in our stores and reduce the number of customers waiting in line when our stores open.

Additionally, with the extension of our hours we will be extending senior hours -- hours intended for senior citizens and at-risk customers -- to 6 a.m.-8 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Waived Prescription Delivery Fees City Market Pharmacy is temporarily waiving fees for prescription delivery via mail or courier. To learn more about the options and availability, customers should contact their local pharmacy.

# CO beef industry responds to COVID-19

**GREELEY** — Today, JBS USA announced the temporary closure of the Greeley beef production facility until April 24, 2020, in response to Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). JBS took this step in close coordination with the Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

While beef producers are committed to providing safe and abundant beef for families throughout Colorado, the nation, and the world, our first concern is ensuring the health and safety of Coloradans in stopping the spread of COVID-19. "We were saddened to hear of the passing of two workers from the plant and our thoughts are with their families,' stated Colorado Cattlemen's Association (CCA) President Steve Wooten of Kim. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Food and DrugAdministration (FDA) have repeatedly stated that food products are safe.

Colorado Beef Council (CBC) Chair Sallie Miller of Briggsdale emphasizes:

"The entire beef industry continues to provide consumers with a diversity of products they expect and is dedicated to working together to ensure food safety remains its top priority."

Consumers can be confident that adequate supplies of beef are available in their grocery store of choice. "While consumers have recently experienced some products being sold out in stores, this was a result of a peak in consumer demand and supply chain disruptions," said Mike Veeman, Colorado Livestock Association (CLA) President. Our organizations are concerned about the business environment surrounding COVID-19, especially that of all beef production sectors from the cow/calf producer to the processing plant. However, we remain resolute in our commitment to do our part to end this pandemic, while providing a safe and nutritious beef eating experience.



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# **Container gardening tips**

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For gardeners without sufficient space or for those with mobility issues, container gardening can be an ideal way to grow everything from flowers to vegetables.



Gardening is beneficial in various ways. The AARP states that some of the health perks associated with gardening include improved mood, increased vitamin D levels (which benefits bones and immune system) and reduced risk of dementia. In addition, if gardening efforts include growing herbs, fruits and vegetables, it can be a cost-effective way to eat healthy.

For gardeners without sufficient space or for those with mobility issues, container gardening can be an ideal way to grow everything from flowers to vegetables. Better Homes & Gardens says most plants are not fussy about the containers in which they grow so long as some of their basic needs are met. This means watering correctly for the type of plant, and ensuring sufficient drainage.

The following are some other ways container gardening efforts can prove successful.

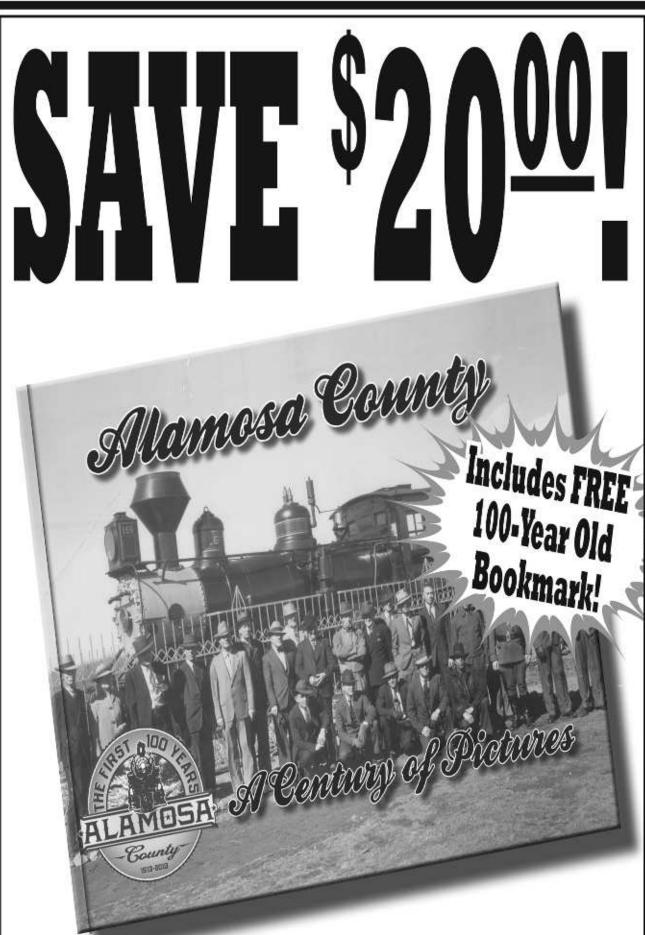
• Watch water. Planet Natural Research Center says plants with thin leaves typically need ample water, and plants with thick leaves need less. Use this as a guideline to gauge water needs.

