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Trustees Board Meeting

ALAMOSA — The Adams State University Board of Trustees will meet on Friday, April 10, via Zoom. Members of the public can listen to the public proceedings through Zoom +1 253 215 8782 US Meeting ID: 100 711 867.

Conejos Government Closure

CONEJOS COUNTY — As a result of COVID-19 recommendations, all Conejos County Government offices will be closed on Friday, March 10, 2020.

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Ditch fires run astray



Courier photo by Keith R. Cerny
A Colorado DFPC crew is shrouded in smoke as they work the fire northeast of Sanford on Friday afternoon.



Photo courtesy of Trey Spaulding
Monte Vista firefighters battled a brush fire that moved into a haystack Thursday afternoon near the Colorado State Veterans Home just east of town.

Sanford volunteer firefighters spent a couple of hours on both Thursday and Friday battling ditch fires that got away. Thursday's blaze ran across a field and into a stack of hay bales as shown. Assistance was provided by the LaJara Volunteer Fire Department and Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control. Monte Vista Fire also responded to a grass/hay fire just east of town on Thursday near the Colorado State Veterans Center and Alamosa Fire responded to another in East Alamosa on Wednesday evening. The San Luis Valley 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.

Five Veterans Monument Project

MONTE VISTA — The Monte Vista Community Fund, Inc. continues its efforts to place five solid black granite military monuments in the Faith Hinkley Veteran's Memorial Park to honor veterans. Valley Monument, Inc. received the shipment of the five black granite monuments, and are in the process of compiling a list of the Killed in Action/Prisoners of War Veterans so John Glass, owner, can inscribe the names on the stones.

The Monte Vista Community Fund, Inc. was awarded a grant

by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in the amount of \$10,000 on April 14, 2019. Funding for this project was made possible through the DAR Buckeye Valley Chapter #8039, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, located in Buckeye, Arizona and by the efforts of member, Colette Skeff, to apply for this DAR Special Projects Grant.

The support of the DA is appreciated in helping to fund this project as it is important to the success to complete the park.

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Faith Hinkley Veterans Memorial Park

File Photo

SLV Emergency daily update

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Friday brought no change to the valley's COVID-19 numbers, a slight reprieve in the news. SLV Emergency, along with many of you, hope to take a bit of respite over this holiday weekend. Please continue to do your part to stop the spread of COVID-19 in order to protect those among us who are vulnerable, protect our families, and honor the health care workers who are on the front lines ready to care for our friends and neighbors. If you do spend time outdoors this weekend, wearing a mask is important. Exercise generates a heavy respiratory trail and wearing a mask reduces transmission to those who may come along behind you. Right now, staying home is the best contribution most of us can make toward our community's well-being.

Those of you who keep close tabs on the numbers being posted by the

State of Colorado may notice a slight jump in cases that reflects a catching up of some lagging statewide test reports.

This is National Public Health Week. Public health as a profession is one of those fields that is easily overlooked. Like utilities or sanitation, the services provided by public health are invisible to most of us when everything is working as it should. This pandemic has thrust our public health professionals into a very public role and forced them to make some difficult and sometimes unpopular decisions in order to carry out their duty to protect the public as well as they are able. They work closely with other medical professionals. We won't be able to count how many lives they have saved by their actions. If you know someone who works in public health, take a moment to send

them a note of thanks. In an ideal scenario, Colorado will get to the end of this crisis and some people will think elected officials have overreacted. In reality, they will have saved many lives. That would be the ultimate sign of success.

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>

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

Small Business Resources - www.choosecolorado.com

Volunteer or Donate - www.helpcoloradonow.org

SLV COVID 19

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 4:00 p.m. on April 10, 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

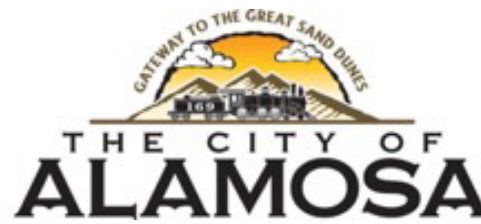
13 ISOLATION COMPLETED

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

2 DEATHS

Photo courtesy of SLV Emergency

Trail Etiquette



- 1) Pack it in, pack it out — do not litter
- 2) Keep your dog on a leash. Aside from designated dog parks, your dog must be on a leash at all times.
- 3) Stay on the trail. Wandering off trail

impacts vegetation and wildlife habitat.

4) If you see illegal activity, report it to Alamosa Dispatch at (719) 589-5807.

5) If you encounter a trail maintenance issue, you can fill out an online form at alamosarec.org > outdoor recreation > trails.

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OBITUARIES

Marion Ann Youngman, age 93

ALAMOSA — Marion Ann Youngman, age 93, Alamosa, passed away April 9th, 2020 after suffering a stroke.

Marion was the youngest of six children born to Otto and Mary Durheim of Ellendale, North Dakota on October 19th, 1926.

She attended high school and college in Ellendale. After teaching school for a year, she married Ralph Youngman. The family moved to Alexandria, South Dakota where she was the business manager for the Hanson County School District for 28 years.

Marion and Ralph retired and moved to Canon City, CO. They lived in Canon City for 19 years. In 2006 Marion moved to Alamosa.

Marion loved music, especially the old hymns and organ music. She spent many hours gardening. Marion could bake the most awesome rhubarb pie and her family will miss the feisty, determined woman she was.

She is survived by her daughter Rita (Mario) Curto, Alamosa, son Gregory (Judith) of



Phoenix, AZ and Nicholas, (Mary) Youngman of New York City; eight great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Marion was preceded in death by her parents, husband Ralph, all of her brothers and sisters, one grandson, Adam Youngman and good friend, Ron Wilson.

Cremation has been chosen and any donations can be made to the local Valley Humane League. 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.

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.

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 email amanda@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.

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 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, cro-

cheting, weaving and spinning. We work on our individual projects, sometimes do projects together and learn from each other. We meet the 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: womancitizenshipclub@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.

ALAMOSA — Groups are held for women who have experienced domestic violence every second Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. at the Grizzly Training Center, Alamosa. There will be refreshments and childcare provided. Contact Jennifer McCoy-Hanna at Tu Casa, Inc. 719-589-2465.

ALAMOSA — Grief support group meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Alamosa 1st United Methodist Church from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Call Liz Hood, 580-3697.

TROOPER TIPS

Living in a New World

By GARY CUTLER
Master Trooper

As the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic continue to hit not only the United States, but the entire world, I know that it is affecting everyone's mental health. It's hard not to focus on anything but what is plaguing us. But there are still things going on that have nothing to do with Covid-19 that we still have to deal with.

