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NCS D Meeting

LA JARA — A special Board meeting for the North Conejos School District Board of Education will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2020. This meeting will be conducted entirely via teleconferencing or videoconferencing.

Sargent BOE

MONTE VISTA — A Regular Board Meeting for the Sargent School District Board of Education will be held at 6:30pm on Monday, April 27, 2020 virtually. To sign up for community input email lfoster@sargentk12.co.us. For agenda and Zoom information visit the Sargent Schools webpage.

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Two more make 26 cumulative SLV cases

San Luis Valley - Today Alamosa County received two new positive tests for COVID-19, bringing the total for Alamosa County to 11 and the total positive cases to 26 for the San Luis Valley. The current case numbers and public health orders can be found at www.slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/ and are updated daily.

As we prepare to transition from Stay at Home to Safer at Home, it is important to continue the new habits you have been building over the past several weeks. Social distancing staying at least 6 feet from others when you leave home, frequent hand washing, and wearing a cloth face mask when you leave home continue to be

important steps to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Some small changes begin next week, as community health and economic recovery are priorities. Most people should continue to stay at home most of the time. Monday, retail locations can begin offering curbside pick up and real estate brokers can begin offering in person showings. For curbside retail options, customers can not be inside the business and must pay for the goods online or with contactless pay curbside. Real estate brokers will be required to adhere to certain guidelines and will receive this guidance from the Department of Regulatory Affairs. Beginning

May 1st, the state of Colorado will begin allowing other businesses such as pet groomers and salons to open with some restrictions. Details on those restrictions and guidelines will be released by the state as May 1st approaches.

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, contact a local nurse line and visit with the nurse about your symptoms. There are now expanded testing capabilities, allowing more people who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 to be tested locally.

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

The mild symptoms of COVID-19 may include a combination of cough, body aches, fatigue, and chest tightness. Some people may not develop a fever or fever may not occur until several days into the illness. Worsening symptoms of COVID-19 are a cough, fever and shortness of breath. If you are experiencing worsening symptoms, contact a nurse line, even if you have previously done so.

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Food Boxes



Photos by Sylvia Lobato

Boxes of goods were distributed courtesy of El Pomar funds, TOP, A fully completed box shows necessary staples headed for a home in the La Jara area. BOTTOM, Northerners Senior Citizens and volunteers. Another distribution will be held May 14. Story on Page 3.

Historic school could become museum

Mount Pleasant dates back to 1888

By KEITH R. CERNY
Courier Publisher

ALAMOSA — A 1975 proposal to move the Mount Pleasant School to what was then the Adams State College campus to use as a schoolhouse museum was never realized.

Thanks to the efforts of the still existing Mount Pleasant School Association that owns the building, the museum idea may eventually happen at the school's original site some eight miles northwest of Alamosa. However, they need to take ownership of the one-acre parcel first.

The land, part of a full section originally acquired by the Colorado State Land Board in 1876 at statehood, has survived earlier attempts to sell it, but the Alamosa County Board of Commissioners approved purchasing the plot at a Jan. 14, 2020 meeting. The asking price for the one-acre parcel is the appraised value of \$30,000.

Residents have until May 1 to comment on the sale according to a public notice in the Valley Courier published the past four weeks. Comments can be sent to matthew.lafontaine@state.co.us. The State Land



Board will consider comments at a public meeting currently scheduled for July 8 at the state office in Denver before transferring ownership.

Roger Knapp, president of the Mount Pleasant School Association, said that group has continued to raise funds for the purchase of the land with the hope of turning it into a museum. Residents in the community have pledged their support to help purchase the property and to refurbish and maintain it, and with state and national historic site designation, grants may be acquired.

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Shem Brown motions hearing

Staff Report

ALAMOSA — Thursday morning, Shem Brown, 27, of Monte Vista had his status hearing; with Chief Judge, Michael A. Gonzales. Brown and codefendants — Robert Martinez, 29; Shawndon McVey, 25; and Phillip Medina, 36 — are charged with murder, kidnapping, robbery and other related charges; associated with the murder of Mathias Fritz, 40, and the shooting of his girlfriend (who survived).

Brown had a hearing related to the shooting of one codefendant. In that particular case, the charges against Brown were dismissed. His defense attorney, Riley Selleck, had requested another first appearance (today's appearance) in order to give his team time to obtain results from Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) evidence testing.

Thursday morning, the prosecution and defense agreed to proceed with a ten-day trial; meaning the morning's hearing

would be the last chance to negotiate in front of a judge. The prosecution challenged a motion



File photo

Shem Brown

D-9, filed by Mr. Selleck. Among many things, the motion requested psychiatric records for each witness of the prosecution. This the prosecution challenged, saying it was irrelevant.

Before agreeing to withdraw a paragraph within the motion, Selleck explained why he filed to begin with: "There are sev-

eral prosecution witnesses, it stands to reason, who may have received some benefit in exchange for the information they have provided." After Selleck agreed to withdrawal, the prosecution ceded and both parties agreed to move on.

The line was then opened up for any family members on the call to say their piece. Only one spoke up. "This is Anna Fritz, Mathias' mother. I just want you all to know I am here and I'm listening." Selleck made room for Mr. Brown to speak: "Is Mr. Brown on the line? I think he has a right to speak here."

Mr. Brown did not answer and the Judge Gonzales moved on. Another status hearing was set for May 18, at 10 a.m.

The prosecution responded: "A not guilty plea was entered, but we don't have a trial date set. Can we set a date?" There was some disagreement here, amongst both parties and the judge, but eventually, they settled on the original May 18 date and time.

SLV Health in need of PPE



ALAMOSA — Anyone with unused, unopened Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is encouraged to donate it to San Luis Valley Health for use by healthcare workers. A collection post will be set up today (Friday) from noon to 3 p.m. in front of the hospital's education and conference center at the corner of Main Street and Blanca Avenue.

- Items needed include:
- Eye protection and goggles
 - Face shields
 - Surgical masks and N95 masks
 - Sterile and non-sterile gloves
 - Disposable gowns
 - Biohazard bags
 - Disinfecting wipes/sanitizer
 - Cloth and handmade masks
 - Thermometer covers

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OBITUARIES

Shirley Rose Gallagher 1922-2020

ALAMOSA — Shirley Rose Gallagher died on the evening of April 15 at The Bridge in Alamosa, Colorado. The daughter of Newton Kinney and Rose Pearl (Fortine) Gray, she was born in Los Angeles on October 9, 1922, and lived in southern California during her formative years. She graduated from Alhambra High School in 1940, attended Pasadena Junior College, and, in the mid-1940s, worked as a singer and musician in the Los Angeles area. During the final weeks of World War II, Shirley was selected to join the only USO show sponsored by the United States Navy in the Pacific Theater.

Eddie Bracken headlined the show, which played to large and enthusiastic crowds of soldiers, sailors, and Marines on the islands of Guam, Saipan, Tinian, and elsewhere. Following one performance, Rear Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd, Jr., the noted Arctic and Antarctic explorer, gave her the stars off his collar as a keepsake. She kept a diary during the tour, writing one evening: "Today at the hospital we all got to pin the Purple

Heart on some fellows; it was something and a wonderful experience."

Returning to Los Angeles from the Pacific islands in August 1945, Shirley Rose continued to perform for wounded service personnel. In December 1945, an administrator with the Red Cross Camp and Hospital Committee in Los Angeles thanked her "on behalf of the patients at the many hospitals where you have so graciously appeared. I am sure you know by now how much music means to these wounded men and how important it is that they feel we haven't forgotten them." Shirley cherished memories of her tour in the Pacific and of the friendships she forged, recounting the experience in a limited-edition memoir titled *A Never-to-Be Forgotten Adventure: Reminiscences of the Bracken Show in the South Pacific, July-August 1945*. The National Archives thought her contributions significant as well, featuring a photograph of her performing with Bracken and a passage from her diary in a major exhibit of personal accounts of World War II that was created in 1992



and displayed in eleven cities across the United States.

On June 16, 1946, Shirley married William "Bill" Gallagher, another graduate of Alhambra High who had served four years as an officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II, at the Episcopal Church of Our Savior in San Gabriel, California. The couple had two sons, Tim and Gary. The family left Southern California in the summer of 1954, relocating to the San Luis Valley, where they lived on a farm east of Alamosa before moving in 1957 to another farm

in the Carmel District. They resided in Carmel for more than 40 years, then moved to Alamosa in 1999.

Shirley, always the gracious hostess, enjoyed a wide circle of friends who appreciated her quick wit and bridge skills. She loved art, music, the cinema, and the ocean. She especially enjoyed collecting shells during walks along beaches in both the United States and Mexico. She and Bill frequently spent winters with friends in Puerto Peñasco and other favorite places along the Mexican coast. In recent years, they enjoyed winters in Green Valley, Arizona.

Devoted to large dogs, Shirley lavished attention on the family pets that were German Shepherds and Dober-

mans. She also took politics seriously, participating in local and state Republican Party activities and holding organizational offices within the party. For many years, Shirley also played an active role in Child Study Club and the local Chapter AE P.E.O. Another community connection was the "Roller Roundup" that Bill and Shirley built, owned and operated for several years.

Shirley's children and grandchildren knew her best as "Mim," a generous, yet demanding presence who helped prepare them for life's mixture of high points and hard edges. Her competitive nature was evident whether she was playing ping-pong, croquet, or in a game of

cards or dominos.

Shirley will be remembered lovingly, and missed deeply, by her friends and most particularly by her family. She is survived by her devoted husband Bill of nearly 74 years, her son Tim and his wife Marsha, her son Gary, her grandchildren William (Yasuko) Gallagher, Angie (Jason) Rossback, Tami (Matt) Sliwowski, and Marlena Rose (Steven) Halko, and eight great-grandchildren. At her request, a private family memorial will be held.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave memories and your condolences for Shirley's family please visit www.rogersfunerals.com.

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Terese Dionne Duran, 43

ALAMOSA — Terese Dionne Duran, 43, went home to be with the Lord on April 19, 2020, at home with Jesus by her side. Terese came into the world on July 3, 1976, in La Jara, CO; the daughter of Alfred and Elaine Barela Duran.

