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Governor Polis announces statewide mask order

DENVER — Governor Jared Polis announced a Statewide mask order on Thursday, directing Coloradans to wear a face-covering while indoors. This Executive Order has since gone into effect midnight Friday morning. The Governor also provided an update on the State's response to COVID-19. "Wearing a mask is an easy and highly effective way to significantly reduce the spread of COVID-19. The more we wear masks, the safer we will be and

the stronger our economy will grow," said Governor Jared Polis. "Unfortunately, this pandemic is far from over, cases are up, and we have to find a way to live sustainably while protecting ourselves and those around us. Masks are the ticket to the Colorado we love and a critical part of supporting Colorado's economy and prosperity. The best way to support Colorado workers and businesses right now is to wear a mask. I've said this from

the beginning, and it's still true today: together, we will get through this." The Governor was joined by Denver Mayor Michael Hancock, Aurora Mayor Mike Coffman, and State Epidemiologist Dr. Rachel Herlihy at the announcement. Coloradans older than 10 years old must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when entering or moving within any public indoor space. A public indoor space is defined as any enclosed

indoor area that is publicly or privately owned, managed or operated to which individuals have access by right or by invitation, expressed or implied, and that is accessible to the public, serves as a place of employment, or is an entity providing services. Public Indoor Space does not mean a person's residence, including a room in a motel or hotel or a residential room for students at an

educational facility. This includes wearing a face covering while using or waiting to use the services of any taxi, bus, light rail, train, car service, ride-sharing or similar service, or Mass Transportation Operations. Individuals 10 years old and younger, and those who cannot medically tolerate a face covering are exempt from this Executive Order.
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Intersection improvements commence at US 160 and CO 17 in Alamosa



An improvement project is underway to improve the intersection of US Highway 160 and CO Highway 17. Upgrades to the intersection include a new traffic signal that will replace stop signs currently at this location.

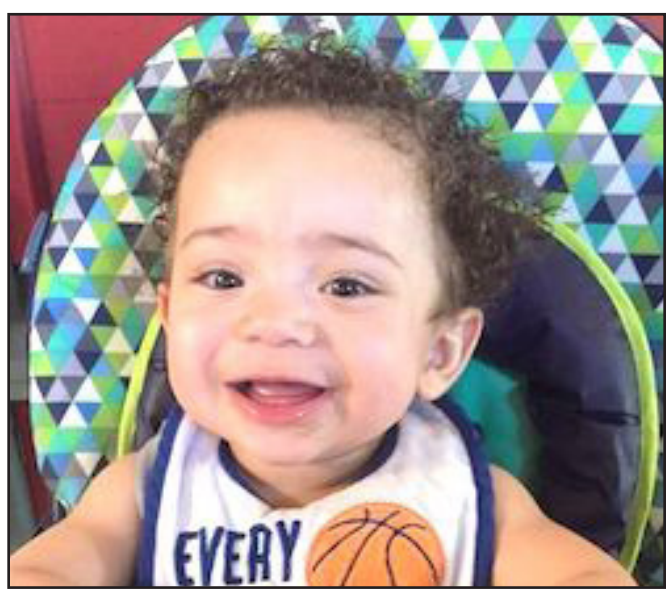
ALAMOSA — The Colorado Department of Transportation and crews with prime contractor, Concrete Works of Colorado, recently began a project to improve the intersection of US Highway 160 and CO Highway 17. Upgrades to the intersection include a new traffic signal that will replace stop signs currently at this location. The new signal will include universal push buttons and indicators for pedestrians. Curb ramps will also be constructed in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, which has been a statewide initiative for CDOT since 2018.

A primary goal of the project is full-depth reconstruction of the intersection including several feet of the approaches in all four directions. Deteriorating asphalt will be removed and upgraded with concrete pavement. Additionally, a new storm sewer system will improve drainage. Work also includes utility relocation. PROJECT SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC IMPACTS The intersection improvement project is scheduled from July to the first part of December in a two-phase process. During phase one, lasting until mid-September, turn lanes on US 160 will see a full-time, 24-7

closure. Vehicles will be funneled into one access point in both directions, east and west. Travelers can expect congestion and delays during this time period. Phase two of the project will move to the north on CO 17 with the same type of work and will continue through October. The remainder of the project, through December, will focus on removing asphalt and replacing it with concrete at the intersection. Working hours during both phases of the project will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. In special cases, these hours may be extended or weekend work may be necessary. Throughout the duration of the project, motorists will encounter one-lane closures as well as turn-lane closures. There will be much work activity on the shoulders of the highways at the intersection. The traveling public is urged to drive cautiously through the work zone. PROJECT INFORMATION The public is encouraged to sign up for notifications to stay informed. Subscribe to updates by contacting the project hotline phone number at: 970-903-9785 or emailing US160CO17@gmail.com. Additional information can be found on

the website: www.codot.gov/projects/us160-co17-alamosa-intersection. For statewide projects visit www.COtrip.org. REMEMBER: SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE The following tips are to help you stay safe while traveling through maintenance and construction work zones. Do not speed in work zones. Obey the posted speed limits. Stay Alert! Expect the unexpected. Watch for workers. Drive with caution. Expect delays, especially during peak travel times. Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you. Anticipate lane shifts and merge when directed to do so. Avoid using mobile devices such as phones while driving in work zones. Turn on headlights so that workers and other drivers can see you. Be especially alert at night while driving in work zones. Be patient! COVID-19 Safe transportation infrastructure is essential for emergency first responders and freight drivers as Colorado navigates the COVID-19 pandemic.
■ See US 160 page 3

Fort Garland tyke is June's 'Cutest Baby'



Christian Dion Tovar
Courtesy photo

ALAMOSA - Just before his first birthday, Christian Dion Tovar of Fort Garland was voted the "Cutest Baby" for the month of June in an online contest sponsored by San Luis Health and the Valley Courier. Born on July 4, 2019,

Christian is the son of Christopher Dion Tovar and Kayla Marie M. Maes. His grandparents are Brian Tovar and Shiner Tovar, and John "Quincy" Maes and Bernadette Trujillo. To enter a baby in the July contest, go to www.alamosanews.com

Valley COVID update

SAN LUIS VALLEY - Three new cases for the SLV were reported since Wednesday, two from Alamosa County and 1 from Conejos County. The total number of cumulative cases as of Thursday was 462. There were 25 known active cases in our region. Numbers are updated weekdays at http://www.slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/ In a press briefing today, Governor Polis announced an executive order mandating that individuals over the age of 10 must wear a mask in indoor public spaces unless the person has a disability or condition that prevents them from wearing a mask. This order will be effective at midnight tonight, 7/16/2020. Jill Hunsaker Ryan, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Department says, "Cases are rising sharply across the state, and evidence has shown that requiring masks helps slow the spread of COVID-19."

For more information, see https://covid19.colorado.gov/mask-guidance. For testing of symptomatic individuals only, call: Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990 SLV Health 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 (M-F), 719-589-2562 (Sa/Su) Upcoming clinics: Tuesday, July 21 from 8-11 at Mountain Valley School parking lot in Saguache. Call on Monday to make an appointment: 719-587-2901. Antibody testing is now being offered by SLV Health. Call 719-274-6021 or 719-587-1226. For general (non-medical) SLV COVID-19 related questions: slvepr@alamosacounty.org, 719-480-8719

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OBITUARIES

Jonathan G Woodman



ALAMOSA— It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Jonathan G Woodman, 64, of Alamosa, CO. Jon was born March 2nd, 1956 in Denver, CO to Stanley and Annabelle (Dieckman) Woodman. Shortly after his birth, his family moved to Alamosa, traveling with him and his mom in the back of the pickup.

And so his adventures began. He loved his childhood, making memories with his siblings and friends on Berkley Ave, where his dad built the two houses that they lived in. Then, in 1963 when Jon was 7 they moved to the country, living on County Rd 10 S, in the Waverly area for many years. When Jon was 12, his oldest brother and best friend, Steve, went away to college and two weeks later was never heard from again.

For two very long years, his family looked for him. Finally, his remains were found in the mountains above Salt Lake City. This was not an outcome that Jon or his family was hoping for and this affected him his entire life. He always missed his brother Steve and was sure they would have remained best friends into adulthood had they been given the chance.

