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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.

School Board meeting

LA JARA — A Regular Board Meeting for the North Conejos School District Board of Education will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020. This meeting will be conducted entirely via teleconferencing or videoconferencing. Agendas are available at the District Administration Office 17890 US Hwy 285, La Jara, Colorado, or on our web site www.northconejos.com.

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SLV tallies four more to cumulative total

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Tuesday, four more positive cases were identified for the San Luis Valley through testing and contact investigation. Costilla and Saguache Counties each added one more to their count, and Alamosa identified two new cases for a total of 63 for our region. Of those positive San Luis Valley cases, 13 have been hospitalized and 21 have completed isolation. We remain at 2 deaths counted for the region. Numbers are updated weekdays at <http://www.slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/>.

Since Colorado issued guidance on April 26th for the "Safer at Home" phase, there seems to be a growing perceived division between two ideas. It's either open things up so the economy can recover, or tighten restrictions, even more, to keep people home to protect community health and safety and prevent more deaths

from COVID-19. It is understandable that people are frustrated, angry, and scared. People grapple towards certainty, and firmly believing one side is more truthful than the other is a way to ease our fears. We are here to say that "either-or" is a false choice in this case. The keyword here is "and." We can do both. We can help the economy recover AND protect one another, especially the most vulnerable among us.

The San Luis Valley is a community, and if we behave as a community we will make it through the pandemic better than if we allow ourselves to be divided. We have already proven we can do this. During March and April, we were successful in keeping cases out of the hospitals, despite lack of testing, because people stayed home. Now, however, we are being asked to strike a balance. It may be tempting to think the

pandemic is over and we are free to go about business as usual, to go back to our normal routines. But this is not the case. People are still getting sick and are still passing the virus to one another in the community, as is demonstrated by the recent increase in positive case numbers in the Valley. We have a long way to go.

The good news is that we have the power to take action to support our businesses and our community's health. How? We need to continue the course and follow the recommendations of our Public Health experts; that is the only way

through this.

In our increasingly information-saturated society, misinformation campaigns abound designed to divide and misinform us. Today, the lives of our loved ones literally depend on critically examining these claims before sharing or acting upon them. CISA - the cybersecurity and infrastructure branch of the Colorado Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM), laid out some guidelines, shared below, to address false information.

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Center Food Bank opening



By MEG COLWELL
Courier Reporter &
La Puente AmeriCorps volunteer

CENTER — Long before the pandemic made its way to the United States, La Puente wondered how to make food more accessible to the folks of Center. While a makeshift food bank existed in Center, staff and volunteers knew they could expand in a more meaningful way.

Even amidst this pandemic chaos, La Puente is proud to announce a solution has been found. Thanks to the hard work of volunteers, on April 29, Center Food Bank had its grand opening.

Though the need has existed for some time, La Puente faced obstacles. The biggest, of which, was a lack of staff. However, one of La Puente's Rainbow's End thrift stores is currently located in Center. The store is run by three wonderful, long-term volunteers: Vonna Gallegos and Tara and Harley Miller.

Their boundless passion is famous amongst the organization — everyone knows Vonna, Tara and Harley are fully committed to La Puente's mission. They are the embodiment of the values La Puente strives to uphold. On

their own time, using their own resources; often going out of their way to support Center community members.

Not surprisingly, each were willing to also manage the Center Food Bank. So, out of the Rainbow's End Thrift Store building, a much-needed food bank opened.

Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 1-5 p.m., the Food Bank is open to the community. In order to obey social distancing rules and keep everyone safe, the Food Bank operates out of a drive-thru. To access the window: drive through the green gates, to the south side of the Rainbow's End building. There, clients will complete an intake; before receiving a pre-packaged box of food. Volunteers load it right into the client's vehicles, so there is no opportunity to swap germs.

La Puente gives a huge thank you to Vonna, Tara and Harley. Without dedicated volunteers like yourselves, the organization simply could not operate. Along with those private donors, who have purchased items for the Center Food Bank out of the kindness of their hearts. You allow La Puente to make more services available to more clients.

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Feeding seniors safely

By DAWN KREBS
Special to the Valley Courier

ALAMOSA — The Coronavirus pandemic had disrupted normal routines for just about everyone, but especially for senior adults who rely on outside sources for their meals here in the San Luis Valley. But one organization in particular - the South-Central Colorado Seniors Area Agency on Aging - is making sure that no seniors go hungry during this stressful time.

"We've been helping seniors here in the Valley for 35 years," said Monica Wolfe, executive director of the South-Central Colorado Seniors. "We are here to serve the most vulnerable people of the Valley."

And while its many varied senior support services for individuals aged 60 and over include help with transportation, legal assistance, and in-home homemaker services, another area the non-profit organization assists with literally involves "serving seniors" - its nutrition program.

"Our nutrition program is our largest program," said Wolfe. "We serve a hot lunch to approximately 550-600 seniors a day."

Before the pandemic, the organization offered two types of meal service. The first was serving up to 300 seniors a day at locations called congregate meal sites, located in nine community locations throughout the Valley, from San Luis to Saguache. Here in Alamosa, the meal site is located at the Alamosa Senior Center. Others include community centers, housing authority offices and churches.



Courtesy photo by South-Central Colorado Seniors

Volunteer Joseph Hawkins, foreground, processes food donations while Volunteer Julian Garcia looks on. The organization provides meals - at community locations and delivered to homes - to seniors throughout the San Luis Valley.

The other type of meal service was for those seniors that are homebound, and unable to travel to a meal site. These home-delivered meals feed another 300 seniors throughout the Valley, and are delivered daily by volunteers.

When the Governor, Jared Polis, restricted gatherings of more than 10 people, the organization didn't miss a beat.

"The meal sites are still open, and we are still serving hot lunches," explained Wolfe. "Except now the meals are 'grab and go' instead of dining in."

There have been some additional changes to the home-delivered meals as well.

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BLM implements fire restrictions in five SLV counties

MONTE VISTA — Current and forecasted weather, coupled with exceptionally dry conditions have prompted the BLM's San Luis Valley Field Office to implement fire restrictions on BLM-managed lands in five counties in southern Colorado. Stage 1 fire restrictions will go into effect Tuesday, May 12, 2020, on all BLM lands in Alamosa, Rio Grande, Conejos, Costilla, and Saguache counties.

"As fire danger continues to climb in the valley, these fire restrictions will reduce the chance of preventable fires on BLM-managed lands in these counties," said San Luis Valley Field Office Manager Melissa Garcia.

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions pro-

hibit the following acts:

Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire except within agency-provided fire grates at developed recreation sites. Devices using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel are permitted.

Smoking, except in an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

Operating a chainsaw without a USDA or SAE approved spark arrester properly installed and working, a chemical fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity by weight, and one round point shovel with

an overall length of at least 36 inches.

Using a welder, either arc or gas, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame, except in cleared areas of at least 10 feet in diameter with a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity.

Using exploding targets. These fire restrictions are in addition to the year-round wild-fire prevention restrictions on BLM-administered public lands in Colorado. These prohibit:

Leaving a fire unattended or unextinguished.

Possession, discharge or use of any fireworks.

Discharge of a firearm using incendiary or tracer ammunition.

Burn, ignite or cause to burn any tire, wire, magnesium, or any other hazardous or explosive material.

Operate any off-road vehicle on public lands unless the vehicle is equipped with a properly installed spark arrester pursuant to 43 CFR 8343.1(c).

For more information about fire restrictions in the San Luis Valley Field Office, please visit the Rocky Mountain District Fire Restrictions page or call the Field Office at (719) 852-7074.

Fire restrictions will be in place until further notice. In addition to criminal penalties, those found responsible for starting wildfires may also face restitution costs of suppressing the fire.

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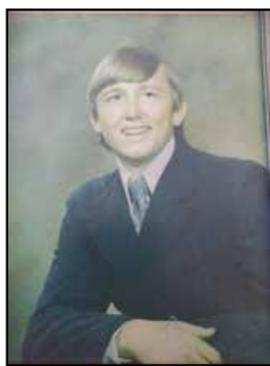
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OBITUARIES

Bryan Clive Edgar

ALAMOSA — Bryan Clive Edgar was born on January 22, 1955, to Virginia Anderson Edgar and Clive L. Edgar in Alamosa, Colorado. He passed away on Wednesday, April 15th, 2020 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Bryan married Effie Lorraine Silvey, November 9th, 1978. Together they raised their daughter Autumn Lora.

