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SLV Today

Art 'UNveiling' set for April 3

ALAMOSA— An unusual cultural event opens to the public Friday, April 3 (5:00-7:00) at Alamosa Home, 630 Main Street, Alamosa. "The UN&FUN Party" features never-before-seen artwork to be UNveiled literally for the first time.

"Mattress Mary" Domito and Kelly "Kindness" Geddes have assembled a fascinatingly diverse array of visual creatives: David "Mountain Man" Montgomery, Kris "Go-Get-Em" Gosar, Blake "Pick-Em-Up" Parsons, Kathy "Parallel" Park, Henry "Walk-Off" Wolbert, Dennis "Shutter" Schoenfelder, Caleigh "Fine-Focus" Payne, Michael "Chainsaw" Sundeen, and Mark "Mute" Gould.

To fulfill each viewer's audio experience Rhonda "Rock-On" Schoenecker provides her distinctively complex mood-music medleys. Make plans to attend.

Russell's Sunday presentation ppp.

ALAMOSA— Artist Jocelyn Russell has been forced to postpone her presentation due to travel restrictions related to the "pandemic" of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Her presentation on the Secretariat monument and the upcoming crane monument were previously scheduled for this Sunday at Society Hall. The event will be rescheduled in the future.

Crane Fest a "swooping" success

By REBECCA COPLEY

MONTE VISTA — The 37th annual Monte Vista Crane Festival had another successful year. First time crane festival attendees and seasoned Crane Fest veterans flocked from far and near to come see these beautiful and unique cranes that have been visiting the Valley every spring for thousands of years.

This year's Crane Fest provided fun and interesting things for birders of all ages to enjoy. There were daily tours covering a vast number of subjects like the BLM Elephant Rocks tour, Crane tours, RiGHT conservation tours and many more. In addition to the tours there were also several talks for festival participants to attend. Including a keynote address by Teddy Roosevelt as portrayed by Kurt Skinner. There was also a kid's coloring contest Friday.

The Monte Vista Kiwanis club hosted their annual "Birder's Breakfast," serving over 200 plates Saturday morning. They also had their annual "Crane Quilt Raffle," and raffled off their 23rd Crane Festival Quilt. This year's quilt "Time to Take Flight," was pieced, designed and quilted by Raydene Plane. Proceeds from their annual quilt raffle mainly go to funding the Monte Vista Key Club Scholarship Program and the remaining funds are used for community service projects.

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Courtesy photo by Cary Aloia

HazMat crew deals with bridge waste

By KEITH R. CERNY

Courier Publisher

ALAMOSA — A hazardous materials crew based in Denver were here Wednesday morning cleaning areas under and around the Highway 160 (Fourth Street) bridge at the direction of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

Three people working for CG Environmental, also known as the "Cleaning Guys," were contracted by CDOT to remove bio-hazardous waste material from the bridge area according to Lisa Schwantes, regional communications manager based in CDOT's Durango office.

Schwantes said CDOT crews were inspecting the underside of the bridge a few weeks ago and discovered "a lot of human waste and trash that had accumulated there." She said an environmental specialist group was needed, considering the type of waste found there.

A CDOT worker on



A large pile of trash was removed and transported from the Fourth Street bridge by the "Cleaning Guys" crew from Denver found below a massive amount of graffiti on the underside of the bridge.

scene was overheard saying that used hypodermic needles have been found in the area in the past.

"We want our CDOT personnel to be safe," Schwantes said. "Our best course of action going forward will be posting signage immediately prohibiting trespassing on state property." She added that a "right

of way" surveying crew will be surveying the area in the future to determine the exact boundaries of CDOT's ROW. Additional signage and possibly fencing could be installed in the future. Long-term, possibly several years down the road, the Alamosa bridge will be scheduled for maintenance.

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A crew from CG Environmental of Denver, also known as the "Cleaning Guys" was on hand here Wednesday removing biohazardous waste and other trash under and around the Highway 160 (Fourth Street) bridge. The company was contracted by CDOT after a large quantity of human waste and other trash was found accumulated under the bridge.

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Thurs.: Rain/Snow 50/27

Fri.: Mostly Sunny 55/23

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SLV Health Incident Command issues statement

Amid a growing fear of the Corona Virus and a declaration of a state of emergency from Governor Polis, fear has made its way into the San Luis Valley. As evidenced by Walmart being sold out of what some would consider emergency items.

That said, as of March 11th, there have been 33 presumptive cases in Colorado. Pitkin and Denver Counties making up fifteen of those. San Luis Valley counties - Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Huerfano and Rio Grande are still unaffected. The closest county affected was Gunnison County with two cases. With things getting disconcerting the San Luis Valley Health Incident Command issued a statement on Wednesday.

San Luis Valley Health continues to closely monitor the potential impact of COVID-19 on our community, our clinics, and our hospital along with our healthcare agency partners and government officials. With Governor



A Valley Courier reader submitted this photo of the toilet paper shelves at Walmart having been cleared possibly by panicked residents concerning the Covid-19 virus. Similar survival type items were said to be cleared out elsewhere in the store.

Polis declaring a state of emergency in Colorado, SLV Health has opened Incident Command to be prepared

for this possibly escalating situation. Please be sure to take action as outlined on our SLVH.org home page

and FAQ page. If there is a positive case of coronavirus reported, this page will be updated with that information, as well as locations and directions for testing, isolation, and quarantines. For members of the community who feel they may have symptoms, we are asking them to please call (719) 589-2511, and press 9 to be connected to a nurse on call. Please let the nurse know about recent travel as well as symptoms. Please call before coming into a healthcare facility.

For general questions about COVID-19 you can call CO HELP 1-877-462-2911 and continue to check the SLV Health home page.

The health and safety of our community is our highest priority.

Adams State also reached out, informing students using a resource page www.adams.edu/police/safety/coronavirus/ that will contain up-to-date information including impacts to campus.

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OBITUARIES

Desmarie Romero, 76

MANASSA — Manassa resident Desmarie Romero, 76, went to her eternal rest on March 7.

Desmarie was born on October 6, 1943, in Lobatos, the daughter of Juan Isidro Mondragon and Cidelia Chavez-Mondragon.

She was a kind, compassionate and loving person who enjoyed gardening, cooking, baking and spending time with her husband, grandchildren and family. Desmarie will be dearly missed.

Survivors include her husband, Victor F. Romero, Manassa; daughter, Ilene (Luis) Agustin, Aurora; sons, Stacy (Michelle) Romero, Lakewood; Jamie (Susan) Romero, Lone Tree; grandchildren, Samantha Romero, Mia Romero, Emma Romero, Celina Agustin and Ana Agustin; sisters, Lucy (Lupe) Medina, Deming; Dorothy Milatz, Security; Maria Mondragon; Vidella Mondragon-Gomez, Alamosa; Martha (Larry) Platt, Grand Junction; Brother, Eugene (Christine) Mondragon, Manassa; as well as many nieces,



nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Jesus Mondragon.

A viewing and visitation will be held on Friday, March 13, at Romero Funeral Home in Alamosa from 1-4 p.m.

A Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Friday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in La Jara. A Mass of the Resurrection will be held on Saturday, March 14, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church.

The care of arrangements have been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa. To leave online condolences, please visit romerofuneralhomes.com.

W.C "Chan" Moulton, 93

ALAMOSA — W.C. "Chan" Moulton, 93, longtime resident of Alamosa, Pueblo, and more recently Colorado Springs, died peacefully on February 9. Chan was predeceased by his wife, Dixie, in 2013 and is survived by his four daughters: Elizabeth, Adah, Deaun, Mynette and his two grandchildren.

Born to Victor and Ceona Moulton in Pueblo, on July 31, 1926, Chan graduated from South Denver High School in 1944. Chan joined the Navy and served two tours of duty — first in World War II and again during the Korean conflict.



Between his two tours of duty, Chan attended the

University of Colorado at Boulder where he earned his degree in Pharmacy.

In 1951, Chan married Dixie Adams. They were married for 62 years and lived most of that time in Alamosa, where he owned Mt. Blanca Drug Company. Later, he and Dixie moved to Pueblo where he owned and operated The Pharm-Hand, a relief pharmacist business, until he retired from active work.

All his life Chan was active in the Episcopal Church and in many aspects of Masonry including DeMolay, York Rite, Knights Templar and the

Al Kaly Shrine.

Graveside services are scheduled for 1 p.m. on Friday, March 13, at Fairmount Cemetery, 430 Quebec St., Denver. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Chan's life.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Knights Templar Eye Foundation at <http://KTEF.org>. Online condolences can be sent to <https://www.fairmountfuneralhome.com/obituaries/W-C-Moulton?obId=12358111#> celebrationWall.

The family would like to thank the caregivers and staff at Springs Ranch Memory Care & Independent Living Community for their care and dedication.

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

ALAMOSA—The San Luis Valley Military Family Support Group meets the fourth Tuesday at from 5-6:30 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@alamosasatebank.com

ALAMOSA — The Optimist Club of Alamosa meets at Nino's Restaurant in Alamosa the first and third Tuesdays at noon. Contact the club at alamasaoptimistclub@gmail.com or President Dawn Melgares at 719-580-0178. Visitors and new members are welcome.

