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ALAMOSA — Schools of the San Luis Valley, please submit the details of your 2020 graduation to the Valley Courier at news@alamosanews.com to help get the word out to family and friends on how they can safely view their seniors finalize their high school experience.

Pre-orders only

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Community Greenhouse will celebrate spring by holding their annual plant sale. Due to COVID, they will not host an open house this year. Instead, plant pre-orders will be taken via Facebook Messenger or by emailing AlamosaCommunityGreenhouse@gmail.com.

For further information, call Jan Oen, 719-480-4771.



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## Cesar E. Chavez Family Medical Center to host drive in testing

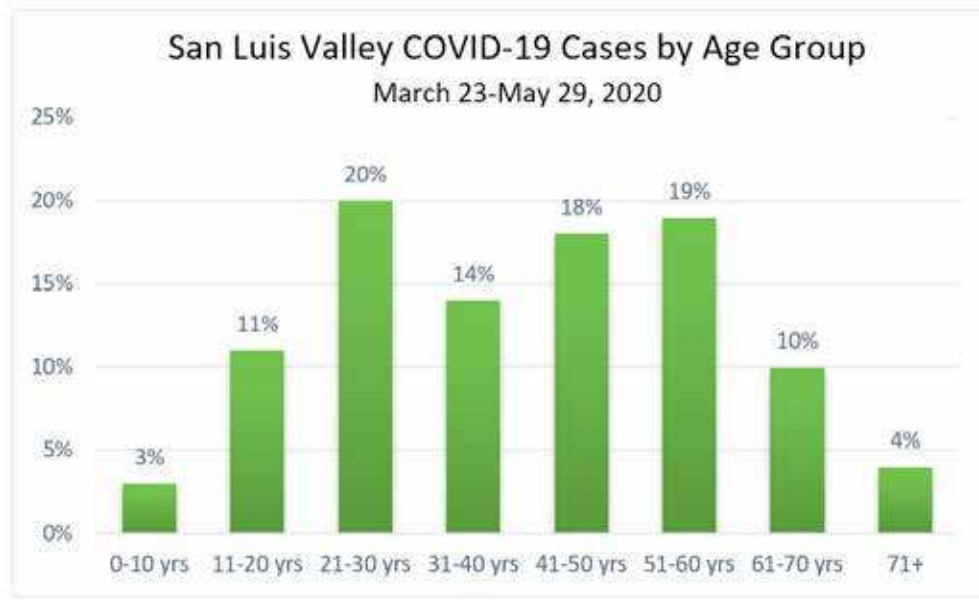
SAN LUIS VALLEY — Case count update: Twenty-three new cases were confirmed in the San Luis Valley since Friday. New cases by county: Alamosa, 11; Conejos, 1; Rio Grande, 8; Saguache, 3, the total cumulative count to date for the region is 220.

Cases in the San Luis Valley have been broadly distributed across age groups, with those over age 60 representing only 14% of the total cases. This is a positive indicator that those over 60 have been diligent in staying home and away from others,

and that long term care facilities have also been doing a great job.

Given that COVID-19 is currently on the rise in the region, it is encouraged that everyone to continue the good habits developed over the past two months: wash your hands frequently, keep physical distance from others and wear a cloth face covering to avoid spreading the virus, and stay home as much as you can, especially if you are over 65 or have underlying health conditions.

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## Riparian Park honored by Lottery

ALAMOSA — Alamosa's Riparian Park was recently recognized as one of 11 projects to receive the Colorado Lottery Starburst Award for excellence in the use of Lottery funds for community and conservation projects in 2020.

Nearly \$5 million in Lottery funds are represented in these 11 projects. Winning projects were chosen from across the state based on the creativity of the project, economic and social impact on the community, and whether the project achieved its goal.

A result of a two-year effort by Western Rivers Conservancy, the City of Alamosa, GOCO and other partners, the 203-acre City of Alamosa Riparian Park was completed late 2019. The project conserves a mile of the Rio Grande River and creates new opportunities for recreation along its banks.

The largest funder of the project, GOCO, ranked Alamosa Riparian Park as its number-one Open Space Project in 2018 and provided \$695,000 for the city to purchase the land. In addition, CTF gave \$20,000 to the project.

Lottery proceeds are

distributed statewide through grants via Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), the Conservation Trust Fund (CTF), Colorado Parks & Wildlife, and Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST).

"With so many projects funded with Lottery dollars, it's sometimes easy to forget all the different types of outdoor projects that result from Lottery revenue," said Tom Seaver, director of the Colorado Lottery. "This year's Starburst Awards showcase the diverse uses of Lottery money -- ballfields, bike parks, playgrounds, riparian zones, and of course, massive land purchases. These Starburst awards demonstrate just a fraction of the ways Lottery dollars are going to work wherever and however Coloradans like to play."

Submissions include programs and projects such as parks, playgrounds, outdoor recreation facilities, land conservation, trail enhancement, open space acquisition, wildlife natural resource preservation, and public school improvements.



Courtesy photo

Riparian Park in Alamosa has been honored by the Colorado Lottery as a Starburst Award Winner

## County's cut in pay approved

By KEITH R. CERNY  
Courier Publisher

DENVER — A bill to reduce salaries of Alamosa County elected officials passed the Colorado Senate on third reading Monday and is sent to Governor Jared Polis for his signature. Senator Larry Crowder (SD35) said he expects the governor to sign the measure.

Alamosa County requested the 7.7 percent cut to bring the county more in line with similar sized counties in the state. Yuma County's request for an 8.3 percent decrease also advanced to the governor.

"In difficult times as this it is heartwarming to hear the Alamosa County Commissioners are taking steps to reduce the burden on taxpayers," Crowder said earlier in an email.

Current law categorizes each county for purposes of establishing the salaries of elected county officials in each county. The statutory salary amounts are adjusted every two years of inflation and take effect for terms commencing after any change is made; in this case 2021.

The bill gives consideration to the variations among counties including population, the number of persons residing in unincorporated areas, assessed valuation, motor vehicle registrations, building permits, military installations and other factors that affect the workload and responsibilities of county officers, and the tax resources of the counties.

Alamosa County's request will result in the future salaries:

Commissioner down from \$76,050 to \$70,200.

Sheriff down from \$98,800 to \$91,200.

Clerk, assessor and treasurer down from \$76,050 to \$70,200.

Coroner down from \$43,030 to \$39,720.

Surveyor down from \$4,290 to \$3,960.

With the predicted shortfalls in revenue due to COVID-19, County Administrator Gigi Dennis said the reduction in pay couldn't come at a better time.

In an email to county officials in December, Dennis said, "the BoCC may have taken on a bit higher of an increase than they realized four years ago. With the increases being tied to the Greeley, Boulder, and Denver growth index, the wages are unsustainable for a county our size as we go into the future."

"The County is currently in category III-A which includes Alamosa, Chaffee, Clear Creek, Gunnison, Moffat, Montrose, Morgan, Park, Rio Blanco, San Miguel, & Teller. These are counties with bigger budgets and much higher assessed values than Alamosa. If the legislation is passed, Alamosa would move to category III-B which includes Archuleta, Delta, Gilpin, and Logan. These counties still have an assessed value almost double Alamosa."

Her email went on to compare Alamosa to the rest of the San Luis Valley, showing that Alamosa was much higher than the rest of the local counties.

## Correction request

In reporting on an internal campus employee meeting, The Valley Courier misrepresented the plans of Adams State University as it prepares to have students on campus for the fall semester in August. Adams State will welcome back students and begin in-person classes in August contrary to what was represented in The Courier in its May 30 edition. At no point has the University been closed as indicated in The Courier. The University has two working committees -- a campus committee and an external committee -- helping it plan for its fall semester. The committees are not deliberating whether Adams State will have students on campus in the fall but how Adams State will implement best practices to ensure the health and safety of its students and the campus community when in-person courses resume in August. Adams State President Cheryl D. Lovell holds monthly campus updates for Adams State employees to discuss plans and to receive feedback from faculty and staff. The internal employee meetings are not subject to the Colorado Sunshine Law for open meetings and as such The Courier apologizes for inaccurately reporting on Adams State's fall plans.

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# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Rose Maria Mendosa



**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 Adella Pelon Trujillo. United in marriage to Arthur Mendosa in August of 1979. She devoted her life to caring for her family, Rose was an exceptional wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and

friend who 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 Arthur Louis

Mendosa of Alamosa, CO; daughters Mary (Carlos) Lopez, Donna Mendosa, Amanda Mendosa 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 both of Antonito, CO; brothers

Ray (Lourdes) Trujillo of Alamosa, CO; Albert Trujillo of Denver, CO; and Leroy 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 Maria Trujillo, son David Floyd, sister Brenda Jacquez, brother George Trujillo, grandchildren Susie Gurule-Espinoza, Alexandra Mondragon and Brian Mondragon.

Cremation was chosen and private services will be held at a later date. To leave online condolences please visit [romerofuneralhomes.com](http://romerofuneralhomes.com). The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

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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)

**ALAMOSA** — Veterans Therapeutic/Support Group meets every Monday from 5-6:30 p.m. at 315 State Ave. Ste 101, Alamosa. Call 588-8885 to register or email [d.counselingservices@hotmail.com](mailto:d.counselingservices@hotmail.com)

**SOUTH FORK** — Kiwanis meets every Thursday at 8 a.m. at the Feelin' Good Coffeehouse in South Fork. Contact: Karen Miller, 719-873-5466 or email [mkmillermink@aol.com](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 Kownlan 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 & Lamp-lighting School. Contact Martin at 575-758-5876 or [talentolocal@live.com](mailto:talentolocal@live.com)

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

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

**MONTE VISTA** — Valley Fiber Art Guild — VFA is a group for anyone interested in fiber arts: knitting, crocheting, weaving and spinning. We work on our individual projects, sometimes do projects together and learn from each other. We meet the fourth Saturday of every month from 1 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 [wcouzens-smith@gmail.com](mailto:wcouzens-smith@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**— SLV Health announced a new name for the phone number that Valley residents call when they suspect they might have COVID-19 related symptoms.

The Nurse Hotline, also known as the Nurse Triage, now has a new name – the SLVH Respiratory Clinic.

As always, if you think you are experiencing an emergency, please call 911.

If you feel you might have symptoms related to COVID - 19, please call the SLVH Respiratory Clinic at 719-589-2511, and press 9. If you call after busi-

### 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 (Nar-anon)**

**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

### Same number, different name

**ALAMOSA**— SLV Health announced a new name for the phone number that Valley residents call when they suspect they might have COVID-19 related symptoms.

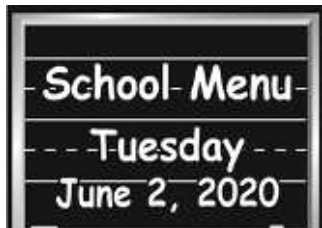
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ness hours, please leave a message. Information can also be found by visiting [www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org](http://www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org).



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# Valley News

## Great Sand Dunes implements emergency fire restrictions

ALAMOSA — The entire area within Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve is under extreme fire danger due to below-normal moisture conditions combined with unseasonably warm temperatures and windy conditions. The resulting low fuel moisture situation has created severe wildfire conditions and any fire ignitions may result in extreme fire behavior. Additionally, long term forecasts do not anticipate significant improvement in current conditions and the availability of firefighting resources is limited. Such conditions create a severe hazard to human health and safety and the potential for serious damage to park resources should a

wildfire be ignited. Therefore, to reduce the risk of fire and protect park resources the following restrictions are established under the authority of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.5 (a)(1) Closures and Public Use Limits, § 2.13(c) Fires, and § 2.21(a) Smoking. The following acts are prohibited on the public land, roads, and trails within the National Park and Preserve—regardless of land ownership, including private property and inholdings, until further notice:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using an open flame including fire, campfire, stove fire, charcoal grills and barbecues, coal and wood burning stoves.

2. Smoking.
- Exemptions:**
1. Any Federal, State or Local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
  2. Persons using devices such as stoves, grills or lanterns with pressurized gas canisters for isobutene or propane that include shut-off valves.
  3. Persons within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or building.

These restrictions go into effect at 12:01 am on June 3rd, 2020 and remain until rescinded. Please call the Visitor Center at 719-378-6395 if you have any questions.



The Great Sand Dunes in Alamosa

Courier file photo

## Election guidance for county election officials released

DENVER — The Colorado Secretary of State's Office has prepared and issued election guidance for

### Read along at the Rio Grande Farm Park



Courtesy photo

Salai Taylor celebrates by cutting a mini-ribbon to open a 'Little Free Library' at the Rio Grande Farm Park.

### Two new little free libraries installed.

ALAMOSA — The Rio Grande Farm Park added another new, if small, attraction to its land this weekend. Thanks to the Friends of the Alamosa Public Library, kids and parents alike can now borrow books from two

Little Free Libraries at the Farm Park's nature play area playground. The shorter of these structures holds books for younger children and the taller has books for those at a higher reading level. A small group of volunteers helped to construct and install the fixtures, placing them at the southeast corner of the playground. All are welcome to borrow while they visit the park, and take them home as they like.

county clerks and other election stakeholders outlining suggested procedures for conducting the June 30 State Primary during the COVID-19 national health crisis. The guidance addresses the operational provisions to assure the safety of both voters and elections personnel.

"Colorado's elections are the country's gold standard, and this health crisis will not change that," said Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold. "These guidelines are designed to help make voting as safe as possible for both voters and elections officials while maintaining the integrity of our elections. I appreciate the support of the Governor's Office as well as the collaboration with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment throughout the process of creating this guidance."

