

Shorts

Center police report

BY CENTER POLICE CHIEF DALE MEEK

CENTER — A Center man has been arrested following a string of car burglaries and one house burglary in Center last week that also involved the theft of three firearms. The burglaries occurred in the areas spanning from the Central Housing Authority, down 2nd Street and up through Central Avenue.

Unlocked cars were entered, the glove compartments ransacked and cash, phones and miscellaneous items taken. Car doors were left open as the suspect fled.

Pedro Portillo aka "Pito" was arrested for two of the six cars that were broken into back March 31. Police examined video directly connecting Pedro to the two cars. The other four vehicles are being written up as felony summons as they have the same Modus Operandi, or method of operation (MO) as the other burglaries.

In a last attempt to avoid incarceration, Portillo claimed to have CoVid19 upon a last attempt to avoid incarceration walking into the jail, but this was proven to be untrue.

Portillo was entering unlocked vehicles only. After getting into the vehicle, he would ransack the glove compartment and look for small, easy-to-carry items. Please spread the word for people to lock their vehicles and place items of value under the seat or in the trunk.

There is reason to believe one of the weapons stolen may be in Alamosa but there is no information or intelligence on the rifles except that the suspect was seen crossing north Broadway, walking around the cell tower on 1st street and disappearing near Sylvester Street. The stolen weapons are listed below.

1) Ruger LCPII .380 semi-auto, Serial # 380526860. The pistol is black in color.

2) Savage Axis .308 rifle with Vortex Crossfire II 6x24 scope; camouflage-colored stock and bipod.

3) Savage Model II 6.5 rifle with Swampfox 6x24 scope; camouflage colored stock with bipod.

Regarding another matter, a tractor-trailer attempted to make a U-turn on the East side of St.

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Towns of Center, Saguache election results

Center passes sales tax referendum

SAGUACHE COUNTY — According to unofficial election results Wednesday morning, the towns of Center and Saguache are welcoming new board members and the town of Center has passed a 2 percent sales tax increase to help achieve its economic development goals.

Center voters passed the sales tax measure 162 to 136. Anthony "Tony" Garcia will serve as Center's new mayor. Garcia received 107 votes, Jaime Hurtado 84, Pedro Segura 63, James Sanchez 54 and Delsa Chavez 41.

New trustees on the Center town board include Peggy Martinez with 196 votes and Nivek Bieriger with 154 votes. Incumbent Archie Gallegos also

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Annexation injunction request lays out county's case

BY TERESA L. BENNS

SAGUACHE — On March 20, Saguache County Attorney Ben Gibbons filed a preliminary injunction and request for review of the Moffat annexation No. 3 comprised of 325 acres of formerly agricultural land being developed by marijuana entrepreneurs working as Potch LLC/Area 420.

The county's main objections can be summarized as its right to claim as county owned and maintained County Road 59, which Moffat has declared as part of the annexation; the threats to the safety and well-being of Saguache County residents posed by the proposed annexation and the failure of the town of Moffat to proceed according to numerous state statutes.

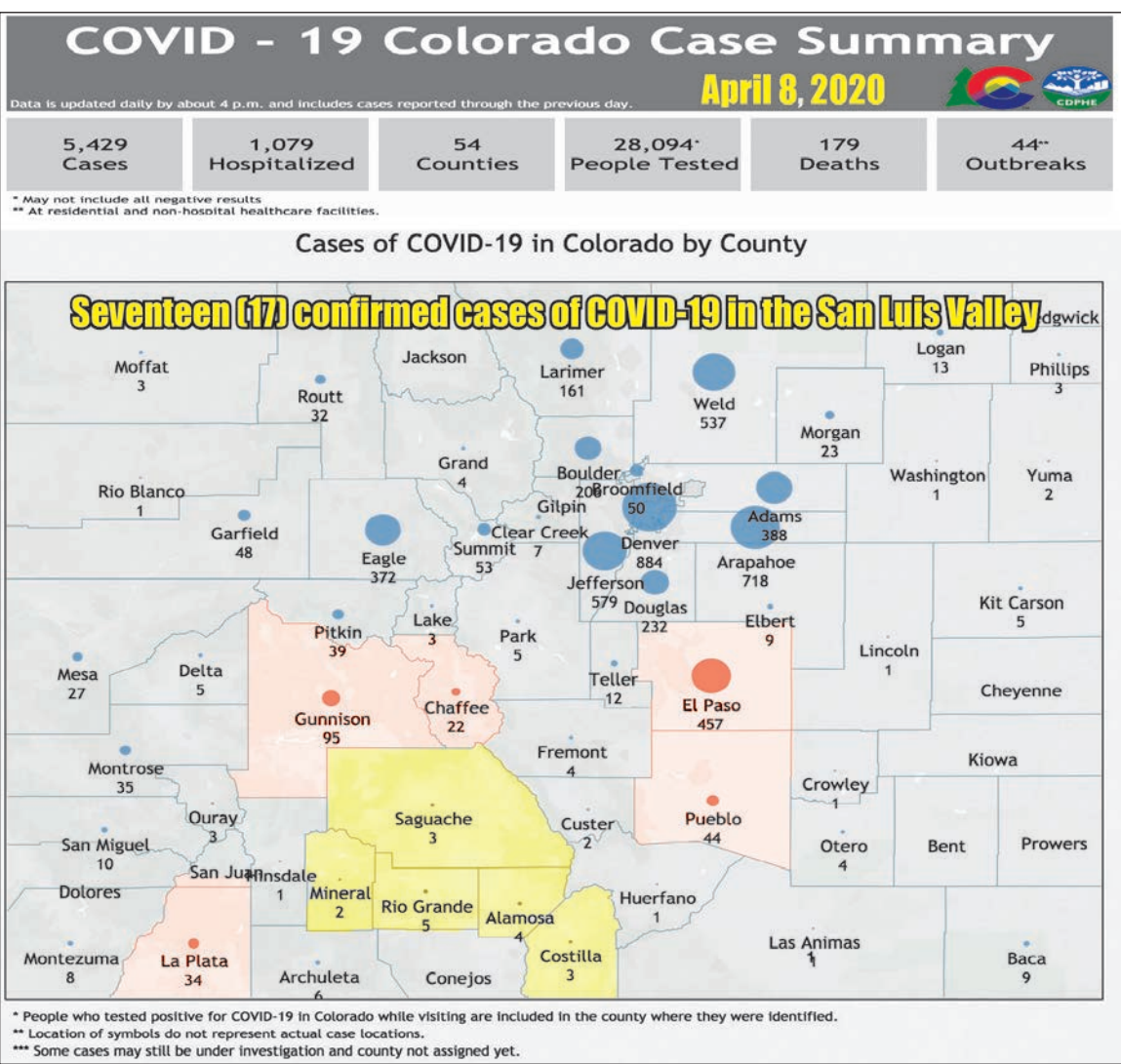
The following are the primary objections and observations raised by the county, taken from the legal filing. "C.R.S. §31-12-116(1)(a), provides that any board of county commissioners governing the area proposed to be annexed can challenge that proposed annexation if it believes it is "aggrieved" by the actions of the municipality that seeks the annexation and may seek review of those actions.

"The Saguache County Board of County Commissioners, on its behalf and on behalf of the citizens of Saguache County contend that the actions of the Town Trustees failed to meet the statutory requirements for annexation of the subject property and is not in the best interest of Saguache County and its citizens and further that such actions create an ongoing safety and health hazard for the residents of the County.

The filing notes that the Town of Moffat is a "Colorado statutory town." On Jan. 21, town trustees approved and adopted Ordinance No. 2020-1 "which purports to have provided approval for the annexation of the 'Potch 3' parcels into the Town of Moffat from the county of Saguache."

On Feb. 25, 2020, Saguache County Attorney Ben Gibbons, acting on behalf of the Saguache County Board of Commissioners and within the statutory time frame, filed a Motion for Reconsideration of Ordinance 2020-01 with the

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SLV has first COVID-19 fatality, Gov. Polis extends stay at home order to April 26

Local health officials are in agreement that the data show that people can be asymptomatic to COVID-19 and still test positive.

Health Department announced the first COVID-19-related fatality in Alamosa County. The individual was a recently confirmed case for Alamosa County and passed away while in hospital.

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Let's talk about numbers. For our readers, you may have noticed that we shifted our emphasis away

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Seniors ponder graduation options

BY TERESA L. BENNS

CENTER — Twenty-two Center High School seniors, four senior sponsors (Jan Vigil, Stephanie Archuleta, John Noriega and Garrett Myers) CHS principal Kevin Jones and Center Schools Superintendent Carrie Zimmerman met on Google Meet Tuesday to discuss graduation options.

All possibilities were discussed, and anyone could propose ideas, Jones reported, but some of the

options are not allowed by Saguache County.

"I was proposing a graduation at the football field where all families must stay in their own cars, but that is not allowed as this is associated with a gathering," Jones said. "Therefore, we are down to the following options:

- A. Keep the same date (May 16) and try our best to have the graduation ceremony. Those choosing this option, please select the best option below.

- 1. Virtual (video of each student getting their diploma.)
- 2. Virtual and remote video done at local drive in theater. This will happen at the Drive-In in Center (west) or Monte Vista (approved by owner).

Postpone graduation until Aug. 1. The graduation will be held in a traditional setting in the gym/stadium.

All students and families will be voting on these options before the Center Board of Education meeting Tuesday, April 14, Jones said.

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from numbers of positive cases, although we do continue to post them daily at <http://www.slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/>. Currently the San Luis Valley has 17 confirmed COVID-19 cases and this number has remained the same for several days. Why do we want to de-emphasize this information? Simply put, it is because we know this number is not a complete and accurate reflection of the total number of people who have COVID-19. This number includes only those who have been tested positive, and those who we have identified through contacts with those who have been tested. It does not include others in the community who may not have been sick enough to be tested, but who could still potentially transmit the virus to others.

Local health officials are in agreement that the data show that people can be asymptomatic to COVID-19 and still test positive. Additional less common symptoms include headache, loss of taste and smell, nausea, diarrhea and body aches. If you have mild symptoms, you can usually self-care, rest, and make sure to stay hydrated. The symptoms should resolve in a week or less.

If you develop emergency warning signs you should get medical attention immediately. Emergency symptoms include trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion or inability to wake up, or bluish lips or face.

Local health officials are reminding that this is not a vacation; it is a pandemic. We love visitors and we rely on tourism in the San Luis Valley, but we must now ask that visitors delay their plans to come to our area until after this pandemic crisis is over. Our high altitude is not well suited for a respiratory illness such as COVID-19. Our local health care system is not equipped to handle the increased cases of COVID-19 that could arrive with the seasonal increase in population, whether that population is from second homeowners or other visitors. We have very limited hospital beds and even fewer ICU bed capabilities in our six-county area. Hospitals in neighboring areas have severe demands placed on them right now as well. We know you understand and care about your resident Colorado neighbors, and would not wish for further hardship for them.