During those two years that Steve was missing, Jon experienced another trauma. He was helping his uncle drill a well and lost his footing, falling backward and getting his hand caught in the gears of the pump. It crushed his hand and all four of his fingers on his right hand had to be amputated. It was a hard adjustment for a boy his age to make because that was his dominant hand. He was being forced to write with his left hand, which was no easy task and caused him to fall behind in school. One day, an uncle

asked him if he could just fit the pencil between his thumb and the knuckle on his index finger on his injured right hand. He tried it and there was no stopping him at that point. Although that time of his life was tough for him, he figured out how to make it a positive experience and moved on.

He was asked by a teacher at one point what he wanted to do when he grew up. He told her that he wanted to be a truck driver. She told him he couldn't do that because he only had one hand and he would need them both to drive a semi-truck. Well, that was the motivation he needed to finalize his plans for his future.

When he graduated from high school he left the valley and went to work driving trucks in Texas for Ashton Trucking and then for Ralph Owens. The stories of those days stayed fresh in Jon's mind. It was some of the best times in his life. It was then when he met his first wife and mother of his children, Dana. The two of them decided that they would like to get married and they moved back to Alamosa, CO, and were married and started their family. Before his first child, Shawnee was born, he and his dad were flown to Wyoming by Butch Southway and Jon picked up his new 1978

359 Peterbilt truck. It was his pride and joy, other than his family. His mom even wrote a poem about him and his "Big Yellow Peterbilt". He drove his truck over 2 million miles, making lifelong friends along the way and raising his kids in the sleeper, instilling the same work ethic and love of Peterbilt trucks in them that they still value today. As the years went on, he became tired of being away from home so he decided to stop trucking over the road and came back to Alamosa where he ran the Alamosa County Landfill for a few years collecting treasures that had become other people's junk. He then started his own construction business after a few years. He ran a successful business for several years, building many reservoirs, roads, cleaning ditches, building pads, etc. He was a very skilled equipment operator and had made a reputation for himself because of it. The past several years he was asked to come to work for both Absmeier Landscaping & Construction and Rocky Mountain Septic where his skills in both mechanics and equipment operation were an asset to both companies.

During that time he and Dana divorced but remained good friends. A few years later he married Cathy, staying together for several years but unfortunately, their marriage also ended in divorce. He met Beth in 2004 and they were together until his passing. He was truly loved by all of them and each share memories of Jon that everybody can forever cherish.

He had 5 of his own children that he loved very much- Shawnee, Jonathan who passed away shortly after birth, Brandon, Dustin and Daniel (Boone), and step-children Shane, Brandi,

Cody and McKenna.

He loved to tell the story about Shawnee when she was learning to color and was in the sleeper of the truck. He would hit a bump and she would get mad and tell him, "Jon! Stop hitting the bumps!" Nothing made him more proud than when he and Brandon and Dustin worked together on the equipment and showed their skills running the scrapers as a team. He had shown them how to run the equipment when they were 10 & 12 which was something he liked to brag about. He also had 6 grandkids - Matthew, Chanel, Cody, Landon, Lia and Ali and 5 step grandkids- Brooke, Stephanie, Kane and Blade and Christina who he was always ready to share a story, tell them a joke or ensure that they knew what was important in life- Dodge, Peterbilt, Caterpillar and family- not necessarily in that order.

If somebody was asked to describe Jon most people would say that he was a forever friend, loved his family, would help anybody anytime he could, was a skilled equipment operator, was always ornery, loved to tell stories from his past, tried to tell a joke- but not very well, oftentimes telling the punchline at the beginning, and could sit around and "shoot the bull" for hours on end, making people laugh at his silly stories. He was a very talented artist, drawing perfectly detailed sketches of semi-trucks and Caterpillar equipment. He was a huge fan of the old Big Boy Trains and loved to go to the Forney Museum in Denver where they had one on display. He could sit and watch videos of the old trains just going down the tracks, Caterpillar equip-

ment actually moving dirt and Peterbilt trucks hauling cattle! He almost always had a comment or critique about how it could have been done better and if anybody knew, it was Jon. And one thing is for sure, you didn't know Jon Woodman if you never got the chance to drink coffee with him in his underwear!

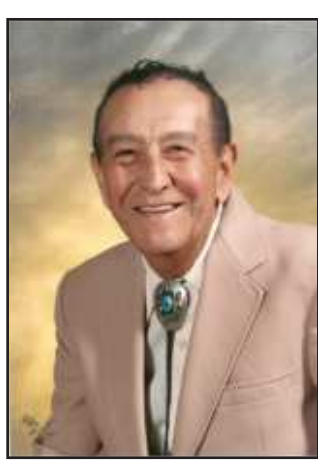
Jon is preceded in death by his older brother Steve and his infant son, Jonathan. He is survived by his parents Stanley and Annabelle Woodman of CO, his sister Camilla Guymon (Ron) of Washington, brothers David Woodman of California, Jim Woodman Arizona, his daughter, Shawnee (Adrian), his sons Brandon (Arlene), Dustin, and Daniel all of CO, and step-children Cody and McKenna (James) of CO. He is also survived by his grandchildren Matthew of New Mexico, Chanel and Cody both of CO, Landon of Tennessee, Lia of Texas and Ali of CO and step-grandchildren Brooke & Stephanie, Kane and Blade, Lacie, Alexa, Taylor, Rylee and Makayla, and Christina. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Jon will be laid to rest next to his brother Steve and his infant son, Jonathan at a private family ceremony at Rito Alto Cemetery on Saturday, July 18, 2020. If anybody has any questions they can contact one of the family members. Jon didn't like to be sad and always wanted people to be happy. Nothing would make him happier than to have people come, wearing Wrangler jeans and cowboy boots, and tell stories about him and his adventures, laugh and have a good time. He will be with us enjoying the day.

Albert DeHerrera

ALAMOSA — Albert DeHerrera, 89, passed away peacefully at his home with his loving family by his side. Albert came into the world on April 3, 1931, in Ortiz, Colorado, the son of Antonio DeHerrera and Censionita Vigil DeHerrera. Albert worked for the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad for many years, he was an extremely hard worker. He married the love of his life, Eva Pauline Jaramillo, on June 16, 1955.

They shared a long, happy and loving union until his passing. Albert was a skilled craftsman, he loved building things and work with his hands. He was also devoted to helping with church activities and ushering for the church.



Above all, Albert was a family man and cherished any and all time he was able to spend with family and friends.

He will live on through his loving wife Eva DeHerrera of Alamosa, CO; daughter Shirley (Dennis)

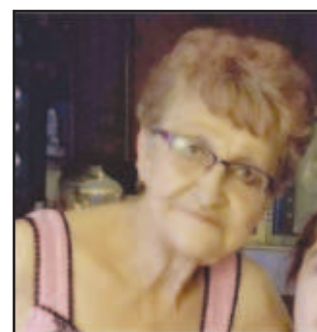
Carey of Pueblo, CO; sons Arnold (Debra) DeHerrera and Dennis DeHerrera both of Alamosa, CO and a very special niece Monica Montoya.

Albert was preceded in death by his parents Antonio and Censionita DeHerrera, sisters El-oisa Gallegos, Timia Manzanares, brothers Celedon DeHerrera, Solio DeHerrera, Tony DeHerrera and Juan DeHerrera.

A Graveside Service was held and a funeral service will be held at a later date. To leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements have been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

ALAMOSA — Rose Marie Mendosa, 79, went home to be with the Lord on June 1, 2020, peacefully at her home with her loving husband and daughter Amanda by her side. Rose came into the world on September 19, 1940, in Las Cruces, New Mexico, the daughter of Jose M. Trujillo and Maria Adela Pelon Trujillo. United in marriage to Arthur Mendosa on August 11, 1972. She devoted her life to caring for her family. Rose was an exceptional wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. She enjoyed cooking, doing crossword puzzles, watching western movies, going for drives, and above all spending time with her grandchildren and family.

Survivors include her



husband Arther Louis Mendosa of Alamosa, CO; daughters Mary (Carlos) Lopez, Donna Mendosa, Amanda Mendoza all of Alamosa, CO; Patricia Gurule of Romeo, CO; Brenda (Emery) Lucero of Pueblo, CO; Naomi Mendosa of Denver, CO; sons Nicholas (Brenda) Mondragon, Jesse Mondragon (Robert Johnson), Gerald (Rita) Lobato all of Antonito, CO; Gabriel (Barbara) Lobato of Denver, CO; Don Mendosa of Alamosa, CO;

24 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren; sisters Sandra Hernandez, Theresa (Phillip) Trujillo of Antonito, CO; brothers Ray (Lourdes) Trujillo of Alamosa, CO; Alberto Trujillo of Denver, CO; Leroy Trujillo and Wayne (Nicole) Trujillo of Antonito, CO. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Rose was preceded in death by her parents Jose and Adela Trujillo, son David Floyd, sister Bernadette Jacquez, brother George Trujillo, grandchildren Susie Gurule-Espinoza, Alexandra Mondragon, Brian Mondragon, and nephew Jeremy Trujillo.