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

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

mail.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

MONTE VISTA — The Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group meets on the second Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Chamber of Commerce, 947 1st Avenue, Monte Vista. Call the Southern Colorado office at 719-372-5985.

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

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

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

ALAMOSA — Families Healing Families is a community-based organization that provides support and resources for families affected by the impact of substance abuse. They meet on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens

Center at 92 Rio Grande Ave. (on the north end of Cole Park) in Alamosa.

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

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

ALAMOSA — Open drop-in meditation for health, stress management and spiritual growth, is held at 10:45 a.m. the second Sunday of the month at St. Thomas Episcopal Parish Hall, 607 Fourth St., Alamosa, with Mountain Institute, A Kriya, Meditation & Lamplighting School. Contact Martin at 575-758-5876 or talentocal@live.com

ALAMOSA — Youngsters are invited to the Alamosa Public Library Story Room every Friday morning to sing, color, dance, read, enjoy adventures, share with friends and giggle. Babies and toddlers are welcome at 9:30 a.m. and preschoolers at 11 a.m.

ALAMOSA — Free breast feeding classes are offered in Alamosa at the San Luis Valley Health Education and Conference Center on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 3-4 p.m.

MONTE VISTA — Valley Fiber Art Guild — VFA is a group for anyone interested in fiber arts: knitting,

crocheting, weaving and spinning. We work on our individual projects, sometimes do projects together and learn from each other. We meet the fourth Saturday of every month from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at 757 County Rd. 29, .Monte Vista. Call or email Wanda Couzens-Smith for more information at (719) 852-5000 or wcouzenssmith@gmail.com

ALAMOSA — Alamosa Masonic Lodge meetings are every first and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. (except June, July and August) at the Alamosa Masonic Lodge, Main and San Juan.

ALAMOSA — A Caregivers Support Group meets at First United Methodist Church, 2005 Mullins, Alamosa, on the first Monday of every month. For more information, call 589-2243.

ALAMOSA — Alamosa Toastmasters meets on Mondays at noon at The Bridge in Alamosa at 3407 Carroll Street. Participants will find a supportive learn-by-doing environment that allows them to achieve their goals at their own pace. Call (719) 588-5127.

ALAMOSA — The GFWC Woman's Citizenship Club of Alamosa meets on the second Friday at noon from September through May at First United Methodist Church, NW door, 2005 Mullins Ave. For more information, please email: womancitizenshipclub@gmail.com

ALAMOSA — Made up of community members who write in many different genres, the Sophia Circle meets weekly to provide support for writers and their writing projects in the downstairs conference room at the Colorado Welcome Center at Alamosa, 6th and State on Sundays from 1-3 p.m.. Writers may drop in on any meeting. Bring copies of the work you want to share.

Allison Lynn Sparrow-Balog, 58

DEL NORTE — Del Norte resident Allison Lynn Sparrow-Balog, 58, went to her eternal rest on March 5. Allison was born on November 24, 1961, in Denver, the daughter of Gene C. Sparrow and Mary B. Sparrow.

She was a kind, compassionate and loving person who enjoyed reading and spending time with her family and friends. Allison will be dearly missed.

Survivors include her sisters, Kathryn B. Sparrow of Del Norte and Linda Sparrow of Alamosa; brothers, Gary G. (Sharon) Sparrow of Spring Branch; Glenn (Marsha Pace) Sparrow of South Ford; and Timothy G. Sparrow of Alamosa; nieces, Bridget (Chuck) Sandoval of Monte Vista and Jacqueline Sparrow of Colorado Springs; nephew, August L. (Sarah) Sparrow



of South Ford and many great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Steven Balog; nephews, Brandon Bailey and Brian A. Withersbee; and all her aunts, uncles and nephews.

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

PENDING OBITUARY

Connie Deluna, 62

ALAMOSA — Alamosa resident Connie Deluna, 62, passed away March 10. Arrangements are pending with Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

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AA MEETINGS

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

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

Following are District 3 San Luis Valley AA 12-Step Meetings.

The 6th Tradition states that we are not affiliated with any outside organizations, but in the spirit of cooperation, we list these meeting schedules for friends and family. For information, call 719-937-5083.

SUNDAY

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

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

MONDAY

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

5 p.m. Women's Meeting at Masonic Hall, 598 Spruce St., Del Norte

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

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

TUESDAY

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

8 p.m. Mountain View

Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

5:30 p.m. at 929 State Ave., Alamosa

6 p.m. Senior Citizen's

Building at 710 Main St., Antonito.

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

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

AL-ANON

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

School Menu

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Local students receive bachelor's degrees from ASU

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Alamosa, CO

- Allen Banner, Bachelor of Arts, English/Communications
- Amos Cordova, Bachelor of Arts, Geosciences: Physical Geography & Conservation
- Sean Anthony Cruz, Bachelor of Arts, Art Education K-12, Cum Laude
- Marcos Danielson, Bachelor of Arts, History, Cum Laude
- David Denhardt, Bachelor of Arts, Geosciences: Physical Geography & Conservation
- Katherine Ginther, Bachelor of Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies
- Katie Adelle Hensley, Bachelor of Arts, Art Education k-12
- Madeline Jackson, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration/Accounting, Cum Laude
- Audra Johnson, Bachelor of Arts, Sociology/Criminology
- Shawna Larson, Bachelor of Arts, Kinesiology: K-12 Education, Cum Laude
- Jacob Ray Martinez, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration/General Business
- Skye Montoya, Bachelor of Arts, Music/Performance, Summa Cum Laude
- Larissa Jean Pettigrew, Bachelor of Arts, History
- Jackson Roberts, Bachelor of Arts, English/Communications
- Stephany Rodriguez Moreno, Bachelor of Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies
- Terrell Russell, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology: Developmental Psychology, Cum Laude
- Stephanie Louise Sisneros, Bachelor of Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies
- Austin Speer, Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology: Exercise Science
- Geoffery Gerald West, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration/Management, Summa Cum Laude

Fort Garland, CO

- Veranique Vigil, Bachelor of Arts, Sociology/Criminology

Monte Vista, CO

- Fawn LeBlanc, Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration/General Business

ALAMOSA — The following students received a bachelor's degree from Adams State University, Alamosa, Colo., during the Fall 2019 Commencement Ceremony on December 14. Adams State awarded 297 undergraduate degrees.

For the first time in Adams State history, two students Sheniqua A. Griffith and Janet Najar Madera gave the address on behalf of the Class of 2019. "These are just two stories out of the many in the room today," Madera said of her personal story and that of Griffith. "These stories are what shape your identity," Griffith added.

The students were followed by Lillian Gomez, an Adams State alumna and Adams State Title V Initiative Executive Director, who delivered the commencement address. "No matter how much you have and will accomplish, there is always more to learn and there is always more to achieve," Gomez told the graduating class. "It's not time to rest on your accomplishments. Your developed work is yet to come."

Michele Lueck, chair of the Adams State Board of Trustees, conveyed the greetings from the board, and graduating music major Skye Montoya, accompanied by William Lipke, D.M.A. professor of music, lead the singing of the Alma Mater.

Late winter the best time to prune trees

FORT COLLINS — With spring around the corner, the Colorado State Forest Service is reminding residents that late winter is the best time to prune most trees. Trees are still dormant at this time of year and, unlike in early winter, wound closure will happen sooner if pruning occurs just prior to the time new growth emerges.

"Pruning trees during the late dormant season maximizes growth and allows the tree owner to spot problem areas and build strong structure for the long term," said Vince Urbina, urban and community forestry manager for the CSFS. Urbina noted that although some elms, maples, birch and walnut trees may visibly exude sap if pruned in the late winter or early spring, this should not harm the tree.

- The CSFS offers the following tree pruning tips:
- Know what you want to accomplish before you start pruning. Don't remove any living branches without a good reason or specific objectives in mind.
 - Remove any torn, dead or broken branches.
 - For shade trees, develop or maintain one dominant vertical top stem, or leader, and don't cut off the tops of trees.

Space the main branches along the trunk, and prevent branches below the permanent canopy from growing upright or getting too large.

- Always prune just outside the branch collar, the point where one branch leaves a larger one (or the trunk), often discerned by raised or wrinkled bark.
- Limit pruning of newly planted trees to the removal of dead, damaged or crossing limbs, or those interfering with the main stem.
- Avoid removing too many of a tree's branches in any one year, which puts undue stress on the tree.
- Consider recycling pruned limbs by having them ground into mulch.

If a job requires running a chainsaw overhead or removing large branches or entire trees, Urbina said it is best to contact an insured, ISA Certified Arborist. A list of these professionals can be found at www.isa-arbor.com. For more information about urban tree care, go to csfs.colostate.edu.



El Pomar announces \$1 million CO Assistance Fund

COLORADOSPRINGS — El Pomar Foundation announced Wednesday the establishment of the Colorado Assistance Fund (CAF). CAF is a \$1 million fund offering immediate aid to nonprofit organizations supporting Colorado communities, organizations and individuals affected by the recent outbreak of COVID-19.

Grants from the fund will be distributed to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations or government entities supporting access to appropriate healthcare and meeting basic human needs such as food access, rent and utilities assistance, and emergency services for individuals and communities impacted by the virus.