The San Luis Valley regional counties of Gunnison, El Paso, Pueblo, Chaffee, and La Plata have an extensive number of cases and travel to these counties should be avoided unless essential as outlined by Governor Polis' order. Mineral and Hinsdale counties issued a mandatory health order Tuesday, March 24, which requires people who have traveled outside of the county for more than 24 hours to self-isolate for seven days. This order was extended to April 14.

Monday, April 6, Governor Polis extended the Colorado stay at home order to April 26. "We all want a timeline, when will this nightmare be over?... We simply can't function normally while we're living day to day in mortal fear of a deadly virus... But if the choice is between a temporary shutdown and a catastrophic loss of life, the choice is clear... The better job we do at staying in, the sooner we can go back out," Polis said.

Governor Polis has asked that everyone begin using a face cover when making those rare essential trips out in public; if you don't have a mask, you can use a bandana or a scarf. We know that the virus is out there in the community in numbers larger than what we can accurately report, which is why we keep repeating the same message: stay home, wash your hands, self-isolate if you are sick, and self-quarantine if you have had close contact with someone who is sick. If you have had symptoms, please continue to help us track overall levels of illness in our community by completing our anonymous SLV Symptom Tracker survey at <http://www.slvemergency.org/slv-covid-19/>.

If you are experiencing symptoms please call your health care provider or a nurse call line at: San Luis Valley Health 719-589-2511 ext. 9, Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990 or Valley Wide Health Systems 719-589-3658 ext. 9.

If you are having difficulty breathing or another medical emergency, dial 911. A nurse will return your call between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. every day. If you reach a voicemail, please leave a clear name and good callback phone number.

The most common symptoms are fever, cough and shortness of breath. The nurses and providers will probably make special arrangements if they suspect you have the coronavirus and want you to come in for testing or for a visit. Going to the clinic or hospital without calling ahead could expose more people to the virus.

This is a tough time for a lot of us. Make sure to take care of your physical and mental health. We highly recommend that you take a few minutes to listen to the recent podcast on SLVoices featuring some of our partners at SLV Behavioral Health Group talking about how to cope with the unusual demands and stresses of this pandemic. You can access the podcast at <https://slvoices.com/2020/04/02/your-mental-health-during-the-covid-19-crisis/>. SLV Behavioral Health Group's Emergency Crisis services is also responding to calls. If you are experiencing a crisis, please call 719-589.3671 or call the crisis hotline 1 (844) 493-TALK (8255). For after business hours assistance, please call 911 or the crisis hotline 1 (844) 493-TALK (8255) or text TALK to 38255 to receive mental health crisis support.

Irrigation season doesn't wait



Photo by Trey Spaulding

Local farmers began hydration of their fields this week.

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was re-elected, receiving 143 votes. Nick Schaeffer received 135 votes, Annette Martinez 96 votes, Herman "Dicky" Sisneros 89 votes, David Ramon 69 votes and Leslie "Duran" Shelley 50 votes. Martinez and Bieriger join trustees Gallegos, Mary McClure, Adeline Sanchez and Bill McClure

to constitute Center's new board. Timothy Chittum was elected to the Saguache Town board with 72 votes. Opponent Terry Gillette received 62 votes. Incumbent mayor Elvie Samora, running unopposed, was re-elected to a four-year term with 64 votes. Incumbents Jim Jaminet, Susan

Collins, and Janice Torrez all were re-elected. Jaminet received 110 votes, Collins 96 and Torrez 93. They will serve on the board with Wyoma Hansen and Amber Wilson, whose terms expire in 2022. Jaminet will serve on the board until 2024 and Collins, Wilson and Chittum until 2022.

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Valley residents make gowns to help hospital staff

SANLUIS VALLEY - If the sewers, quilters and crafters of the San Luis Valley are keeping track, they can now add "medical gowns" to the list of what the generous crafters are making to help the inventory of San Luis Valley Health.

While hundreds of masks have been made, valley residents are now gathering the material needed to help make the water-resistant gowns that are also in short supply. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the need for medical protective personal gear has increased.

Lynn Weathers, the owner of the Alamosa Quilt Company, created the pattern for the gown. The direct link for the pattern can be found at: <https://alamoquilter.blogspot.com/2020/03/surgical-gown-project.html>

Completed gowns can be dropped off

at the SLV Health Foundation office, located in the SLV Health Education Building at 1921 Main Street in Alamosa.

"I am continually and repeatedly amazed at the outpouring of support the community has continued to give to our health care staff during this time," said Kelly Gurule, director of the SLV Health Foundation. "It's wonderful, to see people coming together to help out."

The easily disposable gowns will assist the health care staff in the fight against the possible spread of COVID-19.

For more information about helping with making the gowns, please contact Kelly Gurule at 719-587-6359 or by email at gurulek@slvrhc.org, or Dawn Krebs at 719-587-6359 or by email at dawn.krebs@slvrhc.org.



SLV Health staff model the medical gowns that were created by San Luis Valley residents.

Courtesy photo

Support SLV Health community at Parade of Lights

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Friday, April 10, 96.5 The Fox and KYDN Country are presenting "The Easter Parade of Lights" a tribute to the health care workers at SLV Health.

All this week, the radio stations will solicit members of the community to do something "good" this Friday and participate in a salute to the Valley's health care workers. The community will be asked to gather, in their vehicles, at 5:45 p.m. in the parking lot of SLV Health and tune into the radio stations.

The stations will be broadcasting live from the parking lot. During the remote broadcast, the stations will coordinate the blinking of headlights and honking of horns of all in attendance, to pay tribute to health care workers during their 6

p.m. shift change and let them know how appreciated they are.

The event is intended to last no longer than 15 minutes and everyone who attends will be required to remain in their cars. The radio stations will record the event on audio and video including a view from a drone.

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Jerome's Catholic Church. The truck took out three power poles and damaged a couple residences/structures when the power lines were jerked from falling power poles. The driver attempted to flee the scene but was stopped leaving town. He was issued multiple citations and a traffic collision report was completed.

Residents beware

Items like radar detectors, GPS, cell phones and purses raise the likelihood that a person will be victimized if these items can be seen in a vehicle.

The Center Police Department continues to receive multiple suspicious person calls. I am very happy with this. But dispatchers need to know the reason why someone is suspicious, what the person is wearing and if the person leaves, what direction they left in. Since the suspicious articulable suspicion training was held with several of the Neighborhood Watch Volunteers, there have been two suspicious person calls that have directly led to summons/arrests.

Lastly, the area of criminal activity has shifted again in Center. Miles Street was the hot spot but after several arrests, the criminal activity has moved to the triangle-shaped area of Washington Street, Garcia Street and running the fields back to Casa de Cortez. Be vigilant and call if anyone is seen acting unusual in these areas.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

The Easter Bunny takes a detour

The darned virus has finally done it and struck at the very core of Americana.

It was bad enough that St. Paddy's Day was curtailed and all that green beer wasted, but now the wretched corona has ended Easter as we know it. This is a tad perplexing as up until now the virus was not known to spread into the animal kingdom but here it is going full bore and killing off the Easter Bunny.

Ol' Dutch has seen some cruel things happen in this world up to now, but brutally murdering our dear Mr. Bunny just about takes the cake as far as disasters go. I mean we have seen some hurricanes come along and try to ruin some holiday and the buying frenzy leading up to that but nothing has done to America what this Coronavirus has done.

You may recall that Hurricane Katrina hit in late August and was so bad that even in October, many people just plain missed out on Halloween. And since hurricanes usually take place about that time of year of course there are lots of places that have lost out on that Spooktacular evening due to one occurrence or another in their areas. But not the whole country for Pete's sake.

But here we sit waiting, some with bated breath and some with baited — Ol' Dutch knows some of you only brush your teeth for company and this quarantine business is guaranteed to cause some mighty bad halitosis. Do your wife a favor and go brush and floss right after you finish reading this paper.

Over here, Ol' Dutch is lucky enough to be imprisoned with Miss Trixie during this time so it could be worse for our entombment is a continual display of culinary delights and tastes that certainly buffers the pain of this pandemic.

Miss Trixie cooks up a storm and Ol' Dutch eats it all. That's about all there is to say about that except, "Amen and pass the biscuits!"

Probably the worst part of this Easter cancellation is not being able to partake of the after Easter sale on the candy. Now folks, you can take away a lot of things but not being able to stock up on milk chocolate bunnies at giveaway prices has to be Communism 101. That just isn't right.

It's bad enough not to have enough toilet paper to softly address a person's keister and having to scrounge around for hand sanitizer and alcohol. That's bad for us humans but think about the animal kingdom and how we are making



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

poor chickens work overtime trying to produce enough eggs for a family of four to survive on.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see that the egg cartons are empty at the store and with that we've lost another tradition that will be the final straw for the poor old camel's back. Yes, you guessed it. No eggs to dye.

Gone now are the days when little children got to dip hard-boiled eggs in a liquid mixture of God knows what kind of poison after writing their names on them with white wax crayons and saving them in the refrigerator until they rotted and were tossed out. Memories like that you just cannot replace folks.

While we bemoan losing the fun parts of Easter, I realize that we are losing the most important part of all: gathering with friends and family in churches across this land to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Miss Trixie urges me to take comfort in her favorite quote from Pope John Paul II: "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the resurrection people and hallelujah is our song."

Yes, we will miss the love and hugs, the smiles and sweet kisses, the photos of the children in their bonnets, but my prayer is that each of you keep those cherished memories fresh and foremost in your hearts this Easter Season.

With God's grace, we will weather this storm and find new strength in the days ahead for the challenges sure to come. God bless you all and keep you now and forever from Dutch, Trixie and Cooper.

Kevin Kirkpatrick and his Yorkie, Cooper, fish, hunt, ATV or hike daily. His email is Kevin@TroutRepublic.com. Additional news can be found at www.troutrepublic.com or on Twitter at TroutRepublic.

Kudos to Saguache County commissioners

It was great to see that commissioners have now opened up their meetings to citizens using Zoom. Sunshine is always the best disinfectant even when not dealing with a pandemic. Commissioner agendas for the April 21 meeting can be accessed at the saguachecounty.net website and will contain a password for those wishing to attend.

And it also was gratifying to see that commissioners have responded to concerns of citizens in the Moffat area and others throughout the county by filing a request for a preliminary injunction and hearing on annexation No. 3 of the Potch LLC/Area 420 marijuana complex. The filing was thorough in detailing the many problems that exist with this annexation and why it is not in the best interests of county residents.

Commissioners could have allowed the deadlines on filing the objection to pass, but the fact that they responded tells residents they did listen to their concerns.

