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ALAMOSA — Schools of the San Luis Valley, please submit the details of your 2020 graduation to the Valley Courier 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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Valley sees 19 new COVID cases

VALLEY – Nineteen new cases of COVID-19 have been reported in the San Luis Valley since Friday, but health officials didn't announce where the growth occurred.

According to the SLV Public Health Partnership web site, the current local cases by county include: Alamosa 58, Conejos 1, Costilla 5, Mineral 2, Rio Grande 16, Saguache 51. The death toll in the SLV still stands at three, and the report indicates 62 cases are currently active and 68 have completed isolation.

Numbers are updated weekdays at slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/.

Local public health

agencies continue to collaborate with CDPHE and local partners on testing and follow up. The virus continues to show elevated levels in the San Luis Valley, with possible community transmission throughout the Region. Community leaders in the Center area are being proactive in sharing information with local residents and taking other steps to help slow down the spread of COVID-19. Center residents are required to wear a mask when they go out and are strongly encouraged to stay home as much as possible until further notice to prevent further infections.

On Monday, May 25th,

news came from the Governor's office announcing changes to the "Safer at Home" order which loosens restrictions for restaurants as well as ski areas and day camps. Tomorrow, Wednesday, May 27, restaurants can open for in-person dining at 50% capacity of the indoor posted occupancy code limit, as long as it's no more than 50 people, and are encouraged to provide outdoor services as much as possible. Bars will remain closed. Full restaurant guidance available here: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home/restaurants-food-services>.

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Memorial Day around the valley



Courier photo by Meg Colwell

The United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Alamosa American Legion and American Auxiliary Legion gathered to honor lives lost. On Sunday, May 24, the U.S. divisions and Valley residents remembered fallen ones at the Alamosa Cemetery.



Courier photo by Keith R Cerny

After an approximately 45-minute tour of Alamosa, a portion of the Memorial Day Parade and Protest moved west, shown here just entering Monte Vista.



Courier photos by Keith R. Cerny

While practicing social distancing and with many wearing masks, a small but enthusiastic crowd witnessed a parade in downtown Creede on Memorial Day to honor fallen soldiers. Mineral County Commissioner Scott Lamb, left, leads Elks Lodge member Ray Dellenbaugh and Sargent Colonel Jason Whitehorn to start the parade. More than 20 units participated in the event.

SLV COVID-19

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 6:30 p.m. on May 26, 2020. All numbers are cumulative. If there are discrepancies between these numbers and those showing on the state's data website, use these local numbers.

133 SLV POSITIVE CASES

Alamosa County - 58
Conejos County - 1
Costilla County - 5
Mineral County - 2
Rio Grande County - 16
Saguache County - 51

17 HOSPITALIZED

68 ISOLATION COMPLETED

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

3 DEATHS

County's cut in pay advancing

By KEITH R. CERNY

Courier Publisher

DENVER – Alamosa County's request to reduce the pay of its elected county officers is progressing as the state legislature resumed meeting Tuesday, according to Senator Larry Crowder (SD35). The end result will be a 7.7 percent decrease in pay.

"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 in an email. "This has already passed the house and one more step through the senate which I expect to breeze through."

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.

Yuma County has requested an 8.3 percent decrease.

Alamosa County's request would 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.

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OBITUARIES

Cordelia Marie Vigil Gallegos Candelaria



August 13, 1937–May 16, 2020

Psalm 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

CAPULIN—Cordelia Candelaria, 82, of Louisville, Colorado entered into eternal glory with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 9:52 a.m. She passed from this life peacefully at her home. Cordelia was born August 13, 1937, in Capulin, Colo-

rado. Her devotion to her faith and love for Jesus was evident in the way she lived her life and the way she loved her many family members and friends.

Cordelia was born to the late, Selso Locadio and Emilia Marie (Archuleta) Vigil. Born and raised in the San Luis Valley, this is truly where her heart loved to be. While she lived in other places such as Boulder and Louisville (20+ year resident), she never missed an opportunity to take a trip to the Valley to visit family and friends. She would be sure to visit with the chance to attend festivals and parades and loved to see the amazing sandhill cranes. Cordelia had a large extended family; she was the oldest girl of 12 children. She also had an abundant number of friends. She loved to talk, laugh and visit with all of them any chance she could get.

Cordelia loved life and

enjoyed many things; she loved hummingbirds, monarch butterflies, traveling, music and dancing, crocheting, baking, tending to her beautiful roses, irises, four o'clocks and taking photos. She loved the sunshine. Cordelia loved to watch her home teams, the Denver Broncos and the Colorado Rockies play. She attended several home games for each as well as attending a few games away on some of her travel adventures to California. She was very knowledgeable in her family history and people often came to her to get relative information. To be with people and share her life with others gave her so much joy. Cordelia had a heart full of love, compassion, and grace that was felt by everyone who knew her.

Of all that she loved and did in her blessed life, her relationship with Jesus was most important. Cordelia was a faithful follower of Jesus and believer of God.

She enjoyed attending church and was devoted to studying the word of God every day. She spent much of her time praying and singing songs to the Lord. Her heart's desire was that her loved ones would come to know her personal Savior, Jesus Christ, so that we would all be united again one day in heaven.

Cordelia is survived by her three loving children: a son, Adolph "Rocky" Gallegos of Longmont, Colorado; a daughter, Della Marie (Rick) Servantes of Superior, Colorado; a son, Steve "Joe" (Roxanna) Gallegos of Frederick,

Colorado; her grandchildren: Bernadette (Toa) Sagapolutele of Frederick, Colorado, Steve "Joe" (Danielle) Gallegos Jr. of Mead, Colorado and her beloved great-grandchildren: Jette, Mareta, Micah, Olivia and Gianna. Cordelia was preceded in death by her brothers Walter, Ben and Joe Vigil; and survived by her brothers, Celso (Christine) Vigil, Candido (Marlene) Vigil, Meliton (Mary) Vigil; sisters, Cecilia Martinez, Joan Dominguez, Louise Sanders. Cordelia is also survived by her step-children, who lovingly called her their "bonus"

mom; Victor, Corina, Becky and Cecilia, their spouses and children. Cordelia also leaves behind many members of her extended family including nephews, nieces, primos, primas and many friends.

A beautiful private viewing was held for her immediate family on Monday, May 18, 2020 by Howe Mortuary in Lafayette, Colorado with cremation service following. No public services will be held at this time due to the present pandemic restrictions. The family is grateful for all the kind words, condolences and prayers.

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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.

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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.

Well it's that time again

ALAMOSA — Alamosa County and the Northwest Weed District would like to inform you that they will be starting the Noxious Weed Control Season mid-May 2020. They will start out the year spot spraying and mowing on county right-of-ways. They have teamed up with the State of Colorado to do multiple bio-control releases around Alamosa County in early to mid-May. If you are interested in allowing your property to be used for the release of bio-control species please contact us

for more information. This year, all organic farmers, organic pastures, beekeepers, and chemically sensitive citizens are asked to register to be on the "NO SPRAY" list on the following website <https://fieldwatch.com/>. Regardless of whether you have registered with the county before, you must now register every year and post signage along your property boundaries. Being on the "NO SPRAY" list obligates the property owner to control noxious weeds on their property. There are "No Spray" signs available for purchase on our website at alamosacounty.org. WE WILL SPRAY all right-of-ways that have not registered AND posted "NO SPRAY" signs... Alamosa County Code Enforcement will be issuing notices to property owners on the "NO SPRAY" list who do not control noxious weeds



along county right-of-ways adjacent to their properties. For questions please contact the Alamosa County Noxious Weed program at:

8999 Independence Way Ste 100
Alamosa, CO 81101
bmaestas@alamosacounty.org
Office: (719)-589-3812
Cell Phone: (719)-480-9923

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 p.m. 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 (NarcAnon)

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

ALAMOSA—The San Luis Valley Military Family Support Group meets the fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Alamosa. For more info call Vicki Jones at 852-3123.

ALAMOSA — Sierra Blanca Chapter #43, Order of The Eastern Star, meets on the first and third Mondays, at 7:30 p.m. at the Alamosa Masonic Hall, 512 San Juan Ave. Call Sharon at 589-4320.

ALAMOSA—La Leche League of the San Luis Valley holds its monthly meetings on the fourth Saturday at 11 a.m. at Hospice del Valle, 524 Main St. in Alamosa. Pregnant and nursing women are welcome to attend with their children and babies. Please call 587-3657.

