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CONEJOS COUNTY — As a result of COVID-19 recommendations, all Conejos County Government offices will be closed on Friday, March 10, 2020.

SDC School Board meeting

MOSCA — The Sangre de Cristo School Board of Education regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday April 14th, 2020 in the school library at 8751 Lane 7 North, Mosca CO with an Executive Session from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. and an Open Session starting at 6:30 p.m. Copies of agendas are posted at school site, website, the Hooper and Mosca Post Offices, and the Mosca Pit Stop. Meetings are open to the public.

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Coronavirus claims a second victim in SLV

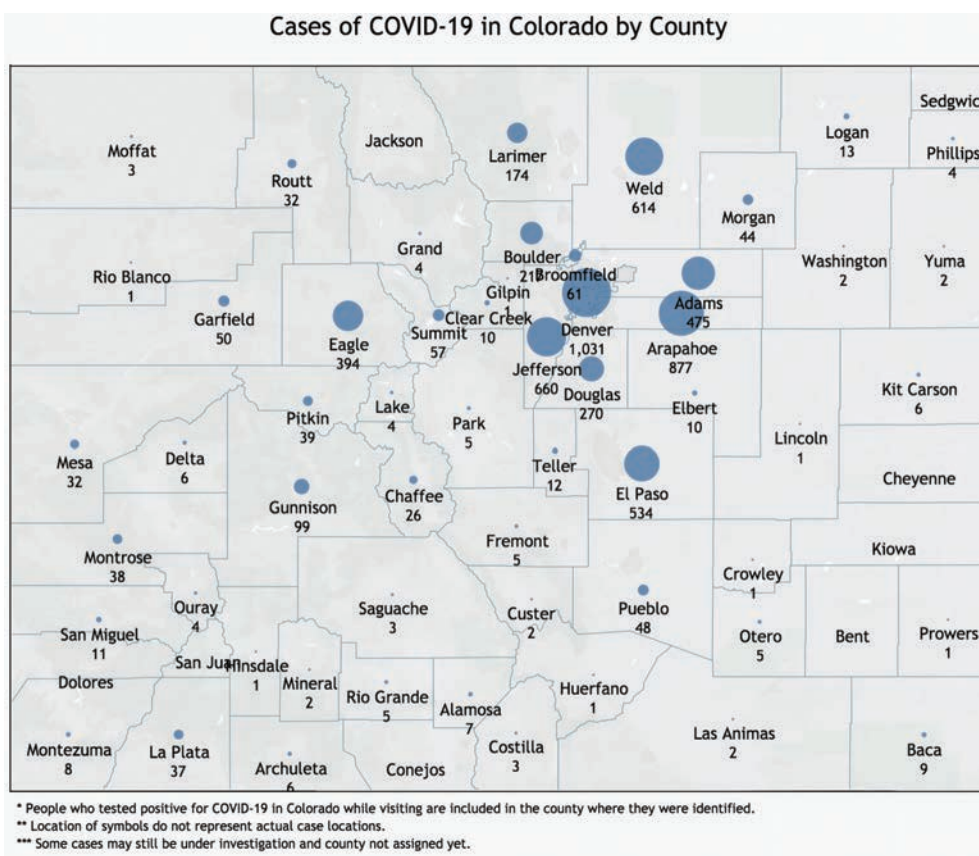
SAN LUIS VALLEY — A second COVID-19-related death was reported today by Alamosa County. To protect the privacy of the family, public health does not release identifying information, unless there is a direct need to do so to protect the health of others. Public Health is doing their due diligence by investigating possible contacts of those who have tested positive. The most effective way to prevent COVID-19 is through social distancing.

So far in the San Luis Valley, 155 people have been tested for COVID-19. Twenty cases have been confirmed. This is a limited pool of data due to the low number of tests available.

In an effort to get a broader picture of the sta-

tus of illness in our area, we initiated a self-reporting survey on March 30th, which has supported our assumptions that COVID-19 is being transmitted from person-to-person in the San Luis Valley at a level larger than what is reflected by the actual test numbers. As of this week, 242 respondents reported symptoms consistent with COVID-19 since March 15th. However, this data is also incomplete because it is limited to those who have chosen to self-report, and because it is not backed up by actual testing. As frustrating as it may seem, there is no way for us to say with any accuracy exactly how many people in the San Luis Valley have the virus, exactly who they are, or exactly where they live.

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La Puente, Saguache receive emergency food

DENVER — Two San Luis Valley groups are among those receiving food from what is currently a \$1.6 million fund to address emergency food needs, which include local organizations like food pantries, family and senior resource centers and other nonprofits who are focused on directly providing food to members of their communities who need it.

La Puente's Food Bank Network and Saguache Works, Inc. were among 47 organizations receiving assistance (see details below).

The Colorado COVID-19 Emergency Hunger Relief Fund, administered through the Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger, was established through contributions from The Colorado Health Foundation, the Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative, The Denver Foundation and others.

In total, 47 organizations from all regions of the state were awarded more than \$766,000 to support and expand their reach during the pandemic. A portion of this



funding was limited to organizations serving Denver, and particularly Denver youth, because of funder restrictions. Applications for the second round of funding began on April 6.

Groups representing the full spectrum of nonprofits supporting people experiencing financial challenges were funded, including the Mountain Resource Center in Park County, La Puente's

Food Bank Network in the San Luis Valley, the West End Family Link Center in San Miguel and Montrose counties, the Colorado Springs Food Rescue and the Denver Metro Emergency Food Network.

"Even before our current public health emergency, far too many Coloradans were unable to afford the food they and their families needed," said Erin Ulric, imple-

mentation director for the Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger. "With our new reality, thousands more Coloradans will be forced into impossible economic choices. We simply cannot let whether they will eat, or their children will eat, to be one of those choices."

Before the arrival of the new coronavirus (COVID-19) and the statewide shelter in place order, an estimated one

in 11 Coloradans was already struggling to get the food they need. An estimated one in eight Colorado children didn't know where they'd find their next meal. Many more Coloradans whose jobs were lost due to necessary business shut-downs could also soon be struggling to make ends meet.

This heightened need was obvious in the flood of requests the new Colorado COVID-19 Emergency Hunger Relief Fund received. In just five days, the Fund received \$6.8 million in requests from more than 385 organizations across the state.

"We've long understood the need, but our current crisis brings the issue of hunger into even sharper relief in communities and neighborhoods across our state," said Dara Hesse, senior program officer at The Colorado Health Foundation. "We believe in the power of communities, and the best place for us to put the resources we have is with organizations already working on this issue in their own back yards."

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National Child Abuse Prevention Month

ALAMOSA — Alamosa's Chamber of commerce made a proclamation declaring April Child Abuse Prevention Month in Alamosa County. The proclamation is as follows:

As a Nation and as a community, it is our responsibility to build a safe and nurturing society so that our young people can realize their full potential. During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we renew our commitment to preventing child abuse and rededicate ourselves to working together to ensure that all children can have a bright and hopeful future.

Whereas, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement of all people throughout the community;

Whereas, child abuse and neglect not only directly harms children, but also increases the likelihood of long term

physical and mental health problems, alcohol and substance abuse, continued family violence and criminal behavior;

Whereas, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations.

without community resources and don't know how to cope;

whereas, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an involved and supportive community;

Whereas, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure that each family has the

support they need in raising their children in a safe and nurturing environment;

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships

created among social service agencies, schools, faith-based communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community;

Therefore, we do hereby proclaim April 2020 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the County of Alamosa and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith-based groups, and businesses to increase their participation and commitment in our efforts to support families and protect our children from abuse and neglect, helping to ensure that each child can grow up in a secure and loving environment.

Done this 8th day of April 2020 Signed by the Alamosa County Board of Commissioners

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Roland Doyle Crowder, 91



Waverly School -- where they remained until 1966. Then, they purchased their own family farm and resided there for the next 53 years.

To this union, they were blessed with six children. One of his proudest accomplishments in life was being married to his wife for over 70 years.

Roland was an educator at the Waverly School for 33 years. During that time, he simultaneously held the roles of custodian, principal, coach and teacher. In 2018, he was inducted into the ASU Educator's Hall of Fame. To this day many of his former students say he was the best teacher they ever had.

As if those jobs were not enough, he also farmed -- full-time -- with his father on their adjoining farms. Together they raised livestock, potatoes, hay and various grains. He enjoyed working alongside his four sons as they grew older -- many who still farm the land today.

Even though he retired from teaching, he never retired from farming. He had a great passion for raising sheep, and every year always seemed to make at least one a pet. When he was no longer able to physically work on the farm, he continued to have strong input on every aspect of the daily operations -- and he continued to keep the farm books until his death.

Of all the jobs he had, the role he loved the most was being a family man. His wife, kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids were the most important thing in his life. He loved them fiercely and always got the biggest joy from seeing them.

He was an exemplary role model; the finest example of a husband, father, grandfather, neighbor, teacher and friend. He lived his life with

a quiet dignity and grace.

He is survived by: his children, Marjorie (John) Guyer of Wapello, IA; Lawrence Crowder, John (Karen) Crowder, Paul Crowder (Patty of Pueblo, CO), Stan (Jeannie) Crowder and Kathleen (Tim) Johnson, all of Alamosa; his siblings, Dwight (Anne) Crowder of Las Cruces, NM; Thelma Cooper of Arvada; Barbara Armstrong of Alamosa; and Lois (Bob) Wesley of Las Cruces, NM; 18 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren and one on the way; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Roland is preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Dawn.

A private graveside service will be held on Saturday, April 11 -- his 92nd birthday -- in the Alamosa Cemetery. There he will be laid to rest, next to his wife. A public Memorial Service will be announced at a later date.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave words of comfort, memories, remarks and condolences for Roland's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

Ronald E. Kessler, 76



MONTE VISTA -- Ron Kessler: husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, retired mechanic, rancher, trapper, author and publisher passed away on April 5, 2020, in his home. He was born December 31, 1943, to Ernest & Lola (Brown) Kessler.

Ron is survived by his wife Francis; son Ron Jr. (Kris) and daughters; Debbie (Charlie) Harris and April (Duane) Harris; along with 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. His parents and sister, Marleen, preceded him in death.

Cremation was chosen. A private family service

will be held at a later date. Special thanks are extended to Dr. DeHerrera & staff for their extraordinary care. In lieu of flowers, please consider donation to Hospice Del Valle.

Patricia "Pat" Bryson, 59

ALAMOSA -- Patricia "Pat" Bryson, 59, passed away on April 4, 2020. She was born on September 30, 1960 in IL; to Thomas and Lola Bryson. Pat was an eager, life-long student of anthropology with a love of animals and music.

In her youth, Pat enjoyed performing rock, folk, and blues throughout the Chicagoland area. In later years, she shared her love through music across many other states. Pat traveled extensively throughout Canada and India, reveling in sharing her music and exploring the spirituality of other cultures. After her travels, Pat settled in Ala-

mosa and worked at Adams State University; while she continued her studies in anthropology while still also being active in the Alamosa Historical Society.

Pat is survived by her sister, Bette Bryson; brother, Steve Bryson; nephew, Kevin Bryson; and lifelong friends, Hope Reitman, Barbara Ponce and Jenny Donner-Reichel.

Cremation was selected and private family services will be held at a later time. To express condolences, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com. Rogers Family mortuary in Alamosa is in care of the arrangements.

Ruth Colleen Sales, 60



before her health forced an early retirement in the spring of 2019.

As part of her many roles, she wrote a weekly column: "Still Waters," which covered local government, court cases and water issues -- among many other diverse topics.

Ruth enjoyed writing features about the Valley's diverse and exceptional population. The wonderful people of the SLV became her extended family throughout her career.

Over the years she received numerous awards from the Colorado Press Association.

Upon her retirement, State Senator, Larry Crowder, requested Governor Polis declare Ruth Heide Day at the state capitol.

U.S. Congressman, Scott Tipton, read a tribute to Heide into the U.S. congressional record.

In Dec. 1985, Ruth married Carl Heide and was always proud to still count herself

part of the Heide family -- even after the couple divorced in 1995.

Ruth is survived by: her father, Donald Sales of Pueblo; brother, Mark Sales of Pueblo; older sister, Beth (Kevin) Wilkins of Denver; younger sister, Kristi (Tom) Gardner of Littleton; and -- the most recent of the many furry friends who shared her life over the years -- Oso.

Her mother, Teresa Sales, preceded her in death in Aug. 2019.

Ruth had a lifelong love of animals and enjoyed the companionship of numerous canine friends through the years. She served for many years on SLV's board of Animal Welfare Society.

Memorial gifts may be made to SLVAWS at 76 El Rio Drive, Alamosa, 81101.

Memorial contributions may also be made towards benches at the Blanca Vista Dog Park in Alamosa; where Ruth and Oso enjoyed visiting. Ruth's sister, Kristi Gardner, is handling bench arrangements and memorial contributions at: 9483 Desert Willow Way, Littleton, 80129.

Ruth was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and served in various capacities at the church through the years, including: leading children's and adult Sabbath Schools; telling children's stories for church;

playing the piano and sharing the worship message.

Although as a young person she felt called to the pastoral ministry and earned a theology degree, she believed that God could use people to serve him in whatever career they pursued.

Ruth hoped God was able to use her in His ministry through her career as a journalist. She believed she was where God wanted her to be and was grateful for opportunities to share His love with others.

In addition to animals, Ruth enjoyed collecting light-houses -- as they symbolized the gift of light in a dark world.

She was also grateful to enjoy vacations with family to Disneyland, Disneyworld, Hawaii and other destinations. Proud of her Irish heritage on both sides, she and her younger sister enjoyed a memorable trip to Ireland in the spring of 2019.

She was also fond of chocolate, pecan pie, cheese enchiladas, raspberries, Christmas; the music of Christian singer/songwriter, Robin Mark, and the daily view of the mountains rising from the Valley floor.

Cremation was chosen, and a celebration of life service will be held in Alamosa. The date and time is to be determined and announced in the paper.

Rose Medina

LOS FUERTES -- Rose Medina went home to be with her mother on April 6, 2020; with Juanita Maestas by her side.

Rose was the daughter of Delfino and Tonita Medina. She had one sister, Marie, who passed away as an infant.

Rose worked as a secretary for the Colorado State Extension Services and retired from there after 32 years. Most people knew Rose for her 22 years of dedication to the 4-H program. The 4-H program was her love.

After retirement, Rose worked at Centennial School District as a teacher's aid. She brought many smiles to both the students and staff for 15 years.

One of Roses' greatest accomplishments was in 2011, where she received Small Acreage Landowner Conservationist of the Year. Her farm was everything to her.

Rose loved football -- she always said if she was young, she would marry Tom Brady.

Rosie fought this battle with cancer with every bit of strength that she had. She was so strong; her faith throughout this journey was amazing. She outlived any expectations the doctors gave her.

In the end, cancer did

not win this battle, Rose did; because she has been reunited with her mother whom she missed so much.

A private funeral service was held on April 8, 2020; following her burial at the San Francisco Cemetery.

Once restrictions of COVID - 19 are lifted, a Celebration of Roses' Life for all her family and friends will be held at her ranch in Los Fuertes. Arrangements are in the care of Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

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 April 10, 2020

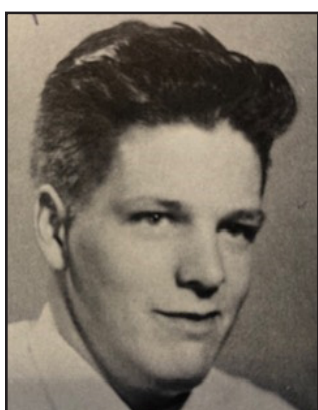
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John Marvin Davis, 82



strength, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you would donate to the Community Foundation of the San Luis Valley. One of John's favorite projects was working on restoring the old Velhagens Jewelers clock that sat on State Avenue in the early 1900s.

The Community Foundation of the San Luis Valley will restore the old clock in honor of John. Donations can be made to the Com-

munity Foundation of the San Luis Valley, 610 State Avenue, Alamosa, 81101.

John's passion and love for cars started at a young age. His dad died when he was only 16, so John pursued a part-time job at Vans Machine Shop to help his family make ends meet. Here he worked for Paul Stever doing small jobs around the shop.

It was at this point that John's passion and love for cars was sparked. Working hard in school and fulfilling his part-time job duties, at Vans, took up a good portion of his time; but he still had the motivation and the drive to build things.

He built his first hot rod at the age of 21. John also served his country in the United States Army Reserve. It was around this time that John met, fell in love with, and married Shirley Mayfield.

John was a brilliant man with a passion for medicine. He studied his undergraduate in pre-medicine at Adams State College and continued his doctorate at the Allied Health Sciences Center in Denver Colorado.

During his medical endeavor, he realized his love was not in medicine but rather in the machine shop.

He and Shirley packed up and moved back home to the San Luis Valley. John soon bought Vans Machine Shop from Paul with only 11 dollars and a genuine handshake. He owned Vans for 20 plus years, making a name for himself. John worked day and night as a precision machinist providing well for his growing family.

John then decided to retire from machining at Vans and sold the business to Steve Van Iwaarden and JR Olson. It was then that he took a job in the machine shop at Southway Construction. He worked for Butch Southway until he could no longer work.

John loved old cars and antiques. He truly was an American picker. He loved visiting Cole Park for the Annual Early Iron Festival and watching the slow cruise with his kids and grandkids.

He had a genuine love for all animals especially his shop cats. He also loved trains. He would visit the Cumbers and Toltec, in Antonito, just to hear the first hoot of the steam engines as they emerged for the summer season.

John will be truly missed by all who knew him.

ALAMOSA -- Ruth Colleen Sales was born on March 21, 1960, in Belle Fourche, SD, the third child of Donald and Teresa Sales.

Battling pancreatic cancer, she passed away on March 30, 2020, in Denver.

As her parents served in the ministry, Ruth had the privilege of living in different communities while growing up including Spearfish, Mitchell and Hurlley, South Dakota, Waukon, Iowa, Okeene and Muskogee, Oklahoma and Craig and Lamar.

She graduated from Moffat County High School in 1978 in Craig. Ruth went on to earn degrees in theology and journalism from Union College in 1982, in Lincoln, NE.

She later earned a Master's in guidance and counseling from Adams State College in 1992.

In 1983, after a brief stint in the Lampe and Branson, Missouri area, she moved to Alamosa, which became her life-long home until her death.

Ruth spent her 36-year journalism career in the San Luis Valley. She worked at the Del Norte Prospector in Del Norte from the spring of 1983-Dec. 1985, when she began working for the Valley Courier in Alamosa.

