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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.

Conejos County Fire Ban

Due to the continued drying trend and wind, Conejos County Sheriff Garth Crowther has initiated Stage 2 fire restrictions for all of Conejos County.



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CRT moves most of 2020 season to 2021

By KEITH R. CERNY

Courier Publisher

CREEDE - Due to the uncertainty of when the COVID-19 pandemic might end and make it safe for group gatherings, the Creede Repertory Theatre has announced major changes with the 2020 season, moving most of this year's offerings to 2021.

Executive Director John DiAntonio announced the move last week in an emailed letter to patrons.

"For 55 years, Creede Repertory Theatre has brought amazing stories to life," his email said. "We have weathered our share of storms and fires with the can-do spirit that defines CRT and the town of Creede.

"The CRT staff has spent the past weeks exploring every option to bring our 2020 Season of Belonging to life this summer. However, in discussion with our

Creede community leaders, we have determined that a season of this scope is not possible at this time.

With the health and safety of our patrons at the forefront, CRT has made the difficult decision to postpone our productions of Fully Committed, The Roommate, Grounded, Annie, Oklahoma!, and The Importance of Being Earnest to the 2021 summer season."

DiAntonio said that doesn't mean CRT is going dark this summer.

"More than ever, we believe our artists, audiences, and students need the connection, creativity, and community that are the cornerstones of this theatre."

Unless total cancellation is called for, tentative plans call for "returning to our roots by strategizing a small, flexible season to open later this summer should it be safe and legal

to do so. The CRT staff and town of Creede are blessed with a plethora of multitalented artists waiting in the wings to bring joy and connection back to our community. More information on new 2020 Season offerings will be available in the upcoming weeks."

CRT is still weighing the possibility of postponing the July 31st Gala Fundraiser to the 2021 season. An announcement will be made when the new 2020 season details are available.

Summer Day Camps are still scheduled for July, though some changes to the camps offered are expected. New camp dates and titles will be announced in the coming weeks.

The Kid Show, originally scheduled for July, will now take place in August with the first rehearsal on July 21st and performances August 6, 7 and 8.

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Sexual predator living in area

APD says **Gutierrez** is registered offender

By KEITH R. CERNY Courier Publisher

ALAMOSA-A61-yearold sexually violent predator is reportedly currently living in the community according to a post from the Alamosa Police Department.

Andrew Michael Gutierrez is labeled as homeless but residing in the area, the report indicates. He is Hispanic, 5'-5" tall, 186 pounds with black hair and hazel eyes, with scars on his wrist and tattoos of praying hands and a circle.

Gutierrez was convicted of sex assault on an adult without consent, as well as unlawful sexual contact, false imprisonment, 3rd degree assault and theft. The offenses require law enforcement registration, according to the notice.

State statutes authorize law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sex offender's release when the offender has been determined to be a sexually violent predator and is subject to community notification. The

purpose of the notification is to enhance public safety and protection.

Vigilantism, or use of this information to harass, threaten, or intimidate any of the following people is criminal behavior and will not be tolerated: the offender, the offender's significant others, and the community notification team," the post stated.

"Further, they have been determined to present a high potential to re-offend and are therefore subject to community notification regarding their residence in this community.

However, City of Alamosa Ordinance Section 11-54 provides restriction on residency and loitering.

Prohibition on residency of sexually violent predators: "It shall be unlawful for any person who has been adjudicated to be a sexually violent predator pursuant to C.R.S. § 18-3-414.5 to establish a permanent residence or temporary residence within one thousand (1,000) feet of any school, afterschool program facility, designated public or private school bus stop, park or athletic field, playground, recreational trail, licensed day care center, recreation center or swimming pool (other than pools located at private, single-family residences), library, church, or retail shopping mall.'

"The Alamosa Police Department is available to provide useful informa-



Courtesy photo **Andrew Gutierrez**

tion regarding sexual assault and personal safety, and to make referrals to other local resources to help those who have been impacted by sexual assault or this notification process. If you have information regarding current criminal activity of this or any other offender, please call (719)589-2548. If you observe this offender engaging in any high-risk or inappropriate behavior, please call 911 or (719)589-5807.

Gov. Polis appoints Hinsdale **County Court Judge**

DENVER — Gov. Jared Polis today announced the appointment of James R.

McDonald as a Hinsdale County Court Judge in the Seventh Judicial District. His appointment is occasioned by the retirement of the Hon. Alvin G. Lutz.

McDonald has been a solo practitioner since 2003. His practice focuses on family, criminal, personal injury, and municipal matters. He is also a Municipal Judge for the City of Gunnison (2005-present); Municipal Judge for the City of Alamosa (2017-present); and Municipal Judge

for the Town of South Fork (March 2020-present). McDonald earned his B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley in 1989 and his J.D. from Vermont Law School

McDonald's appointment is effective May 29, 2020.

SLV Emergency COVID-19 update

SAN LUIS VALLEY Rio Grande County

received news of two new positive test results today, one an individual who is currently hospitalized and one probable positive identified through case investiga-tion. This brings the total confirmed cases so far in the San Luis Valley to 22.

In addition, members of our community are being seen who are experiencing mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19 and it is recommended that they self-isolate at home. If anyone is experiencing difficulty breathing and contact 911, ensure that you tell the dispatcher that you've been experiencing symptoms so that the crew on the ambulance can respond appropriately. The number of new positive cases has slowed down in our area, which shows the steps we are taking to

slow the spread are working. We as a community need to continue to work together following the public health orders and recommendations to slow the spread.

Teens should be avoiding social situations and instead use digital alternatives to hang out with their friends. Teens may not be as likely to experience severe symptoms if they do develop COVID-19, but they are just as likely as people in any other age group to spread the virus unknowingly. Children should not be playing with other children in the neighborhood or participating in play dates during the stay at home order.

Parents should also have children and teens wear a mask if they cannot remain at home. Supervise children between the ages of 3 and 5 if they are wearing a mask.

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SLV COVID 19

These cases have been identified by public health agencies as of 5:00 p.m. on April 14, 2020. All numbers are cumulative. If there are discrepancies between these numbers and those showing on the state's data website, use these local numbers.

SLV POSITIVE CASES

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

HOSPITALIZED

ISOLATION COMPLETED

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

2 DEATHS

How do I apply for the Paycheck Protection Program?

Visit fswb.bank/ppp

1.866.641.FSWB (3792)

Record

Darlene Marie, 63

ALAMOSA — Darlene Marie was born to Jesse and Lorna Booth on May 2, 1956. Three years later she was joined by her brother, Robert (Dobe) Clay and together the pair raised a ruckus throughout childhood. Being a big sister gave Darlene an entry-level position in management, which would serve her well in her future endeavors.

In 1974 she graduated from Alamosa High School and started her first job working in the cafeteria at the local hospital. There she met Bill Hildebrandt and -after a brief courtship -- the two married.

At the age of 21, Darlene's heart was transformed when she became a mother. Laura (Hildebrandt) Gifford gave her a run for her money as a new mom, but she soared through the challenges and the couple soon welcomed Jesse Hildebrandt into this world. They were a family of 4 all too briefly when Elizabeth (Hildebrandt) Guhl joined

Darlene and Bill had married young, and after a little more than a decade together, they decided to separate and later divorced. They continued to pester each other -- as divorcees often do -- but through it all, remained devoted to

Entering into the new world of single parenting, Darlene began to once again listen to her heart and found her passion: nursing. After completing basic classes at Adams State College in Alamosa, she was accepted into the Loretto Heights College nursing program in Denver. Darlene and the three children moved into a tiny apartment near Loretto Heights and in 1988 she graduated with honors and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

She was immediately hired to work at Denver General Hospital in the OB

ward, where she began the journey of assisting babies into this world. From then on, she dedicated her life to advocating for women's health and providing support to new moms as they began their own journeys into parenthood.

Darlene loved to go to Country & Western dancing. One night while out dancing, she fell madly in love with a handsome stranger, Gary Datkuliak. The two were married a short time later and soon welcomed a daughter, Kathryn (Katy) Datkuliak. The blended family had its ups and downs; but in the end, found love and laughter with one another.

Darlene and Gary enjoyed their time together riding Harleys, spending time in the mountains and traveling to see family. They opened their home on multiple occasions for holidays or just to share a meal with family and friends. Darlene found immense joy in cooking for those she loved. And if you were fortunate enough to find yourself at her table, you were guaranteed a full belly and an arm-full of leftovers.

music and the arts and on occasion had season tickets to the symphony. She went to every concert she could find time for and was almost always accompanied by one or more of her children or a close friend. She was also fond of theater, and this

Darlene had a love for

take her granddaughters to an annual viewing of The Nutcracker. She found happiness in her own creativeness by beading, crafting, sewing, crocheting, painting and canning.