ALAMOSA—The Alamosa Kiwanis Club meets on the second, third and fourth Thursdays at noon at IHOP. Contact: Amanda Wilkinson, 719-589-2564 or email amanda@alamosastatebank.com

ALAMOSA — The Optimist Club of Alamosa meets at Nino's Restaurant in Alamosa the first and third Tuesdays at noon. Contact the club at alamosaoptimistclub@gmail.com or President Dawn Melgares at 719-580-0178. Visitors and new members are welcome.

ALAMOSA—The Alamosa Rotary Club meets every Monday at noon at Juanitos in Alamosa. Contact Dean Swift, 589-3499 or dean@deanswiftseed.com

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

SOUTH FORK — Kiwanis meets every Thursday at 8 a.m. at the Feelin' Good Coffeehouse in South Fork. Contact: Karen Miller, 719-873-5466 or email mkmiller-mink@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

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

(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 slv-photostephen@gmail.com

ALAMOSA—Families Healing Families is a community-based organization that provides support and resources for families affected by the impact of substance abuse. They meet on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center at 92 Rio Grande Ave. (on the north end of Cole Park) in Alamosa.

ALAMOSA—Peace Meditation at the Campus Ministry Office, Adam State University, Alamosa, is held on Thursdays at 5:15 p.m. Everyone is invited. Contact Candace Knowlan 805-886-6959.

ALAMOSA — American Legion Auxiliary Unit #113, Alamosa, holds its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday at the American Legion Building at 514 Fourth Street, Alamosa. Call Evelyn Espinola at 719-313-1466 or Alice Robinson at 589-0543.

ALAMOSA — Open drop-in meditation for health, stress management and spiritual growth, is held at 10:45 a.m. the second Sunday of the month at St. Thomas Episcopal Parish Hall, 607 Fourth St., Alamosa, with Mountain Institute, A Kriya, Meditation & Lamp-lighting School. Contact Martin at 575-758-5876 or talentolocal@live.com

ALAMOSA — Youngsters are invited to the

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

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

MONTE VISTA — Valley Fiber Art Guild — VFA is a group for anyone interested in fiber arts: knitting, 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

ALAMOSA—Alamosa Masonic Lodge meetings are every first and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. (except June, July and August) at the Alamosa Masonic Lodge, Main and San Juan.

ALAMOSA—Alamosa Toastmasters meets on Mondays at noon at The Bridge in Alamosa at 3407 Carroll Street. Participants will find a supportive learn-by-doing environment that allows them to achieve their goals at their own pace. Call (719) 588-5127.

School Menu
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Valley News

Dollar General now open in Romeo

GOODLETTSVILLE, Tenn. — Dollar General announces its store at 222 Main St. in Romeo is now open. Normal hours of operation may be found online here or through the Dollar General app.

Dollar General stores are proud to provide area residents with a convenient store to purchase household essentials including food, cleaning supplies, paper products, over-the-counter medicines, hygiene products, baby items and more through its mission of Serving Others. With approximately 75 percent of the American population within five miles of a Dollar General, the Company is com-

mitted to remaining open and in-stock to provide customers and communities with an affordable and convenient retail option during these unprecedented times.

The store is expected to employ approximately six to 10 people, depending on the need. Dollar General also continues to hire new full and part time employees across its store, distribution and private fleet networks. The Company provides employees with competitive wages, world-class and award-winning training and development programs and benefits including day-one telemedicine eligibility and Dollar General's Employee

Assistance Foundation, as well as health insurance coverage options, 401K savings and retirement plans, tuition reimbursement, paid parental leave and adoption assistance to eligible employees. Interested candidates can review and apply for available positions here.

Dollar General gives its customers more than everyday low prices on basic merchandise. Dollar General is deeply involved in the communities it serves and is an ardent supporter of literacy and education. At the cash register of every Dollar General store, customers interested in learning how to read, speak

English or prepare for their high school equivalency test can pick up a brochure with a postage-paid reply card that can be mailed in for a referral to a local organization that offers free literacy services. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$172 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 11 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education. For more information about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and its grant programs, visit www.dgliteracy.com.

Guidance available schools to safely open in the fall

Initial guidance will be adjusted over the summer as CDE receives feedback and the COVID-19 situation evolves.

DENVER - As schools plan for the 2020-21 school year under the extraordinary circumstances brought on by COVID-19, the Colorado Department of Education working alongside school district leaders and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has developed

initial and draft guidance for reopening schools in the fall.

The 2020-21 school year will look different with new protocols for schools to minimize the spread of COVID-19. The Planning the 2020-21 School Year: Framework and Toolkit for School and District Leaders provides initial guidelines and ideas to help schools effectively manage all the new protocols and priorities this fall.

"I am amazed and grateful to our teachers and administrators for all they are doing to ensure that even during this historic pandemic, Colorado's kids are still learning," said Colorado Gov. Jared Polis. "These guidelines are an important first step on the path of ensuring districts, families, and of course kids are prepared to the greatest extent possible for this fall."

The toolkit is a working document and will be updated to reflect any new public health orders, the status of our COVID-19 cases in communities across Colorado and any progress our medical community makes on treatment.

The toolkit will also be adjusted based on feedback from district and school leaders, teachers, students, other education staff, education organizations, the State Board of Education and advocates. In addition, an advisory committee with multiple stakeholders has been formed to provide extensive feedback on planning for the 2020-21 School Year. CDE is also requesting public feedback on the toolkit through

this feedback form.

The top priority of the toolkit is to keep students and educators healthy. At the same time, children must continue to keep learning.

"Our first and foremost concern is the health and safety of students and staff," said Colorado Education Commissioner Katy Anthes. "We are doing everything we can to make sure schools can safely open in the fall. I'm incredibly grateful to our teachers for their tremendous work transforming their lessons for remote instruction, but I think we can all agree that in-person learning at schools provides important structure for our children, and it also supports working parents in their need to return to their jobs."

The toolkit includes sections on operational issues like health screenings, passing periods, cafeteria operations, and buses, as well as suggestions on supporting a blended approach to learning through both in-person and online instruction.

Alamosa County angered by state's denial of variance request

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa County Board of County Commissioners on Monday cited "irreparable harm" to its residents at the hands of the state officials after the state health department decided to delay a granting of variance — or exception to Safer-At-Home guidelines — to the county.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment replied to Alamosa's request for a variance with a letter Saturday.

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"We would like the opportunity to continue to monitor data related to the agricultural facility outbreaks in Alamosa and the surrounding region before making a final determination on your variance request," CDPHE Executive Director Jill Hunsaker Ryan stated in Saturday's note.

In a press release distributed Monday by Jordan Kemp, Alamosa County's Deputy Director of Public Health, the Alamosa County Commissioners' resentment was clear.

"The Board of County Commissioners express their continued frustration and disappointment with the lack of understanding regarding the needs and circumstances of rural Colorado and the San Luis Valley in particular by CDPHE and the Governor's policy group. Their continued inaction continues to cause irreparable harm to the citizens of our community. Numerous counties across the state have been granted

a variance, and in some cases multiple variances. It is now time for the Governor's Office to do the same for us!"

Currently, only one location is listed for Alamosa County in CDPHE's Outbreak Data page. Colorado Mushroom Farm was listed as an outbreak center on May 6th. The state's data page shows 16 staff members have lab-confirmed positive test results for Covid-19.

"When we evaluate variance applications," CDPHE spokesperson Ian Dickson told CBS4 Monday, "we follow a framework designed to make sure that our decisions are fair and science-based. This framework takes into account factors such as the prevalence of COVID-19, whether cases are increasing, test positivity data, and proposed containment measures including how the county will contain the threat of an outbreak. Due to ongoing outbreaks in the San Luis Valley, Alamosa County's application did not meet the threshold for approval, so we informed the county that we would monitor the situation for now."

The only public health orders presently enacted in Alamosa County are those from Colorado Governor Jared Polis's Safer-At-Home policies, per the county.

Alamosa County's Kemp did not respond by this writing to a CBS4 email requesting examples of the harm done to residents by the current health guidelines. Any response or examples will be shown once provided.

Commissioners meeting

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa County Board of County Commissioners will meet on Wednesday. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak the meeting will take place in a virtual conference room. Interested parties may join at Zoom Meeting 10#270-314-6874 or call in 253-215-8782 or 669-900-6833 and use Meeting ID# 270-314-6874. Accessibility may be limited due to network capacity.

The board will receive numerous updates from different departments during their meeting. Bryan Maestas of the Alamosa Noxious Weed Control will provide the board with an update on their efforts. Weed Control has since begun their season of spot spraying and mowing county right of ways.

Dell Cox-Viera of Alamosa County Public Health will deliver the public health update. The update could be one

of note as on Tuesday the San Luis Valley saw another spike in cases over the long weekend confirming 19 new cases.