He is survived by his mother Virginia Edgar of Sanford, Colorado, former spouse Effie Zirnheld of Edgewood, NM, daughter Autumn Edgar of Albuquerque, New Mexico, brothers Tony (Gabriela) Edgar of Saint Johns, Florida, Darren (Monica) Edgar and Kevin (Connie) Edgar of Sanford, Colo-



rado, along with numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Clive Edgar, sister Lorelee Robinson, and brother-in-law Thomas Robinson.

He led a full life, complete with the opportunity

to record his own original music and the ability to own and operate the Swan River Chocolate Factory in Red River, New Mexico. What he really loved doing though was cutting turquoise and other precious stones for Edgar Stone Designs. Bryan loved to speak about his childhood memories growing up in Colorado and the fun times with family and friends. He enjoyed the time spent with uncles and cousins in Nevada and talking about turquoise. He was a compassionate person always showing kindness and consideration for the less fortunate.

A graveside memorial service will be held at a later date.

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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.

Combining safety and service, DMV reopens most state driver license offices for appointments

Division encourages use of online services, only essential visits to offices

LAKESWOOD — As the state's efforts to safeguard residents' health move forward, the Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is pleased to enter the final phase of its staggered office reopenings.

During this final phase, the DMV has reopened all but one of its offices to Coloradans who have appointments. The only office which will remain unopened is the Trinidad Driver License Office which will remain closed until its stay-at-home order is lifted.

The new openings are part of the DMV's efforts to serve Coloradans while protecting the health and wellbeing of customers and staff.

Coloradans can conduct many services online, and also schedule appointments by visiting www.colorado.gov/dmv, or by calling 720-295-2965 (303-205-2335 for CO-RCSA services). Please note that due to the number of questions we are receiving, our phone waits may be longer than normal. Online scheduling is available for a limited time and only for appointments in May.

Before calling, please skip the trip and stay safe with more than 35 services, including:

- Renew a driver license or ID, if eligible
- Request a Driver Record
- Pay a citation (traffic ticket)
- Begin an application for a new driver license or ID
- Pay a reinstatement fee
- Change a driver license or ID address
- Exchange a driver license or permit for an ID
- Extend an expiration date, if eligible
- Reschedule a hearing
- Check where your driver license or ID card is at

Here is a list of things you can only do by coming in for an appointment:

If you need an initial issuance (first time getting a Colorado credential) of your driver licenses, identification cards or instruction permits, including if you are transferring a credential from another state or country. Please start the process online at myDMV.Colorado.gov to shorten the duration of the visit).

If you tried to get service done online but were told you are ineligible.

If you are older than 65, renewed online and received a photo waiver, you need to come in to complete your renewal.

If you are an instruction permit holder who needs to take the written test or are ready to upgrade to a driver license.

The reopening of these offices is part of a comprehensive plan to reopen driver license offices throughout the state to all Coloradans on an appointment-only basis. The DMV will evaluate the newly reopened offices and will make adjustments as necessary to safeguard our customers and the staff members who serve them.

During this phased reopening, the DMV won't be able to serve walk-in customers. Additionally, customers must wear a face mask or covering to be served.

A DMV staff member will screen customers and staff with a laser thermometer for fevers as well as administer a COVID-19 questionnaire. Customers and staff members who have fevers or exhibit COVID-19 symptoms will not be allowed into state offices.

Customers should not bring guests unless required for an appointment, such as a parent/guardian, caregiver, or translator, because guests will not be allowed into any driver license office while social distancing is in place.

As a temporary safety precaution, the DMV will not conduct drive tests and encourages soon-to-be-drivers to reach out to a driving school for testing.

The DMV worked with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CD-PHE) to develop the phased plan and follow CDPHE and CDC guidance.

The DMV appreciates Coloradans' patience as it works to provide the best service possible during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 12 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 meet-

ing at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday at the American Legion Building at 514 Fourth Street, Alamosa. Call Evelyn Espinola at 719-313-1466 or Alice Robinson at 589-0543.

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

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

VALLEY — The San Luis Valley offers many Alcoholics Anonymous groups.

A.A. members' primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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

SUNDAY

5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Parish Center at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa

7 p.m. Town Hall at 108 W Galena Ave., Crestone

MONDAY

12 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Hall at 607 4th St., Alamosa

5 p.m. Women's Meeting at Masonic Hall, 598 Spruce St., Del Norte

7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede

7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at

304 Walnut St., La Jara.

TUESDAY

12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa

8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

WEDNESDAY

12 p.m. First United Methodist Church at 2005 Mullens, Alamosa

6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito

6 p.m. Amistad of San Luis at 403 Main St., San Luis

7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca

7:30 p.m. Masonic Hall at 598 Spruce, Del Norte.

8 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 607 4th St., Alamosa.

THURSDAY

12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa

12 p.m. Crestone Baptist Church, County Rd. T, Crestone

7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede

7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara.

7:30 p.m. Ables/Disables, Baptist Church at 751 Lincoln St., Monte Vista

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito.

8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

For schedule changes, please contact your group service representative (GSR)

School Menu

Wednesday

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Valley News

SLV Health safely resumes elective procedures

Healthcare services in a safe space

ALAMOSA — SLV Health has now officially reopened to the public for elective surgeries and office visits. But while medical procedures will restart, the visits will be very different as compared to before the start of the coronavirus pandemic. Here in the valley, clinics and hospitals now need to balance providing regular medical care in a safe and clean environment.

All of the departments are seeing patients again in person, including pediatrics, primary care and surgery.

“Now is not the time to put off a medical treatment,” said Audrey Reich Loy, director of Primary Care Clinic Operations for SLV Health. “We have watched hospitals and clinics all over the country treat patients that waited too long to be seen, and we don’t want that to happen here.”

Resuming healthcare services means

making sure every patient is safe. This includes social distancing in the waiting room, or people waiting in their cars until their appointment. Anyone suspected of having COVID-type symptoms are entering through a different entrance and being screened in isolated rooms separate from the rest of the medical facilities.

“Recently an elderly woman in Alamosa broke her hip and delayed getting care in our emergency department for four days,” said Eric Ball, MD, emergency department director for SLV Health Regional Medical Center. “Life-threatening conditions need timely evaluation and treatment.”

To keep patients safe, people coming in for their appointments will see some additions to the check-in process. For example, when patients initially call in to make an appointment, they will be asked questions about their health relating to COVID symptoms. Once a person is cleared over the phone, they will have an appointment established with their provider.

Once the patient arrives to the facility at the time of their appointment, they will call the provider’s office and “check in” over the phone. They will then wait in their vehicle until the front desk calls to have them come in. Once inside the building, they will be screened once more and then, in most cases, taken directly back to a private room to be seen by the provider.

“People coming in for their appointments will see that all of our employees are masked, and how we are keeping everything extremely clean,” said Reich Loy. “Everything is wiped down consistently, and after the patient leaves the private room it is deep cleaned by the staff.”

If you are a patient that has had an appointment or surgery cancelled or rescheduled, or are seeking to make a medical appointment, please call your provider directly to make an appointment. The contact information for all providers can be found by calling 719-589-3000 or on the SLV Health website at www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org.



Photo courtesy of SLV Health. Melissa Voutsalath, MD, and Sarah McAlpine, MD, are ready and waiting to safely take care of patients at the SLV Health Stuart Street Clinic in Alamosa.

RHDV2 Confirmed in El Paso and Prowers counties

BROOMFIELD — The Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) have confirmed cases of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus type 2 (RHDV2) in feral rabbits near Calhan, CO, about 35 miles northeast of Colorado Springs, and in a cottontail in rural Prowers County.

RHDV2 is highly contagious and lethal among rabbits. It does not affect humans or domestic species other than rabbits and is not related to COVID-19. RHDV2 is considered a foreign animal disease and is of high concern at the state and federal levels.

Colorado’s first case of RHDV2 was confirmed in Alamosa County on April 17, 2020. RHDV2 cases have also been reported in both domestic and wild rabbits in New Mexico, Arizona, and Texas.

With incidents of RHDV2 increasing in Colorado and western states, CDA and CPW are asking the public to watch for multiple dead or sick rabbits, which can suggest RHDV2 or a sign of tularemia or plague, diseases that can cause serious illness in people. Do not handle or consume sick or dead wildlife and do not allow pets to contact or consume wildlife carcasses.