The guidance provides additional details that counties can utilize to ensure elections are conducted as safely as possible. For those voting in person, a series

of detailed protocols lay out how Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPC) should be sanitized. The guide also outlines suggested procedures for safely collecting ballots from drop-boxes, as well as creates the framework for alternative methods for issuing and collecting ballots, such as drive-through or curbside voting as well as electronic delivery of ballots for those who qualify.

The guidance complements the emergency rules issued by the Colorado Secretary of State's Office on May 8.

For the June 30 Statewide Primary, voters are strongly encouraged to vote a mail ballot and to make sure their registration information is up-to-date at [GoVoteColorado.gov](http://GoVoteColorado.gov). Ballots will be mailed to every active registered voter by Colorado's county clerks beginning the week of June 8. Ballots for overseas and military voters were sent on or before May 16.

For more information, please visit [www.sos.state.co.us](http://www.sos.state.co.us).

## Hometown University delivers for Garcia



Photo courtesy of ASU Presly Garcia

ALAMOSA — Completing his Adams State University Bachelor of Arts in Human Performance and Physical Education for K12 education, Presley Garcia has set an example for his younger siblings and cousins.

A Monte Vista High School graduate and now first-generation college graduate, Garcia said Adams State was a perfect fit. "It was close to home, af-

fordable, and offers a high quality education. My professors and advisors helped ensure my success by loaning a helping hand and constantly checking in on me."

He plans to pursue a master's degree in education and eventually become a principal. "I want to have a positive

impact on the youth by providing countless opportunities for them."

Garcia graduated in four years with less than \$5000 in student loan debt, partly due to the Grizzlies Partners Scholarship as well as scholarships from MVHS.

"I have become a better, more reliable

person from my time at Adams State," Garcia said. "I have grown up and matured both intellectually and personally, in the four years I have spent in Adams. I would not be the person I am today without the mentors and friends I have come across along the way."

## Alamosa looks to state for support

Staff report

ALAMOSA — Alamosa's Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) met for an emergency session on Monday afternoon to discuss the ongoing situation with regard to the presence of Coronavirus in the San Luis Valley. While hearing possibilities for a Regional Support request the Alamosa BOCC was in agreement to refer their draft of said request first to the San Luis Valley BOCC, voting unanimously. At Monday's meeting

the Board acknowledged the squeeze financially and otherwise, "Public health departments across the valley feel they are overwhelmed, especially with (the) departure of two public health directors" said Emergency Manager Eric Treinen. Treinen detailed an outbreak at the hospital affecting 5 nurses, and a respiratory therapist.

The Board also heard presentation on burnout and it was explained that medical staff is working hard to keep up with a recent spike. Valley

medical staff saw 87 new cases since last Wednesday. Alamosa has been looking into scaling up locally and in a draft of their Regional Support request, the City looked to bring in with help at 14 positions. Those positions included everything from a Public Relations Officer and a Planning Chief all the way to Shelter support staff.

The draft is something of a wishlist with a price tag. In an effort to rein the virus in the draft of the Regional Support request also is seeking com-

munity testing sites and contact investigation. Both measures aimed at slowing spread, it was detailed in the meeting that Alamosa medical staff are restricted to symptomatic testing only right now, so this would help to expand preventative measures to the asymptomatic along with getting a beat on curtailing asymptomatic community spread. It's important to note that as it currently stands the draft is not complete and due to change before being finalized.



## 3 ways to respond to

Online – [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov)  
If you received an invitation with an ID number, great, use it. If you don't have an ID number, that's fine. Just follow the instructions to enter your address.

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

Mail – if you do not respond online or by phone, you may receive a paper questionnaire in the mail or one may be delivered to your home by a Census worker. Fill it out and drop it in the mail.



[2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov)

## COVID

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During this time it is still important to support local businesses while protecting ourselves and others. For those who are currently choosing to visit local businesses in person, protect yourself and others with masks and physical distancing. If you choose not to visit your favorite local stores in person for personal or family health reasons, call the store to see if they are offering any pick-up or delivery options rather than defaulting to online shopping. Take advantage of restaurant pick-up or delivery when you can. Remember, if we can stay healthy and keep the employees at our favorite businesses healthy, we can help them stay open.

Additional COVID-19 statistics can be found at [slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/](http://slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/).

Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. - Cesar E. Chavez Family Medical Center, located at 186 S Hurt St., Center, Colorado, will be holding drive-thru testing event on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, from 9 am to 12 pm, for residents of the Town of Center, and surrounding areas, that are displaying COVID19 symptoms or that have potentially been exposed by any of the local outbreaks. Beginning 8 am Tuesday, June 2, 2020, in order to be tested at this event patients must first call 719-587-2888 to register for a testing time. Testing at this event will be limited to the first 60 individuals that call to register. These tests are intended for patients needing their first test and are not intended to determine

recovery status and/or ability to return to work.

If you are having severe symptoms\* do not wait for this testing event; seek emergency medical attention and call a local medical provider triage line if symptoms are severe or concerning to you.

Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990  
SLV Health Nurse Line 719-589-2511 ext. 9  
Valley-Wide Health Systems 719-589-3658 ext. 9

\*Severe symptoms are identified by the CDC as: trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, bluish lips or face.



# Lifestyle

## Vitalant Begins Testing All Blood Donations for Antibodies to COVID-19

### Dual Benefit: Donors Learn Their Antibody Status and Patients Receive Critically Needed Blood

DENVER – Monday, Vitalant became the first national blood bank to test all blood donations for antibodies to SARS-CoV-2, the coronavirus that causes COVID-19. The nation's largest independent, nonprofit blood collector—serving hospital patients in the Colorado, Wyoming and Rapid City region—is providing the test results to donors who complete successful blood donations, which are critically needed now.

The antibody test—authorized by the Food and Drug Administration—will indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to the virus, regardless of whether they ever showed symptoms. It is possible that over time, the broad use of antibody tests and clinical follow-up will provide the medical community with more information on whether a person who has recovered from COVID-19 is at a lower risk of infection, and if so, for how long.

"While a positive antibody test does not mean that someone is immune to COVID-19, it does mean

that they may be eligible to donate convalescent plasma in the future and help people with the disease," said Cliff Numark, Vitalant's Chief of Marketing. "Convalescent plasma can be given directly to patients currently battling COVID-19 to help boost their ability to fight their illness." Vitalant began collecting and distributing convalescent plasma in April. For more information, visit [vitalant.org/COVIDfree](http://vitalant.org/COVIDfree).

Donations of all blood types are critically needed right now, with an especially high need for type O, A-negative and B-negative red blood cells. In addition, platelets are always needed by patients for cancer treatments, surgeries and emergencies. Because of its short shelf life—only 5 days—the supply of platelets must be continually replenished.

Donors are urged to give blood as soon as possible. Appointments are strongly recommended: visit [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) or call 877-25-VITAL (877-258-4825).

The antibody tests are part of a full panel of tests

that Vitalant performs on successful blood donations. Donors are not charged for the tests and costs are subsidized, in part, by The Blood Center Foundation of the Inland Northwest and The Bonfils Blood Center Donor Advised Fund. Donors will be able to see their results approximately 2 weeks after donating by logging into their online donor accounts.

In addition to Vitalant providing lifesaving blood to patients in need, Vitalant Research Institute is leading several research initiatives related to SARS-CoV-2 antibodies.

June 14 is World Blood Donor Day, a campaign developed by the World Health Organization to raise awareness of the ongoing need for blood. Vitalant strongly encourages donors in the U.S. to step up and give blood to support patients undergoing emergency procedures and receiving ongoing treatments.

About Vitalant  
Vitalant ("Vye-TAL-ent") is the nation's largest independent, nonprofit blood service provider,

supplying comprehensive transfusion medicine services for nearly 1,000 hospitals and health care partners for patients in need across 40 states. Vitalant inspires local communities to serve the needs of others and transform lives through the selfless act of donating

blood. Every day, almost 5,000 blood donations are needed to meet the needs of people throughout the country, and Vitalant's 800,000 donors supply 1.8 million donations a year. In addition to blood products, Vitalant offers customers transfusion services, medical consult-

ing, quality guidance, ongoing education, research and more. For more information and to schedule a donation, visit [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) or call 877-25-VITAL (877-258-4825). Join the conversation about impacting the lives of others on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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## Xcel Energy to hold two virtual town hall meetings on its wildfire protection efforts

DENVER – Xcel Energy, Colorado will hold two virtual town hall meetings where customers can learn more about the company's work to improve safety and reduce wildfire threats across its service area. The virtual open house events will be held Wednesday, June 3 and Monday, June 8.

As climate conditions have changed throughout the west, the traditional idea of a fire "season" has evolved into a year-long mitigation effort against larger, stronger and faster wildfires. As part of its commitment to

safety, Xcel Energy has developed a comprehensive plan designed to help protect lives, homes and property from the threat of wildfire. This includes making investments and improvements to bolster the power grid, build resilience and increase awareness to enhance the region's ability to respond to wildfires.

The virtual town hall meetings will give customers a chance to learn more about future plans and ask questions while exercising the safe social distancing practices encouraged by local and

state leaders as well as state health officials. The events will be available through live stream and over the phone.

What: Xcel Energy virtual town hall meetings for Wildfire Protection

When: Wednesday, June 3, 2020, 6 p.m.

Monday, June 8, 2020, 6 p.m.

Where: Live stream and via phone

Audio/Streaming video by computer or mobile device: go to [XcelEnergy-WildfireProtection.com](http://XcelEnergy-WildfireProtection.com)

Audio by phone: 877.229.8493, Access Code: 119344

## Simple ways to save after being laid off or furloughed

The outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 had a dramatic effect on the global economy. Businesses were shuttered seemingly overnight as public health organizations across the globe embraced social distancing as a means to preventing the spread of the potentially deadly virus.

Few, if any, businesses proved immune to the economic effects of the COVID-19 outbreak, which forced many employers to lay off or furlough employees. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the week ending April 18 marked the fifth consecutive week that more than three million Americans filed initial unemployment claims. During that period, which for many areas of the United States coincided with the first five weeks of social distancing guidelines going into effect, roughly 26.5 million workers had filed jobless claims. The picture was not any rosier in other parts of the globe. For example, Statistics Canada noted that more than one million jobs were lost across Canada in March, increasing the country's unemployment rate from 5.6 percent in February to 7.8 percent by the end of March.

Many workers were furloughed in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak,

and while furloughs differ from layoffs, each situation left people looking for ways to save money. The following are some simple ways to save that can help furloughed or laid off employees make it through the financial uncertainty associated with the COVID-19 outbreak.

- Contact your lenders immediately. Many lenders, including Bank of America and Chase, announced breaks for homeowners and other borrowers in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak. Lenders may vary regarding the extent of the breaks they offer as well their eligibility guidelines, but borrowers may be able to defer mortgage and auto loan payments for several months. Consumer advocacy groups warn borrowers to learn what the long-term effects of deferring payments may be. In addition, borrowers should know that they must contact their lenders before ceasing monthly home or auto loan payments.
- Consider cutting the cord. Many people have long advocated cutting the cord as a means to saving substantial amounts of money. Cutting the cord refers to forgoing traditional cable television service in favor of less expensive streaming options like Netflix and Amazon Prime.

The cut the cord mantra seemed to resonate in the immediate aftermath of the implementation of social distancing, as Netflix reported adding nearly 16 million subscribers in the first quarter of 2020. But before cutting the cord, consumers are urged to see if doing so would actually save them money. Customers who currently bundle their cable with internet and/or phone service may end up paying the same amount of money, if not more, even after canceling their cable subscriptions. Do your homework before cutting the cord, speaking with your provider to learn the true cost of cutting the cord. You may end up saving more by maintaining your cable but removing premium channels and downgrading to basic packages.

- Develop a new budget. Budgeting is an essential component of responsible money management at all times, and especially so in the wake of a layoff or furlough. Do not hesitate to develop a new monthly budget, examining all monthly expenses to determine where costs can be trimmed. The longer you wait, the less you may save during a layoff or furlough.

Saving money in the wake of a layoff or furlough can be simpler than people think. TF207069

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# Lifestyle

## New Affordable Rental Housing Coming to Alamosa

**ALAMOSA** – For the first time in 19 years, a new affordable rental housing development supported with Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) will be built in the San Luis Valley. The Iron Horse, developed by Northwest Real Estate Capital Corp. (NWRECC), will be located in Alamosa and offer 40 new apartments with affordable rents for individuals and families. Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA) awarded \$1,141,509 in LIHTC to support the development. "The City of Alamosa is excited to be part of a collaborative effort with CHFA, NWRECC, and all of the partners involved to build decent, safe, and affordable housing in our community!

Achieving strong growth in economic development is nearly impossible without new housing development...they go hand-in-hand! This is a wonderful opportunity for growth in our community," said Ty Coleman, mayor of Alamosa.

The Iron Horse will be built across the street from Alamosa High School, less

than one mile from Ortega Middle School, and near grocery, pharmacy, medical services and other local amenities. The Iron Horse will also offer a Resident Services Plan developed by NWRECC's Stepping Stones program. These free services will be based on the residents' unique needs and facilitated through partnerships with community-based organizations.

"NWRECC is thrilled to be partnering with CHFA and the City of Alamosa on The Iron Horse. Affordable housing is crucially important to the health of any community, and we are delighted to be part of the team delivering this new housing opportunity in Alamosa," said Jess Giuffrè, director of development at NWRECC.