The Board will also see an update from Catherine Salazar from the Alamosa County Department of Human Services and Roni Wisdom of the Alamosa County Controller regarding the Colorado Retirement Association (CRA) agreement.

Executive session on Wednesday will cover the Rite of Passage facility behind the Sheriff's Office.

Being that this is the first County Commissioner session since Monday's announcement of the variance denial look for the Board to continue exploring their options in an effort to get Alamosa back open safely and in accordance with state mandates.

COVID

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This is great news for restaurant owners across the Valley, particularly for Alamosa County, who was notified that the variance proposed by the County was put on hold by CDPHE due to elevated presence of the virus in the region. The variance, submitted over two weeks ago, had requested loosening of certain state restrictions. Although the variance has not been approved, the new statewide guidelines announced yesterday will help restaurants.

Today the Governor announced the current "Safer at Home" Order is extended until June 1st when a new phase is expected to be announced. Depending upon current state data trends, guidance concerning

gathering size for summer activities, church services, swimming pools, short-term lodging, and other sectors may be updated on June 1st.

State modeling data shows that hospitalization rates declined after the "Stay at Home" phase was enacted and that populations of those over 55 years of age had the highest hospitalization rates. Recommendations continue to caution those populations to be vigilant and follow public health guidelines as much as possible.

Individuals with COVID symptoms are encouraged to call one of the numbers below to start the screening process.

- Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990

- SLVHealth Respiratory Clinic 719-589-2511 ext. 9
- Valley Wide Health Systems 719-589-3658 ext. 9

For mental health support, call 719-589-3671, or the crisis hotline 1 (844) 493-TALK (8255). After business hours, please call 911 or the crisis hotline 1 (844) 493-TALK (8255) or text TALK to 38255. New online resources are also available at www.colorado.gov/ruralmentalhealth.

SLV COVID general questions 719-480-8719. You may also email your questions to slvepr@alamosacounty.org.

Sierra Grande recognizes scholarship recipients



BLANCA — The Sierra Grande High School Scholarship Foundation, Inc. proudly awards the following scholarships to the senior class of 2020:

- Destinee DeLeon - \$2,100
- Keaton Fischer - \$2,700
- Israel Martinez - \$1,300
- Isaias Minchaca - \$3,000
- Angelique Rivera - \$1,700
- Paris Sanchez - \$1,700
- Brooklyn Sandoval - \$1,400
- Noah Vialpando - \$1,100

A total of \$15,000 in scholarships have been awarded to the Sierra Grande High School Class of 2020.

Covered Wagon Days shelved

DEL NORTE — The Del Norte Covered Wagon Days Committee has announced that they are cancelling this year's event due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Carl Hill, Chairman, said, "It was a hard decision to make but after learning that many of the other events were being cancelled, our board decided it was in the best interest of the community to cancel ours also". Coupled with the fear

of spreading the virus is the financial concerns. Covered Wagon Days relies heavily on the donations from local businesses and individuals to put on this event every year. Hill commented, "that the businesses have been hit hard financially this year and we just don't feel right asking them to donate to our event". For more information call 657-2521.

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Opinion

God Bless America

HOLLYWOOD — God Bless America, and how's everybody?

Fox News aired footage of jam-packed beaches in Venice, California, Ocean City, Maryland, Coney Island New York, and hotel pool parties in Missouri on Monday. We are people who need sun. My legs are so white they just demanded to speak to whoever's in charge of this quarantine thing.



Argus Hamilton

Dr. Deborah Birks went on TV to rip Memorial Day beachgoers for ignoring social distancing rules and to remind everyone to maintain constant hand washing. It just never ends. I believe the year 2020 will go down in history as the reason there were no door handles on the Starship Enterprise.

The DEA reports that during the last three months of the COVID-19 epidemic, the opioid epidemic has been surpassed by the meth epidemic, and drug users have begun demanding special status. Due to that, it's now politically incorrect to refer to tweakers as tweakers. They prefer Methican-American.

President Trump played golf for the first time in months Saturday after he flew to Palm Beach for the holiday. Young weekend reporters know little about the game. CNN demanded the 25th Amendment be invoked and that Trump be removed from office when the AP stated he had 82 strokes.

President Trump was ripped by the New York Daily News for flying down to Florida Saturday, asserting that he was golfing while Americans were dying. Sixty-seven people died in Chicago over the weekend from COVID-19-related gunshot wounds. They will all still vote by mail in November.

Joe Biden spoke with CNBC Friday, where he promised to be himself as president and that his record will speak for itself. Joe Biden then looked the camera in the eye and vowed he will beat Joe Biden. Biden also addressed his VP shortlist on Memorial Day and he thanked them for their cervix.

Joe Biden left home for the first time in two months Monday to give a Memorial Day speech at a veterans' shrine in his home city of Wilmington, Delaware. It was good to see Joe outside but he didn't look so good. Biden paid a visit to a graveyard, but he had to produce an ID in order to get out. Joe Biden apologized for his racial remarks on The Breakfast Club on Friday and to its huge black radio audience. Joe told them if you don't vote Biden, you ain't black. It may be the most eloquent moment in the history of black-white dialogue since Barbara Billingsley spoke jive on Airplane.

The Justice Department threatened to sue L.A. to force the city to open back up Friday. These live video chat-chats aren't for me. I don't want to say I'm a Baby Boomer out of touch with today's technology but the last time I went on Zoom it cost me one hundred and twenty dollars a gram.

NASA announced it may select a woman to be the first person to travel to Mars and set foot on the Red Planet. It was the Trump Administration that issued the mandate to go to Mars. NASA has narrowed the selection down to three women - Hillary Clinton, Nancy Pelosi and Justin Trudeau.

USA Today reported on the thousands of virtual graduation ceremonies in the coming weeks over Zoom. It's sad. If graduation ceremonies cannot be held in a gym or a football field, perhaps the grads can walk through a Home Depot, a Walmart or a Lowe's, and be announced over the speaker.

The Weather Channel reported violent storms off the Indian Ocean ravaging the subcontinent this past week. High winds and flooding caused extensive damage to the economy. A cyclone laid waste to a big swath of northeast India, leaving three hundred million Americans without tech support.

Foreigner will launch its Juke Box Heroes tour with a rock concert in Albuquerque this July and will play their greatest hits. Talk about irony. All fans who attend the show are being warned that their temperatures will be taken at the door, and if they are Hot-Blooded they will be denied entry.



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Amarah's Corner

If Jesus was in prison, would you visit Him?

"Then the King will say: I was hungry and you gave me no meal,

I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,

I was homeless and you gave me no bed,

I was shivering and you gave me no clothes,

Sick and in prison, and you never visited."

44 "...When did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or homeless or shivering or sick or in prison and didn't help?"

45 "He will answer them, '... Whenever you failed to do one of these things to someone who was being overlooked or ignored, that was me - you failed to do it to me' (Matthew 25:43-45, The Message Bible).

Jesse's Story

"From the age of 10, I was brutally and sexually abused by my own brother. It changed my life in a drastic way. My childhood secret, drug use, and violent lifestyle led me to a very distorted view of love. At 43, I ended up in prison for killing someone."

"But in a jail cell eight years ago, I picked up a Bible; and Jesus spoke to my heart. He asked me if I was tired of running from my pain and my childhood. As I read the Scriptures, in Romans it told me that God demonstrated His love for me in that while I was yet a sinner, Christ died for me. The Spirit of God convicted me that I was a sinner in need of a Savior, Jesus His Son! As the Holy Spirit brought my every sin to my remembrance, I

repented and confessed my sins one by one."

"The next time my mama came into jail to see her boy, she didn't recognize me. I said, 'It's me, Mama.' We stood there and let our hands touch through that thick glass, and we couldn't do anything but cry there together. I told my sweet mama I'd met Jesus and He had come into my heart and saved me. She said, 'I knew you had - I could see Him in your eyes!'"

"In the last eight years, I've grown in the grace and knowledge of God's Word. He's called me to preach the Gospel, to witness to the lost inside and outside of this prison. A raging, roaring river of Living Water gushes forth from my innermost being. Praise God!"

John Rusnak, Executive Director, unCUFFED Ministries, knows the value of the Bible to those behind bars - he was once in prison himself.

"I ended up humiliated, indicted, convicted and incarcerated. I had nowhere else to look but up," he says. "The Bible was a refuge for me while incarcerated. Without the Bible, I would only be sharing the wisdom of the world... I am assured that God can use me to speak truth to the boys if I rely on the Bible and point the boys back to the Book as the source of the wisdom I share with them."