"We are closely monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak and its impact particularly in the state of Colorado, and we hope the Colorado Assistance

Fund will provide some relief to those individuals and organizations most affected," said Kyle Hybl, President & CEO of El Pomar Foundation. "Since 1937, El Pomar's mission has been to enhance and promote the well-being of the people of Colorado, and the Trustees' establishment of this fund in this time of need is emblematic of that commitment."

El Pomar staff will determine need through three primary avenues. In addition to coordinating with county public health departments and nonprofit organizations around the state, the Foundation will rely on input from several advisory councils of local leaders to identify the specific needs within Colorado's rural communities. These regional councils are part of El Pomar's Regional Partnerships program



and regularly provide grant recommendations to El Pomar Trustees.

"We feel very fortunate to have a strong network of advisers, nonprofit organizations and public health organizations throughout

the state," Hybl said. "Their expertise and local knowledge will enable us to get these funds in the hands of those people and organizations which will make an immediate difference in communities

across Colorado."

This is the sixth time El Pomar Foundation has dedicated a Colorado Assistance Fund. The five previous funds were established during and in the immediate aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis and distributed more than \$5 million between 2008 and 2012.

El Pomar Foundation is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in Colorado. El Pomar contributes approximately \$22 million annually through grants and community stewardship programs to support Colorado nonprofit organizations involved in health, human services, education, arts and humanities, and civic and community initiatives. Spencer and Julie Penrose founded El Pomar in 1937. To learn more about El Pomar Foundation please go to www.elpomar.org.

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Gotta Go Fast! PG
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Mind over mayhem - Margot Robbie R
- Tues - Thurs: 5:15, 8:10
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Time is the enemy R

Waste

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Schwantes said the problem with the homeless using areas like the bridge is not unique to Alamosa and is something that's happening all over the state, including the Durango area. She serves the Southwest

and Southcentral counties for CDOT. She said similar cases of waste and drug paraphernalia have occurred across the state.

"We would hope the homeless community could find a safer and more sani-

tary place to be," she said.

City manager Heather Brooks said a local homeless coalition continues to meet monthly to help identify existing resources for the homeless. Contrary to popular thought, the coalition was not formed to solve homelessness but to study resources and gaps that need filled, she said. She said a wide range

of people serve on the coalition ranging from health professionals to law enforcement, substance abuse representatives and LaPuenta.

More information on the coalition and those who serve on it may be found at cityofalamosa.org and clicking on the department's tab and then "boards and commissions."

Cranes

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As usual there was a huge craft fair at the Ski-Hi Complex. This year 82 booths offered unique and handmade goods ranging from fine art, jewelry, clothes, food, books and more!

This year's festival also featured the new "Swoop of the Cranes," art installation. The 5 foot, 12-gauge metal birds, uniquely designed by local artists hung on 50 light poles around 160 and Madison. Ken Hamko was the visionary for the installation. In Oct. Hamko shared that he was inspired by similar installations that were done in other cities like the "Trail of the Painted Ponies," which was put up in Santa Fe, or the "Cow Parade" in Denver.

"I started researching it and the fiberglass statues that those places used were quite expensive. I had to

figure something else out in order to do something like that here. Someone mentioned that we had a local metal cutter, Ecodynamics. They have a laser cutter so they could cut out just about anything we wanted. I went and talked to them. I gave them a layout of what I wanted and they cut them out," Hamko told Valley Publishing adding, "Then we went out to get sponsors, and went out to get artists. Artists multiplied pretty quickly we had 30 to 40 artists on the list really quickly. Sponsors took a little bit longer but I was originally thinking maybe 10 to 15 cranes the first year and we ended up with 50 sponsors."

The "Swoop of the Cranes," project was done through the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce. Hamko shared that they would like to do the art installation again next year for the festival. This year's cranes will hopefully be up all summer for people to come enjoy and vote for their favorites. After the cranes come down, they hope to host an auction in Sept. and auction off the cranes. The money made from the auction will be used for a beautification project for Monte Vista's downtown.

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Opinion

God Bless America ...

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

The White House posted a list of Corona Virus safety precautions which urge common sense measures to avoid catching the virus.



Argus Hamilton

The CDC has warned people not to shake hands with each other but to fist bump instead. It's not because of the virus, it's because everyone's out of toilet paper.

Psychology Today says the reason why people become stand-up comedians is the desire to get everyone to love them. The problem is, no matter how good you get, not everyone is going to love you. Last night, I got some nasty looks while I was walking around Chinatown in a Batman costume.

The Cedars Sinai Hospital emergency room was packed full of cold and flu sufferers Sunday waiting to see if they had Corona Virus. The physicians in this town are overwhelmed by the panic. If our doctors get too swamped, you could see women in Beverly Hills with last year's breasts.

The PGA Tour will be issuing a set of Corona Virus safety regulations designed to protect the players on the golf course from any interaction that might risk spreading or catching the virus. They make no sense. Washing your balls every three holes will only help stop the spread of Chlamydia.

The World Health Organization noted that the Corona Virus has spread sporadically without a pattern. One look at the map shows the only two countries that have not had a major Corona Virus outbreak are Mexico and India. Apparently, feces in the water builds up your immune system.

President Trump continued to urge calm over the Corona Virus as the stock market bounced back huge Tuesday. Doctors say the people most susceptible are over seventy years old. The fear of catching the virus is so widespread that President Trump has begun grabbing women by the elbow.

President Trump told Fox News he went against advice last month when he decided to ban all visitors from China to try to halt Corona Virus.

He's nothing if not virus aware. Trump was so ahead of the curve six weeks ago when he wouldn't shake hands with Pelosi at the State of the Union.

President Trump urged calm a press conference Monday despite his opponents blasting away at his Corona Virus containment policy. For four years, the Democrats have charged that Trump has divided this country and kept us all apart. And today, that's the only thing that's keeping us alive.

President Trump was shown on tape Sunday shaking hands onstage with a CPAC convention official two weeks ago who has tested positive for Corona Virus.

However Trump hasn't been sick at all. If Americans had a lick of sense, there'd be a run on orange spray paint instead of toilet paper.

The Wall Street Journal pointed out Friday that periods of market volatility are opportunities to make a quick fortune.

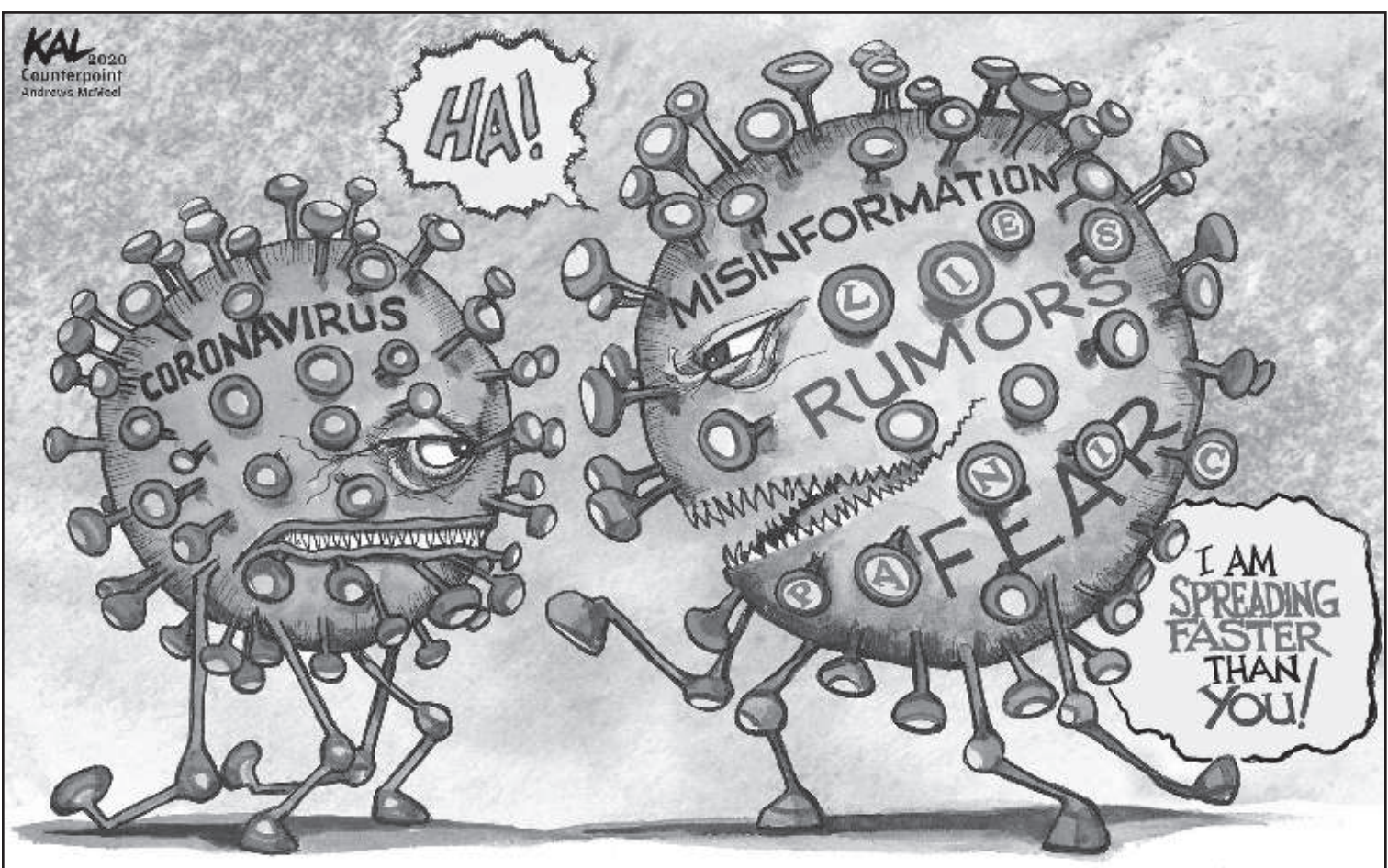
I believe I'd have made a great stock trader on Wall Street. Two months ago I bought a bottle of Purell at five dollars and held on to it and just yesterday I sold at seventy-nine.

