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## July 4 Trash Schedule

**ALAMOSA**—Holiday trash schedule adjustments are as follows:

**Commercial Routes**  
Friday, July 3 route will be picked up on Thursday, July 2.

**Residential Routes**  
Friday, July 3 route will be picked up on Monday, July 6.

**Yard Waste Route**  
Remains the same.

Recycling Center is closed Saturday July 4 and will reopen July 5.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (719) 589-6631

## Courier closed

**ALAMOSA**—The Valley Courier offices will be closed Friday, July 3 in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

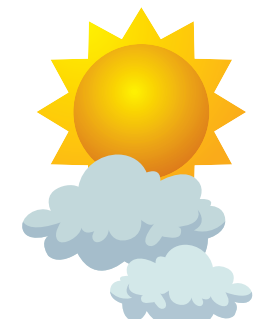
Our Friday edition will be distributed as usual, but we will not publish on Saturday, July 4 due to the holiday and no mail service.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



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## SLV WEATHER



Mostly Sunny 85 / 47

Sat: Partly Cloudy 83 / 47

Sun: Scattered Showers 85 / 46

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# San Luis & Rio Grande Railroad Inc. in receivership

By SYLVIA LO-BATO

Filed by Big Shoulders Capital LLC against San Luis and Rio Grande RR Inc. and Mt. Hood Railroad Company on Sept. 9, 2019 in the US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Judge Thomas M. Durkin, receivership judge in Chicago, where the case originated, ruled the receivership will go forward and the bankruptcy court is expected to let go of the jurisdiction so it will stay in Chicago. Conejos County Attorney Nic Sarmiento said it would be appealed.

Big Shoulders Capital LLC, (\$5 million loan to Iowa Pacific) filed a motion in U.S. District

Court in Northern Illinois to appoint Novo Advisors as the receiver for Colorado's San Luis & Rio Grande Railroad Inc. and Oregon's Mt. Hood Railroad Co.

A company or property is placed in receivership to protect the assets of an organization when it cannot meet its financial obligations or enters bankruptcy. The court granted receiver appointment the same day Big Shoulders Capital filed its motion. According to court filings, the owner of the two railroads consented to the properties being put into receivership.

General Manager Ed Ellis was given \$7 million and part of the agreement was that they would have

a third party receivership come in and run the ship right. They are looking to sell assets and there are more liabilities than assets.

An estimated \$17 million is owed to the federal government in payroll taxes and Sarmiento said there are probably superior liens to Conejos County's.

On October 16, 2019, an involuntary chapter 11 petition was filed against San Luis & Rio Grande Railroad, Inc. pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 303 in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado.

Owners reportedly want to see the railroad continue operating as a business



# Safety concerns on San Juan



Courier photo by Stephen Jiron

**SWAT teams await further instruction in front of a house on San Juan Avenue.**

**ALAMOSA** — Thursday afternoon, the city of Alamosa Police Department and SWAT executed a warrant investigation involving at the residence of 220 San Juan Avenue.

Chaffee County regional SWAT team was requested to assist Alamosa SWAT team in the search of the residence.

Upon arrival they discovered several suspicious items and were advised by Chief of Police Kenny Anderson to back out due to safety concerns. A gas line was pulled from the stove causing additional concerns.

Gas was turned off to the house and the Alamosa Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched as a precaution while personnel awaited the Pueblo bomb squad. One resident was taken into protective custody.

# Nurses change roles to fulfill staffing needs at SLV Health

**ALAMOSA** — Some healthcare organizations have the luxury of allowing nurses to move from other cities during staff shortages, such as at Banner Health between Greeley and Phoenix. But in Alamosa at San Luis Valley Health, there isn't that type of luxury in this rural hospital setting that serves a large geographic area in southern Colorado. During the summer months, it has been estimated that the regional population can increase to around 50,000 citizens and visitors. "We are the only hospital within 90 miles that delivers babies," commented Roberta Bean, SLVH Chief Nursing Officer. "The Regional Medical Center in Alamosa is a Trauma Level III Emergency Department. In anticipation of the need to isolate and treat patients during this pandemic, we converted some of our inpatient hospital rooms to be negative pressure rooms." ■ See NURSE page 3

# Valley Cases continue

## SAN LUIS VALLEY

— Nine new cases for the SLV have been reported since Wednesday: 4 from Alamosa, 1 each from Conejos and Costilla, and 3 for Rio Grande County. The total number of cumulative cases is now 436. There were 82 known active cases as of Thursday night. Thirty-one total people have been hospitalized, and 346 have completed their isolation period. There have been 8 fatalities of individuals with COVID-19. Numbers are updated weekdays at [slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/](http://slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/). Friday, June 3rd, is a government holiday. SLV Emergency will be taking time off from publishing new updates and numbers information until Monday, July 6th.

If you get tested for COVID, it is imperative to stay home while waiting for results, even if you don't feel sick. If results come back and they are negative, you must still follow Public Health recommendations regarding quarantine if you were exposed to a positive individual. You could still be an asymptomatic carrier or develop symptoms later on in your quarantine.

As we come upon the Fourth of July weekend, it is important to understand potential risks of certain activities and to adopt prevention measures to protect yourself and to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Your risk of getting and spreading COVID-19 increases in settings where it is difficult to practice social distancing like July 4th celebrations, beaches and pools, and busy restaurants. To lessen the risk of exposure, stay home if you're sick, maintain 6 ft between yourself and others who are not part of your household, wash your hands often, wear a cloth face covering, and

research the protective measures the venue has put in place.

See more here: <https://bit.ly/2YVLVtk> and <https://bit.ly/3ingv6E>

Planning to travel over the holiday weekend? Some neighboring states have rapidly accelerating rates of COVID-19 right now, and case rates are creeping up again in many parts of Colorado as well. Because travel increases your chances of getting infected and spreading COVID-19, staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting sick.

If you're planning on traveling, ask yourself the following questions before you go:

Is COVID-19 spreading where you're going?

What restrictions are in place where you're going?

Will you be able to socially distance yourself from other travelers?

Is anyone in your group particularly vulnerable to getting sick?

Learn how you can take steps to reduce the risk of catching or spreading COVID-19 while traveling here: <https://bit.ly/3dYjWgx>, and check out these traveling FAQs from CDC: <https://bit.ly/2CVWegi>.

There are burn restrictions currently in place in many areas in the SLV. Please make responsible decisions when considering your holiday activities regarding burning and fireworks. See [www.slv-emergency.org](http://www.slv-emergency.org) for the most current information.

For questions about testing or for medical advice, please contact your primary care doctor or call one of the numbers below to start the screening process:

■ See COVID page 3

## SLV COVID-19

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 2:00 p.m. on July 2, 2020. Unless otherwise noted, all numbers are cumulative. If there are discrepancies between these numbers and those showing on the state's data website, use these local numbers.

### 436 SLV POSITIVE CASES (New cases: 9 since 7/2)

Alamosa County - 204	(+4)
Conejos County - 19	(+1)
Costilla County - 22	(+1)
Mineral County - 7	
Rio Grande County - 81	(+3)
Saguache County - 103	

### 82 ACTIVE CASES (Under isolation guidance)

### 31 HOSPITALIZED

### 346 COMPLETED ISOLATION (+8 since 7/2)

### 8 DEATHS



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**PENDING OBITUARIES**

**Adolph Arellano**

**ALAMOSA** — Adolph Arellano, 60, passed away June 30, 2020. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

**VALLEY COURIER POLICY ON OBITUARIES**

The Valley Courier charges a flat fee of \$30 for each obituary published. Pending arrangements or death notices are run at no charge. This charge affects funeral homes, as well as family or other representatives, that directly place obituaries. All paid obituaries are published on our web site, [www.alamosanews.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dean@deanswiftseed.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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [talentocal@live.com](mailto:talentocal@live.com)

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

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

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

ery 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Summerfest on the Rio – July 2, 2020- 2020 Festival Cancelled**

**ALAMOSA** — Due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic concerns, the Summerfest on the Rio Committee has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's edition of the Festival. All paid arts and crafts/food vendor applicants will be refunded in full. The Summerfest Com-

mittee would like to thank you for your support, wish you and yours the best and we look forward to future events. See you next year on the Rio! For more information please visit [www.summerfestontherio.org](http://www.summerfestontherio.org) or contact us at [info@summerfestontherio.org](mailto:info@summerfestontherio.org).

**Polis takes step back closes bars**

**COLORADO**— Colorado Gov. Jared Polis announced Tuesday, June 30 that bars will be closed for in-person service in order to fight coronavirus in the state. Bars may sell take-out alcohol, and those which serve food and function as restaurants can continue serve alcohol if patrons remain 6 feet

apart, they are seated with their own party and do not mingle with other patrons. He noted conversations he had with the governors of Arizona and Texas, who say their states' recent surges are blamed, in part, on large parties, bars opening and crowds in nightclubs.

**La Garita Natural Arch may be renamed**

**SANLUIS VALLEY**— According to a recent document from State Senator Larry Crowder, interest has reignited in renaming what is now known as La Garita Natural Arch or La Ventana Arch. If renamed, the arch would be known as the Royal Arch. La Garita Arch (and Eagle Rock, included in the same area), are located about 15

miles north of the town of Del Norte and within the La Garita Wilderness. In the Rio Grande National Forest Report No. 878 from the 50th Congress - Senate of the United States, 1888, the Department of the Interior was referred a bill (S. 2427) to establish a public park, to be called and known as Royal Arch

Park. The Department of the Interior reviewed the bill and records and provided the following response: "The bill provides for the establishment of a public park in the State of Colorado to be called and known as Royal Arch Park." Initially some 5,760 acres were earmarked for the park.



**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS**

**VALLEY** — The San Luis Valley offers many Alcoholics Anonymous groups. A.A. members' primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Following are District 3 San Luis Valley AA 12-Step Meetings. The 6th Tradition states that we are not affiliated with any outside organizations, but in the spirit of cooperation, we list these meeting schedules for friends and family. For information, call 719-937-5083.

**SUNDAY**  
5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Parish Center at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa  
7 p.m. Town Hall at 108 W Galena Ave., Crestone

**MONDAY**  
12 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Hall at 607 4th St., Alamosa  
5 p.m. Women's Meeting at Masonic Hall, 598 Spruce St., Del Norte  
7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede  
7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara.