He tells of a 17-year-old who was recently sentenced to five years in the Department of Corrections. "After a study on forgiveness, he gave his life to Christ and started down a path of study and prayer. He has been faithful in attending Bible Study and

Amarah's Corner



'Kids Like Me'

LETTERS

Stand by Brown

To the editor, I was shocked and enraged to learn about the recent termination of Emily Elliot Brown from her position as Director of Rio Grande County's Public Health Department. I cannot imagine what possible justification there could be for our Board of County Commissioners to let such an incredible leader go in the middle of a public health crisis. With her gone, that leaves our county, along with all the counties around us, without knowledgeable leadership on the public health front. This is truly shocking and

deeply disappointing. I have known Emily since I moved to Del Norte several years ago, and I cannot imagine a more steadfast, intelligent, thoughtful, efficient, consistent and kind individual, and anyone more capable of helping guide our County through this COVID-19 chaos. Emily demonstrated incredible leadership from day one of this pandemic, and I cannot imagine any sane person evaluating the job she has done as anything less than commendable. I fear that this decision was politically motivated and did not take into account

the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Rio Grande County or the San Luis Valley. I am angry and disappointed, and the Board of Commissioners can rest assured that my displeasure in the handling of this situation will be reflected in my vote in the upcoming election. I urge others with similar concerns to make sure their voices are also heard when it comes time to cast our votes.

Respectfully,
Amy Lin Engle

Parade applause

I had the honor and privilege to witness and participate in one of the most awe-inspiring events on Memorial Day. An amazing, and well-attended parade showed our Valley patriotism and support of each other. The American flags waving, both in the parade and along the streets by spectators, was a beautiful sight to behold.

Not only did a great number participate in the parade, many lined the sidewalks clapping and cheering! Red, white, and

blue were everywhere! Thank you to Police Chief Anderson and all law enforcement that were there to ensure safety for all and for your support. The mutual respect between Valley residents and law enforcement was strongly felt and witnessed. Valley people are truly amazing! There may have been other elected officials in attendance that I did not see as the numbers in attendance made it impossible to see all. However, thank

you to County Commissioner Allen for being there and flying the American flag. Thank you to my dad and all those who have fought for the freedoms we are now fighting to keep, and to their wives and families who were right there with them.

GOD BLESS AMERICA and God bless our small businesses and workers. We are

Valley strong!
Jan DeSautell

Memorial Day thanks

Editor, I want to thank our community for coming out to the Memorial Day Parade and Protest in Alamosa. It was encouraging and inspiring to see that many people turn out to honor veterans and protest against the unlawful attacks on our freedom and rights by bureaucrats. We tried to let our government know that their job is to serve the citizens and protect the Constitutional Rights of Americans and it is our job to make decisions on our

health, where we go and what businesses we support. Hopefully, we will open our country 100% (let's rodeo Monte Vista, Manassa and Alamosa) and once again be the land of the free and home of the brave instead of the land of the quarantined and home of the cowards. It was truly humbling and inspiring to see the veterans we were honoring and that there are still a lot of freedom-loving, patriotic Americans that are not living in fear. I am also very thankful and very

appreciative of our law enforcement. The Alamosa Police Department, the Alamosa County Sheriff's Department and the Colorado State Patrol were truly outstanding as they worked very hard to keep everyone safe and were courteous, professional and patriotic. The parade went smoothly without any problems, thanks to their efforts. Thank you and God Bless America. Kit Page La Jara, Colorado

Lifestyle

Easy Precautions While Eating Out

Centura shares tips for those at ready to head out for dinner

ENGLEWOOD — As our communities continue to lift restrictions, Centura Health wants to share important guidance to ensure that you continue to protect your health as you visit public places. Together we've worked hard to get to this phase, let's keep safety at the forefront to reduce a second wave.

"Before you head out, you may want to check your county's and State's current set of restrictions so that you can enjoy your time out while knowing what to expect from the businesses and locations you are visiting," explains Dr. Stephen Cobb Incident Command Center for Centura Health. "For now, if you fall into a high-risk group, such as people over 65 or those with serious underlying medical conditions, the best way to prevent illness is to wait a bit longer and continue limiting close contact with others."

Before you make a reservation or take a seat, observe or research the restaurant's stated safety practices. You should be looking for some key things:

1) Are employees wearing face coverings?

2) Are employees regularly disinfecting high-touch surfaces?

3) Are tables spaced apart to allow for distance between diners?

4) Are employees practicing social distancing?

Ideally, restaurants will be taking reservations for convenience and social distancing. And, these establishments should avoid offering salad bars, buffets and drink-filling stations that require people to use common utensils or dispensers.

You and your fellow diners play a big part into a safe reopening, so it is important we all help by following some basic guidelines from the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- Stay home if you are sick
- Avoid dining out if you are sick or have symptoms of COVID-19, which include a fever, cough, or shortness of breath.

- This will limit your exposure to others and the virus that causes COVID-19.

- Protect yourself when you do go out. Stay at least 6 feet away from others when you are waiting in a line.

- Cover your mouth and nose with a face covering

- Wash your hands before you eat - use soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

You can also bring your own disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer. Keep these items in your purse or vehicle for use.

- Wipe buttons and handles before you touch them and use hand sanitizer after.

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds upon arriving at home.

"Uncertainty about moving into this next phase can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions for higher risk populations," explained Dr. Cobb. "Coping with stress by making some adjustment to how you approach dining out will make you, your loved ones and our communities stronger."

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Lifestyle

Waner to Pagosa Springs

PAGOSA SPRINGS — First Southwest Bank (FSWB) is excited to announce their chief development officer, Sherry Waner, was recently elected and appointed to the position of chairwoman and president of the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (PSCDC) for a 3-year term.

"I believe that my strongest asset for PSCDC is bringing people together around a common goal," says Waner. "And our PSCDC goals are clear, as we recently implemented a new strategic plan for the community. So much time and energy went into developing this strategic plan and I'm proud of the team that worked to bring it to fruition."

The PSCDC works to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County by focusing on job creation, community enhancement, economic outreach, and maximizing PSCDC resources.

"I am so excited about the value that the PSCDC brings to Archuleta County and I can't wait to move forward with everything we've developed, especially as we come out of the COVID-19 crisis later this year," says Waner. "I find it very rewarding to help a business owner with their livelihood, as I know they put blood, sweat, and tears into their business."

Prior to her new position at the PSCDC, Waner was on the board for six years — where she was instrumental in facilitating a new micro-loan program for Archuleta County and actively involved in the PSCDC's implementation of middle-mile broadband for area residents.

With over 25 years of banking experience, specializing in commercial lending that assists small business start-ups and expansions, Waner has enabled FSWB to become one of Colorado's top SBA lenders, and one of the largest USDA lenders in the nation. Her current focus is on expanding outreach and impact on rural communities by providing access to credit and capital through public and private collaborations with FSWB's CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution) initiatives, and their related 501c3 non-profit, First Southwest Community Fund (FSWCF).

"I live, eat, drink, and

breathe what I do for FSWB and First Southwest Community Fund," says Waner. "It's part of who I am, not just what I do. And my work for the PSCDC is folded right into that. Our organizations are very dedicated to the economic health of our communities, through growing small businesses in rural Colorado."

For more information, please email Amanda Goad at amanda@boldbrewteam.com. To reach out to Sherry Waner about the work she does for FSWB, FSWCF, or PSCDC, please email sherry.waner@fswb.com.

To learn more about First Southwest Bank, visit fswb.bank, and First Southwest Community Fund, visit fswcf.org.

About First Southwest Bank

Serving the San Luis Valley and rural Colorado for more than 100 years, First Southwest Bank offers personal and business banking at their six branches, with an emphasis on businesses supporting rural communities. First Southwest Bank and their employees actively live-in and give back to our communities, volunteering with more than 40 local organizations, and donating to 115. As a CDFI bank, First Southwest Bank is focused on cultivating valuable relationships, investing in economic and social doers, and fostering a well-lived rural culture. First Southwest Bank is a Member FDIC, Equal Housing Lender, and Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Sports

Lavier sisters see big benefits in participating in multiple sports

By DAN MOHRMANN
CHSAA Senior Writer
ALAMOSA — Lilly and Emily Lavier have spent a lot of time competing together. As kids, they battled each other and as they got into high school it was battling side by side. Lilly always thought herself a runner first but also loved to play basketball. Emily thought differently. Basketball was her main sport and running turned out to be secondary. But it was important that each one was doing both. They've shared several athletic moments together, among those is winning two 4x400 relay championships at the state track meet and sharing the basketball court together when Emily set the state's single-game 3-point record.

While Emily will return to Alamosa as a senior next year, Lilly has graduated and will run at Oklahoma State University. Being a multi-sport athlete played a big role in that and it's a lesson that has trickled down to Emily and even beyond.

