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Graduation information

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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Health professionals contract COVID-19

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Three new COVID cases were identified on Thursday. One from Rio Grande County, and two from Saguache County. Additional numbers are available weekdays at slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/. A shift is being made with regard to the management of local data that will make local efforts more efficient and in closer alignment with the state in terms of when cases are reported. The accuracy of the numbers will remain steady. The public may not see the difference, other than a possible delay of a day or so as we switch over. SLV Health reports that

within the last week, five SLV Health employees have tested positive for the COVID-19 disease. Their leadership team is working diligently to manage this uptick in cases by increasing their education and awareness regarding Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), proper wearing of masks, and hand hygiene reminders. They have completed additional cleaning in these areas of concern. While the risk for spread from these employees is low, SLV Health is contacting patients who may have incurred exposure to the employees who have tested positive. It is important

that those who may have had exposure follow the guidelines provided by the contact tracing team. They are currently conducting additional testing of employees. Yesterday, many restaurants opened again for the first time to sit-down dining. At the same time, notices went out over social media that some businesses had to close

again so their employees could quarantine for 14 days due to COVID exposures. This highlights the fact that reopening alone is not a perfect solution to the economic instability caused by the virus. We need to partner reopening with continued diligence at distancing in order to protect employees at the businesses we patronize. Our economy

and our local businesses are important to all of us. The better we do at keeping the spread of the virus low and slow, the more successful our businesses can be. More clarification on testing: Please be aware that the available test takes a "snapshot" of the progression of the illness. ■ See COVID page 3

Man injured in one of two fires



Alamosa firefighters were able to contain a kitchen fire to the stove itself at Juanito's Mexican Kitchen on Wednesday night. A pot left on a stove was cited as the cause according to Chief Don Chapman.

ALAMOSA — Local firefighters have had a busy month according to Fire Chief Don Chapman, including two structure fires in less than 12 hours, one of which resulted in severe burns to a male individual. Alamosa Fire was called to Juanito's Mexican Kitchen about 8:50 p.m. Wednesday where fire had broken out in the kitchen while the establishment was vacant. Chapman said a pot had been left on the stove with a burner on. The fire was contained to the stove itself, but the

restaurant received smoke and some heat damage including a broken window. Firefighters were only on scene for about an hour. About seven hours later, firefighters were called to a mobile home fire at the intersection of County Road 107 and Malouff Road. The home was believed to be unoccupied and undergoing some renovation, Chapman said, but a male individual was found outside with severe burns to his hands and face and was transferred to SLV Health. His condition is unknown.

United Way of Pueblo grants two SLV requests

PUEBLO — Two local organizations are among 15 sharing \$117,500 in grant funds from United Way of Pueblo County. Alamosa Senior Citizens, Inc. and Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley will receive grants through the Emergency Response and Recovery Fund (ERRF) in round two of funding to aid with mid to long-term recovery. More than \$400,000 in grant requests were received for Round 2. Fourteen Round 1, Immediate Response grantees were recently announced with awards and an additional designation totaling

\$95,500. A full listing of awardees can be found at: www.pueblounitedway.org/emergencyfund. United Way of Pueblo County is continuing fundraising efforts for the organization's vital services supporting more than 25 health and human service organizations in Pueblo County, in addition to its two internal programs — the United Way of Pueblo County Middle School Mentoring Program and the Pueblo Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. Learn more and donate at www.pueblounitedway.org.

Standoff at the bird feeder



A small sparrow was more than this squirrel wanted to tangle with as he tried to help himself to the sunflower seeds inside the feeder separating the two. The first eventually flew off and the four-legged forager helped himself to the bounty. Courier photo by Keith R. Cerny

Highway improvements to begin on CO 17 in Alamosa and Saguache Counties

ALAMOSA & SAGUACHE COUNTIES — The Colorado Department of Transportation announces improvements to CO Highway 17 beginning next week, June 1. The project will improve approximately 36 miles of CO 17 in the San Luis Valley, beginning south of Hooper and continuing north to the U.S. Highway 285 junction, Mile Point 84.5 to MP 118.5.

The work consists of widening the existing roadway with earthwork, base course, and heating and remixing treatment. This work is followed with a two-inch asphalt overlay and shouldering. The project also has minor culvert extensions, erosion control, signing, and striping. The project was contracted to APC Southern Construction, of Golden, and is expected to be completed in July.

The project will greatly enhance safety for travelers on this narrow two-lane highway. When completed motorists will find wider shoulders to provide a larger recoverable area on the side of the road and reduce the potential crashes from vehicles veering off the roadway.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS
During work hours motorists are asked to use caution when approaching and driving through the work zone. Travel impacts for the project include:

- Crews will begin work at the south end of the project limits, MP 84.5.
- Project work hours are daylight hours, Monday through Friday. No weekend work is currently anticipated.
- Expect travel delays of up to 15 minutes.
- Motorists will encounter brief closures with single-lane alternating traffic.
- The speed limit is reduced to 40 mph through the work zone.
- Flagging personnel will be on sight to direct travelers through the area as construction equipment enters and exits the work zone.



12-foot width restriction will be in place during project work hours. All business and residence access will be maintained but may be temporarily altered.

PROJECT & TRAVEL INFORMATION
For additional information about this project, contact the project team.
Project Hotline: 719.849.0946
Project email: jlopez@apc.us.com
Project web page: www.codot.gov/projects/co17-resurface-widen-hooper
Travel conditions visit: COTrip.org
sign up for GovDelivery, or call 511
Connect with us on Twitter @coloradodot and Facebook Facebook.com/coloradodot

REMEMBER: SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE
The following tips are to help you stay safe while traveling through maintenance and construction work zones.
Do not speed in work zones. Obey the posted speed limits.
Stay Alert! Expect the unexpected.
Watch for workers. Drive with caution.
Don't change lanes unnecessarily.
Avoid using mobile devices such as

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OBITUARIES

Augustine Trujillo



CENTER—Augustine Trujillo (Augie or Pops), 81, born August 29, 1938, in Center, CO passed away Saturday, May 23, 2020, surrounded by his loving family. Augie worked for Quartermore Farms for over 30 years until he became ill and his health would no longer allow it. He was a member of the Poor Boy Car Club and enjoyed attending car shows in his '66 Chevy Truck. Pops loved spending time with his family and supporting his grand and great-grandchildren's sporting events.

He is survived by his children Darlene (Mike) Sanchez of Monte Vista, CO, Jeanette (Rod) Pfeifer of Platte, SD and Jaxine (Jerry) Duran of Monte Vista, CO, as well

as eight grandchildren Brandi (Devin) DeLange, Elias (Tasha) Sanchez, Nicole (Rich) VanZuidam, Michael (Amber) Sanchez, Brittney (Blake) Veurink, Tiffany (James) Pacheco, Karissa Rios, Keshawn Duran and nineteen great-grandchildren; his siblings Patsy Martinez of

Center, CO, Bernie Lovato of Monte Vista, CO, Lipio Lovato of Denver, CO, Bennie Lovato of Denver, CO, Jimmy Lovato of Denver, CO, Cecilia Chacon of Romeo, CO, and his loving boss/brother Wes Harrison; along with numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife Ernestine Trujillo, his son Jeff Trujillo, his parents, several siblings and numerous extended family.