Terese was a loving daughter, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend who enjoyed Latch hooking, horseshoes, being a Bronco fan, fishing, camping, and spending all the time she could with her family and granddaughter Braelynn Cisneros.

Survivors include her Mother Elaine Duran of Alamosa, CO; her father Alfred (Marbela) Duran of Ortiz, Co; daughter



Demi Candelaria, and Granddaughter Braelynn Cisneros both of Alamosa, CO; sons Dylan Martinez and Ernest "EJ" Candelaria Of Alamosa, CO one sister Lynnisha DuPont of Alamosa, CO; four

brothers Brian Duran of Alamosa and

Mario (Jose) Duran and Lawrence Lujan of Las Vegas, NV., and Noel Lujan of Lobatos, CO.

She is also survived by Aunts, Uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Terese was preceded in death by her husband Ernie Candelaria both sets of grandparents, uncle Steve Barela, cousins Beverly, JoJo and Dominic.

Cremation was chosen and a funeral Mass will be held at a later date. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa. To leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes.com.

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 mkmillermink@aol.com

ALAMOSA — The Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group meets on the second Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon. at the

Alamosa Public Library, 300 Hunt Ave. Call the Southern Colorado office at 719-544-5720, ext. 304.

ALAMOSA — TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) CO 568, Alamosa, a non-profit weight loss organization, meets every Tuesday evening at the College Heights Baptist Church at 2035 Church Avenue in Alamosa. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. with an informative meeting at 6:15. Anyone interested in having weight loss support is welcome to attend a free meeting or call Doris at 589-6396 for more information.

ALAMOSA — Search and Rescue meetings are the fourth Tuesday at the Alamosa County Sheriff Office, 1315 17th St., at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer is welcome. Call Suzi at 719-588-9236.

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Photography Club meets the first Wednesday at the Alamosa Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Contact Stephen Jensen at 379-0001 or sly-photostephen@gmail.com

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

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

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

ALAMOSA — Open drop-in meditation for health, stress man-

agement 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.

MONTEVISTA—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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

AL-ANON

TUESDAY

8 p.m. 15 Country Club Dr. Monte Vista

WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. SLV Behavior Health Group at 8745 CR 9S., Alamosa

THURSDAY

5:30 p.m. First Christian Church at 518 1st St., Alamosa

7 p.m. Crestone Town Hall, downtown Crestone (second and fourth Thursdays)

School Menu
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Valley News

Cruisin' away the blues

SANFORD — Sanford School teacher Leann Gartrell and her children were missing social interaction, so she came up with a perfect way to spend a Thursday evening. The Sanford community pulled together and did an old school cruise night by dragging Sanford's Main Street on April 2nd.

Cars, trucks, and other vehicles drove along Main Street and around the football field which had been lit up. Everyone enjoyed seeing friends while still maintain-

ing social distancing. It was so fun that Sanford did it again. Thursday, April 16th, the Main Street was packed again. Over 70 vehicles, a motorcycle, a few horses, about 7 tractors, and a couple Hagglund all-terrain vehicles, showed up and participated in the fun.

It was a throwback to older days and many people recalled when they use to 'cruise main' and how it was big part of their social life.

Many kids from the younger generations have never

done this and it was fun for them to enjoy this time out of their house and connecting with their friends again.

Leann said "I was thinking back to the day when we use to cruise main and how that was our entertainment. Then the thought came to me that this was something our kids could do right now without breaking any social distancing rules. I decided to throw it out there and see who all would be interested and the response was great. Mostly

because kids are looking for a way to be with friends right now and have that social interaction they are missing out on and this is one way we can do it."

The superintendent (Kevin Edgar), elementary principal (Dena Jaminet), teachers, students, school board and community members and even Sanford alumni from other towns showed up. The cars honking and people shouting hello's to each other really livened

up the town.

This has been a great way for the town to come

together and show its love and solidarity at this difficult time.



Kent Mortensen and his Hagglund all-terrain vehicles were really fun to see.

Courtesy photo

South Fork firefighter found dead



SOUTH FORK – Firefighter Chris Miyaki died Wednesday of yet unknown causes, reportedly while in Albuquerque, announced South Fork Fire Rescue in a Facebook post.

He served as a firefighter with the department for the past year and was in the process of obtaining his Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification. He was also actively working on expanding his wildland fire certifications.

The death is currently under investigation by the Albuquerque Police Department, according to the post. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced at a later date.

Linette Nye Schmidt, public information officer for South Fork Fire Rescue, said Thursday that no additional details concerning Miyaki's death are currently available, but will be updated when determined.

Food Boxes

By SYLVIA LOBATO

LA JARA — Although the Wednesday food give-away was supposed to begin at 10 a.m., senior citizens and persons in need were early birds, according to Northern Senior Citizens Director Lynette De Priest, who said they began arriving around 8 a.m. and 75 food boxes were given away by 10:30 a.m.

The 13 volunteers putting the boxes together and helping distribute them were organization members, law enforcement and public officials, De Priest said.

Financed by a grant from El Pomar, the boxes included a gallon of milk, a dozen eggs, a loaf of bread, a five pound bag of potatoes, onions, a bottle of oil or shortening, a five-

pound bag of sugar, a five-pound bag of flour, beans, a roll of toilet paper and a roll of paper towels.

De Priest said the people who came for the donations left happy and another distribution is being planned for May 14.

"It goes out very quickly," De Priest said of the food.

Drone used to apprehend suspects

COSTILLA – Four people were arrested Tuesday night in the Trinchera Ranch area with the help of a drone after a high-speed chase from around the top of La Veta Pass.

According to a Costilla County Sheriff's Office Facebook post, the vehicle was positively identified and wanted in connection with a Drug Enforce-

ment Agency warrant. Colorado State Patrol, Huerfano County and Alamosa County sheriff's departments assisted Costilla deputies.

The vehicle, believed to be a white VW Jetta, was pursued to an area south of Highway 160 at mile marker 262 (near the roadside picnic tables).

Once the agencies made

contact with the vehicle it was found to be unoccupied. A Reverse 911 call was issued to residents in the area at that time, warning them of the situation.

After a short search, deputies were able to locate and follow tracks that lead to an area where a male and female were taken into custody.

A short time later, Costilla County Search and Rescue arrived with a drone. Once the drone was in the air deputies were able to locate the other two suspects who had fled, another man and woman. All four were in custody by 6:30 p.m.

Names of the suspects were not immediately available.

School

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According to history provided by the State Land Board, in 1888, a single room public school was built on the southeast corner of that section. The original school building was replaced twice and the last structure, built in 1911, remains on the site today. (See Saturday's edition for a complete history.)

In 1925, the State Land Board disposed of the majority of the Section, retaining only the one-acre site where the Mount Pleasant School building is located. Up to possibly five generations of school children have been served by the school, according to Knapp, including himself, his mother and grandfather.

The schoolhouse officially closed at the end of the 1964-65 school year. Different entities owned the building subsequently. In 1989, the Mount Pleasant School Association took ownership of the building. The property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on May 3, 2006 as one of the



Courier photos by Keith R. Cerny
Mount Pleasant School as it stands today about eight miles northwest of Alamosa. School association members hope to acquire the one-acre of land it sits on and eventually restore it into a schoolhouse museum.

few remaining one-room schoolhouses.

Ron Rivale, State Land Board district manager for the Southwest Region based in Alamosa, said he doesn't expect any negative comments concerning the transfer of ownership to Alamosa County and eventually to the association. It would be a direct exchange from one government agency to another, he explained.

"We are delighted to help the Alamosa commu-

nity preserve this historic schoolhouse," said Greg Ochis, Assistant Director, Colorado State Land Board. "We hope that by owning the land under the building, the Alamosa community is successful in obtaining grants to restore the unique and historic building that has deep ties to the community dating back to the turn of the 20th century."

The Colorado State Land Board owns and stewards 2.8 million acres

of land, and lease these assets to help fund Colorado public schools. The board has earned \$1.7 billion for Colorado public schools since 2008.

"We are very proud to be the primary funding for the Colorado Department of Education's Building Excellent Today Program (BEST)," said Kristen Kemp, outreach and communications officer for the board. "BEST has provided capital construction grants to 524 schools serving 225,000 students since the program's inception in 2008."

Those grants have funded the construction of numerous schools in the San Luis Valley, the most recent being a new North Conejos District building.

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COVID

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If you have tested positive for COVID-19 OR if you develop symptoms of COVID-19, including early or mild symptoms (see above), you should be in isolation (stay away from others) until:

You have had no fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever without using medicine that reduces fevers)

AND other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved)

AND At least 7 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared

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Opinion

The lessons of a virus

Staying home has taught me some amazing lessons. Just when my rut was deep enough to be comfortable, I learned what was considered acceptable travel.

Newspapers are essential, but wise people must rush home as soon as assigned work is done.

Teenagers can't understand why their weekly get-togethers with friends were halted.

While the grocery stores have set aside days for elderly shopping, with early hours expected to make it easier, what one wants to buy is hard to find. There is little toilet paper, bleach or rubbing alcohol to be had.

I learned why bleach and rubbing alcohol are scarce, but can't for the life of me find out why people need to hoard TP.

Growing up when TP'ing a place was a common insult, I haven't seen any festooning today's homes or businesses.

I think the insult is keeping others from having it by people who amass much more than they need.

It served a purpose, though. A friend of my eldest son gave him a couple of rolls as a birthday gift.

Every newscast on television details COVID-19 all over the country, but not the San Luis Valley.

As usual, we don't seem to exist.

When will news outlets on the Front Range realize Colorado does not end at Walsenburg and resume at Pagosa Springs?

We have horribly frigid winters, so the weatherpersons notice that.

Negativity grows in the mind when one is advised that a well-known man has fallen prey to the virus.

Government agencies have declared this name can't be published, so the news fell into the rumor mill.

People want transparency when it affects them, but they are silent when it doesn't.

