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## Skeffs present 'Friends of Ski Hi' check

Courtesy photo  
During Crane Festival the Saturday night presentation of Teddy Roosevelt, Ray and Colette Skeff presented Friends of Ski Hi Park with a \$10,000 check. "We are huge supporters of the valley community, and we feel this is an excellent project that will benefit everyone in the San Luis Valley," said Ray Skeff. Pictured include Karla Shriver with Friends of Ski Hi, Ray and Colette Skeff, and Jenny Nehring, Crane Festival Chairperson.



## State health department sending testing resources throughout Colorado

### Drive-through testing site will be open in Salida on Saturday

**DENVER** — The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is sending testing resources to specific communities that have not yet had testing that will yield

vital information about how the disease is spreading. CDPHE is also strongly advising the public: If you have symptoms (fever, cough, and shortness of breath), don't wait for a test to self-isolate. The State is expanding testing

to include a temporary drive-through site at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds at 10165 County Road 120, Salida, CO on Saturday, March 21. The Colorado National Guard and Chaffee County Public Health

are supporting these efforts. Chaffee County residents who are symptomatic and have a doctor's order can show up between noon and 4 p.m. for the test.

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## Deacon petitions for nomination

**DEL NORTE** — Scott Deacon, running as a Republican for the Rio Grande County Commissioner, District 1 seat, has chosen to use the petition process to seek his nomination.

"I was notified by the Rio Grande County Clerk's office on Thursday that I am on the ballot," said Deacon. There are two processes to get a candidate's name on the ballot. One is the petition process where a candidate for a county commissioner's seat has to get a set required number of signatures in the District he or she would be representing. The other process Deacon could have explored to get his name on the ballot is the caucus process. This is where people go to the party caucus meetings and obtain votes from precinct delegates.

In Deacon's case, he was required to obtain 130 qualified Republican voter signatures on his petitions from the District 1 area of Rio Grande County. Scott

went this way because he wanted to visit with people and hear their concerns about the county, and what they wanted to see in a Rio Grande County Commissioner. Deacon wants to represent the people. Deacon turned in 166 signatures. "I know I could have gotten more signatures, but I wanted to meet the requirements to get on the ballot as soon as I could," he said. "I had until March 17 to turn in my petitions, but I wanted to get it done early so that I could then focus on visiting with people about their wants and concerns concerning the county. I am hearing lots of things."

Deacon welcomes a conversation with anyone who would like to visit with him about their insights or concerns about the Rio Grande County government. You can call Scott Deacon at 719-850-1180 and he will be glad to visit with you on the phone or visit, over a cup of coffee, or over the hood of a vehicle. Scott is willing to come to you



Courtesy photo  
Rio Grande County's Scott Deacon petitioned for the ballot in the upcoming election.

## Jade Communications & Blanca Networks sign FCC's "Keep Americans Connected Pledge"

**ALAMOSA** — On Tuesday, March 17th, 2020, Jade Communications / Blanca Networks signed the Federal Communications Commission's "Keep Americans Connected Pledge." The companies are the first and only providers in the San Luis Valley to sign the Pledge. Along with the other 390 U.S.-based broadband companies and associations that have signed the pledge, the companies promise to work with customers negatively impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

In addition to signing the "Keep Americans Connected" pledge, Jade Communications / Blanca Networks have also committed to offering free inter-

net installs to new customers, provide complimentary speed tier upgrades to families/small businesses, and make available advanced Wi-Fi gear to handle the increased demand as a result of state-mandated online learning and working from home. Jade Communications / Blanca Networks, both locally owned companies, said their goal is to help the community by making the Internet more accessible during an unprecedented time of crisis.

For over 90 years, Jade Communications / Blanca Networks have been fiber optic and wireless broadband leaders in southern Colorado. To receive any of the



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# Valley News

## Public Health update on COVID-19

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** — We strongly encourage everyone to continue to do their best to avoid physical contact with other people at this time. We believe the virus that causes COVID-19 is present here. Positive test results have been confirmed in the nearby counties of Hinsdale and Chaffee.

The COVID-19 pandemic has pushed us all in difficult ways. We are doing things differently.

Local waste-water treatment centers and plumbing professionals are requesting the public NOT flush wipes in the sewer system as they are beginning to clog infrastructure. If it's not toilet paper, do not flush it. Other paper products like paper towels, sanitizing wipes, baby wipes, "flushable wipes", feminine products were not designed to be flushed. Local waste-water treatment centers and plumbing professionals have found that these products are beginning to clog the



pipes. If you're using an alternative to toilet paper, toss it in a trash bag, seal it and dispose of it properly. Please help us all keep our sewer pipes flowing.

With the flood of information coming in through the news, we want to remind everyone to take care of themselves and manage what, for many people, is a very stressful situation. Remember that communities and governments are working

hard to get through this together.

Every day we are seeing new state and federal actions aimed at trying to minimize financial hardships related to asking everyone to stay home. Remember to take some deep breaths. Eat well and get plenty of sleep. Limit your news and social media and focus on your family, read a good book, watch a comedy.

We have opened a new phone line at (719) 480-8719 for general COVID-19 related information for the San Luis Valley. It is staffed by volunteers who can help callers find accurate information. The line will be open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please be patient as we get this line off the ground and learn what information our callers are looking for. Callers will

not be able to get medical advice or referrals at this number.

As always, call 911 only if you are having a medical emergency. If you or

someone in your household is having symptoms (cough, fever, shortness of breath), call your doctor. Or, you can call one of the nurse lines set up by SLV Health or Rio Grande Hospital. Those numbers are as follows;

SLV Health: 719-589-2511 ext 9, or Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990.

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](http://www.choosecolorado.com)

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## Valley-Wide Health Systems Covid-19 update to the community

**ALAMOSA** — Valley-Wide Health Systems (VWHS) is closely monitoring updates related to the COVID-19 virus coming from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the local county health departments in our regions.

Due to the high volume of needs during this outbreak, VWHS is focusing our efforts on essential or emergent medical and dental services only.

Beginning Friday, March 20, the following dental clinics will close until further notice: Center Dental Clinic, Ernesto Pacheco Dental Clinic, La Jara Dental Clinic, La Junta Dental Clinic, Las Animas Dental Clinic.

Alamosa Dental Clinic, Edward M. Kennedy Dental Clinic, Rocky Ford Dental Clinic and Valley-Wide Cañon City Dental will remain open, but only for emergency dental services. We are no longer scheduling any preventative dental services such as check-ups and cleanings.