CNN pundits grouched that the nomination boiled down to Bernie and Biden with no women or blacks making the final cut. It was all going according to their rainbow multicultural plan until they had to face the voters.

Andrew Yang endorsed Biden Sunday saying Joe was the white man for the job. Elizabeth Warren went on TV to claim that Democratic voters were sexist in denying her the nomination. In one year, she lost the presidential race and the Indian race. One more race loss they'll ship her to Santa Anita Racetrack and she'll become the glue that holds this country together.

Joe Biden steamrolled toward the nomination with big primary wins Tuesday as rumors were swirling he was considering Hillary as his running mate. That would be consequential. If Hillary is his vice president Joe Biden will be the first president in history to commit suicide in the White House.

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Veteran's Corner: Thanking our troops

SAN LUIS VALLEY — With 2020 well underway come new challenges, but also new opportunities! Being a veteran means you recognize the meaning of 'service' and serving Valley residents is what we do.

VCSLV would like to thank all that supported the Coalition through Chili's giveback "Good Eats for a Good Cause" events and the generous donations from Valley businesses.

Veterans and their families thank you for your generosity. Remember if you would like to help a veteran, have been helped by the Coalition, or would like to learn of other ways you can help, give us a call (719)-992-4108. As a non-profit, the Coalition exists through the generosity of others; please consider a tax-deductible donation.

Information to benefit veterans continues to trickle in from various sources including individuals, the VA and state and local governments.

As you should have heard, the VA has chosen a Director to assume the leadership role for Eastern Colorado Health Care Service (ECHCS). Michael Kilmer, a veteran himself, left the Grand Junction VA to take on the challenge of ECHCS. We have had the pleasure of meeting Director Kilmer and look forward to introducing him at an SLV Meet and Greet.

The 2019 VA Mission Act continues to be an option for Valley Veterans. The Act appears to have been designed for areas with veteran populations larger than the SLV and we have heard from local veterans about a number of problems. If you are having a problem, and don't know

where to turn, VCSLV is a good place to begin. If you wish to help a brother or sister, VCSLV is also a good place to visit.

More important information: on Jan. 1, the VA began accepting veteran claims from Blue Water Navy (BWN) veterans (<https://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/blue-water-navy.asp>).

If you served on a ship off the coast of Vietnam and wonder if you may have been exposed to Agent Orange, the BWN website can identify your ship's location, date & time on their Master Ship List (<https://www.bwnvva.org/>).

In some cases, veterans that have passed may have family members that are eligible for benefits. Everyone should help get the word out to those that may be affected.

Have you also heard veterans can access commissary, military service exchange, and MWR (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) services?

Starting Jan. 1, all service-connected Disabled Veterans, Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war (POW), and individuals approved and designated as the primary family caregivers of eligible Veterans can use — in-person and online — commissaries, exchanges and MWR retail facilities.

For more information, visit (<http://www.militaryonesource.mil/expanding-access>) or subscribe to (<https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/67974/commissary-military-service-exchange-mwr-access-extended-veterans-beginning-january/>).

Finally, on a lighter side, did you

know disabled veterans are eligible for a free National Park Service Lifetime Access Pass?

Spring flowers will be blooming before long. As the summer travel season quickly approaches, Veterans will be joining the 330-million yearly visitors enjoying U.S. National Parks.

Many Veterans, with service connected disability ratings, are entering Federal recreation lands and national parks for free with an "America the Beautiful" National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Lifetime Access Pass.

Through an interagency partnership between the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service; Bureau of Land Management; Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, you can too.

Good for entry into thousands of federally managed recreation sites across the country, the Lifetime Access Pass is another way a grateful nation says thank you for the service and sacrifices of U. S. veterans with disabilities.

As expected, several steps have to be followed. The Access Pass admits the pass owner and any passengers in a single, private vehicle (non-commercial) free entrance to day use fee areas.

The pass can also give free access to the owner plus three additional adults, where per-person fees are charged. In addition, you may receive free entry at participating sites. The Access Pass includes discounts on some expanded amenity

Non-profit reunites families



Courtesy photo

LA JARA — Adelante Family Services Inc. would like to announce their new "Fatherhood & Family" services, available March 12.

Their office is located at 501 Spruce St. La Jara, 81140. For more information you can either: call (303)-495-2224; email pafinfo@gmail.com; or visit <https://www.facebook.com/Fatherhood01>.

"Fatherhood & Family" services include:

- ▶ family counseling
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Lifestyle

Nursing observances through the year

Nurses put in long hours as they work tirelessly to advocate for their patients. While any time of year is an opportunity to thank the nurses in our lives, there are various events throughout the year that pay special homage to these hardworking professionals.

January
National Blood Donor Month arrives in January, and while it's not a nursing-specific event, nurses may be on call to help manage patients, take health histories and assist with the collection of blood. Donors can use their trips to donation centers as opportunities to thank nurses for all they do to help others.

March
The week of March 8-14, 2020, is Patient Safety Awareness Week.

This week can spark important discussions that can inspire action to improve the safety of the healthcare system for patients and the workforce.

March also is home to Certified Nurses Day, which takes place on the 19th. This is a day when nurses celebrate their nursing certification and organizations around the world join to honor the dedication and service of certified nurses.

April
April 16, 2020 marks National Healthcare Decisions Day. Nurses and other providers may be instrumental in empowering patients to talk about the importance of advanced care planning and being an advocate for one's own health.

May

May is a big month for nursing observances. The entire month is Oncology Nursing Month, when the efforts of nurses who work in cancer care are celebrated.

May 6 marks National School Nurse Day, which highlights the hardworking nurses who work in our nation's schools.

May 6-12, 2020 is National Nurses Week, annually celebrated on or near the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. This week is also when we celebrate International Nurses Day, which falls on

May 12.

May 10-16 is National Nursing Home Week, where nurses who work in nursing homes are honored as the public learns more about nursing home care and planning.

June
National Nursing Assistant Week begins on June 18 and continues until June 25. This week provides an opportunity to showcase the incredible men and women who devote their lives to being nursing assistants. National Career Nursing Assistants' Day also takes place on June 14.

August

Teamwork is essential in healthcare facilities and health unit coordinators are vital and indispensable professionals who support doctors and nurses in various ways. During Health Unit Coordinators Week, which runs from August 23-29, and on Health Unit Coordinators Day on August 23, these special workers get the attention they deserve.

October
Emergency Nurses Day on October 9 recognizes emergency nurses for their dedication, service and commitment

to their patients and communities.

November
Home Health Care Aide Week takes place the second full week of November each year and honors the millions of nurses, home care aides, therapists, and social workers who make differences in the lives of the patients and families they serve.

Promoting nursing and other healthcare observances helps the community learn about these invaluable medical personnel and show appreciation for all that they contribute. TF204811

Women firefighters saluted by South Fork

SOUTH FORK—March is Women's History Month and South Fork Fire Rescue would like to recognize the women who serve that community.

South Fork Fire Rescue currently has a higher percentage of women members than the national average of 4%, with 33% of the membership being women. These ladies have skills and years of experience, from Advanced Life Support Providers with over 15 years of experience to our newest probationary member who joined one month ago, who is looking forward to attaining her Type 2 Wildland Certification soon.

The women of South Fork Fire Rescue are proud to serve their community right beside their male counterparts. Positive team dynamics and interaction are goals SFFR strive to reach daily, with gender division not evident within the organization. The eight women members offer several levels of diversity, training and experience to the department; five members are EMTs, three of those five are EMT-Intermediates who are trained ALS providers.

Four of the female mem-

bers are Type 2 Wildland firefighters, two female members have their Type 1 Structure fire certification. Two female members are CPR instructors and one is an EMS instructor.

Within the membership are two trained Public Information Officers, and one Victim's Advocate. One of the female members works at Rio Grande Hospital as a Registered Nurse, and the newest female probationary member was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps.

On top of serving their community, six of these strong women are also great mothers and homemakers. The women of our service are an example to those in our community, especially our children that if something lights their heart on fire, they should pursue that passion, no matter what history says is the norm.

