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**LA JARA** — The Conejos County Republican Party will hold their County Assembly by E-mail on Tuesday, March 24th. For any questions please call Dick Ross at 719-274-5102.

**Museum closed**

**ALAMOSA** — Due to the need for social distancing the San Luis Valley Museum is closed until we are all safely through this difficult time. Our weekly veterans meet up is also cancelled for the foreseeable future. I will be working on our collections, creating a searchable photo collection, and expanding our social media presence.

**Library closure**

**LA JARA** — Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, beginning March 17, all three branches of the Conejos Library District will close for the next two weeks, or until further notice. We are very sorry for the inconvenience, and hope to be open as soon as it is safe to do so.

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**SLV WEATHER**



Mostly Sunny/Windy chance for evening showers

60/32

**Thurs:** Partly Cloudy 50/22

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## Update from SLVH Incident Command



**ALAMOSA** — San Luis Valley Health (SLVH) remains committed to taking care of our community's healthcare needs. On Monday, March 9, 2020, leaders at SLVH stood up Incident Com-

mand to prepare and plan for this dynamic, changing healthcare pandemic. There are no known positive cases at this time in the San Luis Valley (3.17.2020, 10:00 a.m.)

If you have general questions about the coronavi-

rus disease (COVID-19), please call CO HELP at 1-877-462-2911, which is available in both English and Spanish.

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please call our nurse line at 719-589-2511 and Press 9. Please call this number or your provider before entering a healthcare facility.

Who should be wearing a protective facemask?

If you are coughing frequently, you should wear a mask to limit possible exposure to others;

Medical staff are following CDC guidelines when they need to wear masks so resources and supplies will be used appropriately; and

Healthcare workers who are testing, triaging

and treating patients who are ill will wear appropriate Protective Personal Equipment (PPE) according to CDC

guidelines.

Please send an email to virusFAQ@SLVRMC.org with your concerns and questions.

## Public Health

### Update on COVID-19

**SAN LUIS VALLEY**

— As the COVID-19 pandemic advances in Colorado, we are shifting our emphasis from case numbers to a more general and urgent message to the public about the need for everyone to maintain physical distance from others as much as possible. In the San Luis Valley, there are still no positive COVID-19 test results as

of 3 p.m. on March 17, 2020. However, the virus is likely present in the community now. While this is a serious situation, the upside of it is that the more we all pull together right now, the better off we will be as a community.

This week we are seeing counties moving to implement public health orders limiting the size of group gatherings.

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## Kretsinger announces for Commission District 1



Courtesy photo  
**Trudi Kretsinger**

**ALAMOSA** — Trudi Kretsinger is proud to announce she is representing the Alamosa County Democratic Party as a candidate for Alamosa County Commissioner, District 1. "Darius Allen, my good neighbor, has announced he will not seek reelection as District 1 Commissioner," Kretsinger said. "He has been in office for a long time and I appreciate his excellent service to our county."

Trudi and her husband and business partner, John Kretsinger, formed KW Farms and began farming in the San Luis Valley in 1990 when they moved from Galveston Bay, Texas. "We chose the valley because it was part of one of the country's only aquifer systems with the potential to naturally replenish each year. Compare that to the Ogallala, which I think could take another Ice Age to refill," she remembers.

Besides the water, however, was that Trudi Kretsinger felt she had returned — to a place she had never been before.

"It doesn't really make any sense, but you hear that from certain people who've chosen to live here, or can't seem to stay away. In fact, there is lore associated with it: the Legend of the Frog Spirits. That's an indicator of the valley's intense magic and spiritual significance. It sounds woo-woo, but it sure seems real."

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## Free spuds offered



**In response to the Coronavirus and the scramble to stockpile supplies, Dylan R. Brown with Farmers Insurance in Alamosa set up on the corner of State and Sixth with a trailer full of free potatoes. He estimated he started with around 2,000 pounds of russets grown on his parents' farm near Monte Vista, Randy and Laura Brown. Depending on demand, Dylan said he would make a similar offer later this week.**

Courier photo by Keith R. Cerny

## Saguache County government services during Covid-19

**SAGUACHE** — In an effort to slow the potential spread of COVID-19 in our community, Saguache County

government is closing public access to buildings starting on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at

12pm. Staff will be providing limited essential services via phone and online avenues. In-person

contact for receiving essential services will have restrictions during this time. These

adjustments to county services and public access will be in place until a further notice. These precautions will be continually evaluated and may be subject to



change. Operation changes include the following Saguache County Government Departments and will be updated as new information related to the COVID-19 situation becomes available. The follow departments

will be closed to the public until further notice:

Saguache County Administration — 719-655-2231

Saguache County Assessor — 719-655-2521

Saguache County Clerk and Recorder — 719-655-2512

Saguache County Housing Authority — 719-655-2804

Saguache County Land Use — 719-655-2321

Saguache County Treasurer — 719-655-2656

The following departments will have limited schedules. See below and call each department for more information:

Saguache County Landfill — will be open as regular schedule — 719-221-1956

Saguache County Road & Bridge no public access — road work will continue to be maintained - 719-655-2554

Saguache County Public Health will have limited access to the public with the use of telephone, email and fax — 719-655-2533

Saguache County Department of Human Services — DSS — will have limited access to the front door by appointment only — 719-655-2537

Saguache County Sheriff's Office and Jail, Saguache County Coroner will remain open to the public and run operations as usual — 719-655-2544

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# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Florinda Maestas, 99

**AMALIA** — Amalia resident Florinda Maestas, 99, went to her eternal rest on March 15. Florinda was born on May 23, 1920 in Amalia, New Mexico, the daughter of Julian Gonzales and Rebecca Vialpando Gonzales.

She had a gift for cooking and catered many events such as weddings. She retired from Adams State University as a cook. Florinda was a kind and outgoing person, some of her hobbies included gardening her flower beds.

She loved the time she was able to spend with her family and friends. She was a member of Las Carmelitas. She will be dearly missed.

She will live on through her daughters, Elva (Conrad) Mondragon of Littleton; Ruby (Pat-



rick) Mascarenas of Alamosa; Beatrice (Rodger) Maestas-Gallegos of Capuli; son, Gilbert Louie (Shirley) Maestas of Alamosa; ten grandchildren: Brian Mondragon, Wanda Whatley, William and Angelo Maestas, Karl Mascarenas, Amy Mascarenas, Jeremy Maestas, Juan Gallegos, Bryanne Gal-

legos; 11 great-grandchildren; 8 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Gloria (Louie) Lucero of Amalia; and brother, Alfonso (Carolyn) Gonzales of Amalia. She was also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Florinda was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Gilbert Maestas; daughter, Lillian Jacquez; son, Willie Maestas; grandson, James Mondragon; sisters, Aurelia Quintana, Celsa Martinez; and brother, Rudy Gonzales.

A private funeral service will be held at a later date. To leave online condolences please visit [romerofuneralhomes.com](http://romerofuneralhomes.com). The care of arrangements have been placed in care of Romero Funeral Home.

### Donald A. Stegman, 82

**MONTEVISTA** — Donald A. Stegman was born in Monte Vista, on April 16, 1937. The son of William Stegman and Rose (Higel) Stegman, Don graduated from Monte Vista high school.

He went on to graduate from Adams State College with a Bachelor's degree in 1961, and received his Master's Degree from Adams in 1964. He did advanced work at UNC in Greeley and also at New Mexico University.

He did all doctoral course work at UNM — save the dissertation. He taught high school in Kansas and, after working on his Masters and teaching several classes, he was hired by Dr. Fred Plachy at Adams State in 1964.

Don's teaching career spanned over 30 years with 28 ½ years at Adams. He taught English, speech, and theatre classes at ASC and directed several plays, as well as community plays.

During this busy time, he served eight years on the Alamosa School District Board of Education. Post



retirement, Don continued to serve his community as an AARP Drivers Ed instructor, served many years as a board member for Alamosa Senior Citizens, board member for San Luis Care Center, board member for the Veteran's Center in M.V., and board member for Valley Educators Credit Union.

He spent many hours serving on various Adams State committees and boards: Hall of Fame for Educators, Hall of Fame for Athletics, and recently the ASU Foundation Board. He served as committee member on the 100 Year Anniversary

(2021) of ASU. Additionally, Don received the most prestigious award offered by Adams State University in 2011: the Billy Adams Award.