How have you gotten to the point in your life where playing multiple sports became essential to you?

Lilly: I always thought it was essential. I think for me running is more my thing and so it was always really nice for me to have a break from that. That break for me was basketball and so it was always nice to be able to still be getting fit in a different way and move some different muscles and I really think it helps the body overall. And I think it helps with injury prevention. You're getting to use different parts of your body for different things and I really think it helps to be taking a break from doing one repetitive motion and running to be able to do some different ones in basketball. I think it's helped a lot.

It's not exactly like you're taking a break because you're still playing basketball at such a high level. How important is it to you when you're not focusing on running and you're focusing on basketball to make sure that you're competing at the absolute highest level you can?

Lilly: It's very important to me and I do kind of see it as a break for myself just in the sense that it's a whole other world. Even if it's mentally being able to take a break and move to something so different. It's something that I really enjoyed over the past few years.

Both sports have their own set of skills, but how much do you find yourself focusing on each skill set?

Lilly: I've graduated now and so now I haven't been doing any work with basketball. I'll probably be done with that because I'm mostly just going to be running from here on out. However, in high school there were lots of times where Emily and I would both go to the gym or go to our backyard on the weekend and we'd just shoot and kind of work on the things we needed to work on. We definitely took it seriously in the offseason and would do our part to try to get better.

But for myself, from here on out, it's not really as essential as it was in high school just because I'm moving onto the next chapter, which for me is running. But it was always important to get in that work during the offseason for us.

How much did it appeal to Oklahoma State that you were a multi-sport athlete?

Lilly: That was one of the things that my coach directed at me that he really liked. And that was one thing I really appreciated from him was that one of the first things he said on my home visit was how much he appreciated and knew how much it helps that I was a multi-sport athlete.

That's something he really liked and he thinks that's something that made me special and unique and that's something I really appreciated and liked that he saw.

That absolutely was very important to me and it drove me to kind of help him make the decision I made.

As a big sister, was it a big deal for you to make sure Emily was involved in multiple sports?

Lilly: Absolutely. I actually have another sister younger than Emily. She's going to be a sophomore. For both of them it was very important to make sure that you're staying fit year-round. An easy way to do that is just keeping yourself in sports in every season and just keeping busy.

It was easier for me to get Emily to do some other sports like cross country in the fall than it was our other sister. That's one thing that both of us kind of worked on with her,

but it was essential to have her doing multiple sports and just staying fit.

It kind of gets you ready to transition from one season to the other.

Emily, did you feel like playing multiple sports was something you had to do watching Lilly both do it and excel in it?

Emily: Oh yeah, 100 percent. I just remember when we were little and like growing up, I'd be like here in the house and Lilly would be outside and she'd like pull me outside and we go, all of our siblings, we go outside and we'd be active whether it's like playing soccer, playing basketball, just like finding something to do. And then once she got to middle school and I saw her doing multiple sports and excelling, it definitely like inspired me to want to do that too.

How much has that pushed you to try and be the best you can be at everything, whether it's running or basketball?

Emily: A lot. Growing up, I'd always hear, "You're Lilly's sister." She's an all-star runner. I want people to know my name too and that just like pushed me to work hard and try to be the best that I can be and also excel at what I do just like she did.

What are the benefits that you're finding in being a multi-sport athlete?

Emily: I think a lot of it is like how she said like transitioning from one sport to the other. A big reason that I do cross country is to get me in shape for basketball, which is kind of my main sport.

If it wasn't for her, I definitely wouldn't have gotten into cross country. But I'm glad



Courier file photo
Alamosa's Emily Lavier hands off the baton to sister Lilly Lavier for the final leg of Alamosa's State Championship winning 4 x 400 meter dash in 2019.

I did because that transition from running all fall in cross country to running in basketball, it definitely keeps me in shape and it helps me out a lot with that. And then basketball keeps me in shape for track the next season.

So it's definitely beneficial, playing all these sports.

How much fun is it to be able to share the basketball court with your sister and then also be able to stand on a championship podium with her at track?

Emily: It's so much fun. That was probably one of my favorite memories, honestly from high school is getting to do it not once, but twice. I definitely

think it's something special that not a lot of people can say they got to do.

It's also special because I'm the one handing off the baton to her going into the final lap — the anchor leg. So I think for me that was always something that stood out. Those 4x400 championships; I just thought that was super special.

How many assists did Lilly give to you on the night that you said the 3-point record?

Emily: She actually had 11 of 12 assists, almost all of them.

Wow, how much fun was that? Your name's in that record book, but you and

your teammates know that your sister had a big hand in helping you there.

Lilly: It's actually kind of a funny story. We were actually scrolling through the CHSAA page on Instagram the night before that game. And I said, "Oh look, these girls had a new 3-point record," and it was 11. I told her "Oh, you can definitely do that." I thought she could get 12 or 13.

So the night before I told her she should try it, I helped just kind of making fun of her to get her to take a shot at it and then sure enough, it happened. I would look at her and just kept throwing her the ball and they just kept going in.

Emily: So, it was kind of a funny story just for the two of us to know that it was possible. A lot of people like to say that we planned that out, but I don't think we really did. We just knew it was in the realm of possibilities.

And then she kept making fun of me during the game: "You're at six, you're at seven now."

Lilly: It was just a joke because the night before we were joking about it and we share a room. Before we went to bed, before the game, I was just poking fun at her. And sure enough, she went out and was having a heck of a game and I was just keeping track.

At halftime, I told her, "You're halfway there, you might as well just go for it." So it's just kind of a fun backstory for both of us to know that and then to know that it happened.

How much of an example do you think underclassmen, need to see in watching you girls be multi-sport athletes and see the ben-

efits pay off, whether it's a scholarship to Oklahoma State or a state record for 3-pointers?

Lilly: I think it's very important and I feel like both of us have taken a good deal of responsibility for setting an example for people below us. Speaking for myself, I knew that was always a goal. I wanted to leave a good impression on the high school and for the younger girls to kind of see that you don't have to be going to this big school in Denver to do some pretty amazing and special things.

And I think Emily's done a really good job at following that and kind of getting that same attitude because I wanted to make Alamosa a place where people felt proud to be going to school. I want people to look at it and say, "Oh my gosh, there's Alamosa, they have this (certain) reputation."

We have a lot of good girls coming up and who are already at the high school who are very capable of doing things like that. Having us to show people that it's okay to be able to have big goals and go for it and set records and do things like that and to kind of even inspire people to do that, is very important. I think we've both done a good job at showing people that.

Emily: It's important to me to have a good relationship with like the underclassmen and just like make sure that you're talking to them. Whether it's in practice or on game day or at meets or whatever it is, including them in everything and just like being a role model for them to look up to.

It inspires me to want to do my best so that maybe I can be someone to them that they look up to so they can also do great things.

kids' corner

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DISTRICT COURT, SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO

501 4th Street
Saguache, CO 81149
COURT USE ONLY
Case No.: 2020CV30009
Division:
HARRIET PATTON, as personal representative for the estate of WILLIAM HARRY PATTON,
Plaintiff,
vs.
RIO GRANDE WESTERN LAND COMPANY, INC.; CONNIE TRUJILLO in her official capacity as Public Trustee of Saguache County, Colorado and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action.
Defendants.
ROBINSON & HENRY, P.C.
Jason R. Wolfe #39210
Boyd A. Rolfsen #40035
1805 Shea Center Drive, Suite 180
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129
P: 303-688-0944
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

COMPLAINT TO QUIET TITLE PURSUANT TO RULE 105, C.R.C.P.
Plaintiff, Harriet Patton, as personal representative for the estate of William Harry Patton, ("Plaintiff"), by and through her undersigned attorney, Robinson and Henry, P.C., file her Complaint to quiet title pursuant to Rule 105, C.R.C.P., and state as follows:

