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Fundraiser canceled

ALAMOSA — San Luis Valley Trout Unlimited would like to remind everyone that their Annual Fundraiser Auction scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd has regretfully been canceled for 2020. Thanks go out to all of their supporters and donors through many years of successful auctions.

Spines cancels May 2 sale

ALAMOSA — Although Spines is full to capacity during the current COVID-19 restrictions, the Friends of the Alamosa Library have decided to cancel its spring sales scheduled for May 2. Adjustments to the proposed sale schedule for June may also be decided at a later time, given the postponement of Summerfest.

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Community PPE drive

ALAMOSA — Last week's successful PPE drive in Alamosa was organized by Alamosa Economic Development Director Kathy Woods and Alamosa County Chamber Director Erin Keck, who partnered with Michelle Gay, Director of Compliance at SLV Health to host the drive. The idea was brought forth by State Representative Donald Valdez, who helped receive goods for much of the day.

Scores of people arrived with PPE and anything else they thought might be helpful. They were all sincere in their desire to help those on the front lines to be safe and have what they needed to fight the good fight.

"The San Luis Valley and Alamosa are resilient and strong. Coming out to help is a good example of this community standing strong. SLV Health's motto, "Serving our Neighbors, Family

and Friends" has never been more apparent than during this critical time and the community certainly came out to help return the favor!" said Woods.

- Items collected:
- 50+ boxes of gloves
 - 2 boxes 1-ounce hand sanitizer (48)
 - Safety glasses (25)
 - 3 boxes of biohazard bags
 - 2 rolls of biohazard bags
 - Cloth reusable masks (75)
 - 4 bags of gym wipes
 - 4 Clorox Disinfecting Wipe containers
 - 40 gowns
 - 30+ N95 masks
 - Plus many more items

Thanks to the Alamosa County Sheriff's Office for the use of their Critical Incident Command Center RV and to Sheriff Jackson for staying to help. Undersheriff Shawn Woods arranged vehicle



use and transportation. Thanks to Dennis Shiosita for donating a banner on very short notice. Michelle Gay was amazing, helping to coordinate the event

then staying throughout the drive to help on a furlough day.

If you have PPE you

would like to donate, please contact Michelle Gay at SLV Health at (719) 589-2511.

Return to business but not business as usual

SAN LUIS VALLEY — All over the State, businesses are anxious to re-open and begin serving customers again so they can make a living. However, to keep the pandemic from re-surfing, and possibly having to re-close, this has to be done in an orderly and safe manner. According to the Governor's "Safer at Home" order, this Friday, May 1st, retail businesses and personal services can reopen if they follow "best practices." These are practices put in place to protect employees and customers from contracting COVID-19, and although they may differ depending upon your specific industry (see guidelines here: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home>), in general, they involve monitoring people for signs of illness, enforcing mask-wearing and social distancing, and thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting the workplace. Reach out to your Local Public Health Agency if you have questions about guidance and resources.

As more people venture out, it is critical that we continue to wear masks and practice social distancing (staying at least 6 ft away) when we are around other people. This is especially important for those who are serving or distributing food, as customer interaction is at a higher level. Employers need to be sure to provide masks to employees and mandate the wearing of these. Some businesses are taking the creative approach and manufacturing masks with their logo for employees. Cloth masks of all types are now becoming more readily available on the internet as demand for them peaks, and there are

several talented people in our community who are making them. Show your support and pride for our unique communities and remember MASK ON SLV (#MaskOnSLV)!

May is Mental Health Awareness month. In this high-stress time, please reach out to others if you need support. Emotional and behavioral health is just as important as physical health and is found to be increasingly interrelated. SLV Behavioral Health Group is currently providing services by phone

and online in telehealth sessions. Take care of yourself by reaching out, call 719-589-3671, or the crisis hotline 1 (844) 493-TALK (8255). After business hours, please call 911 or the crisis hotline 1 (844) 493-TALK (8255) or text TALK to 38255.

The San Luis Valley is known as a favorite destination for travelers, second homeowners, and tourists. Residents are reporting more traffic from other areas as the temperatures warm up.

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SLV COVID 19

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 5:00 p.m. on April 28, 2020. All numbers are cumulative. If there are discrepancies between these numbers and those showing on the state's data website, use these local numbers.

27 SLV POSITIVE CASES

- Alamosa County - 12
- Conejos County - 0
- Costilla County - 3
- Mineral County - 2
- Rio Grande County - 7
- Saguache County - 3

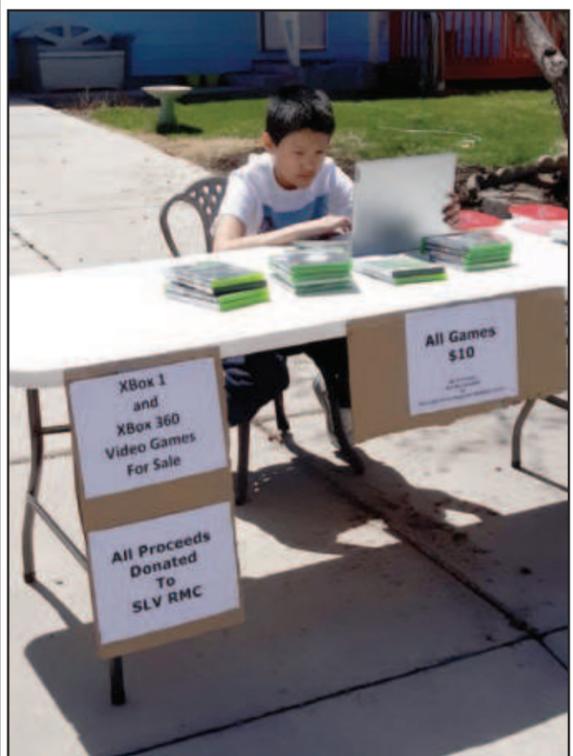
11 HOSPITALIZED

20 ISOLATION COMPLETED

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

2 DEATHS

Every bit helps



Courtesy photo
Local youth Orlando Casebolt-Ruybal decided to do his part to help the community by putting his video game up for sale. All the proceeds from his impromptu sale went to the SLV Regional Medical Center.

ATTENTION

Boil water advisory

SAGUACHE — Saguache County Public Health Department has issued a BOIL-WATER ADVISORY, effective immediately, for the Lazy K-V Estates due to a line break resulting in a loss of pressure to the system. Loss of pressure may allow disease-causing organisms to enter the water system. The Lazy K-V Estates needs to boil ALL water used for drinking and cooking - until further notice. No contamination has been detected. This is a precaution while the water quality is tested.

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OBITUARIES

Jeanne "Gigi" E. Darricades



ALAMOSA — Jeanne "Gigi" E. Darricades (67), of Alamosa, Colorado, died peacefully on April 22, 2020, after a five-year courageous journey with an incurable cancer. This never deterred her from family, career, or helping others.

Jeanne "Gigi" was born to Dr. Alfonso E.L. Darricades and Catherine Visart Mullin Darricades on December 29, 1952 in Chuquicamata, Chile.

She spent her early childhood in Chuquicamata. Gigi attended and graduated from Bishop Strachan Boarding School in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Gigi moved to California and attended De Anza Jr. College, then UC Berkeley where she earned her Bachelors of Arts Degree in Political Science (74). She obtained her Master's Degree in Public Health (76) at UC Berkeley, thus following her father's passion for community health.

She began her career in rural health care in New Mexico, establishing clinics in western New Mexico.

In 1978 she moved to Gallup, New Mexico as Administrator of the McKinley General Hospital after working in Albuquerque as the Assistant Regional Administrator for the

Presbyterian Hospital Center. It was there that she met the love of her life, Mike Gibson. They moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1981 where she joined Intermountain Health Care Inc. serving in various capacities, including Director of Medical Affairs. While in Salt Lake City she earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Utah, and subsequently was admitted to the Bar in New Mexico, Wyoming and Colorado. Mike and Gigi moved to Gillette, Wyoming, where she practiced Health Care Law. They moved to Colorado in 1997, first living in the City of Craig where Gigi practiced Health Care Law. Gigi and Mike then settled in the City of Alamosa in 2000, and Gigi continued to practice Health Care Law. She subsequently practiced Environmental Law, becoming an expert in Land Conservation Law, representing the Rio Grande Land Trust and numerous private landowners.