She served as a news reporter at the Courier, and was editor for about ten years,

LA JARA -- John Marvin Davis, 82, passed away in La Jara on Sunday, April 5th, 2020 at the Rio Grande Inn. He was born on January 8th, 1938 to Donald and Jewel (Martin) Davis in Alamosa. He married Shirley Mayfield on September 7, 1963, and together they had 5 children.

John is survived by his children, Stephen Paul Davis of Gunnison; Todd Edward (Donna) Davis of Mobile, AL; Deborah Elaine (Jerry) Shawcroft of Alamosa; and Dyan Irene (Hoyt) Anderson of Alamosa; grandchildren: Taylor, Britny, Austin, Abby, Madisen, Hayden, Gavin (Kayla), Brody, Brooks, and Brenna; along with three great-grandchildren and numerous members of his extended family.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Shirley; a son, Mitchell John Davis; brothers, Jim Davis and Michael Davis and sister, Betty.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date this year. John will be interred at the Sanford Cemetery after a Private Family Service. Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave the family online condolences or words of

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Centura Health offers testing for first responders

Seven locations available across Colorado

ENGLEWOOD — Emergency medical services (EMS), fire fighters, and law enforcement play a vital role in responding to requests for assistance, triaging patients, and providing emergency medical treatment and transport for ill persons. Centura Health is excited to announce we are now offering COVID-19 testing for our symptomatic First Responders across Colorado. “We’ve recognized the need for additional COVID-19 testing since the onset of this pandemic and are grateful that we now have the capacity to provide this testing to our first responder community. The value of knowledge is priceless for first responders,” stated Dr. Shauna Gulley, Chief Clinical Officer for Centura Health. “Our partners on the front line are presented with unique challenges because of the nature of their work and we want to ensure that they have the support and information they need to protect themselves,



their loved ones and the community.” To begin accepting our community partners, Responder Agencies interested in offering this to their teams should email: CenturaLovesFirstResponders@centura.org to receive needed forms to begin these visits. These first responders will need to bring a special form with them when coming for their test.

We are pleased that we are able to offer seven locations across Colorado, Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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 - Longmont | 1380 Tulip Street Longmont, CO 80501
 - Pueblo | 555 S Park Ave Breckenridge, CO 80424
 - Westminster | 7233 Church Ranch Blvd Westminster, CO 80021
 - Colorado Springs | 3027 N Circle Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80909
- At Centura, your health and wellness guide everything we do. For more information, visit www.centura.org/COVID-19.

Rio Grande National Forest officials finalize EIS

MONTE VISTA — Rio Grande National Forest officials are releasing the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the revised land management plan, under the provisions of the 2012 planning rule. This final EIS will be published in the Federal Register on Friday, April 10 for a 30-day review period. The 2020 Land Management Plan will be available for reference on the Forest website



by April 10. The Record of Decision, which approves

the final plan, will be signed at the end of the review period. The approved plan will provide guidance for managing 1.8 million acres of forest’s resources for the next 10-15 years. Every national forest is required by federal law to have a land management plan that is periodically revised with public involvement. The Rio Grande National Forest has worked with the public, area tribes,

and local, state and federal agencies since 2014 to revise its plan. Public input shaped direction for recreation, aquatic resources, eligible wild and scenic rivers, a proposed wilderness addition and species of conservation concern. “The culmination of years of public meetings and hard work from staff and partners is nearing its final stage,” said Forest Supervisor Dan Dallas. “I

look forward to reaching the final milestone in this long and valuable process.” The final EIS includes the analysis of the five alternatives considered, including the No Action alternative that continues existing land

management direction, and four action alternatives. The Rio Grande National Forest Land Management Plan, EIS and associated documents are available online at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46078>.

Gov. Polis extends Emergency Disaster declaration

DENVER — Gov. Polis signed an Executive Order today extending the disaster emergency declaration for COVID-19 for an additional 30 days.

The disaster declaration allows Colorado to access additional resources, temporarily waives procurement statutes for purchases related to COVID-19, and authorizes the implementation of the State’s Crisis Standards of Care plan (CSC Plan).

The CSC Plan was recommended by the Governor’s Expert Emergency Epidemic Response Committee on April 5, 2020, and verbally adopted by the Governor. Read more about the Crisis Standards of Care at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/colorado-crisis-standards-care>

Read the Executive at https://drive.google.com/file/d/19MIFsW4uOzMT0e-U0VYA_i2g8n2APBcu/view

The Governor also signed an Executive Order extending deadlines for state severance taxes. This is a one-time extension from April 15, 2020 until May 15, 2020. Read the Executive Order at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tNFM0ogHaJqerPyY2IBwrMXvIL7b8lTu/view>.

Farming opportunity on Monte Vista national wildlife refuges

ALAMOSA – The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is accepting bids for farming of one field to provide foraging habitat for sandhill cranes on the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuges for the 2020 season. The permits will be extended yearly for up to four additional growing seasons. The Bid Packages will only be available electronically either at https://www.fws.gov/refuge/monte_vista/or by emailing; Suzanne_Beauchaine@fws.gov

April 16, 2020:

EMAIL: Suzanne_Beauchaine@fws.gov with the subject line “2020 Farming”

For more information on contact Suzanne Beauchaine at (719) 588-3473.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for

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Food

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La Puente Home, Inc. La Puente’s Food Bank Network already exists to increase/strengthen access to fresh produce and healthy foods across the San Luis Valley, through a network of 15 food pantries. With the resources provided, the work of the Food Bank Network of the San Luis Valley will be fortified during troubling times for those around us. With the funds requested they will have the ability to leverage our spending to overcome the current challenge we have in locating food.

Saguache Works, Inc. Saguache Works is positioned to act quickly to address food needs in Saguache and Saguache County

during the COVID-19 crisis. Our non-profit organization has a food store that is currently operating and serves a very isolated and impoverished community in Saguache, Colorado. The food store is a critical resource for low-income and older adults.

The food store already has some programs in place, including being able to accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and participating in Colorado Double-Up Food Bucks, which allows SNAP recipients to receive free Colorado produce (up to \$20) when they spend the same amount on food purchases.

To help older adults, Saguache

Works offers the Saguache Healthy Elders Discount (SHED) which is a 20% discount on all food purchases to Saguache residents aged 60 and over.

Saguache Works also purchases food items from local producers and has many sources for food grown in our area. Saguache Works has launched a delivery program to help people in the community receive food items to their homes if they have transportation difficulties or find themselves in a situation where they cannot travel or are at high risk for the

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Those with symptoms that can be treated at home should be in isolation (stay away from others) until:

- You have had no fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever without using a medicine that reduces fevers)
- AND
- other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved)
- AND
- At least 7 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared

More information on how to isolate (if you have symptoms) or quarantine (if you were possibly exposed to a positive case) can be found at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/isolation-and-quarantine>.

The most effective way to prevent COVID-19 is to follow the social distancing orders to avoid contact with others as much as possible. If you have to go outside your house or are an essential worker and have to be around others,

wear a mask (either cloth or as directed by your employer). In addition to the public health orders from the state, there may be more restrictive orders in place within your county. Make sure that you understand the current public health orders for the county in which you live and work. Find links to your county’s orders at slvemergency.org. This is a stressful time for all. If you are experiencing a mental health crisis, please call 719-589-3671 or call the crisis hotline 1 (844) 493-TALK (8255). After business hours, please call 911 or the crisis hotline 1 (844) 493-TALK (8255) or text TALK to 38255.

SLV COVID general questions 719-480-8719 for English, or 719-315-5019 for Spanish. You may also email your questions to slvepr@alamosacounty.org.

CO HELP line 1-877-462-2911 (English and Spanish) for Colorado general information. Colorado updates and guidance: <https://covid19.colorado.gov>

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In Memory

Expressions from Ellen

"I'm not afraid ... to ..." she said calmly, but then broke up when she continued.

"I just don't want to cause my parents all this pain. I don't want to hurt my family."

All I could muster was, "I know."

It was a late-night conversation I had with Ruth Heide. It was her last night as the editor of the Valley Courier. And it was the first time I saw her break down.

She wanted to get out of laying out the front page for Friday, April 5, 2019, and I said, "No way, young lady! This is your last issue and you have to do this." She rolled her eyes, but didn't push back. Maybe she thought the tears would work on me and I'd let her off the hook.

We had, in a matter of three days, become quite the duo. Her with her calm, steady nature and me ... with none of that. All week she'd shake her head and say, "You have way too much energy. You're all over the place." And she'd laugh. Making Ruth Heide laugh was a wonderful thing.

I arrived on Monday, April 1 from the home office in Illinois. When we found out that Ruth was retiring and why, it was important to the parent company of the Courier to make certain the Alamosa and San Luis Valley communities knew that we realized the significance of this loss. For us, but mainly for all of you.

We had a precious editor who was sick and a staff that was in mourning. Not to mention all of you, who knew Ruth for decades, literally.

So, Monday evening I arrived at the office, entirely wired from a day of flying and driving, and ready to jump in. That same night at the office, I met Ruthie Brown who said, "Listen, she really doesn't feel like training you tonight." Ruth had decided that afternoon not to seek the intense medical treatment which was needed to "fight" the cancer. It seemed like an April Fool's joke to many.

But, Ruth had decided to live her life the way she thought was best. That seemed about right.

Meanwhile, I'm starting to sweat about losing a night of working with Ruth, but figured it would all work out. I've drunk from a fire hose before, right? Who hasn't been thrown in the deep end to see if they could swim?

The next day we hit it hard-ish. She had sent me extensive notes, which were a tad, let's just say "all over the place." Not because she was disorganized, but because there was SO MUCH to learn about the people; events; columns; meetings; layout; what runs what day; the editorial staff; who does what; production; trials; the schedule ... it was volumes.

On Wednesday, she took me to court where Judge Michael Gonzales didn't let her exit his courtroom until he shared some heartfelt words. And insisted on a photo.

That's how her whole last week went, all of you stopping by the Courier office to say goodbye. She was humbled, as if Ruth could be more humble, by the difference she had made in so many lives. "It's overwhelming," she said over and over again, as she shook her head.

She listened to your suggestions about what you would do if you were in her shoes; about people you knew who had the same cancer and what they did; about what she should eat; about people you'd lost to cancer; supplements she should take; and even what she should smoke. She did this with patience, respect and grace.

But when we were alone, she'd talk about it, shake her head and say, "I don't want to do any of those things."

She hid a lot. I asked her if she was in pain and she admitted she was. She never showed it, except briefly



Ellen O'Malley



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Current and former Valley Courier staff members gathered for a group photo March 31, 2019 during the "Thank You Ruth Heide" fundraiser at the Alamosa Senior Citizen Center. An estimated 300-plus community members gathered for a baked potato bar and dessert potluck event to honor the longtime Courier editor who was battling pancreatic cancer. Shown are, front from left, Heide and former, longtime sports editor Lloyd Engen; middle, Jennifer Alonzo, then-Valley Publishing publisher and former Courier sales associate, former editor Hew Hallock, mailroom supervisor Richard Quintana, former reporter Becky Daniels, current sales manager Debra Sowards-Cerny and publisher Keith Cerny; back, office manager Shasta Quintana, former reporter Lauren Krizansky and former pressman Robert Ward.

Fellow Tributes

Nelda Curtis, former co-worker and columnist:

Ruth followed her faith daily even as she was a most remarkable journalist, friend and animal rescuer. She took time to befriend countless people and to guide new reporters and stringers.

I will always remember her kindness and welcoming heart and how she taught all of us how to be better humans while interviewing, writing and publishing the Valley Courier. Her love for her pets was unconditional.

I still remember the night we searched for her beloved dog Katie who escaped her yard and had fallen into a snowy and icy ditch. Tried as we could tugging and pulling, we could not release her from her predicament. With the help of a neighbor who was sure footed on the embankment, Katie finally got home.

Another time with the help of Edna Latini and Janet Black, we rescued Mister, a racehorse, from being trucked off to slaughter. Humans and animals had a powerful advocate in Ruth. God bless Ruth. Rest in peace.

Hew Hallock, former Courier editor:

There are so many good things to remember about Ruth. At the top of the list is her commitment to her chosen role as

a journalist - she spent decades chronicling the lives and events of our communities and she did it with integrity, accuracy and compassion.

Ruth was dedicated to her faith; her Sabbath Day was Saturday and she let nothing interfere with observing the day as taught by her church.

when the phone would ring late at night. She'd grumble, then pick it up and say in the sweetest voice, "Valley Courier."

It made me laugh every time. I don't think Ruth knew how funny she was. And her's was a smart humor.

We had a lot of laughs. When it's 1 o'clock in the morning, you've been to a 5-hour city council meeting where, not only were you recognized for your service and stellar career by the whole council and mayor, but there's a large crowd voicing their yays and nays for a bike path and you're making sure everyone has a voice in the newspaper, you get a little punchy and giggly.

I'm blessed to have spent those last newspaper days with her, truly. I'll never forget it.

Ruth was professional, fair and thorough ... and let's just say, thanks be to God she knew shorthand!

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Pat Melgares, former Courier editor:

Here's the thing that I think about Ruth: Her presence always made me feel like I wanted to put on my best self when I was around her.

It was not about being phony or pretending to be someone I wasn't. It was about recognizing that she was such a person of strong values, great integrity. Just as she respected those around her, it was vitally important to show respect toward her, as well.

As a colleague, it was comforting to have such a capable professional in the newsroom. Everyone knew that her work would be done on time and she would put every inch of her heart into her work. As her editor for a short time, I worried only about the pages I was responsible for; she was more than capable of doing her job. She was the work colleague that all of us wish for in our jobs.

But I think she was an even greater person. How many people in our lives do we meet who are so genuine? How many people in our lives do we meet with such great faith in the Lord, and who is not ashamed to live that faith in every interaction?

Stephen Jiron, Interim Courier Editor:

When I applied for the position of Sports Editor at the Valley Courier I spent the next few days watching the clock urging my phone to ring with good news. After 5 o'clock I would stray from my phone and try and get my mind off my job hunt. After walking my dog one evening close to 7 p.m. I returned to find a voicemail. It was Ruth calling to set up an interview. I was shocked to learn that there was still someone working that late. After having gotten the job I learned the nature of the job required odd hour but even with that I learned Ruth's work ethic extended far beyond that.

My own late nights covering different sporting events were matched by Ruth's late nights and upped with a full day's work before it. Ruth would put in long hours all week long and still found time to cover weekend events. In my first year, I decided to look up my birthday edition of the Valley Courier. On the Tuesday of December 15th in 1987, the three lead stories all bear the same name, Ruth Heide. Ruth had literally been working at her trade longer than I had

Whether you knew Ruth 30 years ago or 3 years ago, she was the very same person; loving, kind, genuine, faith-filled.

When I was named editor of the Courier in 1993, I made a comment to another co-worker that we were going to "kick some ass!" No sooner the words were out of my mouth that Ruth happened to be walking by. I was ashamed! And I never apologized to her for saying that.

About 15 years later, it still kind of burned in me. I stopped into the Courier one day to say hi to Ruth and others who I still knew. I told Ruth the story of making that statement and told her that I was ashamed and apologized to her...finally. She said, "I don't even remember that!"

Whether she did or not, it spoke to her integrity, her ability to forgive, to accept others no matter what. She was such a great friend, and that day she made me feel that whatever had happened, she valued our friendship all these years and that was all she remembered. Her friendship was a true gift from God.

Anyway, she is at peace, and no longer in pain. God Bless Her. My heart is with the Alamosa and San Luis Valley communities at this time in sending my love to Ruth, one of our most special angels.

Many may not have known that Ruth had a terrific sense of humor. She was able to see humor in most any situation, sometimes even those that were serious. We shared many, many laughs during our time together in the newsroom. We are all better for having had Ruth in our lives.

been alive.

Having been named the sports editor in mid-September with sports season looming, the expression 'sink or swim' came to mind. I used Ruth as my baseline, she never did anything halfway. Those first few months were filled with me checking with her on format questions, asking about protocol, bouncing ideas off her as well as keeping a strong line of communication. I might as well have set up my desk at her doorway. No matter how mundane the question or easy the answer, Ruth's patience never ran out, her temper never flared, and she was sure to give me her undivided attention no matter her current workload.

When I made mistakes - a "rare" occurrence - her guidance was kind and reassuring.

Spending my nights putting pages together alongside Ruth I learned all those things about her. She was a hard worker, she was dedicated, she was kind, she was patient and she was selfless. I began to see her as family and was touched to learn that she saw herself as my second mother.

I would eventually grow into my position, becoming surer of myself, but one thing never changed. That spot at her doorway became a mainstay of mine for professional and personal counsel.



File photo

Ruth Heide

From her pulpit, she preached the news

"Ruth Heide's commitment to the highest standards of journalism is only seconded by her strong devotion to her faith, her community, and the issues that are important to the entire San Luis Valley," said Governor Jared Polis with some direction from

K.C. at Bat



Keith R. Cerny

Senator Larry Crowder in a proclamation just over a year ago.

Her 33 years at the Valley Courier, including the last 11 years as editor, were marked by integrity, honesty and above all accuracy.

Having helped manage her for the last 26 years I can only recall a time or two where her reporting accuracy was challenged, and if she was wrong, she admitted and corrected it. Her integrity was never challenged in my memory.

As our Governor and Senator declared March 30, 2019 as Ruth Heide Day in the State of Colorado, their proclamation went on to say she, "established herself as one of the most reliable voices in the San Luis Valley on stories ranging from water to education, and good governance to healthcare."

"She has always been such a refreshing reminder of the important role her profession should play in our lives," said Cleave Simpson, general manager of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, in a feature article on her retirement last March, "an example any number of national media outlets could learn from."

And she cared deeply for her family, friends and "sources."

Pastor Don Sales, Ruth's aging father, said she had been like that from the time she was a young girl, "always looking out for everyone."

With her father serving as a minister nearly his entire life, and her mother a journalist, Ruth was challenged as to where her education and career should take her.

We believe she made the right choice and feel honored to have provided her the "pulpit" from which to preach the news of the San Luis Valley.

As longtime Courier Sports Editor Lloyd Engen ended many a column with: "Ruth Heide. She's all the hero we needed."

Teresa Bennis, Center Post-Dispatch reporter:

As a senior co-worker, Ruth was always helpful, never rushed, courteous, sympathetic, cheerful and kind. This even though she was on deadline and had 1,000 other things to do. Her journalistic expertise and compassionate style will be greatly missed.

Religion

Finding faith during Easter celebrations

For many Christians, modern Easter celebrations would not be complete without bunnies, bunnies and colored eggs. As fun as those components can be, Christianity is at the heart of Easter, which is the most important date on the Christian religious calendar. Easter Sunday marks the culmination of events that shaped the beliefs and teachings of an entire faith.