The outdoors were especially important to him — especially fishing. His gracious invitations to fish from one of his many boats at various lakes brought a smile from Don, as various kids and adults hooked a good fish. He loved doing things for his family, friends and neighbors.

Don lost the love of his life, Joyce, in 2005. Surviving him are his children: Scott (Laura) Stegman of League City, Texas; Kara (Jerry) Nye of Alamosa; and Jeff (Leslie) Hawkins of Colorado City. Grandchildren include Kyle, Landon and Taylor; Raleigh, Sheila, Ellie, Helena and Larry and Brayden.

Rogers Family Mortuary of Alamosa is in care of the arrangements. Services will be announced at a later date. To leave online condolences or words of strength for the family, please visit [www.rogers-funerals.com](http://www.rogers-funerals.com).

## PENDING OBITUARIES

### Cataldo Cali, 70

**ALAMOSA** — Alamosa resident Cataldo Cali, 70, went to his eternal rest on March 16. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

### Carmel John Velasquez, 70

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## ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

**ALAMOSA** — The Alamosa Kiwanis Club meets on the second, third and fourth Thursdays at noon at IHOP. Contact: Amanda Wilkinson, 719-589-2564 or email [amanda@alamosastatebank.com](mailto:amanda@alamosastatebank.com)

**ALAMOSA** — The Optimist Club of Alamosa meets at Nino's Restaurant in Alamosa the first and third Tuesdays at noon. Contact the club

at [alamosaoptimistclub@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [mkmiller@aol.com](mailto:mkmiller@aol.com)

**ALAMOSA** — The Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group meets on the second Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon, at the Alamosa Public Library, 300 Hunt Ave. Call the Southern Colorado office at 719-544-5720, ext. 304.

**ALAMOSA** — TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sen-

sibly) 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's 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](mailto: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 [talentolocal@live.com](mailto:talentolocal@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 breastfeeding 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](mailto: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** — 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](mailto: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. Call Holly at 719-588-7066.

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

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

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

### SUNDAY

5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Parish Center at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa  
7 p.m. Town Hall at 108 W Galena Ave., Crestone

### MONDAY

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

St., Alamosa  
5 p.m. Women's Meeting at Masonic Hall, 598 Spruce St., Del Norte  
7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede  
7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara

### TUESDAY

12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa  
8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

### WEDNESDAY

12 p.m. First United Methodist Church at 2005 Mullens, Alamosa  
6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito

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

7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca  
7:30 p.m. Masonic Hall at 598 Spruce, Del Norte.  
8 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 607 4th St., Alamosa.

### THURSDAY

12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa  
12 p.m. Crestone Baptist Church, County Rd. T, Crestone  
7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede  
7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara.  
7:30 p.m. Ables/Disables, Baptist Church at 751 Lincoln St., Monte Vista

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

5:30 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 Chris-

tian Church at 518 1st St., Alamosa  
7 p.m. Crestone Town Hall, downtown Crestone (second and fourth Thursdays)

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (Nar-cAnon)**

### TUESDAY

7 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 607 4th St., Alamosa  
7:30 p.m. Baca Grande Library at Road T, Crestone

### THURSDAY

7 p.m. SDA Church at 313 Craft Drive, Alamosa

### SATURDAY

9 a.m. Little Shepherd Episcopal Chapel at Alder St., Crestone  
7 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 607 4th St., Alamosa

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# Valley News

## Chief Judge issues Administrative Order

With the coronavirus quickly progressing Colorado continues to take action to slow the spread. Chief Judge of the 12th Judicial District, Michael A. Gonzalez issued an administrative order regarding the status of the courts in the district.

This order is being issued to provide guidance to parties and attorneys for the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. Federal, state, and local governments have declared a state of emergency in response to the spread of COVID-19. Moreover, federal, state, and public health departments have issued advisements about measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 and precautions to reduce exposure to the virus.

Effective today and through May 31, 2020, the Courts of the 12th



Judicial District will make every effort to limit the number of people appearing in person at the courthouses of the 12th Judicial District for court hearings. The

Court encourages all attorneys, litigants, and defendants to please call in for their respective court hearing. These efforts are intended to limit any potential spread

of COVID-19. For these and other reasons, the Court enters the following orders. 1. All civil jury trials scheduled between now and May 31, 2020, shall hereby be vacated. The parties in such cases shall contact the judicial officer's staff to reschedule the jury trial. 2. All criminal jury trials scheduled between now and May 31, 2020, will be vacated and continued by judicial officers unless: (1) there are speedy trial constraints, or (2) the judicial officer finds exigent circumstances. The parties in such cases shall contact the appropriate judicial officer's staff to reschedule the jury trial. 3. As to other trials, hearings, and conferences scheduled between now and May 31, 2020, judicial officers, to the extent practicable and at their

discretion, will attempt to reschedule such matters past May 31, 2020, or to convert such matters to telephonic appearances in an effort to minimize the need for persons to travel to court. That said, certain matters may nevertheless require personal appearances. Chief Judge, Twelfth Judicial District COVID-19 ORDER FOR MATTERS SET THROUGH MAY 31, 2020 CHIEF JUDGE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-03 4. All courts in the 12th Judicial District will continue to be open to provide essential public safety services. Essential public safety matters include: (1) temporary civil protection orders; (2) child welfare and family emergencies; (3) advisements, probation revoca-

tion and bond hearings for persons in custody; and (4) other emergency matters as determined at the discretion of the judges. 5. All clerk's office windows shall remain open to receive filings. The courts will observe standard operating hours. 6. Should parties and attorneys have any questions, they are encouraged to contact the judicial officer's staff by telephone or email, rather than travel to court. Additional contact information is found on the court's website. To the extent there is a conflict between other Chief Judge Administrative Orders, this Order governs through May 31, 2020. Dated this 17th day of March 2020. BY THE COURT

Michael A. Gonzalez Chief Judge Twelfth Judicial District

## Public Health

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The Governor's office has issued orders that affect businesses and others as well.

Anyone who is exposed to the virus can get it and pass it to others. Those in high-risk groups (over age 60, or with underlying medical conditions) need to take extra care to protect themselves.

Everyone, regardless of age or health condition, needs to take care to protect not only themselves but the community as a whole.

The message you have been hearing for weeks is to wash your hands, disinfect your home, office and cell phones, and stay home if you are sick. Now we are adding this: Stay home if you can, even if you feel well. We realize that many, if not most, people will still need to go to work, that people still need to go to the store, and there are essential jobs that people need to do to keep our communities running. But for now, it will not be business as usual. There will be fewer people out and about. Individu-

als and families will be finding new ways to accomplish daily tasks and fill their leisure time. Employers have been taking aggressive actions to try to protect their employees and their customers, and that is evidence of their commitment to our community.

Our health care system in the San Luis Valley is very good, but there are limits to our local capacity to treat seriously ill patients. Right now, with health care stretched to its limit all over the state and the country, it is important to be mindful to do

everything possible to avoid overloading our local medical providers beyond their capacity to respond. All of our hospitals and other health care providers have been working extremely hard over the past weeks and will continue to do so, but the reality is, there are limits to what they can do.

Rumors abound about local residents who may or may not have been exposed to COVID-19. Here is what you need to know: Testing is occurring in the Valley. Those who are tested are instructed to isolate themselves

from others just as if they have tested positive, even while they are waiting for results. If you know someone who has a pending test, please be respectful of their privacy. If the test comes back positive, the person will be notified, as will local public health. If everyone is following the current guidance for limiting contact with others, we will all be safer.

The estimated time between catching the virus and showing symptoms is 2-14 days with 5 days being the most common. If you or any member of your household

shows symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, dry cough, shortness of breath) please stay home and call your healthcare provider. You may also call the nurse call line at SLV Health: 719-589-2511, and select 9, or the nurse call line at Rio Grande Hospital: 719-657-4990. They will assess your condition over the phone and give you instructions on what to do next. For general information, you can call the Colorado Help Line at: 1-877-462-2911. San Luis Valley updates on the COVID-19 response will be posted on SLV Emergency.org.