The Iron Horse will help meet a great need for affordable rental housing in Alamosa. Currently, the only other three existing LIHTC properties in Alamosa have zero vacancies. The Iron Horse will offer one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments for households with incomes

at 30 to 60 percent of the Area Median Income, which in Alamosa County, currently ranges from \$17,040 to \$34,080 in annual gross income for a two-person household.

"CHFA is pleased to support much-needed new affordable housing in the San Luis Valley. Supporting rural housing needs is a priority of CHFA's and we look forward to seeing The Iron Horse open its doors, providing the opportunity for housing stability to the Alamosa community," said Cris White, CHFA executive director and CEO.

Construction on the Iron Horse is estimated to begin in Fall 2020 and be completed by the end of 2021.



Conceptual rendering of The Iron Horse

Photo courtesy of CSHQA, Inc.

## Chicana Activists of Colorado features SLV Natives

**SAN LUIS** — Three long-time San Luis Valley natives, Jennie Sanchez of Center and Juanita Dominguez and Shirley Romero of San Luis are featured in the newly released book

Chicana Activists of Colorado: Powerful Women Paper Dolls And Their Stories by Deborah Martinez Martinez, Ph.D.

In the 1970s, Chicanas (Mexican American women) were fighting for social justice and civil rights in their communities. To keep their stories from being lost, author

Deborah Martinez Martinez devised a fun way of saluting these powerful women and telling their stories—by making them dolls.

Twenty Colorado women are featured as paper dolls and their stories told in this new book. The publisher, Vanishing Horizons, designed the unusual book as a portfolio

with each page stacked inside the cover.

Three additional Chicana activists grew up in the Valley: Dr. Priscilla Falcon of

San Luis, Charlene Garcia Simms of Garcia, and Rita Martinez Melgares of Alamosa.

The Chicanas featured used their determination to speak the truth and say, "¡Ya

Basta! Enough!" From the Arkansas Valley to Center, from Pueblo to Brighton, enough

of second-class schools. On the farms, enough of \$4 per day and no toilets.

In the cities, enough of discrimination in employment, no representation in media, and

throughout the state, few women in the state house

or senate.

They were women who fought for their place in the American system and, thereby, laid the path-way for others. According to Martinez Martinez, "This book is a way

to honor these women, their families and their communities. It's a way to say 'we are proud of you and we thank you!'"

The women recognized are Neva Romero, Ignacio/Boulder, Guadalupe Briseño, Brighton, Shirley

Romero, San Luis, Ruth Coca, Aguilar, Priscilla Falcón,

Greeley, Juanita Dominguez, San Luis/Littleton, Diana

Velasquez, Denver, Rita Martinez Melgares, Alamosa/

Omaha, Jennie Sanchez, Center. From Pueblo, those honored are: Charlene Garcia Simms, Deborah

Espinosa, Velma Roybal, Diana Ortiz, Delfina Garcia,

Mothers of Casa Verde, Rita J. Martinez, Angela Giron,

Carmen Arteaga, Ann Dominguez, Judy Baca, Carla

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Another 80 women are acknowledged in "More Women of Heart and Action."

"It's more than time for Chicana women to be recognized for their role in making

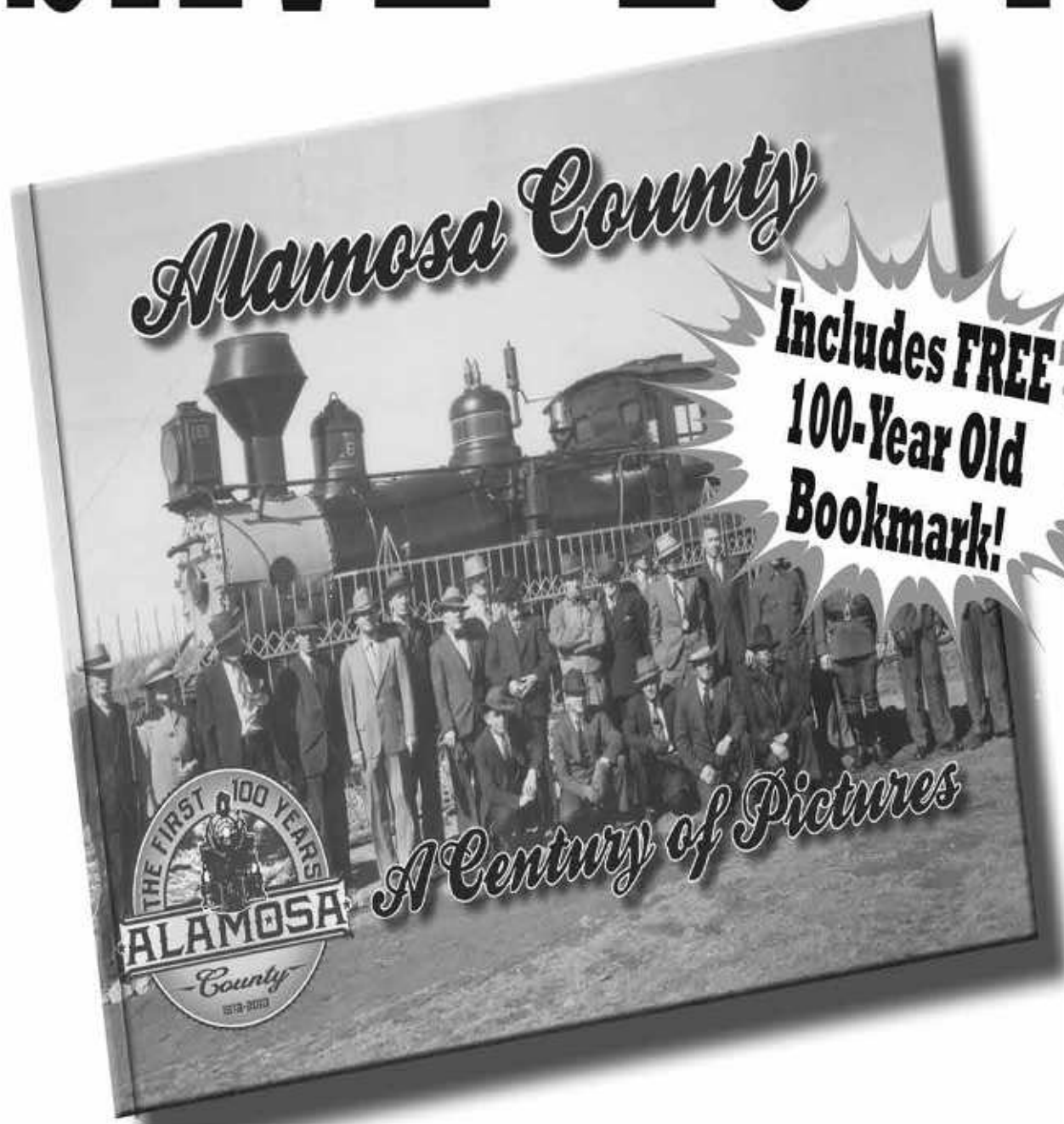
our communities better, and for keeping the struggle for equity and social justice alive,"

said Martinez Martinez.

The planned signing event was postponed until late summer but the \$18 books

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# Lifestyle

## CHSAA lifts moratorium with strict guidelines

By RYAN CASEY  
CHSAA Multimedia  
Coordinator



CHSAA is lifting the moratorium against in-person condition sessions between coaches and high school participants beginning on June 1. After that date, decisions regarding athletics and activities through the summer months will be made at the local school district level. The CHSAA's administrative oversight for athletics and activities will resume when camps, clinics and fall sports practice dates are projected to begin. "This isn't recreational park play or a free-for-all," said CHSAA commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green. "Our schools will face some challenges, no different than professional and collegiate sports to resume any level of student participation." "Each district's individual date of return has been fully supported by our office," Blanford-Green continued. "Our school administrators have assessed their local situations and have made the best decisions based on the safety and well-being of their students and school personnel."

Blanford-Green provided schools with suggested recommendations in an email sent on Tuesday, which referenced national, state and health guidelines to assist the membership with resuming activities and athletics while prioritizing safety standards and protocols. "There is light at the end of the tunnel," Blanford-Green said. "As with reopening our country and our state, taking incremental steps within the mandated and suggested guidelines will be critical in ensuring the success of transitioning from virtual to in-person."

"I have strongly recommended that each school or district have a comprehensive plan in place during this transition, and that their school communities including participants, parents and especially coaches are informed of the expectations prior to physical contact or conducting in-person sessions," she added. "Our students, coaches, schools and the Association are ready to resocialize back to participation," Blanford-Green said. "The importance of returning to education-based athletics and activities reaches beyond a contest or a perceived scholarship. It is about reconnecting our students — socially, emotionally and physically."

The CHSAA Resocialization Task Force will meet after June 1 to begin discussions on athletics and activities for high school participation for the 2020-21 school year. All relevant bylaws still apply during this period, including football equipment rules, and camp limitations.

**Guidance for returning to conditioning on June 1, 2020 or later dates:** Decisions to return to coach/participant contact will need to be made with an abundance of caution and within the state guidelines. As much as the return to athletics and activities is invading our every thought and the external pressure from coaches and parents mounts with each passing day, we must continue to make our decisions based on the safety and well-being of all those under our care. The following guidelines are recommended as you create your school/district plan to return to coach/participant contact.

- All summer work must be strictly voluntary. It will be important that your coaches understand that some parents
- and students will experience levels of anxiety about returning and therefore should not feel pressured to engage in physical contact prior to adequate comfortability.
- All schools should have a "Return to Participate" safety plan approved by the superintendent, president or head of school. The written plan should be shared with coaches, participants and parents prior to June 1st. I recommend that administrators consult their local health agencies to assist in creating the plan or at least consult those agencies for a final review. Educating your school community especially coaches on your expectations is critical to a safe and successful return to coach/participant contact.
- Safety Recommendations within Your Plan:
  - Administrators must monitor all Federal, State, Health alerts and be willing to adjust their plans to meet safety standards. These are fluid times and decisions require flexibility.
  - Public gathering numbers should align with federal and state mandates. Plans should indicate that numbers may change as restrictions are lifted/ scaled back and guidelines to manage the number changes.
  - Social distancing per federal and state guidelines must be adhered to during all sessions
  - Groups should be divided into "pods" and should include the same participants and coaches at each session to limit the risk of exposure.
  - Coaches/participants/managers/volunteers should be screened prior to each session (ie temperature checks, Covid-19 general Q and A's, etc)
  - Signage should be posted in highly visible areas to ask the following:
    1. Do you or have you had a fever in the last week?
    2. Have you been diagnosed with COVID-19?
    3. Have you been in contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19?
    4. Have you or a family member traveled to a "hot spot" in the state?
  - No use of locker rooms or shower facilities. Coaches and participants should report to sessions dressed to participate.
  - Sanitation is a high priority. Weight and all equipment should be sanitized prior to and after each participant's use. Breaks should be scheduled in work-out sessions and between "pods" to disinfect all areas. Timelines should be a minimum of 15 minutes between groups. Staggered entry and exits of "pods" should also be included.
  - No shared equipment including but not limited to (balls, bats, clubs, rackets, sleds, helmets, masks, etc). The data shows that balls and other equipment that pass from one user to another can't be properly sanitized prior to the transfer. This will be a local decision and should not be based on decisions made in other districts.
  - Hand sanitizer should be provided, in abundance and visible during all indoor and outdoor sessions.
  - Each participant in the sessions should have their own personal water bottles for hydration. Water fountains and shared water sources should not be allowed.
  - Safety bars for weight training are recommended during a weight training session in order to meet all social distancing guidelines.
  - Masks are recommended during all sessions for both coaches/participants. With the many unknowns still existing regarding aerosol transmission, masks are a safety precaution that should be considered for both indoor and outdoor sessions.
  - Sessions should not be sched-

uled with outside groups. It is important that the school environment remain controlled and monitored.

• Spectators (parents, media, etc) or non-essential individuals should not be allowed to attend or observe sessions. As stated, these are guidelines to assist you for decisions that will be made at the local level after June 1st. The CHSM "RSTF" committee will provide updates and summaries throughout the summer regarding next steps for "Resocialization" from the association. This a medical, health, education and safety task force. The details for implementation of specific sports is not the charge of this task force. Those decisions will be made by CHSM commissioners administering those sports or activities within the guidelines and advice. We are Colorado with our diverse challenges, hot spots and school cultures, recognized, respected and considered for all decisions. Resuming participation isn't based on the north, south, east, west, metro, public, private, charter, leagues or district numbers. The Commissioners of CHSM, as stewards of interscholastic athletics and activities will keep association's mission, vision, and core principles in the forefront as we continue to lead the membership and state of Colorado.