Easter marks the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, which Christians believe occurred within days of his crucifixion and burial. The New Testament indicates that the Resurrection of Jesus is one of the chief tenets of the Christian faith and established Jesus as the Son of God. Easter is an example that God will righteously judge the world by sacrificing His son for the sins of others. And any person who chooses to follow Jesus receives everlasting life thanks to Christ's Resurrection.

Easter is linked to the

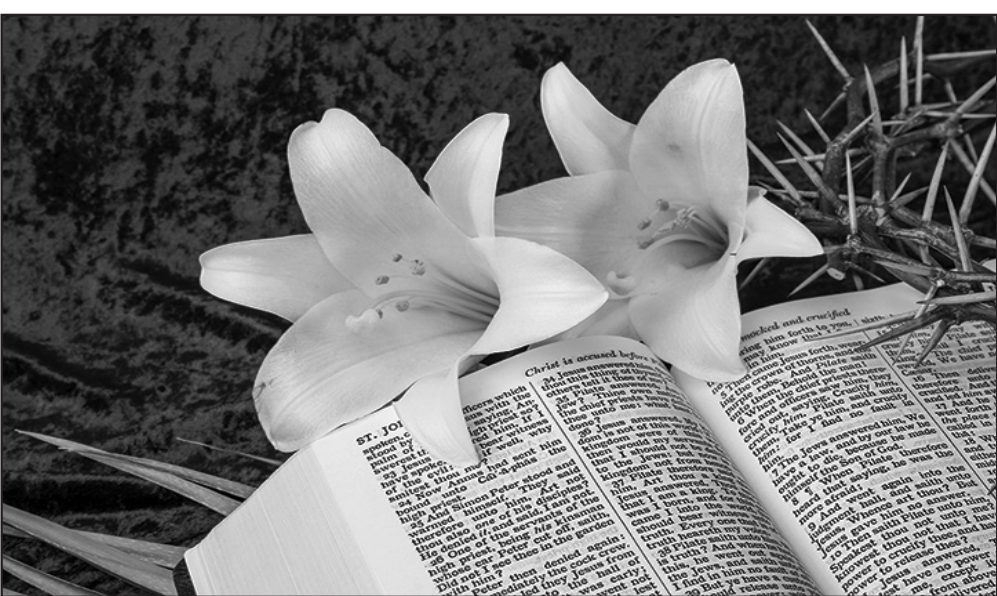
Jewish celebration of Passover due to its proximity on the calendar and the fact that Jesus was Jewish. The Bible states that Jesus participated in the Passover meal during The Last Supper. At The Last Supper, Jesus identified the matzo (bread) and wine as his body and blood, soon to be sacrificed and shed. Christians believe The Last Supper marked the first transubstantiation, or the turning of bread and wine into the actual substance of Christ's body and blood. This also was the first celebration of the Eucharist and Holy Mass that would become another core component of the Christian faith.

Easter is a time of great celebration that is preceded by Lent, a weeklong period of reflection, prayer and repentance. The days immediately prior to Easter are commonly referred to as Holy Week. This encompasses Palm Sunday and lasts through Holy Thursday (the day of The Last Supper), Good Friday (when Jesus was crucified

and placed in the tomb), and Holy Saturday (the 40-hour-long vigil that the followers of Jesus Christ held after his death and burial).

On Easter Sunday, four women, including Mary Magdalene, went to Christ's tomb to anoint his body with spices and oils. They found the tomb was empty and were met with an angel who told them that Jesus had been raised from the dead. A biblical account in John 20:14-16 indicates that Mary Magdalene was the first to speak with the risen Jesus. She mistakes Jesus for a gardener and says to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him, "Rabboni!" In regard to his apostles, Simon Peter was the first to see the risen Christ.

Easter is a time of joy and celebration, and a great opportunity for Christians to immerse themselves in their faith. TF204825



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Easter Sunday marks the culmination of events that shaped the beliefs and teachings of an entire faith.

Why Good Friday is 'good'

Christians commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ on Good Friday, which is the Friday before Easter Sunday. Christians believe that Jesus Christ was flogged and abused in other ways en route to his crucifixion, which ultimately ended with his death. So why would such a day ever be commemorated with the word "good"?

There are different theories as to how the word "good" came to be used in connection with the day that commemorates the crucifixion of Christ. In a

2014 article for the BBC, a senior editor with the Oxford English Dictionary, Fiona MacPherson, noted that the adjective "good" has traditionally been used to designate day or season in which religious observance is held. So in that context, "good" is not used in the way many people use it today.

According to Christianity.com, the word "good" might be the result of an older name once used to commemorate Good Friday, which Christians believe is one of the holiest

days of the year. Christianity.com notes that Good Friday was once referred to as "God's Friday." That name, the theory suggests, gradually evolved into "Good Friday."

Many practicing Christians do not question the name Good Friday, feeling that the day, while one of solemn commemoration, also marks the beginning of the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, a celebration that culminates two days later on Easter Sunday. TF204827



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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.

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



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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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Choir is held on Wednesday at 6pm during the summer months with a final practice at 8:15am on Sunday</p> <p>Christian Bethel Christian Church Pastor Erik Lira</p> <p>Worship Service Sunday 3:00 p.m. Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bilingual Services Monday Free Music Classes Instrumental Classes 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Voice & Bass Guitar 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Word of Faith Christian Center 401 Santa Fe, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Friday, 6:00 p.m. M.O.S.H. 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Baker Preacher</p> <p>Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Class Sunday, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study</p> <p>San Luis Valley Church of Christ 704 Del Sol, Alamosa, 719-589-2114</p> <p>Sunday Bible Study 9 am Sunday Worship 10 am Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm</p> <p>Cornestone Community Church Hwy. 160 Del Norte next to Rio Grande Medical Clinic Pastor Mark 719-657-9107</p> <p>Sunday 9:50 a.m. free breakfast Sunday 10:20 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 5:15 p.m. Dinner, music, fellowship, teachings</p> <p>Episcopal Saint Thomas Episcopal Church You067 4th Street, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service</p> <p>Saint Stephen the Martyr 729 3rd Avenue, Monte Vista</p> <p>Sunday, 10 am Service First Christian Church 518 First St. (First & State) Alamosa 589-8805</p> <p>Sunday 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - Church Service Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study</p> <p>Valley Fellowship 240 East 5th Street, Center - 719-754-3804</p> <p>Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship, Prayer and Bible Study Bible Studies during the week, call for information.</p> <p>First United Methodist First United Methodist Church 2005 Mullins Ave., Alamosa 719-589-2243</p> <p>"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" Morning Worship, 10:15 am Children's Church - Sunday, 10:30 am</p> <p>Community Churches United for Christ Community Church (SBC) "Community Centered Around Love" 7th & Broadway in Blanca 719-379-3317</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 11am</p> <p>Bible Believer's Community Church 11762 E US HWY 160 Alamosa, Co 81101 719) 206-3239</p> <p>Sunday worship 10:30 Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm www.bbchurchco.com</p> <p>Presbyterian Alamosa Presbyterian Church 330 San Juan Avenue, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship</p> <p>Hispanic Pentecostal Iglesia Pentecostal Unida L.A. 307 Tenth St, Alamosa Guadalupe Salazar Pastor 719-587-3546</p> <p>Wed. 7:00 p.m. Service Sat. 7:00 p.m. Youth Service Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Sun. 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>New Hope Church "The Church on the Hill" 25259 Hwy 160, South Fork, Co, 81154 Interim Pastor Ed Fleming • 719-573-1202 www.newhopest.com</p> <p>Morning Worship - 10:00 am Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 - 9:45</p> <p>Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa 330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101 alamosafellowship@gmail.com</p> <p>Sunday 4:30 PM Worship in the north wing of the Alamosa Presbyterian Church</p> <p>Independent, Fundamental Baptist First Baptist Church of Costilla County 9717 County Rd H, Mesita 719-206-0011 Pastor Paul Jones</p> <p>Sunday, 9:45 am - Sunday School Sunday, 10:45 am - Morning Worship Sunday, 12 Noon - Potluck Dinner Sunday, after dinner - Afternoon Worship Thursday, 7:00 pm - Mesita, Bible Study and Prayer meeting Home Bible studies in Costilla County Meeting in different locations</p> <p>DEAF MINISTRY FOR ALL SERVICES Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Alamosa Y S A Ward 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Alamosa</p> <p>Second Ward 927 Weber Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Alamosa Third Ward 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Alamosa Fourth Ward 927 Weber Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Sierra Vista Branch (Spanish Language) 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.</p> <p>Lutheran St. Peters Lutheran Church & School Church: 1821 Grande Avenue, Monte Vista School: 330 Faraday Street, Monte Vista</p> <p>Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Services School: K-8, Monday-Thursday</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church & School 52 El Rio Drive, Alamosa</p> <p>Sunday, 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>"Small Bible Study Groups Throughout the Week" Pre-School through 5th grade Church: 589-4611, Phone: 589-3271 Conejos Canyon Community Chapel 20062 State Hwy. 17 (between mile posts 21 and 20) Fellowship Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service</p> <p>Mountain Valley Church 408 State St. 17, Alamosa Pastor: Richard Pinkerton 589-2699 or 589-7662</p> <p>Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service</p> <p>Presbyterian Church of Monte Vista 702 Second Avenue, Monte Vista (719) 852-2655</p> <p>Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Sunday Worship</p> <p>Seventh-day Adventist Seventh-day Adventist Church 315 Craft Drive, Alamosa</p> <p>Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>United Methodist Mosca United Methodist Church 5385 Barker Street, Mosca 720-254-5564</p> <p>Reverend Hugh Harris Sunday Worship: 8:00 am.</p> <p>Unitarian Universalist Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa 719-587-5529</p> <p>"North Wing of Alamosa Presbyterian Church" Service & Youth Programs at 10:30 am Sunday.</p> <p>United Presbyterian Church of Antonio P.O. Box 665, Antonio</p> <p>Office Hrs. Tues, 9:00am - 12:00 Sunday 9:45am - Sunday School 10:45am - Service</p> <p>Valley Church of the Nazarene 228 Madison, Monte Vista - 852-5668 Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes 9:00 a.m. Every other Wednesday 6 p.m. (757)758-5876 for information for class schedule</p> <p>Church of Scientology 511 Main Street, Suite #12, Alamosa 719-587-5554</p> <p>Monday and Wednesday, 7-10 p.m. - Services</p> <p>Grace Assurance Ministry Church without Religion 9851 CR 4 S, Alamosa, CO Sunday Mornings - 10:30 Randy Brown - 719-588-7004 Eric Wolf - 719-480-3977</p>

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Lifestyle

Comments sought on southwest Colorado elk management plans

DURANGO—The draft herd management plans for elk in southwest Colorado are now available for review on the Colorado Parks and Wildlife website. Hunters and the public also are invited to submit comments on the plans.

Herd management plans are developed by looking at the history of a herd, biological capabilities of the habitat, the public's demand for wildlife recreation, and concerns of other public agencies and agricultural producers. The plans also guide hunting-license allocation for fall seasons.

During February, CPW's Durango office held a series of public meetings

throughout southwest Colorado to explain the status of the herds and to take comments from the public. The meetings were attended by more than 400 people and their comments were used to develop the draft plans. The new plans are aimed at increasing elk populations across the region.

The herd management plans include: Disappointment Creek herd, which includes Game Management Units 70, 71, 72, 73 and 711; the Hermosa herd, GMUs 74 and 741; and the San Juan Basin herd, GMUs 75, 751, 77, 78 and 771.

The draft management plan for these herds can be viewed at: <https://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/HerdManagementPlans.aspx>.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife researchers are also in the second year of a six-year study across southern Colorado to study survival trends of elk calves.

To make comments on the plans, submit an email to Brad Weinmesiter, terrestrial biologist, at brad.weinmeister@state.co.us; or send a letter to him at 151 E. 16th Street, Durango, CO, 81301. Comments should be submitted by May 3.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife has posted new elk management plans for southwest Colorado on its website.

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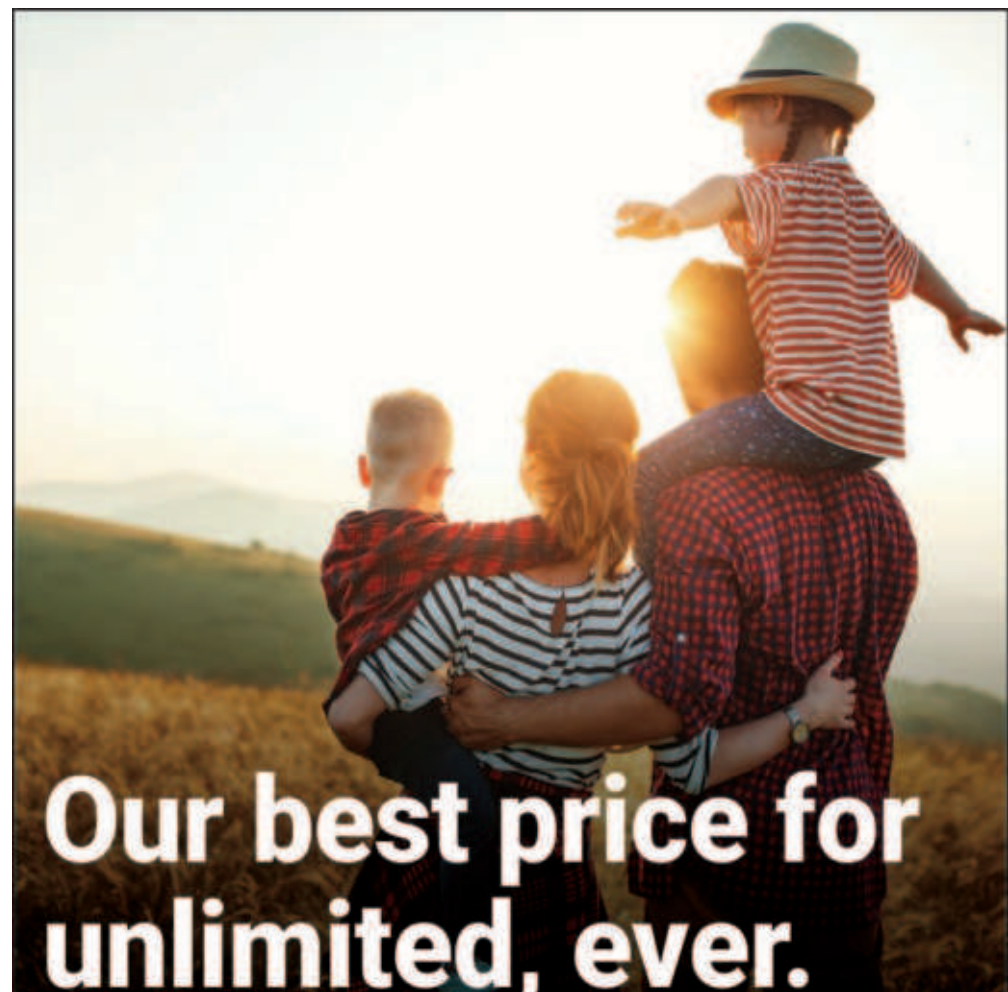
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Lifestyle

Safety tips for an egg-cellent Easter

Though current circumstances might change the way we celebrate Easter this Sunday, many people are looking forward to the holiday and accompanying festivities as a break from the serious rhetoric of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Murl Bailey, a professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM), advises pet owners to be cautious with some popular Easter decorations and treats in order to make the holiday as enjoyable for your furry friend as it is for you.

“For cats, the biggest problem will be the Easter lilies,” Bailey said. “Easter lilies affect the cat’s kidneys, and we don’t know what the toxic agent is. The clinical signs that we see in affected cats are they stop eating and act abnormally.”

Bailey adds that this abnormal behavior may include lethargy, vomiting, and dehydration. If the affected cat does not receive prompt veterinary care, these symptoms may progress to excessive urination or the inability to urinate, not drinking or excessive thirst, or other indicators of acute kidney failure.

“Cats who have eaten this plant must be brought the emergency room,” Bailey said. “They have to be given fluids for about 48 hours. If they don’t get treatment within 48 hours after the cat has ingested the plant, the results could be fatal.”

Bailey says dogs are more at risk for eating human foods that are toxic, like chocolate or snacks containing xylitol, an artificial sweetener.

“Xylitol causes the pancreas to secrete insulin,” Bailey said. “It drives the dog’s blood glucose, or the blood sugar, down to levels that are extremely dangerous.”

A dog with xylitol toxicity may display signs of vomiting, lethargy, or depression; a lack of coordination; tremors; or even seizures. They should be taken to a veterinarian immediately to stabilize their blood glucose.

“Chocolate is also toxic to dogs, and dogs are notorious for scarfing it down,” Bailey said. “It causes the dog to vomit. They’ll also develop diarrhea and convulsions that need to be controlled with veterinary intervention.”

It is specifically a component called theobromine in chocolate that is toxic to dogs. As such, the severity of a dog’s response to eating chocolate is dependent on not only their size and the amount of chocolate consumed, but also the type of chocolate consumed (dark chocolate,



for example, contains more theobromine than milk chocolate).

If an owner suspects that their dog has ingested (amounts of?) chocolate and the animal begins to vomit, they should seek emergency veterinary care. Bailey recommends calling the clinic ahead of time to inform them about apparent issues and when you will arrive.

Because of current social distancing measures, many families may opt to host an egg hunt at home this year. Those planning to do so should take care that their pets are kept away from the eggs, as many candies contain toxic xylitol or chocolate.

Owners also should be cautious about which non-toxic human foods they feed their pets. Many human foods are too rich for pets and may cause digestive problems. Instead of slipping your pet a bite under the table, Bailey recommends feeding them a treat made for pets—but in moderation.

“Pets really should not be fed from the table at any time,” Bailey said. “It’s not good on their teeth and it’s not a balanced meal.”

Being mindful of what your pet eats is essential to avoiding a veterinary emergency during any holiday. Though pet owners should keep an eye on their furry friends during these special times, there is no reason why a pet can’t be included in your Easter festivities.

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Lifestyle

You can help keep firefighters safe

By RONALD J. SIARNICKI

National Fallen Firefighters Foundation
Thirty-four firefighters in our nation's capital, 241 in New York and 15 in San Jose. Hundreds of firefighters across the country have COVID-19. Those numbers will likely increase by the time you read this. The reality is harsh. Even with personal protective equipment and strong infection control procedures, hundreds of firefighters are sick. Some have died.

They're not looking for sympathy. They're not looking for glory. The nation's fire service is turning to you for help.

There's a lot you can do to make it safer for firefighters. And many of these same actions will help prevent harm to others on the front lines of the COVID-19 battle, like police officers, nurses and doctors.

- Stay home and practice social distancing. We know it's getting tired and old. We know staying home is stressful and frustrating. But it's an essential action that keeps us all safe.