A memorial service will be held on July 18, 2020, at 11:00 AM at "Our Lady of Guadalupe" church in Conejos, CO.

PENDING OBITUARIES

Paige Marie Hall

COLORADO SPRINGS — Paige Marie Hall, 2 days old, passed away on Wednesday July 15, 2020 at St Francis Medical Center in Colorado Springs. Paige was born on July 13, 2020 to Aaron Hall and Casandra Bisson. Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the services.

Albert Cordova

DEL NORTE — Albert Cordova passed away on July 16, 2020. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista.

Rito Hondo dam is leaking

CREEDE — A reported landslide last weekend near the dam of Rito Hondo, about 35 miles west of here in Hinsdale County, has forced Colorado Parks and Wildlife to drain the lake further.

Joe Lewandowski, southwest regional public information officer for CPW, said staff went to inspect the dam and found damage and evidence that it was leaking in the "groin" area where the dam

structure meets the natural slope. The reservoir level had been lowered during the last few years to do some repair work because the dam is old.

Staff opened the outlet gate to allow it to drain slowly into North Clear Creek so that a thorough inspection can be made. It will have to be repaired before it can be filled in again, but there is no schedule for that yet, Lewandowski said.

Rito Hondo Reservoir State Wildlife Area



Brown due back in court in September

STAFF REPORT

ALAMOSA— Shem Brown, 26, of Monte Vista, has made multiple appearances court for the murder of Mathius Fritz, 40, of Alamosa Aug. 9, 2018. Monday July 13th was his latest, appearing in a virtual courtroom.

Both District Attorney Robert Willett and defense attorney stated that a plea agreement had been reached but that they could not enter into that agreement on Monday. Brown is due back in court on September, 8th for a review hearing That is a couple weeks ahead of Robert Martinez's trial setting, who is also being tried for the murder of Fritz.

Gibbs being charged with murder

STAFF REPORT

ALAMOSA — On July 16, 2020, at 11 a.m., Eric Gibbs had his first appearance in front of Judge Daniel Walz. The charges brought against Gibbs are as follows: first degree murder, second degree murder, first degree murder after deliberation, tampering with deceased human body, and tampering with physical evidence.

Judge Walz scheduled Gibbs' bond hearing for Mon. July 20, at 9 a.m. Gibbs' preliminary hearing is set for Aug. 19, at 9 a.m.

The Alamosa Police Department was notified of a missing person report on June 29, 2020. The missing person was identified as Michael Padilla, a 41-year-old Alamosa resident. On July 3, after much work and collaboration, the APD located the body on property at 220 San Juan Ave. Alamosa County Coroner has identified the body as Mr. Padilla. APD is now investigating this case as a homicide. The investigation is ongoing and information will be released accordingly.

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Valley News

Rio Grande Basin Roundtable meeting

By MEG COLWELL
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — On July 14, the Inter Basin Compact Committee Basin Roundtables met at 2 p.m. and revisited projects and plans discussed at their previous meeting. Among these were a funding request for the Conejos River Partnership Project (CRPP), a Basin Implementation Plan (BIP) Update (BIP), and the 2019 Forest Health Report (FHR). This meeting also had exciting guests, Virginia Sargent & Conor J. May. These Colorado University—Boulder students presented a 'History of Water Export Threats in the SLV.' This presentation is extremely relevant, as groups are still working to export the Valley's water at whatever cost.

Emma Reesor, Executive Director of the Rio Grande

Headwaters Restoration Project (RGHRP), presented the CRPP Funding Request. Her team has researched priorities to improve the river, developing a plan to tackle these main issues: Diversion infrastructure inventory, channel instability and riparian restoration, and aquatic connectivity. A motion was passed to grant Reesor's funding request and the motion passed unanimously.

Daniel Boyes, Project Coordinator for the RGHRP, spearheaded the BIP update; which members would vote on via email, at a later date. The main priority has been the Projects List, in which the status of old and existing projects are updated. This is a critical step to the overall restoration project, so pending projects can be prioritized. The team aims to have all projects

updated by the end of July. The 2019 FHR was led by Adam Moore, Supervisory Forester of Communication & Communities. His presentation covered recent projects, forest health statistics, and updates on insect activity and disease progression. Colorado citizens' high outdoor recreation rate — 92% in 2019 — helps the State Forest Service maintain healthy forests and provide the community with lots of jobs. Moore emphasized forest health matters, acknowledging Colorado is 'the nation's water tower.' Thanks to melting snowpacks, Colorado helps meet the water needs of 19 states. Additionally, forest health helps to minimize air pollution, recycle water, generate oxygen, control soil erosion, and increase soil fertility.

In the last 20 years, over 50% of Colorado forests have

been impacted by wildfire, insects, or disease. Notable pests in the Valley include the Spruce Beetle and the Western Spruce Budworm. In good news, last year's avalanches and snowmelt created an environment incompatible for the insects; resulting in less insect activity. In more good news, the Forest Service's website now has a feature permitting visitors to interact with this information. One can view a map of the San Luis Valley and examine insect activity in the region. One can even compare activity by county.

Moore ended by reminding everyone: partnerships maximize our impact. He gave a shout-out to the Shared Stewardship Initiative and the Rocky Mountain Restoration

Initiative. The CU students gave a thorough, yet brief presentation on the SLV's history of water exportation. The presentation covered the hydrology structures relevant to water laws. Then, the pair walked through the legal history of water exportation legislation; beginning in the early 1990's and going all the way up to 2015.

As stated, this is relevant today, as at this very July 14 meeting; General Manager, Cleave Simpson warned the group Renewable Water Resources has amped up their campaign to privatize the SLV's water. Simpson warned of misinformed advertisements and an entire website, all built of falsehoods regarding the supposed

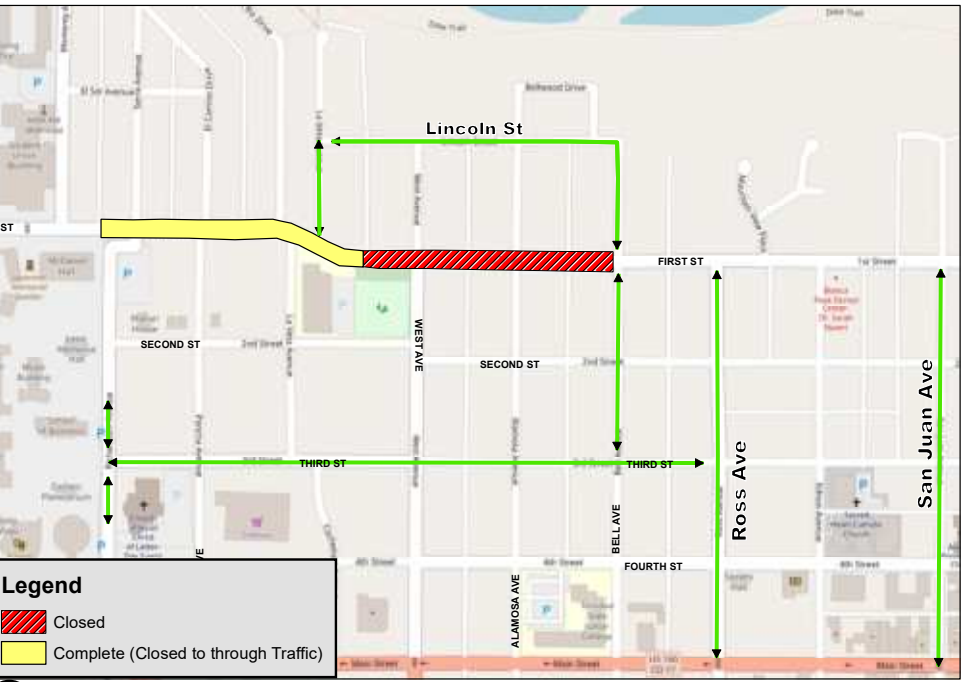
excess of water under the SLV. The group also announced the 2020 Rio Grande State of the Basin Symposium — on July 28, 2020 — will be held virtually. See Adams State University's press release for more information.

The meeting ended with a grim update from Colorado Division of Water Resources (DWR) Craig Cotton, who warned of severely low water levels in every single stream, creek, and river in the region. While the rest of the year is forecasted as dry and hot, Cotton urged everyone to hope for rain. Just after the meeting ended, a rain shower came through.