**TUESDAY**  
12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa  
8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

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

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 Citizen's 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)

**AL-ANON**  
**TUESDAY**  
8 p.m. 15 Country Club Dr. Monte Vista  
**WEDNESDAY**  
5:30 p.m. SLV Behavior Health Group at 8745 CR 9S., Alamosa

**THURSDAY**

5:30 p.m. First Christian Church at 518 1st St., Alamosa  
7 p.m. Crestone Town Hall, downtown Crestone (second and fourth Thursdays)

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NarCaAnon)**

**TUESDAY**  
7 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 607 4th St., Alamosa  
7:30 p.m. Baca Grande Library at Road T, Crestone

**THURSDAY**  
7 p.m. SDA Church at 313 Craft Drive, Alamosa

**SATURDAY**  
9 a.m. Little Shepherd Episcopal Chapel at Alder St., Crestone  
7 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 607 4th St., Alamosa

**School Menu - Friday July 3, 2020**

**NO SCHOOL**  
  
**SUMMER VACATION**  
To sponsor the School Menu call 589-2553

# Valley News

## Local physicians bring up masks to city council

**ALAMOSA** — At Wednesday's City Council meeting Dr. Lauren Sonderegger and Dr. Kris Steinberg of Valley-Wide Health Systems raised concern to the councilors about COVID-19 transmission and offered mandatory mask-wearing as a solution.

Sonderegger spoke first during public comment, "We think that mask-wearing and having the city mandate mask-wearing in public places could be really beneficial in reducing transmission. We do know that pre-symptomatic, so before people are actually sick, and asymptomatic transmission is actually mostly how we spread it to each other, through loud talking or laughing"

Sonderegger referenced a recent article published in the medical journal *The Lancet*, "Physical distancing, face masks, and eye protection to prevent

person-to-person transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19: a systematic review and meta-analysis" published June 27th. In the article, available evidence showed physical distancing was associated with a large reduction in infection. According to the article, Data also suggested that wearing face masks protects people (both health-care workers and the general public) against infection by these coronaviruses, and that eye protection could confer additional benefit. That said, the article was sure to acknowledge that neither measure afforded complete protection from infection

Sonderegger continued "If we physically distance and wear masks including multi-layer cloth masks in public we can reduce transmission of COVID-19 by 80-85%."

Steinberg expressed concern about tourism's effect on the rate CO-

VID-19 is spreading in the valley. "Certainly COVID-19 is increasingly spreading within the SLV and that's going to be more dramatic as we are having folks travel through the valley", said Steinberg. "You've noticed all the motorhomes travelling through, this is the safe way to go on vacation but it may not be great for us. So we're hoping that we can encourage everybody who's coming through and staying and also living here to feel that they need to wear masks when they are in public."

According to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Page (CD-PHE) page, Alamosa County has the fifth-highest infection rate in the state following Saguache, Eagle, Morgan and Logan Counties.

Steinberg went on to say, "We are low resource area where people



have many health comorbidities and as you know people with health co-morbidities are more likely to die from COVID-19." The Center for Disease Control defines Comorbidity as, more than one disease or condition is present in the same person at the same time.

Steinberg closed her comment saying "We call on city council to make mask-wearing required in public, there are many other Colorado cities and counties requiring masks in public as does the entire state of New Mexico."

Later in council comment, City Attorney

Erich Schwiesow recommended that any such order should come from an area of expertise such as the County Public Health Department. Council will be in touch with Public Health regarding this matter, it will not be up for review at City Council's 6/15 meeting.

## Council comments touch on Courier article

### STAFF REPORT

**ALAMOSA** — At Wednesday's City Council meeting Mayor Ty Coleman and City Manager Heather Brooks aired concerns in relation to 'Triggered', an article that ran in the Valley Courier.

City Manager Heather Brooks raised her concerns regarding the shooting article, "I was very disappointed, not only because it was factually incorrect, but because it gave the impression the City hasn't taken these issues seriously or taken any serious action. Which we know is simply not true."

"As a reminder, the wrongful death of George

Floyd occurred on May 25. At the very next City Council meeting, June 3, we spent a great deal of time discussing that situation and what it meant for our community and nation ... We also discussed drawing up a resolution, which became Resolution No. 10 (A Resolution Calling For An Ethos Of Civility). We also took time to discuss how we could move forward in a positive direction, we talked about ASU roundtables and coordinating with ASU on how we could continue these discussions.

"I think sometimes public expectation compared to what reality is for a local government

can be a little different. I think people think when there is a shooting they want to see the Mayor on the news, standing in front of a podium, that night issuing a strongly worded statement about where the City stands on something."

"And that may work for some cities, it probably works better for those cities who have a strong mayor-form of government. But for cities like us, who have a council-manager form of government; that have policies that guide City Council members when speaking on behalf of the city in a formal manner ... It requires you as a group to

discuss that and come to an agreement before anyone is authorized to issue that kind of a statement."

"That June 3 meeting had a Courier reporter sitting in on that meeting. The day after that we had our shooting. The day after that June 5 is when the Mayor's video, which directly spoke to some of these issues was released. Then June 17 was when Council voted in Resolution 10 and we released that through social media."

Greene interviewed both Brooks and Coleman for her 4000 plus word article that ran last week. Mayor Coleman followed: "I, too, was interviewed

by Susan Greene ... and I wish more of my comments had been taken into consideration ... Only a few sentences were pulled out of over 30 mins of conversation."

Coleman added he "... didn't think the city had a big issue with law enforcement officers like they have in the Denver metro area. And I did say that our officers care and that I care about them. I also mentioned we know how to get along here."

"Following that she said 'Mayor Ty Coleman said as an explanation for his silence,' in reference to me, Council, and Staff not making a statement on the killing of George Floyd."

Mayor Coleman expressed he, Council and Staff had been dealing with a plethora of crises over the past few months, among which was the killing of George Floyd.

Following the City

Council meeting both the interim editor of the Courier and a reporter who had been listening in were sure to reach out to Coleman and Brooks. Assuring the Mayor and City Manager that a single article by a contributing reporter from out of town can only take the City's actions in a snapshot and does not tell the whole story on the City's reaction. Also that the Valley Courier has written about the City Council's conversations regarding these issues.

This is a stressful time for the entire nation and Alamosa is not exempt. Council wants the public to know they take issues of race and police brutality very seriously and they continuously work on strategies to address and prevent these issues in our own community. The Mayor, Council and staff also aim to create a safe space for these tough conversations.

## Nurse

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SLVH also includes Conejos County Hospital, 20 miles to the south, which is a critical access hospital where having more than six inpatients at once might cause a strain on staffing. During planning for a possible surge, it was determined to use the CCH facility for hospitalized non-COVID-positive patients as much as possible.

While the remodeling at the RMC created more physical beds and an ability to handle up to twelve COVID-19 positive hospitalized patients, a nurse shortage developed, especially in June when the number increased to an average of six positive hospitalized patients per day and several employees needed to quarantine due to community spread of the disease. Bean explained, "Our patient volume in our primary care and specialty clinics were not yet back to 100%, so we looked at the situation as an opportunity. With the help of our nurse educators, we decided to cross-train our clinical nurses and refresh their skills to help fill shifts on the floor and in the ED."

Several of the nurses have been in the clinical setting for a long time. Angel Gylling, RN, Specialty Clinic Nurse Manager, explains, "I have only been in the clinic setting for about six months, so going back and helping was second nature to me. Who really deserves the credit was the nursing staff who have been in the clinic for most to all of their careers who sprang into action and lent a helping hand. Also, the Medical Assistants and staff in the clinic had to step up as they continued to provide outstanding



Courtesy photos  
**Misty Palacios, RN, Clinical Nurse Manager, adds, "My position is a clinical nurse manager, but I am a nurse first, and I am committed to our community and our SLVH team. Especially during these trying times."**

clinical care throughout our valley during this challenging time." Another nurse who has been in an educational leadership role commented, "Just those few shifts really helped me refocus my energy and remember why my current role is important. It made me feel like a nurse again."

Nurse Educators Dawn Weed and Brittany Sours conduct skills classes for nurses at SLVH.

Dawn Weed, BSN, RN-BC, Professional Development Specialist at SLVH, and her team were instrumental in instilling confidence and providing support for the nurses who were willing to change roles. "As part of our facility COVID-19 surge planning, the Education



**Nicole Sandoval, RN, is a nurse in the SLVH Infusion Center and agreed to help out with hospitalized inpatients. "I was glad that I was able to help out my colleagues up here on the Med/Surge floor in this time of need."**

Team developed a plan to assist in refreshing clinic LPN and RN skills. Clinic nurses oriented with hospital nurses during which they reviewed assessment techniques, frequently used medications, procedures, and treatments. A team model approach was used and the response from both the hospital and clinic nurses was phenomenal and we heard positive comments from each on a daily basis. Many areas of nursing are very specialized and it can be uncomfortable for a nurse to go to an area where they are unfamiliar, but with our COVID-19 situation, we saw all staff going the extra mile to help each other and make it a positive experience. I am proud of both teams and how they have handled the needs of our community."

## COVID

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For symptomatic individuals only, call:  
Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990  
SLVHealth Respiratory Clinic 719-589-2511 ext. 9

For symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals who have had contact with a confirmed COVID-19 positive

individual, call:  
Valley-Wide Health Systems 719-589-3658 ext. 9  
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# Opinion

## Amarah's Corner

Hollywood celebrities who have spoken openly about their prior heroin use shed light on the risks and complications that can occur. Read on to learn about 10 celebrities who spoke openly about their experiences with the drug.

### 10 Celebrities with Heroin Addictions Part 1

**Philip Seymour Hoffman**  
Academy Award winner Philip Seymour Hoffman was a film and stage actor who gained acclaim for his performance as Truman Capote in the 2005 film "Capote." He later went on to star in other Oscar-nominated films including "Charlie Wilson's War" and "Doubt." At the time of his death, he was almost finished filming the final film in the "Hunger Games" series.

In 2006, Hoffman revealed in a "60 Minutes" interview that he had entered rehab and reached sobriety at a young age - just 22. "You get panicked," he said. "It made me worried if I was going to get to do the kind of things I wanted to do in my life. I was putting myself in situations, in predicaments that were dangerous."

