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SLV REC BoD Meeting

The San Luis Valley Rural Electric Company Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2020 to begin at 9:30 a.m. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, this meeting will be a virtual meeting that members can view/listen to on-line. There will be a Cielo and SLV Energy Foundation Meeting immediately following. If anyone is interested in viewing this meeting, please contact Michelle at 719-852-6640 for more information.

Sheriff lifts fire ban

ALAMOSA— With favorable weather forecasted for this week, Sheriff Robert Jackson has lifted the Stage 1 fire ban with the hope of allowing farmers a chance to finish their ag burning. Jackson said a Red Flag Warning would immediately put the ban back in place.

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Elk rescued from mineshaft near Creede

By KEITH R. CERNY
Courier Publisher

CREEDE – Longtime Creede resident and artist Chere Waters spends a lot of time walking the trails around here, but on a recent trek she stumbled across something totally unexpected.

According to a Facebook account told by her daughter, Hanna Waters, Chere found an adult cow elk alive at the bottom of an estimated 25-foot deep mineshaft Saturday, April 18. Summoning local Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) officers and others, the cow was tranquilized and eventually lifted out of the shaft with the help of a truck winch.

After several minutes of recovering from the tranquilizer, the elk stood and walked off, “but not before she stopped short, turned around, and gave her rescue party

a long, deep look. Maybe it meant, what in the hell just happened? Maybe it meant, thank you,” according to Hanna’s account.

CPW officers Brent Woodward and Jeremy Gallegos were assisted by local deputies and search and rescue team members Chris Snell, Shane Birdsey, John and Elizabeth Steele, Terry Wetherill and Shawn Johnston, as well as Chere Waters.

“Perhaps you are thinking of the options,” Hanna’s FB post continued. “What could have been done. Shoot it, put it out of certain misery. Be done with it. Nature is metal, it culls the herds as only it can. We know this option.”

“In other circumstances this may have been the only way. But perhaps, on a day like today, in

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Photo courtesy of Chere Waters. Having winched the cow elk out of the mineshaft, the rescue team unstraps the animal and prepares for her to recover from a tranquilizer dart.

Behrens hearing continued until June

ALAMOSA — Apryl Behrens’ preliminary hearing was continued until June 22 at 8:30 a.m. to allow for discovery, as the defense had not received the child’s autopsy report. Currently, complaints against Behrens and Robert T. (Tre) Howell, alleged that the death of son Crashtyn was a result of a skull fracture. The complaints against the two uncovered some contradictions from the couples’ stories. Behrens’ hearing was continued by Judge Daniel Walzl.

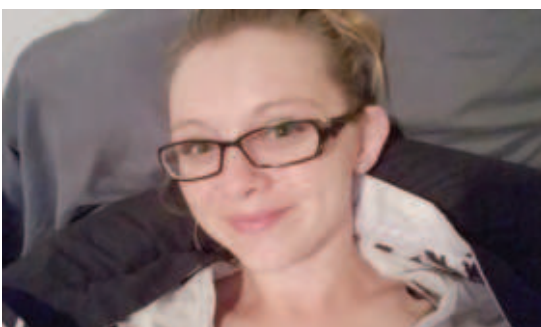
Howell, II’s preliminary hearing is set for June 3rd. Due to Coronavirus the hearing took an unconventional path with Apryl Behrens, the accused, on the phone along with the judge, District Attorney and defense attorneys.

Testimony on Monday and the original criminal complaint accused Behrens of substance abuse and DA Willet argued against her release without stipulations, calling her a “flight risk”. A family member of the deceased child testified that she has been deceitful in the past and was a known drug user.



Crashtyn Howell

File photo



Apryl Behrens

File photo

In requesting bail for Behrens it was discussed that that would require a GPS ankle monitor. Five different units had been tried with Behrens and all were found to not be working properly. Judge Walzl de-

clined to remove the stipulation about the ankle monitor to allow Behrens to post bail at this time but said he was open to future discussions about monitoring her whereabouts if bail is posted. Bond is set at \$500,000.

Happy Birthday Peyton



Courier photos by Stephen Jiron. ALAMOSA — With the stay home orders being what they are get-togethers have proven rather difficult. That was the basis for birthday parade for local Peyton Sanchez for his 14th birthday. Attendees included motorcyclists, semis, hot rodders, first responders as well as a trove of well wishers.

Parks & Recreation availability

ALAMOSA — Recreational facilities and amenities in the City of Alamosa that are currently available to use, and those that are closed as of Thursday, April 16, 2020:

Open	Closed
Dog Parks	Baseball/Softball/Soccer Fields
Golf Course	Basketball/Tennis/Volleyball Courts
Open Spaces	Disc Golf Course
Parks	Fitness Courses
Trails	Multi-Use Pavilion/Ice Rink
	Park Playgrounds, Pavilions, and Benches
	Recreation Center
	Skate Park

Please continue to practice social distancing, abide by amenity-specific restrictions, and follow handwashing and mask-wearing recommendations when you are using City trails and parks. Thank you for your patience and Happy Recreating from your Alamosa Parks and Recreation Staff. For more information, visit www.alamosarec.org or www.cityofalamosa.org/covid19/.

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OBITUARIES

Shirley Rose Gallagher 1922-2020

ALAMOSA — Shirley Rose Gallagher died on the evening of April 15 at The Bridge in Alamosa, Colorado. The daughter of Newton Kinney and Rose Pearl (Fortine) Gray, she was born in Los Angeles on October 9, 1922, and lived in southern California during her formative years. She graduated from Alhambra High School in 1940, attended Pasadena Junior College, and, in the mid-1940s, worked as a singer and musician in the Los Angeles area. During the final weeks of World War II, Shirley was selected to join the only USO show sponsored by the United States Navy in the Pacific Theater.

Eddie Bracken headlined the show, which played to large and enthusiastic crowds of soldiers, sailors, and Marines on the islands of Guam, Saipan, Tinian, and elsewhere. Following one performance, Rear Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd, Jr., the noted Arctic and Antarctic explorer, gave her the stars off his collar as a keepsake. She kept a diary during the tour, writing one evening: "Today at the hospital we

all got to pin the Purple Heart on some fellows; it was something and a wonderful experience."

Returning to Los Angeles from the Pacific islands in August 1945, Shirley Rose continued to perform for wounded service personnel. In December 1945, an administrator with the Red Cross Camp and Hospital Committee in Los Angeles thanked her "on behalf of the patients at the many hospitals where you have so graciously appeared. I am sure you know by now how much music means to these wounded men and how important it is that they feel we haven't forgotten them." Shirley cherished memories of her tour in the Pacific and of the friendships she forged, recounting the experience in a limited-edition memoir titled *A Never-to-Be Forgotten Adventure: Reminiscences of the Bracken Show in the South Pacific, July-August 1945*. The National Archives thought her contributions significant as well, featuring a photograph of her performing with Bracken and a passage from her diary in a major exhibit of personal ac-



counts of World War II that was created in 1992 and displayed in eleven cities across the United States.