One thing that commissioners may also wish to address during (or even outside) the court process is the structuring of the Moffat town board that led up to this annexation and the way that town meetings are held in Moffat. Had the board been operating under accepted governmental standards, the annexation process might have been better scrutinized and researched, and those providing information and assistance to the board more scrupulously vetted

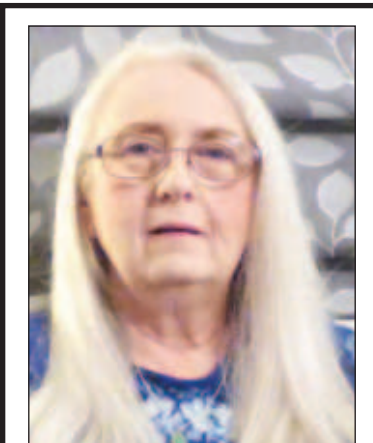
to guarantee a more objective evaluation of the project.

For years there have been problems with town meetings in Moffat, even preceding the purchase of land there for commercial marijuana cultivation. But once cannabis became king in the town, advocates for annexation and other projects began courting the current mayor and those board members then in place and currying favor.

While some board members have resigned owing to conflicts of interest related to the marijuana industry, others remain who have very much benefited from the Potch LLC/Area 420 development and continue to do so. Without this favorable climate that benefits only a few, the annexation process more likely would have been conducted in accordance with state statutes.

More to the point, the town board would not have omitted the citizen involvement necessary to render the proceedings in line with statutory requirements, a fact one attorney retained by Moffat citizens pointed out. Those attending meetings in Moffat complained for two years they could not obtain information from the town ordinarily available to the public, were harassed at meetings by board members and marijuana growers who predominated there and were even requested to leave.

This state of affairs very much contributed to the problems now



My Two Cents
By TERESA BENNS

faced by the county and Moffat residents. The town is a statutory, not a home rule town, despite its behavior to the contrary. By encouraging reform regarding town meetings and the cordial admission of town residents whose objections they have refused to consider, commissioners could avoid additional problems that might occur in the future.

While some feel the town's business should not be of any interest to the county, all governments within the county should be working with each other as well as the county for the benefit of Saguache County citizens. Wherever this is not happening, citizens run the risk of being victimized by two-bit despots and those to whom they delegate their dirty work.

LETTERS

Dear Sargent School District Community

To the editor,
Again, thank you for all your patience and understanding during this difficult and trying time for our school and community. We hope you and your families are staying healthy and safe both mentally and physically.

As you are probably aware Colorado Gov. Jared Polis announced yesterday that he is lengthening the suspension of in-person learning in Colorado's schools through April 30, revising the original order that had been set to expire on April 17. Polis reiterated that it remains unlikely that schools will return to in-person learning this school year.

Polis explained that due to the

constantly evolving information around the novel coronavirus pandemic his general practice is for executive orders to be enacted for 30 days at a time.

The Governor said he has high expectations for remote learning in schools and that districts should continue to proceed with their processes with the understanding that students will likely not be returning to in-person instruction this school year. So even though we do not have to make up contact hours or days, we strive to ensure that our students continue receiving instruction throughout the school year. Teachers are working hard to

provide online learning through live video, recorded lessons, projects and assignments. Please help us to ensure that students are engaging with their teachers and the instruction that is being provided. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher via email or during their office hours that they have posted, they will be glad to help. Otherwise you can reach out to their Principal or myself.

Thank you for your continued patience, cooperation and support. We will all get through this together.

Brian Crowther, Sargent Superintendent

Husband was at death's door

To the editor,
My husband was at death's door with blood clots in both lungs, difficulty breathing, high blood sugar and a heart beating out of control. He was admitted to the Rio Grande Hospital and was told he should be transferred to a Denver ICU. As he is 86 years old and has a DNR (Do Not Resuscitate

Directive) he said, "I want to die right here in the Valley"! The staff treated him as if he were a member of their own family (I mean housekeeping, the kitchen staff, doctors, nurses, nurse aides, ward clerks, X-ray, lab, nursing administration, etc.). Due to the corona virus ALL personnel were working long hours with a skeleton

crew! They saved my husband who is now recuperating at home due to the outstanding knowledgeable, compassionate care he received! I have been an RN for 50+ years so I know how fortunate we are to have this great facility and staff in our community! Thank you to all!

Jerri Meadows, RN, MSN

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Free homeschool resource offers printed lessons for kids K-5

By TERESA L. BENNS

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Former model, actress, film producer and author Sam Sorbo has some timely advice for those now staying at home with their kids learning online: “You have options — shop your home education choices and relax, you won’t break your kids.”

Sorbo, now a Texas homeschooling mom of three, is a spokesperson for the Texas Homeschool Coalition (THSC), one of the nation’s leading authorities on home education. The coalition recently launched phase one of its multiple-phase COVID-19 response plan offering printable home lesson plans for kindergarten through fifth grade. The resource is free.

Author of the book “They’re Your Kids: An inspirational Journey From Self-Doubter to Homeschool Advocate,” Sorbo reassures parents that “it’s not as hard as you think.”

“Parents now have the vibrant, comprehensive, necessary resources to teach at home,” Sorbo said in a THSC news release March 24. “COVID-19 may shut down our schools, but the learning shouldn’t have to stop, as we empower parents to take the reins and continue their children’s education at home in the coming months.”

To access the courses, go to <https://coronavirushomeschooling.com> or join the community and the Facebook group at: <https://facebook.com/groups/coronavirushomeschool>.

In a phone interview Monday, Sorbo commented that those parents who would like an alternative to hours of online learning can print out the lesson plans and children can complete them without the

aid of a computer. “We provide the curriculum, you provide the love,” Sorbo said. “This ought to be a dream come true for teachers who beg parents to become more involved.”

She went on to explain what every teacher knows: that parental involvement is key to children’s success in school, and while “teachers are wonderful, I love them, they are your kids.” According to trustworthy studies, Sorbo observed, home-schooled children score 30-35 percent higher in academic achievement tests than their public school counterparts, and she credits that partly to the “love” component parents invest in homeschooling.

Sorbo assures parents they are capable, and more than capable, of doing a good job to educate their

children. She believes parents staying at home with children will help them re-evaluate what their children are learning and see how gratifying it is to stimulate and satisfy a child’s curiosity.

“If you don’t know the answer you can show your child how to find the answer,” Sorbo pointed out. “Not knowing can be a great way to learn.”

The COVID-19 crisis also can offer opportunities for teachers who would like a different way to go with their careers, Sorbo said. Parents can hire teachers to teach their children or tutor them in some specific area and teachers also can make themselves available to homeschool co-ops that assist parents who are homeschooling.

“There are many different ways to get this done,” Sorbo concluded.



Sam Sorbo

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CENTER OF FOCUS

By CENTER SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT CARRIE ZIMMERMAN

Focus on the fabulous

Our first week of remote learning was a success! Our teachers worked hard to provide students with authentic learning experiences that were engaging and relevant to all that is going on in the world today. Students were able to use their personal devices and watch direct instruction in all content areas.

Joe Martinez and Tim Sanchez did a great job providing guided instruction on daily workouts for our students. Kids were able to follow along and complete the workouts. They were then asked to upload videos of themselves completing the training routine so that instructors could provide feedback and support!

Mr. Schoenfelder’s Graphic Design classes are doing artwork related to the current pandemic and his photography class is getting in touch with their creative side with their impressive photos.

Skoglund Middle School teachers put together a thematic unit tying the current COVID-19 pandemic into the daily lessons

across content areas.

Haskin Elementary students felt the personal connection with their teachers as they went the extra mile to reach out to their students in a number of different ways.

Students in Mr. Steward’s class presented research projects using Flipgrid videos.

The teachers and students weren’t alone in embracing this new approach to learning. Dr. Hensley, Center’s Director of Instruction, did a fantastic job making resources and

instructional materials available to our staff in a number of different formats.

Our counselors, MTSS team, nurses, and special education department all put supports in place to connect with students and provide information and resources during this time.

Center students, staff, and community are working side by side to get through this together and make sure that we come out stronger on the other side!



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Moffat Board of Trustees. "In a letter dated March 9, 2020, counsel for the town of Moffat informed [Gibbons] that the Moffat board of trustees was presented the Motion for Reconsideration and did not act on it, so it is deemed denied.

Commissioners scheduled a site visit to the property proposed for annexation on Nov.7, 2019. They reported: "The annexed property does not meet [statutory] requirements" regarding contiguousness to the Town. "County Road 59 is a County maintained road which is listed on the County inventory and is a major transportation arterial for the citizens of Saguache County.

"The County objected to the use of County Road 59 for the 'flagpole' annexation and has contended, among other concerns that the Town does not have the resources to properly maintain the road for the safety of the citizens of Saguache County. The Town has never provided a legal basis for using County Road 59 as a 'flagpole' for the annexation, provided any information as to a plan to maintain the portion of the road that it now claims to own, nor how the citizens of Saguache will be compensated for the loss of [state] Highway User Tax Funds from that segment of the road.

"The County asserts that the use of County Road 59 as a means of meeting the contiguous requirements for the annexation is not in comportment with the statutory requirements for such annexation and challenges the legal authority of the town to utilize this procedure." On Jan. 21, 2020, at a regular Board of Commissioners meeting, the county informed a Moffat town representative that the impact report was deemed inadequate.

The following are listed in the legal filing as statutory impact study requirements Moffat has failed to meet: "...educational assessment requirements... not properly and adequately addressing the extension of town services to the annexed area" and the lack of "a viable plan to both extend utilities, provide adequate water, and pay for the anticipated strain on municipal resources associated with the annexation.

"A specific deficiency relates to how the annexed land and proposed operations will be supplied with water... The County's position was that the property was being annexed specifically to avoid complying with the County's land use regulations governing the operation of marijuana cultivation activities and that such action created a well-founded concern for the health and safety of the citizens of Saguache County.

"The Town has neither the resources or expertise to properly inspect or enforce safety and health measures relating to the operation of cultivation

operations. The Town has "retained" Canna Valley Consulting as an expert in these efforts. Upon information and belief individuals who are now the employees of or consultants for Canna have made presentations on behalf of Potch LLC to the Town Board of Trustees. This has raised a serious concern about a potential conflict of interest with the 'regulators' retained by the Town and their abilities to unbiasedly ensure the safety of the proposed operations.

"As representative of the lack of resources, on Oct. 15, 2019, a fire occurred in the Town of Moffat that resulted in the destruction of a substantial part of downtown and the Town was not able to handle this emergency because the only water source was a 2,500-gallon water tanker and no other ability to provide water for the suppression effort. The lack of resources to handle any emergency at the proposed development on the annexed property remains a concern of the commissioners.

"The Town never addressed the identified deficiencies in the impact study report. The impact study report dated Oct.1, 2019 fails to meet [statutory] requirements. Further, the Town has failed to address the well founded and articulated concerns of the County regarding issues related to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Saguache County.

"One of the requirements for the issuance of a Preliminary Injunction is that the movant has a reasonable probability of success on the merits (*Rathke v. MacFarland*, 648 P.2d 648.) The County contends that upon review of all the facts and the annexation report that the court will find the town did not meet the statutory requirements set forth in the Municipal Annexation Act and [will] void the annexation ordinance.

A movant demonstrates irreparable harm where there is an actual — not speculative or remote — danger of injury, even where such injury is not certain. the Town does not have the necessary resources to handle such a situation should it change in the property tax base.