INTRODUCTION
1. The Plaintiff seeks to quiet title to the property located at 4 Lime Creek Road, Del Norte, CO 81132 in respect to a Deed of Trust that was paid off.
JURISDICTION AND VENUE
2. Jurisdiction is proper in this Court for this matter pursuant to C.R.S. § 13-1-124(1)(c).
3. Venue is proper under C.R.C.P. 98 because the real property that is the subject to this lawsuit is located in Saguache County, Colorado.
PARTIES
4. Plaintiff, Harriet Patton, as personal representative for the estate of William Harry Patton, is a Colorado resident who resides at 20333 Old Ranch Loop, Nathrop, CO 81236.
5. William Harry Patton was a Colorado resident and is the owner of record for the property located at 4 Lime Creek Road, Del Norte, CO 81132 (the "Property") more particularly described as: NE1/4 NE1/4 Section 10, Township 42 North, Range 6 East of the N.M.P.M., Saguache County, Colorado, also known as Lot #4, LIME CREEK ESTATES, Saguache County, Colorado, reserving a 30 foot utility and roadway easement on all boundary lines for purposes of ingress, egress, and utilities.
Parcel Number: 4751-101-00-040
6. Defendant, Rio Grande Western Land Company, Inc. ("Rio Grande Western"), was a Colorado Corporation until delinquency on May 1, 2016. The last known address for Rio Grande Western was 124 W. 2nd Street, Salida, CO 81201.
7. Connie Trujillo in her official capacity as Public Trustee of Saguache County, Colorado may claim some right, title or interest in the Property adverse to Plaintiff by virtue of being the grantee named in the deed of trust dated September 10, 1999 and recorded September 16, 1999 at Reception No. 328050 and re-recorded on February 7, 2000 at Reception No. 329193, to correct the legal description, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of Saguache County, Colorado, granted by Harry Patton for the benefit of Rio Grande Western Land Co.
8. All occupants, if any, of the Property, are unknown to Plaintiff and are treated as unknown persons.
9. There may be persons or entities who may claim some right, title or interest in the Property, which claims are adverse to Plaintiff, or who are otherwise interested in the subject matter of this action whose names are unknown to Plaintiff and cannot be ascertained despite diligent efforts to do so. All such unknown persons or entities have been made Defendants in this action and designated as "all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action." So far as Plaintiff's knowledge exists, the interests of the unknown parties are derived through one or more of the named Defendants. All such claims of all Defendants, including unknown parties, or their successors or assigns are, as of the filing of this complaint, without foundation or right.
10. Plaintiff has commenced this in rem action under Rule 105, C.R.C.P. to declare that no Defendants, no occupants, if any, and no unknown parties have any right, title and interest in and to the Property, and all claims of all such persons and entities, as of the filing of this complaint, are without foundation or right.

COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE PUBLICATION (CRS §38-38-103) FORECLOSURE SALE No. 3-2020

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following Deed of Trust:
On February 25, 2020, under Reception No. 20000293, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Conejos records.
Original Grantor(s): Victoria B. Gurule
Original Beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Prestige Capital Funding Inc., Its Successors and Assigns
Current Holder of the Evidence of Debt: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Date of Deed of Trust: September 25, 2008
County of Recording: Conejos
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: September 29, 2008
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): Reception No. 8001508
Original Principal Amount: \$66,127.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$60,809.81
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Violations including, but not limited to, Borrower's failure to make timely payments as required under the Evidence of Debt and Deed of Trust. THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

The legal description of the Property that is subject to the Notice of Election and Demand in accordance with CRS §38-38-101(4)(g) is: LOT 12 AND 13, BLOCK 1, CORLETT'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF ANTONITO, COUNTY OF CONEJOS, STATE OF COLORADO. Also known by street and number as: 1129 Front Street, Antonito, CO 81120
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at the office of the Conejos County Public Trustee, Conejos County Courthouse, 6683 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.

First Publication Date: April 29, 2020
Last Publication Date: May 27, 2020
Name of Publication: The Valley Courier
Date: April 24, 2020
Mack M. Crowther
Public Trustee in and for the County of Conejos, State of Colorado. The name, address, telephone number and bar registration number of attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Janeway Law Firm, P.C. Lynn M. Janeway #15592 9800 S. Meridian Blvd., Suite 400 Englewood, CO 80112 Phone: (303) 706-9990 Fax: (303) 706-9994 JLF No.: 20-024167
The attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
No. 1416
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DISTRICT COURT, SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
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DISTRICT COURT CIVIL SUMMONS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to file with the Clerk of this Court an answer or other response to the attached Complaint. If service of the Summons and Complaint was made upon you within the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 21 days after such service upon you. If service of the Summons and Complaint was made upon you outside of the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after such service upon you. Your answer or counter-claim must be accompanied with the applicable filing fee. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within the applicable time period, the Court may enter judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.
DATED and respectfully submitted this 20th day of March, 2020.
ROBINSON & HENRY, P.C.
/s/ Boyd A. Rolfsen
Jason R. Wolfe, #39210
Boyd A. Rolfsen, #40035
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
Pursuant to C.R.C.P. 121, Section 1-26(7) a copy of this document with original or scanned signatures is maintained at the offices of Robinson & Henry, P.C., and will be made available for inspection by other parties or the court upon request.
This Summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4, C.R.C.P., as amended. A copy of the Complaint must be served with this Summons. This form should not be used where service by publication is desired.
WARNING: A valid summons may be issued by a lawyer and it need not contain a court case number, the signature of a court officer, or a court seal. The plaintiff has 14 days from the date this summons was served on you to file the case with the court. You are responsible for contacting the court to find out whether the case has been filed and obtain the case number. If the plaintiff files the case within this time, then you must respond as explained in this summons. If the plaintiff files more than 14 days after the date the summons was served on you, the case may be dismissed upon motion and you may be entitled to seek attorney's fees from the plaintiff.
TO THE CLERK: If the summons is issued by the clerk of the court, the signature block for the clerk or deputy should be provided by stamp, or typewriter, in the space to the left of the attorney's name.
No. 1421
Published in the Valley Courier on April 29, May 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2020.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE No. 916-20

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On March 12, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.
Original Grantor(s) Dave Sisneros AND Michelle Sisneros
Original Beneficiary(ies) MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC
Date of Deed of Trust April 23, 2009
County of Recording Alamosa
Recording Date of Deed of Trust April 28, 2009
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 338372
Original Principal Amount \$115,710.00
Outstanding Principal Balance \$101,610.19
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
Tract 1, D-B Subdivision-Exemption, the Plat of which was filed September 5, 1979 under Reception No. 204696 in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Alamosa County, Colorado SAVING AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion described in deed to the Department of Transportation, State of Colorado, recorded August 18, 1998, under Reception No. 289222 of the Alamosa County, Colorado, records
Also known by street and number as: 4159 County Road 103 South, Alamosa, CO 81101.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 07/15/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
First Publication 5/20/2020
Last Publication 6/17/2020
Name of Publication Valley Courier
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
DATE: 03/12/2020
Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado
By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Janeway Law Firm, P.C. 9800 S. Meridian Blvd., Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80112 (303) 706-9990 Attorney File # 20-024311
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE 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 an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:
1) Angelina R Casias Trust, whose last known address was P.O. Box 35, Antonito, CO 81120-0035.
THE WEST THIRTY (30) FEET OF LOT ONE (1), BLOCK L, IN THE TOWN OF ANTONITO, COUNTY OF CONEJOS AND STATE OF COLORADO.
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 16th day of November A.D. 2016, the then County Treasurer of the County of Conejos, in the State of Colorado, offered for sale at a public tax lien sale the above described real estate situated in the County of Conejos, State of Colorado, to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2015.
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Angelina R Casias Trust, for the said year 2015.
That at said sale, said real estate was struck off to Conejos County; whose address is P.O. Box 97, Conejos, CO 81129 and the Treasurer's Certificate of Purchase was issued therefore to Conejos County. And whereas, the said Conejos County whose address is PO Box 97, town of Conejos, County of Conejos and State of Colorado, did on the 29th day of February A.D. 2020 duly assign the certificate of sale of the tax lien on said property aforesaid and all his rights, title and interest in said property to Christian Duran, whose address is 23 County Road B, Town of Antonito, County of Conejos, State of Colorado; and as present holder of the certificate he has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for deeds to said real estate.
And as present holder of the certificate he has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate.
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said Christian Duran at 3:00 P.M. on the 16th day of September A.D. 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.
Witness my hand and seal this 21st day of May A.D. 2020.
Mack M. Crowther
Conejos County Treasurer
No. 1447
Published in the Valley Courier on May 21, 28, and June 3, 2020.