## Conejos County limits groups

LA JARA — Conejos County has passed a resolution declaring a public health emergency disaster due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

In order to protect the health and wellbeing of Conejos County Citizens and in order to access assistance in responding to the COVID-19 virus. This allows Conejos County to support our Public Health partners in stopping the spread of the virus. Our Public Health Department also passed a standing public health order related to

the COVID-19 virus.

The order includes cancelling or postponing in-person events that consist of 30 or more people for the next 30 days. This order will help in preventing the spread of the virus by taking proactive efforts to ensure the community members are not exposed to or contributing to the spread of COVID-19.

Conejos County Public Health is working closely with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment on a daily basis in an ef-

fort to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Protecting the health of Conejos County citizens is the highest priority for the County and this standing order will allow us to take further action to protect our community. Please go to [www.conejoscounty.org](http://www.conejoscounty.org) or Conejos County Public Health Facebook page for the resolution and Public Health Order. For questions on COVID-19 you can call Conejos County Public Health at 719-274-4307.

## Kretsinger

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"The ground John and I bought had been in back to back wheat production for years, rendering the soil virtually dead, devoid of organic matter and microbiological life. Dealing with this led us down a serendipitous path that was unconventional for SLV ag.

"It was uncomfortable at times. No doubt our neighbors thought we should be certified insane instead of certified organic.

And grazing sheep and cattle on our crops was the ultimate faux pas, mixing farming and ranching in the American West.

"But, we were often in the right place at the right time, in terms of market trends - organics, grass-fed beef, direct marketing, local food. The whole grass-fed thing was dicey because no one knew what we were talking about back then, and it took a gigan-

tic economic leap of faith.

"But, we were driven by a quest for soil health, and even that is now becoming a trend, which is great for all of us, in terms of water conservation and nutrient density of crops."

Trudi's work in the family business, aside from day to day farming operations and caring for animals, has been financial management, administration, project management, and running a direct and regional direct market.

She also volunteered in their son's schools, sports, and scout troop, as well as at KRZA community radio, where she was on the board, produced news and stories, and for ten years was fundraising director. She served on the boards of the Alamosa County Ambulance Special District, USDA RC&D, and was a founding member of the SLV Local Foods

Coalition.

She was a founding investor and member of Sweet Grass Coop, a regional grass-fed beef producer group that sells to Whole Foods and La Montana Coop.

She was an initial investor in the Narrow Gauge Book Coop, where she continues to volunteer.

She is active in the Alamosa County Democratic Party, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, serves on the board of the Alamosa Farmers Market, and has been part of the Colorado Work Force's Value-Added Ag Sector Partnership, supported by ASU, TSJC, and several other community entities and members. This spring she will begin serving on the board of the Mosca-Hooper Conservation District.

"Over the last year, John and I have reduced our farming activity,

redirecting much of our ground and surface water resources to the restoration of the aquifer through the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, SubDistrict 1, in collaboration with many of our neighbors.

"Because I won't be cleaning a bazillion sprinkler nozzles now, I am poised to serve the community in a greater capacity. I view the County Commissioner's job as a perfect medium for dealing with our issues that are typical for rural communities while honoring our extraordinary resources.

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# Opinion

## God bless America ...

**HOLLYWOOD** — Ralph's supermarket in Santa Monica reportedly made a million dollars in one day Thursday when customers panicked over the COVID-19 scare. Don't panic if your grocery store runs out of bathroom tissue, just go to CVS and buy something. Their receipt is as long as a roll of toilet paper.



**Argus Hamilton**

Wall Street fell into panic in reaction to the Corona Virus business shutdowns Monday as the Dow Jones crashed three thousand points, the biggest drop in the stock market's history. I don't want to say it looks bad, but after Monday's trading session ended, my stockbroker called ME. Collect.

Bill Cosby is in prison in Pennsylvania awaiting federal appeal of his conviction two years ago for drugging a woman to sleep and then raping her, however the comedian will become eligible for parole next year. It's been reported that Bill Cosby is in solitary confinement. So he may outlive us all.

President Trump on Monday issued guidelines to stop the spread of corona virus within fifteen days, which included closing of restaurants, bars and working from home. The Corona Virus has allowed Trump to keep one 2016 campaign promise. Mexico has just offered to pay for the wall.

The White House guidelines announced Monday coincided with emergency decrees by state governors ordering people to stay home from work. Please pray for America's husbands this week. They can't leave the house, there's no sports on TV, and their wives want to practice social distancing.

L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti issued an order closing all restaurants, bars and nightclubs in L.A., but banning landlords from evicting tenants. By mayoral decree, I can no longer work and I can no longer be evicted. Three weeks of this and your voter registration automatically defaults to Democrat.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported that the city had only eighteen people shot over the weekend perhaps due to the self-quarantines. A college buddy of mine who lives in Chicago assured me that Chicago isn't nearly as dangerous as people say it is. He's the tail gunner on a Northern Tissue truck.

Fox Business News and CNBC each helped to tee up Monday's market crash by breathlessly reporting a sell-off in the futures market five hours before the stock exchange even opened. It's no wonder there's a toilet paper shortage in America. Cable news is scaring the crap out of everybody.

Augusta National clarified its tentative schedule Monday saying the Masters may be delayed one week if everyone can be safe from contagion. PGA golfers don't have to be told to wash their balls for at least twenty seconds after every hole. They learned that in Hygiene Class back in high school.

Joe Biden in his presidential debate with Bernie Sanders Sunday insisted he'd never close U.S. borders. As a devout Roman Catholic, Joe Biden says he's lighting a candle for the Corona Virus victims. Unfortunately, it's a Gwyneth Paltrow candle and now they can't get Joe out of the church.

The Wall Street Journal reported that the nation's cruise line industry shut down for a month joining other travel and entertainment businesses in going dark. Disney closed all their theme parks on Sunday. It seems that Sneezy infected Doc with COVID-19 that he had caught from a High Ho.

Facebook users saw a video of an influenza specialist Friday who said that Corona Virus can be eradicated by aiming a portable hair dryer up your nose to kill the virus with the hot air. After all these years, it's the first time I've heard that blow up my nose could actually save my life instead of ending it. I guess they had to shut down all the recovery meetings before the truth finally came out.

*Argus Hamilton is the host comedian at The Comedy Store in Hollywood and entertains groups and organizations around the country. E-mail him at Argus@ArgusHamilton.com.*



## Student Board of Education

By JOYCE RANKIN

It's always something. Last month I said I would confront the "Reading Wars" — the debate over the best way to teach our children to read. Since then, we've had unexpected disruptions in education because of the Coronavirus. I'll write about the reading wars later.

Right now, I'm getting a lot of interest in how the national emergency is affecting high stakes testing at the end of the year.

The dates for the College Board SAT, (AKA Scholastic Aptitude Test, and CMAS (Colorado Measurement of Academic Skills) are uncertain in many school districts.

The CMAS tests are taken in multiple grades in various subject areas. These tests, along with the SAT, are known as "summative" tests. They sum up everything you've learned to that point. The SAT is administered in 11th grade and is considered a critical examination for entering college.

There are two sections to the SAT: one is English Language Arts or Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERBW) and the other is Math. There are also practice SAT's (PSAT) taken in 9th and 10th grade to prepare students in the type of

problems they will encounter on the SAT. The PSAT's are used as practice tests and can help students understand what they need to work on to do well on the 11th-grade test.

All three of these tests are aligned with the Colorado State Standards and are objective indications of how well high school students are achieving academically.

At the March Board of Education meeting, the members were briefed on the different levels and associated cut-points of test scores for the SAT. They should predict success in the first year of college. Each of the English Language Arts and Math tests have a total point value of 800. If a student scored the most points on each test, the combined score would be 1600.

After stakeholder meetings and analysis at the Colorado Department of Education, it was determined that a student scoring 480-800 on the English Language Arts test would have a 75% likelihood of getting a C or better in a first semester, credit-bearing course in college. In the math portion, a comparable score would be 530-800.

The College Board's annual report for

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### LETTERS

## Good nutrition builds immunity

Dear Editor: School closings, sports event cancellations, food hoarding ... we live in a new Coronavirus-induced world. Yet some personal health facts remain unchanged.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offer good advice for preventing community spread and personal infection: apply social distancing, sanitize surfaces, wash your hands and don't touch your face. But, there's more.