For more information about RHDV2 and to view a real-time map of confirmed cases in Colorado, visit CDA’s Animal Health Division RHDV2 webpage.

Guidelines for Wild Cottontails, Hares, and Pika

- Please report any sick/dead wild rabbits, hares or pika to your local CPW office.

- Do not handle rabbits or rodents that have been found dead.

- Do not allow pets or

scavengers to feed on found carcasses. Though RHDV2 is not a risk to pets other than domestic rabbits, a number of other pathogens and parasites from carcasses can affect pets.

- Do not handle or consume rabbits or other game animals that appear to be sick. Instead, report these cases to the nearest CPW office.

- Meat from healthy rabbits harvested by hunters is safe to consume when cooked thoroughly.

Guidelines for Domestic Rabbits

- Rabbit owners should exercise extreme caution and biosecurity to avoid accidental exposure of domestic rabbits through contaminated feed, bedding, equipment, or clothing that may have come in contact from infected wild rabbits or birds that could transfer the virus from infected wild

rabbits.

- Domestic rabbits should not be housed outdoors in areas where rabbit hemorrhagic disease has been detected in wild rabbits.

- Rabbit owners who have questions about the disease should contact their veterinarian.

- Veterinarians and owners must report suspected RHDV2 cases in domestic rabbits to the State Veterinarian’s Office at 303-869-9130.

Helpful Links on RHDV2: http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/Factsheets/pdfs/rabbit_hemorrhagic_disease.pdf

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/fs-rhdv2.pdf

<https://www.colorado.gov/aganimal/rabbit-hemorrhagic-disease-virus-rhdv2>

Navajo State Park to open for camping on Friday

ARBOLES — Camping at Navajo State Park will open Friday (May 15) and Colorado Parks and Wildlife is happy to welcome back campers.

CPW wants campers to enjoy their time outdoors but reminds everyone that social distancing must continue and that guidelines provided by the Colorado Department of Health and Environment and the Centers for Disease Control must be followed.

“We’re pleased that campgrounds are open but our top priority is the safety of our guests and staff,” said Cory Chick, CPW’s Southwest regional manager. “The reopening will closely abide by health department and CDC recommendations.”

Here are items campers must be aware of before heading out to one of Colorado State Parks:

- * All camping is by reservation only. Check campground information and make reservations at cpwshop.com.

- * Bathrooms are open at the park; but showers, laundry and other group facilities are not open.

- * Visitors Centers are not open. Campers can call the park office for information.

- * It is advised that you only camp with members of your household. Camp sites at Navajo are limited to six people.

- * Cabins are not available for rental at this time.

- * Individuals must maintain a six-foot distance from other individuals, including park staff, in the campground.

- * A mask should be worn in public areas or when close to others in the campground.

- * If you or any member of your family is feeling ill, none of you should go to a State Park campground.

- * Bring all of your own food from your local grocery store; don’t plan on going out to eat at a local restaurant.

- * Bring hand sanitizer and other cleaning supplies. Please keep a clean camp and pack out your own trash.

- * Do not invite others into your camp; give them a wave, a smile and a healthy hello from a distance.

- * Check for park updates at CPW’s COVID-19 information page at cpw.state.co.us

- For more information about camping at Navajo State Park, call: 970-883-2208.

SLV graduation details



restricted, please see the North Conejos School District website for more information

Centennial
Date: May 23
Time: 11 a.m.
Location: Centennial High parking lot

Details: The actual graduation ceremony has been postponed until a later date, but the school still wanted to celebrate seniors’ accomplishments. So, on May 23, they will have a parade.

Center
Date: August 1
Time: 10 a.m.
Location: Center High school gym

Creede
May 21 • 7 p.m. • Star Drive-In, Monte Vista
Date: May 21
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Star Drive-In, Monte Vista

Del Norte
Date: June 6
Time: 9 a.m.
Location: TBA
Details: To be announced

Moffat
TBA

Monte Vista
Date: August 1
Time: 10 a.m.
Location: Monte Vista High school gym

Mountain Valley
Date: May 16
Time: 10 a.m.
Location: Mountain Valley High school parking lot

North Conejos Alternative
Date: May 21
Time: 7 p.m.
Details: Attendance is restricted.

Sanford
Date: May 15
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Sanford High School

Sangre de Cristo
Date: July 3
Time: 6 p.m.
Location/Attendance: TBA

Sargent
Date: May 15
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Movie Manor Drive-in
Details: In person parking is for graduates and families only. It will be streamed live, please contact your graduate for streaming information.

Sierra Grande
Date: May 22
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: Dunn Gym
Details: The actual graduation ceremony will be held at a later date, but the school still wanted to celebrate seniors. So, on May 22, a parade will be held.

Academic Recovery Center & Center Virtual Academy
July 6 • 10 a.m. • Center School Auditorium (No public ceremony)

remain in their vehicles, as the principal hands their diplomas through the window. Attendance is restricted, but the event will be streamed live on 96.5 FM.

Adams State University
Date: June 6
Time: 12 p.m.
Location: Online
Details: Virtual Commencement

Antonito
To be Announced • High School Gym

Alamosa
Date: May 16
Time: 10 a.m.
Location: Begins at ASU, ends at AHS
Details: Graduation has been transformed into a procession, from ASU to AHS. Students will

Byron Syring DELTA Center/ Monte Vista Online Academy
To be Announced • Central Auditorium

Centauri
Date: May 23
Time: 10 a.m.
Location: Centauri Middle School
Details: Attendance is

Seniors

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“Some of the seniors don’t want to leave their home because of the pandemic, and we completely respect that,” she said.

The organization is also temporarily delivering hot meals to seniors that would normally travel for a meal, but because of the pandemic are choosing to stay isolated. In addition, the volunteers who deliver the meals wear gloves and masks and maintain the social distancing requirements.

The meal programs are for those 60 years of age and older, and seniors must be registered with the organization to receive a meal. For the meal sites, seniors need to call and make a reservation for a meal at least 24 hours in advance. For the home-delivered meals, seniors need to call the office to start the registration process.

But Wolfe stressed that feeding more than 500 seniors a day would not be possible without all

the assistance from the staff and volunteers.

“We owe a huge thank you to all the staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication,” she said. “We are here for our seniors, and for the other nonprofits that might need our services.”

For more information about the South-Central Colorado Seniors Area Agency on Aging, go to their Facebook page at South-Central Colorado Seniors, or call 719-589-4511.

Food

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Another shout-out is owed to Sherice Shriner, La Puente’s (HFAC) Healthy Food Access Coordinator. Shriner aids in distributing foods to pantries all throughout our Food Bank Network. She keeps the pantries connected and stocked. Finally, the organization thanks

the local grocery stores for their unflinching donations. Again, La Puente is inspired by your generosity and could not operate without your support.

Thanks to everyone who makes La Puente services possible. Together, we can.

COVID

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1. Go to trusted sources of information like coronavirus.gov FEMA has also established a coronavirus rumor control website at www.FEMA.gov/coronavirus-rumor-control where you can learn more about specific disinformation campaigns.

2. Check the source of the information.

3. Search for other reliable sources of information on the issue.

4. Think before you link – take a moment to let your emotions cool down before sharing anything online. This uncertain time is

difficult for many people. As a community, if we empower each other, be kind, and strive to make informed choices, we will get through this together as one SLV.

For SLV COVID general questions, call 719-480-8719. You may also email your questions to slovepr@alamosacounty.org.

Nurse Triage Lines:

- Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990

- SLV Health Nurse Line 719-589-2511 ext. 9

- Valley-Wide Health Systems 719-589-3658 ext. 9

SLV COVID-19

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 5:00 p.m. on May 12, 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.

63	SLV POSITIVE CASES
	Alamosa County - 36
	Conejos County - 1
	Costilla County - 4
	Mineral County - 2
	Rio Grande County - 7
	Saguache County - 13
13	HOSPITALIZED
21	ISOLATION COMPLETED
	These are SLV positive cases that have completed their isolation period and have been free of symptoms for more than 72 hours.
2	DEATHS

Opinion

God Bless America...

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

National Geographic pointed out in a recent broadcast that the two presidential candidates, Joe Biden and President Trump, will together be competing for public attention this summer with the arrival of the Murder Hornets. They are infamous for their one-inch stingers. And so are the Hornets.