- Call 911 for emergencies only. If you need assistance, firefighters, paramedics and EMTs will be there. If it isn't an emergency, many communities have stepped up their non-emergency lines to offer guidance during the crisis.

- Call 911 for emergencies only. That's not a typo – it's a reminder. If you think you have an emergency, call 911. We don't want you to hesitate to call for real emergencies like heart attacks, household accidents, and small fires. These are emergencies and firefighters are here to take care of you.

- If you do need to call 911, alert the call-taker to anyone in your household that has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or has experienced any symptoms such as cough or fever. Firefighters will be there to help but will take the precautions needed to ensure they can keep doing their job throughout this pandemic. The 911 call-taker will likely ask additional questions. Please be patient and answer these questions.

- Make a list of all medications being taken by each member of your household, along with a medical history. Do it now, just in case. New rules in many communities will prevent relatives and friends from riding in the ambulance or even entering the hospital. We understand how scary this thought is but being prepared can help

ensure your loved one is getting the most appropriate care. Make sure those lists are handy.

- Collect a few things a loved one might need if they must go to the hospital. A phone charger, eyeglasses, wallet, ID and insurance card(s) are great things to include.

- Follow your local fire department and emergency management agency on social media. They'll have additional COVID-19 safety tips and keep you updated on changing procedures and policies.

And since you're at home, there's no time like the present to prepare for and practice for other types of emergencies:

- Every household needs to have a home escape plan in the event of a fire. There are great tools available on the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's Be A Hero, Save Hero app and at the National Fire Protection Association's Sparky website. If you have children at home, make them an active participant in putting the plan together. It's an activity with immediate and long-term benefits – and let's face it, who doesn't want to escape their house right now?

- Think like a firefighter: firefighters work hard each day to be prepared for anything and everything that comes along. Being prepared will help you tackle problems effectively. It also minimizes stress. If you feel prepared, you'll feel more in control.

There are no stay home orders for your local fire department. Your firefighters always respond when called. Please do your part to help them return safely to their families.

Ronald J. Siarnicki is the executive director of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. He's the former fire chief of Maryland's Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department and is currently a volunteer firefighter on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

The United States Congress created the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) to lead a nationwide effort to remember America's fallen firefighters. Since 1992, the tax-exempt, non-profit Foundation has developed and expanded programs to honor our fallen fire heroes and assist their families and co-workers. In addition, NFFF has expanded its mission to help prevent firefighter line-of-duty injuries and deaths.

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Kid Scoop

The Bunny Buddies' Giggie Garden

Why did Bart Bunny get arrested for running through the farmer's garden?

Use the clues to fill in the missing letters. The letters in the second vertical row reveal the punchline to this riddle:

How does Brianna Bunny stay healthy?

1.	C			
2.		A		
3.				Z
4.			E	
5.	M			
6.		B		
7.				E
8.				N
9.			H	

CLUES

- Your teacher writes on a blackboard with this.
- What ghosts like to do to houses.
- A reward for winning.
- Farmers plant these to grow crops.
- Another word for engine.
- The opposite of below.
- What you are when you need rest.
- A very large expanse of sea.
- What is left after something burns.

Standards Link: Vocabulary, Spelling, Phonics, Grammar, Reading Comprehension

Funny Filler

Have a buddy give you each type of word to fill in the blanks. Then, read the story aloud for lots of laughs!

Growing Problems

"This can't be right," said Baxter Bunny as he looked at his garden. Instead of a row of carrots, there were _____.

He used a _____ to dig into the _____.

Bobbi Bunny saw her brother carrying a _____ basket of _____.

of _____ attraction _____ she cried. "How will we make _____ stew for dinner with nothing but _____!"

Baxter said, "Don't worry. Six, I have a _____ sign that says!" He painted a sign that said: "They are _____!"

get a _____ FREE!"

_____ came from _____ miles around as word spread. Baxter and Bobbi soon had enough money to buy a _____ of _____ their favorite _____.

"Who knew there was a market for _____!" said Bobbi as they walked to the _____.

Standards Link: Spelling, Phonics, Grammar, Reading Comprehension

Do the math to reveal the answer to this riddle:

How does Bosco Bunny make gold soup?

15 - 10 = _____

21 - 8 = _____

9 - 6 = _____

24 - 8 = _____

35 - 28 = _____

20 - 12 = _____

Standards Link: Number Sense, Addition, Subtraction

Why did Bayley Bunny swim across the Atlantic?

The letters along the correct path reveal the answer!

Standards Link: Spelling, Phonics, Grammar, Reading Comprehension

Kid Scoop Puzler

Each of the Bunny Buddies below has at least one look alike, except for one. Can you find the unique bunny?

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

ARRESTED
GHOSTS
CARROT
BUNNY
ENGINE
GARDEN

BOSWINGRWD
TPAEKJGSEY
LASTAYETNE

Standards Link: Spelling, Phonics, Grammar, Reading Comprehension



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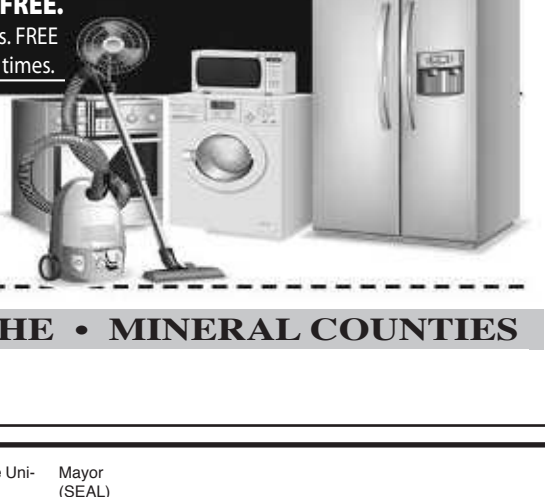
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ORDINANCE NO. _____
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ROMEO, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ITS WATER AND WASTEWATER REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2020, PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SAID BOND; PROVIDING OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE BOND, AND THE WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM AND FUNDS APPERTAINING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Town of Romeo, in the County of Conejos and State of Colorado (the "Town"), is a statutory town and political subdivision of the State of Colorado (the "State"), duly organized and operating under the Constitution and laws of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Town does now own, operate and maintain a water and wastewater system (the "System") for the Town and its inhabitants by and through its Water and Sewer Enterprise (the "Enterprise") empowered to provide water and wastewater services within the meaning of Title 37, Article 45.1, C.R.S. (the "Water Enterprise Act") and Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution ("TABOR"); and

WHEREAS, the Enterprise is a government-owned business authorized to issue its own revenue bonds and receiving under ten percent (10%) of annual revenue in grants from all Colorado state and local governments combined and it is hereby determined that the Town's operation of the System constitutes an enterprise within the meaning of TABOR and the Water Enterprise Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town (the "Board") has determined and hereby determines that it is necessary and in the best interests of the inhabitants of the Town that the Town finance and undertake Capital Improvements related to the System including replacing the existing pump system with a new constant pressure system, replacing current meters with remote read meters, upgrading the disinfection system, and installing a backup generator for the water system and replacing the existing pump system with ultra-sonic flow measurement devices and controls for both influent and effluent metering location on the wastewater system (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Town is authorized by TABOR, the Water Enterprise Act, and Part 4 of Article 35 of Title 31, C.R.S., to accept loans and grants from the United States to aid in financing the construction of water and wastewater facilities and to issue revenue bonds authorized by action of the Board without the approval of the electors of the Town since the System constitutes an enterprise within the meaning of TABOR, such bonds to be issued in the manner provided in Part 4 of Article 35 of Title 31, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development - Rural Utilities Service ("RUS") has agreed to make a grant to the Town in an amount not to exceed \$398,200 or 69.47% of the Project Costs (as defined herein), whichever is the lesser (the "RUS Grant"), and a loan to the Town in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 (the "RUS Loan") to defray the Project Costs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and purpose of this ordinance to authorize the issuance of the Town's Water and Wastewater Revenue Bond, Series 2020 (the "Bond") to evidence the RUS Loan; and

WHEREAS, the Board has further determined and hereby further declares that the Town is authorized to issue the Bond to finance the Project Costs pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State, the Water Enterprise Act, the Supplemental Act, and Part 4 of Article 35 of Title 31, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, the Town has previously executed and delivered a Loan Agreement between the Town and the United States of America, Farmers Home Administration dated April 6, 1990 (the "1990 Loan"); and

WHEREAS, the Town has previously executed and delivered a Loan Agreement between the Town and the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority (the "Authority") dated November 30, 2007, as amended May 1, 2013 (the "2007 Loan"); and

WHEREAS, except for the 1990 Loan and the 2007 Loan, the Town has not pledged the revenues derived or to be derived from the operation of the System for the payment of general obligation bonds or revenue bonds payable from such revenues, or otherwise, with the result that the Net Revenue (as defined herein) to be derived from the operation of the System may hereby be pledged lawfully and irrevocably to secure the repayment of the Bond on a parity with the 1990 Loan and the 2007 Loan; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, acting by and through RUS has agreed to purchase the Bond, to consist of a single registered bond, as herein authorized;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF ROMEO, COLORADO, THAT:

Short Title. This ordinance may be designated by the short title "2020 Bond Ordinance."

Definitions. The defined terms used in this Ordinance, except where the context requires otherwise, shall have the following meanings:

"Authority" means the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority.

"Board" means the Board of Trustees of the Town.

"Bond" means the bond herein authorized designated as the "Town of Romeo, Colorado, Water and Wastewater Revenue Bond, Series 2020."

"Bond Fund" means the "Town of Romeo, Colorado, 2020 Water and Wastewater Revenue Bond, Bond Fund."

"Capital Improvements" means the acquisition of land, easements, facilities and equipment (other than ordinary repairs and replacements), and the construction or reconstruction of improvements, betterments, and extensions, for use by, or in connection with, the System.

"Construction Fund" means the "Town of Romeo, Colorado, 2020 Water and Wastewater Revenue Bond, Construction Fund."

"Consulting Engineer" means any qualified registered or licensed professional engineer practicing under the laws of the State, including any such engineer employed by the Town.

"C.R.S." means Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended to the date hereof.

"Enterprise" means the Town's Water and Sewer Enterprise.

"Federal Securities" means bills, certificates of indebtedness, notes, or bonds which are direct obligations of, or the principal and interest of which obligations are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States.

"Financing Documents" means, collectively, this Ordinance, the Bond, the Sale Certificate, the RUS Resolution, the RUS Grant Agreement, and any other certificates or forms as may be reasonably required by the Purchaser, relating to the signing of the Bond, the delivery of the Bond and the receipt of the RUS Loan proceeds.

"Fiscal Year" means the twelve (12) months commencing January 1 of any year and ending December 31 of said year or any fiscal year which supersedes the Town's current fiscal year.

"Gross Revenue" means all income and revenues directly or indirectly derived by the Town from the operation and use of the System, or any part thereof, including without limitation, any rates, fees (including without limitation plant investment fees and availability fees), and charges for the services furnished by, or the use of, the System, and all income attributable to any past or future dispositions of property or rights, or related contracts, settlements, or judgments held or obtained in connection with the System or its operations, and including investment income accruing from such moneys; provided however, that there shall be excluded from Gross Revenue: ad valorem property taxes; any moneys borrowed and used for providing Capital Improvements; any money and securities, and investment income therefrom, in any refunding fund, escrow account, or similar account, pledged to the payment of any bonds or other obligations; and any moneys received as grants or appropriations from the United States, the State of Colorado or other sources, the use of which is limited or restricted by the grantor or donor to the provision of Capital Improvements or for other purposes resulting in the general unavailability thereof, except to the extent any such moneys shall be received as payments for the use of the System, services rendered thereby, the availability of any such service, or the disposal of any commodities therefrom. Notwithstanding anything contained above, any amounts deposited in a rate stabilization account shall not be deemed Gross Revenue in the calendar year deposited and amounts withdrawn from the rate stabilization account shall be deemed Gross Revenue in the year withdrawn.

"Holder" or "Owner" means the registered owner of the Bond, as shown by the registration books maintained by the Registrar.

"Income Fund" means the "Town of Romeo, Colorado, Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Income Fund."

"Independent Accountant" means any certified public accountant practicing under the laws of the State, who is not an officer or employee of the Town.

"Insured Bank" means a bank qualified to accept public deposits under State law and which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

"Letter of Conditions" means the Letter of Conditions dated August 23, 2018, from the United States Department of Agriculture to the Town setting forth conditions pursuant to which the RUS Grant and the RUS Loan are delivered.

"Net Revenue" means Gross Revenue less Operation and Maintenance Expenses.

"Operation and Maintenance Expenses" means all reasonable and necessary current expenses of the Town, paid or accrued, for operating, maintaining, and repairing the System, including without limitation legal and overhead expenses of the Town directly related to the administration of the System, insurance premiums, audits, professional services, salaries and administrative expenses, labor and the cost of materials and supplies for current operations; provided however, that there shall be excluded from Operation and Maintenance Expenses any allowance for depreciation, payments in lieu of taxes or franchise fees, expenses incurred in connection with Capital Improvements, payments due in connection with any bonds or other obligations, and expenses that are otherwise paid from ad valorem property taxes.

"Parity Bonds" means the 1990 Loan and the 2007 Loan and additional bonds payable from and constituting a lien upon the Net Revenue on a parity with the lien thereon of the Bond, the 1990 Loan and the 2007 Loan.

"Paying Agent" means the office of the Town Treasurer, or any successor thereto.

"Payment Date" means the day of each month set forth in the Sale Certificate that payments on the Bond are due commencing on the date provided in the Sale Certificate.

"Project" means the financing and undertaking of Capital Improvements related to the System including replacing the existing pump system with a new constant pressure system, replacing current meters with remote read meters, upgrading the disinfection system, and installing a backup generator for the water system and replacing the existing pump system with ultra-sonic flow measurement devices and controls for both influent and effluent metering location on the wastewater system.

"Project Costs" means the costs of the Town properly attributable to the Project or any part thereof and permitted by the provisions of Section 31-35-403(2), C.R.S., including without limitation:

- the costs of labor and materials, of machinery, furnishings, and equipment; and of the restoration of property damaged or destroyed in connection with construction work;
- the costs of insurance premiums, indemnity and fidelity bonds, financing charges, bank fees, taxes, or other municipal or governmental charges lawfully levied or assessed;
- administrative and general overhead costs;
- the costs of reimbursing funds advanced by the Town in anticipation of reimbursement from Bond proceeds, including any intrafund or interfund loan;
- the costs of surveys, appraisals, plans, designs, specifications, and estimates;
- the costs, fees, and expenses of printers, engineers, architects, financial consultants, legal advisors, or other agents or employees;
- the costs of publishing, reproducing, posting, mailing, or recording documents;
- the costs of contingencies or reserves;
- the costs of issuing the Bond;
- the costs of amending any resolution, or other instrument relating to the Bond or the Project;
- the costs of repaying any short-term financing, construction loans, and other temporary loans and of the incidental expenses incurred in connection with such loans;
- the costs of acquiring any property, rights, easements, licenses, privileges, agreements, and franchises;
- the costs of demolition, removal, and relocation;
- administrative, operating, and other expenses of the Town prior to and during the acquisition period and for a period of not exceeding one year thereafter; and
- all other lawful costs as determined by the Board.

"Purchaser" means the United States of America, acting by and through RUS.

"Registrar" means the office of the Town Treasurer, or any successor thereto.

"Reserve Fund" means the "Town of Romeo, Colorado, 2020 Water and Wastewater Revenue Bond, Reserve Fund."

"Reserve Requirement" means the amount set forth in the Sale Certificate.

"RUS" means the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development - Rural Utilities Service or any successor thereto.

"RUS Grant" means the grant from RUS to the Town in an amount not to exceed \$398,200 or 69.47% of the Project Costs, whichever is the lesser, as evidenced by the RUS Grant Agreement.

"RUS Grant Agreement" means the Water and Waste System Grant Agreement between the Town and the RUS, a form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

"RUS Loan" means the loan from RUS to the Town that is evidenced by the Bond.

"RUS Loan Resolution" means the Loan Resolution required by RUS Bulletin 1780-27 adopted and approved by the Board, a form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit D.

"Sale Certificate" means the certificate executed by the Mayor, the Town Treasurer or any member of the Board dated on or before the date of delivery of the Bond, setting forth: the rate of interest on the Bond; the conditions on which the Bond may be redeemed prior to maturity and the redemption price therefor; the existence and amount of any capitalized interest or reserve funds; the price at which the Bond will be sold; the principal amount and denomination of the Bond; the amount or amounts of principal maturing or subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption in any particular year; and the dates on which principal and interest shall be paid, including, the first interest payment date for the Bond; subject to the parameters and restrictions contained in Section 7 of this Ordinance.

"State" means the State of Colorado.

"Supplemental Act" means the Supplemental Public Securities Act, constituting Title 11, Article 57, Part 2, C.R.S.

"System" means (i) any facility, plant, works, system, building, structure, improvement, machinery, equipment, fixture or other real or personal property, relating to the transmission, treatment, storage and distribution of water, and the collection, treatment and disposal of wastewater, that is owned, operated or controlled by the Town, including, without limitation, the Project; (ii) any renewal, replacement, addition, modification or improvement to (i) above; and (iii) all real or personal property and rights therein and appurtenances thereto necessary or useful or convenient for the effectiveness of the purposes of the Town in the transmission, treatment, storage and distribution of water, and the collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater.

"Tax Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended to the date of issuance of the Bond.

"Town" means the Town of Romeo, Colorado.

"Town Treasurer" means the Town Treasurer of the Town, or his or her successor in function.

"1990 Loan" means the Loan Agreement dated April 6, 1990, between the Town and the United States of America, Farmers Home Administration.

"2007 Loan" means the Loan Agreement dated November 30, 2007, as amended May 1, 2013, between the Town and the Authority.

Bond Sale. Section 11-57-204 of the Supplemental Act provides that a public entity, including the Town, may elect in an act of issuance to apply all or any of the provisions of the Supplemental Act. The Board hereby elects to apply all of the provisions of the Supplemental Act to the Bond.

Pursuant to Section 11-57-205 of the Supplemental Act, the Town hereby delegates to the Mayor, the Town Treasurer or any member of the Board, the authority to accept the proposal of the Purchaser to purchase the Bond as well as the authority to make determinations in relation to the Bond contained in the Sale Certificate, subject to the parameters and restrictions contained in Section 7 of this Ordinance. Ratification. All consistent action taken previously by the Board and officers of the Town directed toward the Project and toward the issuance of the Bond is ratified, approved and confirmed. To the extent that the provisions of this Ordinance are inconsistent with the provisions of the RUS Loan Resolution, the provisions of the RUS Loan Resolution shall control.