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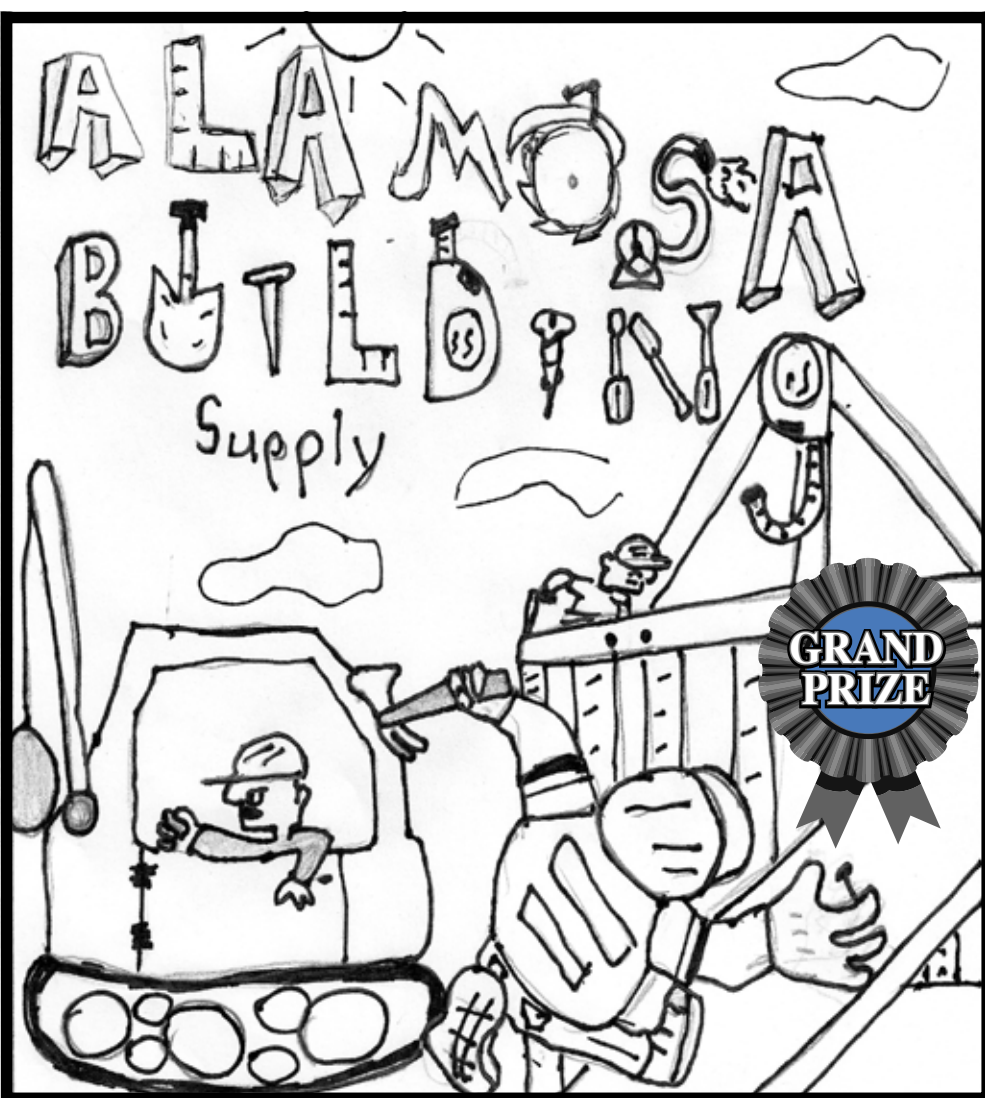


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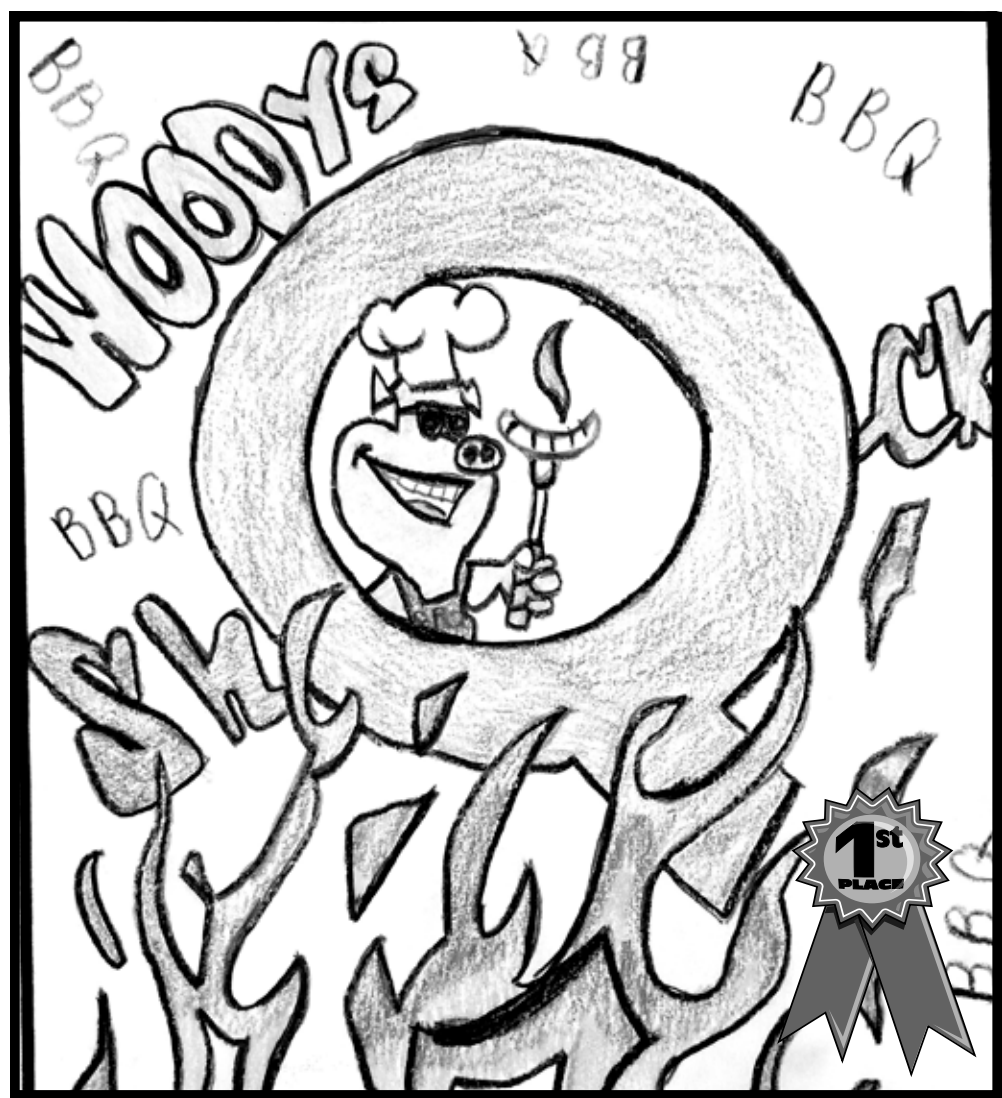
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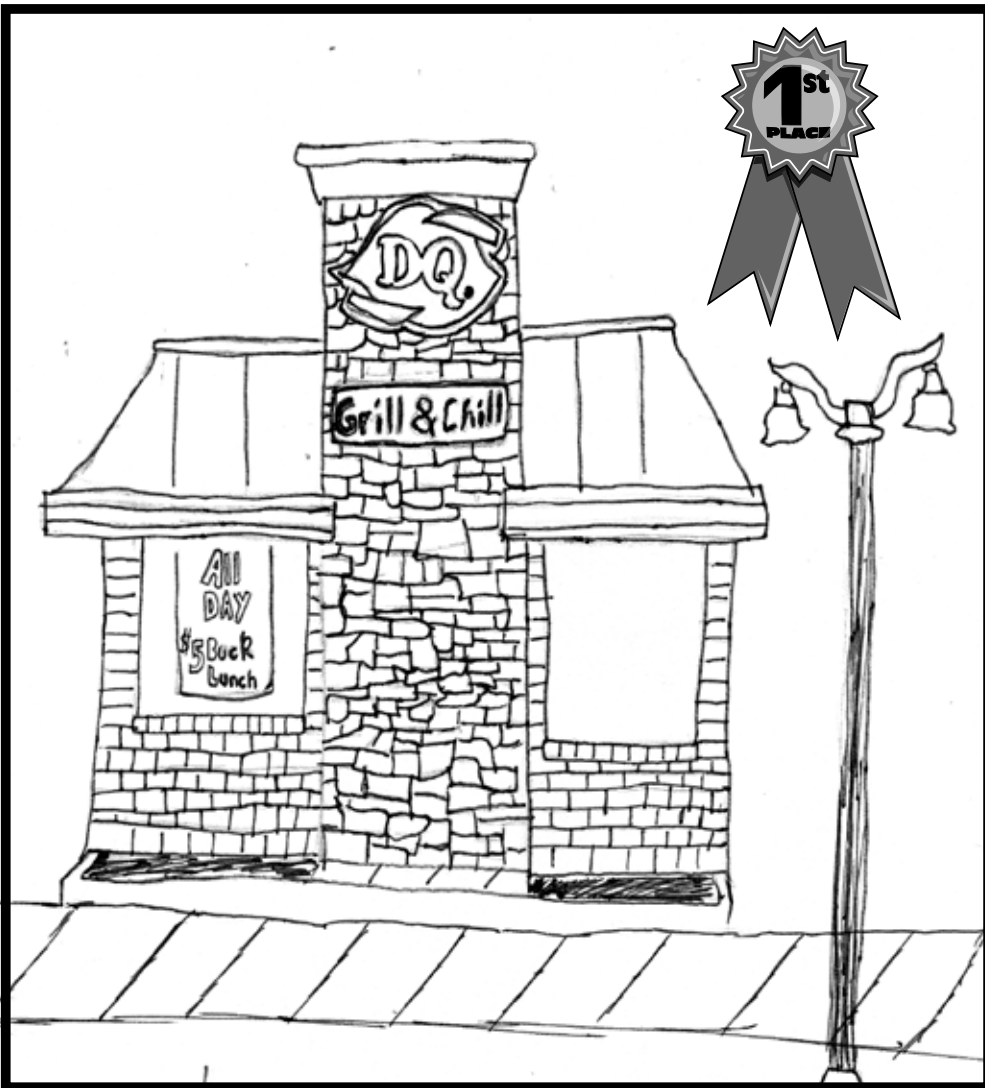
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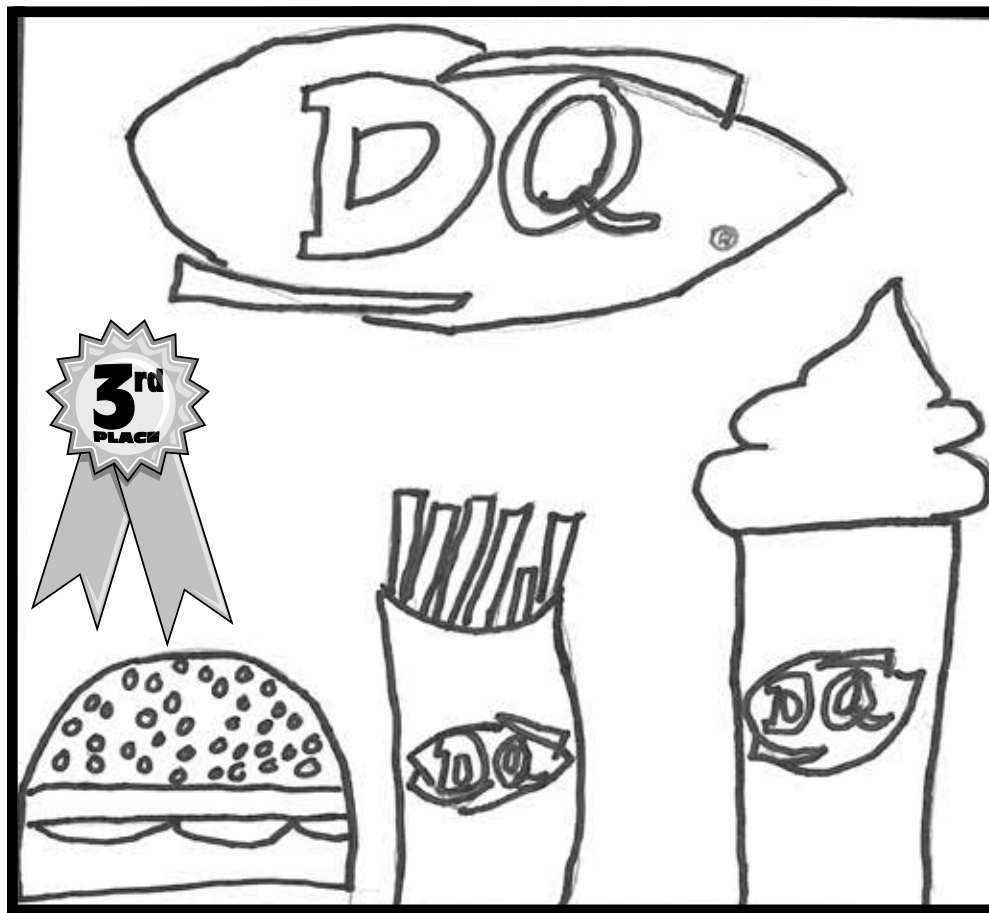