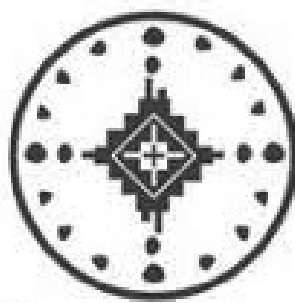
Additionally, all VWHS medical clinics are suspending all non-essential medical appointments. This includes well-patient checkups for all adults and children older than age 2. We will still be providing services for patients with obstetrics needs, chronic illness and acute illness. Edward M. Kennedy Health Center in Monte Vista will now be closed on Saturdays due to low census. Val-

ley-Wide Pharmacy in Alamosa will remain open for regular business hours.

"If you are feeling ill, even if your symptoms are unrelated to COVID-19, we still want to provide for your healthcare needs," says President and CEO of Valley-Wide Health Systems, Jania Arnoldi. "Please do not forgo serious medical care for any reason."

Furthermore, VWHS is taking precautions to keep potential COVID-19 patients separate from other patients, and our providers are taking extra care with infection control procedures and personal protective equipment. Patients who are visiting the clinic due to suspected COVID-19 infections are asked to please call the clinic ahead of time, and wait in the parking lot until a staff member can bring them in through a side or back entrance rather than the main entrance. This is in an effort to limit the spread of the virus to patients who may be visiting the clinic for other reasons.

Finally, due to the limited availability of testing kits, VWHS is currently unable to perform COVID-19 testing in the San Luis Valley. Extremely limited testing is available at our La Junta Clinic, and all patients who receive testing will need to pass a series of criteria determined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). We are able to triage patients' symptoms, and can provide patients with information on proper self-isolation and quarantine procedures.



Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc.

## Alamosa Round-UP postponed

By KEITH R. CERNY  
Courier Publisher



**ALAMOSA** — In light of the Coronavirus pandemic, Honeycutt Rodeo announced Thursday that the 2020 Alamosa Round-UP has been postponed until Aug. 27-30. It has been scheduled for June 25-28.

In an email to Round-UP sponsors and others, Dawn Honeycutt wrote "now is a time to focus on our friends, our family and our community." She went on to say that this year's event is shaping up to be an "awesome one," and reminded sponsors that their help will again be needed.

"I had considered just cancelling for this year, but I think that would be a mistake," Honeycutt's email stated. "In tough times like this, we need each other and we need to stick together as a community."

"The Round-UP is an important part of that stability and people look forward to the time with each other and family every year. So, the Round-UP will go on, just a little later than we had planned."

## State

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People who come to be tested should know and do the following: Testing is free. Proof of insurance is not required.

Bring a written or electronic copy of the doctor's order. Individuals should not go to their doctor's office but should call to get an emailed or faxed copy of the order. Bring a form of photo ID (driver's license, school ID, work badge, etc.) that matches the name on the doctor's order.

If there are multiple people in one vehicle, each person to be tested must have their own doctor's order.

The first 100 people in the queue will have access to the drive-up testing; all other vehicles that arrive after that will be encouraged to seek testing from a private provider. Always call ahead and speak with the health care facility in advance before going there for testing or treatment.

Individuals will drive through a secured area and will remain in their vehicles throughout the entire

testing process.

Be prepared for long wait times. No restrooms will be available. Bring water and other items to be comfortable while waiting.

Telephonic interpretation will be available for speakers of other languages.

CDPHE also plans to send testing resources to other locations next week. CDPHE is prioritizing testing in areas that have not been highly tested to better understand where the disease is occurring and respond. These sites will serve high-risk patients who have been pre-selected by area health care providers. They will not accept walk-up or drive-up patients.

The state health department is also strongly advising that if you have mild symptoms, stay home and avoid contact with others. Call your health care provider only if your illness becomes more severe, especially if you are experiencing shortness of breath. If you have a medical emergency, call 911 and

tell the dispatcher your symptoms. People who are not at high risk of severe illness may not need to be evaluated in person or tested for COVID-19. Not everyone with symptoms will be tested right away.

If you have mild symptoms, suspect you were exposed, and are either unable to get tested or waiting on test results:

Please stay home and isolate yourself until:

You have had no fever for at least 72 hours (without the use of medicine) AND

Other symptoms (cough, shortness of breath) have improved AND At least 7 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.

Anyone in your household you have had close contact with (within six feet for approximately 10 minutes) should self-quarantine for 14 days, even if you haven't been tested for COVID-19.

Continue to stay up to date by visiting [covid19.colorado.gov](http://covid19.colorado.gov).

**Effective March 23, 2020 and until further notice, CIA-Leavitt Insurance Agency, Inc. will be closing our doors to public access at both locations in Alamosa & Colorado Springs.**

As the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation continues to rapidly evolve, CIA-Leavitt Insurance has been proactively taking steps to protect and support our workforce, customers and community where we live and work. As a precautionary measure, part or all of our staff may begin working from home. We are working to have our employees set up with access to work remotely and will have phones forwarded to their location. There should be no change in our capabilities or response time, so rest assured that we will remain at a high level of functioning and can continue to take care of all your needs. Please communicate with your agent and account manager in the same method you normally do, and we will continue providing the same level of customer service you are accustomed to receiving. If you have a meeting planned with your agent or account manager and need to change that to a virtual meeting, please reach out to advise us at your earliest convenience.

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# Lifestyle

## The outlook for nurses is very strong



Many people consider the right job one that provides both a sense of fulfillment and the opportunity to achieve financial security and stability as one's career advances. Given that criteria, the field of nursing should make for an attractive career path.

The outlook for registered nurses, often referred to as "RNs," is very strong. In its recent "Occupational Outlook Handbook," the Bureau of Labor Statistics, a division of the U.S. Department of Labor, issued a highly favorable employment outlook for registered nurses. Estimating the projected percent change in employment between 2018 and 2028, the BLS estimated that employment of registered nurses is expected to grow 12 percent during that 10-year period. That's more than double the average growth estimate for all occupations.

The outlook is equally strong in Canada. Ac-

ording to the Canadian Occupation Projections System, which is provided by Employment and Social Development Canada, new job openings for registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses are expected to total 157,100 between 2017 and 2026. The ESDC anticipates a nursing shortage during that same period, estimating that only 143,900 new job seekers will be available to fill those positions. But that gap between job openings and qualified candidates means that nurses should not experience much difficulty in regard to finding work.

While the outlook in terms of availability of work is strong for current nurses and those who aspire to one day follow this career path, that outlook should not alone compel people to pursue a career in nursing. Few fields can be as demanding as nursing, which means not everyone is

necessarily cut out to be a nurse. The demands are perhaps best exemplified by examining the hours registered nurses may expect to work, especially at the beginning of their careers when they have no seniority. The BLS notes that hospitals and nursing care facilities require round-the-clock employees every day of the year. That means nurses can expect to work long hours on nights, weekends and holidays. That requires considerable sacrifice on the part of nurses, and those aspiring to enter this line of work should consider if they're willing to make those sacrifices before enrolling in a nursing program.