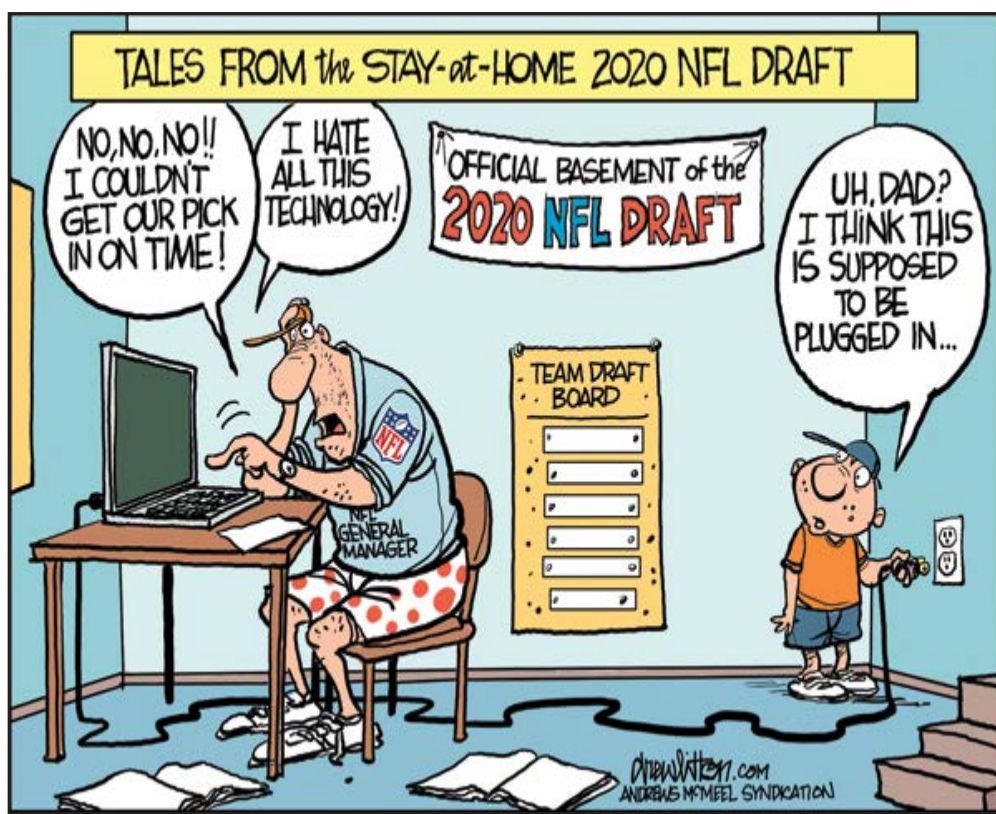
Many persons feel frightened at the filtered knowledge. I do, then I try to change things.

I work on lifelong learning at home, where I feel safe and know we will soon be free.

Native Writes



Sylvia Lobato



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Alamosa Landscapes

Save the bees with flowers – part 1
You may have heard recent dire reports about the health of bees. There are many scientific reports of "colony collapse disorder" in bee colonies and decline due to reduced habitat. The Pollinator Partnership says the US has lost over 50 percent of its managed honeybee colonies in the past 10 years. According to the Huffington Post, one of every three bites of food we eat depends on the honey bee as they pollinate so many of the plants that we (and our livestock) eat every day.

One of the best and easiest things you can do to help these crucial creatures survive and thrive is to plant annuals, perennials, shrubs, and trees in your landscape that will give bees the food they need.

Before listing what grows best in Alamosa, let's look at the traits bees prefer in plants. There are five main attributes: color, odor, shape, nutrition, and landing platforms. Bees like bright white, yellow, blue, and ultraviolet. Red flowers appear black to bees and are not attractive to them. Note: people can't detect ultraviolet light while bees can. Contrasting color patterns on flower petals are detected by special ultraviolet photoreceptors in the bee's eyes. These patterns are called nectar guides and help bees to quickly locate a flower's center. Sweetly aromatic or minty fragrances are most attractive to bees.

Also, bees prefer flowers with a sturdy landing platform. While they can visit a flower without landing, they prefer one with a solid platform so they can land and not just hover. I didn't know this before! This includes flowers such as snapdragons (Antirrhinum majus – except red), veronica (Veronica – many are purple and some are white), wildroses (rosa – especially yellow Harrison and pink woodsii), and penstemons (Penstemon strictus -- choose purple for the bees).

Regarding nutrition, bees are looking for two things when they visit your garden: nectar (it's loaded with sugars which are a bee's main source of energy) and pollen (provides a balanced diet of proteins and fats).

I didn't realize there are about four 4,000 different species of bees in North America. They are different sizes, have different tongue lengths, and will feed on different shaped flowers. Consequently, providing a range of flower shapes means more bees can benefit.

Many web sites encourage shoppers to determine if any seedlings you may want to buy have been raised with neonicotinoid pesticides. Referred to as "neonics," these neurotoxins are somewhat controversial and are considered by many to be toxic to bees. For a bee-friendly garden, consider using the least toxic and most environmentally-friendly methods for

pest control if you need to apply control. Bees need flowers throughout the growing season. While some folks suggest leaving dandelions during early spring for the bees as there are not many other flowers blooming during this time, I don't! I have quite a few bulbs that bloom early. If I leave the dandelions, I have a LOT of weeding to do over the summer.

Almost all of the plants I mention in this column can be viewed online at Alamosaflowers.net and/or Alamosatrees.net with photos from Alamosa. Early season bee-friendly flowers blooming now in Alamosa include daffodils, jonquils, and forsythia. As I walk the garden I see colorful buds about to open on flowering almonds (Prunus triloba plena or tenella) and a few yellow tulips (tulipa).

Coming up in May will be our lovely crab apple trees (malus), penstemons, yellow and orange Icelandic poppies (Papaver oriental), golden currants (Grossulariaceae – they thrive in Alamosa), purple flax (Linum lewisii – reliably return each year), and purple poppy mallows (Callirhoe involucrate).

In the next column, I'll discuss flowers for the rest of the season and also make suggestions for flowers bees avoid. You might have an allergy or have had a bad experience with bees. Or you might want to discourage bees from hanging around your outside dining area.

Happy Earth Day!
"Gardening adds years to your life and life to your years." Unknown

Alamosa Landscapes



Marilyn Loser

Control Annual Grassy Weeds in Lawns

The first weeds of the year seem to be a rite of passage into spring. Some of the weeds this year are going quite well. There are some annual weeds and some perennial weeds that show up with the first green up in the spring. Controlling these weeds early and all year long is important.

Annual grass type weeds can be some of the hardest to control. Some of the annual grassy weeds that you might see are, crabgrass, foxtail, barnyard grass, and goose grass. These weeds belong to a group called summer annual grasses. While these weeds are most often associated with elevations below 6,500 feet, we do see them in the San Luis Valley.

The seeds of summer annual grasses fall to the ground the previous year. This can occur from mid-spring through mid-summer. They will germinate in the spring when the soil temperature reaches 55 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Once they germinate, they grow fast during the summer months. They like warm temperatures and water. The first frost in the fall will kill the summer annual grasses. Their seeds are already on the ground by then.

The methods to manage the annual grasses include both cultural and chemi-

cal techniques. Non-herbicide controls, or cultural controls begin with the mowing height of the lawn. If you have bluegrass, tall fescue, fine fescue, or rye grass, mow the lawn at a height of 2 1/2 to 3 inches during the summer. This will help shade some of the soil surface and slow weed seed germination. This also produces a healthier lawn.

Tips to more effective lawn management are:

1. Mow often enough so that no more than 1/3 of the leaf blade is removed. Letting the grass grow tall and then mowing reduces the grass density, making space for more weeds. This may mean mowing every few days in the spring and early summer.
2. Irrigate properly to reduce annual weed infestation. Light frequent irrigation promotes weed seed germination, even if a preemergence herbicide has

been applied. Water longer, deeper, and less often for a healthier lawn.

3. Fertilize according to your lawn species.

4. Aerate the lawn at least once a year to reduce compaction and to control thatch.

Herbicide, while many prefer not to use them, are a weed control tool. Pre-emergent herbicides control crabgrass by preventing seedlings from growing. To be effective they must be applied before the crabgrass seed germinates. Crabgrass could start germinating soon, so a pre-emergence herbicide should be applied soon. They should be applied two to four weeks before germination of the crabgrass. A warm, moist spring will cause crabgrass to germinate earlier in the season. Pre-emergence herbicides will not control annual grassy weeds after the seed germinates. The pre-emergence herbicides are often applied when or just after forsythia blooms.

Post emergence herbicides, those applied after weeds have begun to grow, are also available. One of the easiest to find is MSMA. This can be found at most garden centers. It is often called something like "Crabgrass Killer". It is most effective against young seedling weeds.

Eye on Extension



Marvin Reynolds

LETTERS

An open letter from TSJC president Epper related to coronavirus

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,
As we approach the last couple of weeks of the spring semester, I want to again thank you for your patience and perseverance in moving forward during the COVID-19 health crisis. In last week's Open Exchange for faculty and staff, I heard some excellent examples of how students and faculty are adapting to and coping with the change to online learning. One faculty member shared that he's learning to use new tools that may become permanent fixtures in his courses going forward. As we are all learning more about technology-enhanced learning, we should continue thinking about how to optimize its use once we return to a new kind of "normal" at Trinidad State. Along these lines, I have a few updates to share with you.

Federal Stimulus Money for Trinidad State:
Trinidad State has been notified we will receive \$1,038,406 in federal funding from the Congressional CARES Act to provide funding assistance as a result of COVID-19. Half of that funding (\$519,203) will be released directly to students, and may be used

for expenses related to college costs, as well as food, housing, health care, and child care expenses. Approximately 1,100 students will receive awards of up to \$200 for Spring 2020, and future awards will vary by semester through Spring 2021. Students will be required to complete a form to request these funds. Watch your email for eligibility and further directions within the next few days.

The remaining \$519,203 of CARES Act funding is to be used to offset operational costs incurred by the college as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. These funds have not yet been released by the U.S. Department of Education, but Trinidad State is formulating plans for how to allocate these funds toward the greatest institutional needs.