"[In summary], the threatened injury to the County and its citizens vastly outweighs the harm to the defendants in the event an injunction issues (characterizing the balance of equities analysis as requiring that the harm to the movant outweigh the harm to the non-movant if an injunction issues). The proposed development will substantially and irreparably change the nature of the annexed property without the issuance of an injunction."

According to a Saguache District Court staffer, the town of Moffat has not responded to the filing and no court date has yet been set to decide on the requested injunction.

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Churches and Easter during COVID-19, drive up communion

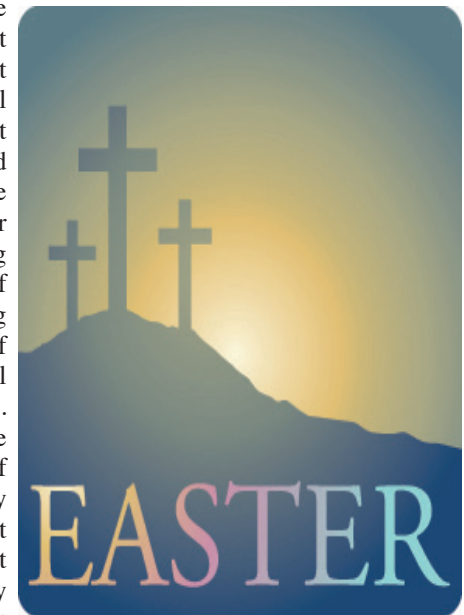
BY REBECCA COPLEY
SANLUISVALLEY-Easter will be different this year for families, and churches all across America. With the coronavirus making it dangerous to gather in groups, many churches are making their Easter services viewable online. Several around the San Luis Valley will be posting their sermons every week on Facebook Live including, Alamosa Christian Reformed Church, Trinity Lutheran, Feed Store Church and many others. Calvary Baptist will be hosting a drive up communion on Good Friday. They will have an awning

set up with communion trays under it. Someone will be there with a mask and gloves. Cars will pull up and someone will say a short prayer with them then they will be handed the communion wafer and grape juice. After they take communion the people manning the station will throw away their cups and then switch their gloves and go on to the next car. "It's just a chance for people to connect and exercise their faith and we're going to try to do it in the safest possible way," said Calvary Baptist Pastor Bob Gale. Living Water Bible Fellowship

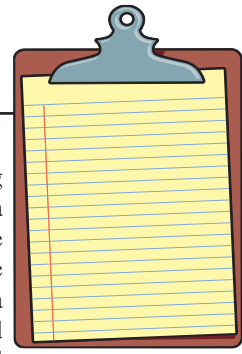
will have their sermons accessible on their website, YouTube and Facebook page. "As pastors we've been talking about how terrible this could be for our community and praying that it's not. But also how this crisis is probably also forcing everyone to evaluate what is most important. What had become the center of one's life has likely been revealed as secondary or even nonessential when it comes to what really matters," commented Living Water's lead pastor Jeron Parkins adding, "For instance sports and athletic activities can be great and even beneficial to families, but

should they have commanded as much time, energy, and money as they did before their cancellation? There are likely a lot of things that are neutral or good that can be raised up to become idols in our lives, taking the place of God or taking the place of essential relationships. So while we're in the midst of a very heavy and difficult challenge that our community has to get through first, we're hoping that this will also be a time of reevaluating and seeking out what makes life truly meaningful. We're hopeful that for many God will once again be worshipped and placed at the center of family, marriages and businesses. Tough times come and go, but in the long run if the Lord Jesus is at the center of our lives, everything runs much smoother (Matthew 6:33)."

Church at Movie Manor drive in theater at 11 a.m. "We'll be doing livestreaming on Facebook Live, we'll also be doing it on the radio so as people come into the drive in theater, they'll tune their cars to 95.3. Bob Richards from the radio station is going to bring all of his equipment and do a live remote. We're going to be on a flatbed trailer," said Gale. "We'll just let everybody sit in their cars, and if they want to say amen, they can flash their lights or honk their horns." Gale also shared how Monday-Friday at noon he does a live devotion on the church's Facebook page. On Saturday mornings he also does a "Man up," bible study at 8 a.m. "I miss my congregation and I miss seeing them. At least if I'm on the air everyday with them they know that I'm still there and I'm still thinking about them and I think that helps," said Gale.



CLIPS FROM THE CLERK



BY SAGUACHE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER TRISH GILBERT EXECUTIVE ORDER
 Marriage licenses due to the presence of COVID-19
Directives
 A. The Governor temporarily suspends the following statutes prohibiting county clerk and recorder offices from issuing marriage licenses when county clerk and recorder offices are closed to the public due to the presence of COVID-19 in Colorado:
 1. The requirement in C.R.S. § 14-2-106(1)(a) that at least one party to a prospective marriage appears in person before the county clerk and recorder and pays a marriage license fee, to the extent this statute requires a party's physical presence before a county clerk and recorder.
 The requirement in C.R.S. § 14-2-106(1)(a)(I) that a party to a prospective marriage submit satisfactory proof that each party to the marriage will have attained the age of eighteen (18) years at the time the marriage license becomes effective, or if over the age of sixteen (16) years

but has not attained the age of eighteen (18) years, has judicial approval, to the county clerk and recorder, to the extent this statute requires in-person submission of proof.
 The requirement in C.R.S. § 14-2-106(1)(a)(II) that a party to a prospective marriage submit satisfactory proof that the marriage is not prohibited, to the extent this statute requires in-person submission of proof.
 The requirement in C.R.S. § 14-2-107 that licenses to marry shall be issued by the county clerk and recorder only during the hours that the office of the county clerk and recorder is open as prescribed by law and at no other time.
 The requirement in C.R.S. § 14-2-107 that licenses to marry are only valid for thirty-five (35) days and if not used within thirty-five (35) days, are void and must be returned to the county clerk and recorder for cancellation.
 B. The Governor encourages county clerks and recorders to adopt guidance and publicly display such guidance online regarding the

following:
 • Allowing a party to a prospective marriage to send a completed and signed marriage license application and the required payment to the county clerk and recorder, as required by C.R.S. § 14-2-106 (1)(a), by mail, fax or online; and
 • Allowing parties to a prospective marriage to submit satisfactory proof that each party to the marriage will have attained the age of 18 years at the time the marriage license becomes effective, or if over the age of 16 years but has not attained the age of 18 years, has judicial approval, as required by C.R.S. § 14-2-106(1)(a)(I), and that the marriage is not prohibited, as required by C.R.S. § 14-2-106(1)(a)(II), to the county clerk and recorder by mail, fax or online.
 This Executive Order shall expire thirty (30) days from March 26, 2020, unless extended further by Executive Order.

SAGUACHE SHERIFF REPORT

The following information was provided by the Saguache County Sheriff's Office for the week of March 30-April 6, 2020
Arrests
 • Pedro Portillo, 27, Center, two counts first-degree criminal trespass, two counts of theft, two counts of violation of bail bond conditions.
 • Amber Felton, 20, Moffat, contempt of court.
 • Hunter Tonner, 20, Highlands Ranch, DUI/D.
Citations
 • Hunter Tonner, 20, Highlands Ranch, operated ATV on roadway where prohibited, careless driving.

The Strategy to Gain Freedom from Deception

Deception is a dangerous problem, and something Jesus warned us about in the Bible. In Matthew 24:4, He said, "Be careful that on one misleads you [deceiving you and leading you into error]" (AMP). There are other places in Scripture where we're warned to watch out and be alert because we have an enemy who is trying to deceive us. When you're deceived, you believe a lie. This is dangerous because when you believe a lie, even though it's not true, it becomes your reality. I used to believe I would always have a second-rate life because my father had sexually abused me throughout my childhood and I was "damaged goods." This lie made me insecure, bitter, hard to get along with, and absolutely miserable. But when I discovered the truth in God's Word, that He would heal my soul and pay me back for the shame of my youth, I had hope that I could move forward in His plans and purposes for my life. I began growing in my relationship with Jesus, learning how to trust Him to restore my mind and emotions—my heart—and how to live according to the wisdom in His Word.
Breaking Free from the Lies That Tormented My Soul
 A major key to overcoming the wrong mindsets I'd lived with for many years, I had to obey His command to walk in love and forgive everyone who had hurt me. Luke 6:27-28 says, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you" (NIV). And Romans 12:21 urges us to "not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good." I realize that choosing forgiveness is one of the most difficult things God asks us to do, especially if we believe that whoever hurt us is in the wrong and doesn't deserve to be forgiven. But staying mad won't help you either; the truth is it actually causes you more hurt and misery if you refuse to get past the offense. I remember the day I was praying for God to show me someone I could help and He spoke to my heart about my parents. At the time, they were older and needed help with the activities of their daily life. I felt that God wanted me to move them close to where my husband, Dave, and I lived and take care of them until they died. At first, I resisted this idea because there was nothing in me that wanted to see them, much less spend money on them and meet their needs. But I told Dave what I was thinking, and he said if God was telling me to do this, we should do it. It wasn't what I wanted to hear, but he was right, so we moved them into a house near us and took care of them until they died. This was one of the hardest things I've ever done, but I can honestly say now that it is one of the greatest decisions I've ever made. God honored my obedience and gave me the grace to do the right thing, and before he passed away, my dad asked me to forgive him and he accepted Christ as his Savior. The reward of forgiveness has far outweighed the pain I lived with for so many years. It has literally changed my life. And I firmly believe it was one of the hardest punches I could ever throw at the enemy!
Choose the Truth
 Whatever your challenge may be today—the pain of an injustice, fear of the unknown, sickness, a broken relationship, or any other hardship—I want to encourage you to trust God and focus on the truth of His Word. Remember that He loves you unconditionally, and He is always



with you. He is on your side as you go through the difficulties you face and He has your best interest at heart at all times. God is close to you when you're hurting the most, and He will fight your battles as you trust and obey Him. Spend some time studying scriptures that will help you overcome any lies that have kept you from the peace and joy God wants you to have through your life in Christ. Scriptures like Psalm 34:18 and 147:3, Romans 8:1-2 and 37-39, Romans 12:1-2 and 21, and John 10:10 are good places to start. Also, our team at Joyce Meyer Ministries is here for you, to pray for you and encourage you during the difficult, painful seasons of your life. You can contact us online at www.joycemeyer.org. Remember that we love you, and most importantly, God loves you. That's the most amazing truth of all!
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INVITATION TO BID
 The Board of Saguache County Commissioners is seeking competitive bids for the construction of new desks for the Board of Commissioners meeting room within the Saguache County Courthouse located at 501 4th Street, Saguache, Colorado. Work should include labor and materials for:
 1. Construction of a line of desks that are approximately 224L" x 56W" with top of 32" along with locations for file cabinets
 A copy of the draft plan is available by emailing wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov; or www.saguachecounty.net or by calling 719 655 2321.
 Sealed bids will be received from qualified contractors until Friday April 17, 2020 at 3PM. Bids may be mailed to Saguache County Administrator, PO Box 100, Saguache, CO 81149 or emailed to wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov or may be placed in the drop box by the door of 505 3rd Street, Saguache, CO 81149.
 Bids will be opened by the Saguache County Commissioners on April 21, 2020. Saguache County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities or informalities. Saguache County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority and Women Business enterprises are encouraged to submit competitive bids for this work.
 Contact Persons: Wendi Maez, Saguache County Administrator, PO Box 100, Saguache, CO 81149, 719-655-2321, wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov
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 No. 1559 published in the Center Post Dispatch, Thursday, April 9, 16 and 23, 2020.