In the weeks before her passing, Darlene achieved one of her lifetime goals of becoming an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant. She was incredibly proud of this accomplishment and all of the benefits she could offer her patients.

She was leaving the house for the job she loved when her life was suddenly cut short. She was on life support in her final days and was surrounded by her family who loved her deeply. In her final moments she was held by her husband, Gary, and peacefully transitioned from this life to heaven. Her legacy and gift of giving continue to go on in the way of bone and tissue donation. Darlene is survived by

her husband, Gary Datkuliak of Parker; parents, Jesse and Lorna Booth of Alamosa; her brother, Robert (Terri) Booth of Alamosa: daughters. Laura (Tim) Gifford of Lewiston, ID; Elizabeth (Justin) Guhl of Kiow; Katy Datkuliak of Parker; son, Jesse Hildebrandt of Denver; and her grandchildre, Noah, Madi and Emma Guhl and Owen

A private viewing and service was held by her family. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Ponderosa Valley Funeral Services is in care of arrangements and can be https://ponderosaval-

leyfunerals.com/tribute/ details/179462/Darlene-Datkuliak/obituary. html#tribute-start

In lieu of flowers, please see her Facebook account for a link to make a charitable donation in her name:

https://www.facebook. com/darlene.datkuliak

PENDING OBITUARIES

past Christmas was able to

Joe Gardino Jr., 77

LA JARA -- La Jara resident Joe Gardino Jr., 77, passed away April 12, 2020. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa

Jess Garner Williams Jr., 74

ALAMOSA -- Alamosa resident Jess Garner Williams Jr., 74, passed away April 12, 2020. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

VALLEY COURIER POLICY ON OBITUARIES

The Valley Courier charges a flat fee of \$30 for each obituary published. Pending arrangements or death notices are run at no charge.

This charge affects funeral homes, as well as family or other representa-

tives, that directly place obituaries. All paid obituaries are published on our web site, www.alamosanews.com, for no additional fee. In the event the newspaper errors in publishing an obit, corrections will be

made and the obit will be rerun. If the errors are on the part of the submitting party, an additional fee will be assessed.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

5 p.m. Women's Meet-

7 p.m. Community

7:30 p.m. Creative

TUESDAY

12 p.m. First Christian

8 p.m. Mountain View

WEDNESDAY

12 p.m. First United

Methodist Church at

Church at 1st and State,

Presbyterian Church

at 2nd and Broadway,

Church on Main St.,

Resource Center at 304

Walnut St., La Jara.

ing at Masonic Hall, 598

Spruce St., Del Norte

Creede

Alamosa

Monte Vista

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY

Edison, Alamosa $7\,\mathrm{p.m.}$ Town Hall at $108\,$

W Galena Ave., Crestone

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

St., Alamosa

Blanca

2005 Mullens, Alamosa 6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito

6 p.m. Amistad of San

Luis at 403 Main St., San Luis

7:15 p.m. RV Park in

7:30 p.m. Masonic Hall at 598 Spruce, Del Norte. 8 p.m. St. Thomas Epis-

copal Church at 607 4th

St., Alamosa. **THURSDAY**

12 p.m. First Christian

Church at 1st and State, Alamosa 12 p.m. Crestone Baptist Church, County Rd.

T, Crestone 7 p.m. Community Church on Main St.,

Creede 7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304

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

FRIDAY 7 p.m. Sacred Heart

School at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa.

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

Lorna Marie Booth, 80

ALAMOSA — Lorna Marie Booth, 80, passed away Thursday, April 9, 2020, at Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colorado with loved ones by her side, following her daughter, Darlene Datkuliak's passing, just two weeks previous. Lorna was born August 6,

1939, in Alamosa, Colorado to Harold "Moon" Barr and Marie Johnson Barr. Lorna married her husband of 64 years, Jesse Booth, on June 1, 1955, in Taos, New Mexico. As members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, they were later sealed for time and all eternity in the Los Angeles, California temple. As a devoted educa-

tor, Lorna taught at the elementary level for 32 years. Her love for teaching was planted at a young age when her teacher at East Side Elementary in Alamosa, Agnes Langston, required assistance during her absence. She called upon Lorna, an exceptional and trust-worthy student, to teach herown peers. That experience molded the path she would take when choosing a career in education. Lorna graduated valedictorian from Mosca High School. She then received her teaching degree, and later a master's degree, from Adams State



College. She took great pride in seeing what avenues her students took in life as she followed them throughout the many years. Everywhere she went she knew someone she had impacted and if she couldn't recognize a changing face, she never forgot a

It was well known that Lorna was an avid sports fan. From high school sports to college and professional to watching her kids, grandkids and great-grandkids. She never missed an opportunity to cheer on an individual or team she loved. Alamosa school district honored her as, "fan of the decade" in appreciation for her loyalty to the school and its students. With an almost photographic memory, she could tell you stats and plays made from games occurring years in the past.

Above her tremendous love for teaching and sports, her fondest memories were made while with family and dear friends.

Lorna is survived by her husband, Jesse; her son Bob (Terri) Booth of Alamosa; her son-in-law Gary Datkuliak of Parker; her grandchildren: Laura (Tim) Gifford of Lewiston, Idaho, Jesse Hildebrandt of Denver, Elizabeth (Justin) Guhl of Kiowa, Craig (Kaitlin) Booth of Pueblo, Jerree (Mitch) Canty of Sanford, and Katy Datkuliak of Parker; her great-grandchildren: Noah, Madi, Emma, Owen, Baylon, Daxton, Knoxley, Blakeley and another greatgranddaughter in June; her sisters and brother: Donna Parnaby, Nancy Moore and Robert "Bobby" (Diana) Barr; as well as a host of nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents and daughter. A private Graveside

Service will be held at the Sanford Cemetery where she will be laid to rest next to her parents.

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

Eunice Catherine Barnes, 89

ALAMOSA — Eunice Catherine Barnes was born September 8, 1930, in Lakeland, FL to parents, Zerney Burnes Barnes and Eunice Pipkin Barnes. She was the youngest of four siblings -- Zerney Barnes, Jr., Richard Barnes and Elizabeth Barnes (MacKinnon). Eunice spent her early years among many friends and relatives. After graduating from

Florida State University and beginning a lifetime career of elementary school teaching, she married Harold Douglas Harris, Jr.; on January 16, 1954 and became an Army wife.

She cheerfully managed the many moves that followed. Eunice and Harold -- along with their three children: Doug, Charles and Katherine -- had the opportunity to live in Georgia, New Jersey, France, Montana and Florida.

The family moved to Alamosa in 1970 and Eunice and Harold put down permanent roots in the San Luis Valley.

Eunice remained in contact with the many friends

she met throughout her



many of them as they traveled across the country over the years. Eunice was an active P.E.O. member for over 65 years and was very much loved by her P.E.O.

Music was very important in her life and she played both the piano and the organ. She also sang in the choir during her life as a member of every Methodist Church she attended. Eunice also accompanied, on the piano, many student's music performances throughout the years. Eunice was an avid bridge player and actually met Harold on a "blind date" for a bridge game.

Shewasknownforbaking cookies and made thousands over her lifetime for children to enjoy eating. Her love of children was reflected by the many who considered her'their'Grandma Harris.

Eunice was preceded in death by her husband, Harold; son, Doug; and daughter-in-law, Susan.

She is survived by her son, Charlie (Debbie) Harris; daughter, Kay Harris Risdahl; and her grandchildren: Corey (Rachel) Harris, Holly (Tom Yanker) Harris, Katie Risdahl, Christi Risdahl, Tim (Sabrina) Biggs and

Jay (Charity) Biggs. Eunice was a muchloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She will be missed by all who knew

and loved her. Cremation was selected and a memorial service followed by interment at Homelake Cemetery will be held at a later time. To express condolences to the family, please visit www.

rogersfunerals.com Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa is in care of the arrangements.

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

ALAMOSA—The San Luis Valley Military Family Support Group meets the fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Alamosa. For more info call Vicki Jones at 852-3123.

ALAMOSA — Sierra

Blanca Chapter #43, Order of The Eastern Star, meets on the first and third Mondays, at 7:30 p.m. at the Alamosa Masonic Hall, 512 San Juan Ave. Call Sharon at 589-4320. ALAMOSA — La

Leche League of the San Luis Valley holds its monthly meetings on the fourth Saturday at 11 a.m. at Hospice del Valle, 524 Main St. in Alamosa. Pregnant and nursing women are welcome to attend with their children and babies. Please call 587-3657.