• Size correctly. Plants should be sized to the container. Consider dwarf varieties of certain plants if your containers are small. • Choose the right soil. Fill containers with a commercial potting soil rather than soil from the garden. Garden soil can dry into a solid mass, while commercial mixtures have amendments like peat moss, vermiculite, compost, and other ingredients to help with soil texture and moisture retention.

• Mix it up. When planting containers of flowers and other greenery, Good Housekeeping says to include "a thriller, a spiller and a filler" as a good rule of thumb. The thriller is the focal point, the spiller a trailing plant, and a filler has smaller leaves or flowers to add bulk and color. • Poke holes. Drainage holes are essential so that soil will not become waterlogged. Holes don't need to be large, but there should be enough of them so that excess water can drain out readily.

• Select the right container material. Container materials may be affected by gardeners' budgets, personal taste and other factors. For those who live in hot climates, selecting a light-colored container can help prevent further soil heat absorption.

Container gardening is a healthy and enjoyable activity that can pay dividends in various ways. TF205960



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# **Public Notices**

#### DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 3, STATE OF COLORADO TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS FILED IN

WATER DIVISION 3. t o C.R.S. 37-92-302(3), you are notified that the following is a resume in Water Division 3, containing notice of applications and certain amendments filed in the office of the Water Clerk during the

month of March 2020 for each county affected. 2020CW3001 Notice CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER'S APPROVAL OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT SUBDISTRICT OF THE TRINCHERA WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

ursuant to section 37-92-501(4)(c) C.R.S. (2017), the Office of the tate Engineer hereby provides notice to interested persons that n March 13, 2020, the Office of the State Engineer approved the Groundwater Management Plan for Groundwater Management Sub district of the Trinchera Water Conservancy received by the Office of the State Engineer on February 28, 2020. Copies of Groundwater Management Plan for the Trinchera Subdistrict and the Office of the State Engineer's approval of the Plan are available free of charge to any owner of a water right from the Clerk of the Division 3 Water Court, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101, and from the offices of the Trinchera Water Conservancy District, 610 Main Street, Blanca CO 81123. Protests to the Office of the State Engineer's ap-proval of the plan must be filed with the Division 3 Water Court by the end of the month following the month in which this notice is published Dated this 13th day of March 2020 By Michael Sullivan

eputy State Engineer 020CW3002 Notice CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER'S APPROVAL OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 5 OF THE BIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Pursuant to section 37-92-501(4)(c) C.R.S. (2017), the Office of the State Engineer hereby provides notice to interested persons that on March 13, 2020, the Office of the State Engineer approved the Groundwater Management Plan for Special Improvement District No 5 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District received by the Of-fice of the State Engineer on March 2, 2020. Conies of Groundwater control of the State Engineer on March 2, 2020. Copies of Groundwate lanagement Plan for Special Improvement District No. 5 and the Of fice of the State Engineer's approval of the Plan are available free of charge to any owner of a water right from the Clerk of the Division 3 Water Court, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101, and from the offices of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, 8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101. Protests to the Office of the State Engineer's approval of the plan must be filed with the Divi sion 3 Water Court by the end of the month following the month in which this notice is published. Dated this 13th day of March 2020 By Michael Sullivan