The family has chosen cremation and will announce services at a later date. Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista is in care of the arrangements, to leave online condolences or words of strength for the family, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com.

Johnny Lee Werner



SAGUACHE — Saguache County Rancher, Johnny Lee Werner passed away at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs, CO on May 19, 2020. Mr. Werner was born February 24, 1950, in Monte Vista, CO, to John Frances and Lucille "Rickie" Hibbard Werner. He was buried next to his parents at Hillside Cemetery in Saguache.

John graduated from Saguache High School in 1968 and from Adams State College in 1972, with a Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology and Sociology.

John believed in serving his community and was highly active in both the Moffat and Saguache communities. John was President of the Saguache Creek Water Users Association, he served on the Northern Saguache Fire Department from 1982-1994, a Saguache County Planning Commission member for 12 years. He was a Member of the San Luis Valley Cattlemen's and Colorado Cattlemen's Association, BLM Grazing

Board. He was a huge supporter of the Saguache County Museum. John was a strong advocate for local and valley water and the importance to educate others on water issues. He also operated his custom hay business and put up hay throughout the valley and in the Cochetopa Pass area hiring local youth.

Cy Perkins was a family friend, neighbor and rancher that was a big part of John's life. In later years John purchased the Perkins Ranch from Cy.

John always looked forward to Werner family reunions and sharing family history. He enjoyed hosting Superbowl parties and making his famous

chili.

In his youth, John enjoyed hang gliding, motorcycles, fishing, ice skating and riding his horse in the Saguache County Museum Grand opening.

John loved kids and helped many of the local kids in high school and higher education. His door was always open to anyone who needed a place to stay or just a friend.

Mr. Werner is survived by his son, Coleman Ray Werner of Red Feather Lakes, CO, and was preceded by his parents, and grandparents, Bechtold and Viola Gilder Werner and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and close friends.

Due to the pandemic, a memorial service will be scheduled for a later date.

Charitable contributions may be made in John's name to the Northern Saguache Volunteer Fire Department or the Saguache County Museum.

Arrangements in care of Strohmayer's Funeral Home.

VALLEY COURIER POLICY ON OBITUARIES

The Valley Courier charges a flat fee of \$30 for each obituary published. Pending arrangements or death notices are run at no charge.

This charge affects funeral homes, as well as family or other representatives, that directly place obituaries. All paid obituaries are published on our web site, www.alamosanews.com, for no additional fee.

In the event the newspaper errors in publishing an obit, corrections will be made and the obit will be rerun. If the errors are on the part of the submitting party, an additional fee will be assessed.

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

(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.

Same number, different name

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

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

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

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



ness hours, please leave a message. Information can also be found by visiting www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org.

ALAMOSA SHERIFF'S REPORT

5-12-20
-Jaquelyn McDonald, 36, of Lakewood was cited with second-degree criminal trespassing; at 939 CR 8 S.

5-13-20
-Kristen Davis, 38, of Mosca was cited with harassment in Mosca.
-Marie Maccormack, 59, of Alamosa was cited with third-degree criminal trespassing; at 21st and Poplar St.
-Commodore Bell, 47, of Alamosa was cited with third-degree criminal trespassing; at 21st and Poplar St.

05-15-20
-Olga Quinn, 49, of Alhambra was cited with speeding 20-39 MPH over; on Hwy. 160.

5-17-20
-Richard Fortney, 51, of Alamosa was cited with theft; off Hwy. 285.
-Elijah Delacerda, 19, of Alamosa was cited with speeding 10-19 MPH over; at 7k Blk. CR 100 S.
-Briec Estrada, 20, was cited with speeding 10-19 MPH over; at 13k Blk. Hwy. 285 S.

5-21-20
-Otilia Rangel, 34, of Alamosa was cited with careless driving; on Hwy. 160.
-Brianna Schmidt, 21, of Alamosa was cited with driving under restraint; on 200 Blk. Broadway.

5-26-2020
-Jonathan Espinoza, 35, of Alamosa was cited with speeding 10-19 MPH over; on Hwy. 160

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. Ales/Disables, Baptist Church at 751 Lincoln St., Monte Vista

FRIDAY
7 p.m. Sacred Heart School at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa.

SATURDAY
5:30 pm. at 929 State Ave., Alamosa

6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito.
8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

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Valley News

Valdez volunteers at local food bank

By MEG COLWELL
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — Last week, Colorado House Representative, Donald Valdez, paid a visit to La Puente's Alamosa Food Bank. Representing District 62, Valdez assumed office in 2017. His current term ends in Jan. of 2021. However, Valdez is running for re-election to the House; which he claims has kept him pretty busy — then COVID-19 hit.

Now, Valdez is busier than ever; trying to balance his hectic campaign and his duties to District 62. The District includes the counties of: Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Huerfano, Mineral, Pueblo, Rio Grande and Saguache. Valdez's campaign has been complicated by the fact he faces a primary for the House seat. In

Oct. 2019, Democrat Matthew Martinez — an Iraq war veteran and former Monte Vista city councilman — announced he is also seeking election.

The two certainly have their hands full, as District 62 sees a rise in COVID cases. The District has been in various forms of lockdown since April. Yet, due to its geographical isolation, the rise in COVID cases has been delayed. The rise comes as residents and businesses, alike, become more and more agitated with restrictions. Alamosa County's Board of County Commissioners is currently outraged at the State's decision to delay Alamosa's variance request. The variance would have made Alamosa "exempt" from stay-at-home orders. The Board



Courier photo by Meg Colwell
Donald Valdez (right) and La Puente staff member Mary Morin prepackage food at the Alamosa Food Bank.

declared the decision would cause 'irreparable harm' to Alamosa residents and businesses. All across the nation, counties face similar struggles; as many residents are out of

work, while some small businesses are unlikely to reopen, at all.

However, some operations — such as La Puente's Food Bank — have been crucial to community

survival. As unemployment rates soar, many are losing access to food; due to both losses of income and food shortages. Food banks all over the nation are experiencing an unprecedented influx of new and existing clients — and the Alamosa Food Bank is no exception.

COVID forced the Alamosa Food Bank to modify procedures, in order to continue providing services. Normally, clients would be allowed to enter the facility and 'shop' for their food items, based on a point system. Pandemic procedures are different: volunteers pre-package food boxes and distribute them, one-at-a-time, outside of the facility. This way, La Puente can continue to safely provide services.

By volunteering his time

and support to La Puente's food bank, Valdez highlighted the necessity of such operations. While pleased to still be helping the community, the Bank's new procedures mean more work for volunteers. Up until recently, to avoid unnecessary exposure, La Puente had to rely on in-house volunteers. Thankfully, La Puente is now permitted to accept community volunteers — and was pleased to receive Valdez's help. He assisted in packing boxes for distribution. La Puente thanks him for his service and hopes to see him again!

Valdez and Martinez will be on the ballot, June 30. Colorado is one of the few states allowing residents to vote-by-mail, so everyone has an opportunity to vote.

County Commissioners address variance

Staff Report

ALAMOSA — Wednesday Alamosa's Board of County Commissioners had a virtual meeting in the morning hours where they collected various updates as well as addressed the variance request.