ALAMOSA—The Alamosa Kiwanis Club meets on the second, third and fourth Thursdays at noon at IHOP. Contact: Amanda Wilkinson, 719-589-2564 or email amanda@alamosastate-

bank.com at the Alamosa Public ALAMOSA — The Op-Library, 300 Hunt Ave. timist Club of Alamosa Call the Southern Colomeets at Nino's Restaurado office at 719-544-

rant in Alamosa the first

and third Tuesdays at

noon. Contact the club at alamosaoptimistclub@ gmail.com or President Dawn Melgares at 719-580-0178. Visitors and new members are welcome.

ALAMOSA—The Alamosa Rotary Club meets every Monday at noon at Juanitos in Alamosa. Contact Dean Swift, 589-3499 or dean@deanswiftseed.com ALAMOSA — Veter-

ans Therapeutic/Support Group meets every Monday from 5-6:30 p.m. at 315 State Ave. Ste 101, Alamosa. Call 588-8885 to register or email d.counselingservices@ hotmail.com SOUTH FORK -

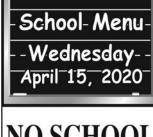
Kiwanis meets every

Thursday at 8 a.m. at the Feelin' Good Coffeehouse in South Fork. Contact: Karen Miller, 719-873-5466 or email mkmillermink@aol.com

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

5720, ext. 304.

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





To sponsor the School Menu call 589-2553

Valley News

Join fight against local hunger

By MEG COLWELL Courier reporter

ALAMOSA — As an Ameri-Corps Member serving with La Puente, COVID-19 seems like the worst-case scenario for our organization and clients. La Puente services work to combat poverty and homelessness in the San Luis Valley. Of course, the pandemic has only exacerbated these problems. La Puente's services are needed now, more than ever; but the pandemic complicates how we carry these services out.

It's been impressive to witness the determination of not only La Puente, but the entire community; as they unite to devise new processes of survival and day-to-day life. Like La Puente, Alamosa's school district, city, and businesses have created alternative means of operation. These efforts include delivering food to families, via scheduled bus stops; transforming the Elementary school's cafeteria into a community "grab-n-go" kitchen; and supplying the city's homeless population with

handwashing stations. New community efforts keep arising as neighbors seek to provide for neighbors.

One of the biggest challenges facing us all is lack of food access; often the result of poor geographic location, poor health, lack of transportation, or lack of financial funds. Ever since we had to close our shelter kitchen -- which served free, daily community meals -- La Puente has been working tirelessly to figure out another community meal

The community has come together in such wonderful ways to come up with a solution. The members of the Alamosa Presbyterian Church have offered up their building to serve as a meal distribution site and are also offering public showers. By partnering with the Ala-

mosa School District, La Puente's generous VEGI and Outreach staff have developed a daily sack-meal program. Each day donations from partners and foundations are prepared in the Milagros kitchen and then



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fridayhealthplans.com.

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served at the Alamosa Presbyterian. Lunch is served from 12 p.m.-12:30 p.m. and dinner is served 6 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Efforts are also underway to provide hot sack dinner options throughout

Our Food Bank is also combatting this lack of food access, altering services to satisfy both the social distancing rule and our clients. Unfortunately, there are still some members of the community who cannot

benefit from these avenues. as they lack either -- or both the transportation or health to travel. So, La Puente is working to deliver packaged food boxes to those residents.

If you would like to be involved in any of these efforts, La Puente is looking for volunteers and partners to share this responsibility, as the work is rewarding and provides a good excuse to leave the house. Volunteers are called to monitor the sack lunch and/ or dinner pick-ups: as well as volunteers to deliver food boxes. All volunteer roles will require very minimal contact with clients and La Puente will provide volunteers with the proper PPE gear.

This community is figuring out new and unique ways to support one another during these times. La Puente is proud to be a part of these efforts that really do prove that we are stronger together! Those interested in supporting these efforts can call 719-345-4554 or visit www.lapuentehome.org/ strongertogether

Friday Health Plans has modified its operations by supporting half its employees working from home

and instituting strict safety measures for employees

still coming to the office on Main Street in Alamosa.

The company plans to continue supporting local

businesses and community members during these

unprecedented times. To follow updates, please visit

Friday Health Plans' Facebook page at www.facebook.

Learn more about Friday Health Plans at www.

Friday Health Plans is purpose-built specifically

for people and small businesses who buy their own

health insurance. The company focuses on overall simplicity to offer affordable health plans with ben-

efits that help members stay healthy and cover them

fully if they get sick or hurt. Operational efficiency, top-notch customer service, and smart technology

are core to Friday's consumer-centric approach.

Headquartered in Denver, Friday covers the Colorado Front Range, San Luis Valley, and portions of the Western Slope, Four Corners, and Eastern

Plains. Friday Health Plans is compliant with the Affordable Care Act and regulated by the Colorado

Friday Health Plans supports local businesses

ALAMOSA — Friday Health Plans, a local health insurance company that remains open as an essential business, has been supporting the Alamosa community while feeding its own employees and other essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

After the statewide closures of restaurants on March 18, Friday Health Plans has placed daily takeout orders to provide meals for its employees and will continue to do in the upcoming weeks. Restaurants that Friday Health Plans has ordered from included The Purple Pig Pizzeria and Pub, Locavores, Woody's Q Shack and Nino's Del Sol. Friday hopes its efforts will generate visibility to increase ongoing business for these restaurants.

With nearly 100 employees based in Alamosa, Friday Health Plans understands the impact small businesses have in the community. "These small business owners are remarkable with the service they have provided throughout the years and have put countless hours into building and achieving their dreams," said Kaily Lopez, Human Resources Business Partner, Friday



Health Plans.

Friday Health Plans has also partnered with Blessed Brews Coffee Shop to provide free coffee to essential community workers, including teachers from the Alamosa School District and the Alamosa Police Department.

'By giving back, we aim to give those around us hope, and help them realize they hold a significant part in our little town, and the only way to get through all of this, is together. We are also committed to keeping our employees' spirits up during this time. These acts of giving back help with that," added Lopez.

Conejos County Fire Ban

Due to the continued drying trend and wind, Conejos County Sheriff Garth Crowther has initiated Stage 2 fire restrictions for all of Conejos County. Fires, campfires, charcoal grills, coal and wood burning stoves are prohibited including use in developed recreation sites. Devices using pressurized liquid or gas that include a shut-off valve and wood stoves used to heat a residence are allowed. Smoking is allowed only within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or buildings where smoking is allowed. Welding or operating acetylene or other torches with open flame is prohibited, unless it is within an enclosed building. Also prohibited are all explosives, includ-



ing fireworks, exploding targets, and tracers or incendiary ammunition.

Operating or using any internal combustion engine, such as a chainsaw, generator or all-terrain vehicle is only allowed with a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting USDA Forest Service or SAE approval.

Additionally, chainsaw operators must have a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher and round point shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches readily available for use. The entire Stage 2 fire restrictions order may be viewed on the Rio Grande National Forest website at ttps:// www.fs.usda.gov/riogrande.

For more information, call the Conejos County Sheriff's Office at 719-376-2196. This Order will be in effect from 12:01 am on April 15th, 2020 and will remain in force until further notice, unless rescinded

3 ways to respond to the Census

Online - my2020census.gov

If you received an invitation with an ID number, great, use it. If you don't have an ID number, that's fine. Just follow the instructions to enter your

Phone - call 844-330-2020 (en español 844-468-2020)

mailed in early April.

Mail - If you do not respond online or by phone, you may receive a paper questionnaire. Paper questionnaires will be

...all without having to meet a census taker



2020census.gov

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If the mask is creating discomfort or resulting in the child touching their face frequently, reconsider whether a mask is appropriate for that child. Children under 2 years of age should not wear a mask or other cloth face

We recommend that employees at essential businesses wear non-medical cloth masks to further slow the spread of COVID-19. Science tells us that some people may spread COVID-19 even when they do not have symptoms. This goes for essential employees as well as anyone who has to go out on occasion for necessary tasks. Wearing a non-medical mask protects others by reducing the droplets and viral particles that spread between people as we talk and interact -- especially in situations where a physical distance of 6 feet cannot be maintained. The masks can be any sort of cloth facemask; there are numerous sewn and no-sew options available, or you may wear a bandana or scarf.

Masks should be washed after each

day of use and anytime they become soiled. Be sure to dry the mask completely between uses. We recommend washing and drying your mask on the highest heat setting of the washer and dryer. It's a good idea to have more than one mask or face covering available to allow time for washing and drying after each use.