Student Emergency Aid Fund:
In my last message, I announced that the TSJC Educational Foundation had started a fund drive to raise money for the Student Emergency Aid Fund. I am happy to report that over \$19,000 has been raised so far! We are grateful to the foundation and our many supporters throughout Trinidad and the San Luis Valley for stepping up to help

our students through the challenging and destabilizing events of this semester. The federal stimulus money described above will provide well-needed initial relief to students impacted by COVID-19. However, we know the needs of some students will far outstrip the \$200 allocation. As we move through the next few months, the TSJC Emergency Aid Fund will be able to step in and help fill the gaps by providing individualized student assistance based on need. The fund will provide essential and timely relief such as grocery cards, rent, utilities, or other expenses that could otherwise take a student off track from continuing their studies.

Students, we will be announcing the process and links for applying for both the Cares Act funding and Emergency Aid funding within the next few days.

Staying Focused on our Goals:
Finally, I just want to remind everyone that our five Centennial goals must remain squarely in focus, even as we navigate through the unknowns of the future. Students, you'll note that these goals have you in mind: Students First! If you have regis-

tration, graduation or transfer questions, please contact Student Services. We are here to assist you.

The Centennial goals are 1) increase enrollment by 20%, 2) increase our graduation rate to 50%, 3) double our transfer rate from 100 to 200; 4) eliminate the completion equity gap, and 5) build reserves to support our facilities. With the forecast for the state budget looking stark for next year, we are budgeting conservatively. This is a time when we must examine our operations closely to find every efficiency possible, and also look for opportunities to promote our wonderful programs to students and families throughout our service area and beyond. I'm confident we will emerge from this crisis as a stronger college that is adaptable to our students' and communities' needs.

Sending you all my best as you complete the remaining weeks of the semester!

Rhonda

Rhonda M. Epper, Ph.D. | President

Religion

How religious organizations are confronting social distancing

The outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 changed life as people know it. In the wake of the outbreak, hundreds of millions of people across the globe were forced to change how they work, how they spend their free time and even how they eat their meals as social distancing measures were enacted in an effort to stop the spread of a virus that, by late-March 2020, had already claimed the lives of thousands of people.

Seemingly no aspect of life was unaffected by social distancing measures, including how people celebrate their faith. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, many religious organizations were forced to reconsider how they interact with their congregants. For example, in recognition of changes within the religious

realm prompted by the COVID-19 outbreak, the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism provided a free list of tools and resources (www.uscj.org/synagogue-resources) to help synagogues operate more effectively. Similarly, in accordance with an executive order from New York Governor Andrew Cuomo limiting social gatherings, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany canceled all public liturgies, but also announced measures to live stream Masses and even provided a schedule of those masses through its website (www.rcda.org/livemass).

Livestream religious services allow people of faith to continue to celebrate their faith. Such services also provide access to non-members who might nonetheless be look-

ing for guidance during a time that is unlike any many people alive today have ever experienced. The uplifting messages offered at religious services can help people confront and overcome feelings like depression and anxiety, which the American Psychological Association notes researchers have linked to social distancing. Being part of a community, even if that community is operating exclusively online, can provide a lift to those struggling with the potentially isolating consequences of social distancing.

People interested in engaging in faith-based services and programs while social distancing are urged to contact a local religious organization to see how it is providing spiritual guidance during this unique time. TF206005



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CHURCH DIRECTORY Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

All-Denominational Church of the Living God 11611 2nd Avenue, Hooper 719-376-2080 Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6 p.m. - Book of Acts Study Monday, 7 p.m. - Youth Thursday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study San Luis Valley Christian Center 305 S. Broadway (3rd & Broadway), Monte Vista 719-852-6168 Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Bible Study	Hooper Church 3rd and Adams, Hooper Sunday, 9 a.m. - Morning Worship Meditation, Kriya Mountain Institute Alamosa - (575)758-5876 United Church of La Jara 522 Walnut, La Jara 719-274-5250 Terry Buckman, Pastor Call Phone: 339-8444 Office Hours: Mon. 9:00 am - 12:00 Sunday, 9:00 am - Contemporary Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am	Community Churches United for Christ Community Church (SBC) "Community Centered Around Love" 7th & Broadway in Blanca 719-379-3317 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 11am Bible Believer's Community Church 11762 E US HWY 160 Alamosa, Co 81101 719) 206-3239 Wednesday 10:30 Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm www.bbchurchco.com
Prayer House Church 410 Main Street, La Jara Pastor Jaime Flores - 719-286-0007 Sunday Morning Service, 10:30 am Wednesday Family Ministry, 6:30 pm Friday Night Bible Study, 7:00 pm	Christian Science Services 400 Ross Avenue, Society Hall, Alamosa Services - Sundays at 10:00 p.m. The second Wednesday of each 4 p.m. Thanksgiving Day 10 am	Presbyterian Alamosa Presbyterian Church 330 San Juan Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship
Sargent Community Church 6667 N. County Rd. 2 E, Monte Vista (across from Sargent School) Pastor Hugh Harns - 719-552-2950 Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.	Pioneer United Church in Del Norte, Colorado A Congregation of Evangelical Covenant Order Presbyterians 630 Spruce St. (1.5 blocks south of Hwy. 160) Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Sunday	Hispanic Pentecostal Iglesia Pentecostal Unida L.A. 507 Tenth St, Alamosa Guadalupe Salazar Pastor 719-587-3546 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Service Sat. 7:00 p.m. Youth Service Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Sun. 5:00 p.m. Worship
Back Row Church - Church Community In the Alamosa Presbyterian Church Building Alamosa www.backrowchurch.com Kim Nipple - 303-532-9342 Worship Service - Wednesday Evening at 5:00 pm	Church of the South Fork 0116 Landen Dr., South Fork, Co. 81154 Sunday are at 9 am - Services School Room. Choir is held on Wednesday at 6pm during the summer months with a final practice at 8:15am on Sunday	New Hope Church "The Church on the Hill" 25258 Hwy 160, South Fork, Co. 81154 330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101 Interim Pastor Ed Fleming • 719-973-1202 www.newhopeco.com Morning Worship - 10:00 am Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 - 9:45
Apostolic Alamosa Apostolic Church 510 First St., Alamosa Meets Sundays 1-2 p.m. 2-3 p.m. - Lunch 3-5 p.m. - Worship Service	Christian Bethel Christian Church Pastor Erik Lira Worship Service Sunday 3:00 p.m. Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bilingual Services Monday Free Music Classes Instrumental Classes 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Voice & Bass Guitar 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Independent, Fundamental Baptist First Baptist Church of Costilla County 9717 County Rd H, Mesita 719-206-0011 Pastor Paul Jones Sunday, 9:45 am - Sunday School Sunday, 10:45 am - Morning Worship Sunday, 12 Noon - Potluck Dinner Sunday, after dinner - Afternoon Worship Thursday, 7:00 pm - Mesa, Bible Study and Prayer meeting Home Bible studies in Costilla County Meeting in different locations
Antioch Apostolic Church 710 Main St., Antioch Meets sundays 11-12 pm - Sunday School 12-1 pm - Worship service	Word of Faith Christian Center 401 Santa Fe, Alamosa Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Friday, 6:00 p.m. M.O.S.H. Youth Night	DEAF MINISTRY FOR ALL SERVICES Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Alamosa YSA Ward 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Alamosa Second Ward 927 Weber Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alamosa Third Ward 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alamosa Fourth Ward 927 Weber Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Sierra Vista Branch (Spanish Language) 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Apostolic Pentecostal Church of Champions, Acts 2:38 9056 Hwy 285 South, Alamosa - 719-587-3351 Dan Dawning Pastor, 719-588-7307 Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - Service	The Peak Community Church 510 San Juan, Alamosa Sundays 6 p.m. - Fellowship Sundays, 7 p.m. - Worship & More	Lutheran St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School Church: 1821 Grande Avenue, Monte Vista School: 330 Faraday Street, Monte Vista Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Services School: K-8 Monday-Thursday Trinity Lutheran Church & School 52 El Rio Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship "Small Bible Study Groups Throughout the Week" Pre-School through 5th grade Church: 589-4611, Phone: 589-3271 Conejos Canyon Community Chapel 20062 State Hwy. 17 (between mile posts 21 and 20) Fellowship Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service
Assembly of God River of Life Church 2602 Clark Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Service	Pentecostal Alamosa Pentecostal Church 164 East 2nd St., Alamosa - 719-589-0475 Pastor Carl Sutter Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Sunday School Sunday 1:00-1:45 Worship 2:00-3:00	Mountain Valley Church 408 State St. 17, Alamosa Pastor: Richard Pinkerton 589-2899 or 589-7652 Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
Center Assembly of God 7th & Miles • P.O. Box 507, Center, CO 81125 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Worship, 7:00 p.m.	Christian Fellowship Church The Door 1300 West 12th St., Alamosa Pastor Martin Montoya • 719-587-6197 Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6:30 p.m. - Victory Service Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Revival	Presbyterian Church of Monte Vista 702 Second Avenue, Monte Vista (719) 652-2555 Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Sunday Worship
Assembly of God Sons And Daughters Of God Ministry 877 Madison Street, Monte Vista Pastor Leonard Sandoval, 719-849-0212 Sunday 10:00 a.m. Service Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Prayer	Christian Independent Alamosa Christian Church 410 McQuerry, Alamosa Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - Family Night & Youth Group	Seventh-day Adventist Seventh-day Adventist Church 315 Craft Drive, Alamosa Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship
New Life Fellowship 520 7th St., Del Norte, 81132 719-657-3360 Adult Sunday School - 9:00 Services - 10:00	Churches of Christ Alamosa Church of Christ 408 Victoria Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Classes Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study Healing Hearts, a Bible-based 12 step group meets, every Friday at 7 p.m.	United Methodist Mosca United Methodist Church 5385 Barker Street, Mosca 720-254-5564 Reverend Hugh Harris Sunday Worship: 8:00 am.
Baptist Grace Community Baptist Church 431 Lincoln Ave., Monte Vista Rev. Bill Walstrom, 719-937-1451 Worship: 9:30, Sunday School: 11:00 am Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm	South Fork Church of Christ 205 Birch St., South Fork, 719-873-1259 Kevin Bradley Pastor Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.	Valley Church of the Nazarene 228 Madison, Monte Vista - 852-5688 Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 am Sunday School Classes 9:00 am. Every other Wednesday, 6 pm. (757)758-5876 for information for class schedule
Living Water Bible Fellowship 2910 Clark Street, Alamosa 719-589-6351 Sunday, 9:00 & 10:45 am Worship Services Sunday, 10:45 am Children's Ministry (Pre-K-5th grade) Sunday, 10:45 am Teen Bible Study (6th-10th grade) Tuesday 7:00 pm Young Adults/College Group Wednesday 6:30 pm Bible Quiz (9th-12th grade) Wednesday 6:30 pm Prayr Youth Group (9th-12th grade) Saturday 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study Saturday 8:00 pm Worship Service Small Groups meet throughout week, please call for info **Nursery is available (wks/prks)	Central Church of Christ 200 Franklin Street, Monte Vista, 719-852-3811 David L. Baker Preacher Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Class Sunday, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study	Church of Scientology 511 Main Street, Suite #12, Alamosa 719-587-5554 Monday and Wednesday, 7-10p.m. - Services
College Heights Baptist Church 2045 Church Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 9:45 am - 10:45 am - Sunday School Sunday, 11 am - Morning Worship	San Luis Valley Church of Christ 704 Del Sol, Alamosa, 719-589-2114 Sunday Bible Study 9 am Sunday Worship 10 am Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm	Grace Assurance Ministry Church without Religion 9851 CR 4 S, Alamosa, CO Sunday Mornings - 10:30 Randy Brown - 719-588-7004 Eric Wolf - 719-480-3977
San Luis Valley Baptist Church 930 State Avenue, Alamosa 719-589-5938 Pastor R.L. McDonald Wednesday 7 p.m. - Worship Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6 p.m. - Evening Worship Spanish Ministry- Iglesia Bautista Rehobol Pastor Saúl García, 589-3020	Cornerstone Community Church Hwy. 160 Del Norte next to Rio Grande Medical Clinic Pastor Mark 719-657-9107 Sunday 9:30 a.m. free breakfast Sunday 10:20 a.m. Contemporary Worship & Children Sunday School Wednesday 5:15 pm. Dinner, music, fellowship, teachings	United Presbyterian Church of Antonito P.O. Box 665, Antonito Office Hrs. Tues. 9:00am -12:00 Sunday 9:45am - Sunday School 10:45am - Service
Calvary Bible Chapel 7160 Brush Lane, Alamosa Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 10:20 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Ministry of the Word Small group studies meet during the week.	Episcopal Saint Thomas Episcopal Church 607 4th Street, Alamosa Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service	
Calvary Baptist Church 2160 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Bible Study Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship Tuesday, 6 p.m. - C.L.A.Y. Youth Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study	Valley Fellowship 240 East 5th Street, Center - 719-754-3804 Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship, Prayer and Bible Study "Bible Studies during the week, call for information."	
South Fork Baptist Church 0130 Four Seasons Dr (Old Chizum Bldg), South Fork (East side near laundry) & car wash Sunday School, 9:30am Sunday, 10:30am - Worship	First United Methodist First United Methodist Church 2035 Mullins Ave., Alamosa 719-589-2243 "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" Morning Worship, Sunday, 10:15 am Children's Church - Sunday, 10:30 am	
Catholic Sacred Heart Church 715 4th Street, Alamosa Saturday, 5:15 p.m. - Mass Saturday, 7:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass Sunday, 8 a.m. - Mass Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Mass Sunday, 5 p.m. - Mass	Catholic Mass Student Union Room 308 - ASC Campus, Alamosa Every Sunday, 8 p.m. - Mass	