In a developing situation that doesn't seem to have any easy answers, the Board and city officials are being pulled in multiple directions. On one side is a growing concern for the virus which seems to be peaking at the wrong time in the San Luis Valley garnering 40 new cases over the course of four days. On the other side is a struggling business sector that has been starved for customers for the past two months.

Dining businesses will be given a small buoy being allowed to accept dine-in restaurants at 50% capacity since Wednesday.

The Commissioners spoke on the state putting Alamosa's variance request. Darius Allen shared a story about communicating with deciding members on the variance board listening to his concerns while not sharing the fact that they had already drafted the denial letter with him. In the letter, the state also acknowledged Alamosa as the central hub of the San Luis Valley taking both the domestic Rakhra Mushroom outbreak and the Mountain King Spud Grower outbreak in Saguache County into their con-

sideration of Alamosa's variance. Something that struck a chord with Allen, "All of a sudden we're responsible for the whole San Luis Valley."

The Board took public comment which pressed the Board to advocate for the 'non-essential businesses' at the June 1 deadline for Phase 2 of reopening, Safer at Home. Alamosa Public Health Director Della Cox-Viera fielded the question stating that a meeting with the acting advocacy body with the State Health Department and Governor's office later that day.

Alamosa Noxious Weed Control's Brian Maestas delivered an update to the board. Maestas declared that they had brought on seasonal help

and placed a proposal with CDOT to spray 33.5 miles to see earnings of \$11,725 when completed.

Department of Human Services delivered by Catherine Salazar, painted a picture of a \$1.68 million expenditure against a \$1.77 million revenue stream for the month, which Salazar credited to April property taxes being paid. Salazar shared that the expectation is that moving forward that will slow down significantly. But the outlook was positive. Tax based relief was spared from cuts and Alamosa was fully funded under tax-based relief, which Salazar estimated could mean a potential \$500 thousand dollar shortfall for the county.

COVID

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A "negative" test result (informing that you do not have COVID) should not be used to inform decisions on quarantine. The test is not necessarily definitive. For instance, it could be a false negative, meaning you have COVID, but the test didn't "see" the virus, or you may not have developed COVID yet after you were exposed. It can take up to 14 days for someone who is exposed to develop the illness. The recommendation stays the same, if you are sick, please stay home at least 10 days after the start of symptoms and at least 42 hours after any fever. If you have been exposed to COVID, stay home 14 days after the date of exposure.

Testing right now is limited to symptomatic individuals only. If you are sick, please call one of the hospital call-lines below to begin 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.

Ring in Summer with Generation Wild May 29

SAN LUIS VALLEY — It's a time-honored tradition when that final school bell rings. Papers fly. Lockers slam shut. Kids run out the door. And summer begins. But this year is different. With in-person learning canceled for the remainder of the year for Colorado schools, the last bell won't ring — at least not in the same way as before. That's why Generation Wild, a movement from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), is encouraging the entire state to get outside on Fri., May 29 at 3:00 p.m. to ring whatever bell they have to celebrate the kids and teachers. To honor the front line. To remind all of us that better days lie ahead. And to signal the start of summer.

Realizing how COVID-19 has drastically changed the way people are able to interact with one another, Generation Wild wanted to explore ways to unite and bring hope to its community through a shared experi-

ence. Thus, the idea for a bell ringing to signify the start of summer was born.

"Kids have had to miss out on so many important milestones and activities this spring because they weren't in school," said GOCO Executive Director Chris Castilian. "We wanted to come up with a joyful and fun way to acknowledge the end of the school year and the beginning of summer. So, we're hoping that everyone including kids, moms, dads, grandparents, churches, fire stations and even town halls will ring a bell — any kind will do — at 3:00 p.m. on May 29."

Generation Wild was created by GOCO to reconnect kids with nature by increasing the amount of time they spend outside in unstructured play — the kind of play that used to be way more common. The program is an integrated, statewide effort that involves providing parents and caregivers inspiration for getting

children outdoors. Generation Wild enjoys broad support from statewide non-profit, public and private partner organizations. In 15 Colorado communities, diverse, locally based Generation Wild coalitions are creating equitable access to the outdoors with new places to play, outdoor programs, and pathways to leadership opportunities and jobs in the outdoors.

Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) invests a portion of Colorado Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance the state's parks, trails, wildlife, rivers, and open spaces. GOCO's independent board awards competitive grants to local governments and land trusts and makes investments through Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Created when voters approved a Constitutional Amendment in 1992, GOCO has since funded more than 5,300 projects in urban and rural areas in all 64 counties without any tax dollar support. Visit GOCO.org for more information.

CDOT

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phones while driving in work zones.

Turn on headlights so that workers and other drivers can see you.

Be especially alert at night while driving in work zones.

Expect delays, especially during peak travel times. Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you.

Anticipate lane shifts and merge when directed to do so.

Be patient!

COVID-19

Safe transportation infrastructure is essential for emergency first responders and freight drivers as Colorado navigates the COVID-19 pandemic. With that in mind, road maintenance and construction continues on CDOT projects with social distancing and other health safety measures to reduce COVID-19 exposure on the worksite. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment announced guidelines for construction activities. The public is urged to join the campaign for #DoingMyPartCO by practicing social distancing, wearing face masks, staying at home when possible, and avoiding nonessential travel. With fewer vehicles on the roads, CDOT crews will be able to work more efficiently and safely.

WHOLE SYSTEM. WHOLE SAFETY.

To heighten safety awareness, CDOT recently announced its Whole System — Whole Safety initiative. This project takes a systematic statewide approach to safety combining the benefits of CDOT's programs that

address driving behaviors, our built environment and the organization's operations. The goal is to improve the safety of Colorado's transportation network by reducing the rate and severity of crashes and improving the safety of all transportation modes. The program has one simple mission—to get everyone home safely.

ABOUT CDOT

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

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SLV COVID-19

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154 SLV POSITIVE CASES

Alamosa County - 66
Conejos County - 1
Costilla County - 7
Mineral County - 2
Rio Grande County - 18
Saguache County - 60

17 HOSPITALIZED

68 ISOLATION COMPLETED

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3 DEATHS

3 ways to respond to

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Opinion

God Bless America...

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

President Trump was confronted by fact-checkers on Twitter who used CNN as the arbiter of what he said is factual or not. Recently, CNN called Trump a liar, pointing out that last year, Trump said he was seventy-two years old, but this year he says he's seventy-three. Which is it, Mr. President?



Argus Hamilton

Beverly Hills plastic surgeons reported huge business in the week following the re-opening of cosmetic surgery centers due to pent-up demand. Supermodel Chrissy Teigen revealed she just had her breast implants removed. It is a brief procedure, otherwise known as show business as retirement.

L.A. protestors clogged a freeway Tuesday after Minnesota police choked a black man to death during arrest. The L.A. riot was all over local TV. People in the blasé Westside saw it and assumed the Lakers had been awarded the NBA title because they were in first place when the lockdown began.

The Rolling Stones' No Filter Tour for summer of 2020 remains canceled but concert ticket outlets are not refunding. The brokers anticipate a make-up fall tour to make good on the shows lost due to the virus. Can't we just get a blood sample from Keith Richards and cure this thing already?

Vons grocers hinted that its face mask rule for customers may last until Labor Day. Grocery stores were the national meeting place throughout this pandemic. In February, my neighbor here in West Hollywood went to the grocery store for a quart of milk and came home with a case of Corona.