Authorization of Project. The Project is authorized at a cost of approximately \$573,200 and the necessity thereof is hereby declared. The Mayor, the Town Treasurer and the officers and employees of the Town are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary for the Project.

Authorization of Bond. For the purpose of providing funds to pay the Project Costs and as requested by RUS, the Town shall, under the authority of the Water Enterprise Act, the Constitution of the State, Part 4 of Article 35 of Title 31, C.R.S., and the Supplemental Act, issue its "Town of Romeo, Colorado, Water and Wastewater Revenue Bond, Series 2020" in anticipation of the collection of Net Revenue. The Bond shall be issued and be payable both as to principal and interest, solely from the Net Revenue, and the Town pledges irrevocably, but not necessarily exclusively, such Net Revenue to the payment of the Bond and the interest thereon on a parity with the Parity Bonds. Bond Details. The Bond shall mature, bear interest from its dated date to maturity or prior redemption and be sold as provided in the Sale Certificate, provided that:

- the interest rate on the Bond shall not exceed 3.000% per annum;
- the Bond shall mature no later than forty years (40) years from its date of issuance;
- the Bond shall be subject to optional redemption at any time without premium;
- the purchase price of the Bond shall not be less than 100% of the principal amount of the Bond; and
- the principal amount of the Bond shall not exceed \$175,000.

The Bond shall initially be issued as a single Bond payable to the United States of America; provided, however, that no Bond may be in a denomination which exceeds the principal coming due on any maturity date and no individual Bond will be issued for more than one maturity. The Bond shall be dated as of the date of delivery to the Purchaser and shall be numbered in such manner as the Registrar may determine. Interest on the Bond shall accrue on the basis of a 365-day year. Amortized installments of principal and interest shall be paid on the Payment Dates; except that any Bond which is resued upon transfer, exchange or other replacement shall bear interest from the most recent Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, or if no interest has been paid, from the date of the Bond. Except as otherwise provided herein, every payment on the Bond shall be applied first to interest computed to the Payment Date and then to principal.

Payment of Bond; Paying Agent and Registrar. Payments of principal of and interest on the Bond (except the final payment) shall be made via direct pay or electronic transfer on or before the Payment Date (or, if such Payment Date is not a business day, on or before the next succeeding business day) in the amount and beginning on the date set forth in the Sale Certificate as required by and directed by the RUS. The payment of the final installment of principal and interest on the Bond will be made to RUS only upon presentation and surrender thereof at the Paying Agent. If, upon presentation of the Bond by the Owner at or after its final maturity, payment is not made as provided herein, interest thereon shall continue to accrue at the same rate per annum until the principal thereof is paid in full. The Bond shall not be released by the Owner to the Town until final payment has been received. Notwithstanding the foregoing, so long as RUS is the Owner, the Town will make payments of principal and interest in the manner reasonably determined by RUS.

The Registrar shall note such payments of principal in the registration records. In the case of any dispute as to the amount of principal paid, the payment records maintained by RUS shall control. All such payments shall be made in lawful money of the United States of America without deduction for the services of the Paying Agent or the Registrar.

Prior Redemption or Prepayment. Installments of principal of the Bond may be subject to prepayment prior to their Payment Date, at the option of the Town, in whole or in part, on any date and in any order selected by the Town at a price equal to the principal amount of the Bond so prepaid plus accrued interest to the prepayment date, without premium.

Redemption Notice. Notice of redemption shall be given by the Town, by mailing a copy of a notice of redemption, first-class postage prepaid mail, at each thirty (30) days prior to the redemption date to RUS at the address for RUS set forth in the records of the Registrar. The notice shall identify the Bond by name, specify the redemption date, and state that on such date the principal amount specified and accrued interest to the prepayment date will become due and payable, and once payment is received, interest thereon shall cease to accrue. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any notice of redemption shall either (a) contain a statement that the redemption is conditioned upon the receipt by the Paying Agent on or before the redemption date of funds sufficient to pay the redemption price of the installments of principal of the Bond so called for redemption, and that if such funds are not available, such redemption shall be canceled by written notice to RUS of the installments of principal of the Bond called for redemption in the same manner as the original redemption notice was mailed, or (b) be given only if funds sufficient to pay the redemption price of the installments of principal of the Bond so called for redemption are on deposit with the Paying Agent in the applicable fund or account.

Uniform Commercial Code. RUS shall possess all rights enjoyed by

holders of investment securities under the provisions of the State Uniform Commercial Code-Investment Securities.

Bond Registration, Transfer and Exchange. The Bond shall be issued in a fully registered form, i.e., registered as to the payment of both principal and interest. The Bond may only be transferred by RUS pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance.

If the Bond shall be lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated, the Registrar shall, upon receipt of such evidence, information or indemnity relating thereto as if or the Town may reasonably require, and upon payment of all expenses in connection therewith, authenticate and deliver a replacement Bond. If such lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated Bond shall have matured or shall have been called for redemption, the Registrar may direct that such Bond be paid by the Paying Agent in lieu of replacement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, so long as RUS is the Owner of the Bond, security or indemnity will not be required in the event the Bond is lost or destroyed.

Whenever the Bond shall be surrendered to the Paying Agent upon payment thereof, or to the Registrar for replacement as provided herein, such Bond shall be promptly canceled by the Paying Agent or Registrar.

Except as otherwise herein provided with respect to record dates for the payment of interest, the Town, the Paying Agent, and the Registrar may deem and treat RUS as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes.

Execution of the Bond. The Bond shall be executed in the name of and on behalf of the Town and signed by the manual signature of the Mayor, sealed with the seal of the Town and attested by the manual signature of the Town Clerk.

Incontestable Recitals in Bond. The Bond shall recite that it is issued under the authority of the Supplemental Act and Title 31, Article 35, Part 4, C.R.S. Pursuant to Section 11-57-210, C.R.S., such recital shall be conclusive evidence of the validity and the regularity of the issuance of the Bond after its delivery for value, and the Bond issued containing such recital shall be incontestable for any cause whatsoever after its delivery for value. Pursuant to Section 31-35-413, C.R.S., such recital shall conclusively impart full compliance with all of the provisions of said statutes, and the Bond issued containing such recital shall be incontestable for any cause whatsoever after its delivery for value.

Special Obligation. Principal of and interest on the Bond shall be payable solely out of the Net Revenue which is hereby pledged for that purpose. RUS may not look to any general or other fund for the payment of Bond principal or interest, except the special funds pledged therefor. The Bond shall not constitute an indebtedness nor a debt (general obligation or otherwise) within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision or limitation, and shall not be considered a general obligation of the Town.

Form of Bond. The Bond shall be in substantially the following form. The RUS Loan is to be evidenced by a single bond numbered R1. The Bond shall mature in installments of principal and interest, and be subject to prepayments of installments of principal, substantially as provided in Sections 8 and 9 hereof.

(Form of Single Bond)

R-1 \$175,000
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF COLORADO COUNTY OF CONEJOS
TOWN OF ROMEO, COLORADO
WATER AND WASTEWATER REVENUE BOND
SERIES 2020
PER ANNUM _____
DATED AS OF _____ MATURITY DATE _____ INTEREST RATE _____
[Date of Delivery], 2020 ____% ____ 20____

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS
REGISTERED OWNER: "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
4300 Goodfellow Blvd., Building 104
St. Louis, Missouri 63120-1703
Tax ID No. 43-1757115"

The Town of Romeo, Colorado (the "Town"), a political subdivision duly organized and operating under the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, acting by and through its Town of Romeo Water and Sewer Enterprise, for value received, hereby promises to pay, solely out of the special funds and accounts hereinafter designated but not otherwise, to the registered owner named above, or registered assigns, in accordance with the payments set forth herein until the maturity date specified above or on the date of prior redemption, the principal amount specified above. In like manner, the Town promises to pay monthly payments of principal and interest in the amount of [\$566.00] payable on the [] of each month (each a Payment Date), commencing on [] 2020. Interest shall be calculated on the basis of a 365-day year, and all payments shall be applied first to interest, and then to principal, as required by applicable United States of America (Rural Utilities Service) ("RUS") regulations.

Principal and interest are payable in lawful money of the United States of America, without deduction for exchange or collection charges during the period the United States of America is the registered owner of this bond, at such address designated by the United States of America. At such period when the United States of America is not the registered owner hereof, payment shall be made at the address shown on the registration book of the Town. At issuance, the principal and interest shall be paid by electronic transfer, or at such other place as may be indicated by RUS, on or before the applicable Payment Date, by the Town Treasurer of the Town, or by any successor, as paying agent. The final installment of principal and interest due on this bond is payable only upon the surrender hereof to the Town. If the Town fails to pay when due the installments of the unpaid principal as herein provided, interest shall continue to accrue at the rate set forth above until said installment is paid in full.

Payment of this bond and interest hereon shall be made solely from, and as security for such payment there are pledged, pursuant to the duly adopted ordinance authorizing the issuance of this Bond (the "Bond Ordinance"), two special funds identified as the "Town of Romeo, Colorado, 2020 Water and Wastewater Revenue Bond, Bond Fund" and the "Town of Romeo, Colorado, 2020 Water and Wastewater Revenue Bond, Reserve Fund" into which the Town has covenanted to pay from the Gross Revenue derived from the System (as defined in the Bond Ordinance), and other legally available revenues, after provision only for all necessary and reasonable operation and maintenance expenses of the System, sums sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on this bond and to create and maintain a reasonable and specified reserve therefor. For a description of said funds and the nature and extent of the security afforded thereby, reference is made to the Bond Ordinance. This bond is secured by and constitutes an irrevocable and prior lien (but not necessarily an exclusive such lien) upon the Net Revenue on a parity with the 1990 Loan and the 2007 Loan (as defined in the Bond Ordinance). Subject to designated conditions, and with the prior written approval of RUS, additional bonds may be issued payable from said Net Revenue and having a lien thereon on a parity with or subordinate to the lien thereon of this bond, in accordance with the Bond Ordinance.

This Bond or any portion thereof, is subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the Town, on any date, upon payment of the principal amount of the Bond so prepaid plus accrued interest to the prepayment date, without redemption premium.

Notice of prior redemption shall be given by mailing a copy of the redemption notice, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption, to the registered owner of this Bond at the address shown on the registration books maintained by the Registrar, in the manner set forth in the Bond Ordinance. All principal amounts called for redemption will cease to bear interest after the specified redemption date, provided funds for their redemption are on deposit at the place of payment at that time. Prepayments of principal and interest payments, or any portion thereof, may be made at any time at the option of the Town. Refunds, extra payments and loan proceeds obtained from outside sources by the Town and applied for the purpose of paying down the Bond shall, after payment of interest, be applied to the principal payments last to become due on this Bond and shall not affect the obligation of the Town to pay the remaining payments of principal and interest.

This Bond is issued by the Board of Trustees of the Town for the purpose of paying the costs of providing certain water and wastewater facilities, by virtue of and in full conformity with the Constitution of the State of Colorado; Title 37, Article 45.1, C.R.S.; Title 31, Article 35, Part 4, C.R.S.; Title 11, Article 57, Part 2, C.R.S. (the "Supplemental Act") and all other laws of the State of Colorado thereto enabling, and pursuant to the Bond Ordinance. Pursuant to Section 31-35-413, C.R.S., such recital shall conclusively impart full compliance with all of the provisions of said statutes, and this Bond issued containing such recital is incontestable for any cause whatsoever after its delivery for value. It is hereby recited, certified, and warranted that all of the requirements of law have been fully complied with by the proper officers in issuing this Bond. Pursuant to the Supplemental Act, this recital conclusively imparts full compliance with all the provisions of such law, and any bond issued containing this recital shall be incontestable for any cause whatsoever after its delivery for value and such recital shall be conclusive evidence of the validity and the regularity of the issuance of this bond after its delivery for value.

The Town covenants and agrees with the registered owner hereof that it will keep and perform all the covenants of the Bond Ordinance, the RUS Grant Agreement and the RUS Loan Resolution, including its covenant against the sale or mortgage of the System or any part thereof unless provision has been made for payment of this bond, and its covenant that it will fix, maintain and collect rates sufficient to pay operation and maintenance expenses and 100% of both the principal of and the interest on this bond and any other obligations payable from the Net Revenue (including reserves).

This bond, including interest hereon, does not constitute a debt of the Town within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory limitations or provisions, but is payable solely out of special funds and the Net Revenue pledged to the payment hereof. The registered owner may not look to any general or other fund for payment.

This bond is transferable only upon the registration records kept by the Town Treasurer, as bond registrar-in-fact, or the registered owner hereof or by his duly authorized attorney-in-fact, or it may be surrendered in exchange for a new bond of the same aggregate principal amount in authorized denominations to the extent practicable and consistent with the maturity schedule provided in, and subject to, the conditions set forth in the Bond Ordinance.

It is further certified, recited and warranted that all the requirements of law have been fully complied with by the proper Town officers in this Bond. Pursuant to the Supplemental Act, this recital conclusively imparts full compliance with all the provisions of such law, and any bond issued containing this recital shall be incontestable for any cause whatsoever after its delivery for value and such recital shall be conclusive evidence of the validity and the regularity of the issuance of this bond after its delivery for value.

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and this Ordinance. The Net Revenue, as received by or otherwise credited to the Town, shall immediately be subject to the lien of such pledge without any physical delivery, filing, or further act. The lien of such pledge on the Net Revenue and the obligation to perform the contractual provisions made herein shall have priority over any or all other obligations and liabilities of the Town. The lien of such pledge shall be valid, binding, and enforceable as against all persons having claims of any kind in tort, contract, or otherwise against the Town ir-
 respective of whether such persons have notice of such lien.
 Additional Bonds. Superior Obligations Prohibited. The Town may not issue any bond or other obligation payable out of, or secured by a lien on the Net Revenue that is prior and superior to the Bond.
 Earnings Tests. This Ordinance shall not prevent (subject to the written consent of RUS) the issuance of Parity Bonds. Before any such additional Parity Bonds are actually issued it must be certified that: The Town is not, and has not been in default as to any payments re-
 quired to be made in Section 21 hereof during the Fiscal Year immediately preceding the issuance of such additional Parity Bonds and the Reserve Fund is fully funded at the amount designated by RUS; and The Net Revenue for any 12 consecutive months out of the 18 months preceding the month in which such proposed Parity Bonds are to be issued was at least equal to the sum of (a) 120% of maximum annual debt service due in any one year on (i) the Bond, (ii) all other outstanding obligations of the Town payable out of, or secured by a lien or charge on the Net Revenue, and (iii) the bonds proposed to be issued, and (b) the maximum annual debt service due in any one year on all obligations payable out of, or secured by a lien or charge on the Net Revenue that is subordinate to the lien of the Bond.
 Subordinate Obligations Permitted. This Ordinance shall not prevent issuance of bonds or other obligations having a lien on the Net Revenue which is subordinate to the lien thereof of the Bond. Before any such subordinate obligations are actually issued it must be certified that for any 12 consecutive months out of the 18 months preceding the month in which such obligations are to be issued, the Net Revenue was at least equal to 100% of the maximum annual debt service due in any one year on (a) all obligations during such period that are payable out of, or secured by a lien or charge on the Net Revenue and (b) such proposed obligations to be issued.
 Certification of Revenues. A written opinion or certificate by an Independent Accountant that Net Revenue is sufficient to satisfy subsection (B)(2) or subsection (C) above shall conclusively determine the right of the Town to issue additional Parity Bonds or subordinate obligations. In calculating revenue coverage for purposes of issuing additional Parity Bonds or subordinate obligations, Net Revenue may be adjusted to reflect any rate increases adopted in connection with the issuance of additional obligations by adding to the actual Net Revenue for the period examined an estimated sum equal to 100% of the estimated increase in Net Revenue that would have been realized during such period had the adopted rate increase been in effect during all of such period. In determining whether additional Parity Bonds or subordinate obligations may be issued, the Independent Accountant may consider any probable increase (but not reduction) in Operation and Maintenance Expenses. A written certificate by a Consulting Engineer as to the amount of such probable increase may be conclusively relied upon in determining the right of the Town to issue additional Parity Bonds. The Independent Accountant may utilize the results of any annual audit or financial report to the extent it covers the applicable period.
 Refunding Bonds. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Town may issue refunding obligations payable out of, or secured by a lien on the Net Revenue without compliance with the requirements stated above, provided that the debt service payments on such refunding obligations do not exceed the debt service payments on the refunded obligations during any calendar year.
 No Defeasance. Pursuant to RUS Instruction 1780, §1780.94(j)(4), while the United States of America is the Owner of the Bond, the Bond may not be defeased.
 Protective Covenants. The Town covenants and agrees with each and every Holder that:
 Payment of Bond Herein Authorized. The Town will pay the principal of and interest on the Bond at the place, on the dates, and in the manner specified according to the true intent and meaning thereof.
 Rate Covenant. Rates and charges for services rendered by the System shall be reasonable and just, taking into account the cost and value of the System, Operation and Maintenance Expenses, possible delinquencies, proper allowances for depreciation, contingencies, and the amounts necessary to retire all bonds payable from Net Revenue, and the reserves therefor. There shall be charged against all users, including the State and its subdivisions, rates and amounts sufficient to produce Gross Revenue to pay the annual Operation and Maintenance Expenses and 100% of both the principal of and interest on all bonds and other obligations payable from Net Revenue, including reserves; provided, however, that until the 2007 Loan is fully paid, canceled, and discharged such charges levied against all users shall be sufficient to produce Gross Revenues to pay the annual Operations and Maintenance Expenses and 110% of both the principal of and interest on all bonds and other obligations payable from Net Revenue, including reserves, in accordance with the terms of the 2007 Loan. No free service shall be furnished by the System. The Town is granted a statutory lien upon realty for unpaid rates and charges. The Town covenants and agrees that it will cause each such lien to be perfected and enforced in accordance with State law.
 Levy of Charges. Prior to the delivery of the Bond, the Town will establish, levy and maintain the rates and charges which are required to meet the provisions of the preceding paragraph. No reduction in any initial rate schedule may be made unless:
 The Town has complied with Section 25(B)(2) of the Bond and any outstanding Parity Bonds for the Fiscal Year immediately preceding and subsequent such reduction;
 The financial reports for the full two Fiscal Years immediately preceding such reduction disclose that the estimated Gross Revenue resulting from the proposed rate schedule will be sufficient to meet the requirements of the preceding paragraph of this Section; and
 RUS approves in writing the proposed reduction provided that RUS shall have first been furnished with a written request signed by the Mayor requesting and justifying such reduction.
 Efficient Operation. The Town shall make such improvements and repairs to the System as may be necessary to ensure its economical and efficient operation and its ability to meet demands for service.
 Records. Separate records will be kept showing complete and correct entries of all transactions relating to the System. Such records shall include monthly entries showing:
 The number of customers;
 The Gross Revenue received from System charges by classes of customers;
 A detailed statement of expenses; and
 Such other items specified by any form furnished by RUS.
 Right to Inspect. RUS or its duly authorized agents, shall have the