My articles are about being safe on the roadways, and they still need to be. What we need to remember now during all of this is keeping our minds focused when driving, and believe me there is a lot on everyone's mind. So even though you may not be on the roads as much, there is still some traffic out there.

In the recent weeks, the State Patrol has seen an increase in speed, as well as cars going through stop signs without stopping to name just a couple of driving issues. Even though this may not seem as important to some since there isn't much traffic, some of the worst injury and fatal crashes I've had to investigate in my career have been where there have been only two cars on the roadway. You never want a crash, but it is especially true now.

Any trip to the hospital creates a higher risk of contracting Covid-19. Please make sure you are driving just as carefully as you did prior to the pandemic. You may think it is okay to be a



little more lax now that there are less cars on the roadway, but it really isn't. It also means being more observant of other vehicles breaking the law so you don't get hit.

As they have told us, we're all in this together. The pandemic has brought the state closer together. We now look out for our elderly a little more. We check to see if our neighbors are okay. We are a little more polite to strangers. I'm glad to see that positive reaction to this, so we should include that in our driving, but we still have some that try to take advantage for themselves.

The state has had an increase in reports about police impersonators. So that you know, the State Patrol is not conducting road blocks or pulling cars over randomly to check if you should be out. We also don't check for papers to see where you work. We do want you to be safe though. So we continue to ask that you don't travel unless absolutely necessary, just as the Governor has

said in his Public Health Order.

We do continue to pull over traffic violators. We have marked patrol cars as well as unmarked. We will most times be in uniform, but there are occasions when we will not be. Those times we're not in a uniform, we will still have a badge and ID. We will always tell you why you were stopped and are not upset if you ask to see our ID. If you ever have a doubt you have been pulled over by someone other than a true police officer take the following steps: If you have already stopped and the person is not answering basic questions to why they stopped you, what agency they work for, not offering ID, and a badge that doesn't have their agency on it, then roll your window up and call 911.

Prior to stopping if you have a car with flashing lights behind you, but doesn't look quite right, slow your speed, activate your hazard lights, and call 911 to verify it is an actual police officer. Even if it is not our agency, we have the ability to check if another agency is trying to make a stop in that area. The dispatcher will direct you what to do in the situation. We can then send a law enforcement officer to the scene to check.

Be safe out there, and take precautions to get through this pandemic safely.

As always, safe travels... if it's absolutely necessary!

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 Citizens' Building at 710 Main St., Antonito

6 p.m. Amistad of San Luis at 403 Main St., San Luis

7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca

7:30 p.m. Masonic Hall at 598 Spruce, Del Norte.

8 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 607 4th St., Alamosa.

THURSDAY

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

12 p.m. Crestone Baptist Church, County Rd. T, Crestone

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

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

7:30 p.m. Ables/Disables, Baptist Church at 751 Lincoln St.,

Monte Vista

FRIDAY

7 p.m. Sacred Heart School at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa.

SATURDAY

5:30 pm. at 929 State Ave., Alamosa

6 p.m. Senior Citizens' Building at 710 Main St., Antonito.

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

For schedule changes, please contact your group service representative (GSR)

School Menu
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Valley News

Great Sand Dunes delays opening of Piñon Flats campground until further notice

MOSCA – Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve is announcing additional modifications to operations to continue to implement the latest guidance from the White House, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), and local and state authorities to promote social distancing. On March 24, the park announced a delay in the opening of the Piñon Flats Campground from April 1 to May 1. As of April 10, the park will delay the opening of the Piñon Flats Campground until further notice. The basis of the decision to delay the opening of the campground is to promote



social distancing and to prevent groups of 10 or more people from forming. The current infrastructure in the campground does not allow the park to meet this guidance and would

consequently place visitors and staff at greater risk. Reservations for campsites scheduled during May will be canceled, and campers will receive a full refund.

Great Sand Dunes will continue to offer limited services outside those that support visitor or resource protection. Currently, the Visitor Center and Western National Parks Association (WNPA) store remain closed. Backcountry campers can obtain backcountry permits the day of their trip by calling 719-378-6395.

The health and safety of our visitors, employees, volunteers, and partners is our number one prior-

ity. The National Park Service (NPS) is working with federal, state, and local authorities to closely monitor COVID-19. We will notify the public when we resume full operations and will provide updates on our website, www.nps.gov/grsa, and social media channels.

Outdoor spaces at Great Sand Dunes remain accessible to the public, 24 hours, 7 days a week and in accordance with the latest federal, state, and local health guidance, in addition to entry fees being waived for visitors.

The following trails, parking areas, and picnic areas

are open:

Montville Nature Trail, Mosca Pass Trail, Montville Nature Trail, Dunes Overlook Trail

The Dunes Parking Area, the main access point to the dune field

Mosca Creek, Sand Pit, and Castle Creek Picnic Area

The Medano Pass Primitive Road is open to Castle Creek Picnic Area. The road is closed

beyond this point due to weather and road conditions.

All outdoor interpretive signs and road pull-outs

The NPS encourages

people who choose to visit Great Sand Dunes during this pandemic to adhere to guidance from the CDC and state and local public health authorities to protect visitors and employees. As services are limited, the NPS urges visitors to continue to practice Leave No Trace principles, including pack-in and pack-out, to keep outdoor spaces safe and healthy.

Updates about NPS operations will be posted on www.nps.gov/coronavirus. Please check with individual parks for specific details about park operations.

Working on a Healthy Community

By MEG COLWELL
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — During this pandemic, the best recommendation for the community is to shelter in place. However, when living unsheltered or lacking access to resources -- like running water -- one faces unique obstacles.

The pandemic has forced even La Puente's hygiene services to close, along with the city's. This includes the Alamosa Recreation Center showers, public park and facility restrooms, La Puente Shelter's showers and most business restrooms.

The result is an entire population of the valley who lack the

resources necessary to maintain basic hygiene; much less defend themselves -- and, subsequently, the rest of the community -- against COVID-19.

It is easy to set these issues aside, especially in a crisis -- out of sight, out of mind. Yet, these are still members of the community and the problems they regularly face are only exacerbated by this pandemic. These folks are just as worried about COVID-19 as everyone else. The difference is, these people have had no way to defend themselves -- much less isolate themselves.

Many in the community have been working hard to remedy this

problem. The city, county, La Puente and others have been working together to find solutions. The City of Alamosa has been able to provide porta-potty stations at several parks and handwashing stations at select locations. Soon, they will also be opening up the seasonal restrooms behind Cole Park. Alamosa Public Health also donated hand sanitizer. Along with many others, these efforts have been made to protect the community against COVID-19.