Hoffman battled addiction his whole life, and he died in February 2014 at age 46. His official cause of death was combined drug intoxication.

**Russell Brand**  
English comedian and actor Russell Brand speaks openly about how his drug use is frequently mentioned as part of his stand-up-comedy-act.

He began using drugs at age 16 after leaving his mother's home. "I cannot accurately convey to you the efficiency of heroin in neutralizing pain. It transforms a tight, white fist into a gentle, brown wave," Brand told The Guardian. In December 2014, he tweeted that he was 12 years clean and sober.



**Robert Downey, Jr.**  
Robert Downey, Jr., teenage heart-throb turned "Iron Man" superstar, has lived a very public battle with heroin and drugs. After being introduced to drugs by his father when he was just 8 years old, the actor was in and out of jail for various drug charges between 1996 and 2001.

"All those years of snorting coke, and then I accidentally get involved in heroin after smoking crack for the first time," Downey told Rolling Stone. "It finally tied my shoelaces together. Smoking dope and smoking coke, you are rendered defenseless. The only way out of that hopeless state is interven-

tion." In 2003, Downey entered rehab and brought his years-long addiction to an end.

**Corey Feldman**  
Corey Feldman, one half of "The Two Coreys," a nickname given to him and fellow actor Corey Haim after their rise to popularity in the 1980s, lived out a very public battle with drugs. In his 2013 memoir "Coreyography," the actor described sexual abuse by

a family friend. The same man who abused Feldman also introduced him to drugs.

Feldman battled substance abuse for years after he was introduced. In 1990, he was arrested for heroin possession. Following the abuse, his addiction dramatically worsened.

"And that's when I really took the plunge, after I got off the coke, after I'd already had a stint with crack," Feldman told The Huffington Post in 2013. "Then this other girl broke up with me, and then the guy, who was the pedophile (whose name I had to change [in the book]), who introduced me to every one of the drugs I ever tried said, 'Hey, why don't you try heroin.'"

**Carrie Fisher**  
Carrie Fisher's most iconic role was as Princess Leia in the "Star Wars" franchise. For many years Fisher also battled drug addiction. Fisher later revealed she started using drugs, including heroin, as a type of self-medication to control the manic side of her depression. "Drugs made me feel more normal," she told Psychology Today. "They contained me."

In a 2016 question-and-answer interview with Rolling Stone, Fisher detailed her drug use, including experimentation with heroin. Rolling

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### Amarah's Corner



'Kids Like Me'

## False Chinch Bugs Become a Problem

There are some insects that are around every year but do not usually cause significant damage to plants. False Chinch Bugs are one of these bugs. This year, however, is a year when they can be causing damage to some plants. Some gardens have seen a high enough false chinch bug population to damage vegetables.

False chinch bugs (*Nysius raphanus*) are small, grayish insects that sometimes become extremely abundant. They feed on a variety of plants and occasionally cause some plant injury, particularly to certain highly favored mustards. During periods of extremely hot, dry weather they also may move to the relative cool of buildings and incidentally enter them.

False chinch bug spends the winter among winter annual mustards. Flixweed, a common weed associated with alfalfa fields and agricultural field margins, is an important winter host for this insect in eastern Colorado. When late winter/early spring temperatures warm sufficiently to allow development, eggs are laid around the base of plants. The nymphs that subsequently hatch are smaller than the adults, wingless, and more oval in form. Their general color is gray, and a red marking is often observable on the back. As the

nymphs feed, molt and grow wing pads become increasingly noticeable. Multiple generations are produced during a single growing season.

False chinch bugs feed by sucking sap from plants. However, their feeding does not seem to be very destructive and often little, if any injury is observed. However, false chinch bugs most often occur in aggregations which sometimes can involve thousands of individuals on a single plant. Wilting and leaf dieback may occur under these conditions, particularly when plants are under drought stress. Mustard family plants, such as radish, canola, and mustard greens, are particularly favored by false chinch bugs. However, they may feed on a very wide variety of plants including potato, kochia, lettuce, pigweed, quinoa and even turfgrasses. Largest masses of false chinch bugs are usually found on plants that are flowering or producing seed.

The need to control false chinch bugs in crops is rarely needed, particularly if plants are irrigated sufficiently to allow them to compensate for feeding injuries. Furthermore, problems

are often sudden in onset - and may largely disappear suddenly when the adults disperse to new sites.

Mass migrations of false chinch bugs in the vicinity of buildings are primarily associated with very hot, dry weather. This may force the insects to move from drying weed hosts to seek shelter and higher humidity. Migrations indoors may occur through openings and cause nuisance problems. However, false chinch bugs do not bite, do not feed nor damage anything indoors, and will ultimately die out if trapped inside. Irrigated landscapes adjacent

to buildings may further encourage false chinch bug migrations to these areas. Therefore, it may be desirable to temporarily discontinue watering in the immediate vicinity of the building when a problem migration is in progress. Providing cool, humid areas at some distance may encourage the insects to move away more rapidly. Insecticides will have little, if any, effect for limiting this situation and are not recommended. False chinch bug migrations resulting in nuisance problems in buildings usually are of short duration and rarely last more

### Eye on Extension



Marvin Reynolds



than a week. For more information on false chinch bugs, contact the San Luis Valley Extension Office at 719-852-7381 or 719-274-5200. Extension programs are available to all without discrimination. Colorado State University Extension, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Colorado counties cooperating.

## Times change, memories remain

Sometimes, one's background and memories can toss a wrench in today's lifestyles.

Coming from a military family, I developed a mental image when I reacted to the announcement, "They are corn holing in the alley. Come and play."

I gasped. "Right out in public?" Well, duh. "It's the only place there's room."

A nephew who did his tours on submarines would argue the room needed if he looked at it in my context.

I was shaking. The voices of both my World War II Navy vet brothers whispered,

"Buy them some soap on a rope." Walking outside, I saw a board with a hole in it we used to call "beanbag toss." "And...?"

"Oh, crap, I'm late. See ya." I almost ran to my car.

The young people were curious about my reaction.

I wasn't about to explain. Let an old veteran or someone else who was raised

around military people do it. I don't think anyone has. The latest mail order catalog offered two different corn hole kits.

I haven't asked the grandkids if they play the game.

Now, I'm not a prude. I will laugh at old games like spin the bottle and pin the tail on the donkey, but some things just don't seem right.

This isn't the only time I've had problems like this.

When I was an adolescent, my older brother did his laundry and hung it out to dry.

Three beers and a shot or two later, he bade me go bring his dungarees from the line.

Your what? Dungarees. He explained with great amusement what I should go looking for.

That day, I learned that an elementary tune had words.

"What do you do with a drunken sailor?" See, I told you. The grandson sings that when he's practicing vocal chords. He knows what drunken is.

What one does with said sailor is open to interpretation.

My mom said something about a broom. My brother laughed until he doubled up.

When I was of an age when I thought knew everything, my brother was home on leave. He had retired after close to 30 years in the Navy, so I figured I could ask, "Daddy says the reason you had your tattoo removed is because your wives couldn't agree about the name on the banner the girl was holding. Did you really have a girl in every port?"

The tattoo was excellent. It was a dancing girl who could move when he flexed his muscle. The mother of his children's name was on a banner she was waving.

A scar left behind by the removal of the tattoo was ugly with a capital U. Back then, tattoo removal was barbaric. He had the skin peeled off.

Daddy went on to chastise him about it. He explained that peace in the home was most important.

I think it was, in a way. She just didn't want to uproot the family and move to the Orient, while his duty

assignment said he had to go.

His last wife had the same first name as his original spouse and he passed away before getting the necessary military paperwork done. She called me at the behest of his younger brother, also a Navy vet, who said I might know more about it, since my husband, an Air Force "lifer" had just flown off into the "Wild Blue Yonder."

I told her the titles of the officers she might call and the questions she needed to ask.

She never called again. When money is involved, the military gets tough.

If I knew who the liaisons were, I would mail them a corn hole game, tied up with soap on a rope.

If any one of them would call back asking what the reason was, I'd tell them to call the meanest, oldest drill instructor and ask him.

I honestly think the meanest ones have responded to the assignments in the sky, but you never know.

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# Religion

## Battles to control Istanbul's Hagia Sophia -- again

Art historian Andrew Gould had studied many copies of the exquisite mosaic of Jesus found high in Istanbul's sixth-century Hagia Sophia cathedral.

But that didn't prepare the architect and sacred

artist for what he stood under the icon, illuminated by the soaring windows in the south gallery that overlooks the main floor, under the central dome that is 184 feet high and 102 feet in diameter.

### On Religion



Terry Mattingly

The Deesis ("supplication") icon -- at least twice the size of life -- shows the Virgin Mary and St. John the Baptist with their heads bowed, framing an image of Christ Pantocrator ("enthroned"). The glass mosaic cubes were set at angles to create a shimmering effect across the gold background and the many-colored images, whether viewed in daylight or with lamps and candles.

Much of this icon was destroyed a century ago as workers probed to

find priceless mosaics under layers of plaster and paint added through the centuries after 1453, when the Ottoman armies of Mehmed II conquered Constantinople.

Now, Turkish leaders want to convert Hagia Sophia -- a museum for decades -- back into a mosque.

"There is no more refined icon of Christ anywhere," said Gould, of the New World Byzantine Studios in Charleston, South Carolina. "Just in terms of information, we have copies we can study. ... But visiting Hagia Sophia and seeing this icon under natural light, seeing it in the context of the sanctuary, was crucial to the development of my whole understanding of Orthodox art."

If the "Deesis" is covered again, along with other icons, "this is not something that can be replaced with photographs in art books," he said. "It would hurt artists

and believers around the world in so many ways."

The current controversy is rooted in politics more than lingering tensions between Muslim leaders and Turkey's tiny Christian minority, which has little power other than through ties to Greece, Europe and the United States.

Hagia Sophia became a museum in 1934, a symbol of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's drive to build a modern, truly secular state. Now, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has sent many signals that he wants Turkey to return to Islamic principles.

Debates in Turkish media have swirled around whether modern leaders retain the "right of the sword" to reclaim Hagia Sophia, noted Mustafa Akyol, a Turkish journalist and author of the book "Islam Without Extremes: A Muslim Case for Liberty."