right at all reasonable times to inspect the System and all records, accounts and data relating thereto.
 Annual Financial Reporting and Budgets. The Town agrees that it will, within 60 days following the close of each Fiscal Year, furnish a financial report made by an Independent Accountant to the Purchaser (through the Colorado office of RUS). Each such financial report, in addition to matters thought proper by such Independent Accountant, shall be prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and shall include:
 A statement for the Fiscal Year just closed, of the income and expenditures of the System, including Gross Revenue, Net Revenue, the amount of any capital expenditures and profit or loss;
 A balance sheet as of the end of such Fiscal Year, including all funds created by proceedings authorizing bonds payable from System revenues;
 The accountant's comment regarding the Town's methods of operation and accounting practices;
 A list of the insurance policies in force, setting out the amount of each policy, the risks covered, the name of the insurer, and the expiration date;
 A recapitulation of each fund or account created by the various proceedings showing deposits and withdrawals for said Fiscal Year.
 At least thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of each new Fiscal Year, the Town shall cause an operating budget showing the planned budget and projected cash flow for the ensuing year to be prepared and shall furnish to and receive approval from RUS of such budget. Along with the operating budget, the Town shall provide the name, address and term of office for each member of the Board, the current rate schedule and the number of residential users and the number of commercial users of the System as of the end of the Fiscal Year. The Town will furnish the designated RUS representative with statements of income and expense on forms furnished by RUS or in a format approved by RUS (to the extent required by RUS). The Town will furnish a copy of each financial report, budget, quarterly statement and written instrument to any Holder at his request, and without request to RUS. Any Holder shall have the right to discuss the contents with any person making the financial report.
 Billing Procedure and Discontinuance of Service. No free service or use of the Facility will be permitted. All bills to customers of the System shall be sent out on a regular established basis in advance or after service is rendered, and the Town shall diligently pursue collection of any overdue bills in accordance with its rules and regulations, including but not limited to assessment of late charges, recording of evidence of the Town's statutory lien concerning such overdue amounts, collection through the Town Treasurer as provided by State law, and discontinuance of service in appropriate cases.
 Use of Bond and Reserve Funds. The Bond Fund and the Reserve Fund shall be used solely and only for the purposes set forth above, and said funds are hereby so pledged.
 Charges and Liens Upon System. The Town will pay when due all taxes and governmental charges lawfully levied in respect of the System. The Town will comply with all valid requirements of any governmental authority relative to the System. The Town shall not create or permit to be created any lien or charge upon the System or the Gross Revenue thereof except with the prior written consent of RUS and as permitted herein. The Town will satisfy all claims and demands within 60 days after the same shall accrue which might by law become a lien upon the System or upon the Gross Revenue thereof unless the validity of such claims and demands is being contested in good faith by appropriate legal proceedings.
 Construction Contract and Bond. The Town will require each person, firm or corporation with whom it may contract for labor or materials to furnish a performance and payment bond in the full amount of any contract. Any such contract will meet the reasonable requirements of RUS as are not inconsistent with State law.
 Insurance. Fire and extended coverage insurance will be obtained and maintained on the System facilities above ground, including Town-owned contents. The proceeds of such insurance shall be used to restore the property lost or damaged and any remainder will be distributed as Net Revenue. The Town will carry general liability insurance, workers' compensation insurance and will maintain public liability insurance (including liability and property damage insurance on Town-owned or operated vehicles) if authorized by State law as interpreted by the attorney for the Town.
 Competing System or Works. The Town shall not grant any franchise or license to a competing System, or permit any person or organization to sell water service within the Town, but this covenant shall not require the Town to take any action which, in the opinion of the Town's legal counsel, may violate antitrust laws.
 Alienating System. The Town will not sell, transfer, lease, or otherwise encumber the Facility or any portion thereof, or interest therein, or permit others to do so, without the prior written consent of RUS.
 Extension of Interest Payments. The Town will not extend or be a party to the extension of the time for paying any installment of interest. Any coupon or installment of interest so extended shall not be entitled in case of default hereunder to the benefit or security of this Ordinance except subject to the prior payment in full of the principal of the Bond and interest which has not been extended.
 Management of the System. If an "Event of Default" shall occur or if the Net Revenue in any Fiscal Year fail to equal principal, interest and reserves for all bonds payable from Net Revenue, the Town shall retain an independent Consulting Engineer to assist the management of the System so long as such default continues or the Net Revenue are less than the amount designated.
 Surety Bonds. The Town Treasurer, or any person or employee being responsible for receiving income and maintaining the accounts of the System, shall be bonded in an amount required by RUS; such fidelity bond or equivalent coverage may be provided on Form 44024 or other equivalent RUS forms and may designate RUS as a coobligee. Town's Existence.
 The Town will maintain its "corporate" identity and existence so long as the Bond remains outstanding, unless another political subdivision by operation of law succeeds to the liabilities and rights of the Town, without adversely affecting, to any substantial degree, the privileges and rights of any Holder.
 The Town agrees to give written notice to RUS, if the United States of America is the Owner of the Bond, at least 30 days prior to any contemplated merger, consolidation or dissolution of the Town.
 Tax Covenant. The Town covenants for the benefit of Owners of the Bond that it will not take any action or omit to take any action with respect to the Bond, the proceeds thereof, any other funds of the Town or any facilities financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Bond if such action or omission (i) would cause the interest on the Bond to lose its exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Tax Code, (ii) would cause interest on the Bond to lose its exclusion from alternative minimum taxable income as defined in Section 55(b)(2) of the Tax Code, or (iii) would cause interest on the Bond to lose its exclusion from Colorado taxable income or Colorado alternative minimum taxable income under present

Colorado law. The foregoing covenant shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the payment in full of the Bond until the date on which all obligations of the Town in fulfilling the above covenant under the Tax Code and Colorado law have been met.
 Events of Default. It is an "Event of Default" if:
 Nonpayment of Principal. The full payment of any installment of principal of the Bond is not made when due.
 Nonpayment of Interest. The full payment of any installment of interest on the Bond is not made when due.
 Incapable to Perform. The Town is not capable of fulfilling its obligations hereunder.
 Default of Any Provision. The Town defaults in the punctual performance of its covenants hereunder, and such default continues for sixty (60) days after written notice shall have been given by the Holders of twenty-five percent (25%) in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Bond.
 Remedies of Default. Upon the happening and continuance of any Event of Default, RUS, or, in the event that RUS is not the Owner, the Holder or Holders of not less than twenty-five (25%) in principal amount of the outstanding Bond, or a trustee therefor, may protect and enforce the rights of any Holder by any proper legal or equitable remedy deemed most effectual including mandamus, specific performance of any covenant, the appointment of a receiver (the consent to such appointment being hereby granted), injunctive relief, or requiring the Board to act as if it were the trustee of an express trust, or any combination of such remedies. All proceedings shall be maintained for the equal benefit of all Holders. Any receiver appointed to protect the rights of Holders may take possession of and operate and maintain the System in the same manner as the Town itself might do. The failure of any Holder to proceed does not relieve the Town or any person of any liability for failure to perform any duty hereunder, absent the prior written consent of RUS for so long as RUS is the sole owner of the Bond. The foregoing rights are in addition to any other right, and the exercise of any right by any Holder shall not be deemed a waiver of any other right. In addition to the foregoing remedies, so long as the Bond is registered in the name of the United States of America, upon an Event of Default the RUS, at its option, may (a) declare the entire principal amount then outstanding and accrued interest immediately due and payable, (b) for the account of the Town (payable from the Net Revenue and any other legally permissible source), incur and pay reasonable expenses for repair, maintenance, and operation of the facility and such other reasonable expenses as may be necessary to cure the cause of default, and (c) take possession of the System and operate or rent it.
 Duties upon Default. Upon the happening of any Event of Default, the Town will perform all proper acts to protect and preserve the security created for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bond. In the event that RUS is not the sole Owner of the Bond, the Holder or Holders of not less than twenty-five percent (25%) in principal amount of the outstanding Bond, after written demand, may proceed to protect and enforce the rights provided by this Section.
 Prior Charge Upon Lower Rates. If any commission or authority lawfully prescribes a lower schedule of rates than that contemplated by this Ordinance, then the payment of principal and interest on the Bond, Parity Bonds, and any amounts required to be deposited into the Reserve Fund shall constitute a first and prior charge on the Net Revenue.
 Refinancing. If it shall appear to the United States of America, during the time the United States of America owns the Bond, that the Town is able to refinance the amount of the Bond then outstanding, in whole or in part, by obtaining a loan for such purposes from responsible cooperative or private sources at reasonable rates and terms for loans for similar purposes and periods of time, the Town shall, upon request of the Purchaser, apply for such loan in a sufficient amount to repay the Purchaser. Any such refinancing shall be accomplished according to applicable statutes of the State.
 Equal Opportunity Agreement. At the request of the United States of America, the Mayor and the Town Clerk are authorized and directed to execute for and on behalf of the Town RD Form 400-4, entitled "Assurance Agreement," and RD Form 400-1 entitled "Equal Opportunity Agreement," including an "Equal Opportunity Clause," which clause is to be incorporated in, or attached as a rider to, each construction contract and sub-contract in excess of \$10,000.00, or other equivalent RUS forms.
 Discharge of Bond. When the Bond has been paid, the pledge and lien and all obligations hereunder shall be discharged and the Bond shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding.
 Amendment of Ordinance. This Ordinance may only be amended with the prior written consent of RUS.
 Delegated Powers. The officers of the Town shall, and they hereby are authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Ordinance, including, without limitation, the execution of the Financing Documents and such certificates or forms as may be reasonably required by the Purchaser, relating to the signing of the Bond, the provision of tenure and identity of the members and officers of the Board and of the Town, the delivery of the Bond and the receipt of the RUS Loan proceeds, and, if it is in accordance with fact, the certification of absence of litigation, pending or threatened, affecting the validity thereof, the assembly and dissemination of financial and other information concerning the Town and the Bond, and the sale and issuance of the Bond pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance and to any instrument supplemental hereto.
 No Recourse Against Officers and Agents. Pursuant to Section 11-57-209 of the Supplemental Act, if a member of the Board, or any officer or agent of the Town acts in good faith, no civil recourse shall be available against such member, officer, or agent for payment of the principal of or interest on the Bond. Such recourse shall not be available either directly or indirectly through the Board or the Town, or otherwise, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute, rule of law, enforcement of penalty, or otherwise. By the acceptance of the Bond and as a part of the consideration of its sale or purchase, any person purchasing or selling such Bond specifically waives any such recourse.
 Prior Contracts. If any provision herein is inconsistent with any provision in any existing contract pertaining to the Town so as to affect prejudicially and materially the rights and privileges thereunder, so long as such contract shall remain viable and in effect, such provision therein shall control such inconsistent provision herein and the latter provision shall be subject and subordinate to such provision in such existing contract. In the event of any inconsistency between this Ordinance and the RUS Loan Resolution, the provisions of the RUS Loan Resolution shall control.
 Police Power. Nothing herein prohibits or otherwise limits or inhibits the exercise by the State, any agency thereof or any political subdivision thereof, including, without limitation, the Town, of the police power, i.e., essential governmental powers for the public welfare. The provisions hereof are subject to any proper exercise in the future of the police power thereby. The Town cannot contract away its police power nor limit or inhibit by contract its proper exercise of the police

power, and this Ordinance does not purport to do so.
 Ordinance Irrepealable. After the Bond herein authorized is issued, this Ordinance shall be and remain irrepealable until the Bond and the interest thereon shall be fully paid, canceled, and discharged, as herein provided.
 Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, the intent being that the same are severable.
 Repealer Clause. All bylaws, orders, and resolutions of the Town, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed to revive any bylaw, or order, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.
 Waiver by RUS. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, so long as the United States of America is the Owner of the Bond, RUS may waive compliance with any of the terms of this Ordinance.
 Safety Clause. The Board hereby finds, determines, and declares that this Ordinance is promulgated under the general police power of the Town, that it is promulgated for the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and that this Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of health and safety and for the protection of public convenience and welfare. The Board further determines that the Ordinance bears a rational relation to the proper legislative object sought to be attained.
 Emergency Declaration. It is hereby found and determined by the Board that: (i) the issuance of the Bond and the construction of the Project is necessary and in the public interest; and (ii) it is necessary to take advantage of current conditions in the municipal bond market and low interest rates, the continuation of which cannot be predicted. As a result of the foregoing, the Board hereby declares that an emergency exists, and that this Ordinance is necessary to the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, all in accordance with §31-16-105, C.R.S.
 Effective Date. This Ordinance, as adopted by the Board, shall take effect immediately and shall be numbered and recorded by the Town Clerk in the official records of the Town. The adoption and publication shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and the Town Clerk, and by the affidavit of publication.
 INTRODUCED, PASSED AND ADOPTED AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE AND ORDERED PUBLISHED IN FULL this 30th day of March, 2020, by a vote of 3/4 of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Romeo, Colorado of ___ for and ___ against constituting the extraordinary majority required by §31-16-105, C.R.S.
 TOWN OF ROMEO, COLORADO
 (SEAL)
 Mayor
 Attest:
 Town Clerk
 STATE OF COLORADO)
)
 COUNTY OF CONEJOS) S.S.
)
 TOWN OF ROMEO)
 I, the undersigned, the duly qualified Town Clerk of the Town of Romeo, Colorado (the "Town"), do hereby certify:
 1. That the foregoing pages are a true, perfect and complete copy of an ordinance (the "Ordinance") introduced at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Romeo (the "Board") held at the Town Hall on March 30, 2020.
 2. The Ordinance was duly moved and seconded, and the Ordinance was adopted at the regular meeting of March 30, 2020, by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the Board as follows:

Name	"Yes"	"No"	Absent	Abstain
Brian Fernelius, Mayor				
Alice Espinoza				
Stephanie Guillen				
Kate Brooks				
Don Martinez				
Sam Valdez				
Michelle Bradbury				

3. The members of the Board were present at the meeting and voted on the passage of such Ordinance as set forth above.
 4. There are no bylaws, rules or regulations of the Board which might prohibit the immediate adoption of said Ordinance.
 5. The Ordinance has been signed by the Mayor, sealed with the corporate seal of the Town, attested by me as Town Clerk, and duly recorded in the books of the Town; and that the same remains of record in the book of records of the Town.
 6. The notice of the regular meeting of March 30, 2020, attached hereto as Exhibit A was posted within the Town at least 24 hours before such meeting as required by law.
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 WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Town affixed this _____, 2020.
 Town Clerk
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right at all reasonable times to inspect the System and all records, accounts and data relating thereto.
 Annual Financial Reporting and Budgets. The Town agrees that it will, within 60 days following the close of each Fiscal Year, furnish a financial report made by an Independent Accountant to the Purchaser (through the Colorado office of RUS). Each such financial report, in addition to matters thought proper by such Independent Accountant, shall be prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and shall include:
 A statement for the Fiscal Year just closed, of the income and expenditures of the System, including Gross Revenue, Net Revenue, the amount of any capital expenditures and profit or loss;
 A balance sheet as of the end of such Fiscal Year, including all funds created by proceedings authorizing bonds payable from System revenues;
 The accountant's comment regarding the Town's methods of operation and accounting practices;
 A list of the insurance policies in force, setting out the amount of each policy, the risks covered, the name of the insurer, and the expiration date;
 A recapitulation of each fund or account created by the various proceedings showing deposits and withdrawals for said Fiscal Year.
 At least thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of each new Fiscal Year, the Town shall cause an operating budget showing the planned budget and projected cash flow for the ensuing year to be prepared and shall furnish to and receive approval from RUS of such budget. Along with the operating budget, the Town shall provide the name, address and term of office for each member of the Board, the current rate schedule and the number of residential users and the number of commercial users of the System as of the end of the Fiscal Year. The Town will furnish the designated RUS representative with statements of income and expense on forms furnished by RUS or in a format approved by RUS (to the extent required by RUS). The Town will furnish a copy of each financial report, budget, quarterly statement and written instrument to any Holder at his request, and without request to RUS. Any Holder shall have the right to discuss the contents with any person making the financial report.
 Billing Procedure and Discontinuance of Service. No free service or use of the Facility will be permitted. All bills to customers of the System shall be sent out on a regular established basis in advance or after service is rendered, and the Town shall diligently pursue collection of any overdue bills in accordance with its rules and regulations, including but not limited to assessment of late charges, recording of evidence of the Town's statutory lien concerning such overdue amounts, collection through the Town Treasurer as provided by State law, and discontinuance of service in appropriate cases.
 Use of Bond and Reserve Funds. The Bond Fund and the Reserve Fund shall be used solely and only for the purposes set forth above, and said funds are hereby so pledged.
 Charges and Liens Upon System. The Town will pay when due all taxes and governmental charges lawfully levied in respect of the System. The Town will comply with all valid requirements of any governmental authority relative to the System. The Town shall not create or permit to be created any lien or charge upon the System or the Gross Revenue thereof except with the prior written consent of RUS and as permitted herein. The Town will satisfy all claims and demands within 60 days after the same shall accrue which might by law become a lien upon the System or upon the Gross Revenue thereof unless the validity of such claims and demands is being contested in good faith by appropriate legal proceedings.
 Construction Contract and Bond. The Town will require each person, firm or corporation with whom it may contract for labor or materials to furnish a performance and payment bond in the full amount of any contract. Any such contract will meet the reasonable requirements of RUS as are not inconsistent with State law.
 Insurance. Fire and extended coverage insurance will be obtained and maintained on the System facilities above ground, including Town-owned contents. The proceeds of such insurance shall be used to restore the property lost or damaged and any remainder will be distributed as Net Revenue. The Town will carry general liability insurance, workers' compensation insurance and will maintain public liability insurance (including liability and property damage insurance on Town-owned or operated vehicles) if authorized by State law as interpreted by the attorney for the Town.
 Competing System or Works. The Town shall not grant any franchise or license to a competing System, or permit any person or organization to sell water service within the Town, but this covenant shall not require the Town to take any action which, in the opinion of the Town's legal counsel, may violate antitrust laws.
 Alienating System. The Town will not sell, transfer, lease, or otherwise encumber the Facility or any portion thereof, or interest therein, or permit others to do so, without the prior written consent of RUS.
 Extension of Interest Payments. The Town will not extend or be a party to the extension of the time for paying any installment of interest. Any coupon or installment of interest so extended shall not be entitled in case of default hereunder to the benefit or security of this Ordinance except subject to the prior payment in full of the principal of the Bond and interest which has not been extended.
 Management of the System. If an "Event of Default" shall occur or if the Net Revenue in any Fiscal Year fail to equal principal, interest and reserves for all bonds payable from Net Revenue, the Town shall retain an independent Consulting Engineer to assist the management of the System so long as such default continues or the Net Revenue are less than the amount designated.
 Surety Bonds. The Town Treasurer, or any person or employee being responsible for receiving income and maintaining the accounts of the System, shall be bonded in an amount required by RUS; such fidelity bond or equivalent coverage may be provided on Form 44024 or other equivalent RUS forms and may designate RUS as a coobligee. Town's Existence.
 The Town will maintain its "corporate" identity and existence so long as the Bond remains outstanding, unless another political subdivision by operation of law succeeds to the liabilities and rights of the Town, without adversely affecting, to any substantial degree, the privileges and rights of any Holder.
 The Town agrees to give written notice to RUS, if the United States of America is the Owner of the Bond, at least 30 days prior to any contemplated merger, consolidation or dissolution of the Town.
 Tax Covenant. The Town covenants for the benefit of Owners of the Bond that it will not take any action or omit to take any action with respect to the Bond, the proceeds thereof, any other funds of the Town or any facilities financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Bond if such action or omission (i) would cause the interest on the Bond to lose its exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Tax Code, (ii) would cause interest on the Bond to lose its exclusion from alternative minimum taxable income as defined in Section 55(b)(2) of the Tax Code, or (iii) would cause interest on the Bond to lose its exclusion from Colorado taxable income or Colorado alternative minimum taxable income under present