Does anyone wonder why uncounted numbers of infected people develop no

symptoms and only 20 percent of symptomatic people require hospitalization? It's because they have an effective immune system able to fight off the virus. But the CDC does not talk about that, perhaps for fear of offending powerful animal food industries.

Fortunately, good advice on boosting our immune system is readily available on the internet from trusted sources like WebMD and Healthline. And the advice is always the same:

- ▶ Increase consumption of fruits and

vegetables, including citrus fruits and leafy greens

- ▶ Refrain from dairy, other fatty animal products, and sugar-laden foods
- ▶ Maintain daily exercise of 30-60 minutes
- ▶ Minimize your stress level and get adequate sleep

Did I mention that this advice works great for all other nasty bugs, as well?

Sincerely,  
Adair Crowther

## We didn't die because the wind came

Dear Editor: It appears the Corona-virus pandemic is unfolding across the country. What's in our future? What's going to happen in the San Luis Valley? It's scary to hear that it's such an easy illness to catch and that some people die, like they do every year in flu epidemics. The answers to all our questions remain to be seen. But it's always good to be careful.

And please, let's not panic. Kinda seems like we're already having a mini-panic here when the stores run out of toilet paper and other things. For me, panic brings back memories of January 18, 2002, in Minot, North Dakota. My wife and I lived in the Souris River Valley, where it wound through the town. Railroad tracks were less than a block away from our house.

That Friday morning at 1:37 a.m., Central Standard Time, a Canadian Pacific Railway train derailed causing an explosion that released more than 300,000 gallons of anhydrous ammonia gas which filled the valley.

Around 2 a.m., a phone call woke us up. A friend who lived on the hill above the valley, called to warn us to evacuate. I immediately looked out at the back yard, I could tell it was already too late to leave the house: the cloud was solid white, visibility less than a few feet.

I knew the car couldn't run in that dense toxic cloud, no oxygen for combustion. Soon we smelled the gas as it seeped into the house. Realizing the only breathable

air available was in the house, I turned off the furnace. The TV had the usual warning screen with no information; only some advice: wrap your head in a wet towel and breathe through it.

No sirens in the distance, no one was on their way to rescue us. We were completely on our own as the gas smell slowly got stronger. I remember looking out at the backyard and thinking, "So this is how it's going to end, we'll suffocate."

Suddenly I laughed as I realized how fragile life is, and that in some way or other this moment will happen to most people. Then I realized I hadn't prepared a will — my second sad thought. We just waited, breathing into our wet towels.

Finally, after 5:30 a.m., the anhydrous ammonia smell began to lessen. The miracle we needed was happening: a brisk prairie wind had come up. Soon that huge, toxic anhydrous ammonia cloud, that had covered the valley all the way through town, was gone. And then the air in the house was breathable again. We were going to live after all. The whole town was shut down for that day.

The first sound we heard as soon as it was light, was the wop-wop-wop of a big helicopter flying over the city. Later we learned that the governor and state officials in that helicopter were looking for bodies because they didn't think they had enough body bags. While many suffered from inhaling the toxic gas, only one person died at the time. Most of us were very lucky.

Today, threatened by this Coronavirus pandemic, I'm sure others could have similar feelings of panic and helplessness. But we do have air to breathe, and we can still go outside and do things to help ourselves. It's probably a good idea to stay away from crowds and take a few other precautions. But everyone has a better chance for survival in this pandemic, than being trapped in your house with no breathable air.

We still can't know the future — a miracle might happen. Maybe not as fast as the prairie wind that blew away that toxic cloud, but smart people are work-

ing on parts of this problem that may help, others are taking care of people who are ill.

So, let us take good care of ourselves, our families, friends, neighbors and community. And for Pete's sake stop hoarding toilet paper or water or food. Focus on pleasant memories, the tasks of the day, and above all, don't panic.

Sincerely,  
Larry Greenwood

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# Lifestyle

## SLVBHG's Mobile Health Unit is rolling into town

**SAN LUIS VALLEY**—The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health (OBH), received federal grants from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to help increase access to treatment for opioid use disorder. OBH partnered with Managed Service Organizations (MSO) Signal Behavioral Health Network and West Slope Casa to manage the mobile health unit project regionally, and work closely with the providers who will own and operate each unit.

The San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group is excited to announce that they were the recipients of a mobile health unit to service the San Luis Valley. The unit will visit the following communities weekly: Del Norte, South Fork, Center, Saguache, Antonito, La Jara and San Luis.

The mobile health units resemble a large recreational vehicle on the outside and a typical health clinic on the inside. Each unit will have four dedicated staff members: a licensed practical nurse (LPN), a licensed clinician with a strong background in addictions counseling (LPC/LAC), a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP) and a peer recovery coach.

The state-of-the-art mobile clinic was explicitly designed to administer treatment for opioid-use disorders or Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT). MAT is the use of

FDA-approved medications, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a "whole-patient" approach to the treatment of substance use disorders. The San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group uses two main medications, Suboxone and Vivitrol. Suboxone is used to help the client through the withdrawal process and break the psychological link between taking a drug and immediately feeling high. Vivitrol is a monthly injection that blocks opioids from reaching the brain and stopping an individual from feeling "high."

Vivitrol also reduces cravings for opioid drugs and alcohol, letting the client focus on their counseling and recovery. Clients must be opioid-free before starting Vivitrol, using opioids while on Vivitrol

can increase the risk of overdose.

Support services offered on the mobile health units include peer support, brief intervention, a prescription for medication-assisted treatment if needed, and linkage to wraparound services as well as referrals to ongoing therapy. One-on-one counseling and group therapy use techniques to help reverse the substance's adverse effects on the brain.

However, using these substances for an extended amount of time, the effects may not be reversible. Counseling then focuses on how to cope with these changes by establishing game plans to avoid relapsing and most importantly how to feel pleasure again without the use of substances.

MAT has proven to be clinically effective and to

significantly reduce the need for inpatient detoxification services for these individuals. MAT provides a more comprehensive, individually tailored program of medication and behavioral therapy. SLVBHG has been providing MAT services from its brick and mortar sites

since 2015.

MAT is proven to help people stay drug-free and progress in their recovery. Expanding this much-needed service to our SLV communities will increase accessibility and help remove the transportation barrier.

SLVBHG will be host-

ing a series of red ribbon cuttings and will allow the public to tour the unit. Please follow on Facebook at facebook.com/slvbhg and our website at slvbhg.org/mobile for more information, the unit schedule and red cutting event announcements.



Courtesy photo.

**The San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group's new Mobile Health Unit. Left to Right: Jennifer Silva, Chief Clinical Officer, and Fernando Martinez, Chief Executive Officer.**

## Great Sand Dunes National Park modifying operations to implement latest health guidance

**MOSCA** — Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve is announcing modifications to operations to implement the latest guidance from the White House, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), and local and state authorities to promote social distancing.

As of March 17, the Visitor Center is closed until further notice. Public restrooms and water fountains will continue to be available in the visitor center lobby between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Visitors can also pick up park information or a junior ranger activity book in the lobby. Backcountry campers can obtain backcountry permits by calling 719-378-6395.

The Park and Preserve remain open to the public, 24 hours, 7 days a week, including trails, parking areas, picnic area, road pull outs and interpretive outdoor signage.

Park Rangers may be present along trails at various times during the day to answer questions, weather and staff permitting, while still maintaining appropriate distancing.

Medano Pass Primitive Road past the Castle Creek picnic area continues to remain closed for the season due to weather and road conditions.

The health and safety of our visitors, employees, volunteers, and partners at Great Sand Dunes is our number one priority.

The National Park Service (NPS) is working with the federal, state, and local authorities to closely monitor the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) situation.

We will notify the public when we resume full operations and provide updates on our website and



social media channels. The NPS urges visitors to do their part when visiting a park and to follow CDC guidance to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

The include: maintaining a safe distance between yourself and other groups; washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth; covering your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze; and most importantly, staying home if you feel sick.

For high-risk populations, such as the elderly and people with underlying conditions, we ask that they take extra caution and follow CDC guidance for those at higher risk of serious illness.