Thanks to the faith community, one other major hygiene solution has recently unfolded. La Puente's Director of Community Education, Israel Garcia-Humes,

said:

"La Puente is so proud of the many ways our community is coming together to support one another during this pandemic. Due to the kind and generous Alamosa Presbyterian Church members and staff, the church shower and restroom facilities will be open for public use."

While ecstatic about this solution, Garcia-Humes reminds the community: "This effort is being bolstered by the staff of our PALS Children's Program. As we continue to move forward, it will take the continued collaboration of local nonprofit, city, county, faith, business, and other local

heroes to get us through these trying times."

Mon.-Fri., from 9 am-4 pm, community members can sign up for one-hour shower slots. Towels, soap and shampoo will be provided. Those interested can call (719) 480-8755 to reserve a slot.

Sign up is also available at La Puente's two-sack meal distribution; also served from the Alamosa Presbyterian Church. Meals are served daily, at noon and 6 p.m. For more information on other community COVID-19 services or how you can help, please visit www.lapuentehome.org/strongertogether

Park

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It is a welcome and a memorial park to commemorate the lives of Faith Hinkley and Glenn Martinez and of those Monte Vista and San Luis Valley residents who served our country. The park is a beautiful addition to the City of Monte Vista and will serve as a remembrance of valor and sacrifices willingly made by veterans in time of war.

It serves as a reminder of our heritage and our history. Visitors to this park are brought together by a

strong sense of reflection on the sacrifices that have made to keep us free.

The DAR grants program was started in 2010. Funding is awarded to support projects in local communities that promote the organization's mission areas of historic preservation, education and patriotism.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote patriotism, preserve American history, and support better

education for our nation's children. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American Independence during the Revolutionary War. With over 185,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations.

To learn more about the work of today's DAR, visit www.DAR.org. For more about applying for a Special Projects Grant from DAR visit www.dar.org/grants.

Adams State amends spring 2020 grading policy to reflect COVID-19 challenges

ALAMOSA — Adams State University has amended its grading policy to allow undergraduate students to convert any of their spring semester 2020 grades to Pass/Fail after final grades have been submitted by faculty members. Passing grades will be awarded college credit, designated as a "P" on student transcripts; a failing grade will not be awarded college credit and will be designated as an "NC" or "No Credit" on transcripts.

"The purpose of this policy is to provide a non-punitive grading option for students whose performance in a course or courses may have been detrimentally impacted

by the change to remote instruction, or other situations resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic," said Adams State Vice President for Academic Affairs Kent Buchanan.

Once grades are posted by May 12, students will have 3 days, until May 15, to request a change to a grade. Students must contact the Adams State registrar's office to process the change. Students should feel free to reach out to their academic advisor or the Adams State financial aid staff in advance to discuss any implications of changing a course grade to Pass/Fail.

"This option is really good to have available for our students and we be-



lieve it reflects our commitment to support our students," said Adams State President Cheryl D. Lovell. "The shift to Blackboard-only instruction was not planned at the beginning of this spring semester. With these adjustments, we know it is important to display as much care and compassion to all for this very quick change

in course delivery. Our speed in adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic is a true testament to our great and caring faculty and staff."

Adams State students are finishing the spring semester on the University's Blackboard online course management system. The spring semester ends with finals week May 4 through May 8.

3 ways to respond to the Census

Online – my2020census.gov

If you received an invitation with an ID number, great, use it. If you don't have an ID number, that's fine. Just follow the instructions to enter your address.

Phone – call 844-330-2020
(en español 844-468-2020)

Mail – If you do not respond online or by phone, you may receive a paper questionnaire. Paper questionnaires will be mailed in early April.

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State fire agency presents colorado's wildfire preparedness plan to governor polis

LAKEWOOD — Friday, the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) presented Colorado's 2020 Wildfire Preparedness Plan to Governor Polis.

During the virtual meeting with the Governor, DFPC Director Mike Morgan discussed the 2020 wildfire outlook, the plan to combat potential impacts of COVID-19 on wildfire management, and an overview of State resources that are prepared to combat wildfires as they occur.

"The number of people at risk of wildfires in Colorado continues to increase -- approximately 3 million people live in Colorado's wildland-urban interface," said DFPC

Director Morgan. "We have been hard at work preparing for the 2020 fire season: reducing risk, increasing resource capability and working with our stakeholders to create long term solutions that fit Colorado's growing fire needs."

DFPC is enhancing fire training, using new technologies and implementing public information campaigns to bolster the fight against wildland fire. We all have a shared responsibility in keeping one another safe. Together with our partners, the State of Colorado stands ready to respond to wildfires.

View the full report at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dfpc/2020-plan>.



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Opinion

Ruthie Brown

Valley Gardening

Happy Easter weekend to you all! Yesterday, I decided to don the bunny costume and spread a little joy; opening doors at Blessed Brews and letting folks make fun of me.

What else is new? My feeling is ... if we keep laughing, this nightmare we are in right now will be more bearable. If people laugh at me, that's even better!

Here's a funny -- maybe sad -- thought. I dropped my truck off at Caton's Superlube to have an oil leak fixed. They are down in business by 50%. As I walked back to the Green Spot, I went by the Vacuum shop -- which has closed their doors for good.

Next was a Beauty Parlor -- closed due to this damn virus. St. Ives was next ... closed. Early Childhood has moved their location to east of town. Treasure Alley has closed. Hobby Town has closed. Woody Q's is open for curbside/takeout. When I got to the Green Spot, I looked to the corner and saw that the gas station was open.

I looked across the street and saw that Atencio's Market was open. Folks were doing their laundry at the laundromat. We are all essential -- isn't that amazing? Lower Downtown Alamosa (LODA) is essential!

We continue to pay our taxes. We continue to serve our customers. Only time will tell whether it is a blessing or a curse to be open.

We all are using our best skills to be careful, clean and disinfect. What amazes me is that we are all open, yet -- in my humble opinion -- we get no respect from City officials, both elected and hired. Any economic development planned for Alamosa has only focused on the downtown corridor -- nothing for LODA! I have to wonder where the taxes generated in our neighborhood are going?

Please, please, please get back to shopping locally when this is all over! I'm thinking you can call Treasure Alley and Hobby Town to make appointments for getting that special gift. Do it!

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Most of you all know that Ruth Heide passed away on March 30. My last email to her read like this: Hey you, By the power vested in me (in my own mind) I am commanding that you give me a quick call. Your royal heinous, the majesty of the kingdom, is hoping you are doing okay ... and the pain is not too horrible.