Cielo offers public Wi-Fi hotspots

SAN LUIS VALLEY— Cielo would like to remind San Luis Valley residents of the two public Wi-Fi hotspots available in Monte Vista and La Jara. The hotspots can be of huge significance at this time to help people stay connected to work and school during disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic. “This pandemic has affected our daily lives in dramatic ways, and that disruption could continue for some time,” says Monroe Johnson, Cielo’s chief technology officer. “There are people in our area who do not have internet access or their connection is not sufficient for their current needs. These Wi-Fi hotspots will help fill those gaps and provide a reliable connection to those who need it.”

Public Wi-Fi hotspots are located at:

- Monte Vista’s Chapman Park, password: ciellowifi
- La Jara Town Park, password: ciellowifi2

Due to the social distancing guidelines recommended by the CDC, Cielo encourages users to remain in their cars to limit exposure to themselves and others. “We also recommend that priority be given to students needing to participate in online classes and to those who need to work if they cannot be in their office,” says Johnson.

Rio Grande National Forest not closed

Only the developed recreations sites have been closed. Campgrounds, picnic areas and areas with restrooms have been closed to help achieve our goals of flattening the COVID-19 curve.

Forest officials very much want to encourage folks to completely follow the Governor’s order. So if Forest users are not driving great distances to do so, it is OK to access the forest while maintaining physical distancing requirements but never, use an area that is crowded.

Although the #RioGrandeNF is not closed to visitors, it wants to encourage anyone considering venturing out in the Forest to recognize social distancing while there and even consider delaying any recreational use. All campgrounds, picnic grounds and toilet facilities on the forest are currently closed to promote and ensure physical distancing.

YOUR NIGHT SKY

Bright Comet Atlas

BY DARLENE DANKO

Early on the morning of the 14th the last quarter moon forms a graceful arc with the 3 planets about 20 degrees above the horizon. Bright Jupiter will be the top planet with Saturn slightly to its lower left and Mars slightly to Saturn’s lower left. The moon will be slightly to their lower right below Saturn. Mars and Saturn will be close to the same brightness. This should be easy to find while the sky is still dark.

Comet ATLAS first appeared the end of December and is becoming closer and brighter. It’s currently visible with binoculars or a telescope, but may be bright enough to be visible with unaided vision next month since it keeps getting brighter. It’s been crossing Mars orbit and is now

approaching the inner solar system. Its official name is CT 2019 Y4 (ATLAS).

It was first discovered in Hawaii on Dec. 28 2019, but now we can see it here. As it gets closer to Earth it will get brighter, but it won’t collide with us since it’s about 72 million miles away. It is 10 kilometers in diameter, with gases that spiral a few miles around it which making it larger. Its color is a light green.

On May 23 it will come closest to Earth, and its closest approach to the Sun will be May 28. The current prediction is that it will be visible to the naked eye by May 1. There is always a possibility that it may just fizzle out as it approaches the Sun. That’s because it may just disintegrate before it gets bright enough for us to see with unaided vision. We won’t know until May if that’s going to happen.

Currently this comet is in the



North to the upper right of Polaris the North Star and to the lower left of the Big Dipper. You can also look at planet Venus, and then to its upper right for the bright star Capella. The comet will be to the upper right of Capella looking toward the Big Dipper. In May the comet will drop a little lower in the sky and be to the lower right of Capella. So hopefully we’ll be able to find it around 9 p.m. on a clear night.

Next week I’ll tell you about the Lyrid Meteor Shower. Since the new moon is on the 23rd, the Lyrids should be great to view. Stay safe and don’t get the coronavirus.



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Mask your face for everyone's health

COLORADO—Governor Polis and Alamosa County public health department are recommending covering one's nose and mouth when leaving the home for essential travel, such as to the grocery store, doctor or pharmacy. Safely cover your face with a bandanna or homemade cotton face covering, reserving hospital-grade masks for health care workers and those who are sick.

Studies indicate that there is no reason to not use a face covering as a precaution and that wearing something over your nose and mouth can provide an additional layer of protection when you go out. Many people aren't aware that they can spread COVID-19 when they do not have symptoms or have even mild symptoms. The

spread of COVID-19 primarily occurs through the spread of airborne droplets from the infected individual, which fabrics can help filter. A face covering lessens the risk for a healthy individual to breathe in droplets as well as lessens the spread from those who may not realize that they are sick. When face coverings are combined with frequent handwashing, they may help reduce the transmissions of COVID-19.

Wearing face coverings also sends a strong message to others that we are not living in normal times and that we all need to change our behaviors to help stop the spread. Also, face coverings are a good way to remember to not touch your

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SBA, Treasury begin unprecedented mobilization effort to distribute small business funds

By SBA REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR DAN NORDBERG

COLORADO — Following President Trump's signing of the historic Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza and Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin today announced that the SBA and Treasury Department have initiated a robust mobilization effort of banks and other lending institutions to provide small businesses with the capital they need.

The CARES Act establishes a new \$349 billion Paycheck Protection Program. The Program will provide much-needed relief to millions of small businesses so they can sustain their businesses and keep their workers employed. "This unprecedented public-private partnership is going to assist small businesses with accessing capital quickly. Our goal is to position lenders as the single point-of-contact for small businesses – the application, loan processing, and disbursement of funds will all be administered at the community level," said Administrator Carranza. "Speed is the operative word; applications for the emergency capital can begin as early as this week, with lenders using their own systems and processes to make these loans. We remain committed to supporting our nation's more than 30 million small businesses and their employees, so that they can continue to be the fuel for our nation's economic engine."

"This legislation provides small business job retention loans to provide eight weeks of payroll and certain overhead to keep workers employed," said Secretary Mnuchin. "Treasury and the Small Business Administration expect to have this program up and running by April 3 so that businesses can go to a participating SBA 7(a) lender, bank or credit union, apply for a loan, and



be approved on the same day. The loans will be forgiven as long as the funds are used to keep employees on the payroll and for certain other expenses." The new loan program will help small businesses with their payroll and other business operating expenses. It will provide critical capital to businesses without collateral requirements, personal guarantees or SBA fees – all with a 100% guarantee from SBA. All loan payments will be deferred for six months. Most importantly, the SBA will forgive the portion of the loan proceeds that are used to cover the first eight weeks of payroll costs, rent, utilities and mortgage interest.

"The devastating impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) has tested the will of millions of small businesses throughout Colorado and the nation, but help is on the way" said SBA Regional Administrator Dan Nordberg. "By joining forces, and leveraging the power of private industry, the Paycheck Protection Act will provide businesses with the capital and certainty they need to retain their employees and continue serving our communities. I am deeply

proud of SBA's quick implementation of this critical program and look forward to working with our lending partners to provide the assistance necessary to support small business."

The Paycheck Protection Program is specifically designed to help small businesses keep their workforce employed. Visit [SBA.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.sba.gov/coronavirus) for more information on the Paycheck Protection Program.

- The new loan program will be available retroactive from Feb. 15, 2020, so employers can rehire their recently laid-off employees through June 30, 2020.

Loan Terms & Conditions

- Eligible businesses: All businesses, including nonprofits, Veterans organizations, Tribal concerns, sole proprietorships, self-employed individuals and independent contractors, with 500 or fewer employees, or no greater than the number of employees set by the SBA as the
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His father's son

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He always marched to some other drum

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I'll always love you, Mom."

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Spring road closures explained

SAN LUIS VALLEY - This is the time of year your Rio Grande National Forest land managers, myself and surrounding ranger district offices, close roads with locked gates displaying the big and imposing, black and white "Road Closed" signs securely attached to them. I understand that for many people this can really be an inconvenience.

I take great pride in enjoying, protecting and maintaining our great infrastructure. I have lived in this forest for many years and have had the privilege to enjoy and manage all these awesome features and valuable resources on our public lands. The question we all ask is, "surely, I should be able to go up that road, right?" I know what I am doing. I mean, don't we always want to be able to go wherever we want? Of course, we do, but we also need to understand the whole situation at times like this.

Yes, the road may look dry right where the closure gate is, but the road doesn't just stop there either. We must consider the entire length of road and all the connecting side roads, before we open a gate for access. Many roads pass through north aspects that may experience prolonged muddy areas in places where the rutting will be difficult to repair or access.

These closures should never be interpreted as "the government closing me out just because they can." That's not even remotely the case. The issue isn't just about no-access at this moment,

Land, Water and People

By Joe Pacheco

the closures are about the long-term sustainable access to the resource that so many of us love and count on for clean water and abundant recreational opportunities.

Short term closures of soft roadbeds allow the roads to endure the spring thaw without tires creating ruts that will collect or channel water and encourage pooling on the roadbed or higher velocity run off. This faster runoff has the potential to increase sedimentation that can reach waterways and have detrimental effects on microorganisms. Drastic changes to microorganisms can then lead to negative effects on the fish and wildlife that thrive in the habitat these waters provide.

Another cursory benefit of the spring closures is to the deer and elk populations. Fawns and calves are born in some of the first areas to experience snow melt and without the pressure of traffic on forest roads, these young animals may get just a little more time to bond with their mothers before having to leave their birth areas. This part of the discussion always reminds me of the well-known quote from famed naturalist John Muir, "When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find



it hitched to everything else in the Universe."

While this holistic approach to managing our roads is important, another very practical reason for the closures exists. When vehicles create ruts, dig holes, slide off and get stuck and then request even more vehicles to do the same to get them unstuck, the roads can get severely damaged and cost thousands of dollars of unbudgeted funds to repair them. Some roads are only maintained every seven years or so. If severe damage occurs within

the first year of that cycle, what options does the forest have? You're right, it could be that it is a long-term temporary closure. Or, heaven forbid, a permanent closure.

These are not options that I want to see. I like to spend summers out bopping around on forest roads, feeling like I'm the first one in this remote area. Until I realize that someone had to build the road. I want to see those roads stay in as good of condition as possible, for as long as possible.

Spring closures vary depending

upon conditions but, generally, are in place from mid-March until mid-May. This is truly not a long period of time folks. Some years the snow might melt faster and allow roads to be re-opened sooner. This year may be one of those years. For now, though, I'll go to those places that I can access, and enjoy my forest by foot. And very much love it.

Joe Pacheco is a San Luis Valley native and has been the Forest Roads Manager on the Rio Grande National Forest since 2008.