Colorado law. The foregoing covenant shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the payment in full of the Bond until the date on which all obligations of the Town in fulfilling the above covenant under the Tax Code and Colorado law have been met.
 Events of Default. It is an "Event of Default" if:
 Nonpayment of Principal. The full payment of any installment of principal of the Bond is not made when due.
 Nonpayment of Interest. The full payment of any installment of interest on the Bond is not made when due.
 Incapable to Perform. The Town is not capable of fulfilling its obligations hereunder.
 Default of Any Provision. The Town defaults in the punctual performance of its covenants hereunder, and such default continues for sixty (60) days after written notice shall have been given by the Holders of twenty-five percent (25%) in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Bond.
 Remedies of Default. Upon the happening and continuance of any Event of Default, RUS, or, in the event that RUS is not the Owner, the Holder or Holders of not less than twenty-five (25%) in principal amount of the outstanding Bond, or a trustee therefor, may protect and enforce the rights of any Holder by any proper legal or equitable remedy deemed most effectual including mandamus, specific performance of any covenant, the appointment of a receiver (the consent to such appointment being hereby granted), injunctive relief, or requiring the Board to act as if it were the trustee of an express trust, or any combination of such remedies. All proceedings shall be maintained for the equal benefit of all Holders. Any receiver appointed to protect the rights of Holders may take possession of and operate and maintain the System in the same manner as the Town itself might do. The failure of any Holder to proceed does not relieve the Town or any person of any liability for failure to perform any duty hereunder, absent the prior written consent of RUS for so long as RUS is the sole owner of the Bond. The foregoing rights are in addition to any other right, and the exercise of any right by any Holder shall not be deemed a waiver of any other right. In addition to the foregoing remedies, so long as the Bond is registered in the name of the United States of America, upon an Event of Default the RUS, at its option, may (a) declare the entire principal amount then outstanding and accrued interest immediately due and payable, (b) for the account of the Town (payable from the Net Revenue and any other legally permissible source), incur and pay reasonable expenses for repair, maintenance, and operation of the facility and such other reasonable expenses as may be necessary to cure the cause of default, and (c) take possession of the System and operate or rent it.
 Duties upon Default. Upon the happening of any Event of Default, the Town will perform all proper acts to protect and preserve the security created for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bond. In the event that RUS is not the sole Owner of the Bond, the Holder or Holders of not less than twenty-five percent (25%) in principal amount of the outstanding Bond, after written demand, may proceed to protect and enforce the rights provided by this Section.
 Prior Charge Upon Lower Rates. If any commission or authority lawfully prescribes a lower schedule of rates than that contemplated by this Ordinance, then the payment of principal and interest on the Bond, Parity Bonds, and any amounts required to be deposited into the Reserve Fund shall constitute a first and prior charge on the Net Revenue.
 Refinancing. If it shall appear to the United States of America, during the time the United States of America owns the Bond, that the Town is able to refinance the amount of the Bond then outstanding, in whole or in part, by obtaining a loan for such purposes from responsible cooperative or private sources at reasonable rates and terms for loans for similar purposes and periods of time, the Town shall, upon request of the Purchaser, apply for such loan in a sufficient amount to repay the Purchaser. Any such refinancing shall be accomplished according to applicable statutes of the State.
 Equal Opportunity Agreement. At the request of the United States of America, the Mayor and the Town Clerk are authorized and directed to execute for and on behalf of the Town RD Form 400-4, entitled "Assurance Agreement," and RD Form 400-1 entitled "Equal Opportunity Agreement," including an "Equal Opportunity Clause," which clause is to be incorporated in, or attached as a rider to, each construction contract and sub-contract in excess of \$10,000.00, or other equivalent RUS forms.
 Discharge of Bond. When the Bond has been paid, the pledge and lien and all obligations hereunder shall be discharged and the Bond shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding.
 Amendment of Ordinance. This Ordinance may only be amended with the prior written consent of RUS.
 Delegated Powers. The officers of the Town shall, and they hereby are authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Ordinance, including, without limitation, the execution of the Financing Documents and such certificates or forms as may be reasonably required by the Purchaser, relating to the signing of the Bond, the provision of tenure and identity of the members and officers of the Board and of the Town, the delivery of the Bond and the receipt of the RUS Loan proceeds, and, if it is in accordance with fact, the certification of absence of litigation, pending or threatened, affecting the validity thereof, the assembly and dissemination of financial and other information concerning the Town and the Bond, and the sale and issuance of the Bond pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance and to any instrument supplemental hereto.
 No Recourse Against Officers and Agents. Pursuant to Section 11-57-209 of the Supplemental Act, if a member of the Board, or any officer or agent of the Town acts in good faith, no civil recourse shall be available against such member, officer, or agent for payment of the principal of or interest on the Bond. Such recourse shall not be available either directly or indirectly through the Board or the Town, or otherwise, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute, rule of law, enforcement of penalty, or otherwise. By the acceptance of the Bond and as a part of the consideration of its sale or purchase, any person purchasing or selling such Bond specifically waives any such recourse.
 Prior Contracts. If any provision herein is inconsistent with any provision in any existing contract pertaining to the Town so as to affect prejudicially and materially the rights and privileges thereunder, so long as such contract shall remain viable and in effect, such provision therein shall control such inconsistent provision herein and the latter provision shall be subject and subordinate to such provision in such existing contract. In the event of any inconsistency between this Ordinance and the RUS Loan Resolution, the provisions of the RUS Loan Resolution shall control.
 Police Power. Nothing herein prohibits or otherwise limits or inhibits the exercise by the State, any agency thereof or any political subdivision thereof, including, without limitation, the Town, of the police power, i.e., essential governmental powers for the public welfare. The provisions hereof are subject to any proper exercise in the future of the police power thereby. The Town cannot contract away its police power nor limit or inhibit by contract its proper exercise of the police

power, and this Ordinance does not purport to do so.
 Ordinance Irrepealable. After the Bond herein authorized is issued, this Ordinance shall be and remain irrepealable until the Bond and the interest thereon shall be fully paid, canceled, and discharged, as herein provided.
 Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, the intent being that the same are severable.
 Repealer Clause. All bylaws, orders, and resolutions of the Town, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed to revive any bylaw, or order, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.
 Waiver by RUS. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, so long as the United States of America is the Owner of the Bond, RUS may waive compliance with any of the terms of this Ordinance.
 Safety Clause. The Board hereby finds, determines, and declares that this Ordinance is promulgated under the general police power of the Town, that it is promulgated for the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and that this Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of health and safety and for the protection of public convenience and welfare. The Board further determines that the Ordinance bears a rational relation to the proper legislative object sought to be attained.
 Emergency Declaration. It is hereby found and determined by the Board that: (i) the issuance of the Bond and the construction of the Project is necessary and in the public interest; and (ii) it is necessary to take advantage of current conditions in the municipal bond market and low interest rates, the continuation of which cannot be predicted. As a result of the foregoing, the Board hereby declares that an emergency exists, and that this Ordinance is necessary to the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, all in accordance with §31-16-105, C.R.S.
 Effective Date. This Ordinance, as adopted by the Board, shall take effect immediately and shall be numbered and recorded by the Town Clerk in the official records of the Town. The adoption and publication shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and the Town Clerk, and by the affidavit of publication.
 INTRODUCED, PASSED AND ADOPTED AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE AND ORDERED PUBLISHED IN FULL this 30th day of March, 2020, by a vote of 3/4 of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Romeo, Colorado of ___ for and ___ against constituting the extraordinary majority required by §31-16-105, C.R.S.
 TOWN OF ROMEO, COLORADO
 (SEAL)
 Mayor
 Attest:
 Town Clerk
 STATE OF COLORADO)
)
 COUNTY OF CONEJOS) S.S.
)
 TOWN OF ROMEO)
 I, the undersigned, the duly qualified Town Clerk of the Town of Romeo, Colorado (the "Town"), do hereby certify:
 1. That the foregoing pages are a true, perfect and complete copy of an ordinance (the "Ordinance") introduced at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Romeo (the "Board") held at the Town Hall on March 30, 2020.
 2. The Ordinance was duly moved and seconded, and the Ordinance was adopted at the regular meeting of March 30, 2020, by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the Board as follows:

Name	"Yes"	"No"	Absent	Abstain
Brian Fernelius, Mayor				
Alice Espinoza				
Stephanie Guillen				
Kate Brooks				
Don Martinez				
Sam Valdez				
Michelle Bradbury				

3. The members of the Board were present at the meeting and voted on the passage of such Ordinance as set forth above.
 4. There are no bylaws, rules or regulations of the Board which might prohibit the immediate adoption of said Ordinance.
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 Town Clerk
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Rio Grande County, Colorado
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Plaintiffs:
RUDY J. MARTINEZ AND LYDIA M. MARTINEZ as Trustees of the RUDY J. MARTINEZ AND LYDIA M. MARTINEZ LIVING TRUST, dated June 30, 1995
v.
Defendants:
RALPH PEREZ, GAY ELIZABETH LUJAN, RICARDO JESUS FALCON, JR., AGNES LOVIDA SOLIS, ANGELICA MARIA SANCHEZ, JANICE SANCHEZ, DAVID EDWARD PACHECO, ROSANNE PACHECO, KEVIN ATENCIO, DAVINE ATENCIO, EARNEST MILTON MARTINEZ, the estate of OPHELIA DOLORES MARTINEZ, the estate of EPIFANIO MARTINEZ who may claim an interest in the subject matter of this action.

Attorney for Plaintiffs: William F. Dunn, Reg. 1036
585 Columbia Avenue, Del Norte, Colorado 81132
Phone Number: (719) 657-3323
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Case Number: 2019CV030030
Division:
Courtroom:
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO ALL ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION:

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint To Quiet Title filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 30 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint to Quiet Title may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court.

If you fail to file your Answer or other response to the Complaint to Quiet Title in writing within 30 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be entered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the Complaint to Quiet Title without further notice.

This is an action in rem to quiet title to a tract of land containing 2.80 acres, more or less, located in the NW/4NE of Section 7, Township 39 North, Range 7 East, N.M.P.M., Rio Grande County, Colorado. A complete legal description of the subject property is attached to the Complaint now on file with the Clerk of the District Court in the above captioned case.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2020.
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/s/ William F. Dunn, Reg. No. 1036
Attorney for Plaintiffs
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CONEJOS COMBINED COURT, CONEJOS COUNTY
Address: 6683 County Road 13
P.O. Box 128
Conejos, CO 81129
Phone: (719) 376-5465

In the Matter of the Estate of:
Ronald Jay Nielson a/k/a Ronald J. Nielson
Deceased.

COURT USE ONLY
Attorneys for Petitioners:
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Andrew E. Swan, #46665
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aswan@lks.law

Case Number: 2020PR030001
Division: C Courtroom:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Ronald Jay Nielson, Deceased Case Number 2020PR030001

All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Conejos County, Colorado on or before August 3, 2020 or the claims may be forever barred.
Rabea Taylor
Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice
620 N. Tejon St. Ste 101
Address
Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80903
City, State, Zip Code
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NOTICE OF PENDING NON-SIMULTANEOUS EXCHANGE OF STATE LAND
NOTICE is hereby provided that the State Board of Land Commissioners ("Board") has authorized the initiation of a non-simultaneous exchange of land pursuant to Article IX, § 9 of the Colorado Constitution and Colorado Revised Statutes §§ 36-1-124.3 and 124.5 for the following parcel of state trust land located in Alamosa County, Colorado:

1 acre +/-, Section 16, Township 38 North, Range 9 East of the New Mexico Meridian

The surface rights of the above-described parcel are proposed to be conveyed by Patent for cash that will be deposited with the State Treasurer for the Board to acquire replacement property it identifies at a future date. The minerals and all other subsurface rights, and access thereto, are reserved.

Under the terms and provisions of Colorado Revised Statute § 36-1-124.3, the Board will transfer this parcel directly to the Board of County Commissioners of Alamosa County, Colorado in accordance with Board Order 2020-016. The purpose of the disposal is to benefit the Board operations as required by Section 10 of Article IX of the State Constitution.

The Board will consider the disposal at a public meeting on a future date that is at least sixty days beyond the first notification date of this Notice at the offices of the State Land Board, 1127 Sherman Street, 2nd Floor, Denver, Colorado, 80203.

The minimum exchange price for the parcel is \$30,000. The publication of this Notice on April 3, 2020, begins a public notice period during which written comments may be submitted to the Board. To be considered, comments must be received in writing or in email by 5 p.m. on May 1, 2020, by Matthew LaFontaine, 1127 Sherman Street, Suite 300, Denver, CO 80203 or matthew.lafontaine@state.co.us.

Comments on the proposed direct exchange must be clearly marked "Comments on the Mount Pleasant School Site Direct Transaction". The Board will hear and receive testimony and evidence, and consider all timely comments at their public meeting, currently scheduled for July 8th, 2020 beginning at or around 8:00 a.m. at the offices of the State Land Board. Due to the possibility that the time and location of public meetings may change, check the Board's website for the latest information at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/state-landboard/public-meetings>.

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NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc., Area Agency on Aging for Region 8 is accepting Request for Proposals (RFP) from both the public and private sectors representing both nonprofit and for profit entities interested in providing services to people age 60 and older for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Services include: Transportation, Nutrition Program - Home-Delivered Meals and Congregate Meals, In-Home Homemaker and Chore Services, National Family Caregiver Program. Other avenues of services to older adults will also be considered. Area Agency on Aging, Region 8 service area includes the counties of Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache. RFP packets and instructions are available at South-Central Colorado Seniors, 1116 3rd Street, P.O. Box 639, Alamosa, CO 81101. Completed proposals are due to South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc., Administrative office, 1116 3rd Street, Alamosa, CO by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, May 30, 2017. For more information, please call Monica Wolfe, Director, 719-589-4511.

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APPLICANT DEADLINE EXTENDED TO APRIL 17, 2020
Otero Junior College Child Development Services is currently taking applications for their Alamosa and Center Migrant and Seasonal Head Start. Positions available include: Infant, Toddler and Preschool teachers, Center aide/bus monitor, Cook aide, Bus Driver and Janitor. Please go online at: www.cdshedstart.com for full job descriptions and to complete application. Completed applicants can be email it Brenda.almeida@ojc.edu for Alamosa Center or mail to 9768 103 S. Alamosa, Co 81101. Center positions email Brenda.velardez@ojc.edu or mail to 980 South Broadway #26, Center Co 81125.

Applications accepted until Friday, April 17, 2020
Otero Junior College is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Title IX/Section 504 employer.