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE 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 an Interest or Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:
1) David W Kennedy, whose last known address was 6117 Hawk Ct, Joshua, TX 76058-4246.
LOTS 44 AND 45 IN BLOCK A IN ALAMOSA RIVER ESTATES, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OF CONEJOS COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO, UNDER RECEPTION NO 162110. SUBJECT TO THE PROTECTIVE COVENANTS RECORDED IN BOOK 239 AT PAGE 520 OF THE CONEJOS COUNTY RECORDS.
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 19th day of November A.D. 2014, the then County Treasurer of the County of Conejos, in the State of Colorado, offered for sale at a public tax lien sale the above described real estate situated in the County of Conejos, State of Colorado, to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2013.
That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of David W. Kennedy, for the said year 2013.
That at said sale, said real estate was struck off to Ben J. Martinez and Debbie A. Martinez JTWR0S; whose address is P.O. Box 36, Capulin, CO 81124 and the Treasurer's Certificate of Purchase was issued therefore to Ben J. Martinez and Debbie A. Martinez JTWR0S. And as present holder of the certificate they have made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate.
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said Ben J. Martinez and Debbie A. Martinez JTWR0S at 3:00 P.M. on the 16th day of September A.D. 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.
Witness my hand and seal this 21st day of May A.D. 2020.
Mack M. Crowther
Conejos County Treasurer
No. 1446
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DISTRICT COURT, SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO

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DATED and respectfully submitted this 20th day of March, 2020.
ROBINSON & HENRY, P.C.
/s/ Boyd A. Rolfsen
Jason R. Wolfe, #39210
Boyd A. Rolfsen, #40035
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
Pursuant to C.R.C.P. 121, Section 1-26(7) a copy of this document with original or scanned signatures is maintained at the offices of Robinson & Henry, P.C., and will be made available for inspection by other parties or the court upon request.
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WARNING: A valid summons may be issued by a lawyer and it need not contain a court case number, the signature of a court officer, or a court seal. The plaintiff has 14 days from the date this summons was served on you to file the case with the court. You are responsible for contacting the court to find out whether the case has been filed and obtain the case number. If the plaintiff files the case within this time, then you must respond as explained in this summons. If the plaintiff files more than 14 days after the date the summons was served on you, the case may be dismissed upon motion and you may be entitled to seek attorney's fees from the plaintiff.
TO THE CLERK: If the summons is issued by the clerk of the court, the signature block for the clerk or deputy should be provided by stamp, or typewriter, in the space to the left of the attorney's name.
No. 1421
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BRADBURY STAMM CONTRACTORS, INC., the Construction Manager General Contractor for this project, requests subcontractor proposals and qualifications for the following project:

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT CENTAURI HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENT EARLY SITE & UTILITIES PACKAGE
Project Description: Proposals will be accepted for all trades to demolish and replace a parking lot on the school campus.
Project Site Address: 17889 US Highway 285, La Jara, CO 81140
Proposals and qualifications will be accepted until 2:00 PM MST on May 28, 2020. DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers are strongly encouraged to respond. Proposals and qualifications will be accepted in the following formats:
Electronic Copies: bids@bradburystamm.com
Hard Copies: BRADBURY STAMM
7110 2nd Street NW
Albuquerque, NM 87107
Bidding documents are available upon request via email to bids@bradburystamm.com. A non-mandatory pre-bid will be held on May 19, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the Project Site. Only one representative per interested proposer may attend. Direct any questions to Bradbury Stamm Contractors at (505) 765-1200.
No. 1438
Published in the Valley Courier on May 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 23, 26, and 27, 2020.

221 HELP WANTED

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)

221 HELP WANTED

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)

VALLEY TRACTOR REPAIR has an immediate opening for a mechanic with Ag tractor experience. This is a full time position with benefits. Applicant must have own tools and be drug free. 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)

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

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)

MONTE VISTA ESTATES Nursing Home is seeking a full time night shift CNA. Shift is 10:00pm-06:00am. 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)

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://w.w2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>, by Tuesday, June 2, 2020, or until the position is filled.(6/10)

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 crice@co.conejos.co.us. Inquiries call 719-376-6799 or 719-376-2196.(6/5)

SLV FEDERAL BANK is now accepting applications for a Loan Officer in our Monte Vista office. Applications and position descriptions are available at www.slvfed.com or at each branch location. Equal opportunity Employer, including considering individuals with Disabilities and Veterans/Affirmative Action Employer.
(6/10)

OFFICE MANAGER/BOOKKEEPER WANTED in Mosca. Duties: General Office Admin, Bookkeeping, Manage online markets, Sales Tax, Payroll, QB Reports. Part-time \$18/hour. Send Resume and cover letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com Questions call 719-588-8245.(6/2)

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099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

221 HELP WANTED

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)

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 or may be emailed to you, please contact April Quintana at 719-655-2231. Saguache County is an equal opportunity employer.(6/10)

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)

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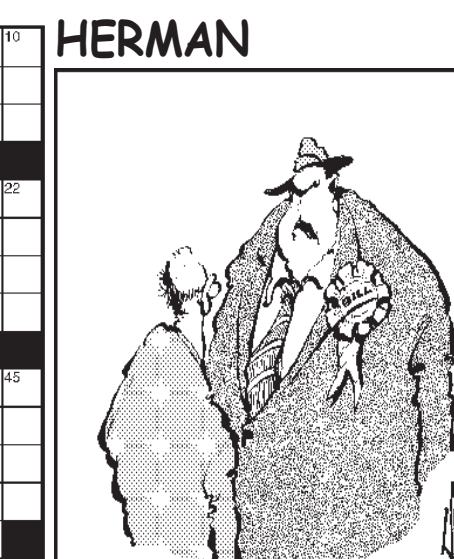
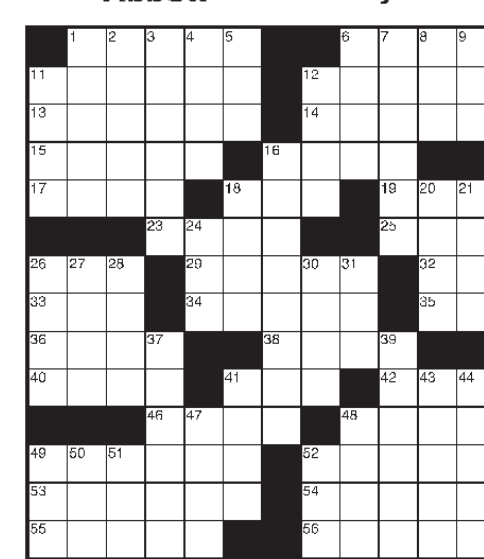
Comics

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Disordered
 - 6 Western
 - 11 Prized
 - 12 Harley competitor
 - 13 Spews ash
 - 14 Provoke
 - 15 Candy strippers
 - 16 Vaulted recess
 - 17 Unpleasant look
 - 18 Roast beef au —
 - 19 Tijuana locale
 - 23 Pole on a ship
 - 25 Mr. Trebek
 - 26 Go bad
 - 29 Apparent
 - 32 Orange or stock ending
 - 33 Barely get by
 - 34 Became ashen
 - 35 None
 - 36 Swift horse
 - 38 Prof.
 - 40 Broad valley
 - 41 Comedian — Abbott
- DOWN**
- 1 Eva — Saint
 - 2 Dodge
 - 3 Building custodians
 - 4 Hardens, as cement
 - 5 Fabric meas.
 - 6 Boathouse items
 - 7 Protozoan
 - 8 Upsilon preceder
 - 9 Codgers' queries
 - 10 "The Facts of Life" star
 - 11 Tender meat
 - 12 Barks shrilly



- 16 Roman emperor Marcus —
- 18 Island near Borneo
- 20 Computer pioneer — Turing
- 21 Luke Skywalker, e.g.
- 22 Ice skater's leap
- 24 Male parent
- 26 Interpret tea leaves
- 27 Green pods
- 28 Wild duck
- 30 Split
- 31 Certain NFL scores
- 37 Feel at home
- 39 Cruel king
- 41 Buys at auction
- 43 "Star Wars" heavy
- 44 Abrasive material
- 45 Nimble
- 47 Reverse
- 48 Gull relative
- 49 — Mineo of old films
- 50 Flightless bird
- 51 Mediocre grade
- 52 Ground breaker



HERMAN
 "A vote for me is a vote for the small businessman."

CELEBRITY CIPHER

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

" L P R F E H D E A M P J P L R A T R K R A
 R M E U Z H B R L P , R A H Z P B P M H R F
 H X L H N L P A C P E M I F E O H X M
 X N L A P F J P A . " — A R B B D K R J E A S L .

TODAY'S CLUE: 8 sntnbs 1

Previous Solution: "The most significant piece of advice my father gave me early on about acting was, 'Don't get caught acting.'" — Kiefer Sutherland

Man's serious health issues dominate 40-year marriage

DEAR ABBY: I married my husband 40 years ago. A few years later, he was diagnosed with diabetes. He refused to take care of himself and ended up with double leg amputations 13 years ago. He had prosthetics but wouldn't use them. I stood by him and was his advocate, but he blamed me!

He has major health issues now, but I'm not too concerned. According to him, it's "none of my business." Family doesn't care because he doesn't care. My daughter blames me, but she doesn't bother to have much contact with her father.