Deputy State Engineer 2020CW3003 Notice CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER'S APPROVAL OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4 OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Pursuant to section 37-92-501(4)(c) C.R.S. (2017), the Office of the State Engineer hereby provides notice to interested persons that on March 13, 2020, the Office of the State Engineer approved the Groundwater Management Plan for Special Improvement District No. 4 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District received by the Of-fice of the State Engineer on March 2, 2020. Copies of Groundwater Management Plan for Special Improvement District No. 4 and the Of tice of the State Engineer's approval of the Plan are available free of charge to any owner of a water right from the Clerk of the Division 3 Water Court, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101, and from the offices of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, 8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101. Protests to the Office of the State Engineer's approval of the plan must be filed with the Divi-sion 3 Water Court by the end of the month following the month in which this notice is published.

Dated this 13th day of March 2020

By Michael Sullivan

Deputy State Engineer 2020CW4 Brent L. Edelen, 6204 Harmony Rd., Alamosa, CO 81101, 2020CW4 Brent L. Edelen, 6204 Harmony Rd., Alamosa, CO 81101, simplyhoney2@gmail.com. Application for Correction for an Established but Erroneously Described Point of Diversion in Alamosa County

PART A-Well No. 2: Name of structure: Well No. 2. Case No. W-1297 unregistered. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees. February 27, 1975 Case No. 1297. Court: Division 3 Water Court. Legal description of structure as described in most recent decrees. Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree: SW1/4 NW1/4 Section 6, Township 37 North, Range 11 East, NMPM at a point 2440 feet from the North Section Line and 1200 feet from the West Section Line, Alamosa County (incorrect location). Decreed source of water: Confined Aquifer. Appropriation date: July 1, 1900. Total amount decreed to structure: Absolute 50 gpm = 0.111 cfs. Decread use: Demostic Dataided description of proceed correst Decreed use: Domestic, Detailed description of proposed correct Decreed use: Domestic. Detailed description of proposed correc-tion: Correct the decreed location of Well No. 2, Case No. W-1297. The well has existed and been in use for domestic purposes at the same location since the initial appropriation. Location information in UTM format: Northing 4149002mn, Easting 427549mE. Address: 6204 County Road South 112 South. Source of UTMs: DWR mapping. Accuracy of location displayed on GPS device: 10 feet. Legal description using PLSS: NW1/4 of the NW1/4 Section 6, Township 37 North, Range 11 East, NMPM. Source of PLSS: DWR mapping. PART B-Well No. 3: Name of Structure: Well No. 3, Case No. W-1297, unregistered. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees No W Legal description of structure as described in most recent decrees SW1/4 NW1/4 Section 6, Township 37 North, Range 11 East, NMPM at a point 2240 feet from the North Section Line and 1175 feet from the West Section Line, Alamosa County (incorrect location). Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aguiter. Appropriation date: August 16, 1900. Total amount decreed to structure: Absolute 15 gpm = 0.033 cfs. Decreed use or uses: Domestic and stockwater. Detailed description of proposed correction to an established but erroneously described point of diversion: Correct the decreed location of Well No 3, Case No. W-1297. The well has existed and been in use for do-mestic purposes at the same location since the initial appropriation. Location information in UTM format: Nothing 4148980mN, Easting 427560mE. Address: 6204 County Road South 112 South. Source of UTMs: DWR mapping. Accuracy of location displayed on GPS de-vice: 10 feet. Legal description using PLSS: NW1/4 of the NW1/4 Section 6 Township 37 North Range 11 East NMPM. Source of PLSS information: DWR mapping. The Applicant is the owner of the land upon which the water will be placed to beneficial use. 2020CW5 Thistledown, LLC David Colville, Managing Member, 1257 2020CWS Inistledown, LLC David Colville, Managing Member, 1257 CR 17, Del Norte, CO 81132. 