163 LOST & FOUND

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

REWARD FOR LOST Female Jack Russell/Daschund Mix. Approx. 9 years old. Brown and white about 20lbs. Last seen near 8th and Hunt on Friday April 3. If found please call 719-937-9417.(4/15)

221 HELP WANTED

SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL District is now accepting applications for the following Anticipated Teaching Positions for the 2020-2021 school year: secondary math teacher, secondary English teacher, elementary teacher, .5 Art, and .5 Social Studies. Qualifications: Must hold a Colorado Teacher's License, or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Please submit a District application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to apply@south-conejos.com. Deadline 04/16/2020.(4/15)

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

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT: GUALUPE Parish Credit Union has an opening for a temporary Member Service Representative. Banking experience, excellent communication and computer skills is required. Bilingual preferred. Please submit a resume and three professional references to GPCU, Attention: Robert A. Chavez, President/CEO, P.O. Box 97, Antonito, CO 81120 or drop off at the main branch. Application deadline is Friday, April 17, 2020 at 5pm. For more information please contact Robert A. Chavez, President/CEO at 719-376-5413.(4/17)

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

EXPERIENCED HAY AND grain farm hand needed. signing bonus plus wages. Call for more info. 719-588-0207(5/8)

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

SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a 2020-21 part-time Secondary Business Teacher position. Please visit our website for additional information and application: www.sargent.k12.co.us or call 719-852-4023, option 6. Applications accepted until position filled. EOE.(4/14)

221 HELP WANTED

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

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

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Second Grade Teacher. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, by April 23, 2020, or until position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html> or call 719-852-5996.(4/28)

THE ORTEGA MIDDLE School is accepting applications for the following position for the 2020-2021 school year: SpEd Paraprofessional (2 Positions) AA Degree is required. Applications are available online at <https://www.alamosa.k12.co.us> For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.(4/15)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR-- HINSDALE County is seeking to hire a County Administrator. This position directs the day-to-day operations of Hinsdale County in accordance with policies and other direction provided by the Hinsdale Board of County Commissioners. Hinsdale County is located in southwestern Colorado and has 843 residents plus seasonal and second home owners. The annual budget expenditures (all funds) for 2020 is \$5,745,653. Hinsdale County employs 34 full time and 8 part time employees. County services include: Road and Bridge, Coroner, Building, Code Enforcement, Transfer Station, Sheriff, Health & Human Services, General Administration and other. For a full job description, please contact accounting@hinsdalecountycolorado.us or 970-944-2225 ext. 103 or check the County website at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hinsdalecounty/human-resources-7>. Applications are due May 1st at 4:00 p.m. MST.(5/9)

TRINIDAD STATE JUNIOR College is seeking adjunct instructors for Mathematics and Communications courses for both campuses. Relevant degree and experience required. For more information contact Dean of Instruction, Dr. Evert Brown at Evert.Brown@trinidad-state.edu or 719-589-7017. Review of applications is ongoing. TSJC is an equal opportunity institution.(4/9)

221 HELP WANTED

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

SANFORD SCHOOL IS seeking a self-motivated special education paraprofessional willing to assist with multiple grade levels K-12 for the 20-21 school year. Duties include small group, one-on-one instruction, assist with lesson planning, and curriculum. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools.org Position opened until filled. Sanford Schools is an EOE.(5/9)

1ST SOUTHWEST BANK is experiencing significant growth and based on the SBA PPP loans, is filling the following permanent positions, Specialized Lender, Servicing/Loan Review Specialist, and Specialized Loan Assistant/Processor, offering strong benefit package & career growth opportunities. EOE. Go to <https://www.fswb.bank/who-we-are/careers/> for more details & to apply.(4/15)

RIO GRANDE SAVINGS & Loan is seeking a Mortgage and Consumer Loan Officer to join our team in the Monte Vista office. The Loan Officer is responsible for promotion of RGSLA products and services, including, but not limited to home purchase loans, home refinances, consumer loans, and home construction loans. Qualified candidates will have excellent written and verbal communication skills, superior customer service skills, and the ability to work independently, as well as cooperatively in a team environment. Prior lending experience is preferred, but not required. Salary commensurate with experience. RGSLA also offers a rich benefit program including a 401k match and a family health insurance plan, along with a stable and enriching work environment. For additional information please contact Denise Heersink @ 719-852-7048 or deniseh@rgsla.com. Applications available at www.rgsla.com/contact and can be submitted to kater@rgsla.com - deadline is April 15, 2020.(4/15)

THE SAN LUIS Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services has positions for a full time occupational therapist and physical therapist. Interested applicants should hold a valid Colorado Special Services License or be eligible for a Temporary Educator Eligibility (TEE). Application is available at the BOCES office or on-line www.slvboces.org. Process requires application, letter of interest, and three current letters of reference. Send completed application process to Nita McAuliffe, Director of Exceptional Student Services, SLV BOCES, 2261 Enterprise Drive, Alamosa, CO 81101. Application deadline is April 17, 2020 or until positions are filled.(4/22)

SANGRE DE CRISTO School District is looking for highly motivated Middle School Science Teacher that has a desire to teach and the ability to pass their passion of learning onto students. For more information please contact Mr. Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@sangreschools.org. Teaching applications may be downloaded from sdc.schoolsdc.net. Positions open until filled.(4/22)

SANGRE DE CRISTO School District is seeking a High School Football coach for the 2020 / 2021 season. For more information contact Brady Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@sangreschools.org.(4/22)

SANGRE DE CRISTO School District is seeking a girls Middle School Basketball coach for the 2020 / 2021 season. For more information contact Brady Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@sangreschools.org.(4/22)

LABOR: VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED. Duties include, getting in and out of trash truck, emptying trash bins into trash truck. Physical labor Required, must be able to lift up to 100 lbs, other duties as assigned. 32 to 40 hours a week, Home Base in Manassa, CO. Please call 719 580 1518 or 719 843-5354.(4/9)

FARMING TECHNOLOGY CORP is seeking Irrigation Technician Qualification, With Sprinkler and Well Maintenance. Apply In Person At 8629 Rd 105 North Mosca, Co 81146 Phone 719-754-0559.(4/15)

221 HELP WANTED

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for an Elementary Special Education Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, by April 20, 2020, or until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website or call 719-852-5996.(4/21)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Fifth Grade Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. The person in this position will teach both Science and Language Arts. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, by April 20, 2020, or until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website or call 719-852-5996.(4/21)

SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a High School Girls Basketball Coach position. Please visit our website for additional information and application: www.sargent.k12.co.us or call 719-852-4023, option 6. Applications accepted until position filled. EOE.(4/14)

SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for and Activities Director position. Start date 6/1/20. Please visit our website for additional information and application: www.sargent.k12.co.us or call 719-852-4023, option 6. Applications accepted until position filled. EOE.(4/14)

SANGRE DE CRISTO School District is seeking a High School Football coach for the 2020 / 2021 season. For more information contact Brady Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@sangreschools.org.(4/22)

SANGRE DE CRISTO School District is seeking a High School Volleyball coach for the 2020 / 2021 season. For more information contact Brady Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@sangreschools.org.(4/22)

SANGRE DE CRISTO School District is seeking a girls Middle School Basketball coach for the 2020 / 2021 season. For more information contact Brady Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@sangreschools.org.(4/22)

SANGRE DE CRISTO School District is seeking a girls Middle School Basketball coach for the 2020 / 2021 season. For more information contact Brady Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@sangreschools.org.(4/22)

JONES OIL COMPANY seeking route drivers. Need to have CDL Class A or B with hazmat and tanker endorsement. Clean MVR. Must be 21 or older. Call 719-754-2221 for application.(4/22)

FARMING TECHNOLOGY CORP is Seeking Tractor Operator Help. May Apply In Person At 8629 Rd 105 North Mosca, Co 81146 Phone 719-754-0559.(4/15)

221 HELP WANTED

ALL AROUND FARM Mechanic needed. Pay depending upon experience. Call 719-588-4481.(4/9)

NEED A SECOND INCOME? child support? Car Repairs? Taxes Due? Earn up to \$800/month delivering the Valley Courier. Contact Keith at 589-2553. (2/26-TFN)

324 - FEED & SEED

PREMIUM ALFALFA AND grass/alfalfa, small bales \$7.00 in hay shed (719) 580-2509. (5/14)

HORSE AND COW hay: grass, grass/alfalfa, alfalfa. 3x3 and 4x4 bales, various quality and pricing. 719-850-8917 (7-13-TFN)

350 - FARM EQUIPMENT

ELECTRIC FENCE VIPER, battery energizer, poly wire, 200+ feet, poles, and voltage tester. \$145. Call 719-849-1722(4/17)

351 LIVESTOCK

PIGS FOR SALE \$1.00 lb. live weight. 570-395-0184 (TFN)

356 - MEAT & PRODUCE

LOCALLY GROWN LAMB for sale. Half or whole available. All natural & antibiotic free. Call 719-480-9958.(4/14)

360 - MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

FOR SALE 2-TONS of Wood Pellets. For Pellet Stove. \$400. Call 719-588-0996.(4/18)

RAMSEY 12 VOLT Pro 8000R Series #817508 wench 93 ft. 5/16 cable. Remote switch, roller fairlead. 719-852-2285 (10/22-TFN)

ZACH'S EUROPEAN MOUNTS. Professional work, low prices. 719-580-0398. (TFN)

369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

ALL DOGS ADOPTED FROM THE VALLEY HUMANE LEAGUE HAVE TO BE SPAYED OR NEUTERED BEFORE GOING TO THEIR NEW HOME. (TFN)

OOPS! GOT PUPPIES who need a home? San Luis Valley Animal Welfare Society is a nonprofit animal rescue dedicated to stopping the euthanasia of healthy adoptable pets. Having pets altered is the number one way to stop pet overpopulation. If your pet has had puppies contact us. We will take the puppies into our rescue and spay the mama dog for free after the puppies are weaned. If needed we will also provide dog food & gas money to get the dogs to us to help in this situation. Spay/neuter is one of the greatest gifts you can provide your pet, your family and your community. We have found good responsible homes for over 8,000 animals. Contact 719-587-9663 (WOOF); email: woof@slvaws.org. (TFN)

NEED CATS FOR mousers? Want to adopt kittens? Help trap/neuter/release efforts? Donate food/litter/supplies? Low cost spay/neuter clinic for cats. <http://www.catsaliveslv.com> 719-298-7028. (TFN)

FREE TO GOOD home. Adults and kittens. NO MOUSERS OR BARN CATS. Spay/neuter clinics coming to Alamosa in near future. Call Donna K 719-589-5922 or 719-580-9078. (TFN)

387 - WANTED TO BUY

LOOKING FOR A 2 or 3 bedroom Mobile Home 1981 or higher for \$15,000 or under. Call or text 719-580-9525(TFN-E)

409 FARM & RANCH LAND

WANTED TO LEASE or lease-to-own pasture or hay grounds. Call 719-850-1680.(4/25)

415 - HOMES FOR SALE

PORTER REALTY, INC.
Excellent Service, Expert Advice
719-589-5899
503 Main Street • Alamosa
www.PorterRealty.com

\$279,000 - Sitting in a park-like setting, this country home has it all! The 4 bedrooms, 4 bathroom home features updates in paint, furnace, Rinnai water heater, roof, flooring, and windows. 2 Car attached garage with additional space for workshop or storage. It's only a few miles west of Alamosa, but is on paved roads, natural gas, and a domestic well. Move-in ready. Call today for more information. 5131 Del Viento, Alamosa MLS # 760308

\$260,000 - One-of-a-Kind Craftsman-style home in the middle of town that has been completely remodeled. The original charm and features of days-gone-by have only been enhanced with artistic design, custom cabinetry & woodwork throughout, granite counters, updated appliances, flooring and more. Large 2 car attached garage with separate studio apartment above. You really have to see this home to appreciate it. 913 Third Street, Alamosa MLS # 768333

\$128,000 - Well maintained home on a large double lot. Home built in 1997, open floor plan, large living space open to the kitchen and dining areas. Master suite with walk-in closet, sink, corner tub and shower. Metal roof, carport, 2 storage buildings, city water/sewer, natural gas and more. Don't miss out on this great home at a great price. Call today for more details. 1908 Ross Ave, Alamosa MLS # 767937

\$120,000 - Nice stick-built home that would be great for a personal residence or investment property. 3 Bedroom, 1 bath, oak cabinets, all appliances including washer/dryer will stay, forced air heat, large backyard, carport with storage closet and more. Call today for more details. 805 Tenth Street, Alamosa MLS # 767940

525 GUNS

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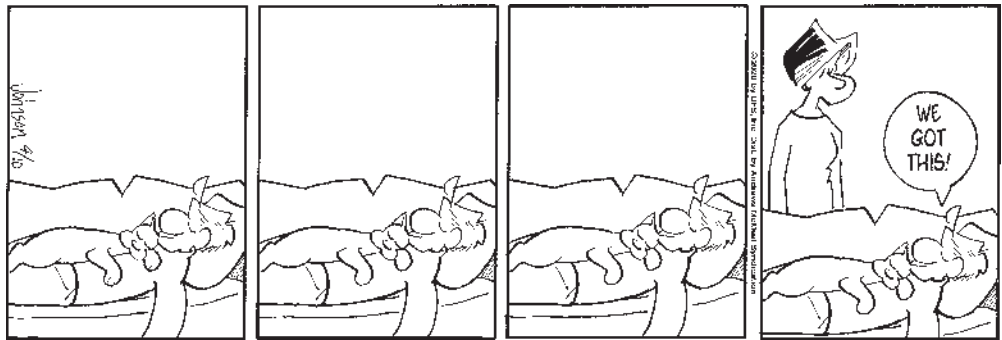


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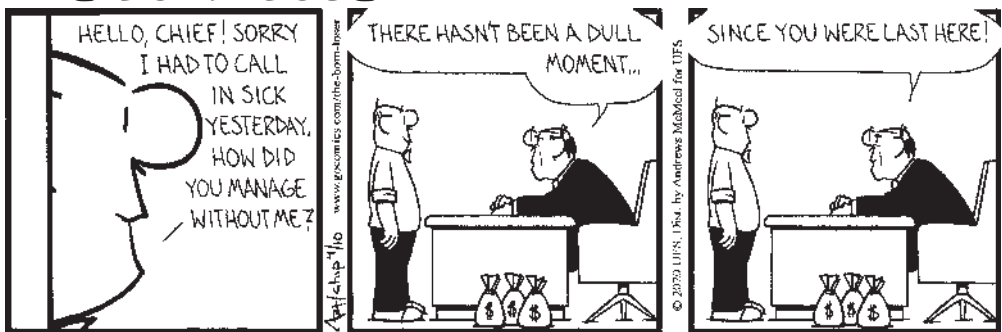
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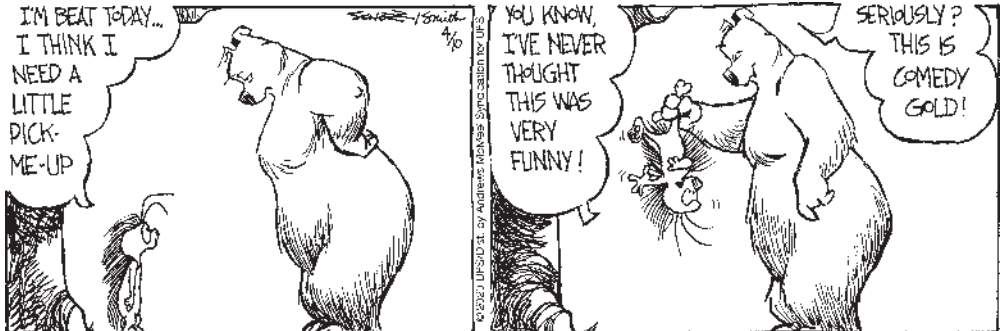
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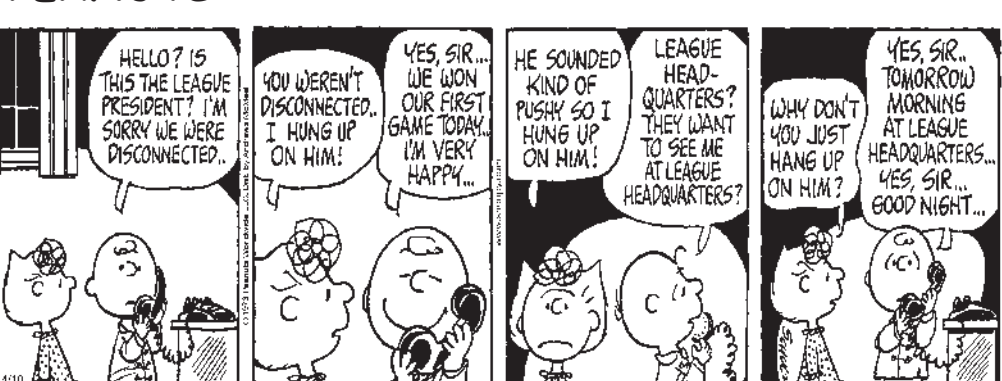
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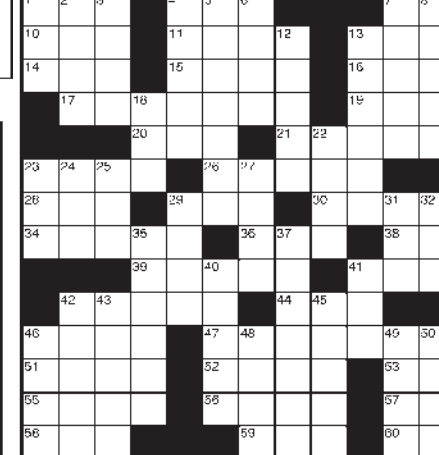


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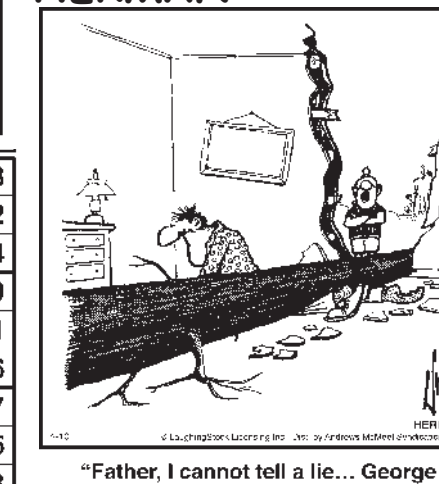
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"Father, I cannot tell a lie... George Washington did it."

Mom fears daughter's future with her controlling boyfriend

DEAR ABBY: Is my daughter headed into an abusive, controlling relationship, or am I imagining the signs because of my own experience with domestic abuse for many years? She is 18 and, of course, parents are "idiots" who don't understand anything. The young man tries to control where she is, won't let her go anywhere without him, and suspiciously questions her if he thinks she spent too much of her own money.

To me, these are signs of the beginning of years of hell, but to her, they're cute because he "cares," or I don't understand him. Am I being unfair because of my own past? -- **BEEEN THERE IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR BEEEN THERE: Unfair? NOT AT ALL! You have listed some of the classic signs of an abusive partner, and your daughter is headed for trouble. Please share this column with her because it's important she recognizes more of them:

- 1. PUSHES FOR QUICK INVOLVEMENT:** Comes on strong, claiming, "I've never felt loved like this by anyone."
- 2. JEALOUS:** Excessively possessive; calls constantly or visits unexpectedly; prevents you from going to work because "you might meet someone"; checks the mileage on your car.
- 3. CONTROLLING:** If you are late, interrogates you intensively about whom you talked to and where you

were; keeps all the money; insists you ask permission to go anywhere or do anything.

- 4. UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS:** Expects you to be the perfect mate and meet his or her every need.
- 5. ISOLATION:** Tries to isolate you from family and friends; accuses people who are your supporters of "causing trouble." The abuser may deprive you of a phone or car, or try to prevent you from holding a job.
- 6. BLAMES OTHERS FOR PROBLEMS OR MISTAKES:** It's always someone else's fault if something goes wrong.
- 7. MAKES OTHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OR HER FEELINGS:** The abuser says, "You make me angry," or says, "You're hurting me by not doing what I tell you."
- 8. HYPERSENSITIVITY:** Is easily insulted, claiming hurt feelings when he or she is really mad. Rants about the injustice of things that are just a part of life.
- 9. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OR CHILDREN:** Kills or punishes animals brutally. Also may expect children to do things that are far beyond their ability (whips a 3-year-old for wetting a diaper) or may tease them until they cry. Sixty-five percent of abusers who beat their partners will also abuse children.
- 10. "PLAYFUL" USE OF FORCE DURING SEX:** Enjoys throwing you down or holding you down against



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

your will during sex; finds the idea of rape exciting.

- 11. VERBAL ABUSE:** Constantly criticizes or says blatantly cruel things; degrades, curses, calls you ugly names. This may also involve sleep deprivation, waking you with relentless verbal abuse.
- 12. RIGID GENDER ROLES:** Expects you to serve, obey, remain at home.
- 13. SUDDEN MOOD SWINGS:** Switches from sweet to violent in minutes.
- 14. PAST BATTERING:** Admits to hitting a mate in the past, but says the person "made" him (or her) do it.
- 15. THREATS OF VIOLENCE:** Says things like, "I'll break your neck" or "I'll kill you," and then dismisses them with, "Everybody talks that way," or "I didn't really mean it."

Anyone at risk should contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 or thehotline.org.