This act would be a "silver bullet" in the Turkish leader's efforts to retain power amid charges of corruption and brutal authoritarianism after nearly two decades in power, Akyol said. The

current debates follow Muslim prayers in Hagia Sophia in 2016 and, in 2018, rites led by Erdogan himself in memory of Mehmed II.

"If he reopens Hagia Sophia to Islamic worship, he thinks he will be doing something historic that Turkey's conservatives will honor for many years, if not decades," said Akyol, a senior fellow at the Cato Institute in Washington, D.C. "Some opposition parties support him on this idea, because they don't want to look insufficiently nationalist or Islamic."

"It is one thing if Muslims merely worship inside the building. ... It

is another thing if they decide to cover all the images of Jesus Christ and Mary, because human images are forbidden in mosques."

Turkish news reports and social media exchanges have signaled rising tensions, including a claim that purple prayer carpets have already been purchased for Hagia Sophia.

One Islamist leader claimed on Twitter that there is no need for a formal decision by Turkish officials, since "we've already purchased the lime" for plastering. Abdullah Sevim of Saadet Partisi also tweeted: "I am looking forward to the days we will remain pure in the Hagia

Sophia Mosque. ... May Hagia Sophia open, no matter why it is opened."

Orthodox Christians everywhere are watching. Visiting Hagia Sophia -- the museum -- has always created waves of "grief and awe at the same time," said Father Christopher Metropulos, founder of the Orthodox Christian Network on radio and the internet.

"We know this will never be our cathedral again. That's not what this is all about," he said. "We all know that the status quo isn't perfect, but it beats the alternatives. ... This is about losing access, once again, to a very important piece of our history."

## Bible Digest



**Friday, July 3, 2020**  
"But my people would not listen to my voice; and Israel would none of me. So I gave them up to their own hearts' lust; and they walked in their own counsels." (Psalms 81:11-12 AKJV)

Let's listen to the Lord. He will save us a lot of heartache.

**Saturday, July 4, 2020**  
"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." (1 Timothy 1:15 AKJV)

Amen! Jesus is a wonderful Savior.

**Sunday, July 5, 2020**  
"Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint." (Proverbs 25:19 AKJV)

Be reliable. This is a good witness for the Lord.

**Monday, July 6, 2020**  
"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and

with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first;" (1 Thessalonians 4:16 AKJV)

Jesus is coming back. Will you be glad to see Him?

**Tuesday, July 7, 2020**  
"For a day in your courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." (Psalms 84:10 AKJV)

People who love the Lord love to go to church and worship the Lord.

**Wednesday, July 8, 2020**  
"Rejoice ever more.

Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 AKJV)

This is a good way to live every day.

**Thursday, July 9, 2020**

"For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusts in you." (Psalms 84:11-12 AKJV)

It is a blessing to know the Lord and walk with Him through life.

## Are You Living a Life of Love?



I have made it a priority to study about love in the Word of God. Getting a revelation about how much God loves me and learning to receive His love has been life-changing for me. It's been the key to being able to really enjoy my life because when I received God's love, then I could love others. And I've discovered that the best way -- the only way -- you can have a happy, powerful life is to get your mind off yourself and do something for someone else. Helping people, being a blessing and adding value to other people's lives is what it means to walk in love and follow the example of Jesus.

Ephesians 5:2 (NIV) says, "Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Jesus -- our perfect and holy Savior -- gave His life for us, took all of our sin upon Himself, and shed His blood so we could have a personal relationship with Him and become the righteousness of God. That was His gift to us. Once we experience the gift of salvation, our gift to God is how we live our lives.

Jesus says in John 13:34, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." If we will learn how to follow this one commandment, everything else in our lives will fall into place.

33 says, "But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was, and when he saw him, he took pity on him." Notice that he "took pity on" this man. He had compassion for him and was moved to do something to help him.

He dressed his wounds and took him to an inn where he could get the care he needed. He paid the innkeeper and told him, "Look after him and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have" (v. 35).

There are a few things I want you to notice here. First, the Samaritan was traveling the road and was probably going somewhere he needed to be; he had a plan but he was willing to stop and help this man even if it meant his plan was interrupted. Also, he gave his best effort to make sure the man had good care and then paid for him to get it. He was obviously willing to pay whatever it was going to cost because he told the innkeeper, "When I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have." So he was planning to come back and make sure everything the man needed was covered.

### This Is Love!

Jesus is showing us in this story what real love looks like. And 1 Corinthians 13 lists the characteristics of God's love: it is patient and kind, never envious, boastful or inflated with pride; it is not rude, does not insist on its own rights or its own way; it is not self-seeking, touchy or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it and rejoices when right and truth prevail; love bears up under anything that comes and is ever ready to believe the best of every person; its hopes are faithless under all circumstances... love never fails!

Now, if you're thinking, "There's no way I can live up to this list!" I want to tell you, "Yes, you can!" You can love

others like this because as a born-again Christian, you have everything you need to be like Jesus. It's not always easy because we have to resist the temptation to be selfish, but 1 John 4:4 says that the Spirit of God, who is in us, is greater than our enemy. So in Christ, we have the power we need to walk by faith and live a life of love.

It's important to understand that God is not expecting you to be perfect in your love walk or to do it alone. He knows you can't do it without His help. What He wants is for you to seek Him through prayer and studying the Word, and as you do, lean on Him for the grace to do what He's asking you to do each day.

God is love, so you can rest in the truth that He is patient with you, He's always with you, He believes in you and will not give up on you. And with God's love in your life, you can learn how to live a life of love!

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**All-Denominational Church of the Living God**  
1311 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Hooper  
719-375-2267  
Sunday, 10 am - Worship  
Sunday, 5 pm - Book of Acts Study  
Monday, 7 pm - Youth  
Thursday, 7 pm - Bible Study

**San Luis Valley Christian Center**  
306 S. Broadway (Old & Broadway), Monte Vista  
719-852-3165  
Sunday, 10 am - Worship  
Tuesday, 6:30 am - Bible Study

**Prayer House Church**  
410 Main Street, La Jara  
Pastor: Jamie Reeves - 719-255-2007  
Sunday, Morning Service, 10:30 am  
Wednesday, Family Ministry, 6:30 pm  
Friday, Night Bible Study, 7:00 pm

**Sargent Community Church**  
2601 N. County Rd. 2 E, Monte Vista (across from Sargent School)  
Pastor: Hugh Harris - 719-852-2900  
Sunday, Worship: 10:30 am

**Back Row Church - Church Community**  
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[www.backrowchurch.com](http://www.backrowchurch.com)  
K+M: 330-602-9942  
Worship Service - Wednesday Evening at 6:00 pm

**Apostolic Alamosa Apostolic Church**  
510 First St. Alamosa  
Meets Sundays 1-2 pm  
2-3 pm - Lunch  
3-6 pm - Worship Service

**Arctic Apostolic Church**  
710 Main St., Arctic  
Meets Sundays  
11-12 pm - Sunday School  
1-2 pm - Worship service

**Apostolic Pentecostal Church of Champions Aids**  
3066 Hwy 285 South Alamosa - 719-857-3361  
Dan Dewing, Pastor - 719-882-7337  
Sunday, 10:30 pm - Service

**Assembly of God River of Life Church**  
2802 Clark Avenue, Alamosa  
Sunday, 10 am - Worship  
(Wednesday, 7 pm) - Service

**Campers Assembly of God**  
7th & Main - P.O. Box 337, Center CO 81126  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Sunday, Worship, 10:30 am  
Wednesday, Worship, 7:00 pm

**Assembly of God Stone and DeWalters Christian Ministry**  
577 Madison Street, Monte Vista  
Pastor Leonard Sandove - 719-849-0212  
Sunday, 10:30 am Service  
Wednesday, 7:00 pm Prayer

**New Life Fellowship**  
520 7<sup>th</sup> St., Gallop, CO 81132  
719-857-3367  
Adult Sunday School - 9:00  
Services - 10:00

**Baptist Grace Community Baptist Church**  
431 Lincoln Ave, Monte Vista  
Rev. B. Walker - 719-857-8451  
Worship 9:30 - Sunday School 11:00 am  
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm

**Living Water Bible Fellowship**  
2802 Clark Street, Alamosa  
719-859-3361  
Sundays 9:00 am (with Service)  
Sundays 11:00 am (with Service)  
Sundays 11:00 am (with Service)  
Tuesdays 7:00 pm (with Service)  
Wednesdays 7:00 pm (with Service)  
Sundays 10:00 am (with Service)  
Sundays 11:00 am (with Service)  
Sundays 11:00 am (with Service)

**San Luis Valley Baptist Church**  
330 Sierra Ave., Alamosa  
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Pastor: R. L. McDowell  
Wednesday 7 pm - Worship  
Sunday 2 pm  
Sunday 10 am - Sunday School  
Sunday 11 am - Worship  
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Pastor Sa. Carolina 854-3021

**Calvary Bible Chapel**  
7108 Brush Lane, Alamosa  
Sunday, 9:00 am - Worship  
Sunday, 12:00 am - Sunday School  
Sunday, 11 am - Ministry of the Word

**Calvary Blanca**  
Pastor: Andrew Leonard - 719-379-3317  
Sunday, 9:30 am - Bible Study  
Sunday, 11:00 am - Service  
Wednesday 6:30 pm - Community Celebration

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
2160 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista  
Sunday, 9:00 am - Bible Study  
Sunday, 11 am - Worship  
Tuesday, 6 pm - G.L.A.Y. Youth  
Thursday, 8:30 am - Ladies Bible Study

**South Fork Baptist Church**  
19130 Four Seasons Dr, C/O Cuzum Bcg, South Fork  
(See site for directions) & contact  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Sunday, 10:30 am - Worship  
For more information - Pastor: Paul Moran - 719-486-7702

**Catholic Sacred Heart Church**  
715 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Alamosa  
Sundays, 5:15 am - Mass  
Sundays, 7:30 am - Spanish Mass  
Sunday, 9 am - Mass  
Sunday, 12:30 pm - Mass  
Sunday, 5 pm - Mass