The Seattle Times reported that Murder Hornets have arrived in the Pacific Northwest which attack beehives for the honey and devour the worker bees for the protein. They warn this could be the next plague. I got stung by a hornet in January, so I've probably already had Murder Hornets.

Daily Variety cited actor complaints that movies are all horror films, cartoons or comic book superheroes nowadays. Human heroes are stretching it to the limit. Paramount just reported that Tom Cruise's next movie is going to be shot in outer space, or as Scientologists call it, the old country.

Billboard Magazine reported that the leading rock groups and pop stars and hip hop artists are starting to check out venues where they can perform fall concerts in an effort to keep album sales rolling. R. Kelly just made a new record. He pleaded not guilty for the seventh time in one year.

The Rolling Stones eulogized Little Richard in interviews with London papers Friday and paid tribute to the influence he had on their music. It's accepted medical fact that nothing can kill the Stones. In March, Keith Richards sprinkled cocaine on his doorstep and COVID-19 just passed him by.

Joe Biden came upstairs Monday to host another town hall that was plagued by video and audio glitches that frequently happen on Skype and YouTube broadcasts. Media advisors are now test-marketing a new campaign slogan for him. Joe Biden Forgot More than Donald Trump Ever Knew.

Joe Biden's sexual assault accuser Tara Reade was interviewed by Megyn Kelly Wednesday and Tara volunteered to take a polygraph test to verify her charge if Joe would as well. That could end in disaster. Hooking up a politician to a lie detector might void the machine's warranty.

President Trump gave remarks at his press conference Monday reminding Americans we are at war with the virus. You don't want me on your side. My line of Hamiltons lost the English Civil War, we lost the American Revolution, we lost the War Between the States and now I can't go bowling.

House Intel released testimony Friday showing former Assistant Attorney General Sally Yates said she was shocked to learn in January 2017 that President Obama knew of the FBI spying on the 2016 Trump campaign. Denny's just introduced a new menu item called the Obama Legacy. It's toast.

Barack Obama came under suspicion after Yates's testimony of her shock that he knew of the 2016 campaign spying. One headline read Sally Yates fingered Obama and another read Biden fingered Tara. When did the Democrats revert to their junior high days in the movie theater balcony?

The Department of Agriculture moved to try to clear up the logjam of America's huge supply of beef, fruit and vegetables that aren't getting to the grocery stores. Many fear a food shortage. However, as Hannibal Lector showed us by example, if we run out of food we always have each other.

President Trump tested negative for the corona virus yet again on Friday despite staffers who came down with it. Last week, a Trump valet, a Pence press aide and an Ivanka assistant tested positive. The White House is planning to open the country as soon as they can open the White House.

President Trump attended a memorial service at the World War III Memorial in Washington, D.C., to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Everything was on the line in that war. If the English-speaking people hadn't beaten the Nazis, we would all be speaking German today, instead of Spanish.



Argus Hamilton



Growing up with an Addict for a Father. Part 2:

Sins of the Past

I did not escape completely unscathed, though. I was still the angry-on-the-inside/quiet-and-emotions-on-the-outside emotional train wreck from my childhood. I didn't know how to relate to others in a normal, healthy way. I was either too cold, too angry, too distant, or some horrible combination of all the above.

None of my girlfriends made it to the "long-term" part of the program. Maintaining lasting relationships was not within the scope of my abilities. In my mid-twenties, I managed to marry a great woman who somehow saw something positive in me, but I didn't understand how to be a loving, supportive husband.

By attending 12-step meetings, I have learned that the biggest fear of most alcoholics/addicts is to die drunk or high. That's what happened to my father. He never got completely clean and sober, and when his ravaged body finally gave out, I was just shy of 30 years old.

Around this same time my wife announced she was pregnant.

Those two opposites, my father's death and the impending birth of my child, hit me hard in ways I never expected.

About two weeks after my father's death, and about one week after my wife's announcement, I was up late one night, stressing over the usual expectant-father worries, when I experienced what can only be called a flashback-from-the-future.

I saw myself as a mutation of my father - a continuation of his life's work as an addict. I wasn't a drunk or an addict, but I was a monster.

I saw this twisted version of myself screaming at my future-teenage son, belittling him with every curse and epithet I hurled at his heart. I saw a young man who looked suspiciously like I looked at his age, and I saw something break inside him.

I found myself literally unable to breathe. I hyperventilated, but it felt like I was getting no air. I was sweaty, panicky, and it felt like my heart was going to explode.

My wife found me on the floor in the fetal position, bawling my eyes out. I cried every tear that I never allowed myself to cry, while growing up. I cried for the monster my father was, and I cried for the monster I was afraid I would become. I cried because my father and his demons had stolen my childhood, and I cried because I was afraid the stain on my soul would steal the childhood of my unborn child.

A Whole New Life

Having grown up in the constant terror and stress of my father's addiction, I am familiar with fear. I have never been as afraid of anything as I was that my vision was some sort of self-fulfilling prophecy. When I broke down and tearfully told my wife - who had never seen me cry - she told me there was help for people like me.

I didn't argue or protest. Like a drowning man reaching for a life-preserver, I attended the first 12-step meeting I could find. I went in with no belief and no expectations. My father always said they were a bunch of self-righteous ex-drunks blowing hot air.

I was hoping this was different. I attended the sort of meeting that didn't focus on active addicts or alcoholics. Instead, it was a

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Amarah's Corner



'Kids Like Me'

LETTERS

Historic preservation

Dear Editor: This month is historic preservation month, a time when we reflect on the importance of maintaining structures that symbolize the history and culture of Alamosa and more broadly the San Luis Valley.

One of the structures on the Alamosa Historic Registry is the KRZA building located on State Ave. at 9th St. State Avenue is the main thoroughfare of a modest Hispanic neighborhood that developed south of the railroad tracks soon after the city was founded in 1878. The KRZA building, which was constructed in 1890, was initially a residence owned by Lizzie Hurst who lived there for many years and passed the property on to her daughter. In 1943 ownership was passed to the First Church of the Nazarene, and later to the Hansen family who lived there until 1971.

In 1972 the building changed ownership again. Ownership was transferred to the Centro de La Raza por Educacion y Oportunidad, which operated the Colorado

Migrant Council, an organization that was active in promoting the civil rights and welfare of migrant workers. They remained in the building and as an active organization until the mid-1980s. In 1984 Radio KRZA moved into the building and began broadcasting the following year, opening a new chapter in the building's history.

In the course of 130 years, the building's use has changed from dwelling to church to dwelling to office building to radio station. It is not surprising that the building had that fate. Its location on the corner of 9th and State is fairly prominent in the neighborhood. It has the tall sidewalls and steeply pitched roof that recall the iconography of a church.

Records of the County Assessor's Office indicate that the building was renovated in 1972, which coincides with the Migrant Council's acquisition of the building. The Assessor's records also document the addition of the greenhouse on the south side of the building, which occurred in 1978. The building itself is a vernacular residence

with Queen Anne features. The exterior retains substantial amounts of original fabric including the distinctive roofline, gable end trim, roof detailing and exterior windows. It is significant because of its association with the early history of the south side of Alamosa, for its association with the Church of the Nazarene, and its association with the Colorado Migrant Council.

The history of the building is, in a way, the history of a neighborhood. Many snug modest brick bungalows employ the same design features that can be found there. While the building retains many unique features it is in need of serious repairs, and plans are being made to try and restore the structure so as to preserve it for future generations. This building is a compelling example of what historic preservation month is all about.

Don Thompson
Alamosa, CO

Senior Kitchen

I know that in these critical times of Covid-19, there have been many Hero's at the front lines.

However, I especially would like to give recognition to the South Central Colorado Senior Kitchen employees, here in Alamosa, who have continued to support the elderly by feeding them through the homebound food program and the drive-

up service in which they distribute trays of hot lunch to the ones that can still drive to the center.

I know that everyone can not be recognized but these employees have continued to work hard and make sure these people are fed. It gives me so much pleasure when I telephone my elderly Grandmother and she is overjoyed that

she has continued to receive her warm lunch at home. She is so grateful and so am I, especially when I hear her smile over the telephone, she continues to tell me that these people have not forgotten her. I'm so appreciative for that. For so many of these elderly this may be their only hot meal of the day. I understand that many other Senior Citizen Center Kitchens have closed and have not continued to service their elderly/senior citizens. Thank you kitchen staff for your hard work and dedication.