On June 16, 1946, Shirley married William "Bill" Gallagher, another graduate of Alhambra High who had served four years as an officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II, at the Episcopal Church of Our Savior in San Gabriel, California. The couple had two sons, Tim and Gary. The family left Southern California in the summer of 1954, relocating to the San Luis Valley, where they

lived on a farm east of Alamosa before moving in 1957 to another farm in the Carmel District. They resided in Carmel for more than 40 years, then moved to Alamosa in 1999.

Shirley, always the gracious hostess, enjoyed a wide circle of friends who appreciated her quick wit and bridge skills. She loved art, music, the cinema, and the ocean. She especially enjoyed collecting shells during walks along beaches in both the United States and Mexico. She and Bill frequently spent winters with friends in Puerto Peñasco and other favorite places along the Mexican coast. In recent years, they enjoyed winters in Green Valley, Arizona.

Devoted to large dogs, Shirley lavished atten-

tion on the family pets that were German Shepherds and Dobermans. She also took politics seriously, participating in local and state Republican Party activities and holding organizational offices within the party. For many years, Shirley also played an active role in Child Study Club and the local Chapter AE P.E.O. Another community connection was the "Roller Roundup" that Bill and Shirley built, owned and operated for several years.

Shirley's children and grandchildren knew her best as "Mim," a generous, yet demanding presence who helped prepare them for life's mixture of high points and hard edges. Her competitive nature was evident whether she

was playing ping-pong, croquet, or in a game of cards or dominos.

Shirley will be remembered lovingly, and missed deeply, by her friends and most particularly by her family. She is survived by her devoted husband Bill of nearly 74 years, her son Tim and his wife Marsha, her son Gary, her grandchildren William (Yasuko) Gallagher, Angie (Jason) Rossback, Tami (Matt) Sliwowski, and Marlena Rose (Steven) Halko, and eight great-grandchildren. At her request, a private family memorial will be held.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave memories and your condolences for Shirley's family please visit www.rogersfunerals.com.

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ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Kiwanis Club meets on the second, third and fourth Thursdays at noon at IHOP. Contact: Amanda Wilkinson, 719-589-2564 or emailamanda@alamosastatebank.com

ALAMOSA — The Optimist Club of Alamosa meets at Nino's Restaurant in Alamosa the first and third Tuesdays at noon. Contact the club at alamosaoptimistclub@gmail.com 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

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 information.

ALAMOSA — Search

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

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

PENDING OBITUARIES

Terese Dionne Duran

ALAMOSA — Terese Dionne Duran, passed away April 19, 2020. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

BIRTHS

Blakeley Beau Canty

SANFORD — Blakeley Beau Canty was born April 1, 2020, at the San Luis Valley Health Center of Alamosa to Jerome and Mitch Canty.

Blakeley weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 20 and one half inches long. Blakeley's siblings are Baylon,

Dax and Knoxley. Maternal grandparents are Bob and Terri Booth of Alamosa. Paternal grandparents are Mike and Jenny Canty of Sanford. Great grandparents are Norene Smith, John and Janeen Canty, and Jesse and Lorna Booth.

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

WEDNESDAY
12 p.m. First United

Methodist Church at 2005 Mullens, Alamosa
6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito

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City announces loan program for small businesses

ALAMOSA – Recognizing the burden many small businesses are facing as they continue to work through the challenges of the COVID-19 business cuts and closures, Alamosa City Council has established a loan fund at 0% interest, to qualified, Alamosa businesses in an effort to help bridge any financial gap experienced as result of this event.

This bridge loan is intended to give necessary time to re-establish and stabilize as businesses regain operations.

Loans of up to \$20,000, with the average loan awarded expected to be significantly less, would be available for up to an 18-month period. Payments on the loan are encouraged, but not required, for the first 12 months of the 18-month loan. Payments will be amortized, as agreed upon between City and business owner, upon individual circumstances.

There will be no exceptions for extension of first payment requirement beyond the 12-month loan

origination date or last payment of loan beyond the 18 month loan period.

A business applying for the loan must meet the following criteria:

- Be a small business employing fewer than 25 employees
- Have a physical, non-home based, location within the city limits of Alamosa
 - o Must hold a current Alamosa Business License/Sales Tax License issued prior to March 1, 2020 (If such a license is required for the type of business seeking loan)
- As of March 1, 2020, is current on all sales, use and lodging tax to the City and County of Alamosa
- As of March 1, 2020, is current on all utility payments to the City of Alamosa
- Must agree to sign a document of personal guarantee to return the amount borrowed, in full, per the agreed upon terms and/or pledge collateral, in the form of inventory or any agreed upon collateral

by the City and borrower

The business must present a document of experienced or a projected decline in revenues as a result of COVID-19; summary of any other programs/benefits you have applied for and/or received related to the Covid-19 event or reason for declining to apply for available resources available and fitting of your needs. Lastly, please summarize a business recovery plan of expected expenses and projected needs and time frame to return business to near normal operations.

For further information, questions about the program, to receive an application, or for other assistance, please contact: Kathy Woods, Director – City of Alamosa Economic Development Dept. (719) 587-2546 or kwoods@ci.alamosa.co.us .

Applications will be reviewed within 72 hours of receipt, during regular business hours M-F 8:00 AM – 5 PM. You will be contacted via email and/or phone when the application has been processed.

Two new cases added in Alamosa County

SAN LUIS VALLEY - Two new cases of COVID-19 were identified in Alamosa County over the weekend, bringing the total cases for Alamosa County to 9 and the total positive cases in the San Luis Valley to 24. The testing information is posted daily at slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19.

Friday afternoon Governor Polis issued an executive order making masks required for essential employees and gloves required if they are provided by your employer. Masks can be made with a variety of fabrics and methods. For ideas on sew and no-sew options, visit coloradomaskproject.com.

When wearing gloves, ensure you are following proper glove usage guidelines to limit the possibility of cross-contamination.

How to properly put on gloves:
Wash & dry your hands before putting on gloves
Select the correct glove size
Hold the gloves by the edge when putting them on. Avoid touching the glove as much as possible.
NEVER blow into the glove.
NEVER roll gloves to make them easier to put on.

When to change gloves:
As soon as they become dirty or torn
Before beginning a different task
How to properly remove gloves:
Pinch and hold the outside of the glove near the wrist area.

Peel downwards, away from the wrist, turning the glove inside out.

Hold the glove inside your gloved hand and insert 2 fingers into the cuff of the 2nd glove, turning it inside-out as you pull it off, with the 1st glove inside.

Dispose of the gloves in the trash. One glove should be enveloped in the second glove
Wash and dry your hands.

There are no longer stage 1 fire restrictions in Alamosa County. The restrictions were lifted on

April 20, 2020. Restrictions remain in effect for the Rio Grande National Forest and Conejos County. Check before you burn & please do not burn on days when a Red Flag warning is in effect.