**Catholic Mission Room 302 - ASC Campus, Alamosa**  
Every Sunday, 8 am - Mass

**Hooper Church**  
310 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Hooper  
Sunday 9 am - Morning Worship

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Alamosa - 1576178-8075  
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622 Walnut La Jara  
719-274-5262  
Terry Buchanan, Pastor  
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Office Hours: Mon 9:00 am - 12:00  
Sunday 9:00 am - Contemporary  
Coffee Fellowship: 10:00 am

**Christian Science Services**  
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Services - Sundays at 10:30 am  
The Second Wednesday of each 4 am  
Thursday, Day 10 am

**Pioneer United Church in Del Norte, Colorado**  
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103 Spruce St., 11 S. 600 South of Hwy 150  
Monte Vista, Colorado  
Sunday School - 9:30 am, Sunday  
Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 am, Sunday  
Worship Services - 11:00 am, Sunday  
Church of the South Fork  
1115 Lander St., South Fork, CO 81154  
Sundays at 9 am - Services  
School Room. Choir's rehearsal on Wednesday  
and during the summer months  
with animal buddies at 8:15 am on Sunday

**Christian Bible Center Church**  
Pastor: Eric Lira  
Worship Service Sunday, 10:30 am  
Bible Study Wednesday, 7:00 pm  
Bible Study Services  
Monday: Free Music Classes  
Instrumental Classes 7:00 - 8:30 am  
Worship & Bass Guitar 8:30 - 10:30 pm

**Word of Faith Christian Center**  
401 Santa Fe, Alamosa  
Sunday, 10:30 am  
Wednesday, 6:30 pm  
Friday, 8:00 pm, K.O.S.H. Youth Night

**The Peak Community Church**  
510 San Juan, Alamosa  
Sundays, 9 am - Fellowship  
Sundays, 7 pm - Worship & More

**Pentecostal Alamosa Pentecostal Church**  
184 East 2nd St., Alamosa - 719-888-0475  
Pastor: Carl Stuber  
Bible Study/Wednesday 7:00 pm  
Sunday School Sunday 10:30-11:45  
Worship 12:00-2:00

**Christian Fellowship Church The Door**  
1500 West 12th St., Alamosa  
Pastor: Arlin Ortega - 719-887-6197  
Sunday, 11:00 am - Sunday School  
Sunday, 11:00 am - Worship  
Sunday, 6:30 pm - Midweek Service  
Wednesday, 7:00 pm - Revival

**Christian Independent Alamosa Christian Church**  
410 McCuey, Alamosa  
Sunday, 9:30 am - Sunday School  
Sunday, 10:30 am - Worship  
Wednesday, 7:00 pm - Family Night 8-10 pm  
Group

**Christian Reformed Alamosa Christian Reformed**  
719-888-3493  
160' Rd 10 S., Alamosa  
Pastor: Trip Verde/Noel  
Sunday, 9:00 am - Sunday School  
Sunday, 10:15 am - Worship

**Churches of Christ Alamosa Church of Christ**  
418 Monte Vista Avenue, Alamosa  
Sunday, 9:30 am - Bible Cases  
Sunday, 10:30 am - Worship  
Wednesday 7 pm - Bible Study  
Healing Hearings at 6:15 (closed 12 step group meets every Friday at 7 pm)

**South Fork Church of Christ**  
226 2<sup>nd</sup> St., South Fork, 719-670-1259  
Kevin Shady, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Sunday, Worship: 10:30 am

**Central Church of Christ**  
230 Frank Street, Monte Vista, 719-853-3511  
David L Baker, Proclaimer  
Sunday, 9:00 am - Bible Class  
Sunday, 10:30 am & 6 pm - Worship  
Wednesday 7 pm - Bible Study

**San Luis Valley Church of Christ**  
714 Del Sol, Alamosa - 719-859-2114  
Sunday Bible Study 9 am  
Sunday, Worship 10 am  
Wednesday Bible Study 9 pm

**Cornerstone Community Church**  
Hwy 150 Del Norte near I-70 Grande Medical Clinic  
Pastor Mark 719-827-3107  
Sunday, 9:00 am, free breakfast  
Sunday, 10:30 am, Contemporary  
Worship & Children Sunday School  
Wednesday 9:30 am Dinner music, fellowship, singings

**Episcopal St. Thomas Episcopal Church**  
637 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Alamosa  
Sunday 9 am - Services

**Saint Stephen the Martyr**  
729 3rd Avenue, Monte Vista  
Sunday, 10 am Service  
First Christian Church  
518 First St. (First & State), Alamosa  
859-8805  
Sunday 9:15 am - Sunday School  
Sunday, 10:30 am - Church Service  
Wednesday, 6:00 pm - Bible Study

**Valley Church**  
240 East St. Street Center - 719-754-8004  
Sunday, 10:30 am - Contemporary  
Worship Prayer and Bible Study  
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**First United Methodist First United Methodist Church**  
2208 Mills Ave., Alamosa  
719-882-2243  
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Morning Worship - Sunday, 10:15 am  
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719-379-4517  
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**Bible Believers' Community Church**  
1762 E. US HWY 160  
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719, 258-3079  
Sunday, worship 10:30  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm  
[www.bbcchurch.com](http://www.bbcchurch.com)

**Presbyterian Alamosa Presbyterian Church**  
330 San Juan Avenue, Alamosa  
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**Hispanic Pentecostal Iglesia Pentecostal Unica L.A.**  
627 North St., Alamosa  
Guadalupe Salazar, Pastor - 719-887-3548  
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Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Sun. 5:00 p.m. Worship

**New Hope Church "The Church on the Hill"**  
2258 Hwy 162, South Fork, Co. 81154  
Interim Pastor: Ed Fanning - 719-675-4202  
[www.newhopecc.com](http://www.newhopecc.com)  
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**Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa**  
330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101  
[anabaptistfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:anabaptistfellowship@gmail.com)  
Sunday 4:30 PM "Worship in the north  
winds of the Alamosa Presbyterian Church"

**Independent, Fundamental Baptist First Baptist Church of Costilla County**  
5717 County Rd F., Meeker  
719-396-3411  
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Sunday 9:45 am - Sunday School  
Sunday, 10:45 am - Morning Worship  
Sunday, 12 Noon - Praise & Worship  
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Alamosa Third Ward  
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Sunday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Sunday 11:30 am - 2:30 pm  
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Sunday 10:30 am - 1:15 pm

**Lutheran St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School**  
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School: 300 Paradise Street, Monte Vista  
Sunday, 10:30 am - Services  
School 8:30 am - Monday - Thursday

**Trinity Lutheran Church & School**  
5218 Pine Drive, Alamosa  
Sunday 9:45 am - Bible Study  
Sunday, 10 am - Worship

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Correa Canyon Community Chapel  
20362 State Hwy. 17 (between mile posts 21 and 20)  
Fellowship Sunday, 8:30 am  
Sunday, 9:00 am - Men's Bible Study Service

**Mountain Valley Church**  
438 State St., Alamosa  
Pastor: Robert Phinney  
859-2892 or 883-7262  
Sunday 9:30 am - Sunday School  
Sunday, 10:30 am - Worship Service

**Presbyterian Church of Monte Vista**  
732 Second Avenue, Monte Vista  
719-881-5265  
Sunday 9:45 am - Sunday School  
Sunday 11 am - Sunday, Worship

**Seventh-day Adventist Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
316 Craft Ave., Alamosa  
Sabbath: 9:55 a.m. - Bible Study  
Saturday, 11:00 am - Worship

**United Methodist United Methodist Church**  
6286 Barker Street, Meeker  
720-254-5594  
Reverend Hugh Harris  
Sunday, Worship 8:00 am.

**Unitarian Universalist Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**  
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719-881-5501  
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Sunday 8:45 am - Sunday School  
10:45 am - Service

**Valley Church of the Nazarene**  
228 Madison, Monte Vista - 582-6538  
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Sunday School Classes 9:00 am  
Evening Prayer/Wednesday 6 pm  
1578758-5575 for information on class schedule

**Church of Scientology**  
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# Opinion

## Land of the Free

In handcuffs, his back and neck kneed civil rights  
 He struggles to call, "I can't breathe."  
 Still the perp officers press atop the  
 Black man like he's a rendered outback kill.

### Movin' On with Nellie



Nelda Curtiss

Watching is not enough. Open those eyes  
 Open those hearts and minds. Redress.

Change policing—no more choke holds.  
 Change policing—no more lies, half-truths.  
 Change policing—no more unrestrained power

Change policing—no more riot gear, escalating, pushing and shoving  
 Change policing—no more denying

Change policing—no more cries "I got him."

Change justice system – no more lies, half-truths, traps

Change for justice – lives matter, so life, liberty, pursuit of happiness matters

Change for justice – for equalization remove that bail money holding the poor

Change for justice—deprivatize jails, prisons, detox centers

Take back our humanity, take back our equality  
 In shackles, our nation combats tolerance and understanding

How slavery morphed into intern-

ments, public housing  
 Left citizens of color paying the bill, building the factories  
 Left behind poor family farms where big  
 Corporate farms ate them- lock, stock and barrel.

We have had President Andrew Jackson, a racist  
 With the battle cry for the Indian Removal Act

And now a wannabe dictator  
 Juxtaposing WWII Navajo Code Talkers under Jackson's painted eye.

We are back in the USSR, back in medieval Europe

Where the poor answer to the feudal lord, where

All the harvest but one bushel goes to the nobleman

But even more so with the CEO's salary 300 times  
 What the average employee makes

In handcuffs, lady liberty's back and neck knee'd  
 She struggles to call, "I can't breathe."

Still the maniacal corporations press atop the  
 Metaphor like she's a rendered outback kill.

Watching is not enough. Open those eyes

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## LETTERS

### ASD Opening

Dear Alamosa School District Students, Parents and Staff,  
 It is with great joy, the Alamosa RE-11J School District (ASD) announces its continued work and planning toward the 100%, Monday --- Friday, in-person instruction, re-opening of all district schools for the 2020-2021 school year.

The re-opening of all schools remains contingent upon ASD continuing to receive the approval of the Alamosa County Public Health Department (ACPHD) for safety protocols and procedures outlined in the Alamosa School District 2020-2021 Re-Opening Plan.