I also read something on Facebook that these same employees also delivered and handed out boxed donated food to families in another county from a grant they received. So with this said, I would like these employees, whom are under the Supervision of Monica Wolfe, 719-589-4511, to PLEASE be recognized by interviewing and writing up a story.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mask requirements?

This past weekend was disturbing as I went on my weekly grocery trip to a local store and saw that the majority of customers were not wearing face masks. Even though there is a small sign on the entrance door that face masks were required, there was no evidence of enforcement.

It is unfortunate that many are not taking proper coronavirus prevention methods seriously as this virus will be with us for a longer period than expected. It appears that store management is

either unable or unwilling to stress to the public that safety precautions are in place to protect their employees as well customers.

Harold G. Lierly

Editors Note: According to both state and local health mandates masks are required for all business employees. While out in public, masks are strongly encouraged for everyone, but the Governor's orders do not make them mandatory.

Lifestyle

Colorado Parks and Wildlife begins to reopen state park campgrounds May 12

DENVER — Per Governor Polis, Colorado Parks and Wildlife is beginning to reopen campgrounds at Colorado state parks after COVID-19 closures that had been in effect since March 26. Campgrounds will begin to reopen May 12, launching a phased reopening that will occur across the park system in coordination with park managers and local officials.

Cabins, yurts, tipis, group facilities, and other reservable day-use facilities remain closed until further notice. Please review our best practices for camping as we begin opening to overnight visitors with continued COVID-19 restrictions in place.

Opening dates for campgrounds at Colorado state parks:

Tuesday, May 12
Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area (Fremont County campgrounds only)

Chatfield State Park
Cherry Creek State Park

Eleven Mile State Park
Elkhead Reservoir State Park

Highline State Park
Jackson Lake State Park

James M. Robb CO River State Park Island Acres

James M. Robb CO River State Park Fruita

Mancos State Park
Mueller State Park

North Sterling State Park

Rifle Falls State Park
Rifle Gap State Park

Stanton State Park
Vega State Park

Wednesday, May 13
Cheyenne Mountain State Park*

Crawford State Park
Thursday, May 14

Boyd Lake State Park
St. Vrain State Park

John Martin Reservoir State Park

Friday, May 15
Golden Gate Canyon State Park*

Lake Pueblo State Park
Lory State Park

Navajo State Park
Ridgway State Park

The following parks continue to coordinate with local officials for reopening plans. Dates will be announced as they become available:

Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area (Chaffee County campgrounds)

Lathrop State Park
Paonia State Park

Pearl Lake State Park
Stagecoach State Park

State Forest State Park
Steamboat Lake State Park

Sylvan Lake State Park
Trinidad Lake State Park

Yampa River State Park
* Items marked with asterisks are tentative opening dates as we work with our county partners to reopen.

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife reservation system, found at www.cp-wshop.com, will have the

most up-to-date information regarding availability at each park for making campsite reservations. As CPW manages this reopening process, along with managing other updates related to COVID-19, call wait times when calling CPW's vendor, Aspira, or the CPW call center may be extensive. To avoid having to wait on hold, please visit the CPW website or cpw-shop.com for information.

Use CPWShop.com to find reservable sites

Customers who wish to search for campsites available to reserve should visit www.cpwshop.com and click on "Visit a Park." Here, customers can search for a park name or location, type of site, and/or date and search for available campgrounds.

If a customer enters specific dates and the number of nights requested, all parks with available campsites will have the option to "book sites." If no sites are available, visitors will see an option to view the "next available date."

If a specific date is not entered, customers may "search campgrounds" to view a list of all parks. They can then "check availability" at specific parks, or enter their preferred dates to see any available sites for those dates.

Other state park recreation opportunities

People may still visit state parks for day-use recreation if they are not planning to camp. As of today, non-campground outdoor areas of parks, including trails, boat ramps, marinas, and shorelines remain open.

Visitors are reminded to practice social distancing, maintain at least six feet between other visitors and wear face coverings where six feet of distance cannot be maintained. CPW managers have the discretion to close areas that do not allow for social distancing. CPW encourages people to take local county and state stay-at-home orders seriously, and limit travel to local destinations for recreating. Anyone demonstrating signs of illness, such as coughing, fever or shortness of breath should stay home.

All visitor centers and park offices remain closed, and reopening plans will be posted on the CPW website when available. Restrooms remain open, and visitors are advised to bring soap for handwashing and alcohol-based hand sanitizers when water is not available.

Most importantly, CPW recommends that everyone follow precautionary guidance issued by the CDC, CDPHE, public local health agencies, and the Colorado Governor's Office when recreating in the outdoors.

Keep up to date with Colorado Parks and Wild-

life

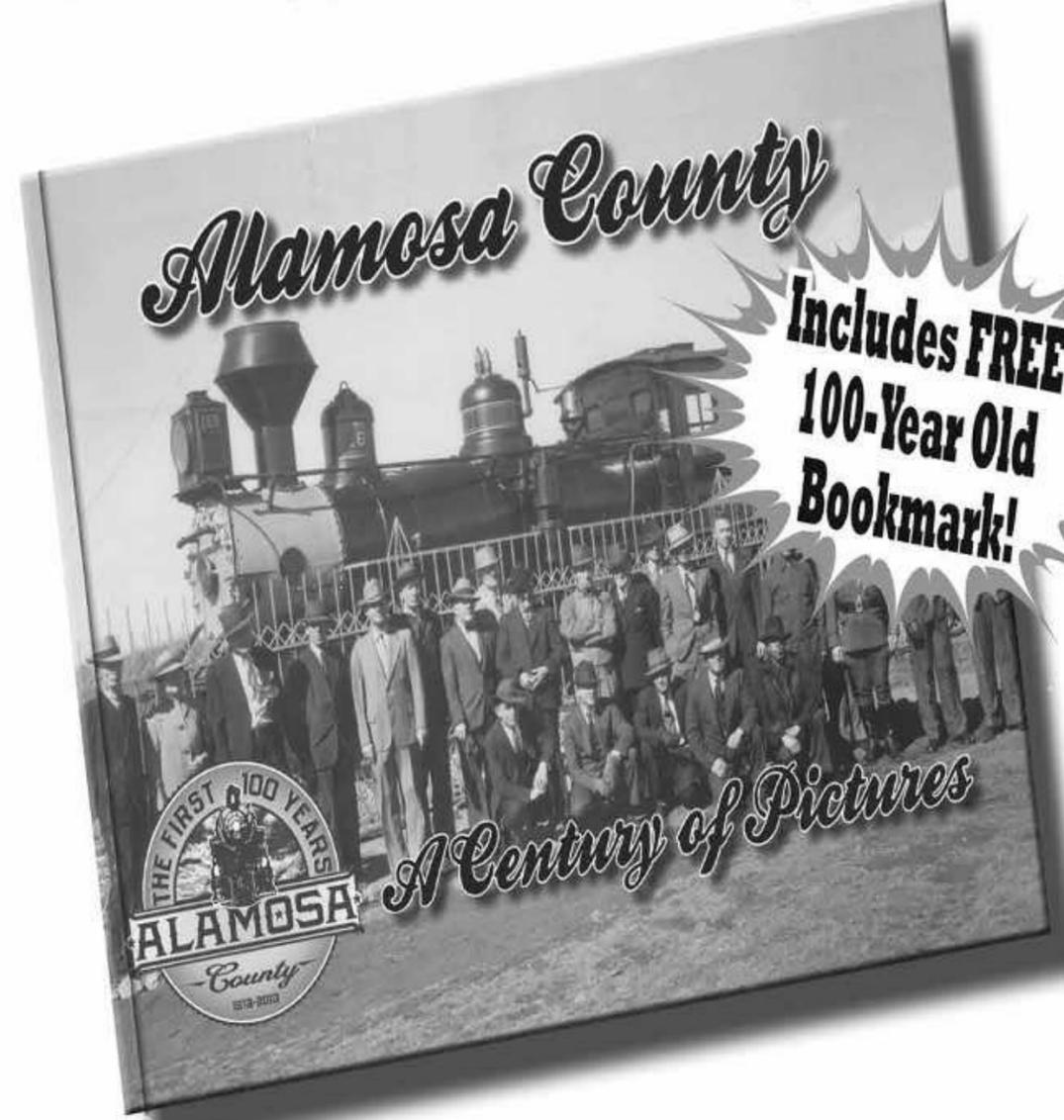
CPW is continually monitoring COVID-19 and its impact on our customers and is committed to keeping the public informed on how the agency is responding. Visitors to all CPW parks, wildlife areas and offices are asked to follow the state's most recent guidance on social gatherings to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Visit the CPW website for the most up-to-date information on how CPW is supporting the state's COVID-19 efforts, as well as our social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



Colorado Parks and Wildlife begins to reopen state park campgrounds May 12. CPW is collaborating with local partners to ensure a safe and organized welcome back to visitors.