A mobile app developed by The State of Colo-

rado, myColorado™, has been enhanced to help Coloradans stay current on COVID-19 information and access food, cash, medical, and early childhood assistance on the Colorado PEAK® website. Other new features include the ability to display vehicle registrations in the app and chat with myColorado support staff. Download myColorado from the Apple App Store or Google Play. There is a chat function that allows users to get real-time support for any app-related questions Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. MST.

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 1-877-462-2911 (English and Spanish) for Colorado general information.

Colorado updates and guidance: <https://covid19.colorado.gov>

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

Small Business - www.choosecolorado.com

Volunteer or Donate - www.helpcoloradonow.org

SLV COVID 19

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 5:00 p.m. on April 20, 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.

24 SLV POSITIVE CASES

- Alamosa County - 9
- Conejos County - 0
- Costilla County - 3
- Mineral County - 2
- Rio Grande County - 7
- Saguache County - 3

9 HOSPITALIZED

19 ISOLATION COMPLETED

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

2 DEATHS

Final 2020 Census mailings to arrive this month

Respond online, by phone, or mail

ALAMOSA — Households in the San Luis Valley that received a 2020 Census invitation in the mail and have yet to respond should expect a paper questionnaire in the mail by April 30. Those households can still respond online, by telephone, or they can return the questionnaire by mail in the enclosed envelope.

The rate of households in the San Luis Valley to respond to the 2020 Census is far below Colorado's response rate of 54.5 percent, and the national rate of 50.7 percent. Colorado has the 11th highest response rate in the country.

As of April 19, no county in the San Luis Valley had a response rate above 50 percent. Alamosa County had

the highest response rate at 43.7 percent. Next was Rio Grande County with 38.3 percent, followed by Conejos County, 19 percent; Saguache County, 15.4 percent; Mineral County, 15 percent; and Costilla County, 8.7 percent.

It has never been easier to respond to the 2020 Census. San Luis Valley households are encouraged to respond on their own as soon as possible – as the U.S. Census Bureau notes “all without having to meet a census taker.” Residents are able to respond online at www.my2020census.gov, or by phone at 1 (844) 330-2020. Responses can also be done by simply returning a census questionnaire in the mail.

The 2020 Census is a short questionnaire of ten questions about who lives in a household as of April 1, 2020. Data from

the census is used to determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, and how billions of dollars in federal funding is distributed to states and communities across the country for the next decade. Individual responses to the census are confidential and protected by law.

Households that have not responded should expect to receive a final reminder invitation (postcard) in the mail in early May. The Census Bureau is taking steps to reactivate field data collection operations after June 1, 2020, after when, census takers will be sent to visit households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census to help them complete questionnaires.

The deadline to respond to the 2020 Census is August 13, 2020.

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times so formless and strange...

if given the chance to save a life, wouldn't you?"

Chere feels that God guided her to the shaft. Joined by a friend on her walk, she insisted on finding the mine and then belly crawling to the edge to peer inside. She said she found the shaft by accident several years earlier and for some reason had to find it again.

“Brent (CPW officer Woodward) shot down into the shaft and tranquilized the elk,” Hanna's story continued. “With a small window of time, John (Steele) deftly rigged a system of ropes, tethers and knots and belayed a strully brave Terry (Wetherell) into the shaft. He secured her body and with the winch off the front of his truck far above, slowly lifted her out of the hole. It was clear she had been standing down there for a few days.”

“Our team of brave and endearing souls waited around her as she slowly came to, woozy and unsure. She struggled for a few

minutes to get up as the tranquilizer wore off, but surely, surely, she staggered onto all fours, looking around— I'm sure relieved to no longer be in a cramped, deep hole.

“Chere said it was a very emotional experience and complimented the team for going above and beyond to rescue the elk.”

“Creede is a special place and we all feel a deeply personal connection to this land and the way it holds us and ultimately, the way it shapes us,” Hanna went on to write. “I hope that this gives your hearts and minds a welcome sojourn, even if only for a few moments.

“We can all find ourselves at the bottom of a very deep hole, be it of stone and soil, or heart and soul. Sometimes we must crawl out alone. But sometimes, just sometimes, the song of your heart, deep in the blackness, reaches the ears of another, and hands reach down, and light pours in, and for a perfect, shining moment, you are found.”

AHS to move forward with graduation procession

ALAMOSA—Alamosa School District held a meeting on Tuesday and decided to hold a graduation procession. The school board decided that a health stipulation will include guest restrictions.

Alamosa's school board meeting was brief, but still full of plans and praise. Once again, board members expressed immense gratitude for the teachers and staff of Alamosa's school district. They also bragged on the students of the district, who have powered on with remote learning.

The meeting's biggest question regarded the graduation of Alamosa high school seniors – answered by Governor Jared Polis' state address Monday afternoon. Polis acknowledged the fact most Coloradans will be infected until a vaccine is created.

There isn't much to do except continue to adapt and move forward. So, stay-at-home orders are still strongly encouraged; but businesses and certain facilities will reopen, while following strict social distancing rules and adapting their services, as well.

Large gatherings are still prohibited, so hosting Alamosa high's graduation

was tricky. Luckily, district employees are invested in their children. Even Principal Andy Lavier's daughter is graduating. Everyone had an interest in making the event happen, even amidst this pandemic chaos.

After much problem-solving, AHS has decided to host a graduation procession – held on the original date (May 16), at the original time (10 a.m.). Students are limited to two guests each. All will remain in their vehicles during the event. Attendees can tune into 96.5, where the event will be broadcasted.

Students will proceed from Adams State University to Alamosa High, where they'll hear speeches and receive their diplomas. Principal Lavier acknowledged the disappointment in not being able to celebrate the way everyone expected to. Yet, he remained positive, even suggesting – if the pandemic “eases” up – a senior BBQ in July could be a possibility; just something to commemorate the students' hard work in a warm and fun way.

The event's fine details should be sought out at the high school and/or school board office.

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Lifestyle

Red Cross honors volunteers who continue to serve during crisis

DENVER — National Volunteer Week is April 19 through 25, and the American Red Cross of Colorado and Wyoming honor its volunteers who are helping people in need, even during the uncertain times of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Emergencies don't stop, and neither do local Red Cross volunteers, who are still providing care and comfort after disasters of all sizes, including home fires. In April alone, the Red Cross of Colorado and Wyoming volunteers helped 52 people affected by these crises, even while the pandemic continues.

Due to this coronavirus outbreak, volunteers are providing relief services after home fires virtually, in coordination with local fire departments. Connecting with families by phone or video calls, we're helping to provide support like lodging, health and mental health services and emergency financial assistance, as well as link people to available recovery resources.

Here in Colorado and Wyoming, more than 2,700 people volunteer with the Red Cross by providing emergency assistance to military families, responding to home fires in the middle of the night, teaching children and adults preparedness classes and so much more. These individuals are also among the more than 300,000 volunteers who comprise more than 90 percent of the national Red Cross workforce.