In 2011 she was appointed President and CEO of Valley-Wide Health Systems, again returning to her passion of rural health care. In this capacity, she and her Management Team added clinics to the organization in San Luis, Antonito, Monte Vista

and Canon City. The new Canon City Health Center was dedicated to Gigi on June 11, 2019. She served as an Officer on a number of statewide boards, including the Medicaid Provider Rate Advisory Committee, Colorado Foundation for Universal Health Care, Colorado Community Managed Health Care Network, and Colorado Community Health Network.

The latter organization recognized her contributions by naming her the CHAMPS 2018 Stanley J. Brasher Legacy Award Winner, recognizing her dedication to solving problems of health, poverty, and human rights. In 2020 the organization declared March 6th. Gigi Darricades Day, stating that "She had earned the admiration and respect of her colleagues and staff for her dedication, professionalism, leadership, enthusiasm, fabulous sense of humor, and

a legal mind with a big heart". She retired from Valley Wide in 2019.

In Alamosa, she embraced the community by serving on several Boards including KRZA, the community radio station, the San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center, Adams State College, and the San Luis Valley Federal Bank. She was a supporter of nonprofits, including La Puente, the San Luis Valley Animal League and the Boys and Girls Club, the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project, and the Rio Grande Land Trust.

Gigi enjoyed traveling with Mike as they visited England, Africa, Cuba, and Canada. While in New Mexico she fell in love with ballooning and in Utah she obtained her Commercial Hot Air Balloon Certification. She and Mike participated in numerous balloon rallies and they organized a trip to England to fly

there with friends. She also loved challenges on the ground and enjoyed White Water Rafting.

Gigi's love for animals gave her much joy always having dogs and cats in her life. At the time of her death, her animals were close by. The cats were Coco and Pixie and the dog Lady, who she enjoyed walking along the nearby Rio Grande.

In addition to her parents, Gigi is preceded in death by her sister Irene "Renee" Cox, husband of niece Stephen Sproule and great-nephew

Danny Sproule. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Mike Gibson. Also surviving Gigi is her sister Constance "Tonton" (Edwin) Baumgartner of Merced, California, brother-in-law Sandy Cox of Langley, B.C. Canada, sister-in-law Miriam (Simon) Richardson of Bedford, England. Gigi will be sadly missed as she was like a second

mother to all her nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews who include: Holly (Stephen deceased) Sproule, Frances (George) Gallegos, Scott (Laura) Baumgartner, Bill (Melanie) Cox, Cathy (Vince) Lambert, Jacob, Maggie, Drew, Francisca, Brett, Samantha, Taylor, Elsie, Ashley, Curtis, Alexandra, Kiara, Wyatt, Riley, Courtney Reid, Oliver (Sarah) and Owen Richardson.

"Raise your eyes to the skies as we know Gigi loved to fly".

A Celebration of life will be planned in the future when conditions around the country are safe for a gathering of family and friends.

If you would like to make a financial donation in Gigi's name please make it to the San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center, 225 6th Street, Suite B, P.O. Box 1534, Alamosa, CO 81101.

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Jonathan Mark Abeyta



ALAMOSA — Aurora resident and Beloved son, brother, nephew and friend Jonathan Mark Abeyta, 38, passed away unexpectedly on April 26, 2020, at the Aurora Medical Center.

Jon was born on March 1, 1982, in Alamosa, Colorado to Anthony, Sr. and Loki (Martinez) Abeyta. He was raised for the first seven years of his life at the family home in Sanford. Jon was in second grade when they moved to Denver. Jon graduated from Smoky Hill High School in 2000 and went on to the University of Northern Colorado, where he studied computer science.

Jon will be remembered for his independent spirit, hilarious laugh, and extraordinary talents. He never met a person who was not instantly his friend. Jon loved to play

jokes on people and could always be counted on to give the BEST advice. He was also an amazing cook and could fix any cell phone or computer problem.

He is survived by his mother, Loki, and brother, Anthony Jr. "Gordi", both of Aurora. He is also survived by bonus siblings, Renee Vigil and Joe Martinez, his special hito, Emmanuel Vigil, his aunt

and favorite person to pick on, Clara Martinez, and many other aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Anthony Sr., and his grandparents Jose Dionicio and Cleotilde (Manzanares) Martinez and Alfred and Bernice (Lovato) Abeyta.

Because of the COVID-19 outbreak, the family has chosen to have a private memorial service. Romero Funeral Home in Alamosa is handling the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Diabetes Association, www.diabetes.org/donate. To leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements have been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

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 slvphotostephen@gmail.com

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

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

MONDAY

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

5 p.m. Women's Meeting at Masonic

Hall, 598 Spruce St., Del Norte

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca

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

8 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church at

607 4th St., Alamosa.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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Valley News

Fill the van

By SAM KELLY

La Puente AmeriCorps Vista ALAMOSA— Across the San Luis Valley, there is a network of 15 food pantries. Each one shares a vision to serve each person who has a need for them. During this time of COVID 19, these small pantries have seen a major increase in need, with many more families that have come for the first time in March of this year. With only two paid staff, La Puente's Food Bank Network depends on over 60 volunteers to run the day-to-day operations of these food pantries. None of them are paid. They have chosen to continue to serve their communities, often in innovative ways. The people they serve are their friends and neighbors.

tirelessly to ensure their clients are well-fed. Sherice Shiner, the Healthy Communities Organizer for the Food Network Bank of the San Luis Valley, has said about her work "I have the privilege to work with these amazing people, every day, every week... I'm in the big green van that you see zooming around town. Every week I work to make sure these outlying pantries have enough fresh produce, bread, dairy, and canned goods to keep going."

With recent community support, La Puente was able to purchase a semi-truck load of food to help ensure these pantries have enough food to keep up with the increase in demand. But food is not all the food pantries need to actually help ensure our neighbors are getting fed. With an increase

in food pantry customers, there has also been an increase in the need for cardboard boxes, plastic bags, and egg cartons to help carry their emergency food home.

This is why La Puente has decided to host their annual Fill the Van event as part of their Hunger Education Week, though it will be held in a different way than in the past. The event will take place at the corner of 6th and State, in the parking lot by the Alamosa Food Bank. Volunteers will be stationed by the iconic green van to accept donations and take pledges to volunteer with local hunger relief efforts. Donations can be as simple as. If you wish to donate your time instead the food bank could always use more volunteers to take the strain off

of La Puente volunteers. They are asking for help from the community to make this event a success. Their goal is not only to help the Food Bank but also to bring together the community during this time of crisis and

to remind us all that we are stronger together. If you can't make it in person, but would still like to support La Puente's Food Bank Network visit www.lapuentehome.org/FilltheVan to learn



Fill The Van Needs Drive
 COVID is showing us, we are #strongertogether
 Support our community by supporting our food bank.
 Wed Apr 29 | 10am-6pm | Corner of 6th and State
 Donate plastic bags, boxes, egg cartons, food, & pledge to volunteer for the Food Bank.
 Volunteers will be stationed outside to receive donations in a no-contact form. Can't make it in person but still want to help, see how you can virtually show your support.
www.lapuentehome.org/HungerEd

Codecademy economic relief initiative aims to help 100,000 impacted workers learn to code

In response to growing unemployment numbers, Codecademy today announced a new initiative that aims to grant 100,000 unemployed or furloughed workers access to its premium online coding education resources.

Amidst the current environment of economic uncertainty, Codecademy believes that learning technology skills can not only provide a welcome distraction — it can also empower people to gain control over their circumstances. As such, the company has committed to granting five Codecademy

Pro memberships to workers that have been furloughed or laid off due to the COVID-19 pandemic for every person who joins Codecademy Pro.

The announcement comes on the heels of a recent initiative in which the company granted over 100,000 K-12 and college students around the world free access to Codecademy Pro. That initiative, which was launched in mid-March, far exceeded its initial goal of helping 10,000 students.

Codecademy CEO and Founder Zach Sims commented, "As recent unemploy-

ment numbers suggest, we are facing what may be the biggest economic disruption of our lifetime (to make no mention of the massive toll in human lives). All of us - especially those whose livelihoods have been disrupted - should consider how we can continue to adapt our skill sets to an uncertain economy. By partnering with our community, we are using education to grant new economic opportunities to any worker who is trying to reskill or upskill during this trying time."

A quarantined factory work-

er from Mississippi named Alan M. received a complimentary Codecademy Pro membership as part of a trial program last month. He said: "Emotionally, it is a challenging time with the future of the factory uncertain at this time and the full economic implications of COVID-19 still unknown. My wife, who works in the restaurant business as a chef, also lost her job the day after I was asked to quarantine. Having access to Codecademy Pro is helping to give purpose to my days during this time of uncertainty."