Los Angeles this week emerged from home shutdown that began mid-March. The unintended consequences haven't been all bad. With all the money I have saved from not going to Starbucks every day in the eighty days since the lockdown began, I just purchased a cabin at Lake Arrowhead.

The Wall Street Journal assessed the stock market surge is signaling investor belief in a huge economic comeback this summer. I'm so sick and tired of the Corona Virus that I would trade .003% of the population never to hear of it again. That's the deal we made with all the other viruses, isn't it?

Psychology Today advised readers the 2020 virus shutdown will have repercussions that last a long time. This is the strangest three months I ever lived through. In late 2025, five-year-old kids will be asking mommy who their daddy is, and mommy will say I don't know, he was wearing a mask.

Twitter, it was revealed Wednesday, is employing a pajama-boy Trump-hater to begin rendering his verdict each day on which Trump tweet is true or false, and is using CNN as a source for the facts in play. No one can believe Twitter is using CNN to fact-check Trump. It's the Trifecta of Truth.

President Trump locked horns with Twitter over his claims that mail-in voting could result in election fraud. I visited a few old friends at Forest Lawn cemetery Monday, and I was touched by all the red, white and blue stickers on the gravestones. They read I Voted and Voted and Voted by Mail.

Joe Biden apologized for telling black people Friday if they don't vote for Joe Biden, they ain't black. I thought I saw a photo of myself in Entertainment Weekly yesterday, same face, same blonde hair, same blue eyes, but I was mistaken. It was a picture of Kanye West after he didn't vote for Biden.

Joe Biden took on the Trump administration on the economy Wednesday saying he can't take credit for a partial recovery. Also Biden tried to broaden his appeal to the faith community by giving an interview on a Christian radio network. He said if you don't eat casseroles you ain't Baptist.



Is Coronavirus a Concern with Takeout?

At this time the CDC, FDA and USDA are not aware of any reports that suggest COVID-19 can be transmitted by food or food packaging. Current evidence shows the biggest risk of transmission of COVID-19 is being around individuals who are symptomatic (and to a lesser extent, infected but not showing symptoms.) Food businesses should be following employee health policies and health department recommendations to keep these individuals' home. Here are answers to questions you may have about the safety of takeout meals.

What are the risks of takeout or drive-thru foods? There is no current indication that takeout or drive-thru meals will increase illness.

This option is a good risk management choice, especially for high risk and elderly groups because it helps maintain social distancing and reduces the number of touch points.

What are the risks of food delivered to home? Like takeout, food

delivery helps maintain social distancing and reduces the number of touch points between the preparation and serving of food. Many delivery programs have also instituted no touch/no interaction options, which further reduces risk.

Can I get COVID-19 from touching food or packaging exposed to Coronavirus? The risk of transfer of viruses is very low, based on current research. To further minimize risk, handling food packaging should be followed by hand-washing and/or using hand sanitizer.

So, what happens in your body if you do ingest coronavirus through food? Coronaviruses are generally thought to be spread from person-to-person through respiratory droplets. It may be possible for a person to get COVID-19 by touching a contaminated surface or object and then touching their mouth, eyes, or nose, but this is not thought to be the major way the virus is transmitted. Currently, there

Eye on Extension



Mary Ellen Fleming

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Home cooking vs. Dining out

We are anticipating the joy of eating out again due to the fact that home cooking leaves a lot to be desired.

In short, the number of people available to prepare meals is limited and time has limited the available items that can go into the repast.

I once was a good and creative cook, but as the family grew up and moved on, I still cooked enough for a crowd. Some of the family usually returned for Sunday dinners.

Leftovers can only be used if someone is eating them and that is only possible if the original meal was memorable.

The end result is usually what may be gruel and there are no Oliver Twists available. I looked up an alternative word for gruel and the computer offered "gruesome."

Dinty Moore makes some good canned foods. I could go there.

One can of stew serves two people. Fast food is usually a cheaper bet. Crisp burger and limp bacon. I can do that.

I have, with a slight variation: medium meat and crisp bacon.

Figuring that chili beans would be an amazing add-on. I found some for 50 cents a can and didn't read the contents. I introduced kidney beans to pinto bean palates.

Later, I found a once-beautiful chiliburger hidden under old newspapers in the trash can. The accompanying corn chips had been eaten and the meat was minus a couple of bites.

Note to self: don't do that again.

Some dishes worked well, though, so we aren't dead.

One fellow shouted over the six-foot gap between us in Safeway that he was happy with the stay at home order because he had discovered his skills as a cook and housekeeper.

He had foam plates and bowls in his cart, along with about 10 "TV" dinners.

Explaining that he didn't trust hamburgers, he would have meatloaf for dinner via a frozen meal.

I remembered "mystery meat" in the college cafeteria.

I trust ground beef more than I trust mystery meat.

It's possible to make tasty Salisbury Steak, but that can't be eaten every day. Rotisserie chicken can become chicken and dumplings with some canned biscuits from the dairy case and it is possible to find good meat for a roast that can be served again and again.

I kept my masked mouth shut. I only see the young man in the grocery store once a year or so. He smiled -- at least his eyes seemed to be happy over his mask as he announced he would probably continue his frozen diet after the pandemic was over.

Seriously, there are ways to get by and the masks aren't that bad. I sincerely hope the Nervous Nellies are wrong and more people won't die because our towns are returning to normal, whatever that is.

Let's go to all the home-owned eateries and shop at small businesses. My first purchase will be a good cookbook -- memories fade with the years.

Native Writes



Sylvia Lobato

Fish stories

Here in the San Luis Valley, a naturally pretty dry place, we have water from the big one -- the Rio Grande River -- its tributaries, wetlands, diversions to irrigated fields, and impoundments.

So, dry or not, fishing here is a popular sport, providing recreation and sometimes, depending on your luck, food. Birds like it too.

As I mentioned last time, I am a birdwatcher, though not a fisherperson. So fairly often I break out of safer-at-homelife life and drive the dozen miles over to Home Lake near Monte Vista to see what's out there.

This pond, occupying only a few acres, is at the east end of that town's Sherman Avenue and a mile north of US 160 on RG Rd. 3E. The lake is on the east side of the county road, just across from the Colorado State Veterans Center. You can't miss it.

This lake belongs to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Department and is managed as a State Wildlife Area. SWA stocks it with Rainbow Trout, Large-mouth Bass, and a couple of other kinds. Until 2008, SWA also stocked it with carp to eat the aquatic grasses, and one carp, a survivor of that effort, lurked down there in the lake, growing and growing until it weighed 30 pounds and was 40 inches long. A very surprised

local fellow named Ramiro Fuentes hauled in that monster last year.

Folks from Monte Vista, like Ramiro, often go over there after work or on weekends to fish, but it's never what you would call crowded. Some families bring a lawn chair, a cooler, and the kids -- nothing fancy. Anyone aged 16 and up must have a state fishing license, but, otherwise, it is free and open to the public.

A well-maintained but unpaved road runs closely around three sides of the lake, with the paved county road being only a few feet from on the west bank. On the north side lies a dike that impounds the lake, separating it from an irrigation ditch. The only amenities are a wheelchair-accessible pier, a boat ramp that is used once in a while when the lake is brimful as it is at present, and a couple of small man-made projections of earth where fishermen frequently fish. Others try their luck along the dike.