"Red Cross volunteers keep our communities strong," said Andrea Carlson,



American Red Cross

Communications Officer for the Red Cross of Colorado and Wyoming. "We honor these true heroes who give their time to help people in need."

"Red Cross volunteers keep our communities strong, we honor these true heroes who give their time to help people in need."

**- Andrea Carlson
Communications Officer for the Red Cross of Colorado and Wyoming**

Last year, Colorado and Wyoming Red Cross volunteers provided food, shelter, comfort and hope to 2,067 people affected by home fires and other disasters in our two-state region, they also helped train 64,124 people in lifesaving skills and provided 3,156 services to military members, veterans and their families.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER Our need for volunteers is constant and continues to evolve as we navigate this coronavirus health crisis. Volunteer opportunities include supporting blood donations and delivering much-needed disaster services to your community. We even have a wide variety of volunteer-from-

home opportunities available. Find out more.

Interested in serving? Everyone's safety is our top priority. Please review the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance for people who are at higher risk for severe illness, consult your healthcare provider and follow local guidance.

About the American Red Cross: The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support

to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

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Sangre de Cristo National Heritage area 2021 grant cycle now open April 1, 2020

ALAMOSA — Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area (SdCNHA) is pleased to announce the 2021 grant application cycle is now open.

Grants awarded from SdCNHA are intended to encourage local cultural and historic heritage preservation activities, educational programs and support heritage tourism within the heritage area. Our past grantees have used grant funds to restore historic buildings; provide historical and cultural interpretation; restore or promote scenic, artistic and recreational resources; and to document culturally significant components of the way of life in the heritage area. Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area is administered by a non-profit board of volunteers who represent Alamosa, Conejos and Costilla Counties. Heritage area grants are available to local schools, municipalities, and non-profits annually. Please visit our website(sangreheritage.org) for more information about our mission, vision, and a list of past grants we've awarded.

The selection process is competitive, and applicants are encouraged to develop proposals carefully utilizing SdCNHA's Management Plan

Goals and Objectives. You can find these resources on the management plan page: www.sangreheritage.org/management-plan/ Funding is available up to \$25,000. Applications and Guidelines can be found at www.sangreheritage.org/collaborate/

For more information on the efforts and mission of the SdCNHA, or to see more completed projects in our 10 Year Report, visit our website, sangreheritage.org. We invite and encourage you to apply for our 2021 grant cycle! Special consideration will be given to grant applications with focus on outdoor recreation, land stewardship, and business development. Please contact the heritage area, if you have an idea for a grant or have any questions about the grant process. You can email us at info@sdenha.org, call us at (719) 580-7366 or visit our office located at 623 4th Street in Alamosa.

Applicants will be notified of status in September of 2020 and funding will be available in 2021.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE: July 1st, 2020 by 5:00 p.m. (Postmarked: SdCNHA, P.O. Box 844, Alamosa, CO 81101, or delivered by hand - 623 4th Street, Alamosa, CO).

Statement by Colorado Farm Bureau President

CENTENNIAL — The USDA announced that it will provide \$19 billion in funding to aid the agriculture industry, hit hard by COVID-19. The funds will come from the \$2.2 trillion CARES Act as well as supplementary USDA funds to support commodity prices and provide direct support to producers.

The following statement is attributed to Don Shawcroft, president of the Colorado Farm Bureau:

"We are happy that USDA worked quickly to provide the bulk of support directly to farmers and ranchers who are hurting terri-



bly. USDA's swift action to allocate CARES Act funding provides a rainbow of hope in uncertain times. This aid will help our critical industry weather the COVID-19

storm as together we get America back up and running again."

Additional information on the proposal by USDA can be found on the CFB website.

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- 9 Local shops value you more:** Local businesses survive by their reputation & repeat business which means you get a higher standard of service.

Lifestyle

Bennet announces over \$2.3 Million in federal funding for conservation projects in San Luis Valley and Montezuma County

DENVER – Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) selected two projects in Colorado to receive over \$2.3 million through the agency's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). Colorado Open Lands in San Luis Valley and Montezuma County are leading the projects that will focus on improving water, land, and wildlife conservation.

"From my position on the Senate Agriculture Committee, I worked to reauthorize and increase funding for RCPP in the last Farm Bill to support important, locally driven conservation projects in Colorado," Bennet said. "I admire the innovative work being done by Colorado Open Lands

and its partners to provide irrigators the tools they need to modernize water infrastructure in the San Luis Valley. I also appreciate Montezuma County's efforts to decrease the number of invasive species and preserve our incredibly valuable rivers and water supplies. This funding will go a long way to help preserve and protect our state's natural resources for future generations of Coloradans."

"This grant is the culmination of a decade of investments by Colorado Open Lands in the Costilla County community, said Tony Caligiuri, President of Colorado Open Lands. "We are proud to help these farmers and ranchers protect their heritage and agriculture traditions forged over a century ago."

Colorado Open Lands will protect properties irrigated by historic acequias in the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area, a region known for its agricultural and wildlife resources. The partnership plans to protect 3,000 acres of farm and ranch lands using conservation easements, targeting many underserved producers in the area. The project was awarded \$1.95 mil-

lion in funding. Montezuma County will work with landowners to treat lands and waterways negatively impacted by invasive species that consume large amounts of precious water in this drought-stricken landscape. The partnership will also work with landowners on how to restore native vegetation to prevent the recurrence of invasive species. The

project was awarded \$325,000 in funding. As Ranking Member of the Conservation, Forestry, and Natural Resources Subcommittee, Bennet helped craft the conservation title of the 2014 Farm Bill, which established the RCPP. In the 2018 Farm Bill, Bennet led efforts to reauthorize RCPP, streamlining its administration to provide \$300 million in annual funding for

partner-driven projects. The Colorado projects, as well as 46 other conservation projects across the country, are the first awards funded under the 2018 Farm Bill program. More information about the RCPP Grants is available at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/rcpp/>

Adams State Theatre brings a performance to you



ALAMOSA — The Adams State University Theatre Department presents a performance designed to fit the unique times in which we live.

On April 23, Adams State will bring theatre to where you are. Please join ASU Theatre for this free event taking place on our department's Facebook and Instagram pages. Starting at 7:30 p.m., our current students, alumni, and faculty join together to present an evening of virtual theatre featuring new works and original solo performances.

"While we won't be performing on our stage for an audience gathered together on our campus, we are excited to bring theatre to where our audience is," said John H. Taylor, director of theatre.

Reaching Through the Distance will present a series of filmed monologues written and performed by members of the theatre program including faculty and alumni. The short solo pieces deal with diverse topics and may contain mature subject matter.