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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 sig-

nage 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:

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Lifestyle

Board position announcement

ALAMOSA — The Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area (SdCNHA) is seeking to fill three volunteer board member positions from residents in Costilla and Conejos County. If you enjoy cultural preservation, heritage tourism, and historical work, then come and thrive in our friendly and collaborative environment.

The Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area (SdCNHA) Board of Directors provides the opportunity for local residents to become engaged in a lead-

ership role. Volunteers in these positions represent the voice of citizens in support of local heritage preservation efforts and the community-oriented mission of the Heritage Area, and are willing to commit to one meeting per month and participation on sub-committees.

Local projects have included historic building rehabilitation, interpretation of historic and scenic/recreational sites, educational programming, cultural events, and documentation of culturally significant compo-

onents of traditional ways of life. These efforts seek to contribute to community building or heritage tourism, promote a spirit of pride and create a legacy in the Colorado counties of Alamosa, Conejos, and Costilla.

Applicants are encouraged to visit the SdCNHA's website and review the organization's Goals and Objectives, found on the Management Plan page: <http://sdcnha.org/wp/management-plan>

Applications can be found on the website: <http://sdcnha.org/wp/>

boardmembers Completed application, a letter of interest, and a resume should be mailed or hand delivered to the SdCNHA at the address

noted below:
Mail to: Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area
Attention: "Board Application"

P.O. Box 844
Alamosa, CO 81101
You can also hand deliver to: 623 4th Street in Alamosa, or scan and email to info@sdcnha.org



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Kaur named scholarship recipient

ALAMOSA — Gurleen Kaur is the recipient of the Alamosa Education Foundation 2020, \$1,000 Schol-

arship. Gurleen is a graduate of Alamosa High School and will be attending The University of New Mexico. The

Alamosa Education Foundation raises funds to support teachers and students in the Alamosa School District.



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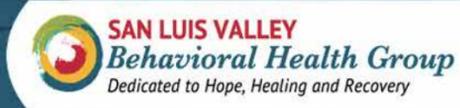
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Lifestyle

SOIL Sangre de Cristo launches zero-interest farm loans

The community-funded non-profit will support farmers and food producers in South Central Colorado

ALAMOSA — SOIL Sangre de Cristo, a community-based nonprofit that will make zero-interest loans to local farmers and food producers, kicked off its initial membership drive in April with a three-year matching grant from the New Belgium Family Foundation.

The New Belgium Family Foundation will match 50 percent of funds raised by SOIL Sangre de Cristo up to \$25,000 each year, and will also donate an additional \$10,000 annually for three years.

SOIL Sangre de Cristo loans will be available to eligible farmers and food producers in the Valley with the goal of supporting healthy farms for a resilient and diverse local food system. The loans are zero-interest and do not require collateral, with each loan tailored to the applicant's specific needs.

SOIL will raise funds through yearly memberships, which start at \$250 for Investor Members. Farmers and food producers can join for \$25. All members will vote on the loan awards.

SOIL Sangre de Cristo co-founder PJ Bergin was inspired by the farming heritage of Chaffee County, when it was known as the lettuce basket of the country, as well as the annual summer farmers market in Salida.

"I felt I was supporting the local farmers, the farm economy, that way," Bergin said. "But at the end of the market I began

to think more and more, how did they survive the winter? Where was the income coming from to buy the seeds to start for the spring? Were they out there working other jobs so they could stay farmers?"

To qualify for the annual matching grant from New Belgium, SOIL Sangre de Cristo plans to sign up a minimum of 10 new investor members each month. Founding members will have a front-row seat to the new organization as it grows and sets its funding guidelines.

"The members will be building this organization," Bergin said.

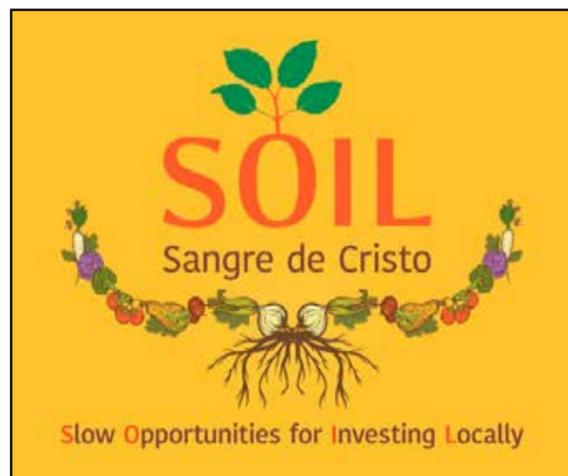
In Colorado, SOIL-affiliated groups are creating more resilient food systems in the communities around Boulder, Durango, and Carbondale, with more than \$700,000 in loans for crucial items such as tractors, worker housing, and irrigation.

SOIL is an acronym for Slow Opportunities for Investing Locally and is based on the principles articulated by activist and author Woody Tasch in *Inquiries into the Nature of Slow Money: Investing as if Food, Farms, and Fertility Mattered* and *SOIL: Notes Towards the Theory and Practice of Nurture Capital*.

The zero-interest loans promote community investment in the local food economy and offer farmers a way to grow or shore up their businesses without the red tape and collateral required by traditional banks.

"Working with banks can be extremely difficult," Bergin said, "when all they need is that push to get over that next hurdle."

More information and a membership form for SOIL Sangre de Cristo can be found at soilsangredecristo.org.



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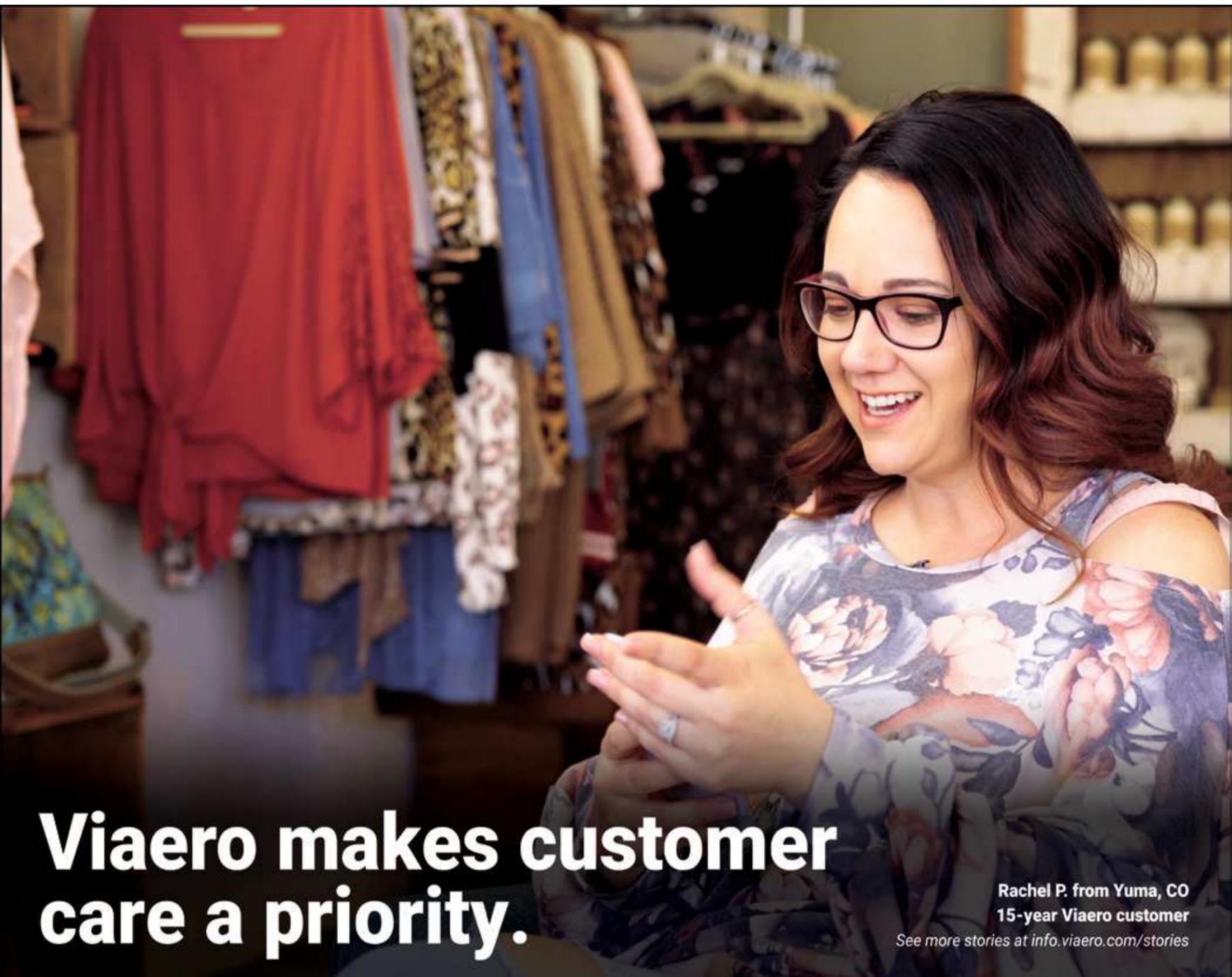
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Public Notices