Yesterday, the Statewide Feeding Task Force working through the Unified Coordination Group announced that Colorado received a \$3 million delivery of infant supplies from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that includes:

· 8,200 cases of formula

· 23,260 packages of diapers · 53,167 packages of diaper wipes

These essential supplies will go to families who are experiencing poverty and not able to find resources to meet their basic needs. The distribution of the supplies will be at 41 locations statewide at Colorado's food banks and family resource centers, including locally through La Puente's Food

Bank Network of the San Luis Valley. These supplies will also be available to families enrolled in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and child care providers taking part in the Emergency Child Care Col-

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The Young Audience Outreach Tour is currently moving forward as scheduled, keeping the health and safety of students and artists as the first priority. CRT at Home

Streaming on Facebook

The CRT Spring Solstice

10-Minute Play Challenge: On Mondays, we drop the week's theme on Facebook. You have 48 hours to write and submit a 10-Minute

play. We will select one play to read on Facebook Live each Thursday. At the end of the Festival, our viewers will vote for their favorite play, which will be produced at our 10-Minute Play Festival, scheduled for CRT's Education Depart-

ment is releasing daily videos including workshops, Cozy Cornerstory-time with

follow-up questions and

activities, and The Adven-

tures of Sunny and Blue (our resident Clowns). Check out Education at Creede Repon Facebook for some fun with the kiddos, though we think it's pretty entertaining for adults, too! In a note to ticket holders,

DiAntonio said CRT staff will be reaching out to ticket holders beginning Monday,

April 13th to discuss options regarding their tickets, including:

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of your ticket as a taxdeductible contribution to CRT, which will help us recover from the significant revenue losses we will experience as a result of COVID-19. A refund of your



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LETTERS

Divert 65 billion gallons of water from San Luis Valley?

How can one possibly comprehend the vast amount of what 65 Billions Gallons of Water really is? Who came up with this number? How was this measured? Is this an annual amount? Over a set number years? Is it up to 65 Billion? These are important questions. What if the waters are diverted and the San Luis Valley (Valley) falls short? What will protect not only its residential needs, but also protect the integrity of the Valley?

Is there an escape clause, if the impact to the Valley is greater than anticipated? What if there is a drought, will the Valley be granted a moratorium to temporarily suspend the activity until future events related to the issues be resolved? Where are the protections for the Valley? If the goal is to properly manage water resources and the excess is to be shared outside the Valley, what safeguards are in place to keep the Valley sustainable at the current level? Where is the bottom line summary sheet for the lame person on the impact study?

You might ask, "Why such passion on this issue?". I can personally attest to the significance of what diverting water does to a thriving community. It robs its residents of their ability to live.

I know this because I lived in Garcia, (Costilla County) Colorado. Believe it or not, Garcia was once a beautiful place to live with a close community of families and friends. It was green and had a sustainable water source. Until policymakers decided to divert it's waters to Jaroso, Colorado. This diversion took precedence and ultimately bypassed Garcia, virtually drying up its sustainable water source. Its rivers wet dry, irrigation was no longer possible and even families, "well water" went dry. The entire community was impacted beyond comprehension. Forcing families to move out of their cherished homes.

If you need the motivation to fight against the possibility of losing5 Billion gallons of water for the Valley, do you your own, "Impact Study". Take a drive through Garcia, Colorado and you will see first hand, what a water diversion does to an unsuspecting community.

Water is a very precious and sustaining resource for any community. Make sure you don't let this issue escape your notice, it could impact you and your family beyond your imagination. Have you considered where you will go once the

water drys up? Please, DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN. It is always good to share, but not to your

Sincerely

Laura Cordova Garcia Sent on behalf of my mom, Laura. Arleen M. Ward

Consider donating your federal funds

While important for public health, the business shutdown and stay-at-home orders have had a devastating effect on many in the San Luis Valley. If you have a higher income, have a stable job, or have enough savings, please consider giving your federal relief payment to families in need or to an organization helping the less fortunate in the Valley. I gave my payment to La Puente, which runs the Food Bank Network of the San Luis Valley and many other vital programs.

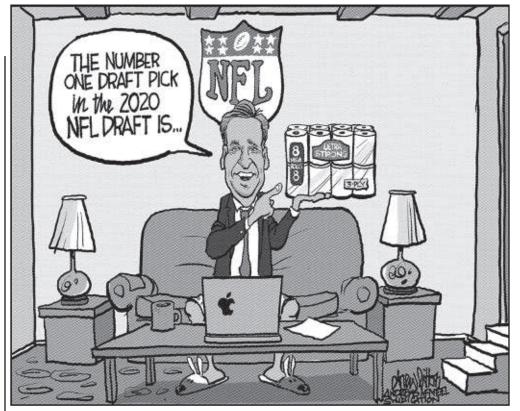
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God Bless America

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

Los Angeles grocery stores posted notices Friday telling customers for the sake of public safety they must wear a mask in the store. I don't know much about public safety, but yesterday I saw a photo of O.J. Simpson at the grocery store in Vegas wearing gloves and a mask. It was like old times.

Psychology Today said home quarantine provides you with unique experiences that bring you enjoyment. After Sunday, I now view the pandemic with more ap-

preciation. Thanks to the virus, I got to watch Phil Mickelson, Tiger Woods and Jack Nicklaus win the Masters on the same weekend.

President Trump tore into CNN and the New York Times Monday for pushing a story that he was late reacting to the virus. Nobody wants to take the blame for this mess. You should have seen some of the dirty looks I got this morning when I walked through Chinatown in my Batman costume.

The Weather Channel reports huge tornadoes tore through the South Sunday night, tearing up homes from Texas to Alabama. And it was not even virusrelated. I'm not a lawyer, but I think anyone who looks up and sees a blimp that says Goodyear on it can sue the blimp for false advertising.

Michigan's governor ordered everybody to observe home quarantine over the

weekend. This is not good news for state coffers. The number of drunk driving arrests in Michigan has fallen so much that to make up for lost revenue, police are pulling you over if you show signs of a fresh haircut. Bernie Sanders arranged on

Monday to appear on TV with Joe Biden from separate locations so he could endorse Joe and allow us to enjoy watching Bernie and Biden going back and forth at each other on splitscreen. I haven't seen Sesame Street in years. They finally came out of the balcony.

Dr. Fauci expressed gratitude for the public's response to social distancing and self-isolation Monday as new statistics came out that startled me. I admit I didn't take the virus that seriously until today. The CDC just announced the COVID-19 death toll could surpass the Clinton body President Trump told reporters he

enjoyed viewing an online Easter service at the First Baptist Church in Dallas Sunday. They're evolving. It took four weeks of home-quarantine, but Southern Baptists are now allowing church members to buy liquor, as long as it is for disinfectant purposes only.

President Trump expressed wariness about allowing every American to vote by mail in the fall election, citing the

possibility of vote-counting fraud. The Democratic Party position is clear. If Stormy collusion quid-pro-quo Corona-Gate doesn't bring Trump down, then let's try voting by mail.

The White House had to cancel the annual Easter Egg Roll and Easter Egg Hunt enjoyed by children on the White House lawn Monday. It's times like this when the Democrats can make their best case for their candidate. Joe Biden is the only candidate who can hide his own Easter Eggs.

The New York Times reported Joe Biden was accused of past sexual misconduct by a seventh woman Sunday. The accuser says then-Senator Biden pushed her against a wall, pushed his hand inside her panties and fingered her. In Biden's defense, he was confused and thought he was bowling.

Joe Biden's ex-Senate staffer Tara Reade is the latest female accuser to come forward against the Democratic nominee. This could result in a parade of accusers in a public forum. On hearing the evidence President Trump didn't hesitate and immediately named Joe Biden to the Supreme

Senator Bernie Sanders appeared on a televised video conference with Joe Biden Monday and heartily endorsed the former vice president for election in November. Biden looked a little tired on camera. The day before was Easter, and Joe was up half of the night waiting for the Trick or Treaters.

Mom shares late daughter's poem about addiction

Miss Ruth Heide passed away, March

30th. I am thankful she was surrounded by her family who loved her, and little Oso was there, too. My heart is truly broken. Miss Ruth believed in me and is the one who gave me my column almost four-years ago. My maternal, great grandmother had two sayings that apply here: "The proof is in the puddin," and "You never miss the water til the well runs dry." As editor and reporter, Miss Ruth wrote a lot but didn't always talk a lot. Her message and her truth were in her actions and in the way she lived her life. If

Miss Ruth told you she would do something, she did it. You didn't have to wonder if she forgot about her promise to you, or if she changed her mind. Too many of us took Miss Ruth for granted. We didn't realize the treasure we had in her until she was gone. I will always love my Miss Ruth and I will always miss her.

Today is my 200th column (Thank you, Miss Ruth). Of all my columns, we had the greatest response to, 'Delaney's Poem,' more than any other. I want to share it again today because it reveals the heartbreaking reality of addiction.

A parent's worst nightmare became a reality for Brian and Bridget Farrell when their 23-year-old daughter, Delaney, overdosed from heroin and died recently, 7/1/17. She knew what her monster was, said Brian in a Facebook video that now has more than 11,000 views. She knew she was battling it.