"Did I miss my window to see you again? What can I do to help you? Anything ... dear loyal subject!! Love you, Ruthie. When Keith Cerny called me on April 5th to let me know Ruth had passed, I thought: that's why she didn't respond.

Little did I know that she had never received my email, as it was written on April 2nd. Rest in Peace, my dear friend.

Ruth was one of those folks that you never remember how you met them. You just always knew them, like forever. I know that I sent over 275 columns to her. And many times I would call her, after I had sent the column, and say -- in a nice voice -- "Hi, I didn't get my paper today". She answered so nicely ... asking for my address and things, until she realized who it was. Then she would say: "You need to go to Atencio's and buy your paper, if you haven't done so already". And then, I would knock on the locked Valley Courier door to get my supply of chocolate -- Ruth always had chocolate, lots of chocolate.

It does amaze me that Ruth lived so long after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, stage 4. Do you all remember the wonderful open house we had at the Senior Citizen Center last year? It was held on March 31st. What a sendoff that was, for such a wonderful person.

A person who is now at peace, and with her beloved Mom. In hindsight, I do wish I had asked Ruth more about what she wanted to do as a County Commissioner. I wish I had paid attention and asked questions. As quiet as she was, I believe she would have been an excellent public servant!

Hey you all ... onions are in, if you want to get your hands in the dirt this weekend. Seed potatoes, too! And just maybe a few bedding plants towards the middle of the week. Don't dillydally when it comes to getting your seeds. I have been notified that I can't even place an order for more seeds until the end of this week, and then it will be 2 weeks before they are shipped. Hoarding will not be allowed!

I am hoping you all have a great Easter. Carry the hope forward. Be safe, be patient and be safe.



SLV Arts and History

By MEG COWLELL,
Courier reporter

This week's feature, John Patterson, is a fourth-generation farmer of the San Luis Valley; who has been "spreading the joy of what [he] calls 'farm art' for over 40 years." His work -- self-described as: "creating smiles out of junk" -- largely consists of colorful, welded, whimsical sculptures.

Patterson considers himself a festival artist, comparing the scene to a sort-of circus. "The artists travel from town to town [for the festivals], pitching tents and performing for the masses. I've done shows all over the state."

Festivals require artists to be constantly engaged with their communities, as that's how connections -- professional or otherwise -- are made. So, it comes as no surprise Patterson describes himself as: "A people-person! I've made many friends at these circuses, statewide and locally."

Growing up on a farm, where one's entertainment relies on their creativity, Patterson was introduced to art at a young age. "Mom was always giving us 'projects' and -- being equidistant between Taos, Sante Fe and Aspen -- we frequently visited galleries. I loved it!"

His love for art stuck. Luckily, Patterson's high school -- though small and rural -- had a great art program. He was introduced to a surprising variety of mediums, including but not limited to: ceramics, painting and block printing.

On the farm, Patterson eventually learned how to weld. It was here he discovered he could pair this newfound skill with his love of crafting. Utilizing mostly scrap metals he found on the farm, Patterson began to create the playful sculptures we see today.

He landed his first public commission at 21 years old. One of his largest pieces to date, Patterson's "Cooper the Whooper" can still be seen today in front of Monte Vista's Safeway.

"The City traded me two years of membership for that piece and the Monte school kids named him, so it was kind of a public project." He was awarded a 2-year membership at the local golf course.

Though his golf game never improved, Patterson notes being commissioned by the city -- so early in his career -- really energized him.

During this career, Patterson has participated in countless shows and festivals, created many public installations; and had galleries, from every SLV town, show his work. Alamosa's Fireworks gallery currently shows a few of Patterson's piece.

Now 62, Patterson continues to sculpt and participate in local shows and festivals. "I'll do anything to spread the smiles Farm Art always brings my patrons. Since I'm kind of getting up there in age, I hope to make sculpting part of my retirement plan."

Patterson shouldn't have a problem maintaining those patrons, as his investment in them and his larger community is evident. He has not only participated in many local art events, but has even helped organize a few



One of Patterson's public installations: "Flower Train."

Courtesy photo



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"Grandpa's Toy"

This includes Monte Vista's "Swoop of the Cranes" project. Patterson helped organize this, employing 40 local artists to create the 50 cranes that now reside on the town's light posts.

"It has been a wonderful experience, although -- since it was a 'community' thing -- the artists mostly donated their work. Please go, in person, or visit online and vote!"

Though Patterson says it is too hard for him to choose, he encourages all to "Vote for your favorite on bit.ly/BestCranes." In September, the city of Monte Vista will award cash prizes for a People's Choice, a Chamber choice and an Art Panel choice.

Currently, with a few of his neighbors, Patterson is working to get the city's approval for a large, interactive, outdoor installation. It would be a metal sculpture on the road divider near Alamosa's golf course.

"I'm really excited about this project because we want to invite everyone in their street community to donate a piece of memorabilia, which I'll add to the piece." While the details are still in the works, Patterson says: "We could maybe host a block party or even invite the whole town."

To finish up, I asked Patterson whether or not he would consider himself an artist and to explain his answer.

"Personally, I don't care whether someone says I'm just a crafter or says, 'You're a great artist'; after all, I'm really just an Old Farmer who likes to create smiles out of junk -- so leave

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Patterson recycles the farm's scrap metal, crafting it into bright, whimsical

the pondering to the 'Art Pundants,' "But I believe art is a very existential way of creating peace within the individual ... it's a world where dreams are found. It's love, it's laughter, it's in your heart and mind."

"Let the light shine! Yes, be an artist, be a Creator; but most importantly: be yourself!"

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LETTERS

Congressman salutes SLV farmers,

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was sent to Jim Ehlich, executive director of the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee, from Congressman Ken Buck, CO-4.)

Dear James:

I write to thank you and all of the farmers and ranchers across Colorado for your hard work and selfless actions in the face of this unprecedented crisis. The coronavirus is an adversary unlike anything this country has seen before, but as agriculture professionals you are relied upon to serve your communities every day.

Coloradans are able to rest a little easier in these trying times knowing that you and your colleagues remain on the

job, dedicated to feeding the nation. I commend your selfless work to serve our friends and neighbors. Our farmers' actions are a display of the American spirit in action and serve as an exemplary model of public service in the highest order.

On behalf of Colorado's Fourth Congressional District, I thank you again for putting the needs of your community at the forefront. Your sacrifices during this difficult time are truly appreciated. If there is anything I can do to assist you please do not hesitate to contact my Castle Rock office at (720) 639-9165 or my Greeley office at (970) 702-2136.