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,
 v.
 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
 F: 303-470-0620
 jason@robinsonandhenry.com
 boyd@robinsonandhenry.com
 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 their 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.
GENERAL ALLEGATIONS
 11. Plaintiff is the owner of the Property by virtue of a Warranty Deed dated November 10, 1999 and recorded on October 12, 1999 at reception number 328287 and re-recorded on November 17, 1999 at Reception No. 328579, to correct the legal description, in the Clerk and Recorder's office for Saguache County, Colorado.
 12. At the time of the conveyance of the Property, William Harry Patton obtained a loan against the property. The Deed of Trust was 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 of the records of the Clerk and Recorder of Saguache County, Colorado, granted by William Harry Patton for the benefit of Rio Grande Western Land Co.
FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF
 Quiet Title Pursuant to C.R.C.P. 105
 13. The Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference all other paragraphs of this Complaint to Quiet Title under C.R.C.P. 105 as if fully expressed.
 14. Plaintiff and Defendant Rio Grande Western both claim an interest in the Property.
 15. Defendant Rio Grande Western claims some right, title or interest in and to the Property adverse to the Plaintiff; and the claim of said Defendant Rio Grande Western is without foundation or right.
 16. The Plaintiff is entitled to a complete adjudication of the rights of all parties to this action with respect to the Property, and a decree quieting title of the Property as between the rights of Plaintiff, Defendant Rio Grande Western, and any and all other Defendants.
WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for a complete adjudication of the rights of all parties to this action with respect to the Property; for a decree requiring the Defendants to set forth the nature of their claims; determining that the Defendants and each of them have no interest, estate or claim of any kind whatsoever in the, forever barring and enjoining the Defendants from asserting any claim or title thereto, quieting the title of the Plaintiff in and to the Property and adjudging that the Plaintiff is the owner and hold title to the Property in fee simple and is entitled to possession of the Property; for costs of this action; and for such other relief as to the Court may seem just and proper.
 Dated this 20th day of March, 2020.
 ROBINSON & HENRY, P.C.
 /s/ Boyd A. Rolfsen
 Jason R. Wolfe, #39210
 Boyd A. Rolfsen, #40035
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 No. 1420
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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 914-20
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
 On February 11, 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)
 Edward H. Lyell
 Original Beneficiary(ies)
 San Luis Valley Federal Bank
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
 San Luis Valley Federal Bank
 Date of Deed of Trust
 February 21, 2006
 County of Recording
 Alamosa
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust
 February 23, 2006
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
 325349
 Original Principal Amount
 \$134,850.00
 Outstanding Principal Balance
 \$99,295.49
 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 2 of the Cody Division of Land No. 2, located in the NE1/4 of Section 33, Township 37 North, Range 9 East, N.M.P.M., the Plat of which was filed November 29, 1990, under Reception No. 253718 of the Alamosa County, Colorado, records, in Alamosa County, Colorado.
 Together with all water and water rights, ditches and ditch rights, wells and well rights, and rights of way appurtenant thereto
 Also known by street and number as: 2770 County Road 11 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, 06/10/2020, 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 4/15/2020
 Last Publication 5/13/2020
 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: 02/11/2020
 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:
 Jeffrey E. Motz #35972
 Paul E. Motz #7740
 Motz Law Firm, LLC P.O. Box 779, Alamosa, CO 81101 (719) 589-6676
 Attorney File #
 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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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.)
 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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099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHIM SPIRE
 Foster Parents Needed.
 WhimSpire Child Placement Agency licenses foster and adoptive homes across the state of Colorado. WhimSpire provides excellent training and support and competitive reimbursement. Please contact Lynnette McKinney at (970) 769-6249 for more information.

SEEKING CHARACTER ARTIST, pencil or chalk. Call 719-849-0483.(5/20)

163 LOST & FOUND

LOST: HEARING AID lost somewhere at Safeway or Walmart. REWARD Please call Diana at 274-5998.(5/22)

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

221 HELP WANTED

THE BOE OF Center Schools is now accepting applications for Secondary Math Teacher for the 2020-2021 School Year. Qualifications: Must hold a Colorado Teacher's License or, such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. For information and application materials please call (719) 754-3442 or visit the District's website at www.center.k12.co.us and click on the Employment Opportunities and "Certified Staff Application". Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE.(5/22)

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 TRASH TRUCK DRIVER & LABOR: CDL Required, must pass a pre-employment drug test. Familiar with Conejos County Area preferred. Duties include, Driving Trash Truck, getting in and out of trash truck, emptying trash bins into trash truck. Physical labor required, must be able to lift up to 100 lbs. Must provide valid 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)

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)

LOOKING FOR A career opportunity and being a part of your local community? 1st Southwest Bank is growing and hiring a Teller, offering a strong benefit package & career growth opportunities. EOE. Go to https://www.fswb.bank/who-we-are/careers/ for more details & to apply.(5/22)

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)

ROTECH HEALTHCARE (FORMERLY Roth Medical) a national wide company is currently taking online applications for a Medical Sales Account Executive and a Paid Per Service-Respiratory Therapist/RN. If interested please apply at https://careers-rotech.icims.com or www.rotech.com.(5/22)

RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing Home in Del Norte CO, is accepting applications for the House-keeping 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 Chelcy. (RVI is EOE.)(5/29)

NONPROFIT COMPANY, CRHDC, seeking ONE MONTH TEMP/F/T Construction Supervisor to assist families with new home construction in Alamosa evenings and weekends. Construction exp. required. \$20 p/h. Resume and cover letter to melanie@crhdc.org.(5/19)

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@lapunte.net.(5/29)

CONEJOS COUNTY DEPARTMENT of Social Services is seeking a Case Manager (CM). Responsibilities include: Determine eligibility for Food Stamps, Adult programs, Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF), and Medicaid. Ability to apply critical thinking to a wide range of situations. Must have strong computer and interviewing skills. A broad knowledge of community services a plus. High School Diploma or equivalent required, two years of education and customer service experience preferred. County Application Form Required. Applications are available at Conejos County Administration Office 6683 County Rd. 13, Conejos, CO 81129, or via email upon request at criccic@co.conejos.co.us. Deadline is Wednesday, May 6, 2020. Inquiries call 719-376-6799 EOE. (5/15)

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 HARRY PATTON,
 Plaintiff,
 v.
 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:
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 Jason R. Wolfe #39210
 Boyd A. Rolfsen #40035
 1805 Shea Center Drive, Suite 180
 Highlands Ranch, CO 80129
 P: 303-688-0944
 F: 303-470-0620
 jason@robinsonandhenry.com
 boyd@robinsonandhenry.com
 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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 counterclaim 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
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