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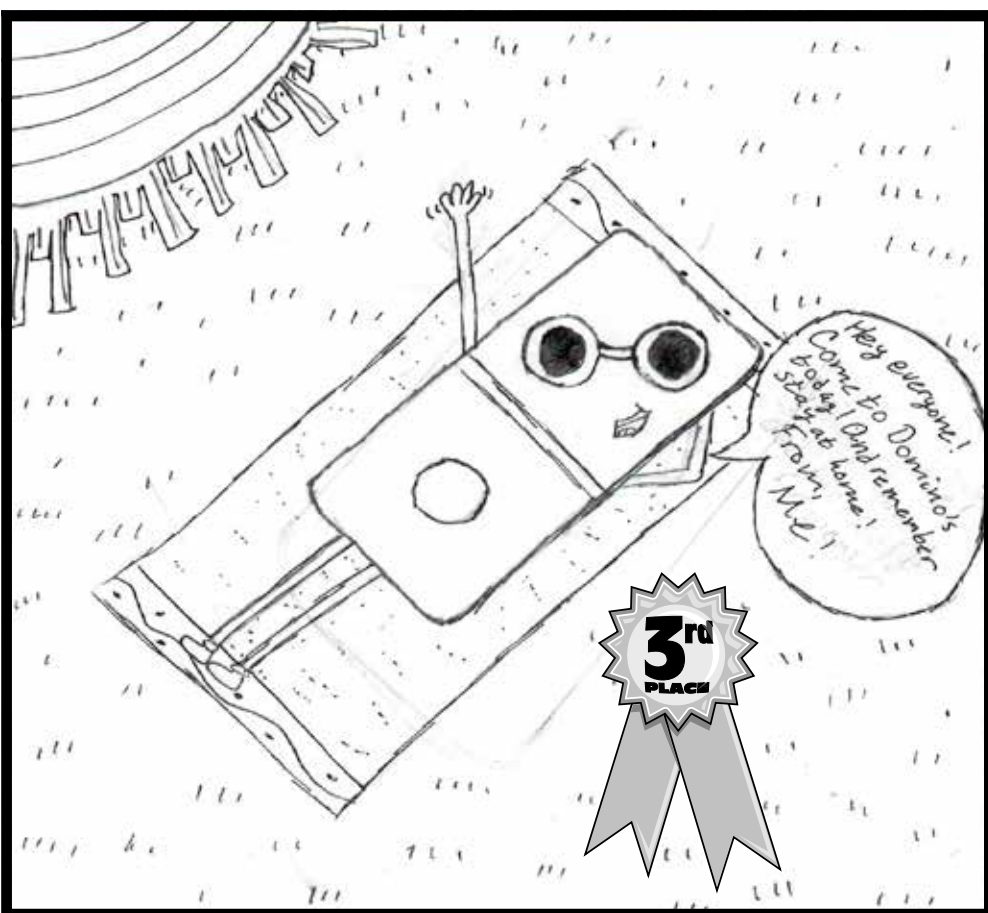




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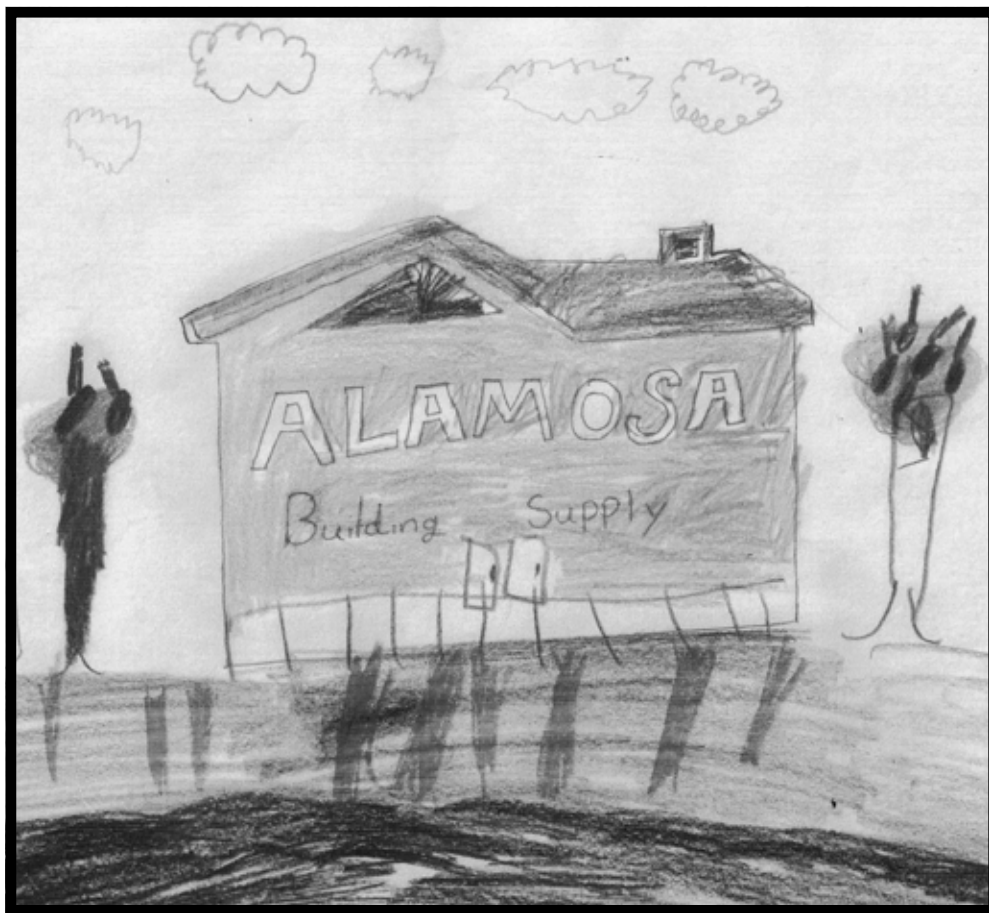
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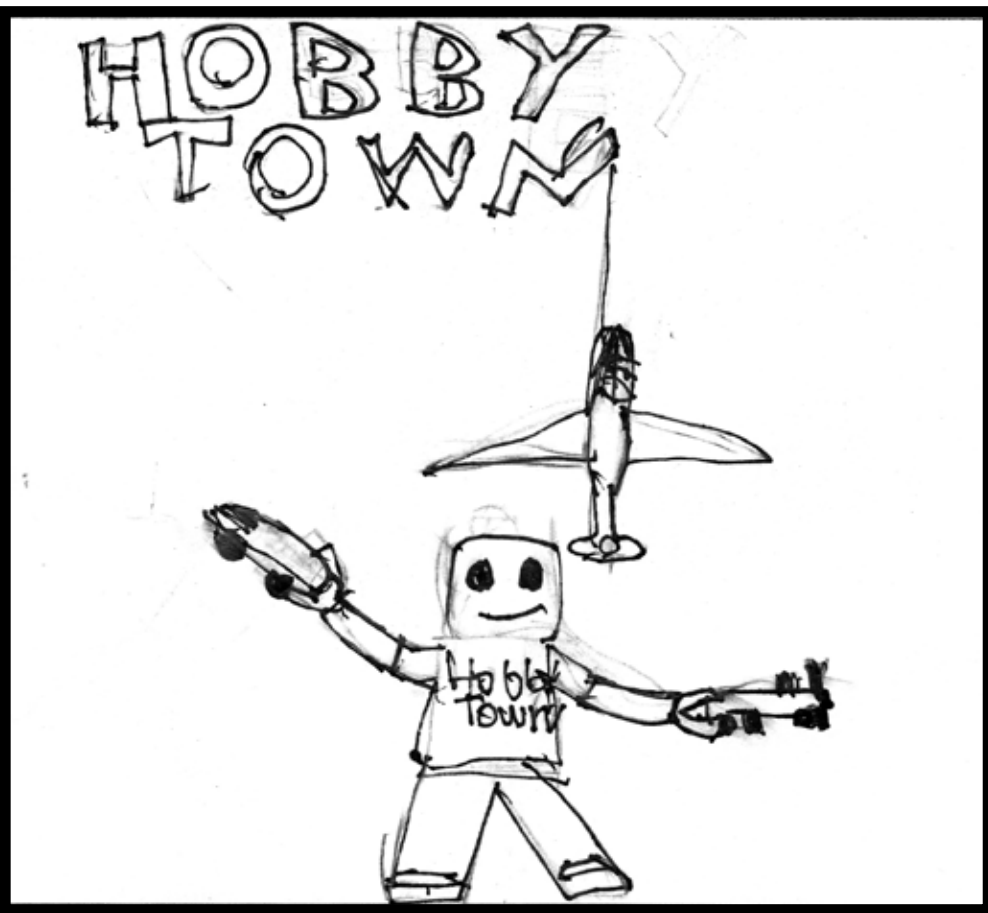
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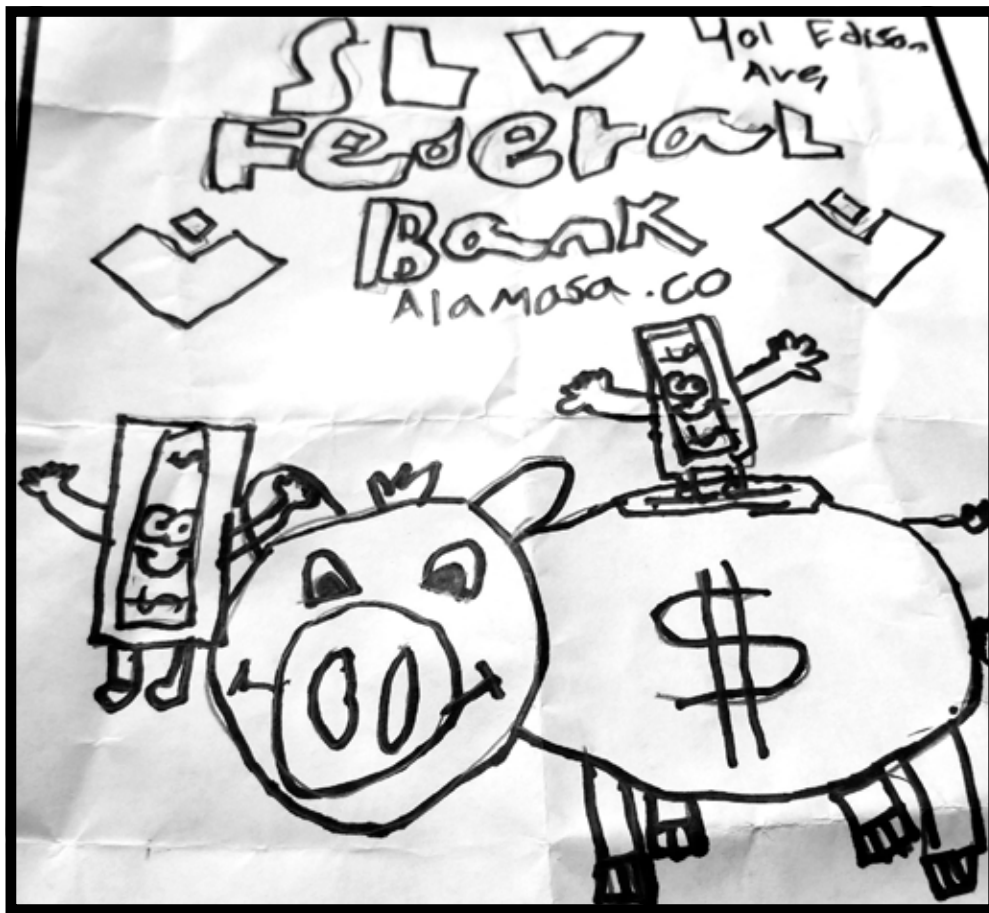
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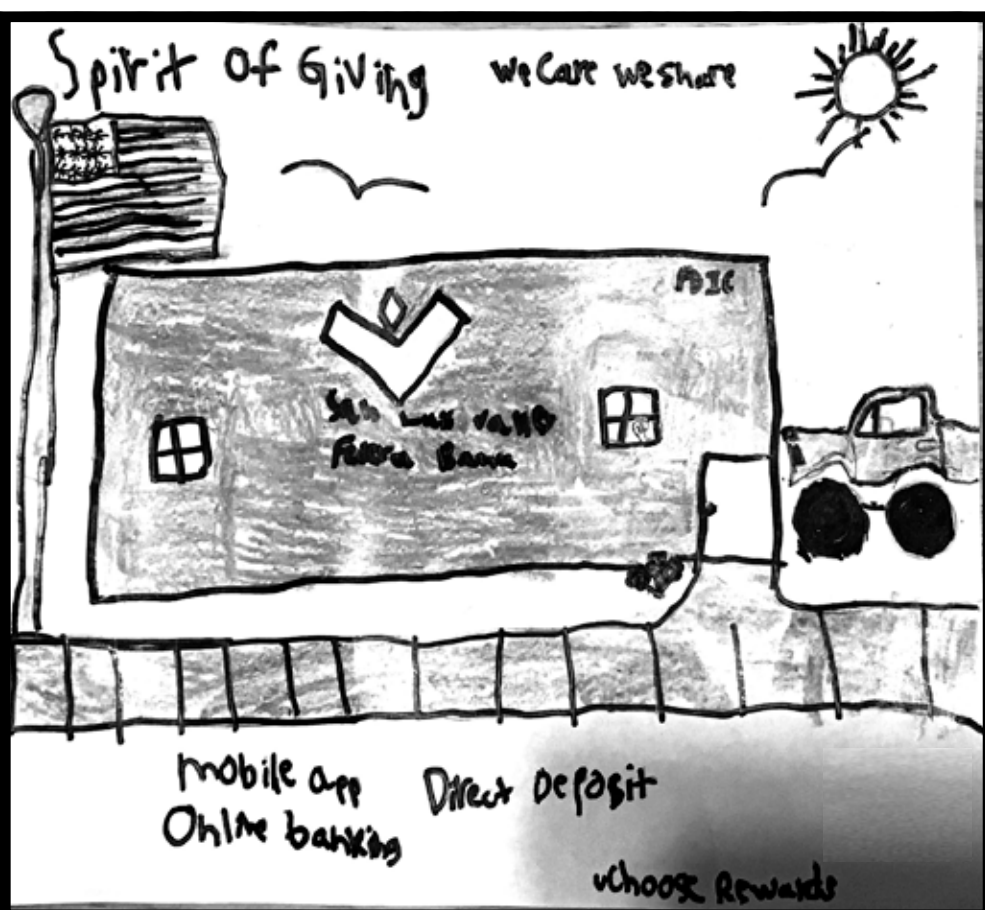