In a few weeks, as the water level recedes, the lake will also have some mudflats around the edges and out in the water that attracts wading birds. Waterfowl usually are numerous both in numbers and species, and the mature deciduous trees full of birds, so, all in all, birders are attracted to Home Lake

Rabbitbrush Rambler



Virginia Simmons

Religion

Evangelicals in the age of 'fake news' and qanon

A majority of evangelicals are worried about "fake news," and they also think mainstream journalists are part of the problem.

The question, as pandemic-weary Americans stagger into the 2020 elections, is how many believers in this voting bloc have allowed their anger about "fake news" to push them toward fringe conspiracy theories about the future of their nation.

Some of these theories involve billionaire Bill Gates and global coronavirus vaccine projects, the Antichrist's plans for 5G towers, Democrats in pedophile rings or all those mysterious "QAnon" messages. ("Q" is an anonymous scribe, thought by disciples to be a retired U.S. intelligence leader or maybe even President Donald Trump.)

The bitter online arguments sound like this: Are these conspiracies mere "fake news," or is an increasingly politicized American press -- especially on politics and religion -- hiding dangerous truths behind its own brand of "fake news"?

"A reflexive disregard of what are legitimate news sources can feed a penchant for conspiracy theories," said Ed Stetzer, executive director of the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College.

Many mainstream journalists do a fine job of covering the complex world of evangelicalism, stressed Stetzer, reached by email.

Nevertheless, he added: "I think that the bias of much of mainstream news has to be considered in this conversation. Many

evangelicals have seen, over and over, news sources report on them irresponsibly, with bias, and -- at times -- with malice. When you see that enough, about people you know, there is a consequence. Regrettably, I don't think many in the mainstream news world are thinking, 'We should have done better.'"

It doesn't help that Americans disagree about the meaning of "fake news."

Many Americans on the left define "fake news" as rumors, acidic political fairy tales and outright hoaxes spreading via social media, often created by activists or hostile operatives overseas. Many conservatives use the same term to describe news warped by errors, ignorance, bias or a near-total dependence on anonymous sources. Many Trump supporters pin this label on any news hostile to the White House.

It's clear that these disagreements are affecting some American evangelicals, according to a 2018 study conducted at the Billy Graham Center.

"For those concerned about the rise of conspiracy theories in the church, it is rather distressing that three-quarters of evangelicals agreed that the mainstream media produces 'fake news,' compared to only 54% of non-evangelicals," wrote Stetzer and Graham Center colleague Andrew MacDonald in an essay for The Dallas Morning News. "Church attendance at least once a month was one of the factors more likely to correlate to agreeing

that the mainstream media produces fake news. ... We understand mistrust of the media that often struggles to accurately report on matters of religion, but these numbers are stunning.

"This distrust of media sources and embrace of social media as a tool for political and social debate has predictably caused division. Nearly three-quarters (73%) of evangelicals agree that social media has increased the divisive political climate in America, and about a third (32%) have said that they have unfollowed or unfriended someone due to social or political issues."

Evangelical leaders are, for example, wrestling with the grassroots influence of the QAnon movement. Writing for The Gospel Coalition website, evangelical writer Joe Carter called QAnon a "political cult" and a "satanic movement."

"Although the movement is still fringe," wrote Carter, "it is likely that someone in your church or social media circles has ei-

ther already bought into the conspiracy or thinks it's plausible and worth exploring."

Meanwhile, an Atlantic Monthly essay by Adrienne LaFrance claimed that this movement "harnesses paranoia to fervent hope. ... To look at QAnon is to see not just a conspiracy theory but the birth of a new religion."

Conspiracy theories appear to be affecting all kinds of people and social media networks -- both secular and religious. However, it's time for evangelical leaders to pay more attention to developments at the grassroots, according to Stetzer and MacDonald.

"As evangelicals ourselves, we think it is time that the church recognizes the growing foothold conspiracy theories are gaining in our midst, and what this means for our credibility and witness. These theories are gaining power ... and during this crisis, when many are at home and online more than ever, the theories are a headache we can no longer ignore."

On Religion



Terry Mattingly

Bible Digest

Friday, May 29, 2020

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;" (Ephesians 6:18 AKJV)

Keep praying. It will keep you on track.

Saturday, May 30, 2020

"Fret not yourself because of evil men, neither be you envious at the wicked: For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out." (Proverbs 24:19-20 AKJV)

God has the final say. God wins!

Sunday, May 31, 2020

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21 AKJV)

People who are born again follow Jesus. It's all about Him.

Monday, June 1, 2020

"Say not, I will do so to him as he has done to me: I will render to the man according to his work." (Proverbs 24:29 AKJV)

We should not be in the vengeance business. Let God take care of you.

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

"For thus said the high and lofty One that inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." (Isaiah 57:15 AKJV)

God is pleased to work in the hearts of the truly humble.

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

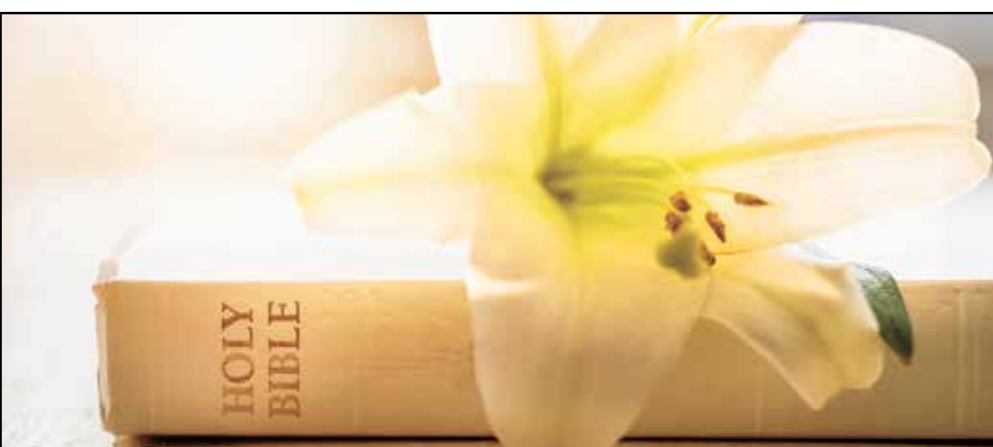
"Whom have I in heaven but you? and there is none on earth that I desire beside you. My flesh and my heart fails; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever." (Psalms 73:25-26 AKJV)

This is the kind of relationship that God's people should have with Him.

Thursday, June 4, 2020

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." (Philippians 2:3 AKJV)

Let's put the Lord and others before ourselves.



Discover How You Can Be Free from Fear

Fear is an enemy that torments the soul and seeks to steal our life. Conquering it is not something that we do in one day, or even in 1,000 days. It is something that we achieve one day at a time with God's help.

Fear can show up unexpectedly. One of our goals should be to recognize it so we can deal with it right away.

I remember a time when I was waking up at about 2 or 3 in the morning and then having difficulty going back to sleep. After two nights of that, I found myself going to bed with a vague sort of fear that it would happen again, and sure enough it did. After about three nights of the same thing, God reminded me that I could pray and resist Satan, the source of all fear. According to God's Word, the sleep of the righteous should be sweet (see Proverbs 3:24). I prayed immediately and went back to sleep and have not had any problems since then.