Sincerely,
Ken Buck



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Lifestyle

Scientists developed COVID-19 test that knows you're sick before you do

BOULDER — Imagine a test that could tell you if you were infected with COVID-19 before you had a single symptom, came at an affordable price without the need to go to a doctor, and returned results in minutes.

Those who tested positive could swiftly quarantine themselves, while those who tested negative could head to work or spend time with family without fear of spreading infection.

That's the vision behind a new University of Colorado-born technology that researchers are fast-tracking in hopes of not only helping to curb the current pandemic but also radically change the way we track disease in the future.

"With most infectious diseases, by the time you develop symptoms you have already been contagious for days and out and about spreading it to people," said Nicholas Meyerson, a scientist in the Department of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology (MCDB) and CEO of Darwin Biosciences, a start-up formed to commercialize the SickStick. "Our device acts at the earliest stage of infection. It knows you're sick before you do."

For a decade, Meyerson has been working with MCDB Professor Sara Sawyer, a virologist at the BioFrontiers Institute, to understand the basic science underlying the body's early immune response to infection. While most labs and tests have focused on antibodies — proteins in the blood that signal a mounting defense against a bacteria or virus — Sawyer's lab has taken a different approach.

"Antibodies don't arise in your body until after the copy number of a pathogen has gotten very large," said Sawyer, noting that this can take days or — in the case of coronavirus — more than two weeks. "They are the last chapter in the immunology textbook. We specialize in the first chapter — the smoke signals that infected cells send off to indicate a pathogen is present."

Disease 'smoke signals'

Those smoke signals, called nucleic acids, rise up in the cells within hours of exposure to a virus and can make their way into saliva. With this in mind, and a \$3 million grant from the Department of Defense in hand, Sawyer and Meyerson set out two years ago to develop a new kind of diagnostic test. Also involved are researchers from the BioFrontiers labs of Associate Professor Robin Dowell and Professor Roy Parker, and Dr. Eric Poeschla at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus.

"There is a lot of utility in knowing that people are getting sick before they go and infect others, yet there is currently only one tool for knowing that — the thermometer," said Sawyer, noting that because some pathogens don't prompt fever it's an unreliable tool. "Our technology fills a void."

The user spits in a receptacle, sticks in a strip that soaks up the contents and within minutes — much like with an at-home pregnancy test — a series of lines appear.

The original prototype was designed to be agnostic about the kind of infection present: one

line for healthy; two lines for sickness brewing. The researchers envisioned it being used on military bases. In another scenario, seemingly healthy civilians who had been exposed to a virus could pluck a SickStick off the shelf at the local drugstore and test themselves.

Then, coronavirus happened, and Meyerson and Sawyer quickly pivoted.

They've been in the lab ever since, working to identify biomarkers that will enable them to add a third line to the test that would indicate whether the user has coronavirus.

"Even before coronavirus it wasn't hard to convince people that this device could be useful," said Meyerson, noting that while antibody tests help identify who is sick or recovered, they do little to prevent unknowing carriers from spreading disease. "Now, in this world we are living in, where people are social distancing and self-quarantining, it's very clear that it's the device

we need."

Under normal circumstances, the path from lab to commercial availability could be years.

But these circumstances are anything but normal.

"We have a very ambitious goal of six months," said Sawyer.

From lab to market
With patents already secured, they have several clinical trials in the works to confirm that the test is accurate in predicting respiratory infections in general, and help them refine biomarkers to predict COVID-19 specifically.

This week, Darwin Biosciences won first place at the New Venture Challenge event, earning it an additional \$55,000 boost on top of a \$126,000 grant from Venture Partners, a CU Boulder office that also provides mentoring and support to researcher-led startups. In March, the company welcomed a new COO, Rick Whitcomb, a longtime biotech

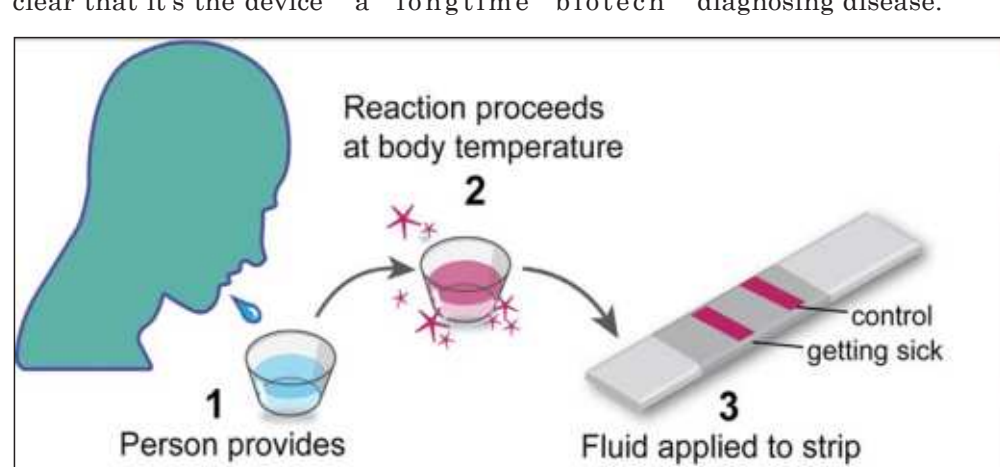
entrepreneur from Lyons.

"I would be remiss not to call out the amazing biotech support network that CU Boulder and this community has offered us," said Sawyer. "We are just university scientists who discovered we had our hands on something that can really matter. It's remarkable how far we've come so fast."

The SickStick team is now working on an advanced prototype and exploring what it will take to get clearance from the Food and Drug Administration, which has sharply expedited its review process for diagnostic tests for COVID-19.

While their timeline may not help to address the current situation, if a second wave of COVID-19 hits next fall, they're confident SickStick could help prevent it from taking hold. And when other epidemics emerge, we'll be ready.

"Long-term," said Meyerson, "this could transform how we think about diagnosing disease."



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Lifestyle

Sweet chocolate a hallmark of Easter celebrations

Few people would not enjoy finding carefully crafted chocolate confections in an Easter basket. As revered as hidden eggs are on Easter, chocolate and other candies nestled in a bed of green plastic grass often call out like a siren's song.

Many people have their preferences in regard to Easter sweets. Some can't wait to sink their teeth into a milk chocolate bunny. Others savor marshmallow chicks or sweet jelly beans. Still, chocolate often reigns supreme, and people may wonder how chocolate Easter treats came to be.