Updates about NPS operations will be posted on [www.nps.gov/coronavirus](http://www.nps.gov/coronavirus) and [www.nps.gov/grsa](http://www.nps.gov/grsa). Great Sand Dunes encourages visitors to follow the park's Facebook and Instagram pages for up to date information.

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# Valley News

## How North America shaped St. Patrick's Day

Each March 17, towns and cities are awash in Kelly green as pints of Guinness are lifted in the name of St. Patrick. Even though St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and credited with bringing Christianity to the Emerald Isle, many of the traditions associated with St. Patrick's Day revelry actually originated on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean.

The familiar traditions of St. Patrick's Day, such as parades of pipers, drinking green milk shakes and dining on green bagels, did not originate in the Irish countryside. Many were the product of the prosperity of North America. In fact, the original St. Patrick's Day celebrations of old in Ireland were much more modest and centered on religion rather than revelry. History.com indicates that, since 1631, St. Patrick's Day had been a religious feast day commemorating the death of St. Pat-

rick, a missionary who brought religious teachings to a then-pagan nation. Celebrations were solemn and focused on church and family.

Across the pond, as the numbers of Irish immigrants grew, so did the merrymaking. In cities throughout America and Canada, St. Patrick's Day took on a more celebratory air.

Various cities claim to have hosted the first St. Patrick's Day parades and celebrations, with Boston and New York long claiming to be the originators of these traditions. However, according to research discovered by historian Dr. J. Michael Francis in 2017, gunpowder expenditures logs in Spain's Archivo General de Indias indicate artillery was fired for a feast day of San Patricio (St. Patrick) in 1600 in St. Augustine, Florida. In fact, St. Patrick would go on to become the official "protector" of the city's maize fields in this

Spanish garrison town. This seems to have been more of a festival than a parade, though it certainly predates celebrations and parades that took place in Boston and New York in 1737 and 1762, respectively, and oddly links St. Patrick with both Irish and Spanish immigrants.

Even still, St. Patrick's Day has evolved to be celebrated in tiny towns and major metropolises all across North America. Boston, New York, Savannah, Chicago, Vancouver, and Toronto all have notable celebrations. Even the famed "corned beef and cabbage" was an American invention. Ham and cabbage was eaten in Ireland, but corned beef proved a cheaper substitute for impoverished Irish immigrants in the United States. It was the cheapest meat to be found at the time, and was soon a staple of the holiday.

St. Patrick's Day remained solemn in Ireland

(laws prohibited pubs from opening on holy days until 1973) even as merry-making grew elsewhere. However, with the invention of television,

the Irish could see the revelry taking place in America. Eventually, the country took note and started celebrating in a similar fashion.

St. Patrick may have been the patron saint of Ireland, but the fanfare of St. Patrick's Day traces its roots to North America. TF203751



## City Unveils Water Efficiency Plan

ALAMOSA—The City of Alamosa has completed a draft Water Efficiency Plan. The Plan is designed to promote the efficient consumption of all water usage by residents, businesses, and local governments; the goal of the Plan is to encourage more beneficial use of our water resources and ensure an adequate future water supply.

Prior to finalization of the Plan, the City welcomes input from its customers. The City will conduct a 60-day public review period beginning March 20, 2020 that runs through May 21, 2020. A complete copy is on file and available for public inspection in the City of Alamosa Public Works Office, 300 Hunt Ave, Alamosa, CO 81101 during regular business hours. The Water Efficiency Plan draft and a place to leave comments about the draft plan are available online at [cityofalamosa.org/departments/city-planning/water-efficiency-plan/](http://cityofalamosa.org/departments/city-planning/water-efficiency-plan/).

## SLV REC office closed to public

SAN LUIS VALLEY—San Luis Valley REC has been closely monitoring recent events associated with COVID-19 (Corona Virus) in Colorado. Due to the escalating situation, SLV REC will be closing its office to the public March 18 through April 1 for the safety and health of members, employees and the general public.

Members can pay their bills online through SmartHub ([www.slvrec.com](http://www.slvrec.com) or [www.ciello.com](http://www.ciello.com)), by phone (877-760-7468), at the drop box outside of REC headquarters (3625 US Hwy 160 W in Monte Vista), by mail (PO Box 3625, Monte Vista, CO 81144), as well as at the following local bank branches: First Southwest Banks, Community Banks and Del Norte Bank.

Members can still reach REC for assistance at 719-852-3538 or 800-332-7634 during normal business hours (Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or by email at [power@slvrec.com](mailto:power@slvrec.com).

REC apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause, but rest assured this will not affect the REC's ability to deliver electricity or Ciello's broadband services. Crews will remain on-call, and all regularly scheduled maintenance will continue.

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# Lifestyle

## COVID-19 and Older Adults



**ALAMOSA** — On March 14th an article was posted regarding the status of our services through South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc., Area Agency on Aging. At that time all services were still in place. Things have changed, as we all know changes are being made daily. South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc., is the local Area Agency on Aging and NOT a senior center.

As of March 16th, three (3) senior centers closed, Alamosa, Antonito, and Northerners in La Jara. Because we serve meals in those centers, we will not serve congregate meals at those sites. Starting Wednesday, March 18th, all meal sites valley-wide will be closed for congre-

gate consumers. Because we, South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc., the Area Agency on Aging provides home-delivered meals and congregate meals at these sites, we are modifying operations with options that still allow us to serve you. Services for our homebound clients will continue as usual with precaution and sanitary guidelines continuing with our drivers. In regards to our congregate consumers, eating at the meal site will not be an option for at least two weeks. However, you will have an opportunity to receive a "box lunch". These box lunches can be picked up at the meal sites around the valley at noon. Reservations are

still required to receive the box lunches. Please sign in on the reservation book at the site or call our Administration Office and we will make sure to get your reservation is given to the meal server at that particular meal site.

We ask that those with questions regarding our nutrition program or aware of anyone in need of our services, please contact our Administrative Office, 719-589-4511, 1116 3rd Street, Alamosa. Because we serve the older adult population, you must be 60 and over to receive these services. Precautionary steps are taking place in all services to help keep our clients as well as our employees safe and healthy.

## COVID-19 Closures



### THE CITY OF ALAMOSA

**ALAMOSA** — Effective March 17 at noon and until further notice, the Alamosa Family Recreation Center, the Multi-Use Pavilion/Ice Rink, and the Alamosa Public Library are closed to the public. Alamosa City Parks and the Cattails Golf Course will remain open for the time being.

We encourage each of you to make the best choice when using a public space, especially if you are in an at-risk category or caring

for someone in an at-risk category. Thank you for your help in caring for our community.

Additionally, the offices located in City Hall, Public Works, Finance, and Municipal Court are only open to necessary City business. Please use the drop-box in front of the building for utility payments, call, email, or pay online at [www.cityofalamosa.org/departments/finance/](http://www.cityofalamosa.org/departments/finance/). To pay Municipal Court fees, fines, and other pay-

ments, please use <https://cityofalamosa.org/departments/municipal-court/> to pay online.

For more information about today's closures, please contact the Recreation Center at (719) 589-2105 or the Library at (719) 589-6592. For information about permitting, sanitation, and other Public Works concerns, please call (719) 589-6631. The city trash service is currently on schedule.

## City of Monte Vista Municipal Courts



**MONTE VISTA** — Beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020, through May 31, 2020, the City of Monte Vista Municipal Courts will be closed.

We are taking all precautionary steps to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our citizens and our staff. We are doing this in a manner to try and not disrupt the daily operations within the city courts, but with the COVID-19 outbreak, we must take all steps necessary to avoid any potential means of spreading the virus. Therefore, we have sent out letters to all individuals who have a pending matter within the City of Monte Vista Municipal Courts and have rescheduled

them with a new date and time for their court case.

COVID-19 is a highly contagious that has since spread to numerous countries around the world, including the United States. January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 a "public health emergency of international concern;" and on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared the virus a public health emergency. So please do not appear for your court date and look for the letter with your new date and time to appear.

Court payments can be made online via Xpress Bill Pay, mail-in payments, or

the drop box located to the south of the main entrance of City Hall. Envelopes will be provided for those wishing to make cash payments at the dropbox. Please make sure all cash payments left are the exact amount of your fines. We will continue this process until the COVID-19 outbreak has become non-threatening.