Estimates suggest the employment outlook for qualified nurses will be very strong over the next several years, which should compel more and more talented people to pursue this fulfilling career path. TF204813

## Great activities to embrace this spring

Spring arrives in the Northern Hemisphere on March 19, bringing with it visions of more hours of sunshine, warmer temperatures and ample opportunities to embrace the great outdoors.

Come mid-March, people who live in climates marked by cold winters have no doubt been anticipating spring fun in the sun for some time. Once spring arrives, the following make for some great activities.

**Sports**  
Come spring, various sports fill up afternoon and weekend schedules. Whether these are professional sports or youth sports leagues, the games can be a great way to spend time outdoors in the fresh, suddenly warmer air.

**Visit an orchard**  
Spring is a season when many berries, such as strawberries, blackberries, and blueberries, begin to ripen. Find your local pick-your-own establishment to spend a day having fun (and getting a little messy) grabbing sweet berries for salads, jams and pies.

**Hit the links**  
It's time to dust off the clubs and play the greens at any of the thousands of golf courses in North America. The National Golf Federation says the United States is home to around 15,000 courses. The warmer temperatures are ideal for practicing your short game on the putting green or for playing all 18 holes.

**Get the patio ready for entertaining**  
Clean off patio furniture or start shopping for new items if you didn't partake in end-of-season sales.

This is just the start of the outdoor entertaining season, and it pays to refresh the deck or patio and invest in some quality furniture to keep guests comfortable.

**Plan a vacation**  
Many schools go on a hiatus for a week or two during the spring, prompting otherwise busy families to get away for some R&R. Book early to score the best deals on hotel rooms and flights.

**Prepare gardening equipment**

Before long, the grass will need mowing and the shrubbery will have to be pruned. Ensure that lawn and garden tools and equipment are in top form before they are called into action. Stock up on fuel for gas mowers and sharpen those pruning shears.

**Visit a local garden**  
Enjoy the sights at a garden when the first spring blooms start to peek out of the soil. Spring is known for tulips, daffodils, crocuses, and snowdrops.

**Give your bike a tune-up**  
Take your bike out of storage and give it a once-over. Now is the time to put air in the tires, grease the chain and make sure that the brakes and other equipment are working properly. Most bike helmet manufacturers recommend replacing helmets every three years, even if you haven't been in a crash. That's because the polystyrene foam can degrade over time from environmental exposure.

**Visit a farm**  
Many farm animals give birth in the spring. Children may be excited to see piglets, foals, kids, and all the other adorable young animals draw their first breaths.



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## Honoring education

By SYLVIA LOBATO

chitect began.

**BLANCA/FORT GARLAND** — Memorialized in bronze by a sculptor more than 50 years ago, Sierra Grande School between Blanca and Fort Garland welcomed at least three generations of graduates to see what was in store.

Staff from the Denver-based Cunningham Group visited the older school last Wednesday to see and feel what the school would look like when finished.

The school district has placed photos of graduates from both Blanca High School and Fort Garland High in frames along a hallway with photos of every graduate from that day to the present. Blanca and Fort Garland's schools were consolidated to become Sierra Grande, boasting championships in both the academic and athletic arenas.

Superintendent Darren Edgar mentioned this and said a recent plumbing burst emphasized the need for a new school, since repairs were expensive.

Some persons attended the current school when it was dedicated, many were more recent grads and the class of 2020 was headed out into the world. Students who will graduate in the future did what they were expected to do and talked about what could happen.

Financed by the Colorado Department of Education's Building excellent Schools Today (BEST) with a match coming from a property tax increase, the school is ready for innovation and innovation and that meant a new building. The big concern was higher property taxes.

A mil levy squeaked through election and the process of choosing an ar-

## Support our local restaurants and businesses

By TREY SPAULDING

COLORADO - The

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment issued a public health order to close bars, restaurants, gyms, theaters, and casinos to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, effective 8 a.m. March 17 for the duration of 30 days. Establishments may continue to offer food and beverage using delivery service, window service, walk-up service, drive-thru service or drive-up service, and must use precautions in doing so to mitigate the potential transmission of COVID-19, including social distancing.

For employees and employers, the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) announced March 16 that assistance for workers and employers during temporary closures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The guidance includes information for employees filing for unemployment insurance claims, as well as information on programs available for employers.

Workers who have a reduction in hours/wages may file an unemployment claim at [coloradoui.gov](http://coloradoui.gov). A list of resources and FAQs on how to file is available on CDLE's website at [colorado.gov/cdle](http://colorado.gov/cdle) and clicking on "Coronavirus Information and Resources."

The Department is also taking steps to reduce the impact of these claims on employers who have had to temporarily lay off staff due to closures or slowdowns. CDLE encourages all employers to utilize paid leave and telework options for employees before utilizing temporary layoffs. Employers can also consider alternatives to laying off staff through CDLE's Work Share Program. More information at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/node/23616> or by email at [cdle\\_employer\\_services@state.co.us](mailto:cdle_employer_services@state.co.us).

What are things that you can do to help local business and restaurant owners and their employees? Local restaurants are still able to offer "to-go" orders for their food. So please place to go orders with them and tip the person that brings your order. If you do not want to leave your home to pick up your orders, patrons can purchase gift certificates that can be used at a later time but provide the businesses with income. Many local businesses have websites where you can place orders or purchase gift certificates without leaving your home.

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# Lifestyle

## SLV Tourism Conference focuses on sustainability

**By CHELSEA MC-NERNEY-MARTINEZ ALAMOSA-** The San Luis Valley Tourism Association's annual conference was held at the Elks' Lodge in Alamosa Wednesday, March 4. The event covered local upcoming events and changes on the horizon and speakers attended who offered advice on how to keep tourism sustainable for ecologically-minded visitors but also sustainable for the preservation of natural resources and destination locations.

### Sustainable Presentations

Steve Coffin of Steve Coffin Strategies LLC presented on his work on tourism destinations on the Front Range and the methods he used, as a partner with other organizations, to keep certain destinations open when overcrowding began to threaten their physical integrity. Coffin explained how a three-part strategy can be implemented with local stakeholders to ensure the San Luis Valley's natural destinations are not damaged through overuse.

Coffin showed lines of cars to the parking areas for Colorado 14'ers, including to Mount Bierstadt, where there is not only an influx of vehicle traffic but also a 30 minute wait to sign the scroll at the top of the mountain. Coffin also discussed the struggles at Hanging Lake, near Glenwood Springs, where he said physical altercations were breaking out over parking spaces and the amount of litter and other waste were harming the physical integrity of the area and the safety for visitors. He reviewed the causes of these issues, including population growth in the Front Range area, "From 2010 to 2015, the seven-county metro area added an average of 55,500 new residents each year with another 507,000 people expected to move here by 2025. By 2050, we are projected to grow to more than 4.5 million. The entire Front Range, from Fort Collins to Pueblo, is expected to total more than 7.1 million people in 2050."