To date conversations and sharing of information between ASD and ACPHD has allowed for preliminary approval\* of the following practices:

- Continuing to recognize and promote personal safety as being the top priority
- Limiting number of persons in cohorts\*
- Adhering to practicable social distancing guidelines
- Encouraging all students and staff to wear facial coverings
- Conducting non-intrusive

temperature and health-based screenings

- Performing daily disinfection of all building areas
- Scheduling cohort transitions to a minimum
- Staggering daily bell schedules

• Providing all students the option of enrolling in the Alamosa Online School versus in person instruction and/or onsite activity

Forthcoming information to be released upon approval from the ACPHD

\* Based on current safety regulations/guidelines and contingent upon any confirmed cases warranting the closure of any part/all of the district.

Please monitor the district's website for upcoming information pertaining to the re-opening of all schools, registration, Fall scheduling, transportation, and safety protocols.

ASD is excited and eager to welcome back all students for in-person instruction! Respectfully,

Robert A. Alejo  
 Superintendent

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# Lifestyle

## Tips for hosting a fun 4th of July party

The Fourth of July is a day to celebrate in the United States. Much about July makes the fourth day of the month the ideal time to celebrate. School is out, the weather is warm and the generally relaxed attitude of summer has typically set in by the first week of July. People tasked with hosting Fourth of July festivities may not feel the same pressure when hosting such gatherings that they would when hosting more formal affairs. The relaxed nature of summer often pervades Fourth of July festivities, but hosts can still take a crash course in summer hosting to ensure everyone has a good time.

- Don't try to break

the mold. Some hosts may be tempted to think outside the box in regard to the foods and beverages they'll serve at their Fourth of July parties. While hosts can still experiment and serve new foods and creative cocktails at their parties, many guests will be anticipating some Fourth of July staples, such as grilled hot dogs and hamburgers and cold beer and lemonade. Making sure such foods and beverages are served alongside more experimental fare won't disappoint traditionalists, and those looking for something beyond the norm won't be disappointed, either.

- Embrace the red,

white and blue. When decorating, opt for red, white and blue decorations. This gives the party a distinctly Fourth of July feel. Red, white and blue napkins and tablecloths are readily available come July, and hosts with a gift for crafts can even create their own decorations to use year after year.

- Prepare to entertain. Unlike holiday season gatherings that typically begin in the evening, Fourth of July parties tend to begin in the afternoon and extend into the night. That means hosts must not just feed their guests, but entertain them as well. Since Fourth of July parties tend to take place outdoors, plan lots of

backyard games, such as badminton, bocce, Wiffle ball, horseshoes, and more. Hosts with swimming pools should have pool games readily available as well.

- Leave the fireworks to the professionals. Hosts should not succumb to pressure, real or perceived, to supply fireworks at their Fourth of July parties. Fireworks can lead to injuries and accidents and are best left to the professionals who put on community fireworks shows. Discourage guests from bringing their own fireworks by making it known they will be asked to leave the party if they do.
- Arrange transporta-

tion home for guests. To make sure everyone gets home safe and sound, arrange in advance for some guests to serve as designated drivers. Hosts also should abstain from consuming alcohol during the party so they can get people home safe if necessary. Keep a list of local taxi company phone numbers on hand and encourage guests who plan to consume alcohol to use ridesharing apps to get to and from the party.

Fourth of July festivities typically are less formal than other celebrations, but hosts still must plan their parties to ensure everyone has a fun, safe Independence Day. TF186060



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## Colorado agriculture welcomes USMCA

**CENTENNIAL** — Colorado farmers and ranchers are happy and relieved to see the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) enter into force and remove years of uncertainty over the industry's most important trade agreement. USMCA goes into effect today, cementing a trade agreement that will provide an additional \$2 billion in agricultural exports between the three nations.

"The completion of USMCA provides a much-needed dose of optimism and certainty to agriculture producers rocked with the fallout from COVID-19," said Don Shawcroft, an Alamosa rancher and president of the Colorado Farm Bureau. "Our farmers and ranchers welcome the opportunity to build on the wild success of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and the stabilizing effect the USMCA will have on agricultural markets."

Under NAFTA, U.S. agri-

cultural exports to Canada and Mexico grew from \$8 billion in 1993 to \$39 billion in 2017. Colorado exports between \$2 billion and \$3 billion of agricultural products to Canada and Mexico, making the two nations Colorado's largest agriculture trading partners. According to the U.S. International Trade Commission, agricultural exports will grow by \$2 billion due to the provisions of the USMCA.

The new agreement will create improvements in U.S. access to Canadian dairy and wheat markets. Mexico has agreed that all grading standards for agriculture products will be non-discriminatory. The agreement also enhances science-based trading standards among the three nations.

"The uncertainty over the future of the trading relationship between our countries can now be put to bed. And agriculture producers have one less worry on their minds," said Shawcroft.

## Colorado's Record-Breaking State Primary Proves Vote-by-Mail Model is Successful

**DENVER** — With ballots still being processed, it's already evident that Colorado's State Primary has been an overwhelming success. With a record-breaking 1,577,347 ballots returned to county election officials as of 11:30 p.m. Tuesday night, the 2020 state primary turnout is easily the largest of any state primary in Colorado's history. Of all voted ballots, 99.3% were returned via mail or ballot drop box, illustrating the importance, and benefits, of conducting vote-by-mail elections during COVID-19. Turnout rate is already at 44.96% of active voters and will increase as more ballots are processed, as opposed to 37.63% for the State Primary held in 2018.

"In midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Colorado just set a record turnout for a state primary. A total of 99.3% of voters cast a mail ballot, and there were not lengthy lines or wait times reported at in-person voting centers," said Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold. "Despite misleading attacks, disinformation, and attempts to make vote-by-mail a partisan issue, Colorado's election proves that mail ballots are the key to accessible voting during this health crisis."

Colorado's primary also shows both Democrats and Republicans enthusiastically embrace vote-by-mail, with 918,374 ballots returned for the Democratic Primary and 565,805 returned for the Republican Primary. Within each party's primary, 99.4% of voters who participated in the Republican Primary returned their ballot by

mail while 99.2% of voters who participated in the Democratic Primary did the same.

Turnout has far surpassed that of the 2018 state primary, in which 1,171,088 ballots were counted. In March's Presidential Primary, which was the first Presidential Primary in 20 years and the first ever in which unaffiliated voters could receive a mail ballot, a total of 1,806,288 ballots were counted. Like in the 2020 State Primary, most voters in those primaries preferred to vote by mail, with mail ballots respectively accounting for 98.8% and 97.5% of ballots returned.

While Colorado has had a mail ballot model since 2013, the importance of voting by mail increased exponentially over the last three months. Voting by mail is the safest way to conduct an election during the COVID-19 health crisis because it encourages social distancing.

Colorado's elections are the country's gold standard, and Colorado will continue to work with other states to help expand mail ballots nationally. Mail ballots are the best way to vote during this pandemic.

Colorado's 2020 State Primary record turnout will continue to increase as ballots are processed over the next eight days. Military and overseas ballots cast by 7 p.m. on Election Day will be counted up to July 8 when preliminary results will be finalized and the state's Risk Limiting Audit will be conducted on July 10. All results will be official three weeks after the election.

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# Lifestyle

## 4th of July protest

ALAMOSA — Like May's Memorial Day protest there is a plan for another valley-wide protest to be held in Alamosa on Saturday, July 4th. A local group has proposed an Independence Day Parade/Protest, in place of the cancelled annual parade.

According to the city, as late as last week they had not been contacted by organizers to begin the permitting process for a parade. Of the plans in place, City Manager Heather Brooks said "We were aware that a group was planning a protest and made sure to give them appropriate information. They did not receive CDOT approval, which is required for any legitimate parade on Main Street, and they did not get a City parade permit, which is required for any legitimate parade within city limits. At the last

Council meeting (6/17), Senator Crowder indicated that their plans would move forward even though the City provided reasonable alternatives and City Council unanimously communicated that they would not be directing staff to issue a permit if the parade was not compliant with legal requirements".

Brooks said that she informed Crowther that if they moved the "parade" to Fourth Street, thus eliminating the need for CDOT approval, and provided a plan to be compliant with the 175 person limit per the Governor's orders, the City would be happy to provide a parade permit. "They have intentionally disregarded that information and refused to make reasonable adjustments. Therefore, the event on the 4th of July is not a community parade, it is a protest"

said Brooks.

Participants will gather on Main Street in front of Nino's, continuing the line-up back east to La Due Street.

The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will continue west on Main Street to Alamosa Avenue. Turning left one block to 6th Avenue, then it will finish on the east end of 6th Street at the old railroad property across from Bill Clarke Trucking.

The event is slated as a peaceful Parade/Protest to celebrate freedoms and independence. Organizers are suggesting lots of red, white and blue and plenty of flags. Participants are also encouraged to bring cars, trucks, trailers, horses, bikes, ATVs or walk.

State Senator, Larry Crowder, will be in the parade as a member of the American Legion's Color Guard leading the display.

## Red Cross Offers 20 Ways to Stay Safe

### As You Celebrate the Fourth of July

DENVER — The Fourth of July is just ahead, a time when people typically enjoy the summer holiday with backyard barbecues, fireworks or water fun. But this year, celebrating Independence Day will be different due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The American Red Cross offers safety tips you can follow.

"If your community is reopening, it's important to know which safety measures to take as you venture out in public," reported Andrea Carlson, Communications Officer. "Follow these coronavirus precautions."

Continue to social distance by staying 6 feet away from others, especially if you are at high risk for serious illness from COVID-19 (over age 65 or any age with underlying medical conditions).

Continue to wear cloth face coverings in public. Face coverings are most essential when social distancing is difficult.

Follow guidelines for your area when it comes to how large gatherings can be. Avoid crowds and mass gatherings.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

Stay home if you are sick.

**Fireworks Safety**  
Many public fireworks shows are canceled this summer to avoid holding events where large crowds will gather. If you plan to use your own fireworks, check first if it is legal in your area.

Never give fireworks to small children, and never throw or point a firework toward people, animals, vehicles, structures or flammable materials. Always follow the instructions on the packaging.

Keep a supply of water close by as a precaution. Make sure the person lighting fireworks always wears eye protection.

Light only one firework at a time and never attempt to relight "a dud."

Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from children and pets.

**Grilling Safety**  
Grilling fires spark more than 10,000 home fires on average each year in the U.S. To avoid

this:

Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use. Don't add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already been ignited.