The next roundtable meeting will be August 11, at 2 p.m. Location TBD.

First Street reconstruction update

ALAMOSA — Starting Monday, July 20, 2020, First Street from Monterey Avenue to La Veta Avenue will reopen, but there is no thru traffic at this time. Phase 3 will be starting on Monday July 20th which means First Street from east of La Veta to Bell will be closed. Map attached.



City Market makes masks mandatory

ALAMOSA — According to the CDC, wearing a facial covering, combined with social distancing and frequent handwashing, has been scientifically proven to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Starting July 22, City Market will require all customers in all locations when shopping in store, joining associates who continue to wear masks. As an employer, grocery provider and community partner, City Market feels a responsibility to help keep associates, customers and communities safe. They are taking this extra step now because they recognize additional precautions are needed to protect Colorado communities.

City Market's most ur-



gent priority throughout the COVID-19 pandemic has been to provide a safe environment for associates and customers while meeting their societal obligation to provide open stores, ecommerce solutions and an efficiently operating supply chain so that our communities have access to fresh, affordable food and essentials.

City Market respects and acknowledges that some customers, due to medical reasons, may not be able to wear a mask (small children are exempt). Those custom-

ers are encouraged to consider an alternative option like a face shield or facial covering. If they're unable to wear a mask or an alternative design, it is requested that they use City Market's ecommerce services like pickup or delivery. To support all households during the COVID-19 pandemic, grocery pickup service at City Market remains free (generally a \$4.95 fee).

City Market thanks associates and customers for doing their part to slow down the spread of COVID-19.

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With that in mind, construction continues on CDOT projects with social distancing and other health safety measures to reduce COVID-19 exposure on the worksite. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment announced guidelines for construction activities. The public is urged to join the campaign for #DoingMyPartCO and practice social distancing, wear face masks, stay at home when possible, and avoid nonessential travel. With fewer vehicles on the roads, CDOT crews will be able to work more efficiently and safely.

WHOLE SYSTEM. WHOLE SAFETY. Last year, CDOT announced its Whole System — Whole Safety initiative to heighten safety awareness. This initiative takes a systematic statewide approach to safety combining the benefits of CDOT's programs that address driving behaviors, our built environment and the organization's operations. The goal is to improve the safety of Colorado's transportation network by reducing the rate and severity of crashes and improving the safety of all transportation modes. The program has one simple mission—to get everyone

home safely. ABOUT CDOT CDOT has approximately 3,000 employees located throughout Colorado, and manages more than 23,000 lane miles of highway and 3,429 bridges. CDOT also manages grant partnerships with a range of other agencies, including metropolitan planning organizations, local governments and airports. It also administers Bustang, the state-owned and operated inter-regional express service. Gov. Jared Polis has charged CDOT to further build on the state's multimodal mobility options.

Mask

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Individuals performing the following activities are also exempt from the requirements of the Executive Order while the activity is being performed:

- Individuals who are hearing impaired or otherwise disabled or who are communicating with someone who is hearing impaired or otherwise disabled and where the ability to see the mouth is essential to communication;
- Individuals who are seated at a food service establishment;
- Individuals who are exercising alone or with others from the individual's household and a face covering would interfere with the activity;
- Individuals who are receiving a personal service where the temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service;
- Individuals who enter a business or receive services and are asked to temporarily remove a face covering for identification purposes;
- Individuals who are actively engaged in a public safety role such as law enforcement, firefighters, or emergency medical personnel;
- Individuals who are officiating at a religious service; or
- Individuals who are giving a speech for broadcast or an audience.

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Counties that certify for Protect Our Neighbors may choose to become exempt.

The Governor also announced that the State is going to put a two-week pause on issuing any new variances to counties in the State. CDPHE is having conversations with counties who already have variances but have fallen out of compliance by recording higher levels of the virus than permitted by their variances. These counties must take urgent mitigation steps to suppress the virus or they risk losing their variances. This is the prudent thing to do at this moment in time as Colorado gathers more data about the behavior of this virus.

Read the full Executive Order. Learn more by reading the FAQ document and by visiting <https://covid19.colorado.gov/mask-guidance>. View the Governor's presentation.

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Opinion

Artists of the San Luis Valley

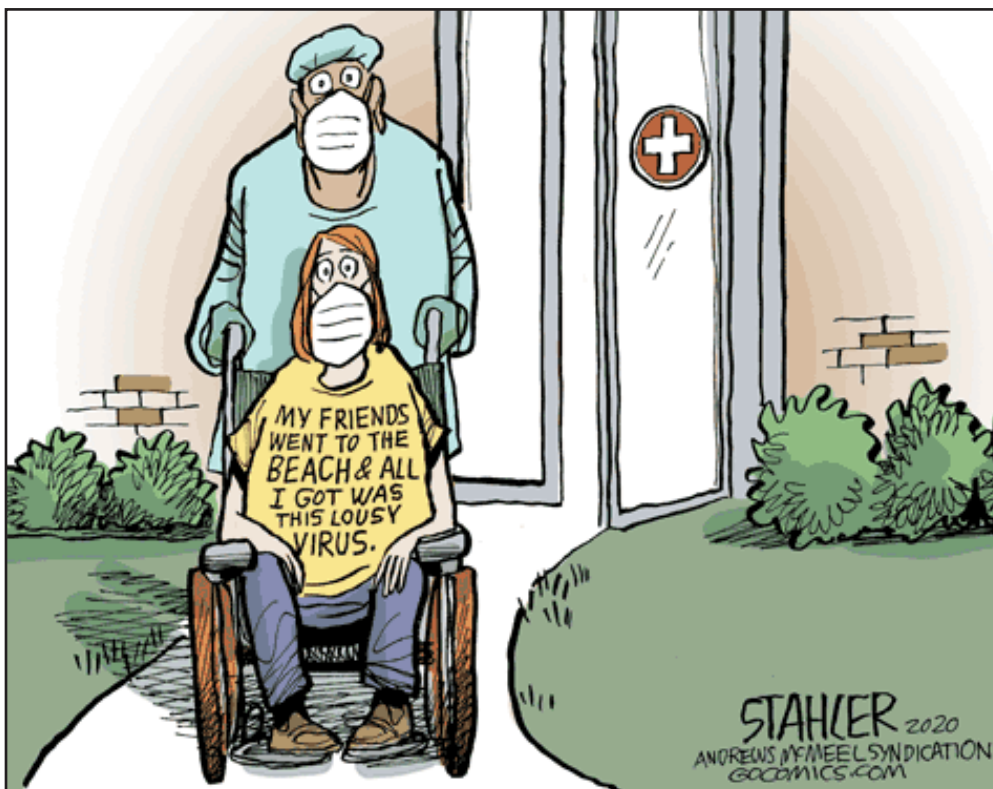
This week's feature might be familiar to Alamosa residents, as Kris Gosar is both an Adams State professor and long-time Valley resident. His family owns the Gosar Ranch Natural Foods and Mountain Mama Milling, distributing Mount Mama flour and Gosar sausage. Additionally, Gosar has helped design some of Alamosa's most beloved businesses. The Courier is pleased to present a bit of his career and history.

"I'm originally from Phoenix, born in 1961. My dad was a farmer, classical violinist, racecar driver, entrepreneur, and rebel. My mother is exceptional also. She is an incredible cook and gardener. I was just really fortunate to be born into this family. It is through their spirit and their exposure to really interesting people through my life, that I owe so much of my artistic drive and vision."

Gosar says he cannot remember a time when he was not drawing. Like many of our previous features, Gosar began drawing forms from life. He credits his wonderful grade-school teachers and bubblegum card imagery with helping him fine-tune his illustration skills. His talent has continued to land him teaching positions; beginning in junior high, when a teacher asked him to teach the art class.

In search of clean ground to start an organic farm, Gosar's family moved from Arizona to Colorado. Here, he acquired a formal education in art, at Adams State and in architecture, at CU Boulder. Eventually, a professor encouraged Gosar to apply to the prestigious Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California. He was accepted and graduated with honors, in illustration and graphic design.

Gosar wanted to raise a family and believed the San Luis Valley to be a beautiful place to do just that. He began working on the Gosar Ranch and actually drifted away from the



art world once more. That is, until he had a life-changing experience with his father.

While cleaning the chimney, his father slipped and fell off the roof. In doing so, he crushed both legs and broke his arm – ending his violin career.