City of Monte Vista 6th Avenue Culvert Replacement
 Bids will be received on May 21st, 2020 until 9:00 a.m. Bids to be emailed to City of Monte Vista engineer: miked@elementengineering.net. Prospective Bidders may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Bidding Documents may be viewed and ordered online by registering with the Issuing Office at www.elementengineering.net, under "Project Bidding". Following registration, complete sets of Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the Issuing Office's website as "zipped" portable document format (PDF) files for a cost of \$20.00. Documents will be available May 4th, 8:00 a.m. Printed bid documents will not be provided.
 The City of Monte Vista 6th Avenue Culvert Replacement Project generally consists of the removal and replacement of 40 LF of 71" x 47" elliptical CMP culvert and associated asphalt patch.
 The project is being bid in May 2020 for construction to start in September 2020 once the irrigation water is shut down for the season. Bid and bid prices shall be effective to the end of 2020.
 The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities or technical defects as the best interests of the City may be served, and may reject any and all bids, and shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder as determined by the City.
 Please send the bidding, along with the proof of publication, to:
 City of Monte Vista, attention: Robert Vance
 95 West 1st Avenue
 Monte Vista, CO 81144
 No. 1419
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 6, and 13, 2020.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 915-20

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
 On February 14, 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)
 John P. Ortega, Jr. and Maria Ortega
 Original Beneficiary(ies)
 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc as a nominee for GNL Inc., DBA Freedom Mortgage and Loan
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
 Date of Deed of Trust
 June 25, 2004
 County of Recording
 Alamosa
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust
 June 29, 2004
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
 317280
 November 03, 2004
 Re-Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
 318884
 Re-Recording Date of Deed of Trust
 Original Principal Amount
 \$85,337.00
 Outstanding Principal Balance
 \$82,173.29
 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.
 LOT 31 AND 32, BLOCK 64 THE CITY OF ALAMOSA, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO
 Also known by street and number as: 329 8th Street, 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, 06/17/2020, 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 4/22/2020
 Last Publication 5/20/2020
 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: 02/14/2020
 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:
 McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E. Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122
 Attorney File # CO-20-879095-LL
 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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BRADBURY STAMM CONTRACTORS, INC., the Construction Manager General Contractor for this project, requests subcontractor proposals and qualifications for the following project:

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 Project Description: Proposals will be accepted for all trades to demolish and replace a parking lot on the school campus.
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 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
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 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.
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 Timothy Shawn Adcock
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The City of Alamosa is seeking proposals from qualified survey/design firms (or collaborations) for the completion of the survey and complete design necessary for the full reconstruction of State Avenue from Sixth Street to Thirteenth Street, a distance of approximately 2,880 linear feet.
 The complete BID Document is located on The City of Alamosa Web site at cityofalamosa.org.
THE DEADLINE FOR ALL PROPOSALS IS WEDNESDAY MAY 20, AT 3:30 PM. Any proposal not received prior to the time and date specified shall not be accepted. Proposals shall be submitted to:
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SANGRE DE CRISTO School District is seeking a girls High School Basketball coach for the 2020 / 2021 season. For more information contact Brady Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@sangreschools.org.(5/26)

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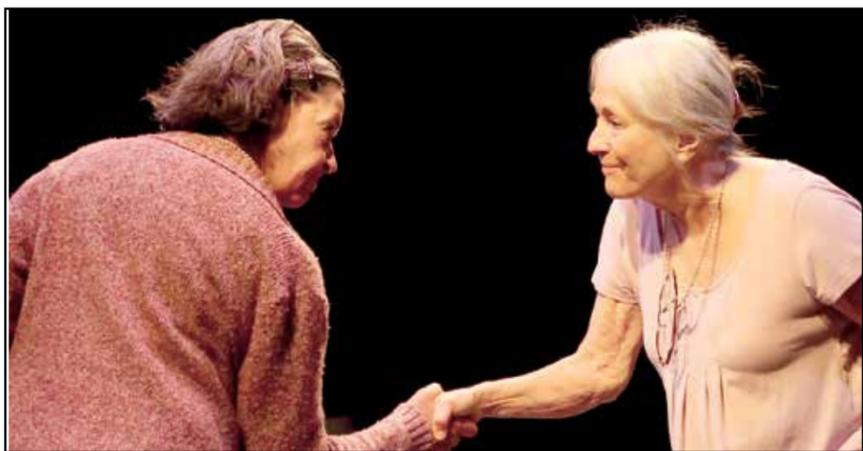
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AG Weiser looks after U.S. meat and poultry workers

DENVER — Attorney General Phil Weiser today joined a coalition of 20 attorneys general calling for the federal government to take immediate action to ensure the health and safety of meat and poultry processing plant employees, who have been deemed essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over 10,000 COVID-19 cases and 45 worker deaths have been tied to meat processing plants across the country, including 340 reported positive cases and eight reported deaths at Colorado facilities.

"We need mandatory and enforceable health and safety measures to protect employees at meat and poultry processing facilities. As we have witnessed in Colorado, COVID-19 outbreaks at these facilities threaten to result in wider community spread and put more lives and our food supply at risk," said Weiser.

"There are a set of measures that should be instituted to protect these workers, address the potential spread of COVID-19, and support the goal of keeping the plants open. I commend those meat processing plants who are already instituting such measures and call on others to adopt them as well."

The incidence of COVID-19 infections among meat and poultry industry workers is serious, with many plants reporting hundreds of workers testing positive for the novel coronavirus. These clusters of infections are also impacting their surrounding communities. At present, however, many plants have continued to operate without instituting adequate health and safety measures. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved new line speed waivers at these facilities that force employees to work faster and closer to one another, creating additional risk.

The USDA is currently allowing facilities to continue to operate under voluntary guidelines for promoting safe working conditions. In their letter, the attorneys general say health and safety standards must be stronger, mandatory, and enforceable, including priority testing for workers in the processing plants; suspension of all line speed waivers; a halt to approval of any additional waivers; immediate access to adequate PPE; 6-foot physical distancing where possible and plexiglass barriers where distancing cannot be achieved; and isolation and quarantine of COVID-19 positive workers, with full pay.

The letter from the coalition of attorneys general can be found at <https://coag.gov/app/uploads/2020/05/Letter-to-President-Trump-003-2-004.pdf>



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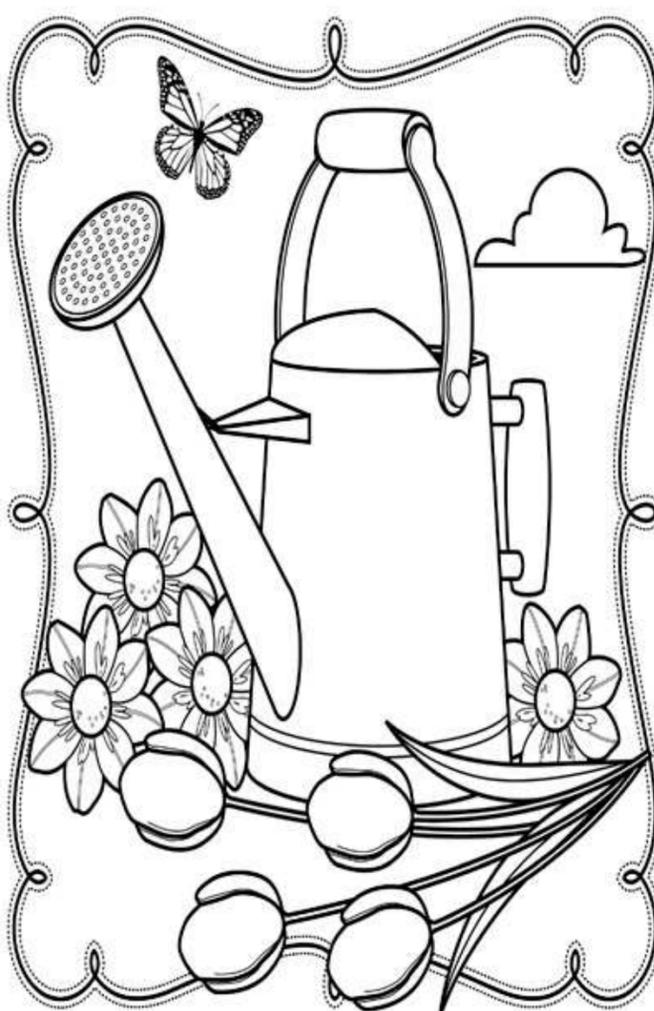
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LOAM

soil with almost equal parts sand, silt and clay

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Soil

SPANISH: Tierra

ITALIAN: Terra

FRENCH: Sol

GERMAN: Erde

Did you know?

THERE ARE MORE MICROORGANISMS IN ONE TEASPOON OF SOIL THAN THERE ARE PEOPLE ON EARTH.



GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: WATERING CAN

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