"I am excited that this production brings together members of our ASU theatre family, including six alumni, to collaborate and create together even in a time of social distancing. With the internet as our stage, we are honored to take part in the ongoing

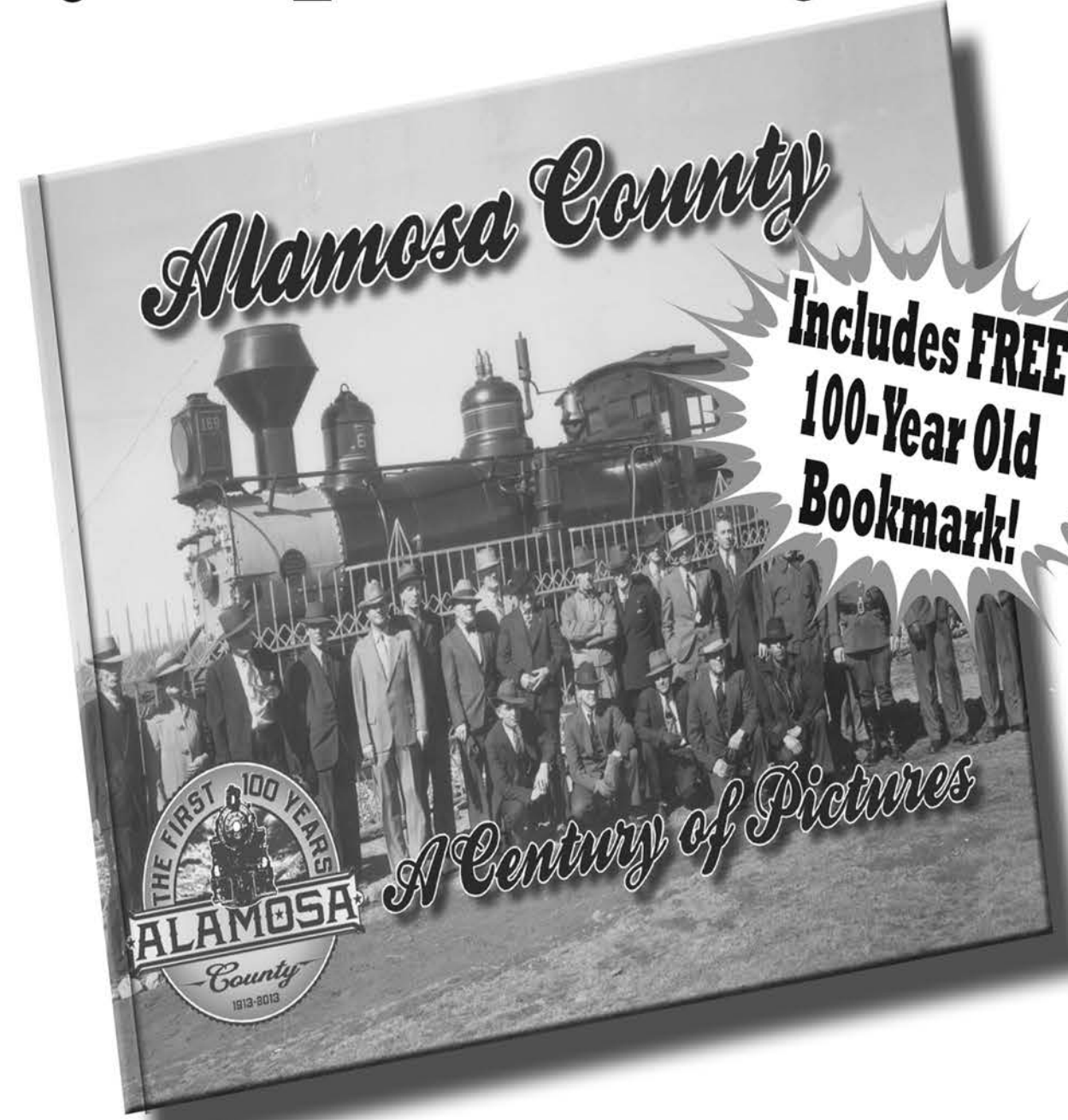
2,500-year-old tradition of theatre as a source of entertainment and a place to tell the stories that must be told," said Taylor.

Adams State Theatre's 2019-2020 season featured a variety of productions and programming. The school year began with the enGENDERing Change: The ASU Gender Theatre Project and A Doll's House, Part 2 followed by the highly popular holiday season show Treasure Island. There were also six student directed plays and monthly Lost and Found comedy improv shows. The Theatre Department hosted the third annual Adams State Ghost Light Project and undertook its second annual 24 Hour Play Festival. SUPERHERO II: THE RETURN OF SUPERHERO scheduled to open on April 23 will be presented in the fall semester.

Reaching Through the Distance: The Monologue Project at Adams State begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23. The video solo performances will be posted every three minutes. To watch, go to Adams State University Theatre Program on Facebook or AdamsStateTheatre on Instagram.

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NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc., Area Agency on Aging for Region 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. RFP packets and instructions are available at South-Central Colorado 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.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Steven Richard Burns aka Steve Burns, Deceased
Case Number 2020PR30013

All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Costilla, County, Colorado on or before August 14, 2020 (date)*, or the claims may be forever barred.

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221 HELP WANTED

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@sierragrande-school.net. Applications available on website or at Sierra Grande School District at 17523 Hwy 160, Blanca, Co 81123 or www.sierragrande-school.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)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Second Grade 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, by April 23, 2020, or until 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)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR-- HINSDALE County is seeking to hire a County Administrator. This position directs the day-to-day operations of Hinsdale County in accordance with policies and other direction provided by the Hinsdale Board of County Commissioners. Hinsdale County is located in southwestern Colorado and has 843 residents plus seasonal and second home owners. The annual budget expenditures (all funds) for 2020 is \$5,745,653. Hinsdale County employs 34 full time and 8 part time employees. County services include: Road and Bridge, Coroner, Building, Code Enforcement, Transfer Station, Sheriff, Health & Human Services, 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/human-resources-7>. Applications are due May 1st at 4:00 p.m. MST.(5/9)

221 HELP WANTED

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)

SANGRE DE CRISTO School District is seeking a girls Middle School Basketball coach for the 2020 / 2021 season. For more information contact Brady Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@sangreschools.org. Applications are available at sdc.schools.net.(4/25)

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SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL District is now accepting applications 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. Deadline 4/16/2020. (4/16)

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)

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THE SAN LUIS Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services has positions for a full time occupational therapist and physical therapist. Interested applicants should hold a valid Colorado Special Services License or be eligible for a Temporary Educator Eligibility (TEE). Application is available at the BOCES office or on-line www.slvboces.org. 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. Application deadline is April 17, 2020 or until positions are filled.(4/22)

SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a Secondary Spanish/PE Teacher. Applicants must have a current Colorado teaching license. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools.org. Sanford School is an EOE & E.(5/5)

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)

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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)

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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@sierragrande-school.net. Applications are available at Sierra Grande School district at 17523 Hwy 160, Blanca, Co 81123 or www.sierragrande-school.net. Application deadline is open until filled. Sierra Grande is an equal opportunity employer.(5/8)

MONTE VISTA ESTATES 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)

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THE SAN LUIS Care Center in Alamosa are currently taking applications for the following positions: Full Time night shift RN, PRN Nurses/all shifts, Full Time Nurse Staff Development Coordinator, PRN Cook, PRN Diet 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)