Coffin explained the organization, NoCo Places 2050, was formed as a collaborative group including Northern Colorado stakeholder public land organizations, such as the U.S. Forest Service, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, multiple local counties and the National Park Service, among others, to create a plan that kept these areas open and functional for all Coloradoans and visitors. The organization utilized a three-part method, Develop a Set of Principles and Guidelines, Convene Civic and Community Leaders and Engage the Support of Elected Officials, to create methods to incorporate collaborative ways to monitor and address changes to these areas and prioritize how to make them sustainable. Coffin stated the same methods would not work for every area, but utilizing the core tenants for actions including collaboration, being proactive and deliberate, holistic, adaptable and financially sustainable to focus on education and instilling a greater ethic sense of stewardship would ensure that their organization and other organizations which use the same process would be successful.

Some locations may need caps on daily visitors, for example, Coffin stated, and although there may be some opposition to this at first, Coloradoans value their natural resources and the natural beauty of the state and they found through their educational

efforts many of those opposed could understand and respect the overall purpose behind the actions taken. Coffin stated different management strategies would have to be used for different locations, but recruiting the help of dedicated volunteers was essential to the success of a sustainable project.

Coffin stated the lessons learned through the NoCo Places 2050 projects, applicable to any organizations in a similar situation, were the processes take time and the processes must be inclusive, adaptable and data driven. Coffin also cautioned the tourism conference attendees to monitor demographic trends and what those trends mean for public spaces and tourism attractions, pointing out currently Colorado is getting older, and Baby Boomers prefer to travel and explore in solitude whereas millennials, which account for 28 percent of the state's population, prefer group activities. Overall the state is also becoming more ethnically diverse as well, Coffin pointed out. He also added technological changes can happen quickly and can have both negative and positive effects on public spaces. He used Instagram as a largely positive recent trend because it draws people to spaces they see pictures of and encourages them to recreate outdoors. Drones he cited as something that has had mixed results and will continue to influence tourism in the future.

The National Environmental Policy Act, passed by President Nixon in 1971, does create a process by which public lands can be closed or limited, Coffin stated, adding it is a very public process that is based on the understanding that action is needed or an area would be lost. Coffin stated this can be used as a last resort.

"What does success look like?" Coffin asked the attendees. He explained a successful process will be a bottom-up process with the necessary infrastructure to manage public lands in a way that preserves them.

Addison Phillips with the Colorado Energy Office along with Jay Young of Colorado Gators presented on Charge Ahead Colorado and the efforts to get more electric vehicle charging stations throughout the state and region. Phillips explained the difference between a Level Two Charger, like the one he was charging his vehicle on at First Southwest Bank, charges for roughly 100 miles of driving in 20 minutes. Level Three Chargers, or Fast Chargers, operate much faster but require a greater power infrastructure to be installed and are more expensive.

Phillips explained the REV West plan, signed by governors from Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming is focusing on getting Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers installed through major tourism and travel corridors, like I-25. Phillips explained they are also looking at installing EV chargers along scenic byways, including current plans to install them along the Silver Thread Scenic Byway in Creede and in Gunnison County in the near future. There are also plans to potentially put a fast charger in Alamosa and the Colorado Energy Office is looking at a way to get EV chargers on the Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic Byway if they can get confirmed locations and investment in Antonito, Fort Garland and San Luis.

Level two chargers are currently found at Colorado Gators, the San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative office, Colorado Gators, First Southwest Bank and Joyful Journey Hot Springs. There is a push to get level two chargers in many hotels throughout the state as well, Phillips explained.

The Charge Ahead Colorado grant program provides 80 percent or a maximum of \$9,000 for a level two charger to a site host, like Colorado Gators. Young estimated the 20 percent he was responsible for was roughly \$2,500. Charge Ahead Colorado provides \$30,000

for a level three charger, which are typically between \$60,000-\$70,000, according to Phillips. More information about the grant can be found at <https://cleanairfleets.org/programs/charge-ahead-colorado>.

Attendees asked what the out-of-pocket expenses were for those charging EVs were, with Young stating they allow visitors to Colorado Gators to charge for free and Phillips stating the charger at First Southwest Bank costs \$28 per kw/hour, which was how many EV charger providers charged, by their kw/hr cost. Phillips pointed out level three chargers on the

corridor project are often a combination fee of 25 cents per minute and 20 cents a kw/hr. Young pointed out for the hosts the cost can sometimes be more than \$11,000 total but it varies as many contractors will want to do every phase of the project (concrete, electrical etc.) but a host who monitors costs and shops around closely can keep those costs down.

Through 2020, Colorado has a state tax incentive of \$4,000 for EVs and there is still currently federal tax incentive as well, which according to efile.com, ranges from \$2,500 to \$7,500 for a new EV purchased from

Jan. 1, 2019 through the year. Phillips pointed out there are new regulations requiring automakers to make a certain percentage of their new vehicles electric, so EV chargers are something sustainable tourism markets have to prepare for.

Last to present to the tourism conference was Dr. Nick Parker of Nick Parker Consulting, LLC, based out of Lubbock, Texas. Parker presented on the known rapid changes we can expect from climate change and encouraged attendees to focus on Hydrogen Fuel Cells as a sustainable option.

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# Valley News

## Uninsured Coloradans Can Enroll during a Special Enrollment Period in Response to COVID-19 Outbreak

**DENVER** — To help as many people as possible protect their health and safety during the COVID-19 outbreak, Connect for Health Colorado® announces a new Special Enrollment period that starts Friday, March 20, 2020 and ends Friday, April 3, 2020. Coloradans who are uninsured qualify to enroll in a health insurance plan for coverage that starts April 1, 2020.

To sign up for coverage through the Marketplace—the only place where residents can qualify for financial help to lower costs—Coloradans can complete an application and select a health insurance plan:

Online at [ConnectforHealthCO.com](http://ConnectforHealthCO.com).  
Over the phone at 855-752-6749, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. We're also extending Customer Service Center hours this weekend and next, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.  
Working with a certified enrollment expert. Many local experts continue to provide virtual and/or phone appointments.

Applicants should select the enrollment reason as, "Will lose or lost health insurance and/or have no other health coverage during the COVID-19 outbreak" and input the application date as the qualifying life change event date. Residents who take these steps will not be asked by health insurance companies to provide documentation to verify their eligibility for the Special Enrollment period.

As always, Coloradans can sign up for a plan if they experience other qualifying life change events, including loss of job-based and Health First Colorado (Medicaid) coverage. Coloradans may be eligible to enroll in a new plan if they experience changes or losses in income, which should be reported to Connect for Health Colorado. Residents who qualify for Health First Colorado (Medicaid) or the Child Health Plan Plus program can enroll online through the PEAK application any time during the year.