"I try to make a little progress every day working through a module or two. I have always had a desire to learn more about coding and to expand my skills; having the time and access to Codecademy is giving me hope that I can strengthen my coding skills," said Alan M.

Those who subscribe to Codecademy Pro at <http://www.codecademy.com/worker-support/> will assist Codecademy in providing five memberships to affected workers. Affected workers will be able to apply for their Codecademy Pro scholarship beginning on April 23rd.

BLM strengthens wildfire response capabilities across the West

WASHINGTON—While taking active measures to protect the public and employees and minimize exposure to COVID-19, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) continues to reduce hazardous fuels across the West and Alaska and to plan for the upcoming fire season by maintaining and strengthening firefighting capabilities. In conjunction with Federal, state, and local partners, the BLM will use its full suite of resources to prevent and suppress wildfires as the agency adjusts to rapidly changing outbreak circumstances.

"We are committed to protecting our colleagues in the BLM and those with whom we come in contact during this challenging time; however, as westerners we know we must fight fire all year long and we will do exactly that," said BLM Deputy Director for Policy and Programs William Perry Pendley. "Guided by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention as

well as state and local health authorities, we continue to implement proactive COVID-19 measures to protect employees and the public, but, when it comes to fire, we have no intention of standing down."

Every year, the BLM works with its Federal, state, and local partners to conduct initial attack on all wildland fire incidents to suppress wildfires as soon as they ignite. Aggressive initial attack is the single most important method to ensure the safety of firefighters and the public; it also limits suppression costs. During the COVID-19 outbreak, the wildland fire agencies will continue to work to suppress wildfires with the goal of reducing wildfire size and intensity.

The BLM is also working with its Federal, state and local partners to develop specific COVID-19 wildfire response plans to provide for wildland fire personnel safety. These plans outline best management practices

to limit the spread of the virus and to provide a safe working environment for all wildland fire personnel.

The wildland fire agencies maintain a full aviation fleet to suppress wildfires and concurrently plan for above-normal fire activity with additional contract and partner surge capacity. The BLM will have on contract 34 Single Engine Airtankers (SEAT), combined with four water scoopers, seven smokejumper planes, 19 tactical support aircraft, and 25 helicopters for wildfire suppression efforts this year. In addition, the BLM has access to more than 660 helicopters, 100 SEATs, 14 Large Airtankers and Very Large Airtankers, 22 water scoopers and over 400 tactical support aircraft through partnerships and call-when-needed contracts.

The BLM Fire and Aviation program works closely with, and relies on, its state and local partners for all wildfire suppression efforts. During the COVID-19 out-

break, some state governments have declared they will not permit state and local resources to respond to wildfires outside of their local jurisdiction, which will greatly limit the national response capabilities of these valuable resources. The BLM is working with these governments to address concerns and to ensure, to the greatest extent possible, that shared resources are available to be deployed wherever need may be greatest.

"In order to ensure smooth interstate wildfire suppression operations, all wildland firefighters must be permitted to cross state boundaries without restriction to ensure safe and effective wildfire operations throughout the country," said Pendley. "We beseech our federal, state, and local partners to ensure that ability."

The BLM will also rely on its employees across the nation who are not full-time fire personnel but maintain essential wildfire qualifications and thus provide

critical wildfire response capabilities during heightened fire activity. These employees greatly augment the national fire workforce every year; therefore, the BLM will continue to enhance its workforce with these personnel during the COVID-19 outbreak. The BLM and its partners will also work closely with contractors, emergency hires, and other seasonal employees, as the BLM does every year, to greatly enhance firefighting capabilities.

Overall, wildfire suppression operations will require adjustments and new tactics during the COVID-19 outbreak. Fortunately, the BLM and its partner agencies are skilled in aggressive initial attack operations, as limiting wildfire spread is always paramount, no matter the situation. The BLM and its partner agencies are prepared for wildfire response and will work to suppress all wildfires before they become large, problematic incidents.

Seasonal closure for the west side of Valle Vidal area goes into effect May 1

TAOS, NM—The seasonal closure for the west side of the Valle Vidal area of the Carson National Forest will begin on May 1 and will continue through June 30. The Carson National Forest closes this special area every year to provide a suitable habitat for elk calving.

The designated roads will remain open for travel. However, visitors to the area will not be permitted to go off the road or leave their vehicle. In addition, camping in the area will not be allowed.

During May and June, elk cows seek areas for calving that

have suitable cover and forage. Disturbances, such as human interaction, can cause the cow to abort or abandon her calf. Once the cow calves, mother and calf will remain in an area for about 10 days or until the calf is strong enough to follow the cow to higher country. Forcing a cow elk to a less adequate site for birthing can result in a weakened calf with less of a chance for survival.

Visitors traveling to the adjacent Rio Costilla Park should be aware that the park is closed until May 15.

Contact Rio Costilla Park directly at 575-586-0542 or check their website at www.riocostillapark.com for more information.

As a reminder, at this time:

- No fires or fishing.
- Toilet facilities are not available. Pack it in, pack it out and leave no trace.
- Trash collection is suspended. Please take your garbage home.
- Stay up to date on seasonal closures by checking the Carson National Forest website and following us on Facebook and Twitter.

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Many of our communities are dependent economically on these travelers, and normally welcome them to support our livelihoods. It is a difficult line to follow right now whether to welcome or discourage the influx. More people means more risk for our residents and a greater load on our health care capacity (more possible COVID cases and greater community spread). In addition, if these travelers do not follow current orders to wear masks, socially distance, or in some places, quarantine for 14 days, it can be frustrating to witness for residents who are trying their best to stay well. We would ask that those travelers considering visiting the San Luis Valley in the next few months please do your best to respect the Public Health orders in place (found here: <http://www.slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/>) and encourage your favorite communities to

thrive by protecting their residents and infrastructure!

Meanwhile, we want to encourage residents to get out and enjoy the outdoors safely. "Safer at Home" includes your outside home. Be knowledgeable about closures before you go, be considerate of others, and be smart about the risks. Most importantly, stay close to home. Colorado Public Health Order 20-28 specifies that "travel for recreational purposes should be limited to your own community like your county of residence or traveling no

more than about 10 miles." Many people are now rediscovering the fun and unique recreation opportunities within their own counties. Birding, wading, canoeing, walking, and hiking are just some of the activities available to residents within ten miles of home. Stay safe, stay healthy, and be considerate of others in your recreating.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Colorado law requires the county assessor to hear objections to real property classification and valuation beginning no later than May 1, 2020. Objections to the valuation or classification of real property must be postmarked, delivered, or presented in person to the county assessor's office no later than June 1, 2017.

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Opinion

God Bless America ...

HOLLYWOOD — God Bless America, and how's everybody? The Wall Street Journal published an election analysis Tuesday predicting that the margin of victory in the presidential election will be razor-thin. I just found out that my uncle, a lifelong Republican, is going to vote Democratic this fall. This would have never happened if he were still alive.

L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti admits there are growing tensions in L.A. home life resulting from the strict quarantine, judging from the dozens of nightly police calls. On Friday night, a husband told his wife she was gaining weight during the quarantine. The cause of death was listed as Corona Virus.

The Land O' Lakes farmer-owned butter company in Wisconsin announced with great fanfare and virtue Friday that after one hundred years, they've removed the logo of the beautiful Native American woman from their boxes of butter. However they kept the land. Some things never change.

The Centers for Disease Control rushed to the microphones Monday to report that they have discovered six brand-new symptoms for Corona Virus. Their health officials are always such a ray of sunshine. The CDC isn't happy until they tell you that today is the last day of your life, so far.

Georgia's Governor Brian Kemp led the charge of state governors who opened up their states Friday. I'm just in it for the jokes. After hearing all the evidence, Georgia opened tattoo parlors, restaurants, nail salons, bowling alleys and moved the Lysol from the Cleaning Aisle to the Pharmacy.



Argus Hamilton



Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez went on social media calling for a new normal for workers that include fewer working hours, more pay, free health care, free tuition and corporate obedience to strict Green Rules. I don't go near AOC in my jokes. I'm practicing socialist distancing.

President Trump stated Monday he realizes that Americans cannot wait to get out of the house and return to their lives. So far, six weeks of confinement have taught millions of Americans one central fact about our families. You can't live with them, and you can't hide that many bodies at once.

Corona Virus Task Force leader Dr. Deborah Birx on Thursday heaped praise on Americans for safety compli-

ance as the virus casualties continue to fall. Still, I can't believe I'm seeing some men driving alone in their cars wearing a mask. Do you put a condom on if you're alone in your bed?