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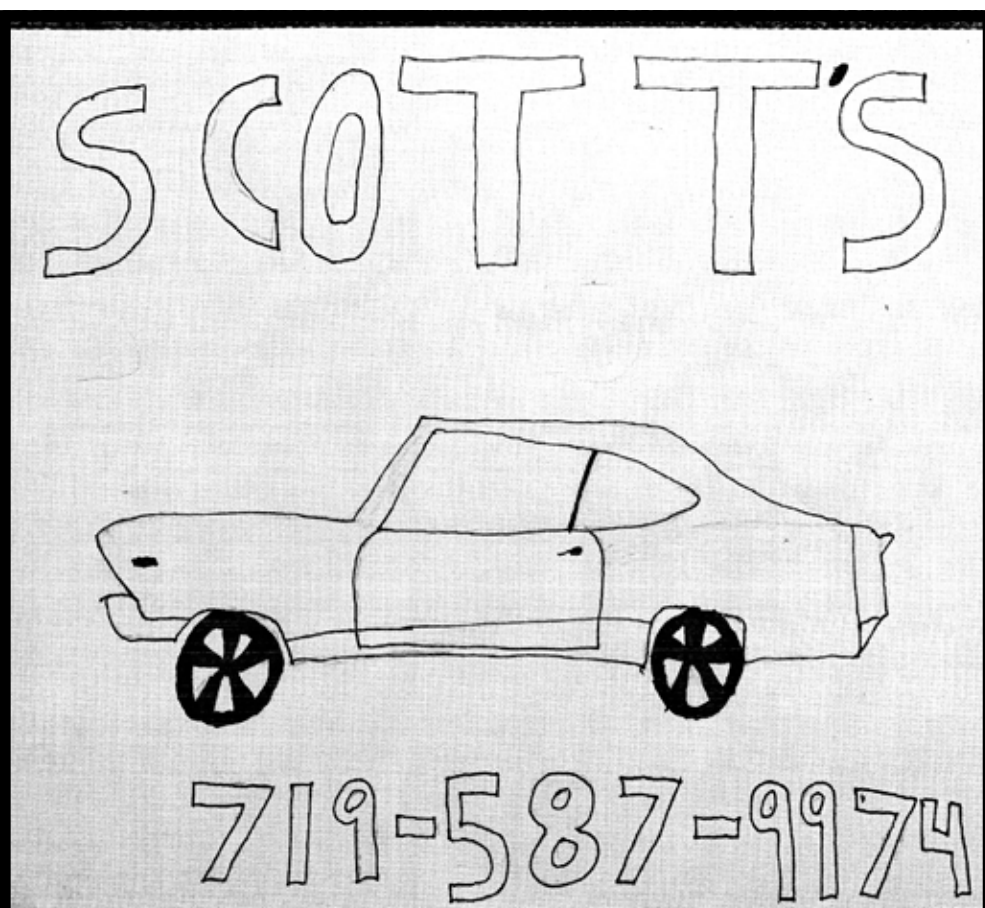




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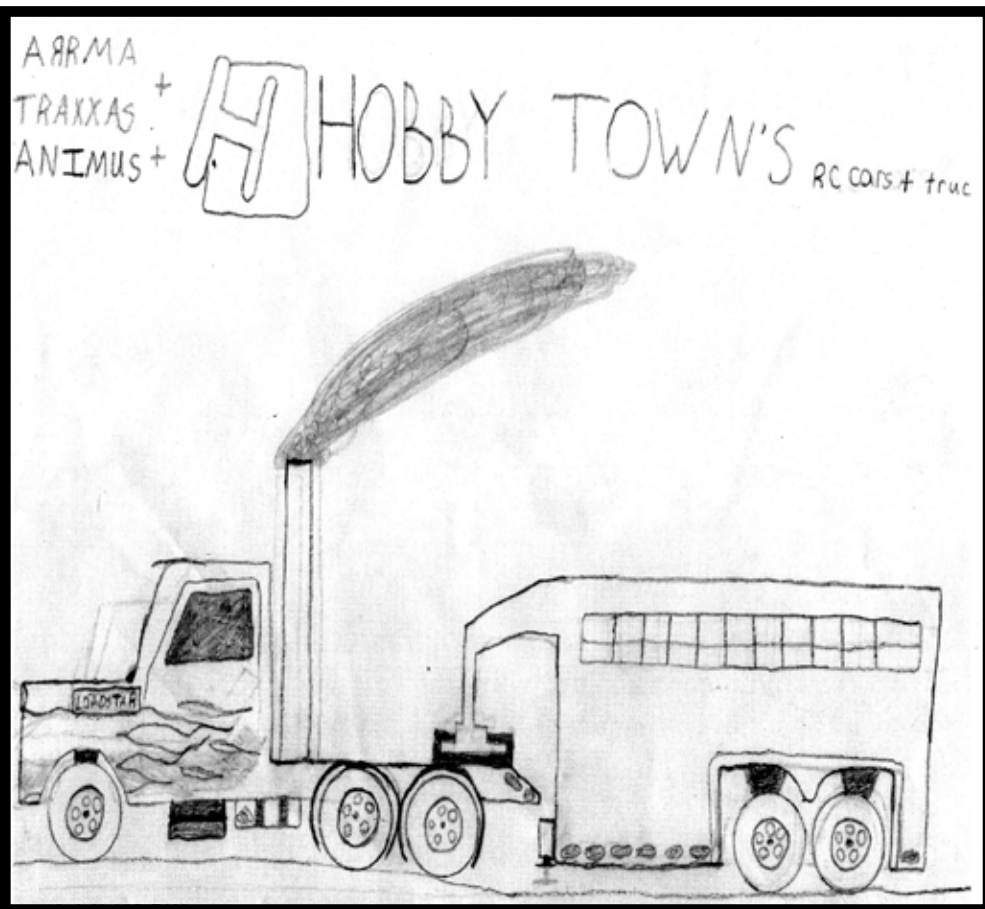
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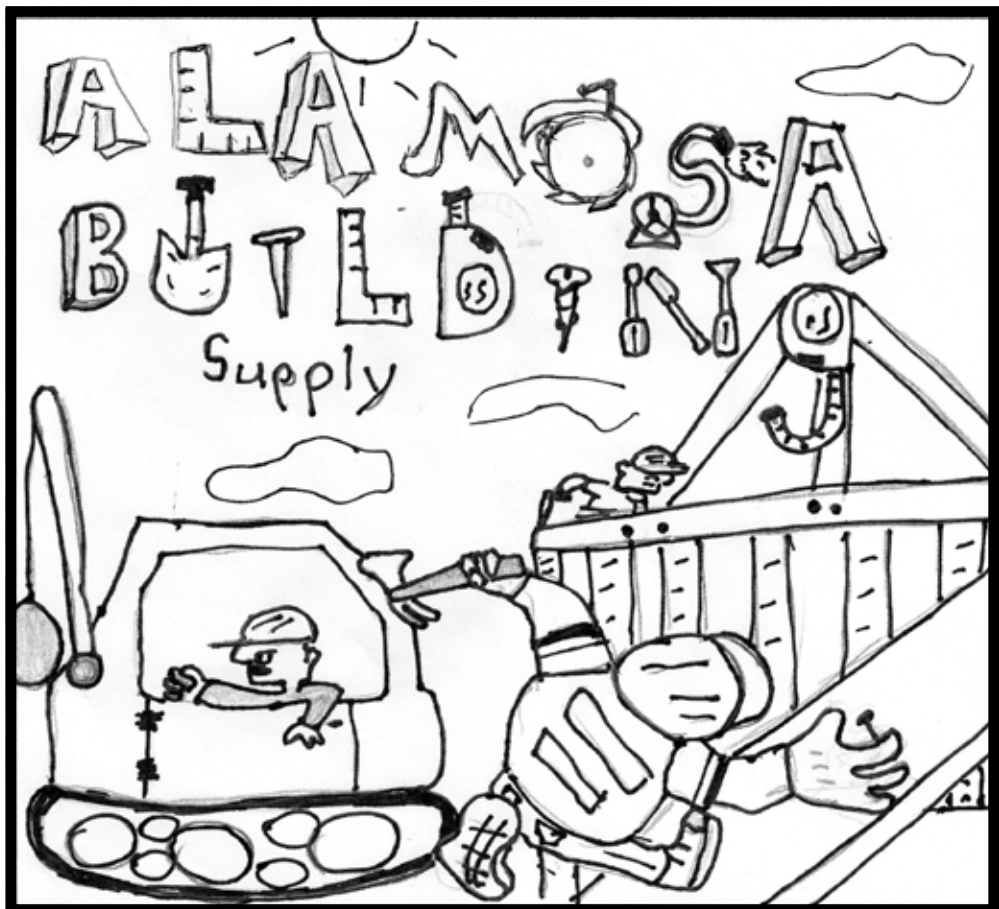
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Plans and specifications will be distributed electronically upon request to delnortemaint@yahoo.com  
The Project consists of the removal of Rock and Material from future 9th Street roadway extension area northwest of the old high school. The removed material shall be stock piled at the town of Del Norte's Maintenance Yard west of town. Interested bidders must visit the site to determine quantities, as the bid is a lump sum.  
Bidders are hereby advised that the Owner reserves the right to not award a Contract until ninety (90) days from the date of the opening of Bids, and Bidders expressly agree to keep their Bids open for the ninety (90) day time period. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid, to disregard all non-conforming, non-responsive, conditional or alternate Bids, to negotiate contract terms with the Successful Bidder, to require statements or evidence of Bidders' qualifications, including financial statements, and to accept the proposal that is in the opinion of the Owner in its best interest.  
No. 1464  
Published in the Valley Courier on June 2, and 9, 2020.

**COMMUNITY RESOURCES & HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
Is seeking bids and/or proposals for 12 self-help homes; to be built in the next year 2020-2021. All interested sub-contractors and suppliers are welcome to submit bids for the following:  
Lumber mat'l & trusses  
Interior and exterior paint package  
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Concrete-Excavation/footer, stem wall  
Concrete - Flatwork  
Roof framing only  
Electrical  
Plumbing & heating—knowledge of E-star requirements  
Drywall  
Carpet, pad & installation  
Carpet, pad & LVP product only  
Cabinets, countertops & installation  
Garage door & installation  
Spray Foam insulation  
Gutters & installation  
Sub-contractors or suppliers may obtain specifications & proposal packets during business hours 7:00 am to 5:00 pm @ 1016 West Avenue, Alamosa, CO  
Deadline for bids is June 12, 2020 by 5:00 pm.  
CRHDC reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all proposals and waive all formalities.  
EHO  
NO. 1468  
Published in the Valley Courier on May 30, June 2, 5, and 6, 2020.

"San Luis Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) will be conducting a record and file update this summer. We will be destroying all special education records of students whose files have been closed since July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. This affects students from Alamosa, Centennial, Center Creede, Del Norte, Moffat, Monte Vista, Mountain Village, North Conejos, Sanford, Sangre de Cristo, Sargent, Sierra Grande and South Conejos school districts. If any students or guardians want their complete file you can request it from the SLV BOCES office at 719 589-5851 on or before July 2nd, 2020."  
Please include students Name, date of birth and your relationship to the student. Identification will be required.  
No. 1469  
Published in the Valley Courier on June 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, and July 1, 2020.

**ESTRAY: #1259.** One gray filly, str, BH socks and RF pastern. No Brand. Livestock must be claimed by legal owner within 10 days or will be sold by Colorado Brand Board. For information call 719-298-2893 or 303-869-9160.  
No. 1471  
Published in the Valley Courier on June 2, 2020.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Colorado State Statute No. 83-21-5-1. Aspen Mini Storage Facility, having given proper notice to the parties of the storage unit herein stated at their last known address, shall dispose of all property in said unit. Said disposal shall be any time after June 16, 2020. Contents of locker to be disposed of are: #46 belonging to Heriberto Rivera.  
No. 1472  
Published in the Valley Courier on June 2, and 9, 2020.

**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the herein-after Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:  
Alejandrina M. Tapia-Kemble  
0757 W. Barnes Lake Road  
Columbiaville, MI 48421  
Cleo E. Tapia  
0757 W. Barnes Lake Road  
Columbiaville, MI 48421  
Jeffrey S. Kemble  
0757 W. Barnes Lake Road  
Columbiaville, MI 48421  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 12th day of November 2015, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Alamosa County the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
SANGRE DE CRISTO ESTATES LOT 8 BLK 10 UNIT 18 5.32AC WD B 370 P 133 8-4-88  
Parcel Number: 513732110008  
Certificate Number: 192  
and said County Treasurer assigned a certificate of purchase on the 15th day of November 2019 to Alamosa County.  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2014;  
That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Alejandrina M. Tapia-Kemble and Cleo E. Tapia and Jeffrey S. Kemble for said year 2014;  
That on the 15th day of November 2019, said Alamosa County assigned said certificate of purchase to Elegment LLC;  
That said Elegment LLC on the 1st day of December 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to Elegment LLC on the 22nd day of September 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on June 2, 2020, June 9, 2020 and June 16, 2020.  
Witness my hand this 27th day of May 2020  
Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado  
No. 1473  
Published in the Valley Courier on June 2, 9, and 16, 2020.