Eggs and rabbits have long been associated with fertility and new life, long before they became symbols of the Easter holiday. In German folklore, the Osterhase, now known as the Easter Bunny, was a mythical creature that magically laid eggs, which he then carried in a basket and delivered to children as gifts on Easter morning. These first eggs were decorated chicken and duck eggs.

As the custom of giving eggs spread, egg-shaped



toys started to be manufactured in the 17th and 18th centuries. Chocolate Easter eggs were not created until the 19th century. France and Germany pioneered the manufacturing of these eggs. The first eggs were solid until chocolate artists could master the art of molded, hollow eggs.

One of the first chocolate eggs was made by John Cadbury in 1845. But it wasn't until both the Dutch invention of a press for separating cocoa butter from the cocoa bean and the introduction of pure cocoa by Cadbury Brothers

in 1866 that molded chocolate—and molded chocolate eggs—could be made easily. As the process for molded chocolate evolved, just about any shape could be possible.

Easter bunny and egg traditions came to America by way of German and Dutch settlers. In 1890, a Pennsylvania pharmacist became the self-proclaimed "father of the chocolate Easter bunny" when he displayed a five-foot-tall chocolate rabbit in his shop as an Easter promotion. After this, sales of chocolate Easter bunnies began to skyrocket.

According to the confectionary company Piece, Love & Chocolate, 90 million chocolate Easter bunnies are produced every year around the world. Millions more chocolate Easter eggs also are made and sold. Seventy-six percent of Americans claim to eat the ears on their chocolate rabbits first.

Chocolate bunnies and other candies are part of many families' Easter traditions. These beloved confections have a rich history. TF204834

Some SLV churches offer online services



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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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The Conejos County Board of Commissioners are soliciting board members to sit as board of directors for the Morgan Drain District. Individual interested in serving must own land within the District. Those interested in serving please submit a letter of interest through email to tressesa@co.conejos.co.us - Letters must be in no later than April 14, at 1:00 p.m. or Contact information is Tressesa Martinez, County Administrator at (719) 376-5772 Ext - 1

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APPLICANT DEADLINE EXTENDED TO APRIL 17, 2020


Otero Junior College Child Development Services is currently taking applications for their Alamosa and Center Migrant and Seasonal Head Start. Positions available include: Infant, Toddler and Preschool teachers, Center aide/bus monitor, Cook aide, Bus Driver and Janitor. Please go online at: www.cdshstart.com for full job descriptions and to complete application. Completed applicants can email Brenda.almeida@ojc.edu for Alamosa Center or mail to 9768 103 S. Alamosa, Co 81101. Center positions email Brenda.velardez@ojc.edu or mail to 980 South Broadway #26, Center Co 81125.

Applications accepted until Friday, April 17, 2020
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101 MEMORIALS

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When God was making husbands, He made a special one for me. He was someone I could talk to that no one can replace. Next time we meet will be at Heavens door, I will kiss his smiling face. Then the pieces of my broken heart will fall back into place. For my Sonny-Felix in Heaven from your loving wife Elfie, I miss you so...



163 LOST & FOUND

221 HELP WANTED

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

REWARD FOR LOST Female Jack Russell/Daschund Mix. Approx. 9 years old. Brown and white about 20lbs. Last seen near 8th and Hunt on Friday April 3. If found please call 719-937-9417.(4/15)

221 HELP WANTED

TORRES BUILDERS, LLC is now hiring skilled carpenters and laborers. Please email resumes to toresbuildersllc@outlook.com. Call Joe 719-580-5860 with TORRES BUILDERS LLC.(5/1)

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@southconejocos.com. Deadline 04/16/2020. (4/15)

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RIO GRANDE SAVINGS & 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)

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)

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)

221 HELP WANTED

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)

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT: GUADALUPE 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)

FARMING TECHNOLOGY CORP is Seeking Tractor Operator Help. May Apply In Person At 8629 Rd 105 North Mosca, Co 81146. Phone 719-754-0559.(4/15)

221 HELP WANTED

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

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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@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)

221 HELP WANTED

SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL district is accepting applications for Girls high school head 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)

221 HELP WANTED

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)

THE ORTEGA MIDDLE School is accepting applications for the following position for the 2020-2021 school year: SpEd Paraprofessional (2 Positions) AA Degree is required. Applications are available online at <https://www.alamosa.k12.co.us> For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.(4/15)

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221 HELP WANTED

THE UPPER RIO Grande (previously Del Norte) School District 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)

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SANGRE DE CRISTO School District is looking for highly motivated Middle School Science Teacher that has a desire to teach and the ability to pass their passion of learning onto students. For more information please contact Mr. Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@sangreschools.org. Teaching applications may be downloaded from sdc.schools.net. Positions open until filled.(4/22)

221 HELP WANTED

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)

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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)

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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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MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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11 Ms. Gluck
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20 Approaches
22 Hoop site
24 N.J. neighbor
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28 Greenish-blues
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36 Peak for Heidi
37 Hull bottom
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39 Painter's undercoat
41 Rump
44 Shade tree

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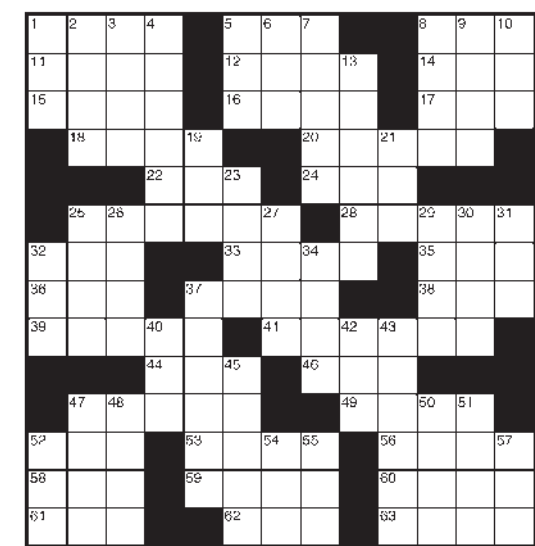
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4 Two-person bike
5 Super-man's emblem
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10 Scarpetta or Starr
13 Bird sounds
19 Edible tuber
21 Frothy brew
23 Nerve network
25 Tree trunk
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27 Eat "lite" foods
29 Figure skating jump
30 Queue
31 Bro's sibling
32 Pester

34 Hoof-on-pavement sound
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40 Tofu base
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55 Top-left PC key
57 McKuen or Steiger



HERMAN



"What's the chances of time off for good behavior?"