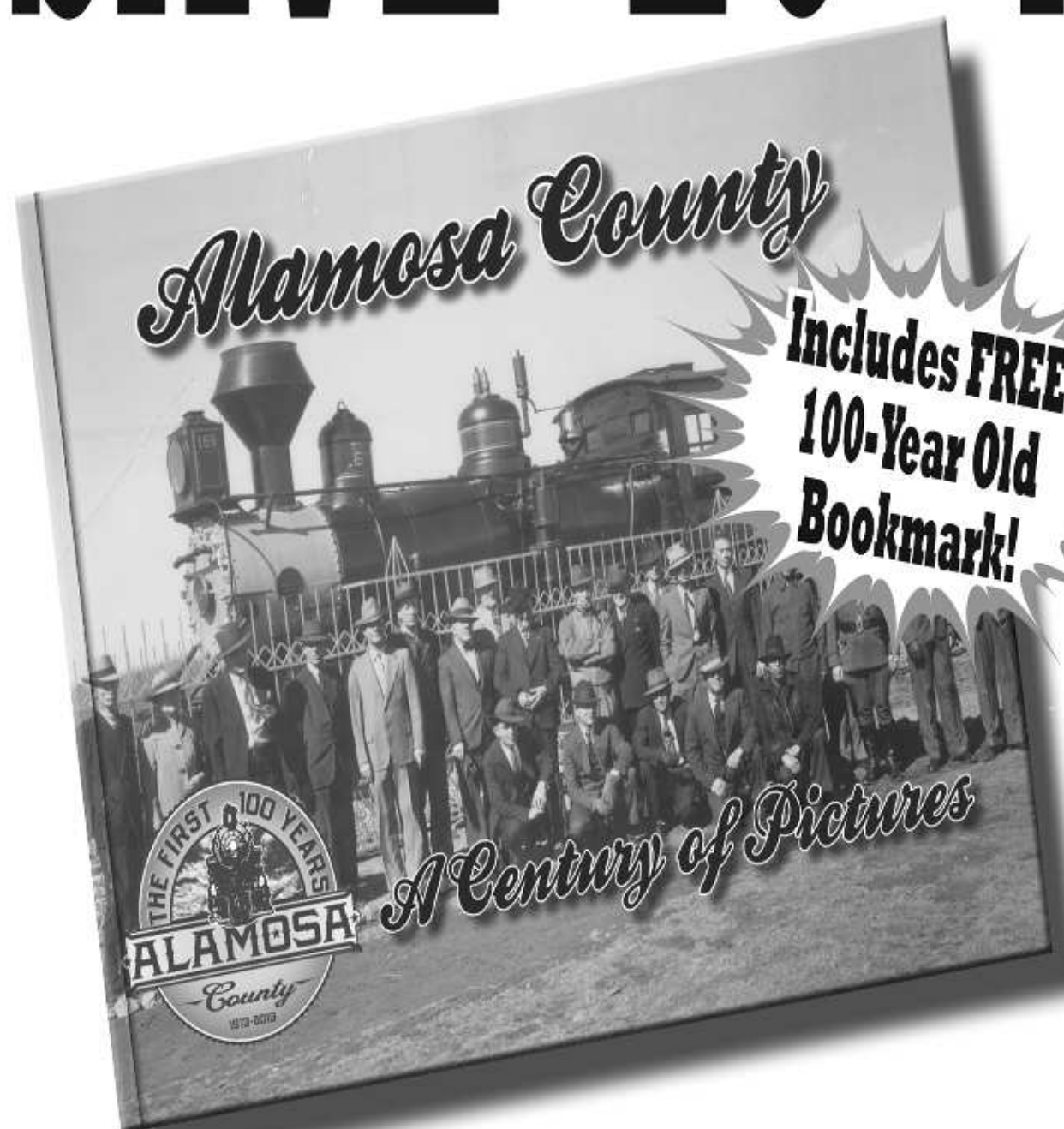
The men and women of SFFR interact on the same level, all members always have other members' safety and best interest at heart.



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Back Row, left to right: Brittany Off, Shannon Goldsberry. Middle: Melanie Dickey, Linette Nye Schmidt, Courtney Junda. Front: Juda Filippi, Brantlee Webster, Aimee Blackmon.

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Sports

Wolf Creek's Spring Fling Fun Race

PAGOSA SPRINGS — Wolf Creek Ski Area held their tenth Fun Race of the season on Saturday, March 7th. The turnout included 36 racers. The fastest

time of the day was 27.89 made by Alamosa native, Kris Tuggle.

The next race at Wolf Creek, the St. Patrick's Day Race, will be held on Sat-

urday, March 14th. Skiers and boarders of all ability levels can challenge their friends, or just their own fastest time.

Free and open to all. Sign up is from

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Raven's Nest building. The race will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Charrisma Run.



Photos courtesy of Wolf Creek Ski Area

WOLF CREEK SKI AREA

Race: Fun Race No. 10
 Date: 03.07.2020
 Fastest Time of the Day: 27.89
 Number of Skiers in Race: 36

BOYS 6-8			
Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Ezykiel Archuleta	Alamosa	1:03.68
BOYS 9-11			
Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Harper Hedgecock	Pagosa Springs	38.36
BOYS 12-14			
Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Summit Mashburn	Del Norte	29.54
SILVER	Aiden Mashburn	Del Norte	34.08
BRONZE	Owen Stolts	Monte Vista	34.67

Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Thilo Raelofs	Los Alamos	31.88
SILVER	Peter Salcido	Monte Vista	42.87
MEN 21-25			
Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	John Fodero	Detroit, MI	32.92
SILVER	Travis Paskett	Monte Vista	39.23
BRONZE	Michael Schmidt	Pagosa Springs	40.93
MEN 26-30			
Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Peter Graas	Denver	28.10
SILVER	Ryan Locke	Los Alamos	38.23
BRONZE	Sean Swanson	Denver	41.79
MEN 31-35			
Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Steve Iannelli	Baltimore	36.94
SILVER	Brian Bosh	Albuquerque	45.98

MEN 41-50			
Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Kris Tuggle	Los Alamos	27.89
SILVER	Augie Sparrow	South Fork	29.11
BRONZE	Mike McGagh	Kenah, TX	31.55
MEN 51-60			
Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Lee Rousselot	South Fork	35.63
SILVER	Russ Simmons	New Waverly, TX	38.32
MEN 61-70			
Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Kevin Stover	Jefferson City, MO	36.19
SILVER	Courtney Parker	South Fork	37.99
MEN 71+			
Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Jim Redd	Santa Fe	38.71

WOLF CREEK SKI AREA

Race: No. 10
 Date: 3/7/20
 Fastest Time of the Day: 27.89
 Number of Skiers in Race: 36

GIRLS 9-11			
Medal	NAME	City/State	TIME
GOLD	Marlow Hedgecock	Pagosa Spgs, CO	37.02
GIRLS 15-17			
Medal	NAME	City/State	TIME
GOLD	Katie McGragh	Kenah, TX	44.00

Medal	NAME	City/State	TIME
GOLD	Maria Zehnder	Denver, CO	39.59
WOMEN 26-30			
Medal	NAME	City/State	TIME
GOLD	Stephanie Pasorske	Monte Vista, CO	31.71
WOMEN 31-35			
Medal	NAME	City/State	TIME
GOLD	Leanna Brazel	Alamosa, CO	40.61
WOMEN 36-40			
Medal	NAME	City/State	TIME
GOLD	Destiny Packer	Pagosa Spgs, CO	36.17
SILVER	Heather Rose	Pagosa Spgs, CO	

WOMEN 41-50			
Medal	NAME	City/State	TIME
GOLD	Nina Roelofs	Las Alamos, NM	35.71
SILVER	Dawn Kolpin	Pagosa Spgs, CO	38.05
BRONZE	Hillary Shellhorse	Ft Worth, TX	40.07
WOMEN 51-60			
Medal	NAME	City/State	TIME
GOLD	Tammy Willenburg	Missouri City	42.08
SILVER	Dianne Simmons	New Waverly	45.55
Women 61-70			
Medal	NAME	City/State	TIME
GOLD	Stephanie Bassin	Pagosa Spgs, CO	38.31

Results

- Adams State Baseball**
March 6 Dixie State 9, ASU 1
March 7 Dixie State 22, ASU 2
 Dixie State 23, ASU 2
March 8 Dixie State 8, ASU 1
- Prep Basketball**
March 6
3A State Tournament
 Alamosa 60, Riverdale Ridge 39 (G)
 Centauri 59, Kent Denver 44 (G)
 Centauri 65, Salida 51 (B)
 Alamosa 59, Lamar 46 (B)
2A Regional Tournament
 Del Norte 46, Mancos 21 (G)
 Sanford 49, Telluride 30 (B)
 Limon 79, Del Norte 45 (B)
 Rye 63, Center 19 (G)
 Ignacio 51, Sargent 29 (G)
 Sanford 67, Hayden 61 (G)
 Holly 70, Center 51 (B)
March 7
3A State Tournament
 Alamosa 46, DSST: Byers 41 (B)
 Centauri 43, Alamosa 15 (G)
 Centauri 68, Manitou Springs 53 (B)
2A Regional Tournaments
 Del Norte 60, Peyton 48 (G)
 Sanford 56, Burlington 38 (B)
 Sanford 46, Heritage Christian 37 (G)
1A Regional Tournaments
 Ouray 61, Sangre de Cristo 52 (B)
 Sangre de Cristo 51, DeBeque 33 (G)