Annual National Day Of Prayer to be broadcast via YouTube May 7

FORT COLLINS—One area the COVID-19 virus pandemic won't be able to infect is the Northern Colorado National Day of Prayer celebration scheduled May 7 at 8 a.m.

Last year's event—one of the few organized gatherings of this kind in the state—drew more than 400 individuals to Canvas Stadium on the CSU campus. With stay-at-home orders and social distancing presently in place, organizers wanted to be sure the event would still be held.

"Now more than ever, prayer is critical with the challenges we face daily," said Ken Summers, a Fort Collins City Council member and co-chair. He will be the pastor at Foundations Church-Windsor, which will co-host the event. Summers is a retired pastor.

The pair will introduce the seven presenters for about three minutes of prayer by each person representing specific areas of life.

"With health safeguards already in place may prevent people to attend in person, technology affords us the opportunity to continue the National Day of Prayer tradition in a new, different manner but still effective and powerful," Schmidt said.

This year's theme is "God's Glory Over the

Earth," with a focus to utilize the seven key areas of prayer. While there will not be an exclusive pandemic prayer event, presenters will incorporate the current crisis in the overall context of their prayer.

The NDP celebration will also include worship music by The Outpost Campus Ministry and the performance of God Bless America.

K-LOVE and sister station Air 1 will promote the event and stream it that morning in partnership with Northern Colorado NDP organizers.

Prayer Areas:
Government: State Rep. Perry Buck

Military: USAF Lt. Col. Randy Croft, Chaplain Education: Kiley Foster, UNC Athletes in Action Media: Scott James, iHeart Radio

Business: Kevin Lemaster, President; EnviroPest Church: Carl Sutter, Pastor; Foundations Church-Loveland

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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Your Authority Over the Enemy

I went to church for years and never heard about the devil. It's not fun talking about him, and I don't ever want to put too much focus on him. But the truth is, we have an enemy. First Peter 5:8 (NIV) says, "...Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour..."

If we're going to defeat our enemy, it's important for us to believe in the power and authority we have in Christ. That's the only way we can have the great life God wants us to have.

There are so many Christians who seem to be going through their daily life just hoping they can make it through the day. They go from one problem or crisis to the next, and they lack a confident, bold faith in God that can keep them stable, full of His peace and joy in the difficult circumstances of life.

The good news is, God doesn't want us to live in the emergency room of life all the time. He wants us to get to the point where we know what to do to have a great life and take responsibility for ourselves, trusting we can do whatever we need to do through the strength we have in Christ (Philippians 4:13). This means we know who we are in Christ and how to walk in the authority we have as believers in Jesus.

The Truth About What You Have in Christ

John 10:10 tells us Jesus gave His life so we can "have life, and have it to the full." When we accept Christ as our Savior, we receive the assurance of eternal life, but we also become joint heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17) and are entitled to have everything He is and everything He has: grace, peace, righteousness, joy and power and authority over the enemy.

Matthew 10:1 says, "Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness." This authority has been given to every believer. It's important to understand that the devil has power, but we have power and authority in Christ.

Moving Up Higher
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I want to encourage you to make it a priority to spend time with God and study the Word. Go for quality, not quantity; meditate on Scripture so you really get it deep down in your heart. Make a predetermined decision to apply what you learn to your life. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you, and He will show you how to obey the Word in your daily life. You can also get more encouraging teaching or submit a prayer request by contacting our ministry at www.joycemeyer.org.

Remember that in Christ, you have everything you need to enjoy your life and overcome the enemy. God has equipped you to stand up to whatever comes against you. Through the power and authority you have in Christ, you can remain stable, full of peace and joy, and advance God's kingdom in the earth at all times. That's God's plan for you!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's six-teaching CD series *Battle Strategies for a Victorious Life*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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Spring Car Care

Tire maintenance keeps drivers safe

Maintaining tires is an important component of safe driving. Tires are some of the hardest working parts on a car or truck and are subjected to wear and tear every time rubber meets the road.

Tires affect many components of driving, including handling, braking and the comfort of the ride. Maintaining tires makes driving safe not only for drivers and their passengers, but also for fellow motorists.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says that, in 2017, 738 fatalities occurred because of tire-related crashes. Many of those crashes were no doubt preventable, and that only highlights the importance of maintaining tires and monitoring their performance.

Poor tire maintenance can lead to premature wear and potentially result in a blowout. The automotive group AAA notes it is important to visually inspect tires as often as possible. Drivers should look for overall tread wear. Pay special attention to tread wear on one edge of the tires, which could indicate poor alignment. Erratic tread wear may mean tires are out of balance.

Drivers also should pay attention to how their cars drive and sounds. Unusual vibration or thumping noises suggest issues with the tires. A car that pulls in one direction also may be experiencing tire problems.

Vehicle owners should be aware of the routine maintenance steps that can keep them safe and improve the life expectancy of tires.

• Tire pressure: The NHTSA says only 19 percent of consumers properly

check and inflate their tires. Keeping tires properly inflated is one of the most important steps to maintaining them. Tires lose around 1 psi per month, and underinflated or overinflated tires can contribute to unusual wear, blowouts and even excessive fuel consumption.

• Rotation: Check the owner's manual or recommendations from the tire manufacturer, but know that most mechanics advise having tires rotated every 5,000 to 8,000 miles. Rotation helps distribute wear more evenly on tires.

• Balancing: AAA says balancing also helps minimize uneven wear and tear. Balanced tires are

achieved by using small weights attached to the wheels to limit vibration of the tire and wheels as they turn. New tires should be balanced, and tires also should be balanced after one or more is removed to repair a puncture.

• Alignment: Vehicles have wheel alignment measurements that pertain to manufacturers' specifications. Alignment that falls outside of the range can impact handling, fuel economy and tread wear. A drift or pull suggests alignment problems and should be addressed.

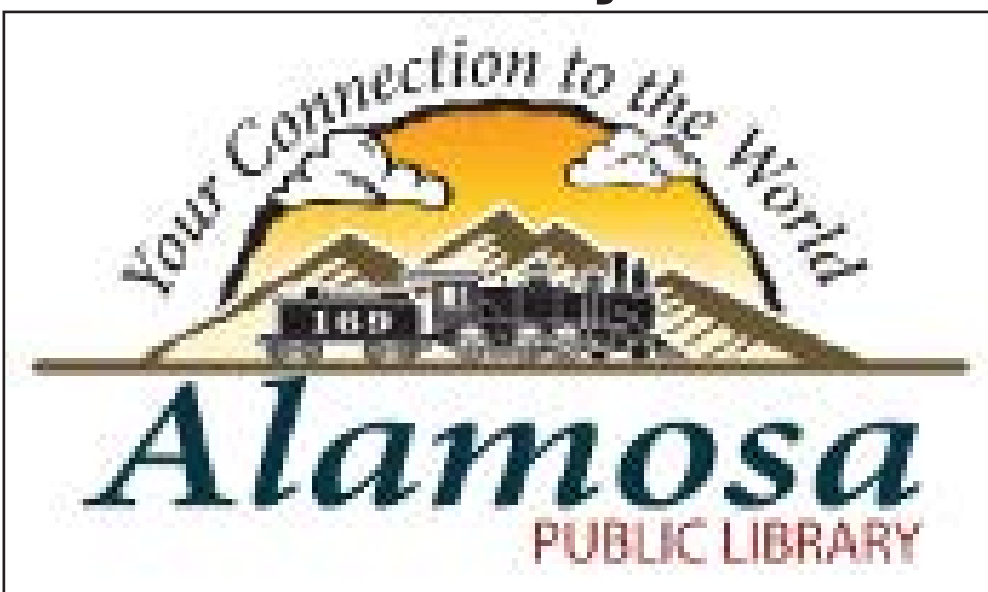
Vehicle owners should keep tire inspection and maintenance in mind as part of their overall car care plan. FC19A295



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Vehicle owners should be aware of the routine maintenance steps that can keep them safe and improve the life expectancy of tires.