**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the herein-after Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:  
The Parrigin Family Trust  
121 S Sycamore Creek Pl.  
Tucson, AZ 85743  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 12th day of November 2015, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Alamosa County the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
SANGRE DE CRISTO ESTATES REPLAT PORTION UNIT 18 LOT 7 BLK 14 UNIT 18 5.00AC EXC ALL M/R/TS WD REC #300011 12-1-2000  
Parcel Number: 51372830316  
Certificate Number: 342  
and said County Treasurer assigned a certificate of purchase on the 12th day of November 2015 to Alamosa County.  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2014;  
That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of The Parrigin Family Trust for said year 2014;  
That on the 15th day of November 2019, said Alamosa County assigned said certificate of purchase to Elegment LLC;  
That said Elegment LLC on the 1st day of December 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to Elegment LLC on the 22nd day of September 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on June 2, 2020, June 9, 2020 and June 16, 2020.  
Witness my hand this 27th day of May 2020  
Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado  
No. 1474  
Published in the Valley Courier on June 2, 9, and 16, 2020.

**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the herein-after Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:  
Cottonwoods Phase II LLC  
P.O. Box 2097  
Durango, CO 81302  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2012, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
LOT 11 COTTONWOODS BLK 7 RESUB POR BLKS 4, 7, 8 & 9 .736AC WD REC #324625 12-07-05  
Parcel Number: 541303001012  
Certificate Number: 119  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano.  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2011;  
That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Cottonwoods Phase II LLC for said year 2011;  
That said David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano on the 30th day of December 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano on the 22nd day of September 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on June 2, 2020, June 9, 2020 and June 16, 2020.  
Witness my hand this 27th day of May 2020  
Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado  
No. 1478  
Published in the Valley Courier on June 2, 9, and 16, 2020.

**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
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Cottonwoods Phase II LLC  
P.O. Box 2097  
Durango, CO 81302  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2012, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
LOT 12 COTTONWOODS BLK 7 RESUB POR BLKS 4, 7, 8 & 9 .836AC WD REC #324625 12-07-05  
Parcel Number: 541303001013  
Certificate Number: 120  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano.  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2011;  
That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Cottonwoods Phase II LLC for said year 2011;  
That said David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano on the 30th day of December 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano on the 22nd day of September 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on June 2, 2020, June 9, 2020 and June 16, 2020.  
Witness my hand this 27th day of May 2020  
Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado  
No. 1479  
Published in the Valley Courier on June 2, 9, and 16.

**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the herein-after Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:  
Cottonwoods Phase II LLC  
P.O. Box 2097  
Durango, CO 81302  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2012, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
LOT 13 COTTONWOODS BLK 7 RESUB POR BLKS 4, 7, 8 & 9 .561AC WD REC #326625 12-07-05  
Parcel Number: 541303001014  
Certificate Number: 121  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano.  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2011;  
That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Cottonwoods Phase II LLC for said year 2011;  
That said David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano on the 30th day of December 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano on the 22nd day of September 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on June 2, 2020, June 9, 2020 and June 16, 2020.  
Witness my hand this 27th day of May 2020  
Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado  
No. 1480  
Published in the Valley Courier on June 2, 9, and 16, 2020.

**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the herein-after Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:  
Cottonwoods Phase II LLC  
P.O. Box 2097  
Durango, CO 81302  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2012, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
LOT 10 COTTONWOODS BLK 7 RESUB POR BLKS 4, 7, 8 & 9 .523AC WD REC #324625 12-07-05  
Parcel Number: 541303001011  
Certificate Number: 118  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano.  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2011;  
That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Cottonwoods Phase II LLC for said year 2011;  
That said David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano on the 30th day of December 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to David J. Villano and Sonya M. Villano on the 22nd day of September 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on June 2, 2020, June 9, 2020 and June 16, 2020.  
Witness my hand this 27th day of May 2020  
Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado  
No. 1477  
Published in the Valley Courier on June 2, 9, and 16, 2020.

**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the herein-after Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:  
Jerry Lynn Smith  
4401 Ulster Ave.  
North Port, FL 34287  
Jerry Lynn Smith  
P.O. Box 1025  
Dunseith, ND 58329  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 12th day of November 2015, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Alamosa County the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
SANGRE DE CRISTO ESTATES LOT 3 BLK 11 UNIT 18 6.37AC SWD REC #341358 02-08-10  
Parcel Number: 513732110003  
Certificate Number: 423  
and said County Treasurer assigned a certificate of purchase on the 12th day of November 2015 to Alamosa County.  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2014;  
That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Jerry Lynn Smith for said year 2014;  
That on the 15th day of November 2019, said Alamosa County assigned said certificate of purchase to Elegment LLC;  
That said Elegment LLC on the 1st day of December 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to Elegment LLC on the 22nd day of September 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on June 2, 2020, June 9, 2020 and June 16, 2020.  
Witness my hand this 27th day of May 2020  
Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado  
No. 1475  
Published in the Valley Courier on June 2, 9, and 16, 2020.

**NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the herein-after Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:  
Klaus Heiner Reich  
12334 31st Ave. NE, Unit 308  
Seattle, WA 98125  
Klaus Heiner Reich  
2415 2nd Ave., Apt 538  
Seattle, WA 98121  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 8th day of November 2016, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Alamosa County the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:  
SANGRE DE CRISTO ESTATES BLOCK 8 LOT 1 UNIT 15 5.05AC M/L WD REC #344333 05-14-09  
Parcel Number: 513724204001  
Certificate Number: 209  
and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Alamosa County.  
That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2015;  
That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Klaus Heiner Reich for said year 2015;  
That on the 8th day of November 2016, said Alamosa County assigned said certificate of purchase to Elegment LLC;  
That said Elegment LLC on the 1st day of December 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;  
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to Elegment LLC on the 22nd day of September 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;  
Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.  
This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on June 2, 2020, June 9, 2020 and June 16, 2020.  
Witness my hand this 27th day of May 2020  
Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado  
No. 1476  
Published in the Valley Courier on June 2, 9, and 16, 2020.

A public hearing will be held on June 11th, 2020 at 5:30 pm at the Regular Board Meeting, Town of Antonito, at 515 River Street (Antonito Town Hall). A variance request has been submitted by Robert Pacheco requesting a 10 ft. setback be approved at 103 San Antonio Street and a 10 ft. setback be approved at 104 Rio Vista Avenue for vs. the town ordinance of 25 ft. Robert Pacheco is also requesting the zoning be approved as Commercial Business Use.  
No. 1470  
Published in the Valley Courier on June 2, 2020.

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**099 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE** to Virginia Coombs! Mom, You've had 90 years to sing your song, 90 years ever day all year long. 90 years to fill our lives with peace and love and to learn more each day of your father above. You've been there for your family, your friends, and others too. To share your sweet smile, kindness and wisdom too. Though Covid 19 has stolen your glory. We wanted to be sure to share your story. We send love and hugs your way on this your special day. Happy 90th Birthday Mom. We Love You! Love Dan-Terry, and Cindy.(6/2)

**163 LOST & FOUND**

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

**221 HELP WANTED**

**LOOKING FOR A** career opportunity and being a part of your local community? 1st Southwest Bank is hiring a Deposit Services Specialist II, offering a strong benefit package & career growth opportunities. EOE. Go to https://www.fswb.bank/who-we-are/careers/ for more details & to apply.(6/10)

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**THE NORTH CONEJOSS** School District is accepting applications for (1) part-time Health Educator. A degree in health education is preferred but not necessary with experience in health & wellness. Teaching experience and basic computers skills are a plus. Call Amber Martinez at 298-1617 with questions. Applications are available at the Administration Office, 17890 US Hwy 285, LaJara, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. Submit application to Curt Wilson, Superintendent. EOE.(6/9)

**LOOKING FOR FULL** time ranch hand in LaJara. Hours vary with seasons. We raise sheep, hay and vegetables and are certified organic. Housing is available on farm if needed. Call 719-274-0293 or 719-588-1035. (6/19)

**MECHANIC NEEDED.** MUST have basic hand tools, must have valid driver's license. Offers, 404k, and competitive wage DOE. Apply at Asphalt Constructors Inc. 7040 W Hwy 160, Alamosa, CO 81101. Ph. 719-589-6671.(6/19)

**MEL'S CUSTOM MEAT** Processing looking for reliable and dependable person. No experience needed. Apply in persons after 5:30pm. 602 2nd Ave, Romeo.(6/17)

**221 HELP WANTED**

**SWEET TOOTH ALAMOSA** is seeking a full-time dental assistant. Experienced preferred not required. Willing to train the right candidate. BiLingual plus. Individual must have great customer service, dependable, able to multi task. Please submit resumes to: sweettoothdental89@gmail.com.(6/17)

**THE TOWN OF Antonito** is seeking well qualified legal counsel with expertise and experience in municipal law. Applicants must be available the second Thursday of every month and for special meetings, when applicable. This is a yearly contract position commencing in July, 2020. The position is currently paid via monthly retainer; however, hourly compensation may also be considered. The salary range for retainer is approximately \$1,150 - \$1,500 per month, contingent upon experience. Please submit a cover letter, resume and any other pertinent application materials to Town of Antonito, Legal Counsel Hiring Committee PO Box 86, Antonito, CO 81120 or in person at 515 River Street, Antonito, CO between the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8:30 – 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.(6/6)

**SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for a Secondary Science Teacher. Applicants must have a current Colorado teaching license. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools.org. Sanford School is an EOE&E. (6/16)

**MONTE VISTA ESTATES** is currently seeking a full-time dietary Cook to add to our amazing team! The Cook is an essential role in the overall dining services offered to our residents and tenants. The cook assists in the preparation and service of meals and snacks in accordance with facility policies and procedures. Monte Vista Estates is a skilled five star rated nursing home -we take great pride in the food we serve our residents. If you love working with the elderly and enjoy making a difference in the lives of our seniors, please contact us. Interested individuals may respond to this ad or you may contact Otilia at 719-852-5138. The shift(s) for this position are as follows: Days, Evenings Job Type: Full-Time Salary: Based on experience **JOB REQUIREMENTS:** Must be able to learn specific food preparation procedures, follow recipes and menus, and operate all equipment in a safe manner. Knowledge of nursing home or assisted living food service is preferred. Must be able to maintain a clean, organized work area. Must be able to work well with all department staff.(6/16)

**MONTE VISTA ESTATES** Nursing Home is seeking a full time night shift CNA. Shift is 10:00pm-0600am. If you love working with the elderly and enjoy making a difference in the lives of our residents, please contact us and or drop by for an application. We look forward to having you join our team.(6/16)

**VALLEY TRACTOR REPAIR** has an immediate opening for a mechanic with Ag tractor experience. This is a full time position with benefit package. Applicant must have own tools and be drug free. Please send resume to Ric Myers at ric.manager@valleytractor-repair.com or can deliver to 2573 South County Road 6 East, Monte Vista, Co 81144 or call 719-852-0200.(6/3)

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**CDL TRUCK DRIVER** wanted. Call 719-480-3983.(6/19)

**CONEJOS COUNTY SHERIFF'S** Office accepting applications for Investigator and Patrol Deputy. Duties include: Enforces Colorado laws & ordinances, report writing, investigates, apprehends and arrests suspects. Patrols entire county. Investigator: Investigates crimes and questions witnesses, examines scene of crime to obtain clues and gather evidence, secures evidence, interviews suspected persons and gathers facts of particular cases. Must be 21 years of age, have a valid driver's license and be Colorado Post Certified. Must be eligible to carry a firearm, pass background check and drug screen. 2 years' relevant law enforcement experience preferred for Patrol and 3 years for Investigator. Starting salary is \$35,360 DOQ. County Application Required. Deadline Ongoing. EEOE Applications available at the Conejos County Human Resources Office or via email upon request at criccj@co.conejos.co.us. Inquiries call 719-376-6799 or 719-376-2196.(6/5)

**VALLEY TRACTOR REPAIR** has an immediate position open for an over the counter parts man with knowledge of Ag parts and tractors. This is a full time position with benefits. Please send resume to Ric Myers at ric.manager@valleytractorrepair.com or can deliver to 2573 South County Road 6 East, Monte Vista, Co 81144 or call 719-852-0200.(6/3)

**MONTE VISTA SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for a Middle School Science Teacher. A complete list of desired qualifications is available on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application at <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>, by Tuesday, June 2, 2020, or until the position is filled.(6/10)

**221 HELP WANTED**  
**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 through June 5, 2020 or until filled. Applications and job descriptions may be found on [www.saguachecounty.net](http://www.saguachecounty.net) or may be emailed to you, please contact April Quintana at 719-655-2231. Saguache County is an equal opportunity employer.(6/10)

**SAGUACHE COUNTY LAND** Use is seeking a part time Land Use Clerk. Duties include general office duties must pass a criminal background check as well as a pre-employment drug test. Application and job description are available on line at [www.saguachecounty.net](http://www.saguachecounty.net). Applications will be accepted through June 5, 2020 or until filled. Applications may be found on [www.saguachecounty.net](http://www.saguachecounty.net) or may be emailed to you, please contact April Quintana at 719-655-2231 for further information. Saguache County is an equal opportunity employer.(6/10)

**THE SAN LUIS Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services** has positions for a full time Medicaid Coordinator/Admin. Assistant. This position will provide quality clerical assistance and record keeping to the special education department and Medicaid agencies; to provide all required documents for Medicaid reimbursements to appropriate Colorado agencies. High school diploma or equivalent required with at least one-year secretarial experience, knowledge of financial reports and processes preferred. 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](mailto:nmcauliffe@slvbooces.org). Application deadline is June 8, 2020 or until positions are filled.(6/10)