719-580-1140, david@corsetranch. com. Application for Change of Water Right in Rio Grande County. Name of structure: Well No. 3 Carson, Case No. W-0839, Permit No. 294-R, WDID 2009738. Legal description of each point of diversion: SW14 of the NW1/4 Section 19, Township 40 North, Range 5 East, MMPM, at a point 1400 feet from the North Section Line and 804 feet from the West Section Line. Location in UTM format: Easting 369872 Northing 4173839 Zone 13. Legal description using PLSS: Rio Grande County, SW1/4 of the NW1/4 Section 19, Township 40 North, Range 5 East, NMPM. 1400 feet from North and 804 feet from West Source of PLSS information: Division of Water Resources tabulation. Decreed source: Alluvium of the Rio Grande. Date of Appropriation: December 31, 1943. Amount claimed:0.5 CFS, absolute being 225 GPM. Decreed use: Irrigation of lands and stock watering. Name of Structure: Well No. 2 Carson, Case No. W-0839, Permit No. 5684-F, Structure: Well No. 2 Carson, Case No. W-0839, Permit No. 5684-F, WDID 2009737. Legal description of each point of diversion: SE1/4 NW1/4 Section 19, Township 40 North, Range 5 East, NMPM, at a point 1400 feet from North Section Line and 1800 feet from the West Section Line. Location information in UTM format: Easting 370239 Northing 4173828 Zone 13. Legal description using the PLSS: Rio Grande County, SE1/4 of the NW1/4 Section 19, Township 40 North, Range 5 East, NMPM. 1400 feet from the North and 1800 feet from the West. Source: Alluvium of the Rio Grande. Date of appropriation: July 17. 1964 Amount claimed: 0.49 CFS being 220 GPM Lise. Ir July 17, 1964. Amount claimed: 0.49 CFS being 220 GPM. Use: Ir rigation. Proposed change of water right: This application endeavors to change irrigated lands under two pivot sprinklers serviced by the two above described ground water wells. Please refer to Exhibit A (attached to Application). The wells have historically been used as a supplemental source of flood irrigation of lands which are now cov ered by the pivot sprinkler systems. The Applicant recently installed 25.9 acre and 29.16 acre pivot sprinklers in the NE1/4 of Section 24. Township 40 North, Range 4 East, NMPM and the NW1/4 of Sec-tion19, Township 40 North, Range 5 East, NMPM, respectively, How ever, the Division 3 Englineer determined there were areas of the west pivot which had not been irrigated making up about 4.08 acres. Ap-plicant also desires to make the east pivot make a full circle. However, there is an old headquarters on the north side of this pivot. This site will be leveled in order to accommodate the pivot to make a full circle. This in an area of non-irrigated land of about 2.2 acres. Total new irrigated acres comes to 6.28 acres. In order to make this change, Infigured actes comes to 6.26 actes. In order to finate tins change, the Applicant will need to dry up a like amount of historically irrigated acres. In fact, Applicant has identified the two north and south cor-ners between the two pivots for dry up of 6.7 acres. As shown on the Exhibit 1 (attached to Application). For the Applicant, number of acres historically irrigated: 103.8 acres located within the NE1/4 of Center 04.0 North Content of Nethol Nethol Nethol Nethol Nethol Section 24, Township 40 North, Range 4 East, NMPM and the N1/2 of Section 19, Township 40 North, Range 5 East, NMPM. Proposed to be irrigated: Not more than 103.8 acres within the NE1/4 of Section 24, Township 40 North, Range 4 East, NMPM and the N1/2 Section 19, Township 40 North, Range 5 East, NMPM. The Applicant does intend to use this water right to supplement irrigation on an area of land already irrigated under another right (Meadow Glen Ditch). Legal description of irrigated acreage marked on USGS topographic map attached as Exhibits 1-3 to Application. The Applicant also has two reservoir rights for the ranch as follows: Regan Reservoir and Spruce Lakes. Remarks: Applicants feel this application is fair and reason-able. They offer more dry up lands than what this project will involve in new lands under the sprinklers. Name and address of owner of the lands: David Colville, 1257 CR 17, Del Norte, CO 81132, (719) 580-1140 THE WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED BY THE FOREGOING APPLICATION(S) MAY AFFECT IN PRIORITY ANY WATER RIGHTS CLAIMED OR HERETOFORE ADJUDICATED WITHIN THIS DIVI-SION AND OWNERS OF AFFECTED RIGHTS MUST APPEAR TO OBJECT AND PROTEST WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY STAT-UTE OR BE FOREVER BARRED You are notified that you have until the last day of May 2020, to file with the Water Clerk a verified statement of opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions or a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of opposition or protest must also be served upon the Applicant or the Applicant's attorney and an afficiavit or certificate of such service must be filed with the Water Clerk. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$192.00. Forms may be obtained from the Water Clerk's Office or our website at www.courts.state.co.us. Jennifer Pacheco, Water Clerk, Water Division 3, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101. NO. 1399 Published in the Valley Courier on April 14, 2020.

#### NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc., Area Agency on Aging for Re-gion 8 is accepting Request for Proposals (RFP) from both the public and private sectors representing both nonprofit and for profit entities interacted in providing against the papel one of and adder for Eised gion 8 is accepting Request for Proposals (RFP) from both the public and private sectors representing both nonprofit and for profit entities interested in providing services to people age 60 and older for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Services include: Transportation, Nutrition Program – Home-Delivered Meals and Congregate Meals, In-Home Home-maker and Chore Services, National Family Caregiver Program. Other avenues of services to older adults will also be considered. Area Agency on Aging, Region 8 service area includes the counties of Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache. BEP packets and instructions are available at South-Central Colo-RFP packets and instructions are available at South-Central Colo rado Seniors, 1116 3rd Street, P.O. Box 639, Alamosa, CO 81101 Completed proposals are due to South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc., Administrative office, 1116 3rd Street, Alamosa, CO by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, May 30, 2017. For more information, please call Monica Wolfe, Director, 719-589-4511. No. 1386

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The San Luis Valley Housing Coalition (SLVHC) will apply for the USDA 533 Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) for the 2020-2021 grant year. This grant will help low and very low-income homeowngrant wear. This grant will help low and very low-incorter homowin-ers with home rehabilitation by means of a low interest loan or grant, depending on income. SLVHC will make their annual statement of activities available for review by the public for the next 15 days to allow for public comment for our application. Due to COVID 19 our office is not open to the public so a request and comments must be made electronically to dawn@slvhc.com. No 1400

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Costilla County, Colorado Court Address: 304 Main St. P.O. Box 301 San Luis, CO 81152 PHONE: 719-672-3681 In the Matter of the Estate of STEVEN RICHARD BURNS aka STEVEN BURNS aka STEVE BURNS Deceased COURT USE ONLY Attorney for Court-Appointed Personal Representative, Randi Burns-Heald Kevin S. Lazar, Esq.: #37871 Lazar Law, LLC 3900 East Mexico Ave., Suite 300 Denver, CO 80210 Phone Number: 720-907-7662 FAX Number: 303-927-0809 E-mail: Kevin@lazar-law.com Case Number: 2020PR30013 Division Courtroor NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S. NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Steven Richard Burns aka Steve Burns, Deceased Case Number 2020PR30013 All persons having claims against the above named estar quired to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Costilla, County, Colorado or on or before August 14, 2020 (date)\*, or the claims may be forever Randi Burns-Heald Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice 16 Galeana Address Foothill Ranch, CA, 92610 ity, State, Zip Code No. 1401 Published in the Valley Courier on April 14, 21, and 28, 2020.