Being free from fear doesn't mean that we will never experience it or be confronted by it. It means that we are committed to not allowing it to rule our lives, and when necessary we will do what we need to do, even if we have to do it afraid.

Each time you feel fear and decide to "do it afraid," you will enjoy your new freedom so much that you will soon be totally unwilling to do without it. You will become determined to end your days of slavery to fear. That does not mean that you won't still need to confront your fears, but it does mean that you will be more and more willing to keep confronting them.

from a yoke of bondage, we will need to "keep standing firm" and not allow ourselves to be entrapped by it again.

Satan is very shrewd and he never completely gives up the hope of drawing us back into bondage. So we must live watchfully, ready to recognize and immediately confront the things that steal our liberty in Christ.

The Bible says that the righteous man falls seven times and gets up again (see Proverbs 24:16). I love that scripture and am greatly encouraged by it. Even the most righteous person fails to do everything he knows to do all the time, but he is committed to not giving up.

If you have a weak moment, that doesn't mean you have lost your victory. But if we give up, we won't be in a position to get help from God, because we receive His help through faith, not through hopelessness. We need to stay positive, hopeful and filled with faith, and when we do, we can overcome anything with God's help. I often say that anyone can succeed if they refuse to give up!

Some fears are more deeply rooted in us than other ones, and for that reason, they may be ones we have to resist more aggressively. Mine is the fear of making people angry. My father was always angry, and I never really knew if I had done something to make him that way or not. I would like to be able to say that after all of these years of teaching others, I no longer have to deal with this fear, but that's not the case. However, now I recognize it and deal with it, so I still have the victory.

Recognizing the lies, deceit and strategies of the devil is so important. We should always be ready to resist him at the onset of his attacks, because the longer we let a fear remain, the more difficult it is to get rid of it. So make a decision to be a person of



Moving Up Higher with Joyce Meyer

action. You have what it takes to win!

The Word of God says that we are more than conquerors through Christ who loves us (Romans 8:37). God has given us all that we could ever need to overcome our fears through Christ. He has blessed us with every blessing in the spiritual realm (Ephesians 1:3). He has given us power and authority over all the power the devil possesses (Luke 10:19). We have what it takes, but we must be active in our faith and never give up.

Possessing the full freedom that is yours in Christ is a progressive journey. It is something we gain and then maintain. I encourage you to focus on your progress instead of merely looking at how far you have to go. Today is a new day, and every day you can be one step closer to conquering your fears!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-teaching CD series Facing Fear and Finding Freedom. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, Enjoying Everyday Life, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

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 Published Changes**
 Schedule RI-Residential Internet and Schedule CI-Commercial Internet
 Additions:
 1. If service is deactivated and removed from billing but the equipment remains at the location, there will be a \$50.00 reactivation charge each time the request is made to reactivate the service. If service is unable to be restored from the office, the applicable trip charge will apply.
 2. Monthly Static IP Address - \$29.95
 Deletions:
 1. To be eligible for the seasonal rate, the member must sign a 2-year contract and receive full internet service for a minimum of six consecutive months during a rolling 12-month period.
 2. Block of 6 Static IP Addresses - \$14.95
 Block of 14 Static IP Addresses - \$29.95
 3. Request for blocks of IP addresses greater than 14 will be considered on an individual basis.
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 2. There is no charge to put service into a seasonal mode. A reconnection fee of \$20.00 per line will be charged to reactivate telephone service.
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 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing before the Alamosa Board of County Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2020 at 8:30 AM, Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado for the purpose of considering an application for a Minor Subdivision submitted by Matthew Yoder and Chester Yoder for Rocky Mountain Home Builders, LLC.
 The applicant is proposing to divide into two tracts. The home will be sold separate from the remaining land.
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THE TOWN OF ANTONITO is seeking well qualified legal counsel, with expertise and experience in municipal law. Applicants must be available the second Thursday of every month and for special meetings, when applicable. This is a yearly contract position commencing in July, 2020. The position is currently paid via monthly retainer; however, hourly compensation may also be considered. The salary range for retainer is approximately \$1,150 - \$1,500 per month, contingent upon experience. Please submit a cover letter, resume and any other pertinent application materials to Town of Antonito, Legal Counsel Hiring Committee PO Box 86, Antonito, CO 81120 or in person at 515 River Street, Antonito, CO between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8:30 - 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.(6/6)

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

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

221 HELP WANTED

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

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

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

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

221 HELP WANTED

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)

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)

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)

221 HELP WANTED

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

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

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

221 HELP WANTED

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

THE SAN LUIS Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services has positions for a full time Medicaid Coordinator/Admin. Assistant. This position will provide quality clerical assistance and record keeping to the special education department and Medicaid agencies; to provide all required documents for Medicaid reimbursements to appropriate Colorado agencies. High school diploma or equivalent required with least one year secretarial experience, knowledge of financial reports and processes preferred. Process requires application, letter of interest, and three current letters of reference. Send completed application process to Nita McAuliffe, Director of Exceptional Student Services, SLV BOCES, 2261 Enterprise Drive, Alamosa, CO 81101 or nmcauliffe@slvboces.org. Application deadline is June 8, 2020 or until positions are filled.(6/10)

221 HELP WANTED

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

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163 LOST & FOUND

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221 HELP WANTED

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

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221 HELP WANTED

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

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

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

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

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

221 HELP WANTED

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)

RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing Home in Del Norte CO, is accepting applications for the Housekeeping Department. If you would like to join our amazing team, please come in or call for more information. 719-657-1105. 1335 6th Street Del Norte CO 81132. (RVI in an EOE). (5/29)

RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing home is now hiring LPN's and RN's. Come join our team! Must have a current license and CPR. Days and Night shift With night shift differential. Please stop in for an application at 1335 6th st in Del Norte Co or call 719-657-1105 Ask for Susan or Cheley. (RVI is EOE.)(5/29)

APARTMENT MANAGER. OVER the Rainbow Apartments, downtown Alamosa seeks a live-in, skilled property manager. Responsibilities include lease management, facility upkeep, handling tenant needs and issues. Qualifications: mature, good communication and computer skills, good references. Knowledge of human services helpful. Compensation includes salary, apartment, paid utilities and benefits. Serious applicants, please submit resume to hr@lapuente.net.(5/29)

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620 STORAGE UNITS
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702 - AUTOS FOR SALE
2011 FORD SHELBY Cobra, glass roof. 15,000 miles. \$48,500/obo, Call 719-588-5198.(6/17)

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

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

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

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BEAUTIFUL 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath country home with fireplace will be available June 1, 2020. 1st, last, security & utility deposit. 1-year lease. References. Monthly rent is \$800 plus utilities. Contact Cheryl 719-480-0502. Leave a message. (6/13)

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ALLEY OOP

SO WHY DO YOU NEED US FOR YOUR PLAN?
IF I CAN TRAVEL BETWEEN THE UNIVERSES AND THROUGH TIME, I'LL BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING!
BUT YOU'LL ONLY DO GOOD STUFF, RIGHT, COPIOUS?
OF COURSE! NOTHING EVIL.
PINKY SWEAR?
NO NEED. I'M A GOOD MAN.

ARLO & JANIS

MAN, I HATE COMING TO THE END OF A REALLY GOOD BOOK!
AND WITH A DIGITAL READER, THERE'S NO CLOSURE!