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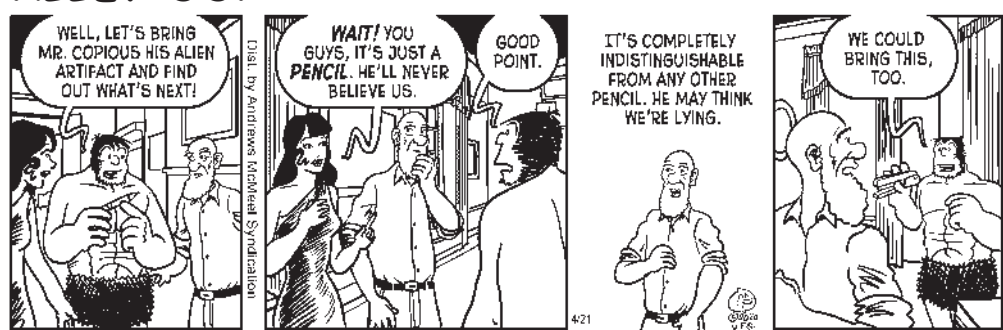
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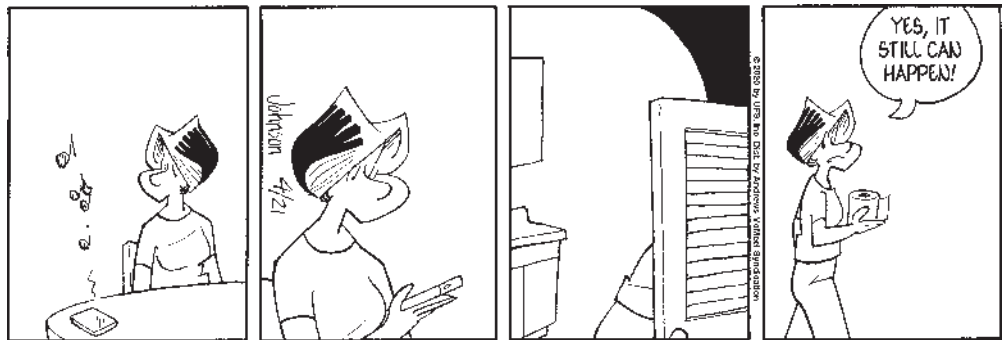
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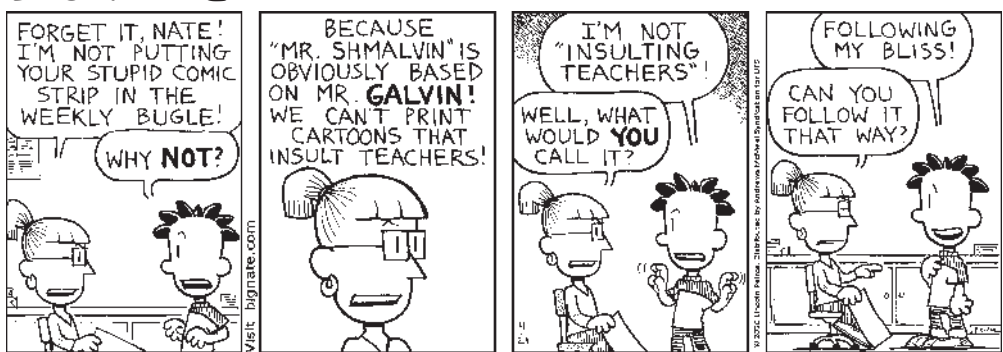
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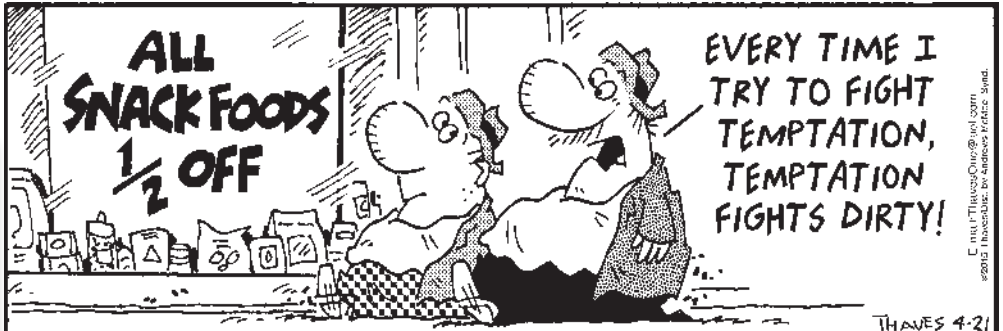
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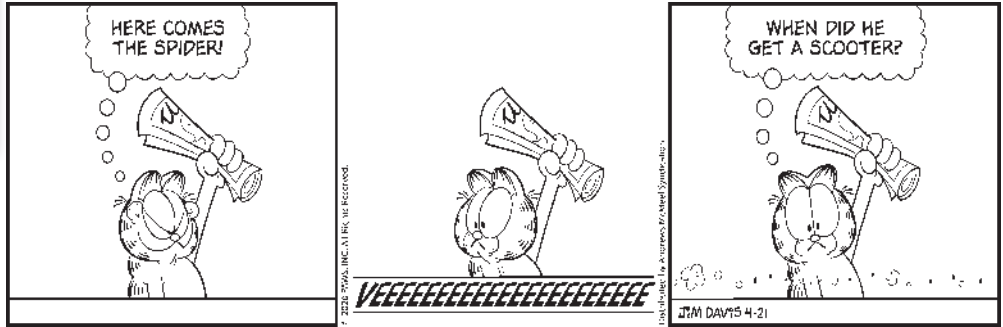
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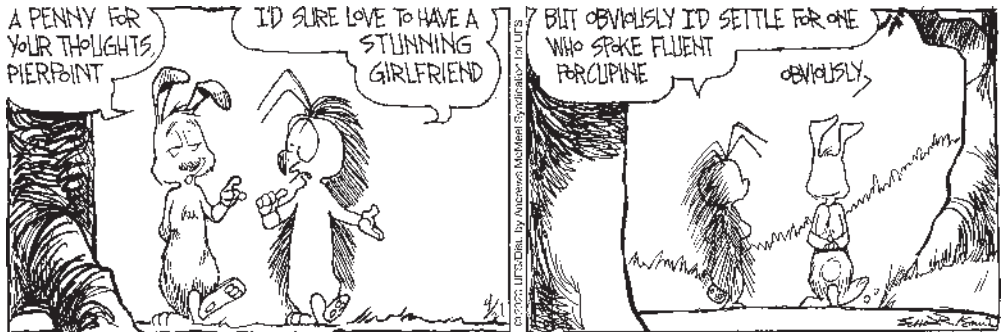
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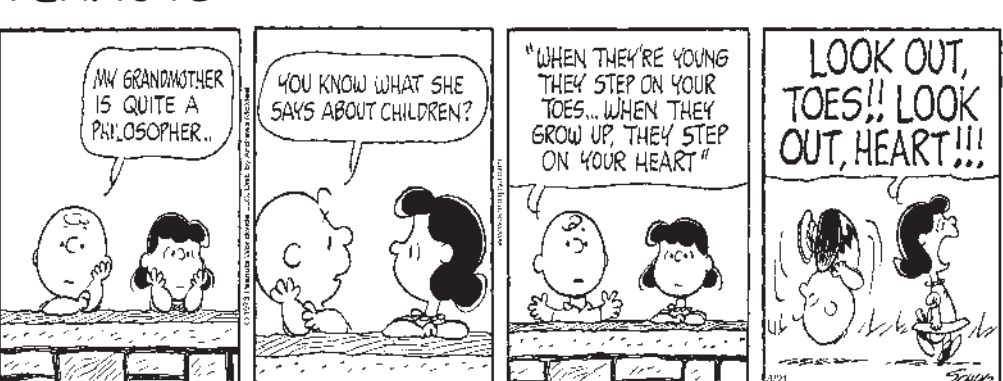
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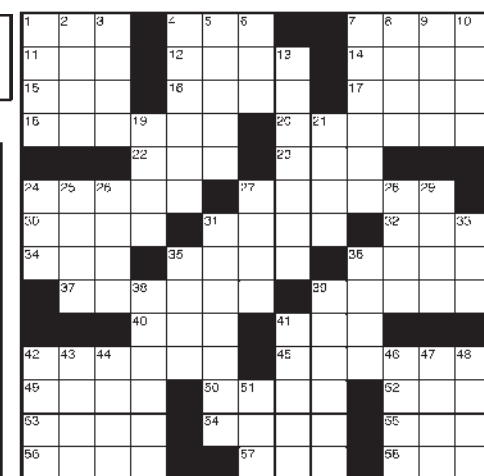
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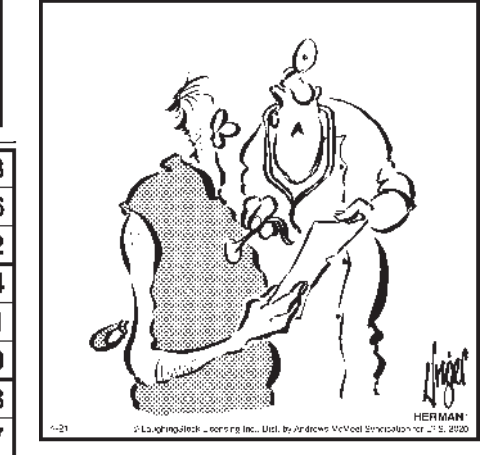
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"Breathe deeply and take a quick look at my bill."