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### 221 **HELP WANTED**

SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL district is accepting applications for middle school girls volleyball coach. Applicants must be willing to meet all CHSAA guidelines. For more information, contact Mr. Lucero at mlucero@ sierragrandeschool.net. Applications are available at Sierra Grande School district at 17523 Hwy 160, Blanca, Co 81123 or www.sierragrandeschool.net. Application deadline is open until filled. Sierra Grande is an equal opportunity employer.(5/8)

SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL district is accepting applications for Girls high school head basketball coach; applicants must be willing to meet all CHSAA guidelines. For more information, please see the school website for detailed information or contact Mr. Lucero at mlucero@sierragrandeschool.net. Applications available on website or at Sierra Grande School District at 17523 Hwy 160, Blanca, Co 81123 or www.sierragrandeschool.net. Application deadline is open until filled. Sierra Grande is an equal opportunity employer.(5/8)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Middle School Math Teacher. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website http:// ww2.monte.k12.co.us/ employment-opportunities.html or call 719-852-5996.(4/28)

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#### 221 **HELP WANTED** MONTE VISTA THE UPPER RIO

Grande (previously Del Norte) School District is seeking applications for a Jr/Sr High School Principal for the 2020/2021 school year. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Principal license. Previous experience as a Principal or Asst. Principal is preferred. Applications may be obtained online at www. dncsd.org. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Chris Burr, Superintendent, cburr@urtigers. co, 719-657-4040.(5/9)

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

SARGENT SCHOOL **DISTRICT** is accepting applications for a 2020-21 part-time Secondary Business Teacher position. Please visit our website for additional information and application: www.sargent. k12.co.us or call 719-852-4023, option 6. Applications accepted until position filled. EOE. (4/14)

SANGRE DE CRISTO School District is seeking a High School Football coach for the 2020 / 2021 season. For more information contact Brady Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@ sangreschools.org.(4/22)

#### 221 HELP WANTED **RIO GRANDE SAV-**

**INGS** & Loan is seeking a Mortgage and Consumer Loan Officer to join our team in the Monte Vista office. The Loan Officer is responsible for promotion of RGSLA products and services. including, but not limited to home purchase loans, home refinances, consumer loans, and home construction loans. Qualified candidates will have excellent written and verbal communication skills, superior customer service skills, and the ability to work independently, as well as cooperatively in a team environment. Prior lending experience or other applicable experience is preferred, but not required. Salary commensurate with experience. RGSLA also offers a rich benefit program including a 401k match and a family health insurance plan, along with a stable and enriching work environment. For additional information please contact Denise Heersink @ 719-852-7048 or deniseh@ rgsla.com. Applications available at www.rgsla. com/contact and can be submitted to kater@rgsla. com - deadline is April 15, 2020.(4/15)

#### 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.schooldesk.net. Positions open until filled. (4/22)



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### 221 **HELP WANTED**

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

SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL District is now accepting applications for the following Anticipated Teaching Positions for the 2020-2021 school year: secondary math teacher. secondary English teacher, elementary teacher, .5 Art, and .5 Social Studies. Qualifications: Must hold a Colorado Teacher's License, or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Please submit a District application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to apply@ southconejos.com. Deadline 04/16/2020.(4/15)

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Aide, and PRN Hostess. Please apply in person at the San Luis Care Center, 240 Craft Drive in Alamosa or call 719-589-9081.(4/29)

**TEMPORARY EM-PLOYMENT: GUA-DALUPE** Parish Credit Union has an opening for a temporary Member Service Representative. Banking experience, excellent communication and computer skills is required. Bilingual preferred. Please submit a resume and three professional references to GPCU, Attention: Robert A. Chavez, President/CEO, P.O. Box 97, Antonito, CO 81120 or drop off at the main branch. Application deadline is Friday, April 17, 2020 at 5pm. For more information please contact Robert A. Chavez, President/CEO at 719-376-5413.(4/17)