I have had enough of trying to help a man who doesn't want help. This is a loveless marriage and has been for years. He's also addicted to computer porn. He stays at a computer for hours, even when people are around. He doesn't care who's around. He broke his computer recently, and I have refused to allow him on mine, so he is angry at me for that too.

For most of our marriage I have worked outside the home. I still do. I would rather be out of the house than here with a husband who doesn't care if I'm around or not. Please advise me what I can do.

-- REACHED THE LIMIT

DEAR REACHED: What you can do depends

upon what you WANT to do. There must be a reason why you have remained in this loveless marriage as long as you have.

Since you asked, I do have a word of advice. Help your husband to get another computer. If you do, it may lessen some of the hostility that is ruling your household. He will be occupied, and you can do whatever you need to do to keep yourself sane.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are dealing with a terminal health condition, and many folks have offered to help, particularly in the area of providing meals, which we really appreciate. Recently, a family from our church brought us over a meal that included a nice entree, dessert, bread and breakfast pastries, all homemade. We enjoyed the entree, but quickly lost our appetites after opening the dessert to find a hair of unknown origin in it. We were, unfortunately, unable to enjoy the rest of the food because of this.

My dilemma is how to handle this with the family. I'm sure we will see them at church, and they have already reached out asking when they can bring us another meal. I don't want to embarrass anyone, but neither do I think I can consume another one from them.

DEAR REACHED: For what it's worth, we



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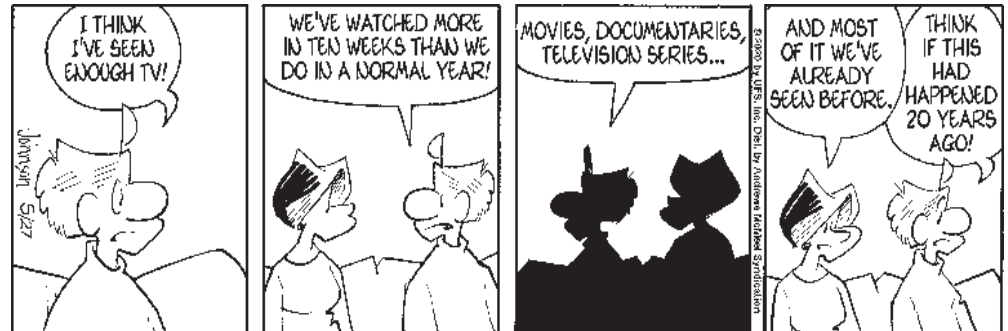
have someone who comes in weekly who prepares meals for us (whom we pay). This has been a huge help because it alleviates the time and effort required to shop, cook and clean up for most of the work week because I work full time as well as care for my husband. How can I tactfully decline this family's kind offers without coming right out and saying why we don't want their food? -- GROSSED OUT IN THE WEST

DEAR GROSSED OUT: It should not embarrass those nice people if you thank them for offering to send you more food, and tell them you no longer need food because you have hired someone who comes in and cooks for you. It's short, sweet and it's the truth.

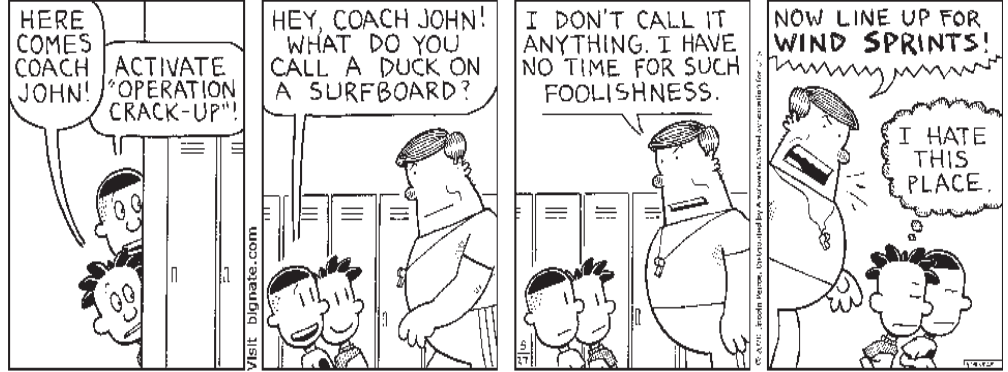
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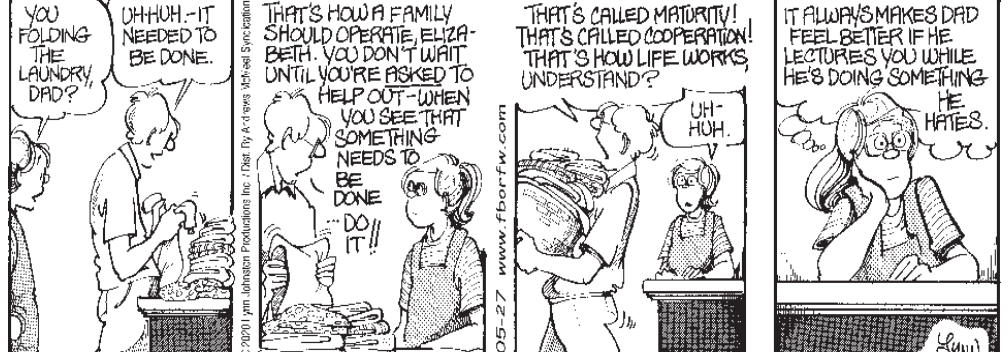
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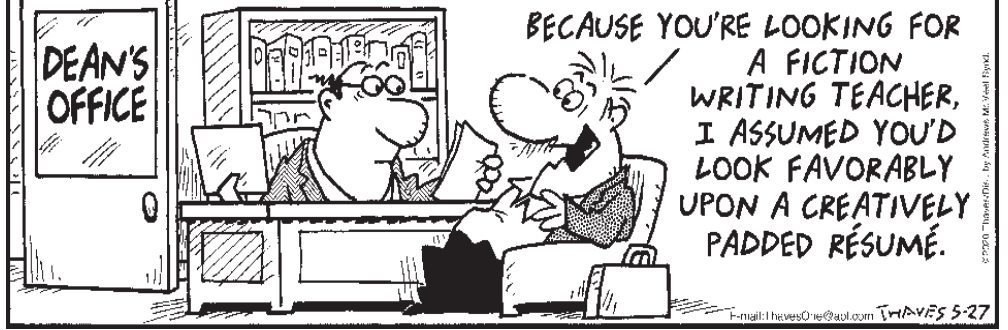
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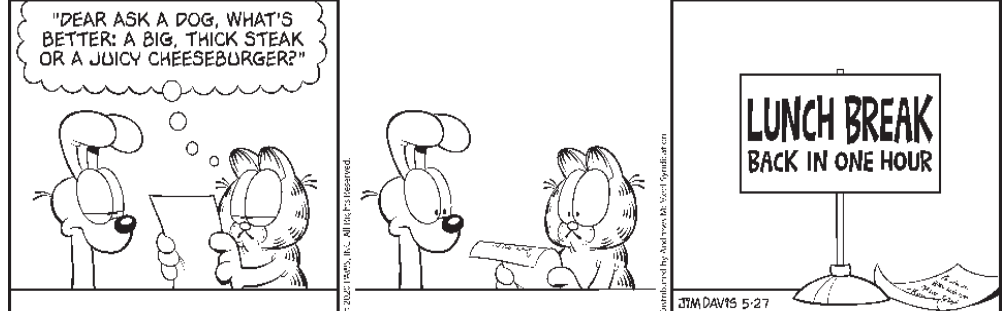
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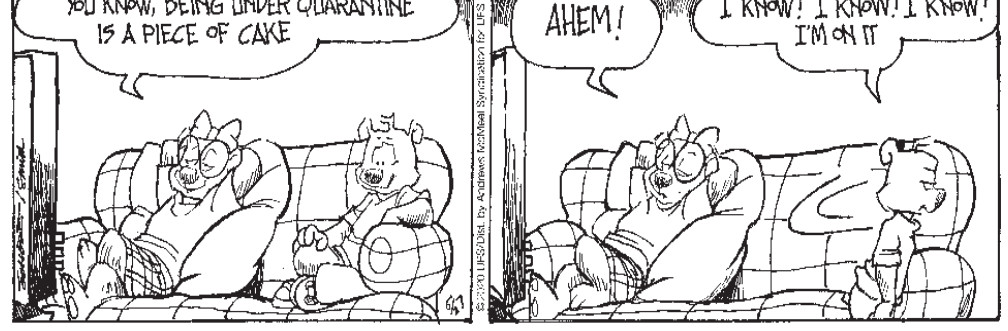
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