Never grill indoors — not in the house, camper, tent or any enclosed area.

Make sure everyone, stays away from the grill, including children and pets.

Keep the grill away from the house or anything that could catch fire.

Use the long-handled tools especially made for cooking on the grill.

#### Water Safety

Warmer weather means enjoying the water. Be "water smart," have swimming skills and know how to help others. This includes home pools — where young children are most at risk of drowning — and open water, such as ponds, rivers and lakes — where people are more likely to drown than any other location. With less access to lifeguarded aquatic facilities this summer, some may consider open water environments that are not designated for swimming.

Talk to your children, including older youth and teenagers, about water safety. A variety of resources are available at [redcross.org/water-safety](http://redcross.org/water-safety) and [redcross.org/watersafetyforkids](http://redcross.org/watersafetyforkids).

If you choose to take your family to the water, make sure the area is designated for swimming and has lifeguards on duty. Once there, maintain social distancing, both in and out of the water, between you and people who don't live with you.

Wear face coverings on land, especially when physical distancing is difficult. Do not wear them in the water as it may be difficult to breathe. Don't share goggles, nose clips, snorkels or other personal items.

Designate a water watcher whose sole responsibility is to supervise people during any in-water activity until the next person takes over.

Kiddie or inflatable pools can be a great way to have fun. Drain the water from the pool and flip it over after swim time is over.

**DOWNLOAD RED CROSS APPS** The Red Cross offers a series of free mobile apps to put lifesaving safety information in the palm of

your hand. Download these apps by searching for "American Red Cross" in your app store or at [redcross.org/apps](http://redcross.org/apps).

The Red Cross Swim App has water safety tips and resources for parents and caregivers along with child-friendly games, videos and quizzes.

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# Lifestyle

## Colorado under Fourth of July DUI enforcement period

**STATEWIDE** — While many Coloradans celebrate Fourth of July weekend, statewide law enforcement officers will keep their eyes out for impaired drivers. From July 2-6, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and local law enforcement agencies will conduct the Fourth of July DUI enforcement period to prevent impaired drivers from endangering themselves and others on the road. CDOT is also introducing a new campaign, Take Some Time, to encourage the use of smartphone breathalyzers as a way to prevent impaired driving.

So far in 2020, of the 215 fatalities on Colorado roads, 66 fa-

talities, or 31 percent, have involved an impaired driver. During the Fourth of July five-day DUI enforcement period, 73 law enforcement agencies will increase patrols. During last year's Fourth of July enforcement period, 311 DUI arrests were made.

"The Fourth of July is a moment when, together, we celebrate our country. While everyone is eager to get out and celebrate over the holiday weekend -- especially this year -- we have a duty to keep ourselves and each other safe at the same time," said CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew. "We tend to see more impaired driving around summer holidays like the one coming up, and this year it

is imperative that we all do our part to end that dangerous trend. The simple things we do to stay safe--wearing masks, social distancing, or getting a sober ride--are the fine margin between a fun holiday and a preventable disaster."

During the recent Summer Blitz enforcement period, 89 law enforcement agencies arrested 397 impaired drivers on Colorado roads from June 14-24. Compared to the 585 motorists cited for impaired driving during the same period in 2019, this was a decrease in total arrests. Among the participating law enforcement agencies, Colorado Springs, Denver and Loveland police departments reported the highest DUI ar-



rests. "Summer holidays are a reason to celebrate safely and responsibly," said Col. Matthew Packard, chief of CSP. "Planning a sober ride home beforehand ensures that you won't endanger yourself or others on the road. Law enforcement will always be on the road,

so remember to drive sober or not at all." Starting this weekend, Coloradans can expect to see CDOT's latest DUI prevention campaign across the state on billboards, buildings, in liquor stores, and on social media reminding people to wait the appropriate amount of time

between consuming alcohol and driving. CDOT's new Take Some Time campaign aims to educate and raise awareness of the time it takes for a person's BAC to return to zero after consuming alcohol. View and download the campaign creative here: [dropbox.com/sh/d7xzb8kd6j9sei/](https://dropbox.com/sh/d7xzb8kd6j9sei/)

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Public Notices

SECTION I ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TOWN OF SOUTH FORK

P.O. Box 369 South Fork, CO 81154 Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of Town of South Fork Municipal Water System - First Phase (Westerly System) will be received by the Town of South Fork at the mailing address of P.O. Box 369, South Fork, Colorado 81154 until 2:00 P.M. (local time) July 28th, 2020, and then publicly opened at the South Fork Community Building, 0254 US Hwy 149, South Fork, CO and read aloud.

This project consists of the installation of 35,600 linear feet of water distribution piping, installation of a water treatment building and pumping system, modification of an existing water treatment building, installation of two emergency stand-by generators, installation of service tap connections, and the installation of a new 120,000 gallon water storage tank.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations: Davis Engineering Service, Inc., 1314 11th Street, Alamosa CO Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of Davis Engineering Service, Inc. located at 1314 11th Street, P. O. Box 1840, Alamosa, Colorado 81101 upon payment of \$ 50.00 for digital copies or \$250.00 for full size paper copies. All inquiries can be directed to Clinton Phillips; phone number (719) 589-3004 ext. 115. No refund will be made for returned copies.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of Town of South Fork, negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total Bid shall be submitted with each Bid.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project, and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. (Davis Bacon Wages). In the event that the bidder anticipates hiring employees to work on this job, the bidder should contact the local manpower office for qualified candidates. (Section 3)

Prior to the awarding of the Contract, the Town of South Fork, Colorado may defer its decision for a period not to exceed (30) days from the date of the opening of Bids for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract.

Date: June 19th, 2020 Dan Hicks, Town Administrator No. 1498 Published in the Valley Courier on June 26, July 3, 10, and 17, 2020.

The Town of Sanford is accepting bids to complete a roofing project for two well houses. For more information please contact Tim Crowther at SanfordPW@outlook.com.

No. 1500 Published in the Valley Courier on June 24, 26, 27, 30, July 1, and 3, 2020.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing before the Conejos County Planning Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, 15, 2020 at 6:15 PM and a hearing before the Board of County Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 10:15 AM. The purpose of these hearings is to consider an application submitted by Kent Mortensen-Highland Cabinets for a Special Use Permit for a Cabinet Shop - Fabrication and Sales.

The property is zoned rural and is legally described as 8 Acres described as Lot 3 Replat of Arroyo Minor Subdivision located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 35 North, Range 9 East, NMPM, Conejos County Colorado. Parcel number 5721154000021. The full details of this application are available for public inspection. Call the Land Use Office 719-376-2014 for review procedures or submit a request by email to landuse@co.conejos.co.us. Any interested person may appear to be heard at the public meeting.

Linda DeHerrera, Conejos Land Use Administrator No. 1514 Published in the VALLEY COURIER on July 3, and 8, 2020.

Notice of Public Hearing on a Request for Variance to the Zoning Regulations of the Town of Blanca

Notice is hereby given that Sierra Grande School District has applied for a variance to the mobile home restrictions in the Zoning Regulations for the Town of Blanca for their property at 716 8th Street, otherwise known as Block 76 Lots 13 through 16 of the Town of Blanca. Notice is hereby given that Alan Johnson has applied for a variance to the mobile home restrictions in the Zoning Regulations for the Town of Blanca for their property at 1506 Broadway Ave, otherwise known as Block 13 Lots 10 through 12 of the Town of Blanca.

The request is to be heard by the Board of Adjustment for the Town of Blanca on July 14, 2020 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be at Blanca Town Hall, 801 Main Street. This is a public hearing. If any property owner in the area feels that this change will affect his/her neighboring property, he/she should come to testify at the public hearing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Town Hall at (719) 379-3461. /s/ Rayna Sanchez, Town Clerk/Zoning Administrator No. 1521 Published in the Valley Courier on July 3, 2020.

099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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163 LOST & FOUND

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221 HELP WANTED

SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting application for a Junior High Football coach. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools.org. Sanford School is and EOE&E.(7/3)

221 HELP WANTED

THE SAN LUIS Valley Regional Science Fair (SLV-RSF), a long-time, 504-©3 tax exempt organization, seeks an Executive Director. The duties include, but are not limited to, fund raising, coordinating with science teachers in the 14 SLV school Districts, the State and International Fairs. The Director is responsible for scheduling, organizing, and operating the SLV-RSF. The Director reports to the SLV-RSF Board of Director at monthly meetings. The deadline for applications is July 19, 2020 but will remain open until filled. Detailed information regarding the position and application materials is available from Dr. David Holm, SLV-RSF Board President at David.Holm@colostate.edu or 719-480-2511.(7/14)

SLV FEDERAL BANK is now accepting applications for a Loan Officer in our Monte Vista office. Applications and position descriptions are available at www.slvfed.com or at each branch location. Equal opportunity Employer, including considering individuals with Disabilities and Veterans/Affirmative Action Employer.(7/24)

THE SAN LUIS Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services has a teacher position for full time middle/high school special education teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Interested applicants should hold a valid Colorado Teacher License with a Special Education Endorsement or be eligible for a Temporary Educator Eligibility (TEE). Successful experience with working with students with special needs preferred. Application is available at the BOCES office or on-line www.slvbooces.org. Process requires application, letter of interest, and three current letters of reference. Send completed application process to Nita McAuliffe, Director of Exceptional Student Services, SLV BOCES, 2261 Enterprise Drive, Alamosa, CO 81101 or nmcauliffe@slvbooces.org. Application deadline is July 15, 2020 or until positions are filled.(7/24)

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221 HELP WANTED

THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for the following position: Technology Support Technician. Identify, analyze, troubleshoot and resolve technical service requests. Provide assistance on usability and functionality of software and hardware products. Identify, analyze, troubleshoot and resolve network connectivity issues. An AA degree or certification in Computer Science, MIS or Engineering, and at least 1-year related work experience preferred. Candidate must pass a background check, have reliable transportation and valid driver's license. Full time position, salary depending on experience \$17,000-\$18,000 per hour and full single health coverage included. Applications are available online at http://www.alamosa.k12.co.us/. For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.(7/11)

THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for the following position: Part-time District Health/Wellness Coordinator. Bachelor's or Master's Degree in Health and Wellness, Exercise Science, Healthy Lifestyles, Sports Management, or a related field. Possibility of expanding to full time if funding is available. Applications are available at the Office of the Superintendent, 209 Victoria Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101 or online at http://alamosa.k12.co.us. For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.(7/8)