Delaney lost the battle on Saturday. She was found by Williamsport, Penn-

As you all know by now, our dear, sylvania, police at a Red Roof Inn where she had previously been employed.

Although Delaney has died, she left

behind a powerful poem that has struck a chord with many. The poem, which expresses what it's like to struggle with heroin addiction, was included by her mother in her obituary (whose online version crashed from a surge of traffic on Friday) after she found it in her daughter's

Funny, I don't remember no good dope days.

I remember walking for miles in a dope fiend haze.

I remember sleeping in houses

I couldn't accept it.

I remember hanging out in abandos

I remember shooting up in the bath-

I remember not remembering half the things that I did.

just ten more minutes.

iust wanted to end it.

I remember the birthdays and holiday celebrations.

All the things I missed during my incarceration.

I remember overdosing on my bedroom

I remember my sister's cry and my dad

breakin down the door. I remember the look on his face when I opened my eyes, thinking today was the day that his baby had died.

I remember blaming myself when my

mom decided to leave. I remember the guilt I felt in my chest

making it hard to breathe. I remember caring so much but not

knowing how to show it

and I know to this day she probably don't even know it.

I remember feeling like I lost all hope. I remember giving up my body for the

next bag of dope. I remember only causing pain, destruction and harm.

I remember the track marks the needles left on my arm.

I remember watching the slow break up of my home.

I remember thinking my family would

be better off

if I just left them alone.

I remember looking in the mirror at my sickly complexion.

I remember not recognizing myself in my own Damn reflection.

I remember constantly obsessing over mv next score but what

I remember most is getting down on my knees and asking God to save me

cuz I don't want to do this no more!!!

Arboleda, C. (2017). Mom shares late daughter's poem about heroin addiction. https://www.yahoo.com/beauty/ mom-shares-late-daughters-poem-heroin-addiction-210729832.html

Write to me at Amarah's Hope for Kids Like Me, P.O. Box 354, Alamosa, CO 81101. I'm offering World Bible School Bible Correspondence Courses (free/ postage paid) to kids like me and their parents, too. If you know a kid like me, or parent, who doesn't have a Bible, contact me and I'll make sure they get a Bible of their very own, "...and all the earth may know there is a God..." (1 Samuel 17:46, KJV).

My goal is to help kids like me, and I want to help their parents, too.

Until next time, remember, Jesus Loves You, and JESUS IS LORD!

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Delaney's Poem

that had no electric. I remember being called a junkie, but

that were empty and dark.

room and falling out at the park. I remember nodding out in front of my sister's kid.

I remember the dope man's time frame,

I remember those days being so sick I

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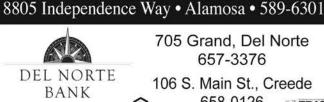
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"I ordered a coffee when I came in. Do you think you could give me a progress report when the beans leave South America?"

by Luis Campos

ams are created from quotations by lamous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Previous Solution: "You just can't say, 'I believe in Jesus' and then don't forgive somebody or hold a grudge against somebody." — Mr. T

Woman with new boyfriend keeps neighbor up at night

years and have never re-

My next-door neighbor that at times has very late or early hours associated with it. I also work in a field that has odd hours, so I am empathetic. My issue is, she has a new boyfriend she is intimate with anywhere between 2 and 4 a.m. I am a light sleeper and get awakened by their sessions together.

telling the building management, but it would be obvious that the complaint would have come from me, and I don't want that. I also don't want to cause embarrassment to either of us. How can I address this delicately, without causing embarrassment, or must I suck it up and

CHICAGO DEAR SLEEPLESS: Write your neighbor a sweet note explaining the problem and ask if there is anything she can do to hearing. (It might be something as simple as moving for your social anxiety. You

suffer? -- SLEEPLESS IN

DEAR ABBY: I live in a her bed away from the densely populated luxury wall or placing it against high-rise apartment build- a different one.) However, ing in a busy downtown if she's uncooperative, as a neighborhood that has a last resort, do discuss your diverse mix of residents. problem with the building I have lived here for four manager. I assure you, it won't be the first time he ally had many issues, until or she has heard something like this, or the last.

DEAR ABBY: I suffer works in the medical field from a moderate to severe case of social anxiety. I'm now in my first relationship with a partner who tends to move fast, and whose parents have recently been asking to meet me. This has caused tension in our relationship as well as in his relationship with his parents.

Because of some past I can hear her voice and at experiences with previous times, jostling of furniture. partners, his parents have I have thought about preconceived notions about me, which makes me feel all the more reluctant to meet them. I don't like feeling vulnerable, especially with people who don't know me. One counseling session with a boss, a professor, someone in authority, etc., and I'm on the verge of tears or already crying.

> I know I'll have to meet his parents someday, but I don't know how to approach it. I feel overwhelmed just thinking about it. Please help. -- SOCIALLY ANX-

DEAR SOCIALLY muffle the sounds you are ANXIOUS: I hope you are receiving professional help



ABIGAIL Van Buren

should not approach meeting your partner's parents with a negative attitude. Smile, put your best foot forward and try to make a good impression.

Keep in mind that this is not a performance review, a professor you need to give you a good grade or anyone in authority. They are parents of a son whose past judgment about partners may have been less than stellar, and of course they have concerns.

It would be nice if they thought the moon rose and set on you, but if they don't, will it affect your relationship with your partner? If the answer is yes, then he may not be mature and independent enough to be having a romance with anyone. Hold a good thought and stop hiding

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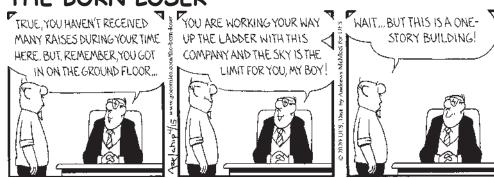
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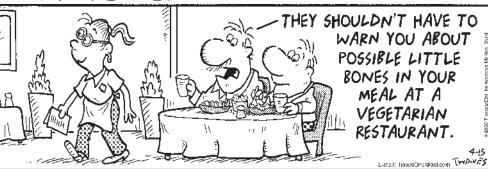
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Potatoes USA Appoints 2020-2021 Research Committee Co-Chairs

DENVER — Chris Hansen of Bliss, New York and Jared Smith of Alamosa, Colorado were elected to the Potatoes USA Executive Committee as Research Committee Co-Chairs on March 11, 2020 at the organization's 48th Annual Meeting.

Hansen has been involved with the Research Committee from its start five years ago, and he will be serving his third year as Research Committee Co-Chair and sixth year on the board. This will be Smith's third year on the board, but his first year as a committee co-chair after serving as a member on the Domestic Marketing and Research Committees for one year each.

Hansen is the general manager for CSS Farms, LLC and his location in New York focuses entirely on chip-stock potatoes. He grew up growing potatoes, but has been working professionally in the industry for the last 25 years since graduating from Michigan State.

Hansen participated in the 2014 class of the Potato Industry Leadership Institute (PILI), and currently holds the positions of vice president of the Empire State Potato Growers (ESPG) and chair of ESPG's Variety Development Committee. As an Executive Committee member, Hansen looks forward to continuing to build continuity between the Research Committee and other Potatoes USA programs.

Smith is a third-generation farmer and has worked in the industry for about 15 years. He is a part-owner of Three S Ranch, Inc., which produces russet, red and yellow potatoes. Smith is Blanca Potato LLC's Chairman of the Board and he serves on the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee. He participated in the PILI class of 2017.

Smith is excited about Po-

tatoes USA's strategy, and he looks forward to continuing the momentum gained through the Performance campaign. The Research Committee, through its involvement in the Potato Research Advisory Committee (PRAC), participates in the development of national potato research priorities and



Courtesy Photo
Jared Smith of Alamosa,
CO

promotes industry support for selected potato research projects.

The committee also oversees the industry's potato variety development activities for the chip and fry sectors through the National Chip Program (NCP) and National Fry Processors Trial (NFPT), respectively. The committee supports the latest potato nutrition research conducted through the Alliance of Potato Research and Education (APRE).

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CU Boulder inventories, donates 130,000 pieces of PPE for health care workers, first responders

BOULDER — A half-dozen volunteers outside of CU Boulder's Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) building began piling a mountain of boxes into two pickup trucks and a moving truck Friday afternoon.

The load: a whole lot of help from nearly 40 campus units.

Across the country, health care professionals have pleaded for necessary supplies to respond to a pandemic that's far outstripping their resources. The shortfall of so-called personal protective equipment (PPE) has left those workers in danger of becoming ill from COVID-19 as they treat patients. A lack of testing or vaccine has resulted in a virtual shut down of communities in an effort to flatten the curve, or slow the spread of coronavirus as it spreads around the globe.