The City is requesting that customers do not place cash in the box after 5 p.m. or before 8 a.m. The box will be checked multiple times during the course of the business day.

If you have any question in regards to court dates or payments please contact Unita Vance, City Clerk at 719-852-6171 or [uvance@ci.monte-vista.co.us](mailto:uvance@ci.monte-vista.co.us)

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# Valley News

## San Luis Valley Health Fairs



In an aim to keep our community members and employees health during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, SLV Health is sorry to announce that the health fairs nor-

mally hosted in Conejos County and Monte Vista have been canceled for this spring. For those who wish to access a blood draw, the Direct to Consumer labs at Conejos County Hospital

and the Regional Medical Center allow for walk-in draws at similar pricing as to the health fair pricing. No insurance will be charged and the consumer will receive the results

directly. For hours, directions, forms and FAQs, please visit the SLVH.org website and click on Services, then Laboratory. Or call (719) 587-1226 or (719) 274-6021.

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## How to clean when faced with a shortage of supplies

In light of concerns about COVID-19, various health organizations have issued specific instructions on how to maintain personal safety and cleanliness. These recommendations involve using common household products to sanitize homes, offices and public spaces. As people take such precautions, many are stocking up on extra essentials — resulting in shortages.

Everything from hand sanitizers to paper towels may be hard to find on grocery store shelves, leaving some to wonder what they can do to remain safe without sanitizers?

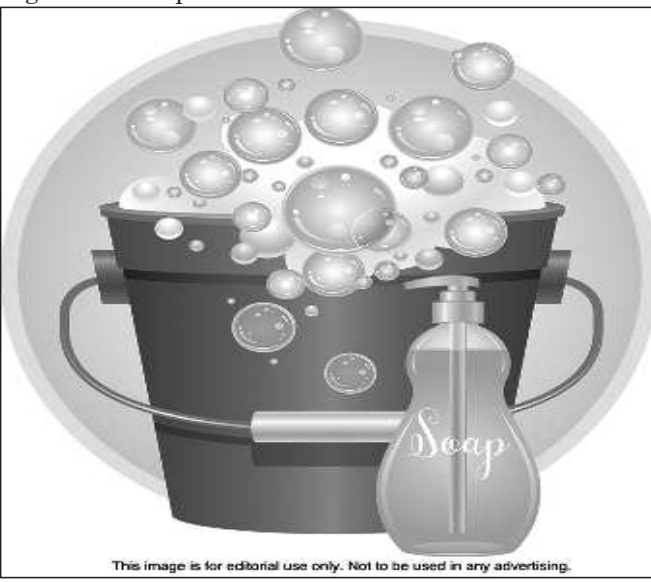
The Environmental Protection Agency states that coronaviruses are some of the easiest types of viruses to kill because they have an envelope around them that enables them to merge with other cells and infect them. If that protective coating can be disrupted, the virus can't do its job. For those having trouble finding well-known cleaning agents, these alternatives may suffice.

Hot water and soap  
The reason hand-washing is at the top of the list

of sanitizing methods is because it is so effective at washing away viruses and bacteria. Friction from scrubbing with soap and water can help break the protective envelope, states the EPA. Soap and water can clean all surfaces in a home, especially when applying a little extra elbow grease.

Hydrogen peroxide  
As people clear isopropyl (rubbing alcohol) off the shelves, do not discount hydrogen peroxide. The CDC says household hydrogen peroxide at 3 percent concentration can deactivate rhinovirus, the virus that causes the common cold, within six to eight minutes of contact. Coronavirus is easier to destroy than rhinovirus, so hydrogen peroxide may be effective at combatting that virus as well.

Natural items can be used for general cleaning, but have not been endorsed for use on COVID-19 disinfection. In lieu of shortages, white vinegar, baking soda pastes and citrus oils and juices could fill the void of chemically-based cleansers for other home tasks. TF204937



## Message from Recreations Coordinator of Monte Vista

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
For Recreation Community – Parents and Participants;

I hope you all are doing well – this communication isn't to cause stress but rather to be proactive and to help give you guidance. You might have heard of a virus called Coronavirus or COVID-19. The continuing spread of the virus worldwide and the evolving concern domestically

is something we are tracking very closely. While this virus is evolving and there are no cases in the SLV, and there is no way to know what the outcome

will be, we are monitoring the situation and the decision of suspending all of our youth and adult recreation programs was made. This includes: practices, games, and all recreation gatherings, starting today, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and until May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 or further notice.

Thank you all for your understanding, for any questions and/or concerns please call our office at 719.852.8287.

please stay safe.  
Serenely,  
**Jaime Hurtado** -  
Recreations Coordinator, City of Monte Vista  
95 w. First Ave.

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Vehicle	MSRP	Automall Price	Per Month
NEW 2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SE	\$29,930	\$24,995.99	\$339
NEW 2019 DODGE CHALLENGER GT AWD	\$38,780	\$33,995.99	\$461
NEW 2019 JEEP RENEGADE LATITUDE 4X4	\$28,260	\$23,995.99	\$325
NEW 2019 JEEP CHEROKEE TRAILHAWK 4X4	\$37,580	\$30,995.99	\$420
NEW 2019 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE TRAILHAWK 4X4	\$48,580	\$41,995.99	\$569
NEW 2019 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED RUBICON	\$48,775	\$42,995.99	\$583
NEW 2019 RAM 2500 TRADESMAN CREW 4X4	\$46,040	\$39,995.99	\$542
NEW 2019 RAM 1500 BIG HORN CREW 4X4	\$51,550	\$42,995.99	\$583

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# Public Notices

### TOWN OF CENTER NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given of a Municipal Mail Ballot Election of the Town of Center, to be held on April 7, 2020.

Qualifications of Municipal Electors:

1. Citizen of the United States.
2. A registered voter in the State of Colorado.
3. A resident of the Town of Center for 22 days immediately preceding the Election.
4. 18 years of age or older on the date of the election.

All completed ballots must be received in the Town Clerk's office by 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, to be counted. Returned envelopes containing ballots must bear the signature of the voter. Completed ballots must be returned by either:

- (1) Affixing first-class postage and mailing the ballot in the pre-addressed ballot return envelope; or
  - (2) Delivering the ballot in its completed return envelope to the Town Clerk's office in Town Hall, 294 S. Worth St., Center CO. The Town of Center will be open on Election Day from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
- At said election, the electors of the Town shall select from the following candidates for the offices indicated:

- MAYOR**  
(Vote for One)
- Jaime Hurtado
  - ?
  - Pedro "Tino" Segura
  - ?
  - Anthony "Tony" Garcia
  - ?
  - James L. Sanchez
  - ?
  - Delsa G. Chavez
  - ?
  - ALCALDE  
(Vote por Uno)
  - Jaime Hurtado
  - ?
  - Pedro "Tino" Segura
  - ?
  - Anthony "Tony" Garcia
  - ?
  - James L. Sanchez
  - ?
  - Delsa G. Chavez
  - ?
- TRUSTEE**  
(Vote for Three)
- David Ramon
  - ?
  - Herman "Dicky" Sisneros
  - ?
  - Archie Gallegos
  - ?
  - Leslie "Duran" Shelley
  - ?
  - Nick Schaffer
  - ?
  - Annette Martinez
  - ?
  - Peggy Martinez
  - ?
  - Nivek T. Beiriger

**FIDEICOMISARIO**  
(Vote por Tres)

- David Ramon
- ?
- Herman "Dicky" Sisneros
- ?
- Archie Gallegos
- ?
- Leslie "Duran" Shelley
- ?
- Nick Schaffer
- ?
- Annette Martinez
- ?
- Peggy Martinez
- ?
- Nivek T. Beiriger

At said election, the electors of the Town shall consider the following ballot issue:

Referred Issue A

SHALL THE TOWN OF CENTER SALES TAXES BE INCREASED \$261,000 IN 2021 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX OF 2% (INCREASING THE TOWN'S SALES TAX FROM 2% TO 4%), (1983 WAS THE LAST SALES TAX INCREASE IN THE TOWN) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING FOR DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION DEVELOPMENT, CAPITOL IMPROVEMENTS TO TOWN ASSETS, PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES, PARK EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF CONSUAL PROPERTY: COMMENCING JUNE 1, 2020; AND SHALL THE TOWN OF CENTER BE ENTITLED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND THE FULL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX INCREASE WITHOUT STATUTORY OR CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION OR CONDITION, INCLUDING ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Yes ?  
No ?