Adams State summer registration begins April 13

ALAMOSA— Summer registration for undergraduate courses at Adams State University will open on Monday, April 13, 2020. Registration has begun for graduate students seeking a master's degree or Ph.D.

session from May 25 until July 17

Three-week On-campus session from June 29 until July 17

On-campus 1 credit workshops throughout July

Adams State is working hard to ensure students have the ability to continue their education and maintain access to courses throughout the summer 2020 term. The COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated some changes to the summer schedule. All on-campus classes originally scheduled for May and June sessions have been switched to online classes.

Adams State is planning a three-week summer on-campus session from June 29 to July 17 should the COVID-19 public health concerns subside.

Financial aid is available for undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in a degree program. In order to be considered for financial aid, students must be enrolled at least half-time in any combination of Summer Sessions (6 credit hours for under-

graduate students and 3 credit hours for graduate students). Graduated high school seniors can be eligible for summer financial aid. Out-of-state students pay in-state tuition for summer courses. To apply for financial aid or for more information, please visit adams.edu/financial-aid/summer.

Online classes will be charged Adams State Online tuition and fee rates. Classes in the July session,

if held, will be charged on-campus tuition and fees.

Summer registration for undergraduate students will open Monday, April 13, 2020. Students are encouraged to connect with their advisor before that, to discuss options. Please check the class schedule for current options, noting that some adjustments are still underway. Advisors will have up-to-date information for their academic department.

MASK

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face and will make you conscious of trying to touch your nose and mouth.

Alamosa County Public Health continues to stress staying home unless essential and reminds everyone that when going out, you must stay at least 6 feet away from others at all times.

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 - o First payment deferred for six months
 - o 100% guarantee by SBA
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SBA's announcement comes on the heels of a series of steps taken by the Agency since the President's Emergency Declaration to expeditiously provide capital to financially distressed businesses affected by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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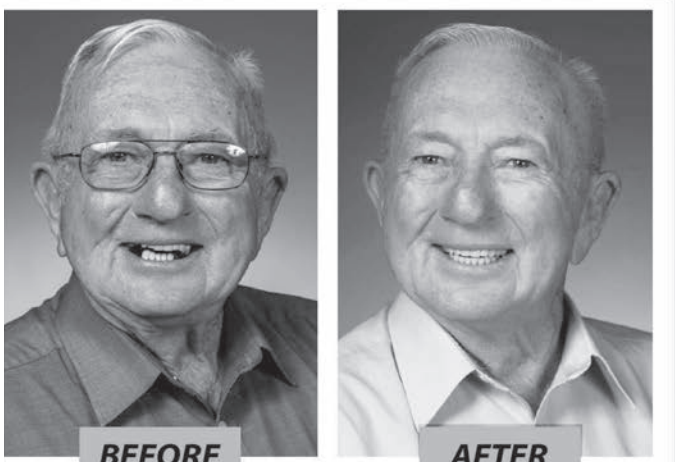
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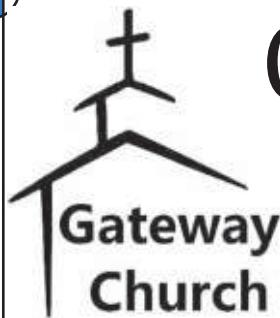
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Good Friday Tenebrae Zoom service 6 pm (same zoom link)

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Ciello offers public Wi-Fi hotspots

SAN LUIS VALLEY— Ciello would like to remind San Luis Valley residents of the two public Wi-Fi hotspots available in Monte Vista and La Jara. The hotspots can be of huge significance at this time to help people stay connected to work and school during disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic. “This pandemic has affected our daily lives in dramatic ways, and that disruption could continue for some time,” says Monroe Johnson, Ciello’s chief technology officer. “There are people in our area who do not have internet access or their connection is not sufficient for their current needs. These Wi-Fi hotspots will help fill those gaps and provide a reliable connection to those who need it.”

Monte Vista’s Chapman Park, password: ciellowifi

La Jara Town Park, password: ciellowifi2

Due to the social distancing guidelines recommended by the CDC, Ciello encourages users to remain in their cars to limit exposure to themselves and others. “We also recommend that priority be given to students needing to participate in online classes and to those who need to work if they cannot be in their office,” says Johnson.

“Ciello is honored to be part of the San Luis Valley community; we are always looking for opportunities to serve our neighbors,” Johnson says. “The current health crisis has disrupted everyone’s lives, but it is our hope that these Wi-Fi hotspots will help ease the burden a little.”



Public Wi-Fi hotspots are located at:

Caring for your loved one at home with COVID-19

COLORADO - Learning that a family member or roommate has symptoms or even a positive test result for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) can feel concerning. Centura wants to help ease any discomfort for those caring for someone at home, by sharing some guidelines to help protect all those in your home. “By focusing on preventing the spread of germs, we can help stop the spread of COVID-19,” explains Dr. Andrew French, Chief Medical Officer for Centura- St. Anthony North Health Campus. “If you find yourself in the role of a caregiver to someone who is sick with COV-

ID-19 or any infectious illness, there are some precautions you can take to protect the rest of your household members while comforting the one who is presently sick.”

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) encourages those caring for a person in home isolation to practice the following:

Have the person stay in one room, away from other people, including yourself, as much as possible.

If possible, have them use a separate bathroom.

Avoid sharing personal household items, like dishes, towels, and bedding.

If facemasks are available, have

the person wear a facemask when they are around people, including you.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after interacting with the sick person.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Every day, clean all surfaces that are touched often, like counters, tabletops and doorknobs.

Wash laundry thoroughly.

Avoid having any unnecessary visitors.

In addition, to help comfort the sick member of your home: :

Make sure the sick person drinks a lot of fluids to stay hydrated and rests at home.

Over-the-counter medicines may help with symptoms.

For most people, symptoms last a few days and get better after a week.

For any additional questions about their care, contact their healthcare provider or state or local health department.

If your loved one is having trouble breathing, seek medical attention.

Call your doctor or emergency room before going in and tell them your symptoms. They will tell you what to do.

In all cases, **follow the guidance of your healthcare provider and local health department.** The decision to stop home isolation should be made in consultation with your healthcare provider.

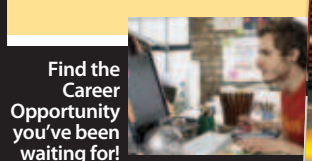
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CPW's Aquatic Nuisance Species inspections underway in 2020

ANS boat inspections and COVID-19

Because of the COVID-19 outbreak, many local and federal waters are postponing opening to boating and ANS inspections at this time. Waters operated by CPW are continuing to open and provide recreation opportunities as weather permits. Boaters are reminded not to travel long distances to go boating or fishing while the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect Colorado. Recreate at local reservoirs in compliance with the Stay-At-Home order from Gov. Jared Polis.

- Boaters are reminded to stay at least 6 feet away from inspection station staff at all times.
- Do not congregate in groups larger than 10 individuals and practice good social distancing in accordance with recommendations from the Centers for Disease and Prevention and the Colorado department of public health and Environment (CDPHE). Local health orders may further limit group size; please be aware of local requirements.
- Boaters should wait until the inspector calls them up to the station.
- Boaters should stay in their vehicles, set the parking brake, turn their vehicles off, and remain in the vehicles unless instructed by an inspector to get out and assist with the inspection.
- If you have a green seal receipt, please keep your window closed and show it to the inspector through the window glass. CPW reminds everyone to get a green seal and receipt after boating to speed up the next inspection.

CPW is diligently working to keep state park's waters open for boating so the public can enjoy the health benefits associated with being outside. However, visitors must enjoy parks responsibly during the COVID-19 outbreak. It's important for everyone to follow the recommendations from CDPHE for easy, everyday actions to protect yourself and those around you.

Up-to-date information about how CPW is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic is available on our website.

Reminder: Get your ANS stamp

An ANS stamp is required before boating in Colorado. The stamp helps CPW fund ANS inspections, monitoring, education, and other activities across the state.

Colorado boat owners who operate motorboats and sailboats on lakes and reservoirs must purchase a \$25 ANS stamp annually. The cost of the stamp for out-of-state motorboats and sailboats is \$50. Boaters from out of state can purchase online at www.cpwshop.com.

Colorado is one of just a few states in the country that doesn't have an infestation of adult mussels in any of its waters," said Elizabeth Brown, invasive species program manager for CPW. "That's directly attributable to our mandatory inspection and decontamination program that's been in place for over a decade now."

There have been 281 watercraft infested with zebra or quagga mussels intercepted in the state since the program's inception. Last year, inspectors intercepted 86 infested watercraft, a huge increase from 51

in 2018 and 26 in 2017.

"CPW is very confident in the statewide inspection and decontamination system to protect our waters. However, this program relies on the compliance of the boating community," said Reid DeWalt, Assistant Director for Aquatic, Terrestrial and Natural Resources for CPW. "Boaters need to know the rules and follow them if we are going to be effective at keeping zebra and quagga mussels out of the nation's headwaters."

Aquatic nuisance species, such as zebra and quagga mussels, pose a serious threat to natural resources, recreation and the water infrastructure of the state. Mussel infestations cause a variety of major problems. Because mussels consume plankton, they disrupt the food web and out-compete sport fish and native fish. Mussels clog infrastructure, including reservoir dams, outlet structures and distribution systems that carry water for irrigation, municipal and industrial uses. Mussels also infest boats and damage engines.

Mussels have caused billions of dollars in damage, especially in the upper Midwest. Nearby states where mussel infestations exist include Utah, Arizona, Kansas, Texas, Nebraska and Oklahoma. Invasive mussels could have devastating ecological, economic, and recreational impacts if infestations were to establish here.

"Keeping Colorado's waters free of invasive species is critical to maintaining efficient water delivery and infrastructure systems and providing high-quality fishing and boating opportunities for our residents and visitors," Brown said. "The success of the ANS Program is due to the dedicated inspection and decontamination staff across the state. We are grateful to those individuals that are working on the front lines to provide recreation and protect our waters."

A complete list of Colorado inspection sites and hours of operation, along with information about the ANS stamp, can be found on CPW's boating page. Always check with your destination reservoir before going to verify hours of operation.

For more information on preventing

harmful aquatic nuisance species in Colorado, visit www.cpw.state.co.us.

As waters open to boating in Colorado, aquatic nuisance species (ANS) boat inspections are underway. Keeping Colorado mussel-free depends on boaters following posted rules, purchasing an ANS stamp and undergoing mandatory inspections before launch.

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Local restaurants get creative

By REBECCA COPLEY

SAN LUIS VALLEY – COVID-19 has changed normal operations for many industries. Almost every business is becoming creative and adapting to help stop the spread of the virus. The restaurant industry has been one of the hardest hit financially. Some recent surveys report that about 82% of hourly employees working in food service are experiencing reduced hours or unpaid leave. Many restaurants have had to lay off their servers and other employees.