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"XDP APNK JTE'K NTX, 'F HMIFMWM
FE AMNPN' TEC KSME CDE'K GDLUFWM
NDRMHDCX DL SDIC T ULPCUM
TUTFENK NDRMHDCX." — RL. K

TODAY'S CLUE: F equals G

Previous Solution: "The first thing I do when I start my day is, I get down on my hands and knees and give thanks to God." — Mark Wahlberg

Beau feels like odd man out with girlfriend's family

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for three years. I have been dating a woman, "Stephanie," whom I love and believe can be my next wife. We talk about marriage and have been very good for each other.

seem to get used to this much "togetherness." Once my kids were grown and out of the house, I wanted to enjoy my life while they pursued their own fun. I'm at the point that I'm tired of her family, especially since her ex always seems to be the organizer of these get-togethers.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

We each are blessed with three grown children, and we love our families immensely. The difference is, Stephanie socializes only with her family and has few friends who aren't related to her. I, on the other hand, have a wealth of friends and like to do a lot with them -- dinner parties, sporting events, concerts, traveling, etc. My friends are great people, and she agrees with me on that, but when we make plans with them, she says she feels like an outsider and prefers to be with her family.

I don't want to hurt her or her family's feelings, but I would prefer more private time traveling or visiting with my friends and family, and we are not finding a good balance. They all attend the same church every week and even sit together as if they were still one big, happy family, even though it has been 20 years since their divorce. She tells me that I am No. 1 in her life, but her actions say otherwise. What do I do? -- DIFFERENT IN MISSOURI

before assuming it's OK. Most of the time I make enough food so I have leftovers for my boyfriend to take for lunch the following day. Is she being rude? Or am I just being a not-so-nice friend? -- NO LEFTOVERS

Currently, Stephanie sees her daughter at least three times a week and her oldest son twice a week. In addition, her ex-husband and his wife host family events almost every other weekend -- birthdays, holidays, game nights, etc., and she never wants to miss them. They are so close that there are no secrets and lots of "inside jokes." I feel very much like an outsider at times.

DEAR DIFFERENT: I suggest you stop listening to what Stephanie says and concentrate more on what you see she's doing, then act accordingly.

DEAR NO LEFT-OVERS: What your friend is doing is rude. But don't blame her for it. This is your fault for not speaking up when this first started happening and explaining that the leftovers are intended for your boyfriend's lunch the next day, which is why you would appreciate her not taking them. A way to avoid this in the future might be to plate the food yourself rather than let your guests do it, and immediately refrigerate whatever is left. Out of sight, out of reach!

I love her family, and they have welcomed me with open arms, but I can't but I wish they would ask

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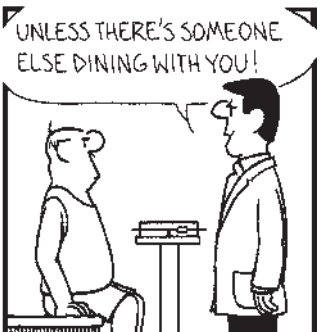
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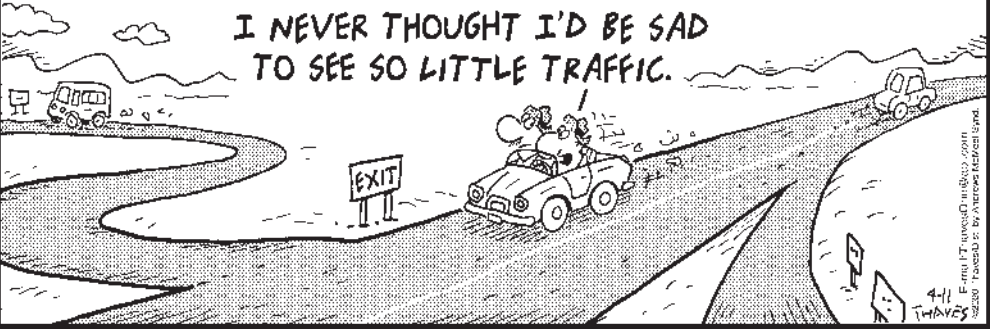
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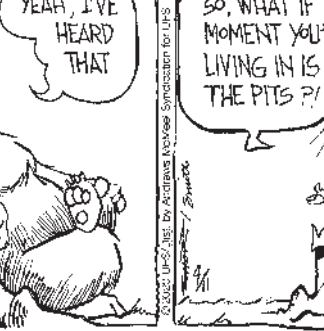
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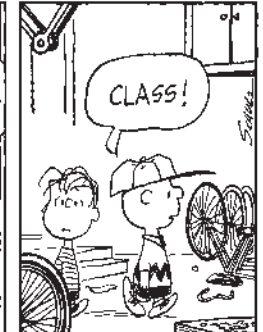
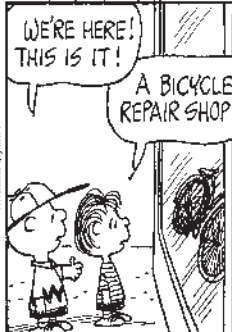
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PEANUTS



How to spark more family time

Communication is at the core of any successful relationship. Families who are able to communicate effectively can express their concerns, needs and desires to one another in an open and honest manner. Effective communication can change a home environment, foster more intimate and trusted relationships, and serve as a foundation for children to grow.

The benefits of effective home communication are numerous. According to Hearing and Speech-Language Services, regular and intentional communication with a child is one of the most effective tools parents and caregivers can use to foster healthy development, paving the way for the child to be an effective communicator as he or she grows and interacts with others. In addition, regular communication can foster a strong sense of self-esteem, improve problem-solving abilities, decrease problem behaviors, and prepare kids for voicing their opinion on important issues.

No topics are off limits when it comes to stimulating family conversation. In fact, the more creative, funny and adventurous the ideas, the more apt children and adults may be to engage in the discussion. These talking points can help get the conversation flowing and require specific answers instead of vague generalities.

- What has been the best part of the week so far?
- Tell me something interesting you learned at school (work) today.
- What is the funniest joke you have ever heard?
- If you could be anyone or anything in the world, what would you be and why?
- If you won a lot of money, what would you spend it on?
- What do you do when you see someone being teased?
- Name a quality of yours that you are most proud of.
- If a genie granted you three wishes, what would they be?
- What is your favorite childhood memory?
- Where in the world would you like to live most?
- Are there things that scare you? If so, what?
- What would your superhero power be?
- If you could fly for a day, where would you go?

These are a handful of interesting conversation starters that can get creative conversation juices flowing at home. Families can customize the questions or turn them into a regular game that everyone can enjoy throughout the week. FP205883



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The Bunny Buddies' Giggle Garden

Why did Bart Bunny get arrested for running through the farmer's garden?