CU Boulder joined an array of relief and supply efforts last week with a donation of more than 130,000 pieces of PPE. Dozens of departments, units and labs across campus donated gloves, N-95 masks, face shields, shoe covers and other PPE.

The donation went to the Boulder Office of Emergency Management (OEM), which will distribute the supplies to health care providers, long-term care facilities and first responders throughout the county.

"These donations far exceeded my expectations," said Garry DeJong, director of campus emergency management. "Coupled with our researchers and engineers working on ways to keep people safe and finding ways to fight COVID-19, CU Boulder is making a sizable impact in this historic moment.^{*}

PPE is regularly used throughout CU Boulder's campus for research and other purposes from chemical labs to University

DeJong led the charge alongside EHS Director Brandon Boger. Their teams worked for weeks soliciting donations across campus and creating an inventory. The donations equate to roughly 98% of the campus' PPE. The remainder is being reserved for campus health care providers and essential workers. In alignment with Centers for Disease Control guidance, workers whose job duties do not require an N-95 mask are encouraged to wear homemade cloth masks.

ments to donate a few items," said DeJong. "Once the word got out about the donations drive, the CU partners just continually

kept stepping up.'

 ${\bf Mike Chard, director of the \, Boulder \, Of fice}$

of Emergency Management, said he was extremely grateful. "The COVID-19 pandemic has created

tremendous pressure on our health care systems, long-term care facilities and first responders," Chard said. "Being able to keep the supply of medical and PPE at an essential service level preserves health care and government services and protects staff." Margie Hunter, assistant to the direc-

tor of EHS, was involved in coordinating and documenting the campus donations. Hunter and a small group of coworkers watched as emails rolled in from departments around campus looking to put their PPE to good use.

"I think we all want to step up when a crisis occurs, but don't always know what to do to help," Hunter said. "I feel that this process gave each of us that measure of satisfaction and gratitude that we were doing something that would make a difference for those first responders and the medical personnel who are facing this thing firsthand."

Broader efforts

Other faculty, staff and students have jumped into the fight as well.

Engineering faculty and students are 3Dprinting key parts of protective face shields.

Daniel Larremore, an assistant professor in the Department of Computer Science and in the BioFrontiers Institute, is using Facebook data to track the virus' spread, and perhaps predict where it could go in the coming weeks.

The BioFrontiers Institute, the College of Engineering & Applied Science, the Sustainability, Energy & Environment Lab (SEEL) and other campus units also worked in the early stages of the pandemic to get respirators, sterilization ovens and other PPE to Boulder County Health officials.

Community needs

For students, faculty, staff and friends of CU Boulder looking to donate or give back to the community, you can find more via the new Buffs Together initiative.

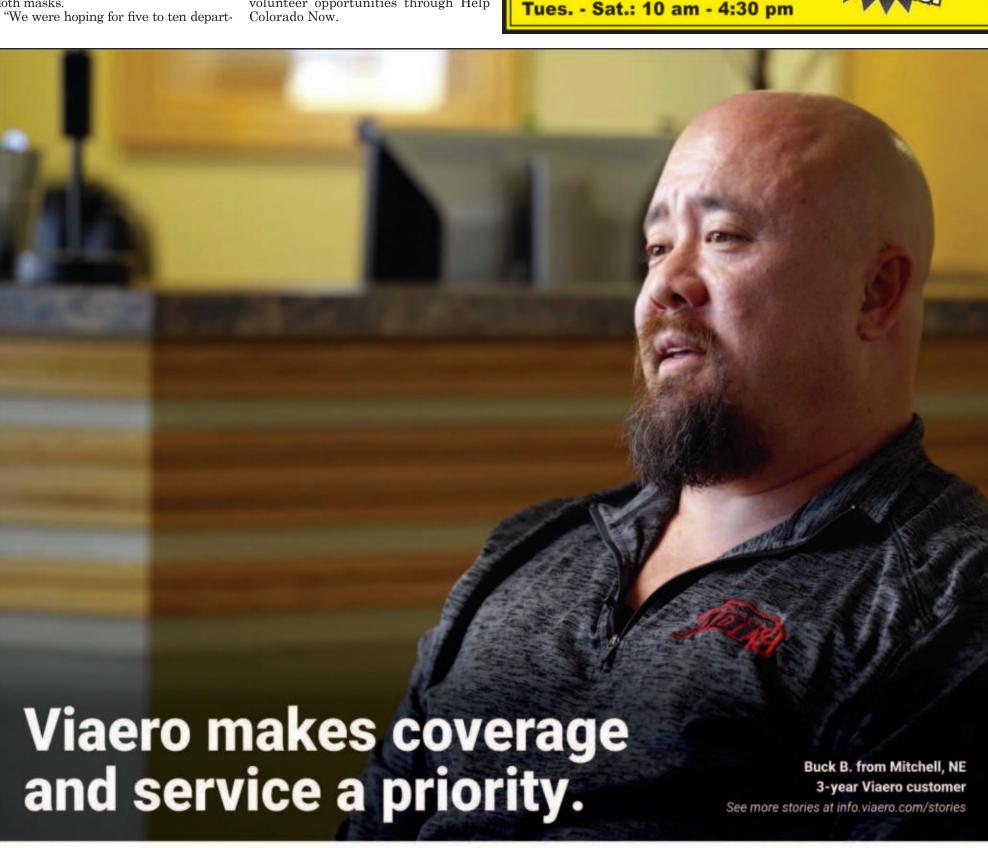
The state is organizing giving and volunteer opportunities through Help



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Colorado Beef Industry responds to JBS Beef temporary closure

ENGLEWOOD - Today, JBS USA announced the temporary closure of the Greeley beef production facility until April 24, 2020, in response to Coronavirus 2019 (CO-VID-19). JBS took this step in close coordination with the Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

"While beef producers are committed to providing safe and abundant beef for families throughout Colorado, the nation, and the world, our first concern is ensuring the health and safety of Coloradans in stopping the spread of CO-VID-19. We were saddened to hear of the passing of two workers from the plant and

our thoughts are with their families," stated Colorado Cattlemen's Association (CCA) President Steve Wooten of Kim, Colorado.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have repeatedly stated that food products are safe. Colorado Beef Council Chair Sallie Miller of Briggsdale, Colorado emphasizes, "The entire beef industry continues to provide consumers with a diversity of products they expect and is dedicated to working together to ensure food safety remains its top priority."

Consumers can be confident that adequate supplies of beef are available

in their grocery store of choice.

While consumers have recently experienced some products being sold out in stores, this was a result of a peak in consumer demand and supply chain disruptions," said Mike Veeman, Colorado Livestock Association (CLA) President.

Our organizations are concerned about the business environment surrounding COVID-19, especially that of all beef production sectors from the cow/calf producer to the processing plant. However, we remain resolute in our commitment to do our part to end this pandemic, while providing a safe and nutritious beef eating experience.

Rio Grande Forest officials release final EIS - revised

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 Record of Decision, which approves the final plan, will be signed once the review period ends on May 11. The 2020 Land Management Plan will be available after the Record of Decision has been signed. The approved plan will provide guidance for managing 1.8 million acres of forest 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 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.

April 9, 2020's release erroneously reported the Rio Grande National Forest LandManagement Plan would be available for review by April 10. The intent was to advise readers the DRAFT plan is still available and the final Land Management Plan would be available after the signing of the Record Of Decision in May.



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Public Notices

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 912-20
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On January 14, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the No-tice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

Original Grantor(s) GREG BOYKO and LESLIE KELHAM Original Beneficiary(ies)

MIRRORS, LLC, a Colorado Limited Liability Company Current Holder of Evidence of Debt MIRRORS, LLC, a Colorado Limited Liability Company

Date of Deed of Trust October 05, 2016

County of Recording

\$64,539.38

October 11, 2016

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 364367 Original Principal Amount \$69,900.00 Outstanding Principal Balance

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure

to pay principal and interest when due together with all other pay ments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

Lots 1 through 14, Block 1 Sangre De Cristo Estates, Unit 19, County of Alamosa, State of Colorado Together with any and all Water and Water Rights, Ditches and Ditch

Rights, Wells and Well Rights including but not limited to underground water rights for Permit No(s). 24761-F and 9251-F in Water Division No. 3, State of Colorado

Also known by street and number as: .
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of

Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction,

at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 05/13/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certifi-cate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication 3/18/2020

4/15/2020 Name of Publication Valley Courier
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE

PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; DATE: 01/14/2020 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado

By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee The name, address, business telephone number and bar registra-tion number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the

indebtedness is: San Luis Valley Law Firm P.O. Box 609, Salida, CO 81201 (719) 852-0627

Attorney File # The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that pur-