Gosar helped his father heal and continued working the family business. But he was all too aware of the cruel fact that his father, a classical violinist, lost his ability to play in the blink of an eye. He reflected on all of his education and skills and decided to quit the family business, so he could pursue whatever creative opportunities came his way.

This led him to helping design logos, signage, and buildings for various clients; including: SLV Brewery, the Roast, and Kristi's Mountain Sports. Gosar returned to Adams to further his graphic design education and was offered a teaching position, which he has resided in for the past 20 years.

"I found painting portraits and getting in touch with the people of the Valley here – all of these interesting and wonderful people – is something I am really passionate about and I love painting them."

"When you paint a portrait, it is one thing to be caught up with painting what's in front of you. But when you move to painting a feeling, of how that person makes you feel, or the feeling the person is giving off, is really where the gold lies for me."

Examining Gosar's work, one can really see how he has tuned in to the emotional aspect of the painting session. To model for a room of artists, or an individual artist, is an incredibly charged and vulnerable experience. It is important for the artist to recognize and respect that. If the artist can go a step further and tap into that energy, good work almost always follows.

"I try and be really honest with my marks. I don't like to overwork my pieces. I like to paint in the moment, fairly quickly, and not labor over the painting. I think, through time, the paintings lose their life, if you continue to use a smaller and smaller brush and having it look like a photograph. It's just not my direction. I admire people who can do that, but it isn't for me."

Looking ahead, Gosar stated: "As you can kind of figure out, I've got a ton of iron in the fire." He continues to work his family business and is currently design-

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Meg Colwell



ing the 1874 Distillery in Del Norte. Gosar also has paintings in Creede's CWaters Gallery. "It is a tremendous opportunity to see your pieces in a place where the owner cares so much about her artists. It is just the best gallery situation I could ever imagine."

It was a pleasure to learn about Gosar's many skills, and how they were woven together to develop his rich career.

We've come a long way baby!

Today, I can recall when computers were a dream out of science fiction or some other figment of someone's imagination. Heck, we didn't have electric typewriters.

My dad bought me a small Royal, declaring that it was portable and easier to handle than the big ones in the high school business lab. I managed to acquire a round eraser with a brush attached and it was full steam ahead until the ribbon needed changing.

It was red on top and black on the bottom and I spent the next several days with tri-colored hands, but it was installed.

I asked the high school typing teacher why the two colors and he said not to worry about it, only use the black

A cousin who came to visit saw himself as west coast wonderful and said he was seeing a girl who had a typewriter with black keys and a white strip that could be used to type over the mistakes, thus correcting them.

I didn't get one. Papers were written for classes and I learned to be more accurate.

When I was finished with college, I thought I could process words on anything.

Process words? Someone who knew how to spell and use punctuation could still be stymied, so I prayed. Did the Almighty have a typing class or was it the work of the fella downstairs?

My old editor was a military hardened writer, knew Ernie Pyle and had stories typed on his old Royal printed in magazines.

His idea of teaching was to give assignments and expect them to be done by a set deadline, and then criticize loudly.

We had IBM Selectrics that made writing a little easier, but he stuck with his old Royal.

Then came the day when each of us had a small computer which would put copy on a flat disc that we would place in a special rack.

Doc's hatred was both loud and profane. Electronics would be the

death of the newspaper.

He hated proofreading the strips of copy with a blue pen, making us do our own corrections and sending them to the back shop for final printing.

As time passed, Doc began doing copy on his computer and edited the material on the discs, eliminating one step.

It didn't go gently into tomorrow and we would swear in front of people.

I already could, so I would just ignore him.

"You're going to make it in journalism," he said on a calm afternoon. "You're almost shockproof."

My dad had a mouth on him and so did my sailor brother, so I had no problem with an unexpected tirade.

Until the day I went overboard on a story. Doc ran the copy out and held it above his head. He was more than six feet tall and my copy was about six inches longer.

This isn't "War and Peace," he yelled.

"And it's about a city council meet-

ing," he said, tossing me my disc and the copy he had gone over.

I called it up on screen and rewrote it, taking out at least seven feet.

The mayor called and said he was harmed. All of his quotes should have been left in,

He loved listening to himself and swore the whole community wanted to read his deathless prose. In addition to me, 10 people were at the meeting.

Doc told him they didn't and warned me to expect a basket of skunkweed.

Today, more than 45 years later, I never got so much as a nastygram from the mayor.

As I watch TV newscasters double down on every mistake, making it worse, while the White House discounts everything that doesn't make the president look like St. Peter, I realize Doc was teaching us to be accurate and how to determine what was fact and fiction.

And I wonder, in this quiet, well-behaved newsroom, what he'd have to say about it now?

"Kee-rist, Where are the ashtrays and who do those people think they are?"

Native Writes



Sylvia Lobato

Understanding Evapotranspiration

Managing water is key to growing crops in the San Luis Valley. We provide water through irrigation to grow the multitude of crops we do in our high mountain desert. Knowing evapotranspiration (ET) rates can help irrigators know when they need to irrigate or when they can conserve water.

With the lack of winter moisture and rainfall this spring, access to reliable ET values is critical for the sustainable management of our water resources. Now, more than ever, it is easy to receive local crop ET values delivered directly to your cellphone. The source of these ET values is the Colorado Agricultural Meteorological Network (CoAgMet) system which is administered through

Colorado State University (CSU). Now, CSU is making it easy for farmers to access local ET values by way of a text messaging service. This is a FREE service and takes only a few minutes to create a profile that will deliver personalized crop ET values for your specific crop from the nearest CoAgMet weather station.

Whether you are interested in irrigation scheduling, or simply wish to stretch your water a little farther, ET based irrigation management is a great choice for improving the efficiency of irrigated systems. If you have any questions, or would like any help, please contact: Blake Osborn, Water Resources Specialist, blake.osborn@colostate.edu or (719) 545-1845.

Eye on Extension



Marvin Reynolds

For more information on crop water use and the ET Stations, contact Blake Osborn, Water Resource Specialist, CSU Extension at blake.osborn@colostate.edu or the Colorado State University Extension Office in Monte Vista at 719-852-7381. Please feel free to visit our website at: http://sanluisvalley.colostate.edu for information about services provided. Extension programs are available to all without discrimination. Colorado State University Extension, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Colorado counties cooperating.

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Religion

Is it time to add 'The Great' to 'St. John Paul II'?

As he began his 1979 pilgrimage through Poland, Pope John Paul II preached a soaring sermon that was fiercely Catholic, yet full of affection for his homeland.

For Communist leaders, the fact that the former Archbishop of Krakow linked faith to national pride was pure heresy. The pope joyfully claimed divine authority to challenge atheism and the government's efforts to reshape Polish culture.

"Man cannot be fully understood without Christ," John Paul II told 290,000 people at a Mass in Warsaw's Victory Square. "He cannot understand who he is, nor what his true dignity is, nor what his vocation is, nor what his final end is. ... Christ cannot be kept out of the history of man in any part of the globe, at any longitude or latitude of geography."

That was bad enough. Then he added: "It is therefore impossible without Christ to understand the history of the Polish nation. ... If we reject this key to understanding our nation, we lay ourselves open to a substantial misunderstanding. We no longer understand ourselves."

This was the stuff of sainthood, and John Paul II received that title soon after his 26-year pontificate ended. But the global impact of that 1979 sermon is a perfect example of why many Catholics believe it's time

to attach another title to his name -- "the great."

"The informal title 'the great' is not one that is formally granted by the church," explained historian Matthew Bunson, author of "The Pope Encyclopedia: An A to Z of the Holy See."

"Every saint who is also a pope is not hailed as 'the great,' but the popes who have been called 'the great' are all saints. ... When you hear that title, you are dealing with both the love of the faithful for this saint and the judgment of history."

In the case of John Paul II, mourners chanted "Santo subito!" ("Saint now!") and waved posters with that slogan at his funeral. During a Mass only 13 hours after his death, Cardinal Angelo Sodano spoke of "John Paul, indeed, John Paul the Great."

When he was chosen to succeed John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI's first words to the crowd in St. Peter's Square were, "After the great pope ..."

Discussions of attaching "the great" to this saint's title were jumpstarted by a recent letter from Benedict XVI that marked the centenary of the birth, in the Polish town of Wadowice, of the man who would become John Paul II.

"The word 'saint' indicates God's sphere, and the word 'great,' the human dimension," wrote Benedict.

The term "great" is harder to define, he added, and in the "course of the almost 2,000-year-long history of the papacy, the title 'the great' has been maintained only for two popes: Leo I (440-461) and Gregory I (590-604). In the case of both, the word 'great' has a political connotation, but precisely because something of the mystery of God himself becomes visible through their political success."