The Royal Family is going all out to help Englanders survive the virus crisis this week. Prince Charles is paying two hundred of his employees out of his own pocket to keep them from going on relief. Prince Andrew is paying two hundred bimbos out of his own pocket to keep their mouths shut.

The White House reported Monday Corona Virus testing machines will be available in all fifty states and they'll be easily accessible. Public figures are understandably reluctant to release their test results. During Joe Biden's medical check-up last week, his finger tested positive for Tara Reade.

President Trump addressed reporters Monday and he revealed that he knows

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Kim Jung Un's medical condition but he won't discuss it. Just because Kim Jung Un may be brain dead doesn't mean he can't run North Korea. Look at how many people think Joe Biden can run the United States.

China was sued by the Missouri state attorney general last week for the damage cause by their virus they failed to warn us about. Personal injury lawyers will cover the aggravation caused from every angle. If you watched Tiger King as a result of quarantine, you may be entitled to compensation.

The South China Post in Hong Kong reports that the government of China just sent Chinese surgeons to North Korea to check on Kim Jung Un's medical condition and try to save him. With any luck, they were too late. Hopefully, Kim was able to die before they could give him Corona Virus.

LETTERS

Meat processing woes

Dear Editor:
Massive slaughterhouse closures are driving U.S. consumers to plant-based meat products, as sick workers pay the price. Tyson Foods, JBS USA, and Smithfield Foods, the largest meat processors, have closed 17 plants, devastating rural communities and threatening the nation's meat supply. Production is already down by 25 percent.

Nielsen. Shares of Beyond Meat, a prominent plant-based meat brand, rallied by 60 percent. A Washington Post investigation found that coronavirus outbreaks in more than 48 U.S. meatpacking plants have sickened at least 3,300 workers and killed 17. The companies failed to provide adequate protective gear to the workers and forced some with Covid symptoms to keep working. USA Today reports that more than 150 of U.S.'s largest plants operate in counties with the highest rate of coronavirus infection. In addition to the generally accepted consumer

health argument for avoiding animal food products, the pandemic has now added the worker health element. Production of plant-based meats requires much less labor and allows for ample physical distancing. We can all support the switch to healthy food on our next visit to our supermarket.

Sincerely,
Adair Crowther
Alamosa

Safer at Home thoughts

Dear Editor,
Monday was the end of the 'Stay at Home' order for Colorado. Some counties and cities have extended their order at least two weeks. Many valid concerns still surround the re-opening of business venues, even with CDC guidelines. Financial concerns of those unemployed have been only partly addressed. One procedure to help ease the anxiety would involve all financial institutions nationwide that carry mortgages and loans for millions of Americans to step up to the plate and prepare to do their share of bending over because Americans are taking it in the butt over an event that is not their fault. All housing should be included. Recently, the Bank of America CEO stepped up, but only time will tell if he can deliver. Foreclosure, eviction, and repossession should be eliminated from their thinking. The controversy over COVID-19 testing is ongoing. A test developed at CU Medical and Anschutz Medical could help this dilemma. The test involves a saliva sample placed on a special test strip. The lines formed and their

position will develop in a few minutes and indicate positive or negative. the test is called the Sick Stick. Why many of the media reports haven't included it in their press releases I don't know. It should have been employed. Could it be that it would show too many positives and people that should be isolated? Two things are certain, One is that businesses can be rebuilt, but lives lost due to faulty thinking cannot. Secondly, science must be the chosen vehicle to carry us to victory over the COVID-19 pandemic, otherwise, COVID-19 and the "Grim Reaper" will be transporting too many people to their final resting place. Please choose wisely.

Hugh L. Fuchs
Del Norte

Editors Note: According to the article that covered the 'Sick Stick' in the April 11 edition of the Valley Courier, the developers still have some hurdles to clear before providing their tests to the public. Hurdles such as clinical trials to insure accuracy as well as possibly submitting a prototype to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for approval.

Prayers for the Archuletas

Dear Editor,
The world is facing a terrible crisis, and it's sad to see that the virus has taken so many lives. It's more heart-breaking to know to it has taking someone a person knows. The Archuletas. When I went to school at Sierra Grande in 1960-62, I got to be friends with Jessica and Manuel. Jessica and I were classmates and Manuel was a sophomore. Jessica was a cheerleader and Manuel played basketball. They moved to Denver in '63 shortly after Manuel graduated. Manual worked at the post office and Jessica had a day care. They raised 3 children. Sadly their son also lost his life to COVID-19. It's hard to lose a child at any age, I should know I lost my son in July 2012, age 49 years. It's amazing Manuel and Jessica were together for 57 years from that era, they both grew up in Fort Garland and went to the same school, soulmates for life. The class of '63 has been inviting me to their class reunions since the early '90s. It's been 27 years I have been a part of and shared many memories, one never knows. Last year the class of '63 celebrated 56 years since they graduated - the last and final time I saw Jessica. I am a non-graduate and am honored to be a part of them since that is the last and final school I went to. Long time friend Lydia Ortiz, from Fort Garland and also a graduate of Sierra Grande, lives in Denver. She

let me know of Jessica leaving life. It's hard to lose loved ones. My condolences and prayers go to the Archuleta family, hang in there Manual. Loads of love and many blessings

Linda Large
Alamosa

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Lifestyle

Memorial procession for firefighter Chris Miyaki

SOUTH FORK — Saturday, May 2nd in honor and remembrance of Firefighter Chris Miyaki, a procession will take place through a planned route in the Town of South Fork.

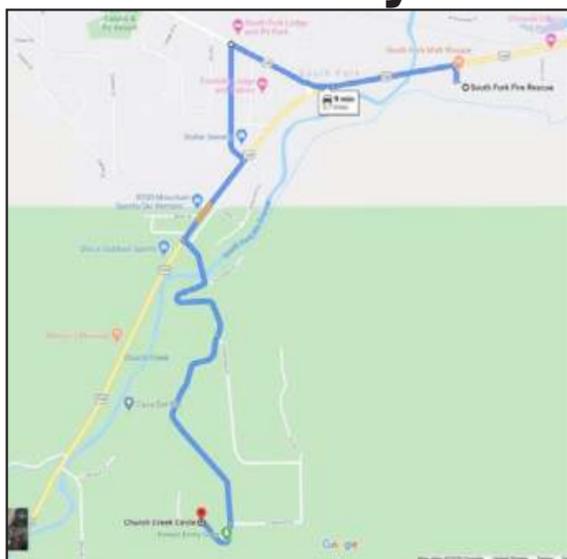
Due to the restrictions in place for the COVID-19 response, a small, private presentation for the family of Chris Miyaki will take place at a secluded location, following the current social distancing guidelines.

Regretfully, a large gathering is not allowed, instead they are being asked to participate in the procession, which will drive past Chris's family, to offer their respect and support.

The procession will begin at approximately 11 a.m. Line up will begin at South Fork Fire Rescue, located at 0028 Mall Street in South Fork, Colorado. All apparatus are asked to join SFFR at that location and please remain in your vehicle so we can adhere to the current social distancing and group guidelines.

The planned route is steep and narrow, so please plan apparatus accordingly. The route will leave from the station Westbound on Highway 160, then turn north on Highway 149, then South on Birch Street to Highway 160, Westbound on Highway 160 to Escondida Drive, South on Escondida Drive, Right on Church Creek Drive to Church Creek Circle. At the end of Church Creek Circle, the procession will turn around and proceed back to the intersection of Escondida & Highway 160 which is the end of the procession where all apparatus will be able to travel back to their respective departments.

For those who would



Courtesy photo

Chris Miyaki at high angle rope rescue training day.

like to line the procession route, please remain inside your vehicles alongside the route and adhere to current health department guidelines. We appreciate all departments that would like to take place in this show of respect for Chris's family,

and regret that we can't gather in the traditional manner that the fire service prefers to remember one of our own. Donations to Chris Miyaki's family can be mailed to P.O. Box 579, South Fork, CO 81154 or dropped off at the station.

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Sports

Mortensen receives RMAC Meritorious Service Award

COLORADO SPRINGS — Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) Commissioner Chris Graham is pleased to announce that Adams State University's Larry Mortensen has been awarded the RMAC Meritorious Service Award.

The RMAC Meritorious Service Award is presented to individuals who have made significant and substantial contributions to the RMAC, consistent with the purposes of the conference.

Eligible candidates include institutional executives, athletics administrators, facility representatives, coaches and conference staff. Nominees must have a minimum of 10 years of service in the RMAC.