BIG NATE

MR. STAPLES! HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT "OPERATION CRACK-UP"?
WHAT'S THAT?
WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE EVERY TEACHER IN THE SCHOOL LAUGH!
HEH. GOOD LUCK WITH THAT.
NOT REALLY A LAUGH. MORE LIKE A KNOWING CHUCKLE.
I'LL GIVE HIM HALF CREDIT.

THE BORN LOSER

THORNAPPLE, WHAT IS YOUR HONEST OPINION OF ME?
CHIEF, DESPITE A FEW MINOR FAULTS, YOU ARE THE GREATEST MAN I'VE EVER MET!
WHAT FAULTS?

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

GLPPP MEFF MEFF
COME ON, APRIL, WAKE UP! DON'T GO TO SLEEP NOW, BABY-- WAKE UP!!
I HATE IT WHEN THEY ONLY NURSE ON ONE SIDE.

FRANK & ERNEST

I'VE BEEN HAVING VERY STRANGE DREAMS LATELY, BUT THEY'RE NO MATCH FOR HOW BIZARRE WAKING-HOURS LIFE HAS SEEMED.

GARFIELD

LIZ, I HAVE WRITTEN A POEM FOR YOU
"FIFTY POUNDS OF BACON?"
"YOU ARE THE AIR THAT I BREATHE?" THIS ISN'T MY SHOPPING LIST

THE GRIZZWELLS

IT'S SO UNFAIR! SUMMER VACATIONS STARTING, AND I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO CHILLAXING, PLAYING VIDEO GAMES, BINGE-WATCHING TV, FACETIMEING MY FRIENDS EATING JUNK FOOD AND CHECKING OUT FASHION BLOGS!
INSTEAD YOU'RE IN QUARANTINE PLAYING VIDEO GAMES, BINGE-WATCHING TV, FACETIMEING YOUR FRIENDS, EATING JUNK FOOD AND CHECKING OUT FASHION BLOGS!
EXACTLY! IT'S SO UNFAIR!

PEANUTS

I HATE IT WHEN THEY RETURN MY SERVE!

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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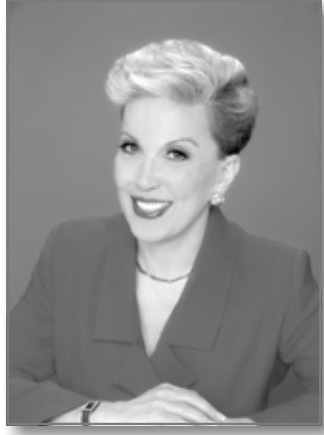
HERMAN

"Wilson, don't drag your nails down the blackboard."

Teen in quarantine worries about staying close to beau

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with my boyfriend for a little over five months. We have enjoyed spending time with each other, but we never have deep, meaningful conversations, and I feel that it's negatively impacting our relationship. Because of the coronavirus quarantine, we can't see each other because we are still in our teens and don't live together. If we don't start having conversations that mean something to either of us over the phone, I'm afraid we'll break up before we are allowed to see each other again. Please give me some advice. -- STUCK IN QUARANTINE

DEAR STUCK: You may be worrying needlessly. Stop for a moment and ask yourself what kind of conversations you had with your boyfriend BEFORE the pandemic. How deep were they? Express how you have been feeling lately, but, if you can, try to keep your conversations upbeat. Share stories and videos with him that make you laugh. If he wants to discuss his concerns, be prepared to listen, but don't push him in that direction. Space your calls so there will be something fresh to talk about. And always end your chats by telling how much you care about him, which will probably make



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

him smile. DEAR ABBY: I have several adult nieces and nephews whose dysfunctional upbringing makes them react in a very hostile and aggressive manner to anyone they perceive as disagreeing with them. They verbally abuse anyone they view as opposing them. They have so alienated their parent's new spouse that they are no longer welcome in that parent's home at any time, for any reason. I would like to remain on semi-friendly terms with them, but I am unwilling to accept their verbal abuse. Is there any way this can be fixed? -- DISTANCING IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR DISTANCING: Unless your nieces and nephews are willing to accept that they have anger management issues that need addressing, this isn't a problem that anyone other than a licensed professional can fix. If one of them unleashes a tirade on you, CALMLY point out that you prefer not to be abused and end the conversation by absenting yourself. Do it once, and I guarantee the word will spread. DEAR ABBY: I'm at my wits' end. I love my husband, but when we have company, he dominates the conversation, usually repeating the same stories

over and over. If friends and family tell him they've heard the story before, he just ignores the remark and continues. He is retired, and I realize he doesn't socialize enough. His health has not been the best. By the end of the evening, I am worn out. What can I do? -- PAIN IN HOSTING

DEAR PAIN: That your husband is retired and isolated may contribute to his problem. As soon as it's feasible, encourage him to get out of the house and involve himself in some new activities where he can put his talents and experience to good use. However, if his repetitiveness is new behavior, this should be discussed with his doctor so he can be evaluated, because it could indicate the onset of a medical or neurological problem.

Back to Business

Restaurants and Retail

ALAMOSA — On May 25, 2020, Governor Polis announced guidelines for reopening restaurants. The City of Alamosa understands the preparation it may take to re-open under conditions that limit occupancy in order to comply with social distancing. The following information may help restaurants and retail businesses strengthen their re-opening plans. The information includes a new process to help support businesses that are able to expand seating, conduct business transactions, and display merchandise in formerly restricted areas. Certain restrictions, such as ADA compliance, will remain in place.

During the declared emergency period, the City of Alamosa is loosening current codes/ordinances in place for parking, signage, and other restrictions upon City Manager approval.

• Restaurants and businesses that are able can utilize some of their parking as outdoor seating, merchandise display, and conducting transactions with customers.

• Restaurants and businesses without dedicated parking are encouraged to contact the City to discuss the potential use of public rights-of-way such as public parking lots, sidewalks, and streets.

• This will require an encroachment permit. Applications are available at Alamosa City Hall and at www.cityofalamosa.org. Please call Public Works for more information at (719) 589-6631.

• The following must be provided to the City prior to approval (for private parking lots and public rights-of-way):

• A description of the area to be utilized for such activities including a simple drawing

or image of the area selected to be used and its relationship to the existing building.

• A description of any other elements of the plan including tents, tables, chairs, fencing, signs, etc. (include in the drawing/description)

• All must be adequately anchored for the safety of patrons

• Include any drilling or work that must be done to accommodate such elements if the area is publicly owned

• All tables, chairs, fencing, awnings, tents, decorative additions are at the provision and expense of the business owner.

• Email descriptive documents directly to Deacon Aspinwall at daspinwall@ci.alamosa.co.us or call Public Works for an appointment at (719) 589-6631.

• Additionally, for those restaurants that hold a current liquor license, the State of Colorado has made an allowance for permit applications to temporarily extend liquor service to such areas subject to the following:

• The area must adjoin the currently licensed property.

• For areas not adjoined to the property, possession of use must be acquired and the control plan must detail how liquor will be moved from building to proposed area. The State will review these applications on a case by case basis.

• A fee of \$150 will apply

• The City of Alamosa will reimburse the cost of the fee as part of its business recovery efforts. Licensees must provide a receipt of payment to the State for reimbursement.