In both of those cases, Bunson said, the future of Rome and the Roman world were at risk -- with Leo dealing with Attila the Hun, while Gregory faced the invading forces of the Lombards. Pope Gregory the Great also produced epic works of theology, especially on the liturgy and the work of bishops.

"With that in mind, just look at the dramatic life of John Paul II," Bunson said. "You start with his underground work against the Nazis,

then all the ways that he stood up to Communism during the Cold War. Finally, there are his encyclicals opposing the existential threat of postmodernism -- what he called the 'culture of death' -- to the value of the human person."

In his letter, Benedict XVI quoted the famous words of Russia's Joseph Stalin, who asked, considering Europe's future: "How many divisions does the pope have?"

As it turned out, Pope John Paul II was more than a worthy opponent.

"Let us leave open the question of whether the epithet 'the great' will prevail or not," noted the retired pope. "It is true that God's power and goodness have become visible to all of us in John Paul II. In a time when the Church is again suffering from the oppression of evil, he is for us a sign of hope and confidence."

On Religion



Terry Mattingly

Bible Digest



Friday, July 17, 2020

"Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all delusion of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." (2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 AKJV)

When we reject the truth there is only one alternative left and that is the lie. Think it over.

Saturday, July 18, 2020

"Teach me your way, O LORD; I will walk in your truth: unite my heart to fear your name." (Psalms 86:11 AKJV)

We need to pray that God will give us an undivided heart. This would solve a lot of our problems.

Sunday, July 19, 2020

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out." (1 Timothy 6:6-7 AKJV)

Are you content? See above.

Monday, July 20, 2020

"But the Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and keep you from evil." (2 Thessalonians 3:3 AKJV)

The Lord can lead us in His ways which are holy. Let's follow Him.

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

"Ah Lord GOD! behold, you have made the heaven and the earth by your great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for you." (Jeremiah 32:17 AKJV)

Amen! God is able.

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

"For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." (1 Timothy 6:10 AKJV)

Money is not the answer. In fact, the love of it is the problem.

Thursday, July 23, 2020

"For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat." (2 Thessalonians 3:10 AKJV)

Work is an honor and a privilege and is ordained by God.

Cultivate Faith for an Amazing Life



Faith in God is a foundational principle of the Bible. It's the key to experiencing the promises we find in God's Word. For example, Jesus tells us in John 10:10 that the enemy "comes only to steal and kill and destroy," and that He came so we can "have life, and have it to the full" (NIV).

Being a Christian is not about a "brand" of religion; it's all about having abundant life through a personal, intimate relationship with God. That's a life we can enjoy!

But we can't have this life unless we know what the Bible says and receive it by faith.

Romans 12:3 (NKJV) says that "God has dealt to each one a measure of faith." Every person has faith; the question is what are you putting your faith in?

Is your faith in yourself, your friends, or the government? Who, or what, do you really trust to make your life work out the way it should?

When a person puts their faith in Christ for salvation, they trust that Jesus has done everything that needs to be done for them to be forgiven of their sin and make them right with God. Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV) says, "For it is by grace you have been saved through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."

The same way we're saved—believing and trusting in what Christ has done—is the same way we're supposed to live: by faith!

So how do we live by faith, or release our faith, to experience the promises of God?

I remember when I was going to church every week but I didn't have any idea about the blessings God had for me as a believer in Christ. I wasn't benefitting from any of them because I didn't know what they were, and I didn't have a clue that I could release my faith to have them.

But when I began to seriously study

God's Word, I discovered what was available to me through Christ and how to release my faith to receive what He wants to give me. That's when God began to do amazing things in my life: healing my soul from the horrible abuse in my past; restoring my hope that I could have a great life, not a second-rate plan because I was "damaged goods"; and taking me from miserable and full of self-pity to having real joy and peace in my soul.

The key to effectively releasing your faith is basing your faith on God's Word. That's why it's so important to diligently study the Bible. It's absolutely full of all the blessings Jesus bought and paid for with His blood. We need to devour the Bible and remind ourselves every day of how much God has done for us.

For example, Jeremiah 29:11 says God has "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (NIV). God loves you and He has a good plan for you...but it's not just going to happen on its own. You have to release your faith to have it.

Faith is a powerful force in your spirit, and when you use it, that's when things happen. You have to do something, say something, pray something—take some kind of action based on what you believe God has put in your heart.

Many years ago, when I felt like God wanted me to begin teaching a Bible study, I didn't have any idea how to do it. But I had a deep desire to help people and teach them God's Word.

My initial reaction was, "Who is going to come? Nobody knows me... nobody cares what I have to say. And I don't know how to teach!" The Lord spoke to my heart and said, "I do." So my first step was to say, "Okay, I'll do it." My next step was to invite some people...and oddly enough, they said yes!

Those were steps of faith for me. I could have been so afraid of failure,

my weaknesses and inability, that I wouldn't even try. I had to "step out and find out" if this was really God's direction for me.

That first Bible study consisted of 12 people; that group grew to 25, and as I continued, it eventually led us to start the ministry we have today.

I want to encourage you not to settle for a passive existence ruled by fear of failure, change, rejection or anything else. Instead, be determined to have everything God has for you.

Pray about the desires in your heart, or ask God to show you what He has planned for you. When you have an idea, pray for specific wisdom to take a step...to take action based on your faith in God.

If you really want to have the life God has for you, you will have to take a chance—you'll have to step out and find out. Choose to put your faith in God because that's when amazing things will begin to happen for you!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's two teaching CD set *What Is Faith and How Does It Work?* You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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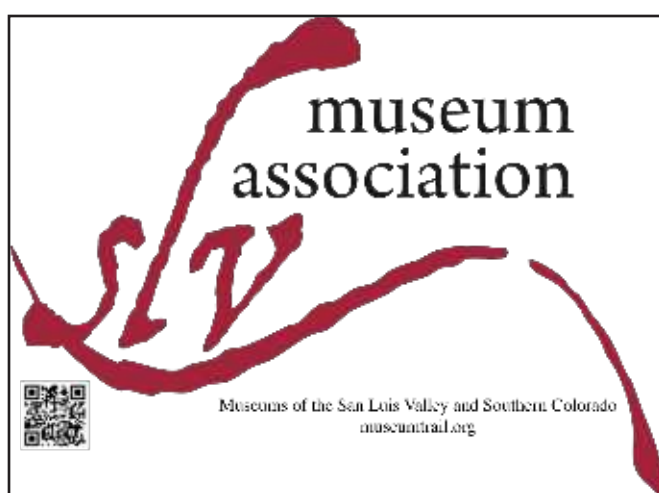
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Lifestyle

Coming Soon! Driving tour app for Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic Byway

ALAMOSA— The San Luis Valley Museum Association (SLVMA) received \$17,000 in funding to develop a self-guided audio driving tour for the Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic and Historic Byway. \$10,000 of the funding was awarded to the SLVMA from the Colorado Tourism Office as a Tourism Development grant and \$7,000 from the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area to provide for a Spanish language version of the app. Additional funding was also graciously provided by the Alamosa Marketing District, SLV Federal

Bank, SLV Tourism Association and the Rio Grande County Tourism. You won't believe your ears! The free driving tour is a TravelStorys app bringing to life stories of generations of Hispano heritage, pioneers, settlers, geography, and agriculture along these ancient roads. Local personalities have also been employed as well. Some of the stories are being read by the voices of Representative Donald Valdez, Costilla County Commissioner Lawrence Pacheco, Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman and Mrs. Bessie Konishi.



Travel along the Antiguos/Ancient roads of the Los Caminos Antiguos Byway and learn about its story, your story! Stay tuned for the launch.

CML points to survey in call to Colorado's delegation for action on revenue stabilization

DENVER—A recent survey of Colorado Municipal League (CML) members found that almost 80% of respondents are anticipating a general fund shortfall for 2020. The survey was conducted between June 30 and July 8, and 99 municipalities responded. The average anticipated general fund reduction reported was 17%, with the actual dollar amount ranging from thousands of dollars to hundreds of millions of dollars. For 57% of respondents, this is a lesser general fund reduction than estimated earlier in the pandemic. The average reduction estimated in an initial April survey that CML conducted in partnership with the Department of Local Affairs was 21%.