Sports Bulletin

- Adams State Lacrosse**
March 2 Otterbein University 17, ASU 7 (M)
March 4 New England College 19, ASU 1 (W)
March 7 Davenport University 13, ASU 10 (M)
 Johnson & Wales 12, ASU 10 (W)
March 8 Rockhurst 27, ASU 0 (W)
- Adams State Softball**
March 7 ASU 6, Black Hills State 1
 Black Hills State 9, ASU 7
March 8 Black Hills State 3, ASU 1
 ASU 20, Black Hills State 9

Upcoming Events

- Adams State Baseball**
March 13 3 p.m. Colorado Christian at ASU
March 14 12/3 p.m. Colorado Christian at ASU (DH)
March 15 12 p.m. Colorado Christian at ASU
- Prep Basketball**
March 12
3A State Tournament Quarterfinals at Denver University, Denver, CO
 1:15 p.m. 11. Alamosa vs 3. Faith Christian (B)
 4 p.m. 6. Centauri vs 3. University (G)
 5:30 p.m. 5. Centauri vs 4. Manual (B)
2A State Basketball Tournaments at Budweiser Event Center, Loveland, CO
 8:45 a.m. 4. Del Norte vs 5. Wray (G)
 10:15 a.m. 4. Sanford vs 5. Wray (B)

11:45 a.m. 3. Rye vs 6. Sanford (G)

- 1A State Basketball Matchup at Hancock-Butler Arena, Greely, CO**
 8:45 a.m. 6. Sangre de Cristo vs 3. South Baca (G)
- Adams State Lacrosse**
March 14 12/3 p.m. ASU at CSU-P (M)
- Adams State Softball**
March 14 1 p.m. ASU vs. Colorado Mesa at Dixie State
 3 p.m. ASU at Dixie State
March 15 11 a.m. ASU vs. Colorado Mesa at Dixie State
 1 p.m. ASU at Dixie State
- Adams State Wrestling**
March 13 NCAA DII National Tournament
 All Day ASU at Sioux Falls, SD
Schedules subject to change

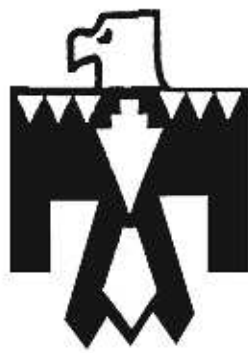
Arby's All-Star Game

ALAMOSA — Adams State will be the home of the All-Star game sponsored by Arby's. Friday March, 27th seniors from all over the valley will take part in the annual All-Star Game. Admission is \$10, pre-school children admitted free. The festivities are set to begin at 6 p.m.

SLV Volleyball Youth Tournament

ALAMOSA — On Saturday April 25th the San Luis Valley Volleyball Club will be hosting the first annual Youth Volleyball Tournament at Alamosa High School. Divisions will include; Grades 3-4, Grades 5-6 and grades 7-8 (Girls and Boys). Entry fee is \$10 per player. For more information or to sign up contact Annie Rice at 719-580-0928 or email arice@alamosa.k12.co.us.

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Western Living

Rifle hunters: You must apply for Unit 83 elk licenses

MONTE VISTA—Over-the-counter rifle elk-hunting licenses are no longer available for Game Management Unit 83 in the San Luis Valley during the second and third rifle seasons. All elk licenses for the unit are now limited; rifle hunters must apply for an elk tag through the Colorado Parks and Wildlife limited license draw. The deadline to apply for a limited license is April 7. The easiest way to apply for a limited license is through the CPW web site at: <https://cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/pages/hunting.aspx>. Hunters can also go to CPW's office in Monte Vista or any wildlife office throughout the state. A local citizens' petition and CPW wildlife managers in the San Luis Valley recommended the change to limited licenses because of safety concerns. GMU 83 is unique in western Colorado because the vast majority of the area is private and provides excellent elk habitat. Hunters drive the many public roads that crisscross the area looking for elk and often find themselves on private property within subdivisions and among houses. The volume of hunters shooting at elk there

is dangerous for hunters and area residents. Hunters also must secure permission from land owners to hunt on private property. Some hunters mistakenly believe that because they own property within one of the subdivisions that they have access to the entire subdivision □ that is not true. The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission has approved the regulation. The change was also supported by local government officials and hunters who participated in meetings and through an on-line survey. "For many years we've had serious concerns about unsafe conditions in Unit 83," said Rick Basagoitia, area wildlife manager for the San Luis Valley. "We know the elk herd and traditional hunting are important to residents of Costilla County and others. We believe the new regulation moves us toward striking the correct balance between hunting opportunity and safety." For all four of the rifle seasons either-sex licenses will be available. The hunt code can be found on page 49 of CPW's 2020 Big Game Hunting Brochure. For more information, call the CPW office in Monte Vista at 719-587-6900.



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Funds available for acequia irrigators

SAN LUIS—Colorado Open Lands is announcing a funding opportunity through the Colorado Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) and their Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). This program will utilize conservation practices through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The program will provide financial assistance to facilitate adoption of conservation practices for Acequia farmers within the Culebra Watershed in Costilla County. For consideration in this early funding opportunity, applications must be submitted by April 10, 2020. RCPP-EQIP applications are available at your local NRCS Office in San Luis, CO.

and related resources. Projects to be considered for this early funding cycle include:

Irrigation System Improvements: Gated Pipe, Headgates, Land Leveling and Basic Irrigation Water Management implementation.

Grazing System Improvements: Cross Fencing, Solar stock tanks with wells and Prescribed Grazing implementation.

High Tunnel: High Tunnel Systems for crops to assist producers in extending the growing season for high value crops and increase local food production.

Interested participants must meet the specific funding pool required criteria to be considered for funding in this funding cycle. To be considered in this FY2020 funding cycle, applications must be received in the San Luis NRCS office prior to the cut-off date of April 10, 2020.

Colorado Open Lands will also be offering owner cost share assistance, be sure to sign up early to take part in this special funding option.

To determine if your application is eligible for this select fund pool and for additional information about applications contact Judy Lopez, Colorado Open Lands RCPP Project Manager at 719-580-5300 or NRCS office staff at 719-672-3673.

To be eligible for this unique opportunity you must irrigate from a recognized acequia and meet all EQIP program eligibility requirements. The EQIP program is a voluntary program that offers financial and technical assistance to eligible agricultural producers to facilitate adoption and improvement of natural resource management to increase private land resources and long-term sustainability. The program offers financial incentives to adopt conservation practices that improve soil, water, plant, animal,

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Lifestyle

Woelz receives Colorado Emergency Management award

LOVELAND—Saguache County Emergency Management Director Bobby Woelz received the coveted Emergency Manager of the Year award for the SLV Region at the annual Colorado Emergency Management Conference held Feb. 25-27 in Loveland.

The award was announced in a March 1 press release by David R. Osborn, SLV Regional Emergency Operations Field Manager. Osborn said the acknowledgment is important as support came from all of his peers and others that have worked with Woelz. He explained that Woelz had a busy year coordinating consequence management issues for a host of disasters including the Decker Fire, Town of Moffat explosion and fire and several other incidents, including a power loss and subsequent evacuation.

“Woelz has drastically improved emergency management program capabilities and capacities for Saguache County and coordinates one of the most robust programs in the area,” Osborn said. “Thank you, Mr. Woelz, for your professionalism, dedication and Esprit De Corps.”

“It is a great honor to be nominated for this award by peers,” Woelz commented in an email Monday. “I could not have accomplished this without the help from my colleagues at Saguache County, all the other San Luis Valley Emergency Managers, or without the guidance and support from the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

“My work is not done and we still have a lot to do,” Woelz added. “This

award encourages me to work even harder, it makes me proud to be a part of the San Luis Valley Emergency Management Team, and I will do my best to merit this recognition.”

Also honored at the awards ceremony was Rio Grande County’s Jim Clare, who received the Mike Gelski Award from CEMA’s President Mr. Alan Colon while Jim’s wife Cynthia and his SLV partners cheered him on. “Thank you, Jim, for all you do,” Osborn commented.

“The Mike Gelski Award for Outstanding Volunteer Achievement is a single annual statewide award presented to an individual who has been in a volunteer position supporting the tenets of comprehensive emergency management,” Osborn continued. “Mike Gelski was a volunteer with the Salvation Army who is held as an ideal example of an Outstanding Volunteer and the Mike Gelski Award honors his



Courtesy Saguache County Emergency Management Director Bobby Woelz poses with Colorado Emergency Management Association’s President Alan Colon after receiving the Emergency Manager of the Year award.

memory.” Clare is the Director of the SLV Solid Waste Authority, Chairman of the

SLV Hazardous Materials Board, Member of the SLV Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC),

SLV All-Hazards member and trusted point of contact for emergency response personnel all across our great Valley. He also sits on many local boards including the Ski High Revitalization Project and is the founder of several clubs as well.

Clare was Deputy Chief of the Monte Vista Fire Department until he retired and also retired from the SLV Rural Electric Cooperative (REC). He is the go-to gentlemen when you need something done, Osborn said, and is steadfastly committed to all SLV communities always focused on improving our way of life here in the San Luis Valley.