Contact: Monica Caballeros

Email: [mcaballeros@c4hco.com](mailto:mcaballeros@c4hco.com)

Phone: 720-496-2574

About Connect for Health Colorado

Connect for Health Colorado is a public, non-profit entity established by the Colorado General Assembly in 2011 to create a health insurance Marketplace. Since 2013, we've been helping individuals, families and small employers compare plans, apply for financial help and buy health insurance. As Colorado's official health insurance marketplace, we are the only place to apply for financial help to lower the monthly cost of premiums. Customers can shop online; get help by phone or online chat from Customer Service Center representatives; and access expert, in-person help from a statewide network of certified Brokers and community-based Assistants. For more information: [ConnectforHealthCO.com](http://ConnectforHealthCO.com)

## Tourism

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At the end of his presentation, Parker announced Cetna Energy was in the San Luis Valley to look at building a plant in the area that will take the Beetle-kill trees and turn them into woodchips for hydrogen power. Cetna's Biomass gasification plan, Parker stated, will also replant trees as they use them and will have no smokestack and very little waste.

Parker presented different models for the potential for warming temperatures as a result of climate change, pointing out "nobody knows which model is exactly right, but we know it won't be constant." Parker also stated between 20 and 50 percent of the species on the planet are projected to be extinct by 2100 because the ecological

weight of people on Earth exceeds that of all other animals. Parker also pointed out our population growth over the next 40 years could equal what used to be 4,000 years worth of construction, including between 2014-2054 the need to build 96 times as many homes per year. In 2015, Parker pointed out 93 billion tons of resources were extracted from the Earth but only 9.3 billion tons were recycled, making humans global use of minerals, ores, fossil fuels and bio mass unsustainable.

Parker stated he believes we need to shift to the third Industrial Revolution, the age of Hydrogen (the first being the age of steam and the second the age of oil), the most common element in the universe, and focus on locally-produced renewable energy fed into a smart grid.

Parker pointed out the successes shifting to hydrogen

fuel cells has had for corporations, including the shift to hydrogen powered forklifts at the Walmart Distribution Center in Plainview, Texas, which has made their processes faster and more efficient. A forklift now lasts 24 hours on a single hydrogen power cell, whereas previous models had to change/recharge batteries three to four times per day. Nikola Motors has also presold 8,000 semi trucks that run on hydrogen, with a range of 500-750 miles and recharges take only 15 minutes, making them very comparable to diesel powered trucks but without greenhouse gas emissions. This is also more efficient than the Tesla electric semi, which has a 500 mile range.

Parker compared the increased value to a gallon of water hydrogen adds and also pointed out the amount of water required for hydrogen fuel. "Hydrogen uses

2.3 gallons of water per kg, gasoline requires 3-6 gallons of water in the refinery per gallon of gas, ethanol from corn requires 2,400 gallons of water per gallon and thermolectric power requires 10 percent of freshwater used nationwide" with wind and solar power not requiring any water. Parker also pointed out the efficiency of hydrogen energy, "Hydrogen creates 120 megajoules per kg, gasoline creates 44 megajoules per kg, natural gas at 3,000 psi creates 55 megajoules per kg and a Tesla battery produces approximately three megajoules per kg."

With companies in China striving to have no combustion engine vehicles produced by 2030 and 700 hydrogen stations going up around the U.S. between 2022-2028, Parker encouraged attendees to look at the importance of investing in hydrogen now for a more sustainable future.

## Personal property declaration filing reminder



**ALAMOSA** — The Alamosa County Assessor reminds all persons owning, possessing, or controlling taxable personal property (furnishings, equipment and other movable personal property) that the deadline for filing a Personal Property Declaration Schedule is April 15. All persons who own, possess, or control taxable personal property with a total actual value greater than \$7,700 per owner, per county, are required to report the personal property to the county assessor. Failure to declare your personal property each year by the deadline will result in the assessor valuing your property using the "best information available" and attaching a penalty to your tax bill. If you did not receive a declaration schedule, please contact the county assessor at (719) 589-6365.

All personal property with a total actual value in excess of \$7,700 (per owner, per county) is taxable unless specifically exempt by law.

Taxable personal property includes:

All residential household furnishings used to produce income

Equipment, furniture, and machinery used by commercial, industrial, and natural resource operations

Property used in an agribusiness that does not qualify as agricultural pursuant to §39-1-1-2(1.6)(a), C.R.S.

Expensed assets with a life greater than once year

Fully depreciated assets still in use

Personal property in storage that is subject to IRS depreciation

Leasehold improvements

Equipment that is licensed as a motor vehicle (SMM plate or Z-Tab) is not reported on the Personal Property Declaration Schedule.

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## Public Notices

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing before the Alamosa Board of County Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 8:30 AM, Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado for the purpose of considering an application for a Minor Subdivision submitted by Matthew Yoder and Chester Yoder for Rocky Mountain Home Builders, LLC. The applicant is proposing to divide parcel into two tracts. The home will be sold separate from the remaining vacant land. The legal description of the property is: The E1/2SE1/4 of Section 13, Township 37 North, Range 9 East, N.M.P.M., in Alamosa County, Colorado. Details regarding this application are available for public inspection in the Alamosa County Land Use Office at 8999 Independence Way Suite 100 during regular office hours.

**BOARD OF ALAMOSA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
MICHAEL YOHN, CHAIRMAN  
ATTEST: MELANIE WOODWARD  
CLERK OF THE BOARD  
No. 1365  
Published in the Valley Courier March 21, 2020

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Pursuant to ARTICLE EIGHT of the Alamosa County Land Use Development Code, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: that a Public Hearing before the Board of Alamosa County Commissioners is scheduled April 22, 2020 at 8:30 A.M. in the Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101, for the purpose of considering text amendments to the Land Use and Development Code for Alamosa County. The full details of this application are available for public inspection in the County Land Use office during regular office hours. Any interested person(s) may appear and be heard at the public hearing.

Rachel Baird  
Land Use Administrator  
No. 1366  
Published in the Valley Courier March 21, 2020

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
On Ordinance No. 6-2020  
NOTICE IS GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 6-2020, an ordinance adding a new Article IV to Chapter 13 (Municipal Court) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alamosa concerning entry of orders for restitution upon conviction of an ordinance violation. This ordinance was accepted on first reading on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, and a Public Hearing thereon set for Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. This hearing will be held in Alamosa Council Chambers, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado. Further notice is given that any and all persons of interest may appear at said hearing and be heard in this matter, and that the full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the office of the City Clerk.

Alamosa City Council  
Holly C. Martinez,  
City Clerk  
No. 1370  
Published in the Valley Courier on March 21, 2020.

**NOTICE OF PASSAGE**  
Ordinance No. 7-2020  
Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at a regular meeting of the Alamosa City Council duly called, Council finally passed and adopted Ordinance No. 7-2020, an ordinance amending the established pay plan for City Officers and employees in accordance with Article III, Section 11 of the Charter and as referred to in Section 15-2 of the Code of Ordinances, concerning personnel rules and regulations and pay plan for City Officers and employees. Further notice is hereby given that the full text thereof is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the Office of the City Clerk.