Teen's graduation party plans hurt his stepmom's feelings

DEAR ABBY: I really can use some outside advice. I am a stepmother who raised my husband's 18-year-old son, "Todd." We have given him a loving home. Todd's abusive mother abandoned him at 16, and he has lived with us ever since.

your parenting and plenty to do with his level of immaturity and perhaps the appeal of the other house. (Ask him.) Please be smart and refrain from making this about you, because it isn't.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

I have been a caring and generous mother to him since he was 6. I have always gone out of my way to make sure he feels comfortable, loved, fed, etc. So I couldn't help but feel slapped in the face when he told me he doesn't want to have his graduation party at our home. He said he is having it at his friend's parents' house. This is the same couple who disapproved of their son spending time in our home while the boys grew up because we're not their religion.

DEAR ABBY: My husband has reconnected with an ex-wife from more than 50 years ago. He found her on Facebook. They chat every day, several times a day. Before he reconnected with her, he would talk about her, how she was his first love and he would always have a special place for her in his heart, even though she cheated on him and left him. Now he has begun calling her a pet name he used to call me. Is this cheating, or am I overreacting? -- BETRAYED IN OHIO

shared it with me some 20 years after our marriage and asked me not to tell our four children.

I don't know how to handle this gracefully without feeling hurt or refusing to be a part of it. I know this may seem childish, but it's how I feel on the inside. Can you help me? -- DISAPPOINTED IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR BETRAYED: You are not overreacting. Your husband is involved in an emotional affair. For the sake of your marriage, it needs to stop. If he won't accept it from you, perhaps he will listen to his religious adviser, a marriage counselor or your lawyer. Do not try to fight this alone; you may need their help along the way.

At some point, I shared it with my grown daughter, but not my three grown sons. Was I wrong to do this? My daughter feels I should tell them, and I sort of agree. Their relationship with their father was loving, but also strained. Should I tell them now or let it be? -- UNSURE IN MICHIGAN

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: It might help to realize this isn't a personal slap in the face. His friend's parents may have some special planned that Todd doesn't want to miss. It has nothing to do with

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 63 years died three years ago. He was sexually abused by a family friend and never disclosed it. He

DEAR UNSURE: I agree with your daughter. Because the sexual abuse your husband suffered may have affected the relationship he had with your sons, it might be helpful if they understand the reason why it was the way it was. Sunshine on dark places can yield positive outcomes.

Lifestyle

2020 Summerfest on the Rio update

ALAMOSA — In light of the current uncertainty around community events and large gatherings moving forward; Summerfest on the Rio has tentatively been pushed back to August 14-15, 2020 with the same two day schedule and location as originally planned. Public information will continue to be provided regarding the festival as conditions evolve.

Arts and crafts and food vendor applications are still being accepted. Reasonable sponsorship opportunities are available as well. Go to www.summerfestontherio.com for more information.

If the decision is made to cancel the event for 2020, all applicants will be refunded in full.

Community-minded people are being sought to volunteer for a couple hours during the festival to help sell beverage tickets. This small but valu-



able commitment helps to keep the festival free to attendees by avoiding staffing costs. Plus, giving back to community feels good too; volunteers may even get a few drink tickets. To sign up or for more information please contact info@summerfestontherio.org. Just a reminder there is no admission to the public for this event.

The Summerfest Committee would like to thank you for your support, wish you and yours the best and we look forward to future events.

Historic Ute Theatre offers 3 online workshops

SAGUACHE — While the doors remain closed and everyone stays home safe and sound during these challenging times, the Historic Ute Theatre team is excited to offer free online workshops for folks of all ages (thanks to support from a Saguache County Sales Tax Grant). The workshops are:

Storytelling in Challenging Times: Healing Through Narrative and Play

Dates: Saturday, April 25, 4-5pm & Sunday, April 26, 1-5pm

The Power of Writing Badly: Befriending Imperfection as a Path to Creativity

Dates: Saturday, May 16, 4-5 pm & Sunday, May 17, 1-5 pm

Rise and Shine: The Magic of Music and Sound

Dates: Saturday, May 23, 4-5pm & Sunday, May 24, 1-5pm

In alignment with the mission to Uplift, Transform and Engage, these workshops will provide participants not only with exciting

opportunities for creative expression, but also with tools to find joyful inspiration during these times (Uplift!), shift challenging emotions and draw on personal strengths (Transform!), and create community with workshop leaders and fellow participants (Engage!).