About the conference The annual Colorado Emergency Management Conference was attended by over 550 participants making this the largest conference of its kind within the Continental United States.

This year the Colorado

Emergency Management Association (CEMA), Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) planned and collaborated to provide emergency preparedness and response training in addition to a focused public health and medical tract at the conference.

“This partnership proved most successful as this was the single best event we’ve ever experienced,” Osborn wrote in the news release.

Traditionally on the second night of the conference, a banquet is hosted to honor Emergency Management professionals across the State of Colorado. The highlight of this event includes the awards ceremony where we identify and congratulate those members in our communities that represent professionalism, compassion, and leadership.

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Public Notices

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RESOLUTION NO. 3 - 2020
A RESOLUTION CANCELLING THE 2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTION
 WHEREAS, it appears to the Board of Trustees that there are no more candidates for the Board of Trustees than there are vacant seats to be filled; and
 WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-10-507, an election for these vacant seats is unnecessary because it is uncontested.
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hooper, Colorado:
 The election scheduled for April 7, 2020 is canceled
 Done this 19th day of February, 2020.
 H. Ray Newmyer, Mayor
 ATTEST:
 LeAnn Ledbetter, Town Clerk
CERTIFICATION
 This is to certify that at the close of business on the 20th day before the scheduled election, the Clerk and election official examined the Town of Hooper records and reports, and found that there are not more candidates than offices to be filled at such election, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to write in, pursuant to the applicable statutes and ordinances.
 Dated the 20th day of February, 2018.
 LeAnn Ledbetter, Town Clerk
 Town Clerk/Election Official
 Town of Hooper
 No. 1350
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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
And
CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF RESULTS
 Pursuant to
 CRS 1-13.5-513(6)
 CRS 32-1-104
 CRS 1-11-103(3)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Alamosa County Ambulance District, Alamosa County Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the election, there were not more candidates for Director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates; therefore, the election to be held on May 5, 2020 is hereby cancelled pursuant to CRS 1-13.5-513(6).
 The following candidates are hereby declared elected:

William Brinton	three-year term
Until May 2023	
Jason McGinnis	three-year term
Until May 2023	
Dale Salazar	three-year term
Until May 2023	
Helen Sigmond	two-year term
Until May 2022	
Judy A. Egbert, Designated Election Official	
Contact Person for the District:	Helen Sigmond
Telephone Number of the District:	719/589-6626
Address of the District:	2415 Mullins Ave, Alamosa, CO 81101
District email:	helen@helenhelsingmoundpc.com
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Alamosa Mosquito Control District, Alamosa County Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the election, there were not more candidates for Director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates; therefore, the election to be held on May 5, 2020 is hereby cancelled pursuant to CRS 1-13.5-513(6).
 The following candidates are hereby declared elected:

Dante Gonzales	three-year term
Until May 2023	
Lawrence Wilcox	three-year term
Until May 2023	
Kendra Hansen	two-year term
Until May 2022	
Judy A. Egbert, Designated Election Official	
Contact Person for the District:	Sarah Cantu
Telephone Number of the District:	719/589-5409
Address of the District:	511 Fourth Street, Alamosa, CO 81101
District Fax Number:	719/452-3555
District email:	sarah@mosquitobytes.org
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Alamosa County Fire Protection District, Alamosa County Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the election, there were not more candidates for Director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates; therefore, the election to be held on May 5, 2020 is hereby cancelled pursuant to CRS 1-13.5-513(6).
 The following candidates are hereby declared elected:

Justin Rogers	three-year term
Until May 2023	
Scott Van Horn	three-year term
Until May 2023	
Judy A. Egbert, Designated Election Official	
Contact Person for the District:	Don Chapman
Telephone Number of the District:	719/580-2201
Address of the District:	425 Fourth Street/POB 1319
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185 - SERVICES & REPAIRS

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221 HELP WANTED

REAL ESTATE OFFICE Hiring Part Time Secretary/Admin. Assistant resumes can be sent to andrea.hurtado23@yahoo.com Call 719-852-0450 for more info.(3/20)

221 HELP WANTED

RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing home in Del Norte is looking for CNA's to join our family! Night shift with differential, health benefits/competitive wages. please stop in for an application at 1335 6th st. in Del Norte co or call 719-657-1105. Ask for Paula or Susan. (RVI is EOE)(2/19)

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ALAMOSA MOSQUITO CONTROL District is now hiring for seasonal staff. Please visit their website www.mosquitobytes.org. click on EMPLOYMENT for job descriptions and applications. Alamosa Mosquito Control District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Must be 18 + to apply. (3/19)

TU CASA, INC. and the Children's Advocacy Center of the San Luis Valley are seeking an individual who is compassionate, organized, crises oriented and highly motivated to serve children and families in the San Luis Valley as a Bilingual Family Advocate. The Bilingual Family Advocate organizes and provides services and referrals for the children and families who visit the SLV CAC because of allegations of physical/sexual abuse. This includes providing victim advocacy, giving information and referrals, accompanying children and families to court and acting as a liaison between the family and the system at large. These services are provided in both English and Spanish. The position starts at \$14/hr, 28 hrs/week with a potential for higher pay dependent upon experience and education. For more information about qualifications and requirements, please check the job description online at slvtucasa.net. Interested parties should submit a cover letter and resume to Theresa Ortega at theresa@slvtucasa.net. If you have any questions, please call Theresa or Michelle at (719) 589-2465. Cover letters and resumes will be accepted until Friday, March 13, 2020, at 4 p.m.(3-14)

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

221 HELP WANTED

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RIO GRANDE COUNTY is seeking a full-time jail cook. High school diploma or general education degree (GED). Must be 21 years of age, pass background investigation and drug test screening. \$13.95/per hour, 40 hours a week, full County benefits. Pick up and submit applications to Human Resources, 925 6th St., Room 200, Del Norte, CO 81132. Applications and job description available on-line at www.riograndecounty.org. Deadline: Until filled. (3/12 #1)

RIO GRANDE COUNTY Department of Social Services seeks a Child Protection Caseworker. Bachelor's Degree in Human Services or a related field with experience preferred. Must have a valid Colorado Driver's License and pre-employment drug screening required. \$18.72 per hour, full County benefits. Schedule: 37.50 hrs. /week. Applications available online @ www.riograndecounty.org or may be picked up and submitted to: Human Resources, 925 6th St., Room 200, Del Norte, CO (3/12 #2)

ALAMOSA STATE BANK has an opening for a Loan Assistant. Position is full time, with a generous benefit package. Some loan experience is preferred. Applicants may pick up an application in person at the Main Bank located near City Market. Alamosa State Bank is an Equal Opportunity Employer.(3/12)

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MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Part-Time Food Service Employee. The position is for 2.5 hours per day (10:45 am - 1:15 pm), Monday -Thursday, at Bill Metz Elementary School. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the web site http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html or call 719-852-5996.(3/19)

MONTE VISTA ESTATES Nursing Home is seeking a full-time day shift RN to add to our amazing team! Shift is 6am-6:30 PM Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (one week) Thursday, Friday Saturday (second week) rotating schedule. The open positions are essential roles in the overall care offered to our residents. (3/28)

221 HELP WANTED

DEL NORTE BANK is seeking an Executive Assistant. Applicants should possess the following skills: Highly proficient in Excel and Word, be able to communicate and write letters about complex matters, manage multiple systems that are either Excel or database driven, be able to manage and maintain scheduling efforts, be an eager team member with problem solving skills. At a minimum a bachelor's degree or equivalent is required. The position is permanent, full-time, M - F, 8am - 5pm with a robust benefits package. Salary commensurate with experience. Qualified candidates please send your resume or application to postmaster@truelocalbank.com by March 18, 2020. Application available at TrueLocalBank.com/careers. EOE.(3/17)

221 HELP WANTED

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY'S Department of Teacher Education seeking applications for a Part-Time Program Assistant. Please submit letter of application addressing qualifications, curriculum vita with unofficial transcripts: Names and contact information for 3 references: Mr. Curtis Garcia, Search Committee Chair, 208 Edgemont Blvd, suite 3050, Department of Teacher Education, McSD 246, Alamosa, CO 81101. curtisgarcia@adams.edu https://www.adams.edu/hr/administrative-positions/. Review of completed applications will begin immediately. Priority considerations will be given to applications received on or before March 15, 2020. (3/21)

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Assistant Firm Administrator
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099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPPER RIO GRAND School District - Transportation Department Seeking bids for numerous vehicles: 1997 Ford Econoline Van \$2500, 2006 F-450 14 passenger mini bus \$10,000, 2006 F-450 14 passenger mini bus \$10,000, 1991 Thomas 65 Passenger bus \$2,000, 1994 Bluebird 77 passenger bus \$3,000. For more information, please contact Demo Trujillo @ 719-657-4007 or dtrujillo@urtigers.co. All bids due by April 1, 2020. (3/17)

BIDS BEING SOUGHT for garage door installation at the Bus Garage of the Upper Rio Grande School District. For more information, please contact the Administrative Offices at 719-657-4040. Bids due by April 1.(4/1)