Alamosa City Council  
Holly C. Martinez  
City Clerk  
No. 1371  
Published in the Valley Courier on March 21, 2020.

**NOTICE OF PASSAGE**  
Ordinance No. 8-2020  
Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at a regular meeting of the Alamosa City Council duly called, Council finally passed and adopted Ordinance No. 8-2020, an ordinance amending Section 10-221(f)(4) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alamosa, Colorado to eliminate the requirement that mobile food vehicles be located on hard surface paving. Further notice is hereby given that the full text thereof is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the Office of the City Clerk.

Alamosa City Council  
Holly C. Martinez  
City Clerk  
No. 1372  
Published in the Valley Courier on March 21, 2020.

**District Court**  
Conejos County, Colorado  
Court Address: 6683 County Road 13, PO Box 128, Conejos, CO 81129  
Telephone: 719-376-5465  
In the Matter of Estate of:  
Antonio Angelo Velasquez,  
Deceased  
Case Number: 2020PR30004  
Attorney: William F. Dunn, Reg. No. 1036  
585 Columbia Avenue, Del Norte, CO 81132  
Phone Number: 719-657-3323;  
Email: Bill@Dunn-Law.com

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO 15-12-801, C.R.S.**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Estate of Antonio Angelo Velasquez, Deceased  
Case Number: 2020PR30004  
All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or the Clerk of the District Court of Conejos County, Colorado on or before August 1, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred.  
William F. Dunn, Attorney for Personal Representative  
585 Columbia Avenue, Del Norte, CO 81132  
No. 1373  
Published in the Valley Courier on March 21, 28, and April 4, 2020.

**099 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BIDS BEING SOUGHT** for garage door installation at the Bus Garage of the Upper Rio Grande School District. For more information, please contact the Administrative Offices at 719-657-4040. Bids due by April 1.(4/1)

**185 - SERVICES & REPAIRS**

**FLU PREVENTION CLINIC** Every Thursday in March. Be proactive and strengthen your immune system at the Acu Center Community Clinic located in Del Norte, 990 6th st. Call for appointment 360-821-9006.(4/3)

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**221 HELP WANTED**

**CROSSROADS' TURNING POINTS, Inc** is currently hiring for the following position: CIC Caseworker / Full Time / \$12.75 to \$13.75 per hr Available to work different shifts, as needed. Please see job description and apply online at: [\(3/28\)](http://www.crossroadstp.org)

**THE SAN LUIS Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services** has a position for a full time Early Childhood Special Education Teacher for the 2020-2021 School Year. Interested applicants should hold a valid Colorado Teacher License with a license for Early Childhood Special Education or be eligible for a Temporary Educator Eligibility (TEE). Application is available at the BOCES office or on-line [www.slvbooces.org](http://www.slvbooces.org). Process requires application, letter of interest, and three current letters of reference. Send completed application process to LJ Garcia, Assistant Director of Exceptional Student Services, SLV BOCES, 2261 Enterprise Drive, Alamosa, CO 81101. Application deadline is April 3, 2020.(4/3)

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**THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL District** is accepting applications for the following position: Building Night Janitor (AHS) Applications are available online at <https://dist.alamosa.k12.co.us> For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline March 27, 2020. EOE.(3/27)

**THE COSTILLA COUNTY Conservancy District** is now hiring for an Administrative Assistant position. Job requirements: High School Diploma, Microsoft Office experience, and Email and computer skills. Preferred qualifications: Accounting/bookkeeping (Quickbooks) skills and Good communications/writing skills. Position is for 30 hours per week, Monday - Friday. Please email resume along with letters of recommendation and references to [info@costillaccd.org](mailto:info@costillaccd.org) by April 2, 2020.(4/4)

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**221 HELP WANTED**

**RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing home** is now hiring LPN's and RN's. Come join our team! Must have a current license and CPR. Days and Night shift With night shift differential. Please stop in for an application at 1335 6th st in Del Norte Co or call 719-657-1105 Ask for Susan or Chely. (RVI is EOE.)(4/3)

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**WE ARE LOOKING** for a candidate who possesses strong general bookkeeping knowledge and good time management skills. Positive attitude, dependability and willingness to work with others is a must! Experience using Quickbooks and/or Epicor is extremely helpful. The role for this position is assisted by the use of an outside professional accounting service. This is a full time position. Beginning pay is negotiable depending on experience. Please send resume to [katie@slvproperties.com](mailto:katie@slvproperties.com) or drop off in person at 157 Craft Drive. (3/24)+

**WANTED FULL-TIME** position on organic sheep and hay farm in La Jara, CO. Must have good people skills, be honest and dependable. Experience with animals, farm work a plus. Must have phone and transportation. Our mission is to be leaders in sustainable agriculture and sustainable living. Living quarters on farm an option. Call Colin 719-588-1035. (3/24)

**A&L COORS HIRING** for a full-time driver/delivery person. Position is physically demanding. Applicant requirements: self-motivated, good communication skills, dependability, attention to detail, clean driving record, must pass a drug test and work well with others. Positive working environment with an opportunity to acquire a CDL license. Pick up application at 1905 State Street, Alamosa, CO. After 4:00 PM. No phone calls please.(3/24)

**SAN LUIS VALLEY Health** is seeking qualified candidates to fill positions as a Maintenance Mechanic, Maintenance Worker, and Housekeeper. please visit <https://www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org/careers/> for a full job summary for these positions, as well as our other job opportunities. (3/27)

**MONTE VISTA ESTATES Nursing Home** is Seeking a full time day shift CAN seeking a full time evening shift (2-10) shift CAN 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. (3/28)

**221 HELP WANTED**

**NIGHT STAFF NEEDED** at La Puente Home. Need Mature, dynamic, compassionate person, able to deal with all types of people. Must be able to work weekend and graveyard shifts. (21+). Bilingual preferred. Looking for the unique applicant who will be a part of an awesome team of individuals helping others. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of helping others. Send resume to: [hr@lapuente.net](mailto:hr@lapuente.net). (3/31)

**APARTMENT MANAGER. OVER** the Rainbow Apartments, down-town Alamosa seeks a live-in skilled property manager. Responsibilities include lease management, facility upkeep, handling tenant needs and issues. Qualifications: mature, good communication and computer skills, good references. Knowledge of human services helpful. Compensation includes salary, apartment, paid utilities and benefits. Serious applicants, please submit resume to [hr@lapuente.net](mailto:hr@lapuente.net).(3/28)

**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](mailto:bstagner@sangreschools.org). Teaching applications may be downloaded from [sdc.schoolsdes.net](http://sdc.schoolsdes.net) or picked up at school office. Positions open until filled. (3/27)