Chilton library online



ALAMOSA—Alamosa Public Library's Online Resource—ChiltonLibrary.com—provides access to repair, maintenance and service information for popular vehicles.

Need to know how to change your car's oil? Or how often you should change your spark plugs? Alamosa Public Library (www.alamosalibrary.org) is the place to go for quick online access to repair, maintenance and service information on the most popular cars, trucks, vans and SUVs on the road today.

With the addition of ChiltonLibrary.com to Alamosa Public Library's collection of online resources, experienced mechanics, do-it-yourselfers and students in the automotive trades now have a 24-hour, on-call "mechanic" to provide information on numerous automobile makes, including Ford, Chrysler, General Motors, Honda and Toyota. A valid library card and an Internet connection are all that's required to access ChiltonLibrary.com. Alamosa Public Library patrons can browse this powerful resource from home (or garage!).

Anywhere you can connect to the Internet! For more information go to our Online Resources page from our website at www.alamosalibrary.org.

If you do not have a library card, the Alamosa

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Lifestyle

Spring 2020 season cancelled due to on-going COVID-19 pandemic

Colorado High School Activities Association Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green, wrote a letter to students all over the state in reference to the cancellation of the rest of the sports season due to COVID-19

Dear student participants, coaches, administrators, officials and school communities:

We have proceeded with cautious optimism, holding on to a thread of hope that the spring season would be able to realistically resume, knowing that the health and safety of our sports communities would dictate our course of action. It was our hope to be able to create the memories because we understood what it meant to our high school communities — especially seniors — statewide.

Around the nation, more than 30 other state associations have made the difficult decision to cancel their

spring season. We hoped that Colorado medical and health data would provide reassurances that we could go in a different direction. Unfortunately that will not be the case. The spring 2020 season is cancelled due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic which is affecting communities across the world.

Since March, we have continuously sought advice from state leaders, medical professionals, educational administrators and facility managers at the state and local levels to assess the probability of conducting statewide events this spring in a manner that would uphold safety mandates and recommendations.

On Monday, Governor Polis announced a transition to "Safer at Home" guidelines, which included the cancellation of in-person learning for the remainder of the school year. The decisions to cancel the spring season aligns with these new guidelines.

We convened a meeting of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee on Monday evening. The group came to a consensus, and stated: "It would be impractical and irresponsible for the Association to move forward with a spring season in the next weeks or even the summer months."

It is with this information — the inability to ensure operations under the protective guidelines, statewide accountability and public safety through all high school events — that the Association has cancelled all performances, festivals,

competitions, regular season and culminating CHSAA-sanctioned spring activities and athletics for the remainder of the 2020 season, ending on June 1.

This decision, unlike the many decisions our office makes over the course of a year, has been extremely difficult because we are personally connected as former participants and officials, current parents and grandparents of graduating seniors, as well as educators and members of our high school communities.

The guidelines, as outlined in previous CHSAA spring moratorium communications will be in place until June 1, even if federal and state guidelines are relaxed. The Association will not sanction or conduct events after June 1. Local school districts will determine building usage during this time, and after June 1. (Note: Superintendents and Principals can hold meetings within state health guidelines with their staff, using their buildings. This does not allow for student and/or coach contact in an activity or athletic setting prior to June 1.)

After June 1, all decisions regarding student and coach contact, virtual workouts, virtual tryouts and eighth-grade contact will be made at the local level.

The CHSAA Board of Directors, Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and staff strongly recommend that federal and state guidelines are adhered to after June 1. We continue to maintain that public safety and monitoring of data points must take precedence over the desire to conduct activity and athletic practices, camps, scrimmages or events.

Our hats are off to the many seniors that have shown maturity and resolve as their culminating year of high school has been impacted beyond activities and athletics due to this worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. The Class of 2020 will not be forgotten.

Our fingers are now crossed and our hopes are that the Association will be able to conduct a fall season with some level of normalcy. Our office will be entirely focused on contingency plans for the 2020 fall season and beyond, should they be needed.

We will continue to communicate as state, local and health agencies keep us informed of new public health guidelines.

Rhonda Blanford-Green
CHSAA Commissioner



"It would be impractical and irresponsible for the Association to move forward with a spring season in the next weeks or even the summer months."

A meeting of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee



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Public Notices

NOTICE OF PENDING

NON-SIMULTANEOUS EXCHANGE OF STATE LAND
NOTICE is hereby provided that the State Board of Land Commissioners ("Board") has authorized the initiation of a non-simultaneous exchange of land pursuant to Article IX, § 9 of the Colorado Constitution and Colorado Revised Statutes §§ 36-1-124.3 and 124.5 for the following parcel of state trust land located in Alamosa County, Colorado:
1 acre +/-, Section 16, Township 38 North, Range 9 East of the New Mexico Meridian
The surface rights of the above-described parcel are proposed to be conveyed by Patent for cash that will be deposited with the State Treasurer for the Board to acquire replacement property it identifies at a future date. The minerals and all other subsurface rights, and access thereto, are reserved.
Under the terms and provisions of Colorado Revised Statute § 36-1-124.3, the Board will transfer this parcel directly to the Board of County Commissioners of Alamosa County, Colorado in accordance with Board Order 2020-016. The purpose of the disposal is to benefit the Board operations as required by Section 10 of Article IX of the State Constitution.
The Board will consider the disposal at a public meeting on a future date that is at least sixty days beyond the first notification date of this Notice at the offices of the State Land Board, 1127 Sherman Street, 2nd Floor, Denver, Colorado, 80203.
The minimum exchange price for the parcel is \$30,000.
The publication of this Notice on April 3, 2020, begins a public notice period during which written comments may be submitted to the Board. To be considered, comments must be received in writing or in email by 5 p.m. on May 1, 2020, by Matthew LaFontaine, 1127 Sherman Street, Suite 300, Denver, CO 80203 or matthew.lafontaine@state.co.us.
Comments on the proposed direct exchange must be clearly marked "Comments on the Mount Pleasant School Site Direct Transaction". The Board will hear and receive testimony and evidence, and consider all timely comments at their public meeting, currently scheduled for July 8th, 2020 beginning at or around 8:00 a.m. at the offices of the State Land Board. Due to the possibility that the time and location of public meetings may change, check the Board's website for the latest information at:
<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/statelandboard/public-meetings>.
Newspaper: The Valley Courier
Publication Dates: 4/3/2020, 4/10/2020, 4/17/2020, 4/24/2020
E-Transaction: 19-015
No. 1385
Published in the Valley Courier on April 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2020.