Nominations are submitted by the RMAC membership and selected by the RMAC Awards Committee.

"Larry has always been at the front of the line serving

the RMAC and its student-athletes," said Graham. "His participation, experience and wisdom have provided significant value to our work for many years. We congratulate him on this honor, and we thank him for all he has done for the RMAC.

Mortensen assumed the Director of Athletics role for the Grizzlies in 2007 while simultaneously coaching the men's basketball team. The Athletic Department has grown tremendously during Mortensen's tenure, expanding from 14 to 21 NCAA varsity sports and increasing from 350 to over 650 student-athletes.

The athletic facilities have also been completely renovated and updated under Mortensen's leadership, with Plachy Hall being renovated and adding on a state-of-the-art weight room, locker rooms, and a new training room. Additionally, Rex Stadium has been completely renovated



Courtesy photo
Larry Mortenson

and a new outdoor track, along with an indoor track and field facility. Adams State has also added a

new baseball field, softball field, and soccer/lacrosse field in recent years. Mortensen added six sports during his tenure — baseball, men's and women's lacrosse, men's soccer, and men's and women's swimming — to grow the number of sports offered

The Grizzlies have had tremendous athletic success during Mortensen's tenure, finishing in the top-10 in the Learfield Director's Cup seven times, placing fifth for the 2012-13 academic year. During the 2012-13 year, ASU also won the RMAC All-Sports Competition Cup.

"We are grateful for Larry's leadership and service. His commitment to student-athletes and Adams State University is visible in everything he does. He bleeds green and white and is a Grizzly to the core. I appreciate his leadership and sense of humor" said President Lovell of ASU. She goes on to note "All Grizzlies are very proud Larry

has been selected as the 2020 RMAC Meritorious Service Award recipient."

Mortensen, who graduated from Adams State with a bachelor's degree in education in 1988 and a master's degree in education in 1993, led the men's basketball program for 12 years when he took over as head coach for the 1995-96 season.

RMAC Meritorious Service Award Recipients

- Larry Mortensen, Adams State (2020)
- Tom Spicer, Fort Hays State, Colorado School of Mines, Colorado Mesa, Regis (2019)
- Joe Folda, CSU-Pueblo (2018)
- Dr. Stephen M. Jordan, MSU Denver (2017)
- Joan McDermott, MSU Denver (2015)

Adams State sports update

Andreatta and Hermosillo named Division II All-Americans for 2019-20 season

By AARON KINNISCHTZKE
Sports Information Director
ALAMOSA — In what was a season that abruptly ended less than 24 hours before the National Championship meet in Sioux Falls, SD, one could only speculate as to who would be National Champions and earn All-America honors, as qualifiers did not have the chance to compete against the best in Division II. The All-American team was in fact announced, based off of how grapplers' seasons were up until the canceled national meet, and

two Grizzlies earned All-American honors for the 2019-20 season. Jonathan Andreatta (133) and Noah Hermosillo (141), who had dominant seasons on the mat, were both named All-Americans, as both finished as Regional Runners-up back in February.

The 2019-20 season was an unforgettable one for Jonathan Andreatta. En-

tering the Regional Meet in Kearney, NE, he was undefeated and untested at 17-0, before finally being defeated in the championship bout. He ended the season ranked fifth in Division II, and will return to Adams State next season looking to eventually become an individual National Champion out of the 133-pound weight class.

Noah Hermosillo had a terrific run in a tough weight class in 2019-20, going 20-5 overall. Like Andreatta, he too was the Regional runner-up in his weight class, and was looking to avenge his second-place finish at Nationals. Nonetheless, he has earned Division II All-American honors for his great season, finish-

ing as the eighth-ranked 141-pounder in the nation. He will also return to Adams State next season, looking to build off of his good year.

The proud Adams State Wrestling tradition will not rebuild next year, but rather, reload, as they will return a multitude of former and current All-Americans and National

Qualifiers, who will be complemented by young talent that coach Jason Ramstetter has brought in. Without a National Championship meet, we can only speculate as to how they would have finished this year in the National polls, but the 2020-21 season could be a special one for Adams State Wrestling.

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Lifestyle

Recreation facilities use update

ALAMOSA— COVID-19 restricted use update as of April 28, 2020. People should be prepared for state and local public health orders to be extended, amended, or changed as needed to protect public health. This means it may be necessary to move between “Stay at Home” and Safer at Home” levels during this pandemic. When out in public, be responsible for yourself and others by wearing a mask and washing your hands frequently.