No. 1354 Published in the Valley Courier March 18, 25, April 01, 08, and 15,

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 914-20 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the fol-

lowing described Deed of Trust:

On February 11, 2020, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust de-scribed below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records. Original Grantor(s)

Edward H. Lyell Original Beneficiary(ies) San Luis Valley Federal Bank Current Holder of Evidence of Debt

San Luis Valley Federal Bank Date of Deed of Trust February 21, 2006 County of Recording

Alamosa Recording Date of Deed of Trust

February 23, 2006

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 325349

Original Principal Amount \$134,850.00 Outstanding Principal Balance

\$99,295.49 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the

covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed o trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

Tract 2 of the Cody Division of Land No. 2, located in the NE1/4 of Section 33, Township 37 North, Range 9 East, N.M.P.M., the Plat of

which was filed November 29, 1990, under Reception No. 253718 of the Alamosa County, Colorado, records, in Alamosa County, Colorado. Together with all water and water rights, ditches and ditch rights, wells and well rights, and rights of way appurtenant thereto____

Also known by street and number as: 2770 County Road 11 South,

AISO KNOWN DY STREET AND NUMBER AS: 2770 COUNTY ROAD 11 SOUTH, AIAMOSA, CO 81101.
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of

Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 06/10/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and

best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certifi-cate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication 4/15/2020

Last Publication

Name of Publication 5/13/2020 Name of Publication Valley Courier
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE

DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; DATE: 02/11/2020

Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registra-tion number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the

indebtedness is: Jeffrey E. Motz #35972 Paul E. Motz #7740

Motz Law Firm, LLC P.O. Box 779, Alamosa, CO 81101 (719) 589-

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting

to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that pur-©Public Trustees' Association of Colorado Revised 1/2015

Published in the Valley Courier on April 15, 22, 29, May 6, and 13, 2020.

STATE OF COLORADO

COUNTY OF ALAMOSA

NOTICE OF LOST STOCK CERTIFICATE The Centennial Ditch Company, a Colorado Mutual Ditch Company,

pursuant to C.R.S.A. §7-42-115 causes this NOTICE to be published on the 2nd day of April 2020 and once every week thereafter for five successive weeks the fifth publication being on the twenty-eighth day after the first publication." CRS 7-42-115, in the Valley Courier, a newspaper of general circulation in Alamosa County, in which the principal office of the Centennial Ditch Company is located. In accordance with the terms of C.R.S.A. §7-42-114 to §7-42-117, the Estate of Mike Bryn Green, has filed a Notice with the Centennial

Ditch Company making Demand for the issuance of duplicate certificates for stock certificates No. 329, for 2 shares each, respectively, of capital stock in the Centennial Ditch Company. The Centennial Ditch Company will issue, on or after the 30th Day of May 2020, thirty days after the last publication date, duplicate certificates to the regis-tered owner, as above stated, unless a contrary claim is filed with the Centennial Ditch Company, Attn: Secretary, 118 Washington Street, Monte Vista, Colorado 81144, prior to the date stated in this NOTICE The Centennial Ditch Jim Higel, President Centennial Ditch Company

Attest: Lyla Davis, Secretary No.1387 Published in the Valley Courier on April 4. 8. 15. 22. and 29. 2020

COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE PUBLICATION (CRS §38-38-103)

FORECLOSURE SALE No. 2020-1

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following Deed of Trust:

On January 21, 2020, under Reception No. 20000097, the under-

signed Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the

relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Conejos records.

Original Grantor(s): Marvon Greg Richardson
Original Beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for U.S. Bank, N.A.

Current Holder of the Evidence of Debt Bayview Loan Servicing,

Date of Deed of Trust: December 20, 2007
County of Recording Conejos
Recording Date of Deed of Trust Recording Information (Reception No

December 21, 2007 Reception No. 7002183

Original Principal Amount
S94,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance
Pursuant to CRS \$38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay the monthly installments of principal and interest due. THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

THE LIEN FOREICUSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. The legal description of the Property that is subject to the Notice of Election and Demand in accordance with CRS §38-38-101(4)(g) is: A tract of land described as commencing for a tie at the Quarter Corner between Sections 28 and 29, Township 33 North, Range 7 East N.M.P.M.; thence South on the Section Line a distance of 1605 Feet to a point on the North right of way boundary for Colorado State Highway No. 17; thence North 84°02' West along said right of way a distance of 112 feet; thence North 02°04' East a distance of 210.4 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 34E and the point of beginning; thence North 84°02' West a distance of 174 feet; thence North 01°05' West a distance of 210 feet; thence South 84°02' East a distance of 210 feet; thence South 84°02' East a distance of 186 feet; thence South 02°04' West a distance of 210.4 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, excepting a strip of land 15 feet wide along the North boundary of said lot to be used for road right of way, in Conejos County, Colorado.

Also known by street and number as: Lot 34B Fox Creek Road, Antonito, CO 81120

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROP-ERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for

sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 21, 2020, at the office of the Conejos County Public Trustee, Conejos County Courthouse, 6683 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129, sell to the highest and best bidder for social the social content of the said Country Courthouse, 6683 County Courthouse, 6683 County Country Cou for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.

First Publication Date: March 25, 2020

Last Publication Date: April 22, 2020

Name of Publication: The Valley Courier Date: March 23, 2020

Mack M. Crowther for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s)

Mack M. Crowther Mack M. Crowner

Public Trustee in and for the County of Conejos, State of Colorado.

The name, address, telephone number and bar registration number of attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Karen J. Radakovich, Esq., A.R.#11649

Frascona, Joiner, Goodman and Greenstein, P.C.

4750 Table Mesa Drive, Boulder, CO 80305-5575 Telephone: (303) 494-3000 Facsimile: (303) 494-6309 FJGG 7192-13920/RICHARDSON, MARVON 0002704319

The attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that pur-. No. 1374

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ALAMOSA STATE BANK, a Colorado Banking Corporation, SAN LUIS VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., a Colorado

Cooperative Corporation,
THE SAN LUIS VALLEY CANAL COMPANY, a Colorado non-profit corporation. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY,

THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY. ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE

Defendants 2019CV30053

2019CV30053
Division Courtroom
Karl Kuenhold Reg. No. 40164
LAW OFFICE OF KARL KUENHOLD, LLC
808 Third Street, P.O. Box 30
Alamosa, CO 81101

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO: ALL ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend

against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action against the claims of the complaint 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 35* 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 may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35* days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is an action in rem to Quiet Title: The relief sought by the Plaintiff is a Decree Quieting Title which will affect the following property as described below and in the Quiet Title Complaint:

described below and in the Quiet Title Complaint:

A tract of land located in the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) and the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W1/2SE1/4) of section 29, Township 39 North, Range 10 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Alamosa County, Colorado, being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the South Quarter Corner of Section 29, monumented by a 3.25" aluminum cap, set by PLS No. 23891; thence S 89°55'57" with the South line of the Southwest quarter of said section a distance of 2626.03 feet; thence N 00°11'14" E with the West line of the Southwest quarter of said section a distance of 2626.03 feet; thence S 89°31'17" E with the North line of the Southwest quarter of said section a distance of 2626.03 feet; thence S 89°31 17 E with the North line of the Southwest quarter of said section a distance of 2524.82 feet to a point in an existing East and West fence line; thence with said fence line for the following six (6) courses;
1.) S 01°03′54″ W a distance of 92.80 feet;
2.) Thence S 19°45′15″ E a distance of 31.19 feet;
3.) Thence N 89°44′39″ E a distance of 105.03 feet;
4.) Thence S 01°21′59″ W a distance of 58.72 feet;
5.) Thence S 89°53′50″ W a distance of 58.72 feet;

5.) Therice S 05°05'05' a distance of 16.75' feet to the True Point of Beginning, containing 156.54 acres, more or less. Dated: March 17, 2020
Published in The Valley Courier Newspaper
First Publication: March 19, 2020

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Last Publication: April 15, 2020
LAW OFFICE OF KARL KUENHOLD, LLC
Original signature of Karl Kuenhold is on file with the law offices of
Law Office of Karl Kuenhold,
LLC pursuant to C.R.C.P. 121 §1-26(7)

Attorney for Plaintiff 808 Third Street, P.O. Box 30 Alamosa, CO 81101 (719) 589-3688 FORM 1.1 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

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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 Home-maker and Chore Services, National Family Caregiver Program. Other avenues of services to older adults will also be considered.

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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Alamosa County, Colorado 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101 T: (719) 589 - 4996 In the Interest of: Remigio Domingo Ramirez,

COURT USE ONLY Attorney for Petitioner Kacie Lynn Mulhern, Atty. Reg. 47739 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER 1325 S. Colorado Boulevard, Suite 701 Denver, CO 80222 T: (303) 692 – 1165 l F: (303) 302 – 2890 kmulhern@childlawcenter.org

Case Number: 20PR030010 Courtroom/DIVISION: C
NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-10-401. C.R.S.