NOTICE OF PENDING

NON-SIMULTANEOUS EXCHANGE
NOTICE is hereby provided that the State Board of Land Commissioners ("Board") has authorized a non-simultaneous exchange ("Exchange") pursuant to Article IX, § 9 of the Colorado Constitution and § 36-1-124.5, CRS for the following parcel of state trust land below described:
PARCEL A
TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE NEW MEXICO MERIDIAN
SECTION 27: NW1/4, containing 160 acres, more or less
PARCEL B
TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE NEW MEXICO MERIDIAN
SECTION 28: NE1/4SE1/4, containing 40 acres, more or less
Altogether the ("State Property")
(The legal description for the State Property may be modified by a final survey)
SUBJECT TO any and all covenants, restrictions, easements and rights-of-way, whether or not of record. Only the surface rights of the State Property are proposed to be conveyed by patent for cash that will be deposited with the State Treasurer for the Board to acquire replacement property it identifies at a future date. All mineral rights, including sand and gravel, all subsurface rights, all Denver Basin groundwater, and geothermal rights, if any, and access thereto on the State Property, are reserved to the Board. Each parcel described above requires a separate cash bid. The minimum acceptable value to bid for the surface rights of the State Property in this Exchange is set at Parcel A: \$144,000 and Parcel B: \$40,000.
The publication of this notice on April 17, 2020 begins the 4-week public notice period required by 36-1-124(1), C.R.S.
All comments on the Exchange must be clearly marked "Comments on the Mogote Parcels Exchange". Comments must be emailed to matthew.lafontaine@state.co.us or mailed to Matthew LaFontaine, Acquisition and Disposition Manager, 1127 Sherman Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80203 ("Submission Address").
All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope on the Board's Application for Acquisition of State Trust Land with a \$100 non-refundable fee. The sealed envelope must be clearly marked "Bid for the Mogote Parcels Exchange" followed by the parcel(s) being bid upon. A separate application and fee must be provided for each parcel. Bids must be mailed or delivered in person to the Submission Address. Bids received without the fee or via facsimile or electronic mail will not be considered.
All sealed bids and comments must be received by 3 p.m. on May 27, 2020 ("Bid Deadline"). Bids and comments received after the Bid Deadline will not be considered.
Board staff will open the sealed bids, if any, on the Bid Deadline at the State Land Board main offices at 1127 Sherman Street, Suite 300, Denver, CO 80203, to verify that the bids received meet the minimum requirements. In the event that Executive Order D 2020 017 or any subsequent extension in kind is in effect as of the Bid Deadline, participants may call into the bid opening at (303) 866-3454 x3334. If only one bid is received and it meets the minimum requirements specified herein, Board staff is authorized to approve such bid as the successful bidder(s). If multiple or alternative bids are received, all bids meeting the minimum requirements specified herein, will be presented to the Board in open session at a future Board meeting. The Board will review all bids presented and determine, at its sole discretion, which bid best meets the needs of the trust(s) the parcels benefit. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids for the State Property and the right to withdraw the parcel from availability for any exchange or transaction. Following the Board's or Board staff's determination of the successful bidder(s), Board staff will notify the successful bidder(s), if any. The State Land Board reserves the right to require a best and final bid on each of these transactions. Participation in the bidding process does not create any rights until the Board or Board staff has approved the successful bidder(s) and a contract has been fully signed by both parties. All costs incurred in the submission of any comments or bids are solely at the expense of the party submitting such comments and/or bids, and the Board shall in no event be liable for any such costs.
A more detailed description of the above-described State Property and additional information and bid application forms can be obtained online at:
colorado.gov/statelandboard/proposals-bids
The State Land Board has not made, does not make, and specifically negates and disclaims any representations, warranties, promises, covenants, agreements, or guaranties of any kind or character whatsoever, whether express or implied, verbal or written, past, present, or future, of, as to, concerning or with respect to the State Property including, but not limited to: (a) the value, nature, quality, or condition of the State Property, including, without limitation, the water, soil, and geology; (b) the income to be derived from the State Property; (c) the suitability of the State Property for any and all activities and uses which successful bidder(s) may conduct thereon; (d) the compliance of or by the State Property or its operation with any laws, rules, ordinances, or regulations of any applicable governmental authority or body; (e) the habitability, merchantability, marketability, profitability, or fitness for a particular purpose of the State Property; (f) the existence of any access to the parcel(s) from public thoroughfares; or (g) any other matter with respect to the State Property.
The successful bidder(s) will be required to cooperate with the Board in complying with the mandates of CRS § 36-1-118(4)(a) and (b) and § 36-1-119.
Newspaper: The Valley Courier
Publication Dates: 4/17/2020, 4/24/2020, 5/1/2020, 5/8/2020
Transaction: TRXN 19-014 MOGOTE PARCELS - Public Notice
No. 1396
Published in the Valley Courier on April 17, 24, May 1, and 8, 2020.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids in an envelope marked or emailed with the subject line: EAST ALAMOSA WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT US 160 AND SH 17 INTERSECTION PROJECT
Bids will be received until May 7, 2020 at 1:00 PM Mountain Time by East Alamosa Water and Sanitation District at 10 Costilla Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado 81101 or at jamie@eastalamosaws.org.
Plans, Specifications and bid forms are available online at <http://www.rgeengineers.com/project-bidding.html>.
The US 160 and SH 17 INTERSECTION PROJECT will consist of abandoning an existing sanitary sewer line and replacing it with approximately 606 LF of 8-inch PVC, 4 manholes, 2 service connections, the removal and replacement of one fire hydrant and the re-location of a 2-inch remote read metering station. This project will be under the cover of a larger CDOT project known as "Federal Aid Project No. FSA 1602-159 US HIGHWAY No. 160 Construction Project Code No. 21138". The CDOT project contractor will remove the existing asphalt pavement for the US 160 and SH 17 Intersection Project, provide traffic control for the entire project duration and will provide intersection re-alignment and concrete paving of the ultimate roadway section. The project will require the contractor to coordinate with other utilities and contractors. The installation of the proposed sanitary sewer will be phased and may require two mobilizations and demobilizations. The phasing may be subject to changes as the CDOT contractor is selected.
RG and Associates, LLC
By: Gary E. Welp, P.E., CFM
Senior Project Manager
No. 1405
Published in the Valley Courier on April 17, 24, and May 1, 2020.

District Court
Rio Grande County, Colorado
Court Address:
925 6th St., Del Norte, CO 81132
Parent/Petitioner: Jessica Trujillo
For a Change of Name to: Stone Palmgren
Case Number: 2020CV5
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Public Notice is given on April 14, 2020 that a Petition for a Change of Name of a Minor Child has been filed with the Rio Grande Court. The Petition requests that the name of Stone Walker Palmgren be changed to Stone Walker Trujillo
By Pearl Gutierrez
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
No. 1410
Published in the Valley Courier on April 22, 24, and 25, 2020.

District Court
Rio Grande County, Colorado
Court Address:
925 6th St., Del Norte, CO 81132
Parent/Petitioner: Jessica Trujillo
For a Change of Name to: Zane Palmgren
Case Number: 2020CV4
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Public Notice is given on April 14, 2020 that a Petition for a Change of Name of a Minor Child has been filed with the Rio Grande Court. The Petition requests that the name of Zane Edward Palmgren be changed to Zane Edward Trujillo
By Pearl Gutierrez
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
No. 1411
Published in the Valley Courier on April 22, 24, and 25, 2020.


PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Conejos County Commissioners along with the Conejos Sheriffs are proposing to adopt a new revised fire ordinance for Conejos County. Said ordinance is up for review on the Conejos County Website - conejoscounty.org. Ordinance was also published in the Valley Courier on Wednesday April 22nd 2020.
A public hearing will be held at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday May 7th 2020 at the Conejos County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room to obtain citizen views and to respond to question related to the proposed fire ban.
Written comments are also welcome and must be received by May 6, 2020 at the Conejos County Commissioners office located at 6683 County Rd. 13 Conejos, CO. or mailed to P. O. Box 157 Conejos, CO 81129 in care of Tressesa Martinez County Administrator.
NO. 1413
Published in the Valley Courier on April 24 and 25, 2020.

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The upstairs you explore are not too high.
Your friends and loved ones are always nigh.
And we? We live and love you still!*

By: Theodora Madrid, Anthony, Liz, Kel, Andy, Yael, Gabriel, Felicity, Samantha, Luciana, Yelena, Anthony Vincent, John, Vanessa, John David, Joy and Isabel

163 LOST & FOUND

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221 HELP WANTED

SANGRE DE CRISTO School District is looking for highly motivated Middle School Science Teacher that has a desire to teach and the ability to pass their passion of learning onto students. For more information please contact Mr. Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@sangreschools.org. Teaching applications may be downloaded from sdc.schools.net. Positions open until filled.(4/25)

221 HELP WANTED

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Third Grade Teacher. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted by May 5, 2020, or until the position is filled. The application may be accessed on the district website <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996.(5/12)

221 HELP WANTED

THE NORTH CONEJOS School District is accepting applications for (1) Construction Technology teacher at Centauri High School. Applicants applying for the position need to hold, or be able to obtain, a valid CDE teaching license, have construction experience (At least 10,000 hours of verifiable work experience), or have the education to obtain a valid CTE Construction endorsement. Applications are available at the District Office, 17890 US Hwy 285, La Jara, CO, or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. For more information on educational requirements to obtain certification or to submit application contact Mr. Curt Wilson, Superintendent. Application deadline is until position is filled. EOE.(5/2)

221 HELP WANTED

ALAMOSA MOSQUITO CONTROL District is now hiring for seasonal staff. Please visit their website www.mosquitobytes.org. Click on EMPLOYMENT for job descriptions and applications. Alamosa Mosquito Control District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Must be 18+ to apply.(5/8)

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221 HELP WANTED

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MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for an Alternative Education Campus & Online Secondary Science Teacher. The Byron Syring DELTA Center & the Monte Vista On-Line Academy seek an enthusiastic, interactive, relationship-based science teacher to join a dynamic team serving nontraditional students. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted by May 5, 2020, or until the position is filled. The application may be accessed on the district website <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996.(5/12)

MEDICAL DIRECTOR POSITION AVAILABLE- A Rural Health Clinic in Lake City, CO seeks a medical director to oversee clinical operations in a beautiful, remote mountain town! The Responsibilities Include: Overseeing two seasoned advanced practice providers, providing primary & urgent care to residents & tourists, & overseeing operations of the laboratory & dispensary. This position offers a flexible schedule and negotiable pay. Malpractice costs would be covered by the clinic. Interested applicants can send their CV to: lakecitymc@gmail.com OR call (970) 944-2331 with any questions. CV due date is June 15, 2020.(5/12)

221 HELP WANTED

TOWN OF DEL NORTE is hiring part-time-Code Enforcement Officer. Must be at least 21 years of age, have a valid Colorado driver license and be a credible witness in court and have no felony convictions. High school diploma or the equivalent. Position is on year to year basis depending on Town budget. Approx. 20 hours a work week. Patrols limits of the Town to detect and identify violators of municipal ordinances including vehicle owners, property owners and residents. Inform citizens of ordinance violations, issue written notices of violations, and issue written summon complaints to offenders. Knowledge of Town Codes and experience dealing with citizens under stressful situations are preferred. Works closely with Del Norte Police department. Send resume to Del Norte Police Department or job application available online at delnortecolorado.com and submitted to email address delnorte1860@outlook.com or mailed to Del Norte Police Department 525 Grand Avenue, Del Norte, Co 81132 or call 719-657-2600 EOE. (5/8)

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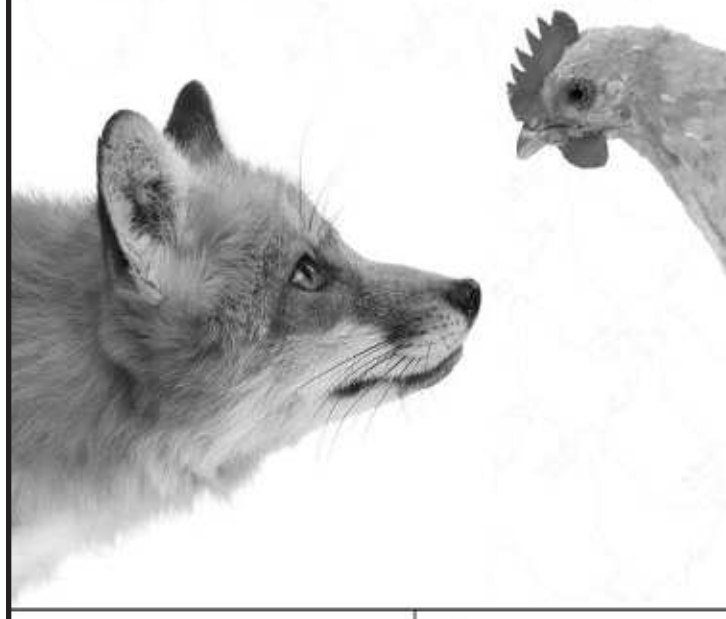
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THE SAN LUIS Care Center in Alamosa are currently taking applications for the following positions: Full Time night shift RN, PRN Nurses/all shifts, Full Time Nurse Staff Development Coordinator, PRN Cook, PRN Diet Aide, and PRN Hostess. Please apply in person at the San Luis Care Center, 240 Craft Drive in Alamosa or call 719-589-9081.(4/29)