However, in spite of the difficulties, many of our local restaurants are still doing their best to adapt and continue to serve their communities. With new restrictions taking place, restaurants have been forced to do strictly takeout and deliveries only.

Rhoda Koehn of Sunflour Café in

Monte Vista has been getting creative as they are offering frozen homemade casseroles that you can take home and heat up for your family while you're stuck at home. They also have delicious cinnamon rolls and bread available, and much more, including their daily lunch specials. "We're all kind of looking for a new normal," said Koehn sharing that one of the hardest things she had to do is let go most of her employees, "I'm just trying to reduce costs where we can and make this work."

"My Brother's Place," which was recently opened in Alamosa just two weeks before the restrictions took affect is still serving up their delicious pizza, sandwiches and more to go. Brothers, and co-owners, Joe Lukondi and Andy Lukondi, are keeping positive attitudes during these hard times even though

they too have had to lay off employees. When asked if there was anything they would like the community to know Andy Lukondi answered by saying, "Just the people that have been coming in, and everybody that's been supporting us we want thank them."

Locavores is another restaurant in Alamosa that has adapted quickly and made innovative changes so they could continue to provide fast, healthy food to their customers. They now offer takeout, delivery (within a five-mile radius), and have online ordering. They have also launched an online grocery service. Owner Wendi Seger said she saw the need in the community for basic grocery items that have been out of stock at local groceries and box stores. After approaching the health department, and working with her wholesale supplier, she received

approval and support. Their Fast 'N Fresh Market allows customers to purchase basic groceries and pantry staples online then get them through takeout, curbside pickup or delivery.

"I just as much as anyone am plagued at times with an intense level of fear. Sometimes it is so paralyzing that I want to just close it down and go home to my family. But then I think about all the health care workers in our community. Many of whom have sat in this very dining room laughing and joking with friends. I am reminded how courageous they are right now. Their courage gives me courage, and so I keep going. I think now more than any other time, each of us needs to dig deep, take inventory of what we can do. What skills and resources we have and be courageous in using them," said Seger.

Woody's Q-Shack teamed up with Century Property Management, and last week served free meals to truck drivers, law enforcement, first responders, medical workers, grocery workers, and anyone else working the front lines keeping everything running during the pandemic. Nino's in Monte Vista served students free meals March 23 as Monte Vista School district's food services didn't begin until the next day.

These beautiful acts of kindness and community are what we need in these times. We are in this together, and let's remind our restaurants that we are here for them too. Go get something to-go from your favorite local restaurant. Get a cup of coffee from your favorite coffee shop. We are in this together, and when this ends lets all go out to eat and celebrate together!

How families can confront remote learning

Amid concerns of coronavirus clusters and efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19, and based on social distancing recommendations from medical professionals, schools across the country began to close their doors and adopt a remote learning model in March 2020. One of the largest communities affected was New York City, which closed schools across the five boroughs. The New York City school system is vast, with 1,800 schools servicing more than one million students.

School administrators and educators quickly scrambled to find a work-around to meet children's educational needs. Remote learning has been a part of many school curriculums for some time. While remote learning had predominantly been reserved for higher learning institutions, in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, it became a necessity for grades K through 12

as well. Teachers have had to design curriculums and assignments virtually on the fly in an attempt to minimize disruptions that could adversely affect students.

Remote learning requires the cooperation of school staff and also parents and guardians. Patience is necessary, and parents and educators may need to completely transform their daily schedules. The following tips can be an asset as students continue to navigate remote learning.

- Record class sessions. Teachers can consider recording or "going live" with class instruction so that students can view the video and still have access to their teachers. This helps parents who may be unfamiliar with explaining the curriculum.

- Utilize chat features. Remote education software programs likely have a chat or "hangout" feature, which

enables classrooms to keep in touch and ask questions in real time.

- Keep a schedule. It's easy to begin to sleep late and fall out of routine when not required to go to a school building. Families should make scheduling a priority, which can help students stay on top of lessons and complete their assignments on time.

- Ask questions. Everyone is learning as they go, and further clarification may be needed. Students should email or chat with teachers if they don't understand an assignment or are unsure about instructions. Teachers may be able to clearly model a math problem or explain a concept via video chat for students who need help.

- Explore educational options. Many companies are offering free educational services while kids are home from school. Scholastic.com is offering online courses, Nat Geo for Kids, Fun



Brain, PBS Kids, and Highlight Kids are other places to turn to for activities.

Remote learning has become the new norm as the world continues to navigate COVID-19 in an effort to keep the public safe. TF205953

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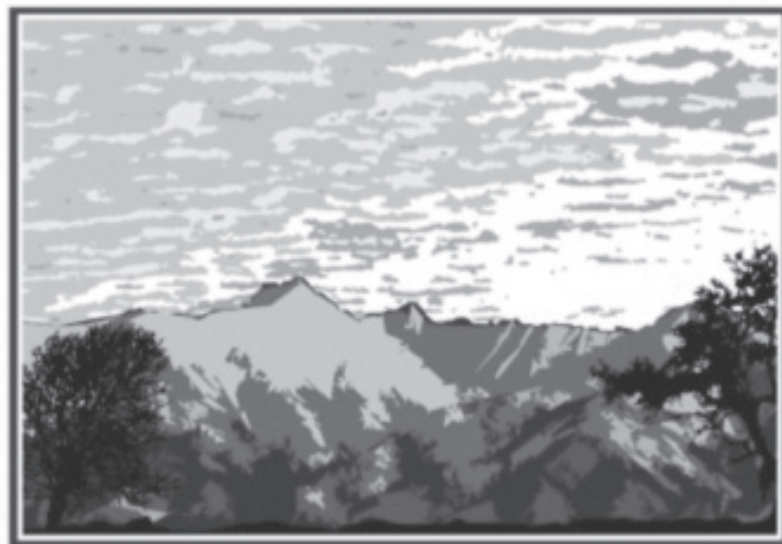
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Applicants will be notified of status in September 2020 and funding will be available in 2021.

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El Pomar Foundation approves \$47,500 to nonprofits in the San Luis Valley region

COLORADO SPRINGS — April 2, 2020 — El Pomar Trustees approved \$47,500 allocated among seven nonprofit organizations in the San Luis Valley region in February and March. Through the Foundation's grant making processes, the following organizations were awarded funding:

- Adams State University Foundation, Inc. — \$5,000 for emergency food and housing expenses related to COVID-19; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Creede Community Church — \$1,000 for food distribution through the Ladies Aid Society; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Padres Adelante Family Services, Inc. — \$3,000 for a grandparent respite program; competitive
- San Luis Valley Housing Coalition, Inc. — \$15,000 in general operating support; competitive
- Silver Thread Public Health — \$2,500 for food distribution in Mineral County; Colorado Assistance Fund
- Town of Manassa — \$1,000 for the Manassa Opera House Christmas Production; competitive
- Tri-County Senior Citizens and Housing, Inc. — \$20,000 for elevator renovations; competitive

Founded by Spencer and Julie Penrose in 1937, El Pomar Foundation has an established legacy of general purpose grant making. The competitive grants process remains the Foundation's primary vehicle for awarding funding to organizations. Additionally, over the last 80 years, El Pomar has either developed or been entrusted with the stewardship of a number of other funds. Competitive applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

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CDC releases FAQs on COVID-19

There is still a lot that is unknown about COVID-19 and how it spreads. This coronavirus is thought to be spread most often by respiratory droplets. Although the virus can survive for a short period on some surfaces, it is unlikely to be spread from products or packaging that are shipped over a period of days or weeks at ambient temperatures. Currently there is no evidence to support transmission of COVID-19 associated with imported goods and there have not been any cases of COVID-19 in the United States associated with imported goods.

coronaviruses can infect people and then spread between people. This occurred with MERS-CoV and SARS-CoV, and now with the virus that causes COVID-19. More information about the source and spread of COVID-19 is available on the Situation Summary: Source and Spread of the Virus.

How does the virus spread? - The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly from person to person, mainly through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Spread is more likely when people are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).

Why are we seeing a rise in the number of cases? - COVID-19 seems to be spreading easily and sustainably in the community ("community spread") in many

affected geographic areas. Community spread means people have been infected with the virus in an area, including some who are not sure how or where they became infected.

Can someone who who has had COVID-19 spread the illness to others? - The virus that causes COVID-19 is spreading from person-to-person. People are thought to be most contagious when they are symptomatic (the sickest). That is why CDC recommends that these patients be isolated either in the hospital or at home (depending on how sick they are) until they are better and no longer pose a risk of infecting others. More recently the virus has also been detected in asymptomatic persons. How long someone is actively sick can vary so the decision on when to release someone from isolation is made using a test-based or non-test-based strategy (i.e. time since illness

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CPW warns of false posts regarding COVID-19 effects on hunting, fishing, recreation in state

COLORADO - Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is receiving an influx of calls and reports of false social media posts and even robocalls claiming that hunting and fishing seasons are canceled that valid licenses are no longer required to hunt and fish, or that park fees have been rescinded due to the COVID-19 outbreak. These reports are false and appear to have increased April 1. Do not share your personal information with anyone calling to provide refunds.

All effects on CPW's operations, including any changes to hunting, fishing or recreation in any of Colorado's state parks can be found on the agency's COVID-19 page, prominently featured on the homepage of cpw.state.co.us.

"In a time where so many things are uncertain and changeable, Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff is working hard to ensure Coloradans

maintain the ability to find comfort in the outdoors and continue their outdoor activities to the fullest extent possible," said CPW director Dan Prenzl. "It's disappointing that people are taking advantage of the already heightened sense of disruption in our communities to spread false information."

Though CPW offices and visitor centers remain closed to minimize the potential spread of COVID-19, staff remain available

at all CPW offices and parks to answer questions. Both the CPW website and our licensing, pass and registration purchasing site at CPWshop.com remain available and will provide the most consistent and accurate information about the outdoor recreation opportunities managed by CPW.

If you have any questions about how to safely and appropriately live life outside during this outbreak, visit cpw.state.co.us.

False social media posts and prank calls regarding hunting and fishing licenses, parks passes

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El Pomar Foundation's Colorado Assistance Fund is a \$1 million fund providing immediate aid in areas affected by the outbreak of COVID-19. To date, more than \$350,000 has been distributed to nonprofits and government entities across the state that are providing emergency services, meeting basic human needs and supporting access to appropriate health care. Because grants are made only to organizations nominated by El Pomar regional council members or public health departments, El Pomar is not accepting applications to the Colorado Assistance Fund.

Polmar's funds and grant making areas, please visit our website at <https://www.elpomar.org/grant-making/>.

El Pomar Foundation is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in Colorado. El Pomar contributes approximately \$22 million annually through grants and Community Stewardship programs to support Colorado nonprofit organizations involved in health, human services, education, arts and humanities, and civic and community initiatives. Spencer and Julie Penrose founded El Pomar in 1937.