**221 HELP WANTED**

**THE CITY OF Alamosa** is hiring a part-time Library Assistant. (Hiring range \$12.00 to \$12.60/hour DOQ). 20-25 hours per week. Hours will include evenings and weekends. Computer and customer service skills are a must. Duties include, but not limited to, shelving, collection maintenance, and customer service. Full job description, announcement, and application can be found on our website at [cityofalamosa.org](http://cityofalamosa.org). Deadline: 03/26/2020 at 4:30 p.m.(3/27)

**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)

**ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY'S** Department of Teacher Education is seeking applications for a Part-Time Program Assistant. Please submit letter of application addressing qualifications, curriculum vita with unofficial transcripts: Names and contact information for 3 references: Mr. Curtis Garcia, Search Committee Chair, 208 Edgemont Blvd, suite 3050, Department of Teacher Education, McD 246, Alamosa, CO 81101. [curtislgarcia@adams.edu](mailto:curtislgarcia@adams.edu) <https://www.adams.edu/hr/administrative-positions/>. Review of completed applications will begin immediately. Priority considerations will be given to applications received on or before March 15, 2020. (3/21)

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**ACROSS**

42 A great many

1 Gentle

5 "The Real World" channel

8 Winner's medal

12 Unwrap

13 Gleeful shout

14 Brain wave

15 Water the house-plants

16 Sikhism or Taoism

18 Twosomes

20 Daystar

21 That, to Juanita

22 Most cautious

25 Like 7 and 11

28 Memorable first

29 Europe-Asia range

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37 Tree secretions

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40 Prominent nose

43 Cheer up

46 — step further

49 Business deg.

50 Fall mo.

53 Pine for

56 Fastener

58 Dog in "Beetle Bailey"

59 Want-ad letters

60 — off (reserve)

61 Hey, you!

62 W-2 info

63 — Major

**DOWN**

1 Booster seat user

2 Imitated

3 PC list

4 Grant money for

5 Taint

6 Grad student's bane

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8 Temporary job

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10 Durocher and Tolstoy

11 Carvey of "Wayne's World"

17 — and outs

19 Quaff with sushi

23 Disposed of

24 Pulls

25 Ricelike pasta

26 Heart-felt

27 Force

30 Stir up

31 Part of A.D.

32 Perchance

34 Grab a snack

37 Informer

38 Barely manages

40 Kits and cubs

41 Deletes a file

44 Nonflying bird

45 First P.M. of India

46 Mashed potato serving

47 Cereal grains

48 Diligent insects

51 Third-rate

52 Pinnacles

54 Figured out

55 Sweetie-pie

57 Mauna —

## ALLEY OOP

WE'RE ALMOST THERE!

WAIT! I SEE SOME WATER. WE SHOULD STOP.

ALLEY, WHAT YOU ARE SEEING IS CALLED A MIRAGE. THEY ARE THE DOWNFALL OF MANY A DESERT TRAVELER. WE MUST SOLIDIFY ON.

I WISH I WAS A MIRAGE.

## ARLO & JANIS

ISN'T THIS SUPPOSED TO BE OUR 'SAFE PLACE'?

## BIG NATE

PINNACLE SPORTSWEAR! THIS IS IT!

HI, WE'RE PICKING UP SOME BASEBALL UNIFORMS. THE SPONSOR IS KLASIK KOMIC.

AH! YEP!

HERE YOU GO, BOYS! THEY'RE ALL YOURS!

INTERESTING NAME

GAH!

## THE BORN LOSER

DID YOU KNOW WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL HAVE CHILDREN IS DETERMINED BY HEREDITY?

THAT DOESN'T SOUND RIGHT TO ME.

THINK ABOUT IT—IF YOUR PARENTS DIDN'T HAVE ANY CHILDREN, HOW COULD YOU?

## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

CHICKA DEEE DEEE DEEE

CHICKA DEEE DEEE DEEE

TWIT-TWIT-TWIT

TWITTER CHEE-DEEP!

CHEER-RUP CHEER-RUP

TWIT-TWIT-TWIT

CHEE CHEE CHEE

TWEE-DEET TWIT-TWIT-TWIT

CHEEKA TWITTER CHEEKA TWITTER

CHEE BEE CHEE BEE CHEE BEE

CHIP TWIT CHIP TWIT

CHICKA DEE DEE DEE DEE

BOWOW OWOW OWOW OWF!

TWIT.

## FRANK & ERNEST

BEING STUCK HERE WE'LL KNOW ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD, EXCEPT FOR THE RISING SEA LEVEL OF COURSE.

## GARFIELD

RRRRRRRRRR

RRRRRRRRRR

A WATCHED MICROWAVE NEVER DINGS

HOW LONG DO THESE PIZZA ROLLS TAKE?

## THE GRIZZWELLS

FLORA, DO YOU WANT ME TO GRAB SOME SPARE RIBS OR STEAK FOR OUR BARBEQUE?

IT DOESN'T MATTER

I BET IT MATTERS TO THE PIG AND THE COW!

## PEANUTS

I DID IT!

I'M IN THE ALPHA STATE!

## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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## HERMAN

"I know it's probably uncomfortable, but we need them as evidence."

# Joy over finding love can't diminish pain of twin's loss

DEAR ABBY: I have had a serious boyfriend for six months. He's wonderful, a dream come true. But I find myself more depressed and suicidal than ever. Mom tells me I don't have any reason to be depressed since I have a boyfriend. It's like she thinks I have no right to still be despondent over my twin's death because I now have a significant other.

My eating disorder and self-harm have gotten worse, too. I feel like I'm holding in so much sadness I'm not allowed to show that I'm turning it all inward in self-destructive ways. Although I love my boyfriend, I almost feel like breaking up just so everyone won't expect me to be Pollyanna anymore. The third anniversary of my twin's suicide is coming, which is making everything more unbearable. I just don't know what to do. I just want to disappear. -- THINGS AREN'T OK

DEAR THINGS: If your mother truly believes a death in the family (particularly a twin!) is something that can be "fixed" by having a boyfriend, she is deluding herself. You need professional help and right away. There are support groups for survivors of a family member's suicide, and you are three years overdue for finding one. I urge you to contact the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Someone there can help you to locate a support group for the survivors of a

loved one's suicide. To find them, go online to afsp.org. If you are feeling suicidal, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and tell a counselor about what's going on. If you do, you can be directed to a licensed therapist in your community who can help. The toll-free number to call is 800-273-8255. PLEASE do not put it off.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter and I have been estranged on and off for many years, most recently for the last 22 months. At that time, she angrily took her 8-year-old daughter and left our home, where she had been living since another eviction. She said she was going to tell everyone I kicked her out. Then she blocked me on Facebook, removed my access to my granddaughter's classroom progress reports and my name from the school emergency card. I had no idea where they went. My poor granddaughter was in tears. She had been upset moving back in with us again, and told me she wished her mom would get a job so they could stay in one place for real.