MONTE VISTA ESTATES Nursing Home is seeking a full time day shift RN to add to our amazing team! Shift is 6am-6:30 PM-Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (one week) Thursday, Friday Saturday (second week) rotating schedule. The open positions are essential roles in the overall care offered to our residents. Seeking a full time day shift CNA Seeking a full time evening shift (2-10) shift CNA. If you love working with the elderly and enjoy making a difference in the lives of our residents, please contact us. We look forward to having you join our team.(5/8)

SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a Secondary Spanish/PE Teacher. Applicants must have a current Colorado teaching license. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanforsschools.org. Sanford School is an EOE & E.(5/5)

221 HELP WANTED

SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL district is accepting applications for middle school girls volleyball coach. Applicants must be willing to meet all CHSAA guidelines. For more information, contact Mr. Lucero at mlucero@sierragrandeschool.net. Applications are available at Sierra Grande School district at 17523 Hwy 160, Blanca, Co 81123 or www.sierragrandeschool.net. Application deadline is open until filled. Sierra Grande is an equal opportunity employer.(5/8)

SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL district is accepting applications for Girls high school head basketball coach; applicants must be willing to meet all CHSAA guidelines. For more information, please see the school website for detailed information or contact Mr. Lucero at mlucero@sierragrandeschool.net. Applications available on website or at Sierra Grande School District at 17523 Hwy 160, Blanca, Co 81123 or www.sierragrandeschool.net. Application deadline is open until filled. Sierra Grande is an equal opportunity employer.(5/8)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Middle School Math Teacher. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html or call 719-852-5996.(4/28)

221 HELP WANTED

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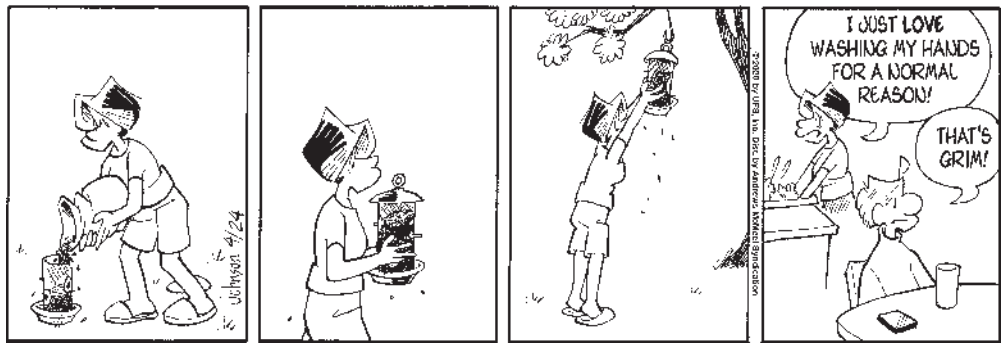
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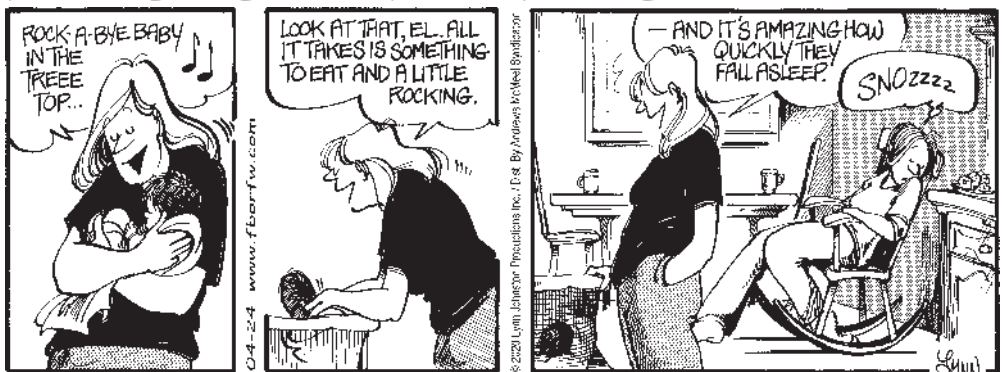
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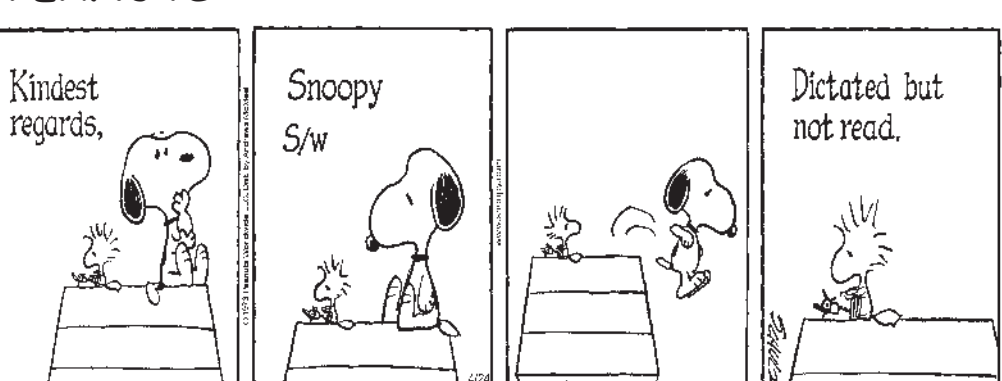
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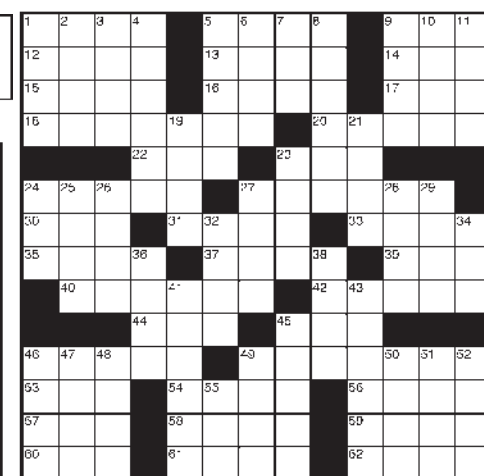
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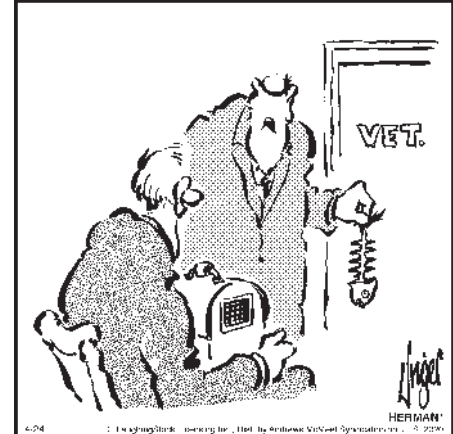
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"Can I go in first? This is a real emergency."

Woman questions why man won't pull trigger on divorce

DEAR ABBY: I am a 39-year-old woman, recently separated. I have been seeing a 45-year-old man who is also separated, but not divorced from his wife. We have been a couple for about a year. I don't understand why he doesn't get a divorce.

When his wife (who has also been seeing someone for more than a year) found out we were seeing each other, it got ugly. She came to our place of employment (her ex and I work in the same place, different departments) and tried to get me fired. Fortunately, she was unsuccessful, and she tried to get physical. She told me she is his wife -- she told him as well -- and said she tells him what to do, and she "owns him." At that point I had to stop seeing him.

After a month apart, I became really depressed, and we hooked back up. We go out and enjoy each other's company, and the sex is AMAZING. He told me he has never felt like this with any other woman nor has he ever introduced anyone to his daughter (who loves me dearly). We are taking things slower and more carefully, but I am falling in love.

He tells me he misses me when we are intimate and how grateful he is for me, but it isn't enough. I want more, but I don't want to scare him away. Is this a dead end? Should I be patient, or should I just walk away? -- IT'S COMPLICATED IN THE EAST

I have to wonder why, after a year, you are not in the process of being divorced. You also need some straight answers about what keeps this man under his wife's thumb. The woman appears to have serious mental issues. Is the reason financial? Emotional? Once you know, you will have a better idea of what to do.

I am troubled by the fact that your boyfriend's wife is so volatile. As it stands, that woman is controlling not only him but also you, and that's not healthy.

DEAR ABBY: I was raised in a very strict household. At 19, I left home and never looked back. Today, I am 54, divorced and own my own home.

My mother passed away, and my father moved in with me a few months ago because he didn't like living alone. I have had to make several adjustments to accommodate him.

The problem is, he's extremely traditional and refuses to change his way of thinking where I am concerned. In his eyes, I am still his child, and I should respect and abide by his rules.

I have a boyfriend who lives several miles away. When he visits, I would like him to spend the night with me in my room. My dad insists (demands) that my boyfriend sleep on the couch or in the guest bedroom. He has informed me that it is my choice, but if I don't abide



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will refuse to talk with my boyfriend, which undoubtedly will cause stress in my relationship.

I have told my father that I am a grown woman and that I refuse to give up my freedom to accommodate him in this area. After all, this is my home. How should I handle this? -- ALL GROWN UP IN ARKANSAS

DEAR ALL GROWN: If you knuckle under to Dear Old Dad's demands, you are making a big mistake. Sit him down, "remind" him that you are no longer a little girl and if he cannot accept that you are an adult with needs of your own and be respectful to your boyfriend, he will no longer be welcome to live under your roof. Do not try to placate him or you will be living the rest of your father's life in a second childhood, and it won't be a happy one.

DEAR COMPLICATED: by his wishes (demands), he