MONTE VISTA ES-TATES Nursing Home is seeking a full time day shift RN to add to our amazing team! Shift is 6am-6:30 PM-Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (one week) Thursday, Friday Saturday (second week) rotating schedule. The open positions are essential roles in the overall care offered to our residents. Seeking a full time day shift CNA

SEEKING A FULL time evening shift (2-10) shift CNA. If you love working with the elderly and enjoy making a difference in the lives of our residents, please contact us. We look forward to having you join our team.(5/8)

SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for and Activities Director position. Start date 6/1/20. Please visit our website for additional information and application. www.sargent.k12.co.us or call 719-852-4023, option 6. Applications accepted until position filled. EOE.(4/14)

SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a High School Girls Basketball Coach position. Please visit our website for additional information and application: www.sargent.k12.co.us or call 719-852-4023, option 6. Applications accepted until position filled. EOE.(4/14)

Hun General Administration and other. For a full job description, please contact accounting@ hinsdalecountycolorado. us or 970-944-2225 ext. 103 or check the County website at: https://www. colorado.gov/pacific/ hinsdalecounty/humanresources-7. Applica-tions are due May 1st at 4:00 p.m. MST.(5/9)

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#### 221 **HELP WANTED**

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for an Elementary Special Education Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website http://ww2.monte.k12. co.us/employment-opportunities.html. 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 to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, by April 20, 2020, or until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website or call 719-852-5996.(4/21)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Fifth Grade Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. The person in this position will teach both Science and Language Arts. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website http://ww2.monte.k12. co.us/employment-opportunities.html. 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 to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, by April 20, 2020, or until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website or call 719-852-5996.(4/21)

SANGRE DE CRISTO School District is seeking a High School Volleyball coach for the 2020 / 2021 season. For more information contact Brady Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@sangreschools.org. (4/22)

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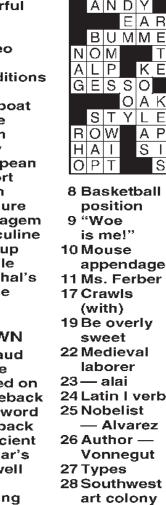


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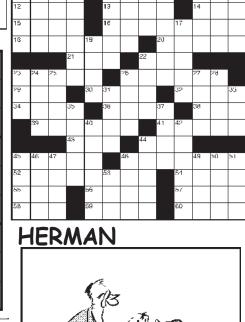






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#### Take off your tie and unbutton your shirt. 9 8 3 1 5 4 7 2 6 There are nine women on the jury."

# Mom tires of chauffeuring daughter without a license

20-year-old daughter refuses to get her driver's license. She took the learner's permit test four times when she was 16, failed it each time and gave up. She goes to college online and has a job at the local store. Next week she is going to be promoted to assistant manager.

Idon'twork, but I'm tired of driving her around. We live in a small town that has no public transportation. Every time her father or I mention getting her license, she says, "Don't start" or, "I don't want to talk about it!" She doesn't date, but is very involved in church. She has her own phone, which she pays for, and also pays for gas. She's responsible in every way -- she just REFUSES to drive! HELP! -- TIRED OF BEING A TAXI MOM

DEAR TIRED: Your 20-year-old daughter is a smart cookie. Unlike you, she doesn't have to worry about car payments, insurance premiums or the cost of parking. As long as you agree to chauffeur her around, she isn't going to provide her own transportation. I suggest you encourage her to get a bicycle. And after four years, it's time for her to take the driver's test be helpful. again.

DEAR ABBY: My have two major issues in our marriage:

1. He feels I spend too much money.

2. I think he spends too much time away from home doing things he wants to do.

We have fallen into this cycle of him being away from home, so I spend money, which results in him spending more time away from home. Should we have separate bank accounts? Should I make him cancel some of his weekly activities? -- STRUG-GLING IN ST. LOUIS

DEARSTRUGGLING: Separate bank accounts might be a good idea, provided you don't use yours to mask the fact that you're spending more than you should. As to "making" your husband cancel some of his weekly activities, I don't think it would work greet attendees, as if we to your benefit.