Asunto Referido A

¿DEBERA LA CIUDAD AUMENTAR LOS IMPUESTOS DE VENTAS DE CENTRO POR \$261,000 EN 2021 (PRIMER INCREMENTO COMPLETO DE DÓLAR DEL AÑO FISCAL) Y POR CUANTO MÁS CANTIDADES ADICIONALES SE AUMENTAN ANUALMENTE DESPUÉS DE ESO POR LA IMPOSICIÓN DE UN IMPUESTO DE VENTAS ADICIONAL DE 2% (AUMENTANDO LOS IMPUESTOS DE VENTAS DE CENTRO DE 2% A 4%), (1983 FUE EL ÚLTIMO AUMENTO EN EL TOWN) PARA EL PROPÓSITO DE PROPORCIONAR FONDOS PARA EL DESARROLLO DE REVITALIZACIÓN DE CENTRO, MEJORAMIENTOS DE CAPITAL PARA BIENES DEL PUEBLO, SERVICIOS DE SEGURIDAD PÚBLICA, MEJORAMIENTOS DE EQUIPO DEL PARQUE, DESARROLLO ECONÓMICO DE LA PROPIEDAD DE CONSUAL: COMENZANDO EL 1 DE JUNIO, 2020; ¿Y DEBERA EL PUEBLO DE CENTRO TENER DERECHO A COLECCIONAR, CONSERVAR Y GASTAR LOS INGRESOS COMPLETOS DE TAL INCREMENTO DE IMPUESTOS SIN LIMITACIÓN O CONDICIÓN ESTADÍSTICA O CONSTITUCIONAL, INCLUYENDO EL ARTÍCULO X, SECCIÓN 20 DE LA CONSTITUCIÓN DE COLORADO O CUALQUIER OTRA LEY?

Si ?  
No ?

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Town of Center, Colorado has caused this notice to be given.

By: Brian Lujan, Town Clerk  
No. 1358  
Published in the Valley Courier on March 18, 2020

### COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 909-19

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

On December 12, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.

Original Grantor(s)  
TeoXiuill G Greer  
Original Beneficiary(ies)  
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt  
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association  
Date of Deed of Trust  
September 04, 2008  
County of Recording  
Alamosa  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust  
September 05, 2008  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)  
336150  
Original Principal Amount  
\$64,000.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance  
\$45,766.53

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 of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.  
THE WEST 110 FEET OF LOT 1, BLOCK 95, COLT'S SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF ALAMOSA, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO.

Also known by street and number as: 1002 State Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 04/15/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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Last Publication 3/18/2020  
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: 12/12/2019  
Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado

By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E. Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122  
Attorney File # CO-19-874278-LL

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
No. 1305  
Published in the Valley Courier on February 19, 26, March 04, 11, and 18, 2020

### COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 910-19

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

On December 17, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.

Original Grantor(s)  
Mary C. Trujillo  
Original Beneficiary(ies)  
Modern Exteriors  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt  
CTF Asset Management, LLC  
Date of Deed of Trust  
October 13, 1999  
County of Recording  
Alamosa  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust  
November 10, 1999  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)  
295489  
Original Principal Amount  
\$20,124.50  
Outstanding Principal Balance  
\$13,602.92

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 of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.  
SITUATED IN ALAMOSA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO; LOT 17, BLOCK 10, REPLAT OF BLOCKS 10 AND 11, CARROLLS SUBDIVISION-ADDITION NO. 1, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO

Also known by street and number as: 708 Graf Drive, Alamosa, CO 81101.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 04/15/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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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: 12/17/2019  
Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado

By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
Arant Law, LLC 11020 S. Pikes Peak Dr., Suite 200, Parker, CO 80138 (720) 541-7903  
Attorney File # 15256

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
No. 1306  
Published in the Valley Courier on February 19, 26, March 04, 11, and 18, 2020

### EXHIBIT VIII-H INVITATION FOR BIDS

Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. will receive Bids for the remodel of an existing building into a Dental Clinic located at 135 E 6th St, Center, CO 81125 until 1:30 local time on the 23rd day of April at 128 Market Street, Alamosa, CO 81101, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the jobsite at 135 E 6th St, Center, CO 81125 on Thursday, April 2nd at 10:30 am local time.

Bids are invited upon the items and quantities of work as follows:  
Item 1 Remodel of existing building into Dental Clinic

Contract documents, including Drawings, Technical Specifications, and the Wage Determination are on file at the office of Weidner & Associates LLC at 830 N. Main Street, Suite 140, Pueblo, Colorado 81003. Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained by stopping by the offices of Weidner and Associates between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm and asking for a copy, or by emailing Greg Van. greg@weidnerandassociates.net and requesting an electronic copy to be distributed digitally.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. in negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total Bid shall be submitted with each Bid.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project, and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. (Davis Bacon Wages)

In the event that the bidder anticipates hiring employees to work on this job, the bidder should contact the local manpower office for qualified candidates. (Section 3)

Prior to the awarding of the Contract, the Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. may defer its decision for a period not to exceed (30) days from the date of the opening of Bids for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract.

Date: March 18th, 2020 Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc.  
By: Jania Arnoldi Title President/CEO  
No. 1355  
Published in the Valley Courier on March 18, 19, and 20, 2020

### NOTICE OF CANCELLATION and CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF RESULTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE NORTHEAST CONEJOS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, Conejos 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 section 1-13, 5-513(6) C.R.S.

The following candidates are hereby declared elected:  
Tim Crowther for a three-year term until May, 2023  
Tom Stewart for a three-year term until May, 2023  
Mike McCarroll for a three-year term until May, 2023  
Sharon Crowther, Designated Election Official  
Contact Person for District: Sharon Crowther  
Address of District: 790 Main St., PO Box 4, Sanford, CO 81151  
No. 1359  
Published in the Valley Courier on March 18, 2020

### COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 911-19

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

On December 24, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.

Original Grantor(s)  
JERRY A. MEDINA AND SUSANA MEDINA  
Original Beneficiary(ies)  
DECISION ONE MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR BLUEWATER INVESTMENT TRUST 2018-1  
Date of Deed of Trust  
December 20, 2000  
County of Recording  
Alamosa  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust  
December 28, 2000  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)  
300259  
Original Principal Amount  
\$64,400.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance  
\$42,055.88

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 of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.  
LOT 8, BLOCK 22, GODFREY AND BOYD'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ALAMOSA, ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO.

Also known by street and number as: 315 EAST THIRD STREET, ALAMOSA, CO 81101.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 04/22/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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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: 12/24/2019  
Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado

By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
Barrett Frappier & Weisserman, LLP 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711  
Attorney File # 8709602

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
No. 1319  
Published in the Valley Courier February 26, March 04, 11, 18, and 25, 2020

### 099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

**UPPER RIO GRANDE**  
School District - Transportation Department  
Seeking bids for numerous vehicles: 1997 Ford Econoline Van \$2,500, 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@urtrgers.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)

### ACUCENTER A COMMUNITY

acupuncture clinic in Del Norte. The clinic will be open every Thursday 3pm to 6pm. Experience the health benefits of affordable acupuncture from our team at Vista Acupuncture. Located at 990 6th St, Del Norte. Schedule an appoint now call 360-821-9006 (3/18)

### 185 - SERVICES & REPAIRS

**FLU PREVENTION CLINIC** Every Thursday in March. Be proactive and strengthen your immune system at the Acu Center Community Clinic located in Del Norte, 990 6th st. Call for appointment 360-821-9006.(4/3)

**LICENSED PLUMBER DOES** all types of plumbing repairs and plumbing remodel done at reasonable rate. Call 719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593. (4/2)

### 221 HELP WANTED

**WE ARE LOOKING** for a candidate who possesses strong general bookkeeping knowledge and good time management skills. Positive attitude, dependability and willingness to work with others is a must! Experience using Quickbooks and/or Epicor is extremely helpful. The role for this position is assisted by the use of an outside professional accounting service. This is a full time position. Beginning pay is negotiable depending on experience. Please send resume to katie@slyproperties.com or drop off in person at 157 Craft Drive. (3/24)