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SANFORD SCHOOLS IS seeking a highly motivated Music/Band teacher to join our Team of great educators and instruct our talented students. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools.org. Position open until filled. Sanford Schools is an EOE & E.(7/21)

221 HELP WANTED

THE NORTH CONEJOS School District is accepting applications for (1) Secondary Math Teacher at Centauri High School. Applicant must hold a current Colorado Teaching License or be willing to work toward certification. NCSD offers a competitive salary, great discipline and environment for staff and students, and up to \$915 monthly towards health insurance. Application deadline is until position is filled. Applications are available at the District Administration Office, 17890 US Hwy 285, La Jara, CO 81101 or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. Submit application to Mr. Curt Wilson, Superintendent. EOE.(7/7)

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THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for the following position: School Nurse Minimum requirement: RN Required. Applications are available online at http://www.alamosa.k12.co.us. For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.(7/7)

THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for the following position at Alamosa High School for the 2020-2021 school year: Science Teacher Must possess a Colorado Teacher License and an endorsement in Secondary Science. 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.(7/15)

THE SIERRA GRANDE School District is accepting applications for an Elementary Pre-School Paraprofessional. Applicants should submit a completed application form, resume, copy of transcript to Mr. Manuel Montano, Elementary Principal, Sierra Grande School District, 17523 Hwy. 160, Blanca, CO 81123. Applications can be found on the District's website: www.sierragrandeschool.net. For more information please contact Mr. Manuel Montano, Elementary Principal at 719-379-3257 or 719-289-6111. Position open until filled. EOE.(7/3)

221 HELP WANTED

LOCAL FOODS LOCAL PLACES initiative seeks a part-time, seasonal mobile kitchen "MOKI" Coordinator. See full job description and how to apply at www.slvlocalfoods.org.(7/3)

THE TOWN OF Sanford is accepting applications for a Police Officer. Candidates must be Colorado POST certified and willing to submit to psychological, background, and criminal history checks. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, applications may be picked up at Sanford Town Hall, 390 Greenleaf Street on Mondays & Tuesdays.(7/3)

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THE SAN LUIS Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services has positions for full time behavior interventionists and/or counselors for the 2020-2021 school year. Interested applicants should hold a valid Colorado Special Service Provider License or Teacher License. Successful experience with working with students with behavioral needs preferred. Application is available at the BOCES office or on-line www.slvbooces.org. Process requires application, letter of interest, and three current letters of reference. Send completed application process to Nita McAuliffe, Director of Exceptional Student Services, SLV BOCES, 2261 Enterprise Drive, Alamosa, CO 81101 or nmcauliffe@slvboeces.org. Application deadline is July 6, 2020 or until positions are filled.(7/3)

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**ACROSS**

1 Soft leather

4 Suffix for silver or brass

8 Guy's date

11 Glass-maker — Lalique

12 Rubaiyat author

13 Regret

14 Cravings

15 Capable of (2 wds.)

16 Website clutter

17 Naval officers

19 Opposite of credit

21 Blushing

22 Fairway gizmo

23 Absolute

26 Served soup

29 Baltimore bard

30 Mild cheese

32 It runs on runners

34 Rugged cliff

36 Out callers

38 — Andreas Fault

39 She loved Lancelot

41 Princess topper

43 Natural elevs.

44 This, to Caesar

45 Judge's duds

48 Gift tie

52 Dinghy's need

53 Light brown

55 Missouri neighbor

56 Go downhill

57 Fact fudger

58 TV genie portrayer

59 Computer key

60 Low-tech coolers

61 Home tel.

**DOWN**

1 Eager

2 Motor lodges

3 Long for

4 Injure

5 Roadie gear

6 Hamelin pest

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REHIRE	ORNATE	
ALASKA	GEIGER	
CORKS	ZENO	
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MICE	EXAM	
SNOB	CST	UKES
BEES	DRAMA	
NATIVE	TEAPOT	
OPINES	ALLURE	
DRAGS	MISTY	

7 Eaten away

8 Clutch

9 BMW rival

10 Perchance

11 Whiskey grain

18 "Runaway Bride" co-star

20 Fish without scales

22 Fill a pipe

23 Checkout scan

24 Ran fast

25 Greenish-blue color

26 Flimsy, as an excuse

27 Designer — Schiaparelli

28 Pet name

31 Drab colors

33 Genetic material

35 Chess, e.g.

37 Stash the bags

40 In and of —

42 More yucky

44 Time periods

45 Ascended

46 Mighty trees

47 — -a-brac

48 Grain husks

49 Bump

50 Is in debt

51 Shoe color

54 Spy org.

## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

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## HERMAN

"It says, 'Your day will be greatly influenced by the planet Neptune.'"

## ALLEY OOP

TELL US EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED, GARG. WE'VE GOT TO FIND DINNY.

I JUST WOKE UP YESTERDAY MORNING AND HE WAS GONE.

HE DID LEAVE THIS NOTE, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT SAYS.

HMMM. IT'S JUST ONE OF HIS POEMS.

DON'T YOU HAVE SECURITY CAMERAS, OR AN ALARM SYSTEM? ANYTHING?

I LIVE IN A CAVE. I DON'T EVEN HAVE A DOOR.

## ARLO & JANIS

I KNEW YOU WOULD GET IT!

## BIG NATE

LISTEN, KIM, I'M JUST LOOKING TO HAVE SOME KIND OF ADVENTURE! I SAID NOTHING ABOUT ROMANCE!

AND WHY ARE YOU EVEN BRINGING IT UP? YOU'RE GOING OUT WITH CHESTER!

CHESTER HAS ABANDONED ME FOR THE SUMMER.

HE'S GONE AWAY TO ANGER MANAGEMENT CAMP, THUS UNWITTINGLY DRIVING ME INTO YOUR ARMS.

HE'LL BE DEVASTATED.

I KNOW HOW HE FEELS.

## THE BORN LOSER

MOM TAUGHT ME HOW TO COOK DINNER FOR US THIS EVENING!

IS THAT SO? WHAT DID SHE TEACH YOU?

TAKE THE FOOD OUT OF THE BOX, PUT IT IN THE MICRO-WAVE, SET THE TIMER, TURN IT ON, TAKE IT OUT WHEN IT'S DONE!

## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

THAT'S IT? THAT'S WHERE FIONA'S WORKING?

MUST BE HERE'S THE ADDRESS.

OH, WOW!

BUT SHE SAID IT WAS A QUANT LITTLE RESTAURANT ON A PICTURESQUE STREET!

IT IS.

## FRANK & ERNEST

COURT

THAT WAS DISAPPOINTING... THE JUDGE IS KNOWN FOR HER CONCISE PROSE, SO I EXPECTED A SHORT SENTENCE.

## GARFIELD

READY FOR LUNCH?

ALWAYS!

YOU WANT ME TO BRING IT BACK, DON'T YOU?

ALWAYS!

## THE GRIZZWELLS

EVERYTHING HAS CHANGED IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS

YEP, YOU'RE LOOKING AT A NEW NORM

NORM?! I THOUGHT YOUR NAME WAS GUNTHER!

APPARENTLY NOT EVERYTHING HAS CHANGED

## PEANUTS

PSST, MR. SACK... WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP SO EARLY?

I'M GOING OUT TO WATCH THE SUN RISE... IF IT'S THE SUN, I'LL KNOW I'M CURED... IF IT'S A BASEBALL, I'M STILL IN TROUBLE.

?? HE DIDN'T HAVE A SACK OVER HIS HEAD ???

HE IS OUR CAMP PRESIDENT ??

## Neighbor retreats into house after man's stunning request

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 60-year-old woman. My house is on a corner lot. Just about every time I walk outside, a male neighbor of mine stares at me. He looks like a hobo. I felt bad for him, so when he came to the edge of his yard, I asked him from my deck how he was doing because of the quarantine. He responded by telling me to wear a dress because he wants to have sex with me! I was stunned and went back into the house. I didn't know he was that crazy. Besides ignoring him, what if anything should I do? -- SHOCKED NEIGHBOR IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR NEIGHBOR: Because this was a one-time occurrence, it's possible your neighbor may have been "under the influence," or has mental health challenges or a touch of dementia. From now on, ignore him, avoid him and warn the other women in the neighborhood about what happened. If I were one of them, I would like to know. Other than that, there's not much you can do unless his behavior escalates and he becomes a nuisance. In that case, you may want to go online to the National Sex Offender Registry just to make sure your neighbor is not a registered sex offender. Then it will be time to file a police report.

DEAR ABBY: When for candy or chips. If I see a therapist is not

an option, I have found writing to be helpful. A cheap spiral-bound school notebook works great. The idea is to write at least one full page every day. Some days, all I can say is, "I don't want to write," but I fill that page anyway, so that the commitment is met. However, other days I find I can pour my heart out, unload the things that are hurting me, express my anger, resentments, disappointments and longings. Sometimes, while I'm waiting for the thoughts to come, an insight or solution will present itself. Because I'm afraid of my thoughts being found and read by someone else, I destroy each page after it's written. Names can be disguised. The simple act of getting those thoughts out of my head and onto paper helps to relieve stress tremendously. Just thought I'd share this with you. -- WRITING IT DOWN IN THE EAST

DEAR WRITING: Writing or journaling is a very effective way to organize one's thoughts and purge negative emotions. I'm glad you suggested it because I think it may help some of my readers. Thank you!

DEAR ABBY: I babysit my nieces and nephews. While we are grocery shopping and we get to the checkout, they'll ask for candy or chips. If I tell them no, it's usually



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

because they have already had a treat, it's too close to a meal or perhaps because they have misbehaved. What do I do when the person behind me offers to buy it for me? I know they assume I refused because I don't have the money, and they are trying to be helpful. Saying, "No, thank you," just upsets the child when he or she knows someone wanted to buy them a treat. Any ideas? -- NO MEANS NO IN GEORGIA

DEAR NO MEANS NO: Instead of just saying, "No, thank you," to the person making the offer, explain the reason for your refusal as you have explained it to me. That way, the well-meaning stranger understands that you are not short of funds, and your nieces and nephews hear the reason as well.