- Outdoor Basketball/Volleyball Courts – open for individual use or household use (limit use to 60 minutes if others are waiting)
- Tennis Courts – open for household use only or one person use of backboard or personal ball machine. Do not pick up other’s balls on court and limit use to 60 minutes if others are waiting.
- Disc Golf – remains open with current precautions
- Golf Course – remains open with current precautions
- Playgrounds – remain closed
- Park Pavilions – open for use of 10 or less
- Trails/River – remain open
- Ballfields/Soccer Fields – open for individual or household use (limit use to 60 minutes if others are waiting)
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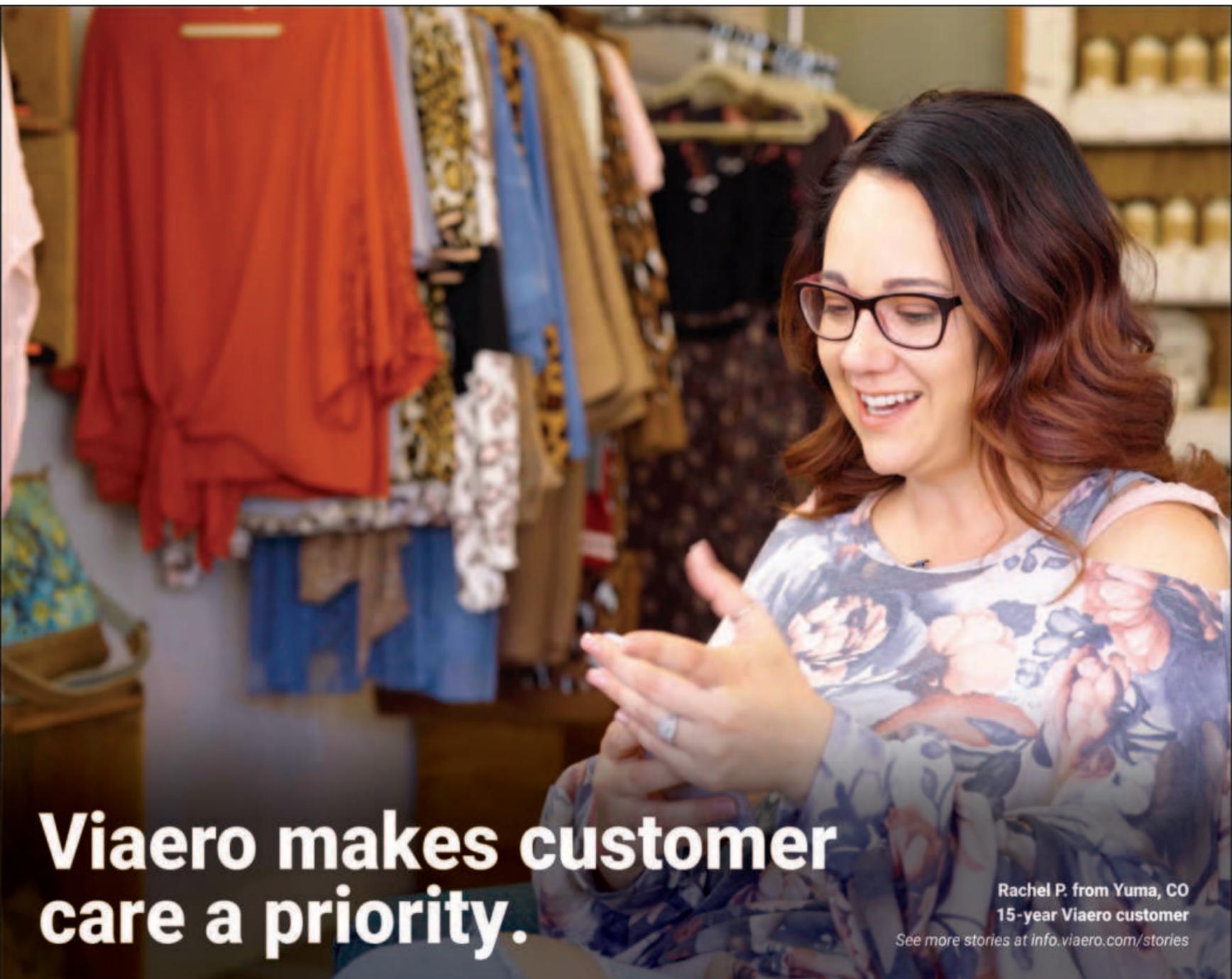
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COMPLAIN TO QUIET TITLE PURSUANT TO RULE 105, C.R.C.P.
 Plaintiff, Harriet Patton, as personal representative for the estate of William Harry Patton, ("Plaintiff"), by and through her undersigned attorney, Robinson and Henry, P.C., file their Complaint to quiet title pursuant to Rule 105, C.R.C.P., and state as follows:
INTRODUCTION
 1. The Plaintiff seeks to quiet title to the property located at 4 Lime Creek Road, Del Norte, CO 81132 in respect to a Deed of Trust that was paid off.
JURISDICTION AND VENUE
 2. Jurisdiction is proper in this Court for this matter pursuant to C.R.S. § 13-1-124(1)(c).
 3. Venue is proper under C.R.C.P. 98 because the real property that is the subject to this lawsuit is located in Saguache County, Colorado.
PARTIES
 4. Plaintiff, Harriet Patton, as personal representative for the estate of William Harry Patton, is a Colorado resident who resides at 20333 Old Ranch Loop, Nathrop, CO 81236.
 5. William Harry Patton was a Colorado resident and is the owner of record for the property located at 4 Lime Creek Road, Del Norte, CO 81132 (the "Property") more particularly described as: NE1/4 NE1/4 Section 10, Township 42 North, Range 6 East of the N.M.P.M., Saguache County, Colorado, also known as Lot #4, LIME CREEK ESTATES, Saguache County, Colorado, reserving a 30 foot utility and roadway easement on all boundary lines for purposes of ingress, egress, and utilities.
 Parcel Number: 4751-101-00-040
 6. Defendant, Rio Grande Western Land Company, Inc. ("Rio Grande Western"), was a Colorado Corporation until delinquency on May 1, 2016. The last known address for Rio Grande Western was 124 W. 2nd Street, Salina, CO 81201.
 7. Connie Trujillo in her official capacity as Public Trustee of Saguache County, Colorado may claim some right, title or interest in the Property adverse to Plaintiff by virtue of being the grantee named in the deed of trust dated September 10, 1999 and recorded September 16, 1999 at Reception No. 328050 and re-recorded on February 7, 2000 at Reception No. 329193, to correct the legal description, in the records of the Clerk and Recorder of Saguache County, Colorado, granted by Harry Patton for the benefit of Rio Grande Western Land Co.
 8. All occupants, if any, of the Property, are unknown to Plaintiff and are treated as unknown persons.
 9. There may be persons or entities who may claim some right, title or interest in the Property, which claims are adverse to Plaintiff, or who are otherwise interested in the subject matter of this action whose names are unknown to Plaintiff and cannot be ascertained despite diligent efforts to do so. All such unknown persons or entities have been made Defendants in this action and designated as "all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action." So far as Plaintiff's knowledge exists, the interests of the unknown parties are derived through one or more of the named Defendants. All such claims of all Defendants, including unknown parties, or their successors or assigns are, as of the filing of this complaint, without foundation or right.
 10. Plaintiff has commenced this in rem action under Rule 105, C.R.C.P. to declare that no Defendants, no occupants, if any, and no unknown parties have any right, title and interest in and to the Property, and all claims of all such persons and entities, as of the filing of this complaint, are without foundation or right.
GENERAL ALLEGATIONS
 11. Plaintiff is the owner of the Property by virtue of a Warranty Deed dated November 10, 1999 and recorded on October 12, 1999 at reception number 328287 and re-recorded on November 17, 1999 at Reception No. 328579, to correct the legal description, in the Clerk and Recorder's office for Saguache County, Colorado.
 12. At the time of the conveyance of the Property, William Harry Patton obtained a loan against the property. The Deed of Trust was dated September 10, 1999 and recorded September 16, 1999 at Reception No. 328050 and re-recorded on February 7, 2000 at Reception No. 329193, to correct the legal description of the records of the Clerk and Recorder of Saguache County, Colorado, granted by William Harry Patton for the benefit of Rio Grande Western Land Co.
FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF
 Quiet Title Pursuant to C.R.C.P. 105
 13. The Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference all other paragraphs of this Complaint to Quiet Title under C.R.C.P. 105 as fully expressed.
 14. Plaintiff and Defendant Rio Grande Western both claim an interest in the Property.
 15. Defendant Rio Grande Western claims some right, title or interest in and to the Property adverse to the Plaintiff; and the claim of said Defendant Rio Grande Western is without foundation or right.
 16. The Plaintiff is entitled to a complete adjudication of the rights of all parties to this action with respect to the Property, and a decree quieting title of the Property as between the rights of Plaintiff, Defendant Rio Grande Western, and any and all other Defendants.
WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for a complete adjudication of the rights of all parties to this action with respect to the Property; for a decree requiring the Defendants to set forth the nature of their claims; determining that the Defendants and each of them have no interest, estate or claim of any kind whatsoever in the, forever barring and enjoining the Defendants from asserting any claim or title thereto, quieting the title of the Plaintiff in and to the Property and adjudging that the Plaintiff is the owner and hold title to the Property in fee simple and is entitled to possession of the Property; for costs of this action; and for such other relief as to the Court may seem just and proper.
 Dated this 20th day of March, 2020.
ROBINSON & HENRY, P.C.
 /s/ Boyd A. Rolfsen
 Jason R. Wolfe, #39210
 Boyd A. Rolfsen, #40035
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 No. 1420
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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 914-20
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
 On February 11, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.
 Original Grantor(s)
 Edward H. Lyeil
 Original Beneficiary(ies)
 San Luis Valley Federal Bank
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
 San Luis Valley Federal Bank
 Date of Deed of Trust
 February 21, 2006
 County of Recording
 Alamosa
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust
 February 23, 2006
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
 325349
 Original Principal Amount
 \$134,850.00
 Outstanding Principal Balance
 \$99,295.49
 Pursuant to CRS §38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
 Tract 2 of the Cody Division of Land No. 2, located in the NE1/4 of Section 33, Township 37 North, Range 9 East, N.M.P.M., the Plat of which was filed November 29, 1990, under Reception No. 253718 of the Alamosa County, Colorado, records, in Alamosa County, Colorado.
 Together with all water and water rights, ditches and ditch rights, wells and well rights, and rights of way appurtenant thereto
 Also known by street and number as: 2770 County Road 11 South, Alamosa, CO 81101.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 06/10/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
 First Publication 4/15/2020
 Last Publication 5/13/2020
 Name of Publication Valley Courier
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
 DATE: 02/11/2020
 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado
 By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
 Jeffrey E. Motz #35972
 Paul E. Motz #7740
 Motz Law Firm, LLC P.O. Box 779, Alamosa, CO 81101 (719) 589-6676
 Attorney File #
 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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 NO. 1398
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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 915-20
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
 On February 14, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.
 Original Grantor(s)
 John P. Ortega, Jr. and Maria Ortega
 Original Beneficiary(ies)
 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc as a nominee for GNL Inc., DBA Freedom Mortgage and Loan
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
 Date of Deed of Trust
 June 25, 2004
 County of Recording
 Alamosa
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust
 June 29, 2004
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
 317280
 November 03, 2004
 Re-Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
 318884
 Re-Recording Date of Deed of Trust
 Original Principal Amount
 \$85,337.00
 Outstanding Principal Balance
 \$82,173.29
 Pursuant to CRS §38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
 LOT 31 AND 32, BLOCK 64 THE CITY OF ALAMOSA, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO
 Also known by street and number as: 329 8th Street, Alamosa, CO 81101.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 06/17/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
 First Publication 4/22/2020
 Last Publication 5/20/2020
 Name of Publication Valley Courier
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
 DATE: 02/14/2020
 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado
 By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
 McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E. Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122
 Attorney File # CO-20-879095-LL
 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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 No. 1409
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COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE PUBLICATION
(CRS §38-38-103)
FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 3-2020
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following Deed of Trust:
 On February 25, 2020, under Reception No. 20000293, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Conejos records.
 Original Grantor(s): Victoria B. Gurule
 Original Beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Prestige Capital Funding Inc., Its Successors and Assigns
 Current Holder of the Evidence of Debt Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
 Date of Deed of Trust: September 25, 2008
 County of Recording Conejos
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust September 29, 2008
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) Reception No. 8001508
 Original Principal Amount \$66,127.00
 Outstanding Principal Balance \$60,809.81
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Violations including, but not limited to, Borrower's failure to make timely payments as required under the Evidence of Debt and Deed of Trust. **THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**
 The legal description of the Property that is subject to the Notice of Election and Demand in accordance with CRS §38-38-101(4)(g) is: LOT 12 AND 13, BLOCK 1, CORLETT'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF ANTONITO, COUNTY OF CONEJOS, STATE OF COLORADO. Also known by street and number as: 1129 Front Street, Antonito, CO 81120
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at the office of the Conejos County Public Trustee, Conejos County Courthouse, 6683 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.
 First Publication Date: April 29, 2020
 Last Publication Date: May 27, 2020
 Name of Publication: The Valley Courier
 Date: April 24, 2020
 Mack M. Crowther
 Public Trustee in and for the County of Conejos, State of Colorado.
 The name, address, telephone number and bar registration number of attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
 Janeway Law Firm, P.C.
 Lynn M. Janeway #15592
 9800 S. Meridian Blvd., Suite 400
 Englewood, CO 80112
 Phone: (303) 706-9990
 Fax: (303) 706-9994
 JLF No.: 20-024167
 The attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
 No. 1416
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DISTRICT COURT, SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
 501 4th Street
 Saguache, CO 81149
COURT USE ONLY
 Case No.: 2020CV30009
 Division:
 HARRIET PATTON, as personal representative for the estate of HARRY PATTON,
 Plaintiff,
 v.
 RIO GRANDE WESTERN LAND COMPANY, INC.; CONNIE TRUJILLO in her official capacity as Public Trustee of Saguache County, Colorado and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action.
 Defendants:
ROBINSON & HENRY, P.C.
 Jason R. Wolfe #39210
 Boyd A. Rolfsen #40035
 1805 Shea Center Drive, Suite 180
 Highlands Ranch, CO 80129
 P: 303-688-0944
 F: 303-470-0620
 jason@robinsonandhenry.com
 boyd@robinsonandhenry.com
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
DISTRICT COURT CIVIL SUMMONS
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to file with the Clerk of this Court an answer or other response to the attached Complaint. If service of the Summons and Complaint was made upon you within the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 21 days after such service upon you. If service of the Summons and Complaint was made upon you outside of the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after such service upon you. Your answer or counterclaim must be accompanied with the applicable filing fee.
 If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within the applicable time period, the Court may enter judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.
DATED and respectfully submitted this 20th day of March, 2020.
ROBINSON & HENRY, P.C.
 /s/ Boyd A. Rolfsen
 Jason R. Wolfe, #39210
 Boyd A. Rolfsen, #40035
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 Pursuant to C.R.C.P. 121, Section 1-26(7) a copy of this document with original or scanned signatures is maintained at the offices of Robinson & Henry, P.C., and will be made available for inspection by other parties or the court upon request.
 This Summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4, C.R.C.P. as amended. A copy of the Complaint must be served with this Summons. This form should not be used where service by publication is desired.
WARNING: A valid summons may be issued by a lawyer and it need not contain a court case number, the signature of a court officer, or a court seal. The plaintiff has 14 days from the date this summons was served on you to file the case with the court. You are responsible for contacting the court to find out whether the case has been filed and obtain the case number. If the plaintiff files the case within this time, then you must respond as explained in this summons. If the plaintiff files more than 14 days after the date the summons was served on you, the case may be dismissed upon motion and you may be entitled to seek attorney's fees from the plaintiff.
TO THE CLERK: If the summons is issued by the clerk of the court, the signature block for the clerk or deputy should be provided by stamp, or typewriter, in the space to the left of the attorney's name.
 No. 1421
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STATE OF COLORADO)
COUNTY OF ALAMOSA) ss.
NOTICE OF LOST STOCK CERTIFICATE
 The Centennial Ditch Company, a Colorado Mutual Ditch Company, pursuant to C.R.S.A. §7-42-115 causes this NOTICE to be published on the 2nd day of April 2020 and once every week thereafter for five successive weeks the fifth publication being on the twenty-eighth day after the first publication." CRS 7-42-115, in the Valley Courier, a newspaper of general circulation in Alamosa County, in which the principal office of the Centennial Ditch Company is located.
 In accordance with the terms of C.R.S.A. §7-42-114 to §7-42-117, the estate of Mike Bryn Green, has filed a Notice with the Centennial Ditch Company making Demand for the issuance of duplicate certificates for stock certificates No. 329, for 2 shares each, respectively, of capital stock in the Centennial Ditch Company. The Centennial Ditch Company will issue, on or after the 30th Day of May 2020, thirty days after the last publication date, duplicate certificates to the registered owner, as above stated, unless a contrary claim is filed with the Centennial Ditch Company, Attn: Secretary, 118 Washington Street, Monte Vista, Colorado 81144, prior to the date stated in this NOTICE.
 The Centennial Ditch Company
 Jim Higel, President
 Attest: Lyla Davis, Secretary
 No.1387
 Published in the Valley Courier on April 4, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2020.