Of those who offered estimates of a general fund decrease: 11% municipalities anticipate a loss > \$1000 per capita. (8% of total respondents) 53% anticipate a loss > \$100 and < \$1000 per capita. (39% of total respondents) 36% anticipate a loss < \$100 per capita. (26% of total respondents)

Other revenue sources that have seen a decrease include: lodging taxes, reported by 59% of respondents; licenses and permitting fees, 40%; utility charges and fees, 39%; and other taxes, 34%.

Municipalities are bracing themselves for continued financial losses, including those for whom summer months typically see the most tourism, and those whose winter ski seasons could be entirely canceled should another wave occur in winter 2020/2021. Also concerning is the future of local economies as the recession continues; the increased federal aid to individuals who have lost their jobs ends; and restaurants, bars, or other businesses permanently close. These ripple effects could further impact the revenue sources listed above, as well as property taxes.

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"Cities and towns provide essential services for nearly four and a half million residents in Colorado — including police, fire and sanitation — and they are the engine of the American economy. The survey confirms what we hear from municipalities every day. COVID-19 has the potential to devastate local budgets even more so than the 2008 Great Recession did and could lead to long-term changes in municipal service delivery, permanent reductions in staff levels, deferred maintenance of existing municipal infrastructure, and future projects cancelled or delayed," said CML Executive Director Kevin Bommer.

"Investing in local governments, regardless of size, has a stimulating effect on the entire American economy," Bommer continued. "Municipalities provide the environment for businesses to thrive and allow residents to

make a good living. Federal action is crucially important to ensure that municipal service delivery continues to be what residents need and expect. The League is calling upon Colorado's delegation in Congress to support meaningful stabilization legislation and demand leadership on both sides of the aisle come together to get it done."

Of responding municipalities: 43% reported a decrease in sales/use tax revenue in March, as compared to 2019; 48% reported a decrease in April; and 44% reported a decrease in May.

Approximately 10% of respondents reported that their sales tax revenue dropped by more than a third each month between March and May. The municipalities that saw no decline or even an increase in sales tax give credit to taxes brought in by essential businesses such as grocery stores, wholesale club stores, and hardware stores, as well as the sales tax now being collected from online sales that municipalities could not collect previously.

REC office closed to the public

MONTE VISTA— In order to effectively comply with Governor Jared Polis's Executive Order, SLV REC and Ciello's office will once again be closing to the public through Aug. 15. If the Executive Order is extended, REC will reevaluate at that time. There are many other convenient ways

to make a payment: Call 877.760.7468 (available 24/7); dropbox located outside of REC headquarters, online at SLVREC.com or Ciello.com, mail to PO Box 3625, Monte Vista, CO 81144 or drop off at one of the following local banks: First Southwest, Community and Del Norte Banks.

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Lifestyle

Wertz resigns as Interim Public Health Director

Cites lack of support

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

RIO GRANDE COUNTY — According to Rio Grande Board of County Commissioner Chairman John Noffsler, Interim Public Health Director Paul Wertz turned in his resignation during an executive session Wednesday, July 8, and then quit without notice the following day via email.

“We held an executive session to discuss the needs of the Public Health Department and were presented with a list of demands and ultimatums; and then Paul chose to quit without notice the next day. We, as a board, were only just hearing of the needs of the department and feel that we were responding as quickly as we heard of the issues which mainly have to do with the need for additional personnel and funding. We requested a list of needs and were working on accommodating those needs when he decided to quit.”

The email from Wertz dated July 9, 2020, and sent at 8 a.m. stated, “After our meeting yesterday and much thought, I have concluded that I do not have the board’s

support. Therefore I hereby resign as Interim Director of Public Health, effective immediately.” Wertz is quoted as stating that he felt he did not have the support of the board to efficiently do his job as Interim Public Health Director. During a work session held Monday, July 13, the board discussed the department’s needs with Public Health Nurse Dianne Koshak and Grant Management Administrator Toni Steffens-Steward.

Koshak explained the dire need of additional medical professionals, i.e., additional nurses and regular staff in order to devote time to the COVID-19 contact tracing and implored the board to hire at least one nurse to help with caseloads. The board quickly agreed and asked that an advertisement for an additional nurse be placed in as many employment platforms as possible.

The board then turned to Steffens-Steward for comment on how she could potentially help with administrative needs while the county takes the time to find an adequate Public Health Director. “Let me begin by expressing my concerns and then we can discuss what I can do for the department. First off, I think that the board

should not hire a director right away. I think it is important to take the time to find someone who is going to stay. The Public Health employees and nurses are overwhelmed, and I think getting someone who may just leave will only add to the stress rather than fix it.”

Steffens-Steward continued to state that they needed to schedule a meeting to sit down and discuss all of the funding that passes through the department due to the fact that almost all of the funding that aids Public Health and its programs comes from grants. “I am really excited to begin working on grant management and get things organized for our county. I can take on some of the administrative duties that the Interim Director position would have for the time being and I would ask that the board would allow me performing these duties for at least six months while we look for a qualified director.”

The board opted to make an administrative decision during the work session to place Steffens-Steward into an administrative position in the Public Health Department and to begin the process of stabilizing the department while they seek additional nurses, staff and ultimately a new director.

Trinidad State plans face-to-face reopening on August 17

By **GREG BOYCE**

After months of planning, Trinidad State has announced a plan to reopen its Trinidad and Alamosa Campuses with face-to-face instruction for the fall semester.

“Face-to-face instruction provides the best learning opportunities for our students,” said Trinidad State President Dr. Rhonda M. Epper. “We believe we can balance student and staff health needs with a great learning experience if we are diligent in our efforts. Our plan makes many changes to our normal operations, though if necessary, we will adjust as the health environment dictates.”

Both the Trinidad and Valley campuses will be open for face-to-face instruction as scheduled on August 17. In addition, we will continue to offer our students the opportunity to attend classes in hybrid and online formats for those who prefer those methods due to the current health climate.

Students, faculty and staff will be asked to self-monitor and report any COVID-19 symptoms. This will be facilitated through a symptom self-report entered via a web form. Athletes will be monitored daily by coaching and athletics staff.

Symptom checklists and instructions on the proper course of action when indicators are present will be available to students and employees. A training video will be posted.

Thermometers will be made available to members of our campus community to test for the presence of fever and to monitor personal temperatures.

Student seating in classrooms will follow a plan that adheres to six-foot social distancing and seating limited to 50 percent of the room’s occupancy limit.

Students will be required to wear face coverings when attending classes and in public spaces, and will be notified that failure to comply with social distancing and/or face covering requirements will result in a conduct violation.

Faculty will wear either a clear face shield or mask when teaching unless there is a distance of 25 feet or greater.

Sharing of equipment and other resources will be limited wherever possible.

Group gatherings outside of class, social or otherwise, will be restricted unless preapproved.

Heightened cleaning and disinfecting of our facilities will be implemented.

(Seats, handrails, doors, doorknobs, and door handles in each room sanitized before and after each class. Restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected every two hours.)

Hand sanitizer will be placed at the entry of all buildings.

Sanitization supplies for cleaning will be available in classrooms for students and faculty to use as needed.

Student and staff interaction in common spaces (e.g., hallways) will be limited as much as possible.

Ventilation of classroom and office spaces will follow OSHA guidance.

Signs will be placed at the entry point of all buildings to remind students and employees of the mask, self-symptom check, and social distancing requirements, as well as a reminder not to enter the building if exhibiting any symptoms of illness.

All face-to-face and hybrid classes will move to online instruction following Thanksgiving Break. Students will attend classes following a regular schedule through Wednesday, November 25 with the remainder of the semester being delivered virtually for most classes. Certain Career and Technical (hands-on) classes may require students to return to campus after the break, but every effort will be made to minimize this necessity.

Residence halls will be single occupant only this fall. All residence hall students will adhere to a pre-arrival quarantine and be tested for COVID-19 prior to check-in.

Trinidad State is following just-released guidelines from the National Junior College Athletic Association. The NJCAA has decided to postpone fall sports contests that put athletes in close proximity to one another. At Trinidad State these sports include soccer, volleyball and basketball. Cross Country will compete, though with various health protocols in place. The teams that cannot compete will spend the semester in practice and scrimmage sessions. Teams will be considered a “family unit” and will not have to wear face masks while near each other.

Trinidad State plans to isolate sick individuals from our general population and to direct them to appropriate medical personnel. Symptomatic students will be isolated and employees will be directed to remain at home until advised by a medical professional that it is safe to return to campus.

Trinidad State has published a quarantine/isolation plan should any students

or employees test positive for COVID-19 during the course of the fall semester.

These policies may be adjusted as conditions change.