To: Mateo Domingo Mateo and Julia Tomas Domingo Ramirez Last Known Address for Mateo Domingo Mateo, if any: Unknown Last Known Address for Julia Tomas Domingo Ramirez, if any: Un-

A hearing on Petition for Appointment of Guardian for Minor (title of pleading) for (brief description of relief requested) for appointment of a guardian to be appointed for the minor child, Remigio Domingo Bamirez will be held at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued: Date: June 30, 2020 Time: 1:30 p.m.

Courtroom/Division: C Address: 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101 The hearing will take approximately 1 hour.

Juana Margarita Pedro Ramirez Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice 1022 San Juan Avenue Address Alamosa, CO 81101 City, State, Zip Code

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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.cdsheadstart.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 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-

221 **HELP WANTED**

937-9417.(4/15)

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

TORRES BUILD-ERS, LLC is now hiring skilled carpenters and laborers. Please email resumes to torresbuildersllc@outlook. com, Call Joe 719-580-5860 with TORRES BUILDERS LLC.(5/1) SOUTH CONEJOS

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

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contact accounting@ hinsdalecountycolorado. us or 970-944-2225 ext. 103 or check the County website at: https://www. colorado.gov/pacific/ hinsdalecounty/humanresources-7. Applications are due May 1st at 4:00 p.m. MST.(5/9) 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

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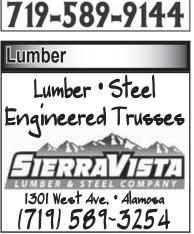




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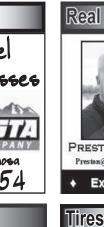
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FAQ about COVID-19 and the spring season

By RYAN CASEY AND RHONDA BLANFORD-**GREEN** CHSAA

The CHSAA office has found a few frequent topics when answering questions about the COVID-19 pandemic and the

So, we created a page dedicated to the latest information about the Coronavirus and included a list of Frequently Asked Questions. That page is here, and will be updated with the latest information, should updates be needed.

Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green answered these frequent questions, and we are also publishing them below.

Why hasn't the Commissioner made the decision to cancel spring sports?

We understand how extremely tough this is for our activity and athletic participants, especially graduating seniors, coaches and their school communities. We

continue to extend dates aligned with restrictions, mandates and recommendations from state and health officials.

There are many factors that would need to be considered after the most recent extension of suspending spring sports to April 30. The primary factor in a decision like that will be a guarantee to our Association that activities can be conducted statewide without jeopardizing the safety of not only our students but our officials, coaches, staffs, volunteers and spectators. We are not confident that an assurance like that will be forthcoming after the 30th. Our country and our state

continue to adjust as they work to find answers and mitigate the spread of the virus. We don't want to give false hope. Resuming spring activities and athletics statewide due to safety concerns does not appear promising.



May students have contact with coaches during this time?

We strongly encourage virtual contact by coaches and administrators to check on the wellbeing of their students as well as to upload workouts, but we have not permitted voluntary team workouts, rehearsals, or tryouts due to the direct or indirect implications of a mandatory participation by the students.

We need to be focused on our "Why", which is ensuring that our students are navigating this disruption without pressure.

Some school districts have closed. How does that affect the spring season?

State, health and educational

mandates and recommendations will take precedence in discussions leading to April 30. The cancellation of in-building instruction and athletics, as well as the closure of many HS and collegiate facilities will definitely be considered.

Will the summer be a consid-

eration for the spring season? If statewide spring activities and athletics are cancelled, we would not conduct a summer season outside of the educational construct. If the spring season is cancelled and once the defined school year ends, no events would be conducted.

This is not about creativity or an unwillingness to think outside the box. Our staff does that very well when inclement weather or facility availability disrupts an event.

This is a statewide health emergency and a statewide safety situation, and as a result a potential cancellation would end of the season.

Let's gain a new appreciation for officials during down time

By DR. KARISSA **NIEHOFF**

During this shutdown of normal life in our nation, we are learning to deal with a new challenge – how to handle the unexpected time on our hands at home. Simply keeping up with the days of the week is a major accomplishment!

While we anxiously await the re-opening of schools and a return of high school sports and performing arts, this down time can be used in positive ways to take advantage of educational opportunities. And kudos to some individuals who already are seizing those opportunities – men and women who officiate high school sports.

Two weeks ago, we began to offer the 11 officiating courses on the NFHS Learning Center (NFHSLearn.com) free of charge, and the response has been nothing short of amazing. By the end of March – merely a week into this new opportunity -more than 5,200 courses had been taken.

In addition to veteran officials fine-tuning techniques in one or more of the seven sports featured in these courses, this has been a great opportunity for individuals interested in officiating to take a free course to determine their interest level.

Those of us in leadership positions are so appreciative of these individuals who give freely of their free time to officiate high school sports or adjudicate music contests. We would suggest that everyone – student-athletes, coaches, parents and other fans – use this down time to do

At various times this year before the shutdown of schools, officials have been the victim of verbal and physical abuse. Inappropriate behavior by parents and other fans was causing officials to quit before they even reached two years on the job.

And yet, in the past three years, more than 35,000 individuals have signed up to become officials through the NFHS' #BecomeAnOfficial campaign and 5,200 courses that have been taken in the past couple of weeks by men and women who want to give back to high school sports. These are good signs more people will continue to be involved in officiating when the

games return. But what about the parents and other fans in the stands? Will their behavior be changed upon return? The conclusion of the New Mexico Activities Association's state basketball tournament last month provided an interesting perspective on the impact of fans to the atsporting events.

After completing the first two days of its state tournament with fans in the stands, the NMAA conducted the final three days without fans because of concerns about the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Dana

mosphere at high school Pappas, commissioner of officials for the NMAA, noted the following about the final three days of competition: 'Officials would make

a call and if coaches had a question about it, they asked - calmly and respectfully. In huddles during time-outs, coaches

just talked to their players, without raised voices. The behavior of coaches on the sidelines from Thursday through Saturday was in stark contrast to what we witnessed on Tuesday and Wednesday. Perhaps they did not feel the need to be overly emotional for the benefit

of their fans.

"My hope is that the absence of sport throughout the world gives us all a moment to gain perspective and do a 'gut check' as to the kind of fans we are at contests. If the quality of the game is unchanged (or even better) without fans there to scream at the

coaches, officials and players, then is that behavior really necessary when the games resume?"

The message here is that while the games can continue without fans, the ideal situation is for stands full of fans positively cheering for their

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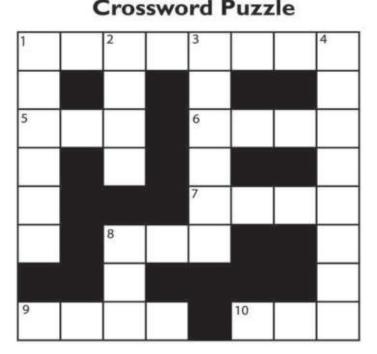
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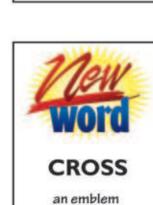
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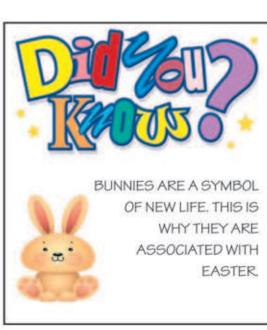


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· Saves money: Even though maintenance costs money, sticking to a consistent maintenance schedule can save big bucks in the long run. For example, the cost of rotating and aligning tires is considerably less than repairing a car after a major blowout and paying for a tow and tire replacement.

 Improves performance and efficiency: Routine maintenance includes oil changes, filter changes and fluid topoffs. Such tasks keep engines running smoothly. Ignoring this routine maintenance can put engines in jeopardy of

breaking down and adversely affect vehicle performance, diminishing fuel economy and leading to a sluggish ride.

Identifies safety issues: Routine inspections and work performed by reputable service stations help drivers stay abreast of recalls or issues that can affect the safety of the vehicle.

· Maintains a maintenance record: When the time comes to sell the vehicle, having a log of routine maintenance indicates to potential buyers that the vehicle was well cared for.

Keeps compliance: Vehicles covered under manufacturer's warranties typically need to be maintained in adherence to factoryrecommended maintenance schedules. This ensures that the vehicle is in compliance and will be covered in the event of a warranty claim.

Routine vehicle maintenance is important for a variety of reasons. Drivers can work with a trusted and reliable mechanic to develop a schedule that keeps their cars and trucks on the road. FC19A290

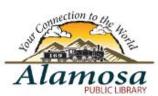
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