DISTRICT COURT, SAGUACHE COUNTY, COLORADO
 501 4th Street
 Saguache, CO 81149
COURT USE ONLY
 Case No.: 2020CV30009
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 Plaintiff,
 v.
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 Attorneys for Plaintiff
DISTRICT COURT CIVIL SUMMONS
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to file with the Clerk of this Court an answer or other response to the attached Complaint. If service of the Summons and Complaint was made upon you within the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 21 days after such service upon you. If service of the Summons and Complaint was made upon you outside of the State of Colorado, you are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after such service upon you. Your answer or counterclaim must be accompanied with the applicable filing fee.
 If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within the applicable time period, the Court may enter judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice.
DATED and respectfully submitted this 20th day of March, 2020.
ROBINSON & HENRY, P.C.
 /s/ Boyd A. Rolfsen
 Jason R. Wolfe, #39210
 Boyd A. Rolfsen, #40035
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
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TO THE CLERK: If the summons is issued by the clerk of the court, the signature block for the clerk or deputy should be provided by stamp, or typewriter, in the space to the left of the attorney's name.
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101 MEMORIALS

Frances A. Martinez
 Aug. 30, 1944 - April 29, 2019



We still see your face before us. Your voice we long to hear. We miss and love you dearly. God knows we wish you were here. Tears fall freely from our eyes, like a river filled with grief. Our only comfort now is knowing one day we will see you again. Deeply loved and missed by your family.

221 HELP WANTED

MOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL District is accepting applications for an Elementary Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Successful applicants will: Hold or be able to obtain a valid teaching license from the Colorado Department of Education with an Elementary Education endorsement. Prioritize relationships with all stakeholders while creating engaging learning experiences. Demonstrate strong classroom instruction and management skills. Possess strong interpersonal skills and a growth mindset. Applications are available for download on the district website at <http://mountainvalleyschool.org>. Please include a resume, cover letter, and 3 current letters of recommendation. Completed applications can be submitted to Attn: Travis Garoutte, Mountain Valley School District, PO BOX 127 Saguache, CO 81149 or emailed to garouttt@valley.k12.co.us. For more information, please call 719-655-0268. Mountain Valley School is an Equal Opportunity Employer.(5/19)

163 LOST & FOUND

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

SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL District is currently seeking a preschool teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants must possess an associate's degree in early childhood education and must be director qualified and must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to apply@south-conejos.com. Applications will be accepted until May 8th, 2020.(5/8)

221 HELP WANTED

THE RIO GRANDE County Sheriff's Office is compiling a list of prospective personnel for the position of Lieutenant within the Sheriff's Office. This is open to both internal and external applicants. Persons applying from outside the Rio Grande Sheriff's Office must complete a county application. The applicant should have ten (10) years of law enforcement employment as Colorado POST Certified Officer. Must have at least three (3) years accumulative time as a Law Enforcement Supervisor. Must have completed supervisor/leadership training, and have basic investigative training or internal investigation training. Salary range is DOE. Application process closes May 15, 2020, at close of business. Those interested may come to the Rio Grande Sheriff's Office and pickup an application packet, with submission requirements and outline of duties. Rio Grande Sheriff's Office is located at 640 Cherry Street, Del Norte, CO 81132. The Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (5/19)

LOOKING FOR A career opportunity and being a part of your local community? 1st Southwest Bank is growing and hiring a Loan Processor, offering a strong benefit package & career growth opportunities. EOE. Go to <https://www.fswb.bank/who-we-are/careers/> for more details & to apply. (5/15)