A better solution/investment would be for the two of you to talk this out in the office of a licensed marriage and family counselor, because it appears you're spending as a way to punish your husband for his absence, which is not only not constructive but DEstructive. Doing activities outside the home TOGETHER might also

DEAR ABBY: My for-DEAR ABBY: My hus- mer spouse, the father band and I have been of our adult daughters, married nine years and recently passed. He will



# ABIGAIL Van Buren

be cremated. Although he did not remarry, I did. Our youngest daughter has made all the burial arrangements.

My ex and I did not communicate much after the divorce. What is my role as mother? Do I send flowers, were still together? We were married almost 30 years. -- WHAT SHOULD I DO?

DEAR WHAT SHOULD I DO: Your role as the mother is to support your daughters and the rest of the family. If your daughters want you there, be there for them. Greet anyone you know politely and thank them for being there for "the family." If you wish to send flowers, by all means do so. But beyond that, nothing more is required of you.



# PEANUTS



# Help citizen science effort to monitor light levels during April's **International Dark Sky Week**

Lifestyle

**DENVER** - Colorado Parks and Wildlife is inviting Colorado residents to participate in International Dark Sky Week April 19 - 26, 2020 by helping to monitor light levels in their area. This year, Dark Sky Week begins Sunday, April 19, and runs through

Sunday, April 26, 2020. CPW's Resource Stewardship Program started the Dark Skies Monitoring citizen science project last year, encouraging Coloradans to measure the quality of the night sky.

"It's important because, at high intensities, light pollution can have a variety of impacts on wildlife, including plants, animals and humans," said Citi-zen Science Technician Audrey Spencer. "For instance, it can impact the migration patterns of nocturnally migrating birds as well as the hunting behavior of bats.<sup>3</sup>

How to participate No experience is needed and observations can be made with a smartphone. Volunteers can submit observations through the Globe at Night website or with the Loss of the Night, a free app available for Android and iOS. If cell service is not available. downloadable star charts can be printed in advance and written observations can be submitted online later.

Spencer said observations can take place anytime throughout the year, at least one to two hours after sunset or before sunrise, when the moon is not above the horizon.

Moonrise and moonset forecasting

The site at timeanddate.com/moon provides a table of daily moonrise/ set times, moon phase, illumination, and lots of other information (here's

a helpful guide for interpreting the somewhat complicated table: https:// www.timeanddate.com/ moon/help)

Clear Dark Sky (cleardarksky.com/csk)

Provides weather forecasting for astronomical viewing, including predicted cloud cover, temperature, air transparency, etc. The skv darkness line is calculated based on the position of the sun and moon as well as moon phase.

About International Dark Sky Week

Created in 2003 by highschool student Jennifer Barlow, International Dark Sky Week has grown to become a worldwide event and a key component of Global Astronomy Month. Each year it is held in April, from Sunday to Sunday, the week of the new moon - when skies are darkest.



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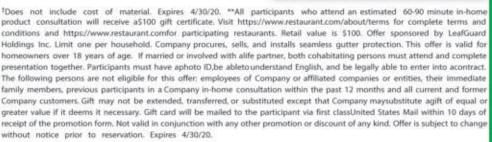
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ter.com.



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This is Karma, she is a pitbull mix around 2 years old. She is pretty friendly with people, but would probably need to be the only dog in the house.



This is Lady, she is a lab mix around 2 years old. She is pretty shy, but she is friendly once she gets to know you. She is a fence climber, so she would need a tall and well fenced-in area.





This is Newt, he is a large mix around 3 years old. He can be a little standoffish at times, but is friendly once he gets to know you. He jumps high, so he would need a tall fenced-in area.



This is Dudley, he is a 2-year-old border collie/pitbull mix. He is a bit shy but super friendly with people and other dogs. | a big space to run around.



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