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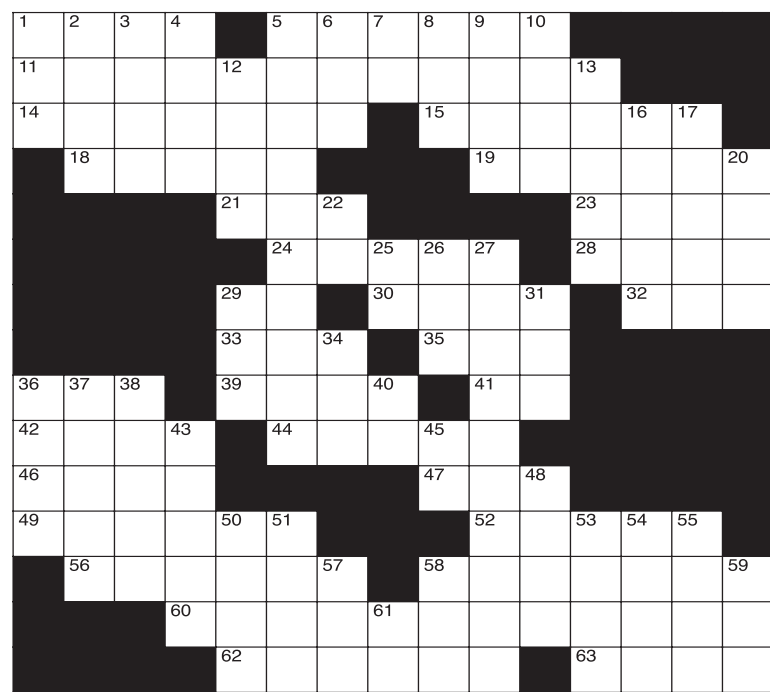
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21. Human gene
23. Indian music
24. Accumulate
28. One who graduated
29. Atomic #109
30. Semitic fertility god
32. Sportscaster Patrick
33. Child's dining accessory
35. Payment (abbr.)
36. Guitarist's tool
39. Dabbling ducks
41. Commercial
42. Style someone's hair
44. Biu-Mandara language
46. Actress Spelling
47. Large hole in the ground
49. One-masted sailboats
52. Tropical Asian plant
56. Concur
58. Latin term for charity
60. The number below the line in a fraction



62. Reddish browns
63. This (Spanish)

29. Advanced degree
31. Business designation
34. Chinese-American actress Ling

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6. In the course of
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8. OJ trial judge
9. Resist authority (slang)
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12. "Cheers" actress Perlman
13. Jewelled headdress
16. Viking Age poet
17. Vanuatu island
20. Wish harm upon
22. Unit of length
25. Blood type
26. Drain
27. Do-gooders

36. Performs on stage
37. Slang for money
38. Large Russian pie
40. The Mount Rushmore State
43. Narrow inlet
45. News organization (abbr.)
48. Scarlett's home
50. Micturates
51. Monetary unit
53. Any customary observance or practice
54. Sons of Poseidon
55. Facilitates grocery shopping
57. Standard operating procedure
58. Former OSS
59. Midway between south and southeast
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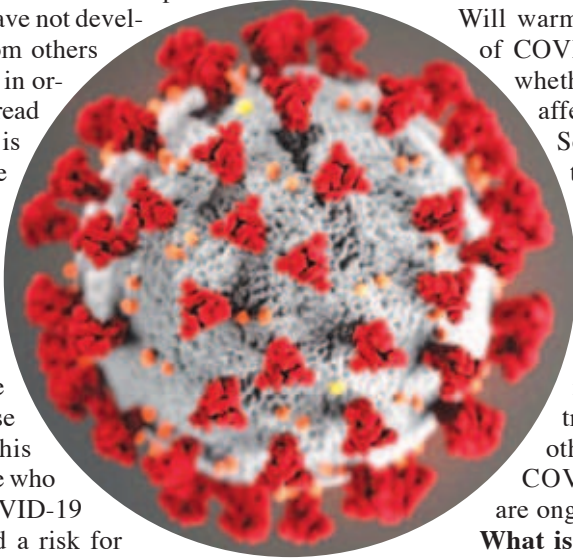
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started and time since recovery) in consultation with state and local public health officials. The decision involves considering the specifics of each situation, including disease severity, illness signs and symptoms, and the results of laboratory testing for that patient.

Can someone who is quarantined for COVID-19 spread it to others? Quarantine means separating a person or group of people who have been exposed to a contagious disease but have not developed illness (symptoms) from others who have not been exposed, in order to prevent the possible spread of that disease. Quarantine is usually established for the incubation period of the communicable disease, which is the span of time during which people have developed illness after exposure. For COVID-19, the period of quarantine is 14 days from the last date of exposure because the incubation period for this virus is 2 to 14 days. Someone who has been released from COVID-19 quarantine is not considered a risk for spreading the virus to others because they have not developed illness during the incubation period.

Can the virus that causes COVID-19 be spread through food, including restaurant take out, refrigerated or frozen packaged food? Coronaviruses are generally thought to be spread from person to person through respiratory droplets. Currently, there is no evidence to support transmission of COVID-19 associated with food. Before preparing or eating food it is important to always wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds for general food safety. Throughout the day use a tissue to cover your coughing or sneezing, and wash your hands after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing, or going to the bathroom. It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object, like a packaging container, that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus



spreads. In general, because of poor survivability of these coronaviruses on surfaces, there is likely very low risk of spread from food products or packaging.

Can I get sick with COVID-19 if it is on food? Based on information about this novel coronavirus thus far, it seems unlikely that COVID-19 can be transmitted through food – additional investigation is needed.

Will warm weather stop the outbreak of COVID-19? It is not yet known whether weather and temperature affect the spread of COVID-19.

Some other viruses, like those that cause the common cold and flu, spread more during cold weather months but that does not mean it is impossible to become sick with these viruses during other months. There is much more to learn about the transmissibility, severity, and other features associated with COVID-19 and investigations are ongoing.

What is community spread? Community spread means people have been infected with the virus in an area, including some who are not sure how or where they became infected.

What temperature kills the virus that causes COVID-19? Generally coronaviruses survive for shorter periods at higher temperatures and higher humidity than in cooler or dryer environments. However, we don't have direct data for this virus, nor do we have direct data for a temperature-based cutoff for inactivation at this point. The necessary temperature would also be based on the materials of the surface, the environment, etc. Regardless of temperature please follow CDC's guidance for cleaning and disinfection.

Can mosquitos or ticks spread the virus that causes COVID-19? At this time, CDC has no data to suggest that this new coronavirus or other similar coronaviruses are spread by mosquitoes or ticks. The main way that COVID-19 spreads is from person to person. See How Coronavirus Spreads for more information.

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Bears coming out of hibernation, searching for food

DENVER – Colorado Parks and Wildlife has already received reports of bear activity in eight Colorado counties in 2020. With spring upon us, CPW reminds citizens that bears are emerging from their slumber and beginning their search for food.

Early season natural food sources for bears include grasses, aspen buds and other vegetative matter that is beginning to sprout. Those gentle food sources, which are the first crops available to them, help a bear’s digestive system and metabolism adjust back to normal after not consuming anything for months.

For the health and well-being of Colorado’s black bears, wildlife managers say bears should NOT be eating from trash receptacles, bird feeders or other human-provided food sources around homes.

“Every time a bear gets a treat, a bird feeder, a hummingbird feeder, trash, it teaches the bear that people mean food,” said Mark Lamb, CPW’s Area Wildlife Manager for South Park and the west Metro Denver area. “People who think that it’s one time, no big deal, are totally wrong. It is a big deal when you compound that ‘one time’ with how many ‘one time’ they get from your neighbors, too. It adds up.”

Some of the early season bear reports have been from simple sightings in Boulder and Morrison, to bears already getting into trash in Steamboat Springs and Silver Plume. Reports also include a bear getting into a vehicle in Snowmass Village, bears with livestock in Delta, and a bear versus dog encounter under a deck in Colorado Springs.

Typically, male (boar) bears come out of hibernation first followed by females (sows) without cubs. Females that gave birth to cubs over winter in hibernation dens are the last to come out, usually in mid-to-late April.

Last year, CPW received 5,369 human-bear incident reports with nearly a third of those involving bears in trash. Wildlife managers are hoping to see a reduction in negative human-bear interactions across the state. However, that does not mean that people should stop reporting bear incidents to CPW. The earlier wildlife managers know of conflicts, the more tools they have to help keep small problems from growing into bigger and even dangerous scenarios.

“Our recommendations aren’t made to make our jobs easier,” explains Matt Yamashita, Area Wildlife Manager in Glenwood Springs. “What we’re asking is what is best for bears and for people. We don’t want to deprive people of seeing bears, but we want people to see a bear that doesn’t depend on humans for food.”

Bears are omnivores and primarily eat vegetation such as grasses, forbs, berries, acorns and seeds – food sources that span their waking seasons. But if natural food becomes scarce, or if human-provided food is easy to access, bears will begin looking in residential areas for their next meals.

Biologists are seeing bears that are shifting much of their life cycle toward communities. When a high-country berry bush yields a few hundred calories and a dumpster gives up thousands of calories via leftovers and greasy goodies, the bears will make the easy choice. Once they’ve made that choice, they are instinctively trained by their stomachs to search out the easy option.

Lamb and Yamashita agree that bringing these large, territorial animals into areas with people is a recipe for human injury and bear

death. While a nuisance bear getting into trash might be relocated if caught early, a bear that injures a person is put down. “The bear is always the ultimate loser,” Lamb concludes. “We have to do better as communities,” Yamashita urges.

Though most human-bear interactions occur in the late summer and fall months, a late frost or prolonged dry weather could lead to localized natural food failures, pushing black bears to be more persistent in their search for human-food sources. Being bear aware not only protects your home and property, but it can save a bear’s life.

Tips to prevent human/bear conflicts include:

- Keep garbage in a well-secured enclosure.
- Only put out garbage on the morning of pickup; bring empty cans back inside before dark.
- Use a bear-resistant trash can or dumpster. These are available online or from your trash hauler.
- Clean all garbage cans regularly to keep them odor free. The scent of ammonia can deter bears.
- Take down all bird feeders. Bird feeders are a major source of bear/human conflicts - 397 conflicts because of them in 2019 alone.



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Of the 5,369 human-bear reports CPW received in 2019, one-third of those involved bears in trash

Birds have naturally available food sources during the spring, summer and fall. Don’t let your bird feeder become a bear feeder.

- Don’t leave pet food or stock feed outside – never provide food sources for any wildlife.
- Clean all barbecue grills.
- Keep garage doors and windows

closed and locked, especially between dusk and dawn.

- Don’t leave attractants such as snacks, food wrappers, gum, or even scented hand lotions in your car; and always lock vehicle doors.
- Use bear boxes or bear-proof containers for food and scented items when camping.

Don’t leave food outside while camping. If bear boxes aren’t available, leave all food in the trunk of a locked vehicle as your last resort.

- Talk to your neighbors and children about being bear aware.
- For more information about Living with Bears in Colorado, visit <https://cpw.state.co.us/bears>.



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