After no contact, I have been told my daughter is being married. "Save the date" cards have gone out. I have no desire or intention of going to a wedding of someone who has spent half her life being cruel to me, lying, ignoring me, being jealous at her sister's wedding and help you to locate a support group for her horrible behavior.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

She's a Jekyll and Hyde. We live in the same community, and I do all I can to avoid seeing her. I'm happy for her and delighted my granddaughter will finally have a bedroom of her own, but I have no intention of playing happy family to someone who regularly sharpens knives in my back. How do I answer any inquiries that may come up about the wedding? -- CAN'T TAKE ANYMORE

DEAR CAN'T: Do not engage in a litany of complaints and accusations. You can get the message across to anyone who asks about the wedding by saying that you are not involved in the planning of the wedding and questions should be directed to your daughter. You do not have to discuss it further. It's short and sweet and gets the message across.

# Calendar

*Due to the Coronavirus meetings and events are subject to change and cancellation. Be sure to contact each intended event before attendance.*

**ALAMOSA** — The SLV STEAM Shop makerspace is open to the public most Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m. south of Richardson Hall and west of the theater building on the Adams State University campus in Alamosa. The SLV STEAM Shop provides access to 3D printers, machine knitting, small-scale fabricating, electronics fabrication, a laser cutter and much more.

**VALLEY** — Energy assistance is provided through La Puente's Outreach homeless prevention program. To qualify you must be directly responsible for an energy bill, your bill must be past due, and you must meet income qualifications. Call (719) 587-3781.

**MONTE VISTA** — Valley Fiber Art Guild (VFA) is a group for anyone interested in fiber arts: knitting, crocheting, weaving and spinning. We work on our individual projects, sometimes do projects together and learn from each other. We meet the fourth Saturday of every month, from 1-4:30 p.m. at 757 County Rd. 29, Monte Vista. Call or email Wanda Couzens-Smith for more information at (719) 719-852-5000 or wcouzenssmith@gmail.com

**CAPULIN** — Free tutoring is available in the Capulin Library from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Friday for students first grade through twelfth grades in all subjects.

**ALAMOSA** — Cats Alive is in need of dry cat food to help volunteers feed cats throughout the San Luis Valley. Also goat milk is appreciated for the kittens. To donate cat food call Marge at (719) 298-7028 (willing to pick up donated food) or send monetary donations to help with the cat food to Cats Alive, P.O. Box 84 Alamosa, CO 81101 or online at catsaliveslv.com.

**CONEJOS COUNTY** — Conejos Library District is in need of volunteers in Antonito, La Jara and Capulin. The library is a great place to volunteer. Please contact Maria DeHerrera at (719) 274-5858.

**MONTE VISTA** — The Monte Vista Assembly of God Church, God's Closet, located at 881 N. Hwy 285, across from Mountain King is in need of clothing donations. Bring them to the white shed.

**VALLEY** — Cat food is needed to distribute to all the volunteers that are feeding the cats. Cat food donations may be left with Abie Roybal, 225 10th St., Alamosa,

and monetary donations may be made to Donna K. Ditmore, manager for cat welfare for Alpha Humane, a nonprofit tax-exempt organization, and sent to 3095 County Road 108 South, Alamosa, CO 81101.

**ALAMOSA** — Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications for homeownership in Alamosa. Applicants contribute 500 hours of "sweat equity," time and labor. Construction is done with the help of hundreds of volunteers. When a house is completed, applicant families purchase the homes from Habitat for Humanity with a nonprofit mortgage. Call Habitat at (719) 589-8678 or go to www.slvhabitat.org

**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 at (719) 580-3697.

**ALAMOSA** — VFW in Alamosa hosts BINGO every welcome.

**MONTE VISTA** — Alzheimer's support group meets the second Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce & Information Center, 947 First Ave. Call the helpline at 1-800-272-3900 or (719) 372-5985.

**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** — Sit for 30 minutes every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 607 Fourth St., Alamosa, for a slightly guided meditation promoting inner peace and awareness. Contact 719-486-6326.

**ALAMOSA** — Alamosa Public Library is carrying the online language-learning software by Mango Languages free of charge to patrons. Call Alamosa Public Library, 589-6592.

**VALLEY** — The Saguache County Veteran Service Office is pleased to announce that homeless veterans and other veterans in financial need can receive help thanks to a five-county grant administered by the Chaffee County Veteran Service Office. Contact Jim Sheeran at (719) 655-2680. Office hours are Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**MONTE VISTA** — The San Luis Valley 4-H Robotics is looking for used laptop donations to help with expansion of their youth robotics program. Donated laptops should run Microsoft Windows

XP or later or Mac OS 10.6 or later and have 1 GB of ram and at least a 1 GHz processor. Those interested in donating to support this program can call (719) 852-7381 or drop laptops off at the SLV Area Extension office at 1899 E. Hwy 160 in Monte Vista.

**ALAMOSA** — Alamosa Elks Lodge 1297 hosts BINGO at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the lodge room. Food is available.

**MONTE VISTA** — Tri County Seniors, 311 Washington St. in Monte Vista, are hosting line dance classes every Tuesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. for only \$1 per class. New students are welcome. These are for all ages.

**ALAMOSA** — La Puente Home is requesting hygiene kits to assist the less fortunate of the San Luis Valley. Often, guests arrive at the homeless shelter without even the most basic of necessities. For this reason, La Puente provides kits full of hygiene products such as soap, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, toothbrush and paste, deodorant and a washcloth. At this time, La Puente is running very low on all hygiene supplies. Call (719) 589-5909 or stop by La Puente Home at 913 State Ave., Alamosa.

**CENTER** — Veterans are welcome to learn about the range of benefits they have earned at the Center Public Health building on the third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or call (719) 655-2680.

**ANTONITO** — The Antonito Senior Center is hosting Free Nutrition Classes as long as there is an interest. They are held Tuesday evenings from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Antonito Senior Center, 701 Main St., Antonito. Call Alicia Wagar at (719) 852-7382 or (719) 376-2294.

**ALAMOSA** — Want to learn how to reduce stress, manage chronic pain, manage chronic illness and improve quality of life? Join "Let Go Of The Stress" every Tuesday from 5:15-5:45 p.m. in the Grizzly Education Center Board Room at 1919 Main St. in Alamosa. There is no cost. Call (719) 589-8008.

**VALLEY** — The horses on Wild Horse Mesa are in need of hay. Spirit of the Wild Horse Foundation feeds as many horses as possible to keep them on top of the mesa, off the highway and away from the ranches. Call Spirit of the Wild Horse (719) 206-2749, message number (575) 586-0784, email at spirit.of.the.wild.horse@gmail.com or address mail to P.O. Box 100, Costilla, NM, 87524.

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