ELDERLY MAN NEEDS help with home repair, painting, and other odd jobs. Call 719-580-9717.(5/5)

ELEMENTARY TEACHER NEEDED at Del Norte Elementary School for the 2020/2021 school year. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal, at aduda@urtigers.co or contact Amy at 719-657-4030. Applications can be retrieved online at: dncsd.org (5/8)

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)

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, LaJara, 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)

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

JONES OIL COMPANY seeking route drivers. Need to have CDL Class A or B with hazmat and tanker endorsement. Clean MVR. Must be 21 or older. Call 719-754-2221 for application.(5/27)

SOUTH-CENTRAL COLORADO SENIORS, Inc., the Area Agency on Aging is looking for a Home Delivered Meals Driver. The job is perfect for someone retired or just wanting to volunteer! 1.5 – 2 hours per day, Monday through Friday. Requirements: Current Driver's License, clean driving record, compassionate and effective communication skills with older adults. South-Central Colorado Seniors' Nutrition Program is an EOE and an application must be completed. Applications are available at 1116 3rd St. in Alamosa. Call 719-589-4511 for more information.(5/2)

THE TOWN OF ROME is hiring for a Town Clerk and A Town Maintenance. Both Positions are part-time. For details and applications contact the Romeo Town Hall @ 719-843-5785 on Tuesday thru Thursday from 9am to 4pm. The closing date is May 15th.(5/1)

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Classifieds

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://www2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996.(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)

221 HELP WANTED
TORRES BUILDERS, LLC is now hiring skilled carpenters and laborers. Please email resumes to toresbuildersllc@outlook.com. Call Joe 719-580-5860 with TORRES BUILDERS LLC.(5/1)

221 HELP WANTED
SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL District is now accepting applications for a .5 graphic design & photography teacher. Qualifications: Must hold a Colorado Teacher's License, or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Please submit a District application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to apply@southconejos.com. Deadline 4/16/2020.(4/16)

369 - PETS & SUPPLIES
THE UPPER RIO GRANDE (previously Del Norte) School District is seeking applications for a Jr/Sr High School Principal for the 2020/2021 school year. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Principal license. Previous experience as a Principal or Asst. Principal is preferred. Applications may be obtained online at www.dncsd.org. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Chris Burr, Superintendent, cburr@urtigers.co, 719-657-4040.(5/9)

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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)

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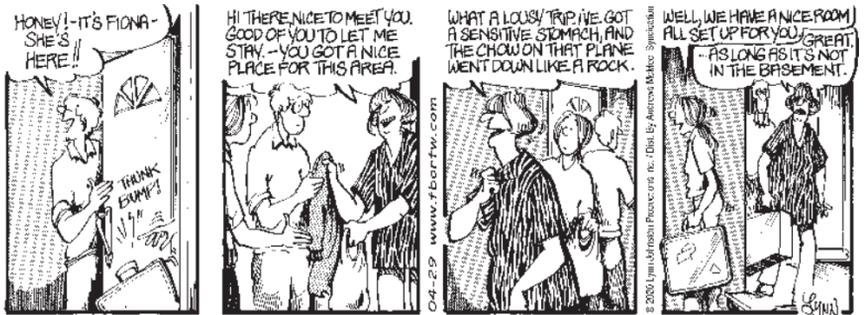
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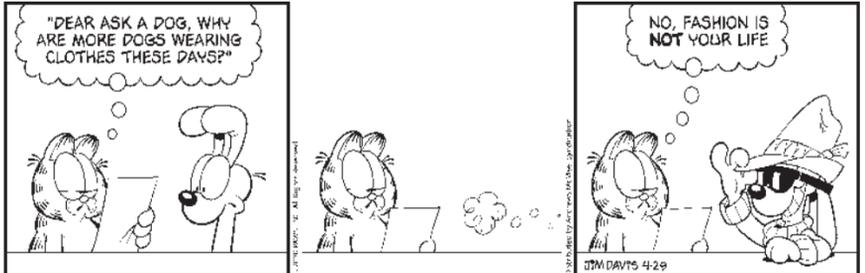
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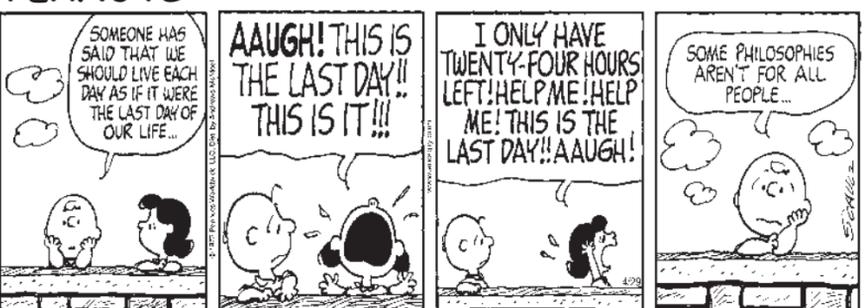
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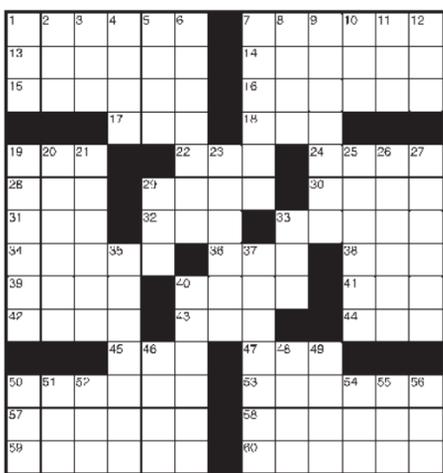
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by Luis Campos

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CP." — POOPM RPIPMXPV

TODAY'S CLUE: F equals T

Previous Solution: "Dear future generations: Please accept our apologies. We were rolling drunk on petroleum." — Kurt Vonnegut

Niece is shocked to learn reason uncle is in prison

DEARABBY: I cannot believe it! My parents tricked me into comforting a child molester.

When I was young, my uncle "Dave" went to prison. My family told it like this: "Dave had an affair with a 17-year-old girl who was pretending to be 18. They made a sex tape, her parents found it and accused him of rape. He went to prison for life."

My parents visit and talk to him regularly, although nobody else in the extended family does, and they always encouraged me to communicate with him. They say he made "poor decisions" but doesn't deserve his prison sentence or the family neglect. I felt bad for him, so I willingly joined in phone calls and letter writing.

I recently mentioned all this to a friend who is experienced in the legal field. He thought the story sounded peculiar, so we looked up Dave and found out he had multiple counts of sexual assault on a child under 14. In other words, my parents tricked me into regular conversations with a child molester.

I'm floored. Should I confront them? If so, what do I say? Should I tell my brother? I want nothing to do with Dave, and I'm horrified that my parents would lie in his defense. — HORRIFIED IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR HORRIFIED: I can understand why you want nothing to do with this

relative. Tell your parents that you have written to me. Ask them why they chose to minimize what your uncle did and encourage you to communicate with a predator. Doing so was a gross betrayal of your trust. I'm not sure how they can justify their actions because it is the job of parents to protect their child.

You should absolutely tell your brother what has been happening because it's appalling.

DEAR ABBY: I love my boyfriend. We have been together nearly six years, but there are a few issues. The biggest one is his diet.

He eats like it's going out of style. The only reason he's not 400 pounds is because his job keeps him active. He has put on 60 pounds since we started dating, and we can no longer sleep together because of the snoring his weight gain has caused. He can no longer stand to be outdoors when he's home because it's always "too hot."

When we first started seeing each other, he was fit and active. Now he comes home, eats and stares at his phone. He's always unhappy with his weight, but when I ask him to please eat better, his response is, "Nothing makes me as happy as a cookie." He would rather be a 500-pound blob who never had to move if it meant he could eat cake all day.

DEAR HORRIFIED: I feel he has chosen food over me. I'm only 27, and I know I'll have to sleep alone



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

for however long I'm with him. I don't know if I can do that. I make an effort to maintain myself for him, but clearly, the favor isn't returned. What are your thoughts? -- WORRYING IN FLORIDA

DEAR WORRYING: If nothing makes your boyfriend happier than eating a cookie, it's time you got to the bottom of what is eating HIM. When a fit and active person suddenly loses interest in his health and becomes careless about his diet, one has to wonder if he may be using food to cope with painful or unpleasant emotions. Continue to help and support him as much as you can, but frankly, it may be time for the two of you to seek relationship counseling from a licensed mental health professional before your boyfriend's diet causes permanent damage to his health.