WAIT! Don't do this page alone. If this page looks **TOO HARD**, find an older buddy to help you. If it looks **EASY**, find a younger buddy and help them!

What did Bella Bunny say to the last bite of her carrot?

Circle every third letter to reveal the answer.

D G I R S T C B S V W
B J S E Y M E P H N X
B N Q V I G B C D T E
K P G R T N F O A H G
W S D I Z A N B W G
E T Y D V O S C U

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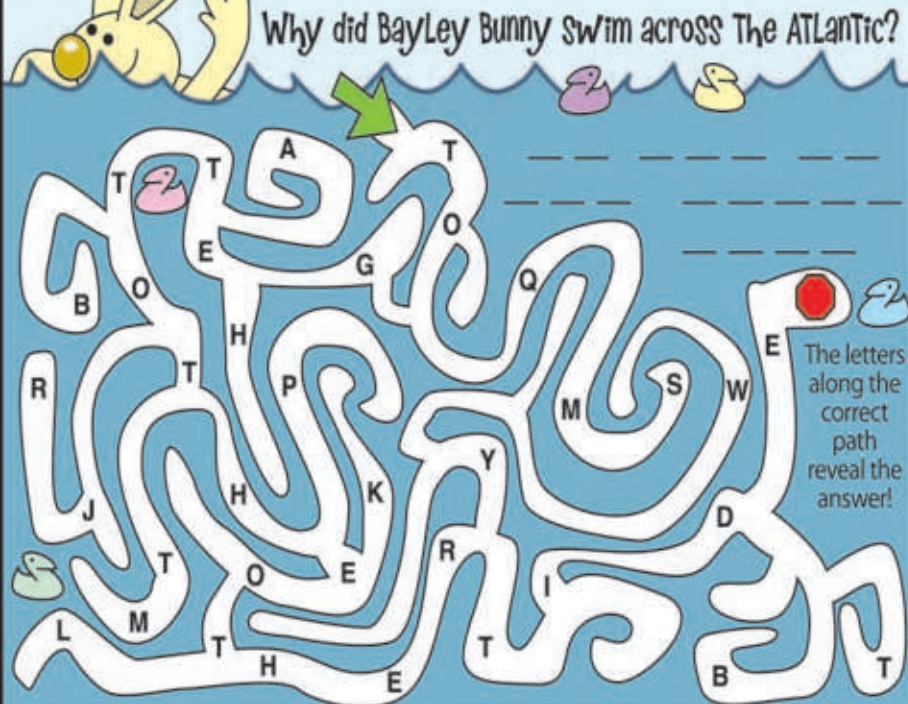
Do the math to reveal the answer to this riddle:

How does Bosco Bunny make gold soup?

15 - 10 = _____
 21 - 8 = _____
 9 - 6 = _____
 24 - 8 = _____ 36 - 28 = _____
 26 - 12 = _____

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences.

Why did Bayley Bunny swim across the Atlantic?



The letters along the correct path reveal the answer!

Use the clues to fill in the missing letters. The letters in the second vertical row reveal the punchline to this riddle:

How does Brianna Bunny stay healthy?

1.	C			
2.	A			
3.			Z	
4.		E		
5.	M			
6.	B			
7.			E	
8.				N
9.		H		

CLUES

- Your teacher writes on a blackboard with this.
- What ghosts like to do to houses.
- A reward for winning.
- Farmers plant these to grow crops.
- Another word for engine.
- The opposite of below.
- What you are when you need rest.
- A very large expanse of sea.
- What is left after something burns.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

The Bunny Buddies have hidden marshmallow chicks all over this page. How many can you find in two minutes? Now have your buddy try. Who found the most?

Eggstra! Eggstra!

Scrambled Easter Eggs

Look through the newspaper for letters that spell "Easter Eggs." Cut them out. With your buddy, take turns mixing up the letters and spelling a new word. A player gets one point for each letter used.

Standards Link: Spelling: Recognize common spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Each of the Bunny Buddies below has at least one look-alike, except for one. Can you find the unique bunny?



How do you catch a unique bunny? Unique up on it!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

ARRESTED
GHOSTS
CARROT
BUNNY
ENGINE
GARDEN
REVEAL
SEA
EGGS
SWIM
RIDDLE
PAGE
LAST
NEW
USE

B	O	S	W	I	M	G	R	W	D
T	P	A	E	K	J	G	S	E	Y
L	A	S	T	A	Y	E	T	N	E
A	G	C	E	G	G	S	S	G	L
E	E	G	A	Z	E	W	O	I	D
V	N	E	D	R	A	G	H	N	D
E	U	E	R	T	R	V	G	E	I
R	S	A	G	E	G	O	S	B	R
U	L	Y	N	N	U	B	T	A	K

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Silly News Story

Mix and match news stories to create silly stories. Select a **who**, **what**, **when**, **where**, **why** and **how** from different stories. Write a silly news story with these facts. For extra silliness, use quotes from other news stories.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write in a variety of forms and genres.

What is the Easter Bunny's favorite sport?



ANSWER: Basketball

Funny Filler

Have a buddy give you each type of word to fill in the blanks. Then, read the story aloud for lots of laughs!

Growing Problems

"This can't be right," said Baxter Bunny as he looked at his garden. Instead of a row of carrots, there were _____

_____ ADJECTIVE _____ PLURAL NOUN

sprouting from the _____ NOUN

He used a _____ to dig into the _____ NOUN

Bobbi Bunny saw her brother carrying a _____ basket of _____ PLURAL NOUN " _____ INTERJECTION!" she cried. "How will we make _____ NOUN stew for dinner with nothing but _____ ADJECTIVE _____ PLURAL NOUN?"

Baxter said, "Don't worry, Sis. I have a _____ ADJECTIVE idea!" He painted a sign that said: "Buy one _____ NOUN, get a _____ NOUN FREE!"

_____ PLURAL NOUN came from _____ PLURAL NOUN miles around as word spread. Baxter and Bobbi soon had enough money to buy a _____ ADJECTIVE _____ NOUN of their favorite _____ PLURAL NOUN.

"Who knew there was a market for _____ PLURAL NOUN?" said Bobbi as they walked to the _____ NOUN.

Standards Link: Spelling: Recognize common spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word BASKET in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.


B	A	S	K	E	T
T					S
E	T	A	B		K
A		T	S		E
S				T	A
K	S	E	T	A	B

Write On! Easter Scientist

If you were a scientist and could invent something to help the Easter Bunny, what would it be? Explain how it would work.

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