For more information about these workshops, visit www.historicute-theatre.com. Participation in each workshop is limited to 20 folks, and priority will be given to Saguache County residents, so please pre-register at info@historicute-theatre.com or calling 719.427.1080 with: 1) the title of the workshop you are interested in attending, 2) your name, and 3) your phone number, and the Ute Theater will follow up with you. Please note that workshop attendance requires an internet connection. If you do not have internet access and would like to attend the workshop, please contact us, and the Ute Theater will do their best to make it happen.

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Lifestyle

CDOT honoring fallen employees on Remembrance Day

DENVER – Although its headquarters remain closed for most all employees, the Colorado Department of Transportation’s 26th annual Remembrance Day will be held virtually on Tuesday, April 21, as part of National Work Zone Awareness Week.

“We will continue to honor the memory of our departed colleagues each and every year, no matter the circumstances,” said CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew. “And unfortunately, we again lost another CDOT team member last month after he was injured while doing his job on a state roadway. We will never rest still until every one of our employees gets home safely to their families and loved ones.”

CDOT pays tribute to the 62 employees lost in the line of duty by having the names of their fallen colleagues etched onto the marble memorial outside its Denver headquarters (see photo below).

“Together, our organizations work hard and make Colorado a better and safer place,” said Colorado State Patrol Chief Matthew Packard. “Our troopers will continue to do their part to remove unsafe drivers from our roads and work to make construction zones safer for both workers and drivers alike.”

In addition to the virtual Remembrance Day, some of CDOT’s largest projects are observing NWZAW in a number of ways:

- The 18-mile, I-25 South Gap Project between Monument and Castle Rock is the state’s longest construction zone. While safety is always top-of-mind, the project will honor NWZAW through a social media video, coloring contest for Colorado elementary school students (winning design becomes a sticker for hardhats and receives a \$50 Scholastic gift card), electronic board safety messages and a billboard near Larkspur.

- The Central 70 Project is reconstructing a 10-mile stretch of Interstate 70 between I-25 and Chambers Road, including the lowering of the interstate between Brighton and Colorado boulevards. It is marking the week with social media posts, text message alerts, reminder

messaging in the weekly traffic alert and driver reminder via the electronic message signs.

- The I-25 North Express Lanes: Johnstown to Fort Collins Project will increase capacity, improve several interchanges and replace aging bridges. For NWZAW, crews will be encouraged to participate in Wear Orange Day on Wednesday, April 23, and take photos for social media, the project website and email updates. A video also will be developed regarding safety messages specific to the I-25 North Corridor.

“Remembrance Day is a time to pause and remember the contributions of our fallen coworkers and their ultimate sacrifice,” added Lew. “It’s also a reminder for all of us to use caution in work zones. Somebody’s life is at stake.”

In Colorado, eight people were killed following a crash in a work zone. Six were driving through a construction zone and two were part of the work crew. According to the Federal Highway Administration, in 2018, the last year statistics are available, there were 671 work zone crashes, resulting in 754 fatalities, the majority of which were motorists. Roadway workers accounted for 124 of those fatalities.

REMEMBER: SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE

The following tips are to help you stay safe while traveling through maintenance and construction work zones.

- Do not speed in work zones. Obey the posted speed limits.

- Stay Alert! Expect the unexpected.

- Watch for workers. Drive with caution.

- Don’t change lanes unnecessarily.

- Avoid using mobile devices such as phones while driving in work zones.

- Turn on headlights so that workers and other drivers can see you.

- Be especially alert at night while driving in work zones.

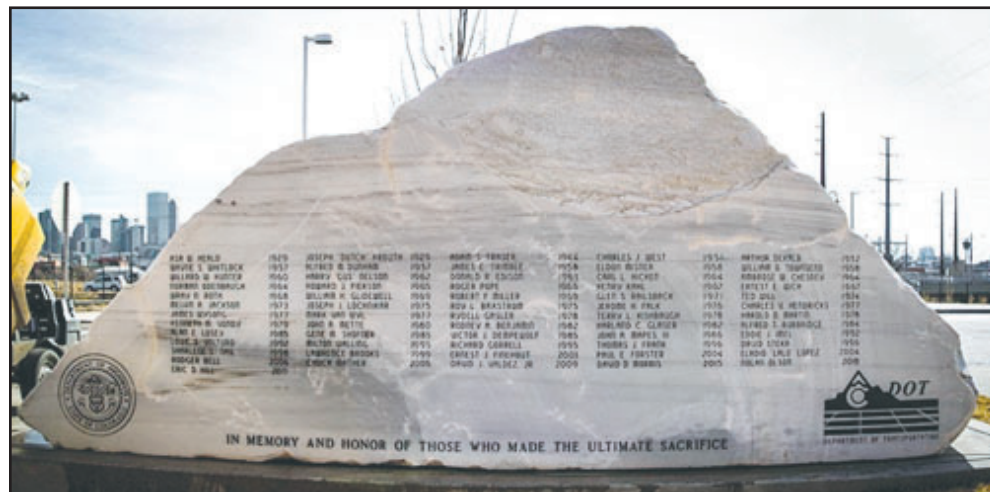
- Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.

- Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you.

- Anticipate lane shifts and merge when directed to do so.

• Be patient! COVID-19

Safe transportation infrastructure is essential for emergency first responders and freight drivers as Colorado navigates the COVID-19 pandemic. With that in mind, construction continues on CDOT projects with social distancing and other measures to reduce COVID-19 exposure on worksites. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment announced guidelines for construction activities. Gov. Polis issued an emergency, temporary stay-at-home



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order for all of Colorado, which went into effect Thursday, March 26. With this order, the

public is urged to join the campaign for #DoingMyPartCO and avoid all nonessential travel.

With fewer vehicles on the roads, CDOT crews will be able to work more efficiently and safely.



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Senate candidate Andrew Romanoff wins 86% at the Colorado Democratic state party assembly

DENVER — U.S. Senate candidate Andrew Romanoff won the Colorado Democratic State Party Assembly, the first virtual convention in state party history. In a field that once spanned 21 candidates, Romanoff won by 86 percent of the delegates with all others winning a combined 14 percent.

Following the announcement of the win, Romanoff said:

“When we come out of this crisis, Americans want to know whether we will put millions of people back to work through a Green New Deal - and whether we will have health care that can never be taken away.

“I say yes. Cory Gardner and John Hickenlooper say no.

“Today’s victory means the people of Colorado—not just the party bosses and power-brokers in Washington—will be able to weigh in too.”

On Tuesday, April 21st, there will be a virtual Victory Rally via Twitter, Facebook @romanoff2020, and Zoom.

The special event will feature endorsers, community leaders, Colorado musicians, as well as remarks from Andrew outlining next steps for the campaign. For more information, please visit www.andrewromanoff.com or go to his Facebook page: Romanoff2020.