**221 HELP WANTED**  
**WANT TO MAKE** a difference in a child's life, looking for a rewarding and fulfilling career, are you a positive, self-motivated individual, consider working with young children and head start. MONTE VISTA HEAD START is accepting applications for anticipated teacher, teacher assistants, center assistants and substitutes. Teacher and Teacher aid positions required a BA and or AA in Early Childhood Education, CDA's accepted. Applications are available at Monte Vista Head Start, 2863 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista, Colorado. For more information you may contact the director by e-mail, [director@mvheadstart.org](mailto:director@mvheadstart.org) or call 719-628-9908 or 719-852-3215. Positions open until filled. An employment application must be completed.(6/10)

**THE DEL NORTE Jr/ Sr High School** is seeking a qualified Secondary Social Studies teacher for the 2020/2021 school year. If you are interested please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Aaron Horrocks at [ahorrocks@urtigers.com](mailto:ahorrocks@urtigers.com) or contact Aaron at 719-657-4030 ext 1001. Applications can be accessed online at <https://www.dncsd.org/business/employment-opportunities>.(6/23)

**ELEMENTARY TEACHER** Needed at Del Norte Elementary School for the 2020/2021 school year. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at [aduda@urtigers.com](mailto:aduda@urtigers.com) or contact Amy at 719-657-4030. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at [dncsd.org](http://dncsd.org). (6/19)

**LABOR: VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE** REQUIRED. Duties include, getting in and out of trash truck, emptying trash bins into trash truck, emptying trash bins into trash truck. Physical labor Required, must be able to lift up to 100 lbs, other duties as assigned. 32 to 40 hours a week, Home Base in Manassa, CO Please call 719 580 1518 or 719 843-5354.(6/2)

**221 HELP WANTED**  
**DEL NORTE HIGH School** is seeking a qualified Boys' Basketball Head Coach for next season. If interested, please email Richie Madrid, Del Norte High School Athletic Director at [rMadrid@urtigers.co](mailto:rMadrid@urtigers.co) or call him at 719-850-3623. (6/19)

**ACCEPTING RESUMES** FOR Assistant Administrator position with Tri-County Senior Citizens and Housing. Must be proficient in Microsoft suite. (Word, Excel, Publisher) Prior experience in bookkeeping or accounting. Must be well organized, detail and deadline oriented. Will assist with day to day operation of Senior Center and Senior Apartments. Must relate well with people. Will plan activities, events and trips. Will prepare newsletter and reports for board review, will keep website current. Full time position 35-40 hours per week Monday-Friday. Mail resumes to 311 Washington Street, Monte Vista, CO 81144 or email to [mary@trico-county-seniors.com](mailto:mary@trico-county-seniors.com).(6/5)

**HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS** is now hiring a full time maintenance /janitorial / lawn care person. CPO certified is a plus. Apply in person. (6/2)

**OPEN POSITIONS** AT Rio Grande Farm Park. Paid Internship (June-August) and Project Coordinator VISTA (starting in August). Visit [RioGrandeFarmPark.org](http://RioGrandeFarmPark.org) /Opportunities for details or email your resume to [amber.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com](mailto:amber.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com).(6/3)

**CDL TRASH TRUCK DRIVER & LABOR:** CDL Required, must pass a pre-employment drug test. Familiar with Conejos County Area preferred. Duties include, Driving Trash Truck, getting in and out of trash truck, emptying trash bins into trash truck. Physical labor required, must be able to lift up to 100 lbs. Must provide clear DMV Record, starting hourly rate \$15-\$17.00 depending on experience. 32 to 40 hours per week (Monday-Thursday), weekends off. Please call (719) 843-5354 or (719) 580-1518 for an application. Home base in Manassa.(6/2)

**221 HELP WANTED**  
**THE GREAT SAND Dunes Oasis** is now hiring summer seasonal positions for cashiers, dishwashers, cooks, store clerks, and cleaners. To schedule an interview please call (719)378-2222.(6/26)

**CDL TRUCK DRIVER** needed immediately for local project. \$14.00 to \$18.00 per hour; based on experience. Please call 719-588-8369.(6/2)

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**267 WORK WANTED**  
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**369 - PETS & SUPPLIES**  
**FREE 3 KITTENS,** 3mths old and house trained. Call 719-490-9511.(6/6)

**FREE - TWO** medium sized algae eaters, too aggressive for my goldfish. Call 274-5998.(6/2)

**VALLEY DOG TRAINING,** restarting obedience, classes, Social Distancing. June 4th. 6 weeks \$50. 719-379-4157 information.(6/5)

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**OOPS! GOT PUPPIES** who need a home? San Luis Valley Animal Welfare Society is a nonprofit animal rescue dedicated to stopping the euthanasia of healthy adoptable pets. Having pets altered is the number one way to stop pet overpopulation. If your pet has had puppies contact us. We will take the puppies into our rescue and spay the mama dog for free after the puppies are weaned. If needed we will also provide dog food & gas money to get the dogs to us to help in this situation. Spay/neuter is one of the greatest gifts you can provide your pet, your family and your community. We have found good responsible homes for over 8,000 animals. Contact 719-587-9663 (WOOF); email: [woof@slvaws.org](mailto:woof@slvaws.org). (TFN)

**387 - WANTED TO BUY**  
**LOOKING FOR** A 2 or 3 bedroom Mobile Home 1981 or higher for \$15,000 or under. Call or text 719-580-9525(TFN-E)

**415 - HOMES FOR SALE**  
**HOME FOR SALE** 869 Basalt Dr., Alamosa. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 3 car garage. \$125,000. Call 719-378-2045.(6/10)

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**614 - MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT**  
**2 MOBILE HOME** Lots for lease. \$250/mo, electricity, water, sewer hookups, Sanford. Call 719-580-8063.(6/5)

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**FOR RENT** 1500 sq.ft storage/workshop. Available April 19th. \$400 month. Call 719-589-3759.(5/19 TFN)

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Again and again
  - 4 Calibrates
  - 8 Shipboard direction
  - 11 Mr. Tolstoy
  - 12 Zeus' wife
  - 13 Speak highly of
  - 15 Wheel nut
  - 16 Make muddy
  - 17 Vanish — thin air
  - 18 Platitude
  - 20 Air rifle (2 wds.)
  - 21 Hula accompaniment
  - 23 Colorful carp
  - 24 Blushing
  - 27 Water, in Baja
  - 29 Cutting tool (Var.)
  - 32 Summits
  - 33 Hurried
  - 34 Limb
  - 35 Pharmacist — Lilly
  - 36 Egg drink
  - 37 Vocal music
  - 38 Tax form ID
- DOWN**
- 1 Earthen pot
  - 2 Quarrel
  - 3 Forum garb
  - 4 "Beauty and the Beast" remake
  - 5 Fair-hiring letters
  - 6 Numerical prefix
  - 7 Bando or Mineo
  - 8 Cover story
  - 9 Long tooth
  - 10 Ballet garb
  - 14 Comedian — Knotts
  - 19 People, informally
  - 20 Jungle crusher
  - 22 Held down a job
  - 23 Bruce Lee's art (2 wds.)
  - 24 Road map nos.
  - 25 Greases
  - 26 Make a cocoon
  - 28 Brit's poky
  - 29 Lotion ingredient
  - 30 Warrior princess
  - 31 Batter ingredients
  - 37 Pet lovers' grp.
  - 39 Stockholm carrier
  - 41 Gawk
  - 43 Requests
  - 44 Sine — non
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  - 48 Farewells
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  - 50 Links' org.
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## ALLEY OOP

Panel 1: "WE HAVE TO STOP COPIOUS FROM TAKING OVER THE MULTIVERSE." "BUT HOW?"

Panel 2: "I HAVE ONE IDEA, BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LIKE IT: OLLIE ARP."

Panel 3: "I LIKE IT!"

## ARLO & JANIS

Panel 1: "I KIND OF MISS GOING TO THE MALL WITH YOU TO SHOP FOR CLOTHING!" "OH, YOU DO NOT! YOU HATED IT!"

Panel 2: "WELL, IT WAS SOMETHING! NOW, EVERYTHING IS DONE OVER A PHONE!"

Panel 3: "I THOUGHT YOU'D LOVE IT THIS WAY!" "I ADMIT, IT'S EASIER."

Panel 4: "BUT I MISS ALL THAT INFLUENCE I USED TO HAVE!"

## BIG NATE

Panel 1: "THIS IS AMAZING! GODFREY WAS JUST ABOUT TO NAIL ME FOR NOT DOING THE HOMEWORK... THEN POW! FIRE DRILL!" "WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT IT?"

Panel 2: "THIS IS NOT A COINCIDENCE, FRANCIS! I PRAYED FOR IT TO HAPPEN!"

Panel 3: "I ASKED GOD TO GET ME OUT OF A TIGHT SPOT, AND THE BIG GUY DELIVERED!"

Panel 4: "DOESN'T THE BIG GUY HAVE OTHER THINGS ON HIS MIND RIGHT NOW?" "APPARENTLY NOT! WHICH IS AWESOME!"

## THE BORN LOSER

Panel 1: "CAN HURRICANE HATTIE EAT DINNER WITH US TONIGHT?" "YES, IF IT'S OKAY WITH HER PARENTS."

Panel 2: "OH, IT'S OKAY WITH THEM... IT WAS THEIR IDEA!"

## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

Panel 1: "WAAH? WAAHHAHAH!"

Panel 2: "WRAAAAAAHHH!"

Panel 3: "RUUUUUUU!"

Panel 4: "HI, EL! WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE TIRED OF RELAXING AT HOME AND WERE WONDERING WHEN YOU WERE COMING BACK TO WORK!"

## FRANK & ERNEST

Panel 1: "DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, ERNIE. THE VIRUS CAME FROM A DIFFERENT KIND OF BAT."

## GARFIELD

Panel 1: "SUPPER'S READY!"

Panel 2: "SUPPER'S EATEN!"

Panel 3: "WAIT! SUPPER'S MISSING!"

Panel 4: "NOW YOU GOT IT"

## THE GRIZZWELLS

Panel 1: "WHAT ARE YOU DOING, POP?" "I'M BINGE-WATCHING 70'S GAME SHOWS TO TAKE MY MIND OFF QUARANTINE"

Panel 2: "I'M GETTING MAMA!"

Panel 3: "HURRY, TUCK! I THINK MY MIND IS BEGINNING A MELTDOWN"

## PEANUTS

Panel 1: "WHAP!"

Panel 2: "NYAHA! NYAHAH! NYAHAH!!!"

Panel 3: "ACTUALLY, AFTER YOU ACE SOMEONE, YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T SAY 'NYAHH, NYAHH, NYAHH!'"

## SUDOKU

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

## HERMAN

Panel 1: "This is Dr. Elgin, our expert on tropical diseases."

# Sister fears for young niece being raised in toxic home

**DEAR ABBY:** After many years, my sister and I finally have a decent relationship. I feel I can tell her about almost anything. My brother-in-law, "Aaron," is an alcoholic, and my sister enables him. When he drinks, his already quick temper becomes worse and he "knows everything." To make things worse, they have a 3-year-old child I'll call "Casey." It infuriates me when I see Aaron's crude, foul-mouthed, "omnipotent" behavior in front of Casey.

There have been times he has used my presence (because I babysit Casey) to drink to the point of impairment. When Casey has a tantrum or is overtired and acts her age, Aaron loses patience with her. He yells at her, slams things down in front of her and storms out of the room.

I'm well aware that children watch and learn behavior from their parents. Daughters will seek out boys, then men who behave like their father, thinking it is normal behavior. How do I approach my sister, who buys Aaron whiskey when he's feeling down, that there's a serious problem here?

My husband and I have a stable home and successfully raised five children. We would be willing to take in Casey until Aaron is truly well. My comments to my sister will be met with her ex-fury or maybe hatred, but I will do whatever is best for

Casey. I love that little girl too much to see her raised in such a toxic environment. -- **BETWEEN A DRUNK AND A HARD PLACE**

**DEAR BETWEEN:** You say your sister slips her husband alcohol when he's down. To me that says he may be using it to self-medicate depression.

You DO need to talk with your sister. When you do, explain you are concerned about Aaron's change of behavior when he drinks and the effect it has -- and will continue to have -- on little Casey. Aaron does need help, but so does your sister. Enabling someone, as well-intentioned as it may be, is not helping the person.

Aaron needs to talk to a doctor about his episodes of depression, and your sister could gain a great deal of insight by attending some Al-Anon meetings. You can find one nearby by visiting al-anon.org. Offer to go with her if she's reluctant.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am in an interracial relationship (I'm black, and she's white/Hispanic). We have been together for a year.

She has met just about all my family and all of my friends, but I have only met four people in her life. She has a lot of friends on social media, but no one knows about me. She never posts pictures of us or even hints anything about me. She is friends with her ex-fury or maybe hatred, but I boyfriends, and she knows about his girlfriend, but he



**ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**

has no clue about me. No one does. I feel like I'm her invisible man.

She comes from a "country" background, and I'm afraid she is embarrassed or ashamed of me. Am I reading too much into this, or should I be concerned that she may not be into me as much as I am into her? We were talking about getting married. -- **INVISIBLE MAN IN TEXAS**

**DEAR INVISIBLE MAN:** Something isn't right here. You say you "were" talking about getting married. Are you still talking about it? I find it peculiar that after being together for a year, you haven't met her family, you have met so few of her friends and she has posted nothing about you on social media. The time has come to ask her the reason and whether your romance may have run its course.