The college has outlined many other scenarios and these plans have been approved by the appropriate health officials in Trinidad and the San Luis Valley.

“We have tried to foresee issues students and staff may face and we’re confident we can adjust as the need arises,” said Epper.

The entire plan can be seen at trinidadstate.edu/alert.

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- Education: **College graduate**
- Gender: **Slightly more female readership**

Data gathered from Ad Age, American Press Institute, Gallup, Newspaper Association of America, Nielsen and Pew Research Center

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221 HELP WANTED

THE TOWN OF Manassa is now accepting applications for a police officer position.

You may pick up applications at the Town Hall in Manassa Monday - Wednesday 8-4.(7/28)

THE SAN LUIS Valley Local Foods Coalition is seeking a RGFP Program Director to manage and implement Rio Grande Farm Park programs and operations. Job description available at www.slvlocalfoods.org. Please submit Resume and Cover Letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com by July 31st. Questions call 719-937-2319.(7/25)

SANGRE DE CRISTO School District is seeking an assistant HS Football coach for the 2020/2021 season. Applications may be downloaded from sdc.schoolsok.net. For more information contact Dave Curtis at 719-378-2321 or 719-588-8185.(8/5)

WANTED PAINTER AT least 1-year experience. Wages based on experience. Call 719-588-0996.(7/24)

HIRING AUTO AND diesel mechanics. Email edagenterpriseinc@gmail.com for application or pick up at Everything Auto and Diesel, 701 Spruce, La Jara.(8/4)

THE SAGUACHE COUNTY Land Use Office is accepting applications for a full time Saguache County Code Enforcement Officer. Applicants must have a valid Colorado Divers License, must pass a criminal background check as well as a pre-employment drug test. Applications will be accepted until filled. Applications and job descriptions may be found on www.saguachecounty.net or may be emailed to you, please contact April Quintana at 719-655-2231. Saguache County is an equal opportunity employer.(8/7)

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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)

SANFORDSCHOOLS 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)

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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.slvbores.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 nmauliffe@slvbores.org. Application deadline is July 15, 2020 or until positions are filled.(7/24)

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MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for two Middle School Football Coaches, a Middle School Volleyball Coach, and a Middle Schools Boys' Basketball Coach. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application <http://www2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>, by July 8, 2020, or until the positions are filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996.(7/21)

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YARD SALE - athletic equipment, table saw, lathe, tools, plumbing and electrical parts, alternative energy, crafts supplies, and more. 1414 2nd St. Alamosa. Saturday, July 18.(7/18)

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 - 14 A Guthrie
 - 15 Gosh!
 - 16 Pierce portrayer
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 - 22 Loved one
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ALLEY OOP

Panel 1: "HAVE YOU EVER HAD ANY PETS, DOC?"

Panel 2: "WELL, THERE'S YOU AND DOOLA..."

Panel 3: "...UH..."

Panel 4: "...WHOM I'D LIKE TO TELL ALL ABOUT THE... HAMSTER I HAD AS A KID."

ARLO & JANIS

Panel 1: Arlo and Janis talking.

Panel 2: Arlo says "SORRY, TOM!"

Panel 3: Arlo says "BUTT DIAL!"

BIG NATE

Panel 1: "YOU'RE GONNA TRY TO RING THE BELL? GRAMPS, YOU'RE 80!"

Panel 2: "SO WHAT? I'M FIT AS A FIDDLE!"

Panel 3: "REMEMBER, BOY, AGE IS ONLY A NUMBER!"

Panel 4: "SO IS BLOOD PRESSURE. I JUST GOT DIZZY."

THE BORN LOSER

Panel 1: "THE EXTENDED FORECAST CALLS FOR A STRONG PROBABILITY OF THUNDERSTORMS AND FLOODING EVERY DAY THROUGH NEXT WEEKEND..."

Panel 2: "SIGH... IT NEVER FAILS..."

Panel 3: "NO MATTER WHEN I PLAN MY VACATION FOR, IT ALWAYS COINCIDES WITH MONSOON SEASON!"

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

Panel 1: "WELL, IT'S 9 O'CLOCK. MICHAEL SHOULD JUST ABOUT BE AT BEV AND DAN'S PLACE NOW."

Panel 2: "OH... MARTHA CALLED. SHE WANTED THEIR PHONE NUMBER AN' ADDRESS SO SHE CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM."

Panel 3: "SIGH. DON'T WORRY/EL. MIKE'S NOT GOING TO SETTLE DOWN YET! THIS SUMMER HE'LL PROBABLY MEET A WHOLE HORDE OF ELIGIBLE FEMALES!!"

Panel 4: "AND THIS HERE'S GERTRUDE ROSE AN' HERMIONE!"

FRANK & ERNEST

Panel 1: "ICE CREAM"

Panel 2: "CAKES"

Panel 3: "PIES"

Panel 4: "FOOD TRUCKS SERVING SWEETS COME OUT AT NIGHT."

Panel 5: "THE STREETS ARE DESERTED AFTER DARK!"

GARFIELD

Panel 1: "INSTEAD OF HAVING MY CAR PAINTED..."

Panel 2: "I'M THINKING OF GOING WITH WALLPAPER"

Panel 3: "DO YOU LIKE THIS FLORAL PATTERN?"

Panel 4: "LIZ! BLINK!"

THE GRIZZWELLS

Panel 1: "I'M SO BUMMED... SOMEONE ASKED JASMINE OUT AND SHE REJECTED THEM"

Panel 2: "WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?"

Panel 3: "I THOUGHT I HAD EXCLUSIVITY FOR THAT!"

PEANUTS

Panel 1: "MARCIE, WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU? WHY'D YOU MISS THAT ONE?"

Panel 2: "I'M NOT IN THE GAME... I DON'T EVEN PLAY BASEBALL, SIR..."

Panel 3: "WELL, IF YOU HAD BEEN PLAYING, YOU SHOULD'VE HAD THAT ONE!"

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HERMAN

"Old Rex has been in the family for as far back as I can remember."

Son-in-law refuses to stop driving after having seizures

DEAR ABBY: My son-in-law was diagnosed with epilepsy 25 years ago. He typically has two or three seizures a year. He has seen a neurologist on and off over the years, but he has not been to the doctor for his medications in several years. He works in the medical field and gets his meds from the doctors he works with.

He recently had a seizure after dropping one of his children off at an appointment. Fortunately, the child wasn't in the car when he wrecked it. My question is, how involved should I be? Should I confront him? Unfortunately, my grandchild reached out to her dad's mother. Her answer was she would pay for spine alignments for him. Did I mention he refuses to stop driving?

I'm extremely concerned about the well-being of my daughter and four grandchildren and the lives of others on the roads who could be injured or killed as a result of his actions. Do I have a right to be involved? My friends and other family members tell me there is nothing I can do. -- FRIGHTENED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR FRIGHTENED: Your son-in-law should not be taking medications for his epilepsy from doctors who are not intimately involved with his care. If the accident didn't serve as a wakeup call to talk to his doctor, it should have.

Consider contacting your auto insurance company and

asking what can be done about an epileptic motorist who is prone to seizures several times a year while still driving. If you can't find guidance there, the state police where your son-in-law lives might be interested in what you have to say.

Your daughter and her family have been lucky so far not to have been seriously injured, but they may not always be. The only thing you should NOT do is stay silent.

DEAR ABBY: Over the last several years I have learned the value of counseling, which helped me deal with years of undiagnosed depression. I overcame my preconceived notions about therapy, and I'm happier now than I have ever been because I was able to let go of tons of burdens I carried from my past. It has been a wonderful and life-changing experience.

One of my relatives has mentioned several times that she has a very strained relationship with her mom. I can't think of a nicer family, so I have never understood what could have caused this rift.

On Mother's Day, I saw several social media posts from people celebrating their mothers, expressing how much they love them and how much they appreciate all their mothers have done for them. My relative posted something along the lines of, "My goal in life is mine was" and some other



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

things that demonstrated her disdain for her mother.

When I saw the post, my heart ached for her mom, but my heart ached for my relative even more. It seems she carries so much hurt in her heart, and I wonder if she could benefit from therapy as I have, but I don't know how to suggest it. I am afraid of hurting her feelings or getting her upset with me. How should I approach this? -- HELPING OUT IN IDAHO

DEAR HELPING: Approach it by telling your relative you saw her post and were struck by the pain she must be feeling to have put something like that online for all the world to see. Explain about the baggage that therapy helped you to overcome in your own life and what a difference it has made for you. Then offer her your therapist's phone number.