101 MEMORIALS



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SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL District is seeking a current paraprofessional. Candidate must possess Early Childhood Credentials, have great communication skills, and the ability to multi-task. Interested individuals should submit a District application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to apply@Southconejos.com by March 13, 2020.(3/13#3)

SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL District is seeking a current paraprofessional. Candidate must possess Early Childhood Credentials, have great communication skills, and the ability to multi-task. Interested individuals should submit a District application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to apply@Southconejos.com by March 13, 2020.(3/13#3)

221 HELP WANTED

SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL District is now accepting applications for Anticipated K-12 Principal for the 2020-2021 school year. Start date will be July 2020, with a competitive salary based on experience, plus and attractive benefit package. Qualifications: Experience as a vice-principal or comparable administrative experience. Must hold a Colorado Administrative License. Interested individuals should submit a District application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to apply@Southconejos.com by March 13, 2020. (3/13#1)

SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL District is now accepting applications for the following Anticipated Teaching Positions for the 2020-2021 school year: Secondary math teacher, Teacher of grade 1, .5 Art, and .5 Social Studies. Qualifications: Must hold a Colorado Teacher's License, or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Please submit a District application, resume, cover letter, transcripts and credentials to apply@southconejos.com by March 13, 2020. (3/13#2)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is seeking dynamic, people oriented candidates for the position of Monte Vista Middle School Principal. Start date will be August 1, 2020, with a competitive salary based on experience, plus an attractive benefit package. Interested individuals should submit application materials electronically in pdf format to mary@monte.k12.co.us by March 26, 2020. A full description of desired qualifications and experience may be viewed on the district website <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. Applications are available to download on the district web site or call (719)852-5996. (3/24)

221 HELP WANTED

GIVEN THAT THE present attorney for the Town of La Jara has announced his intent to retire effective April 1, 2020, the town is accepting applications from attorneys who might be interested in accepting this position. This is not a full-time position. The successful applicant must be a graduate of an accredited law school and in good standing with the Colorado Supreme Court with no prior grievances to the Disciplinary Committee. The successful applicant will be expected to attend in person all regular and special meetings of the Board of Trustees. Compensation is negotiable by mutual agreement. Please submit Letter of Intent together with supporting documentation to include a resume, personal information, past experience, if any, in municipal government and not less than three references. Please submit application by no later than March 20, 2020, to the Town Clerk, 719-274-5363, PO Box 273, La Jara, CO 81140. (3/12)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Fifth Grade Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. The person in this position will teach both Science and Language Arts. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, or until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website or call 719-852-5996. (3/12)

221 HELP WANTED

THE CITY OF Monte Vista is seeking a Chief of Police. Candidates should possess demonstrated leadership skills, high integrity, demonstrated success in problem-solving policing methods, the development and implementation of police budgets, data-driven deployment methodologies and department-level financial management. Minimum requirements: Bachelors' degree in police or criminal justice, public administration, law enforcement or a directly related field. A Masters' degree and / or leadership training such as: FBI National Academy, Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command or equivalent preferred. Colorado POST certification, or the demonstrated ability to obtain Colorado certification, is required. Candidates must have been a peace officer for a minimum of 10 years, including 6 years of police supervisory/leadership experience at the rank of sergeant or higher. The position has a competitive salary and excellent benefit package. The general hiring minimum salary is \$82,000. Salary at appointment is dependent on qualifications. To be considered for this position you must complete a City of Monte Vista employment application at www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov. Please submit your completed job application (resume optional) and a cover letter to the Human Resources office, 95 W. 1st Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144 or e-mail your application to hmanager@ci.monte-vista.co.us. All applications must be received not later than Monday, March 16, 2020.(3/14)

221 HELP WANTED

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Middle School Track Coach (2019-2020 school year), a Middle School Volleyball Coach (2020-2021 school year), a Middle School Football Coach (2020-2021 school year), and a Middle School Boys Basketball Coach (2020-2021 school year). Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144. Each position will be open until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html> or call 719-852-5996. (3/11)

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ALLEY OOP

ALLEY OOP by Andrews McMeel Syndication

SOMETHING ABOUT ALL THIS FEELS FISHY.

WHY DON'T WE JUST SEE WHAT THE TEST IS? WE CAN QUIT AT ANY TIME, RIGHT, DOC?

YES, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT'S TWO AGAINST ONE.

WELL, THAT'S NOT F...

AND I CONTROL THE TIME-TRAVEL TECHNOLOGY.

NOW YOU'RE JUST BEING A BULLY...

PLEEEEEASE... UGH, FINE.

ARLO & JANIS

ARLO & JANIS by Jeff Labrecque

WALKING UP A STEEP HILL WITH A MARCH GALE IN MY FACE!

WHAT COULD BE WORSE?

...UNLESS I FIND A WAY TO UNTIE IT!

KYLE!?

BIG NATE

BIG NATE by Lincoln Peirce

THAT DOES IT! NATE'S FOUND ALL TEN ITEMS ON THE LIST!

IN OTHER WORDS, ALL YOU DID WAS MATCH ME! IT'S A TIE!

YEAH, I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, KYLE. IT'S A TIE...

RUSTLE RUSTLE

...UNLESS I FIND A WAY TO UNTIE IT!

KYLE!?

THE BORN LOSER

THE BORN LOSER by Andrew Melville

EVER NOTICE HOW MUCH YOUNG PEOPLE COMPLAIN ABOUT OLD PEOPLE?

AND HOW MUCH OLD PEOPLE COMPLAIN ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE. IT'S AN AGE-OLD DILEMMA.

THANK GOODNESS I'M MIDDLE-AGED!

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE by Lynn Johnston

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FRANK & ERNEST

FRANK & ERNEST by Thomas S. Mullaney

MAKING BALLOON ANIMALS IS IN DANGER OF BECOMING A LOST ART IN THIS EXTENDED PERIOD OF LOW INFLATION.

GARFIELD

GARFIELD by Jim Davis

CLOONK

IT'S NOT TIME TO EAT YET!

IT'S ALWAYS TIME TO EAT!

THE GRIZZWELLS

THE GRIZZWELLS by Andrews McMeel Syndication

SAY, WARREN, HEH/HEH! HOW'S TRICKS THESE DAYS?

OH, YOU KNOW, GUNTHER

ACTUALLY, I HAVE NO IDEA, WARREN

PEANUTS

PEANUTS by Schulz

WHEN YOU'VE LOST AT SOMETHING, YOU CAN REACT IN TWO WAYS...

ONE WAY IS TO ANALYZE JUST WHY YOU LOST... TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT YOUR WEAKNESSES WERE, AND THEN TRY TO IMPROVE SO THAT NEXT TIME YOU CAN WIN...

BLEAH!

THAT'S THE OTHER WAY!

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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HERMAN

HERMAN by Andrew Melville

As we'll be flying over water, we present the following demonstration of what to do in the case of shark attack.

Attending ex's wedding enrages couple's nephew

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have a 45-year-old nephew who married for the first time two years ago. Before that, he was engaged to a woman I'll call Anita for two years. We assumed the reason for their breakup was she wanted children, and he did not. Last year, we attended Anita's wedding, as we are still friendly with her.

DEAR ABBY: My wife has no friends of her own and no hobbies. She's miserable most of the time, and happiness with her seems fleeting. I think she needs to see a counselor, but she refuses. In couples counseling, when the counselor pushed her on her issues, she quit.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Our nephew was, and still is, furious with us for going. He claims "only 5% of people attend one's ex's wedding." He says we should have been loyal to him and abstained because Anita was a "vicious, lying, rumormonger."

I realize now that she is able to hide these issues from everyday acquaintances. But we have a 1-year-old daughter, and I'm certain that as she gets older, she'll see these issues as well. What do I do?

-- LOOKING FORWARD IN PENNSYLVANIA
DEAR LOOKING: Whether your wife has postpartum depression or longstanding mental health issues I can't guess, but something is not right with her. I think it could benefit you greatly if YOU go back to that counselor, if only to ask for advice on how to handle this situation and provide as healthy an environment for your daughter to grow up in as possible.

DEAR ABBY: I am having issues with one of my good friends. When we hang out one-on-one, she's great. We laugh at just about everything and agree on a lot of different topics. However, when we hang out with other people, it's a different story. It seems as though all attention needs to be on her. It's not something I'm jealous of. It's more an

uncomfortable feeling for everyone else. She's almost like a 4-year-old who needs constant attention and all eyes on her.

I enjoy hanging out with her when it's just us because I don't see this side of her, but in groups or even with one other person, it's like it's her world and we are just living in it. We are planning a trip soon, and I feel hesitant about being with her for long periods of time. **-- WEARING THIN IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR "BIG SIN": I think you were right to attend Anita's wedding, in light of the fact that you are still friendly. You didn't need your nephew's permission. I seriously doubt his breakup with Anita had anything to do with whether she and your nephew disagreed about having children. More likely it had everything to do with the fact that your nephew is stubborn and behaves irrationally.

DEAR WEARING THIN: I'm puzzled as to why, knowing your friend behaves the way she does, you would be planning a trip with her. Unless it's a road trip -- just the two of you -- I think it could end the friendship. Considering who she is, the less time you spend in groups larger than two, the better.