• Pay the \$150 application fee to the State at <https://secure.colorado.gov/payment/liquor>

• The intent of the

State is to streamline and expedite this process for restaurant owners as a temporary COVID modification

• Please complete Form DR 8442 and attach required documents:

• Drawing of proposed licensed premise extension

• Control Plan

• Proof of possession of property or permission of use

• Please submit all documents to City Clerk Holly Martinez at hmartinez@ci.alamosa.co.us, or call (719) 587-2512 with questions regarding liquor licensing.

In addition to the on-site parking change, the City of Alamosa has provided small businesses the option to use additional signage to advertise their services. Permission is required prior to the placement of new signage.

• Sign permit applications are available at Alamosa City Hall and at www.cityofalamosa.org. Please call Public Works for more information at (719) 589-6631.

Businesses are expected to comply with state and local orders governing operations during the COVID-19 pandemic as per Public Health standards for the safety of patrons and staff. It will be important for businesses to train staff to appropriately monitor compliance with the public health orders including social distancing and use of personal protective equipment.

In Summary: To use parking lots, public parking, sidewalks, etc., please contact the City of Alamosa for guidance and approval.

Please refer all non-liquor licensing questions to Kathy Woods, City of Alamosa Economic Development Director at (719) 587-2546 or (719) 588-4092.



Courier photo by Stephen Jiron
Clouds threaten downtown Alamosa. Restaurants in the San Luis Valley will have to adjust to the new normal like the rest of Colorado since Wednesday's opening of eateries statewide.

Bars and Breweries

ALAMOSA—On May 25, 2020, Governor Polis announced guidelines for reopening restaurants. While the Governor's recent orders focused on the guidelines for restaurants to open, there was also language that provided guidance for establishments that do not serve food such as bars and breweries. These establishments are not allowed to open UNLESS they comply with the language below:

There may be some establishments, like breweries with large indoor and outdoor spaces, that want to change their business model to re-open and operate like a restaurant. In these cases, food must be provided by a licensed retail food establishment. Establishments can form partnerships with neighboring restaurants to provide food or can partner with food trucks.

Light snacks (like bar

nuts) or things that are commercially prepared somewhere else and heated up in a microwave on premises (like Hot Pockets) don't count as food service. Allowing patrons to bring in their own takeout or order food from an app does not count either."

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Lifestyle

CAA reports over 95% of Coloradans paid May rent

DENVER – The Colorado Apartment Association (CAA) reported that 95.2% of renters paid May rent in full by the end of the month. This is an improvement over April, when approximately 91% of residents had paid by the end of the month. The improvement by over four percentage points shows that, despite concerns about May, the financial impact has not been as severe as anticipated.

“Rent payments finished strong at the end of May, even compared to the relatively high percentages in April. It’s clear that the industry’s innovative solutions to helping renters from the very beginning of this pandemic are making a difference,” said Mark Williams, executive vice president of the Colorado Apartment Association. “As more Coloradans return to work, we anticipate these numbers will continue to stabilize. This is important as unemployment support and other government resources are diminished.”

The trend of May’s rent collections outperforming April is consistent with national numbers compiled by National Multifamily Housing Council, which reported 90.8% rent collections in May compared to 85% rent collection for April.

“Colorado has had stronger rent collection rates than national averages, and May rent payments are no exception,” reported Williams. “When I speak to asset managers who have portfolios in Colorado and other states, they are consistently reporting better numbers locally by at least a few percentage points.”

“It is normal for rent delinquency rates to be highest at the beginning of the month and decrease as more residents pay rent throughout the month. During an average month, rent delinquency rates are between 4% and 6%

after the first week, but decrease to .05% to 2% by the month’s conclusion. This helps explain why 95.2% of residents paid rent by the end of May, especially considering that housing providers are not charging late fees, so residents are more likely to pay rent later in the month.”

CAA collected data from over 125,000 apartment homes across Colorado. The reported data comes from 50 different apartment management companies, ranging in portfolio size from 20 units to over 20,000 units. The median reporting portfolio was 1,107 apartment homes managed by these companies.

CAA continues to provide resources for residents struggling with rental payments. Most recently, the association partnered with the Resident Relief Foundation (RRF) to create a financial relief fund to directly help Colorado residents struggling to pay their rent because of coronavirus-related job or income loss or illness. The RRF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides rental assistance grants to responsible residents during temporary financial emergencies. The organization recently launched a national multifamily industry fundraising initiative to raise \$10 million for rent payment assistance caused by the coronavirus pandemic. CAA joined the effort to bring this funding to Colorado and encourages anyone with the financial means to contribute to RRF’s Colorado fund to directly support fellow Colorado residents with upcoming rent obligations.

“The Colorado Apartment Association is the only rental housing association in the United States that has partnered with us to help reach our goal of \$10 million in rental relief,” said

Tina Oswald, executive director of RRF. “Some Colorado residents are experiencing overwhelming financial pressure and desperately need help from those who are financially secure in their communities. CAA is choosing to be part of the solution by helping residents fill the gap in federal aid and get Coloradans the help they need.”

Residents who meet the program criteria can apply for partial-to-full rent payment grants if they have experienced virus-related income or job loss. The relief funds will be given on a first-come, first-served basis, and qualified residents are encouraged to reach out as soon as they receive a demand for payment from the housing provider.

CAA also has assembled a list of COVID-19 resources for residents, which can be found here: <https://www.aamdhq.org/news/coronavirus> under the Renter Resources tab.

About the Colorado Apartment Association

The Colorado Apartment Association (CAA) is a non-profit trade association representing owners, developers, management companies, and supplier partners of the multifamily rental housing industry. CAA is comprised of four local affiliates from across the state. The association represents over 3,000 members who own and manage over 300,000 apartment homes, which totals more than \$88 billion in assets. Together with the local affiliates, the National Multifamily Housing Council (NMHC), and the National Apartment Association (NAA), CAA offers a strong network of information, education and representation of the multifamily housing industry.

The importance of better hearing

ALAMOSA — Hearing is important to every member of the family, from infants to seniors.

Since May is Better Hearing and Speech Month, the audiology staff at SLV Health would like to encourage the residents of the San Luis Valley to schedule an appointment with an audiologist if they suspect hearing loss for themselves or other members of their family. “Hearing loss is a problem in people of all ages,” said Linda Vaughan, MA, CCC-A, the audiologist for San Luis Valley Health. “It can impact their lives at so many levels.”

Hearing loss can come with age, but it can also come with exposure to loud music or loud headphone use, loud recreational activities such as hunting or shooting, or even loud noises at the workplace, such as construction, manufacturing or agriculture.

Some signs of hearing loss for adults include turning up the volume on the television or radio; difficulty understanding what people are saying; not being able to hear common household sounds such as the doorbell or a dog barking; ringing in your ears; or people telling you that you are speaking loudly.

Children with unknown hearing issues have increased difficulties, which could be seen as not following directions or responding to their name, academic and social issues, and even speech and language delays.

For more information or to make an appointment about audiology services available at SLV Health, please call 719-589-8025. Information about the audiology department can also be found by visiting www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org.



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SLV Health Audiologist Linda Vaughan, MA, CCC-A, would like to remind people of the importance of better hearing during the month of May, the Better Hearing and Speech Month.

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