### FARMING TECHNOLOGY CORP

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

### 221 HELP WANTED

**WANTED FULL-TIME** position on organic sheep and hay farm in La Jara, CO. Must have good people skills, be honest and dependable. Experience with animals, farm work a plus. Must have phone and transportation. Our mission is to be leaders in sustainable agriculture and sustainable living. Living quarters on farm an option. Call Colin 719-588-1035. (3/24)

### A&L COORS HIRING

for a full-time driver/delivery person. Position is physically demanding. Applicant requirements: self-motivated, good communication skills, dependability, attention to detail, clean driving record, must pass a drug test and work well with others. Positive working environment with an opportunity to acquire a CDL license. Pick up application at 1905 State Street, Alamosa, CO. After 4:00 PM. No phone calls please.(3/24)

### SAN LUIS VALLEY

Health is seeking qualified candidates to fill positions as a Maintenance Mechanic, Maintenance Worker, and Housekeeper. please visit https://www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org/careers/ for a full job summary for these positions, as well as our other job opportunities. (3/27)

### NIGHT STAFF NEEDED

at La Puente Home. Need Mature, dynamic, compassionate person, able to deal with all types of people. Must be able to work weekend and graveyard shifts. (21+). Bilingual preferred. Looking for the unique applicant who will be a part of an awesome team of individuals helping others. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of helping others. Send resume to: hr@lapuente.net. (3/31)

### THE BOE OF Center

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### MONTE VISTA SCHOOL

District is accepting applications for a Health Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. The person in this position will teach health in grades 6th through 12th. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, by April 1, 2020, or until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website or call 719-852-5996.(3/28)

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### CONEJOS COUNTY DEPARTMENT

of Social Services is seeking a Case Manager (CM). Responsibilities include: Determines eligibility for Food Stamps, Adult programs, Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF), and Medicaid Ability to apply critical thinking to a wide range of situations. Must have strong computer and interviewing skills. A broad knowledge of community services a plus. High School Diploma or equivalent required, two years of education and customer service experience preferred. County Application Form Required. Applications are available at Conejos County Administration Office 6683 County Rd. 13, Conejos, CO 81129, or via email upon request at cricci@co.conejos.co.us. Deadline is Thursday, March 19, 2020. Inquiries call 719-376-6799 EEOE (3/19)

### ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY'S

Department of Teacher Education is 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, Mc2 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)

### 221 HELP WANTED

**SANGRE DE CRISTO** School District is looking for highly motivated Middle School Science Teacher that has a desire to teach and the ability to pass their passion of learning onto students. For more information please contact Mr. Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@sangreschools.org. Teaching applications may be downloaded from sdc.schools.net or picked up at school office. Positions open until filled. (3/27)

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### MSW SEEKING CONTRACT

work, Psychotherapist registration, 16-20 hours per week. Insured, culturally sensitive, bilingual, able to travel in SLV. Email: pafsinfo@gmail.com (3/17)

### 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)

### 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)

### 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)

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### 221 HELP WANTED

**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](mailto:mary@monte.k12.co.us) by March 26, 2020. A full description of desired qualifications and experience may be viewed on the district website <https://www2.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

**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)

**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)

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### 369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

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### 614 - MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

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### OOPS! GOT PUPPIES

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

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# Lifestyle

## New program aims to dull impact of COVID-19 on local business

**ALAMOSA** — The San Luis Valley Enterprise Zone program is being deployed to blunt the negative impacts of COVID-19 on businesses in the San Luis Valley.

“It is anticipated that certain sectors will experience significant decline in activity as people practice social distancing to reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus,” said Kevin Wilkins, executive director of San Luis Valley Development Resources Group, which administers the SLV Enterprise Zone program. “SLVDRG will raise funds to offer assistance to business that are experiencing a reduction in business activity and revenue.”

Under the Enterprise Zone program, individuals and companies may donate to an approved contribution project, in this case the COVID-10 Project, and receive a 25 percent Colorado income tax credit. Contributions made to COVID-19 project will fund a variety of business support tools to help enterprise zone

businesses negatively affected by the COVID-19 virus. “The mechanisms we develop and financial assistance we offer will directly bolster the financials of enterprise zone businesses so that they may retain jobs and be in a position to rebound,” said Wilkins.

The project is being established immediately to build a resource for the SLVDRG to have the flexibility in to address the needs businesses in the San Luis Valley.

On Monday, Colorado Governor Jared Polis ordered the statewide closure of restaurants, bars, and other businesses and locations where large number of people gather. The move is designed to curtail the transmission of the coronavirus between people.

“There will be a time when we want to celebrate those local small businesses again,” Polis said Monday at a news conference, according to the Denver Post. “When it’s safe, we want to celebrate in bars



**SAN LUIS VALLEY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES GROUP**

**“SLVDRG will raise funds to offer assistance to business that are experiencing a reduction in business activity and revenue.”**

-Kevin Wilkins, executive director of San Luis Valley Development Resources Group

and clubs. We want to dine out. That day is not today, it’s not tomorrow, it’s not likely to be next week or the week after.”

Many restaurants in the San Luis Valley are instead offering curb-side take out or home delivery since dining in is not option. Other service businesses are also likely to feel an economic shock as

residents stay home.

For more information on how to contribute to the COVID-19 Enterprise Zone contribution project and receive the 25 percent state of Colorado Income Tax Credit contact Sarah Stoerber or Kevin Wilkins at the San Luis Valley Development Resources Group, 719.589.6099, or email kwilkins@slyvdr.org

## Monte Vista Public Works Announcement

**MONTE VISTA** —The City of Monte Vista Public Works recognizes that many of you are concerned with COVID-19 as seen by the mass purchases in our local stores. The unprecedented run on toilet paper and other paper products has us concerned. Our Waste Water Collection System was not designed for some of what I suspect may start to be flushed down the toilet.

Sanitary Sewer systems are designed around items that are considered flushable; meaning items that degrade in water. Toilet paper is one of those items. However, as we have all seen, the toilet paper in the stores are gone and now so are paper towels, napkins and baby wipes and other types of wipes. Unfortunately, many of these items were not meant to be flushed down a toilet. As personal hygiene is a huge concern right now; the Public Works would like to remind our customers and residents that only flushable items should be flushed down the toilets.

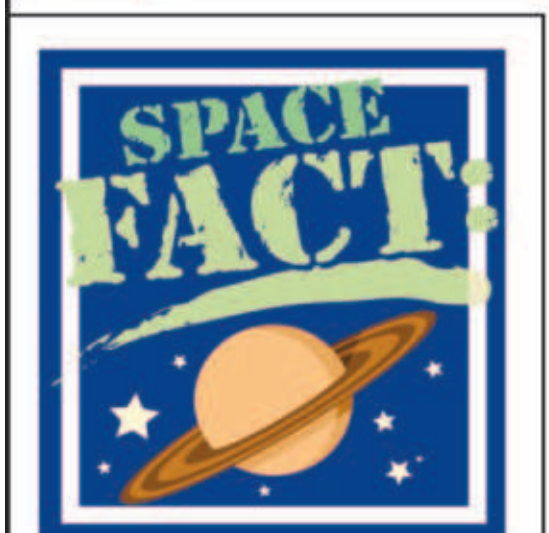
Items such as paper towels, napkins, many of the disinfection wipes as well as feminine hygiene products should not be flushed but instead placed into trash containers and disposed of properly. Flushing any of the above-listed items can cause backups and other problems in the piping that carries wastes to be treated. These backups can be in the mains or service lines. Plus, at the treatment plants, those items can clog the bar screens or damage pumps to the treatment facilities.

With the concerns over the coronavirus and the actions being asked to minimize the spread of the disease such as closing offices and reducing staff levels the increase

in backups and increased maintenance at the plants will mean less service can be provided. We are asking all to please

only place items that degrade in water or are rated as “flush-

able” in the toilets to be flushed. All other items should be placed in the trash and disposed of properly.



DURING THIS TIME OF THE YEAR, THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF DAYLIGHT AND DARKNESS ARE NEARLY EQUAL.

ANSWER: VERNAL (SPRING) EQUINOX

*How they SAY that in...*

**ENGLISH:** Life

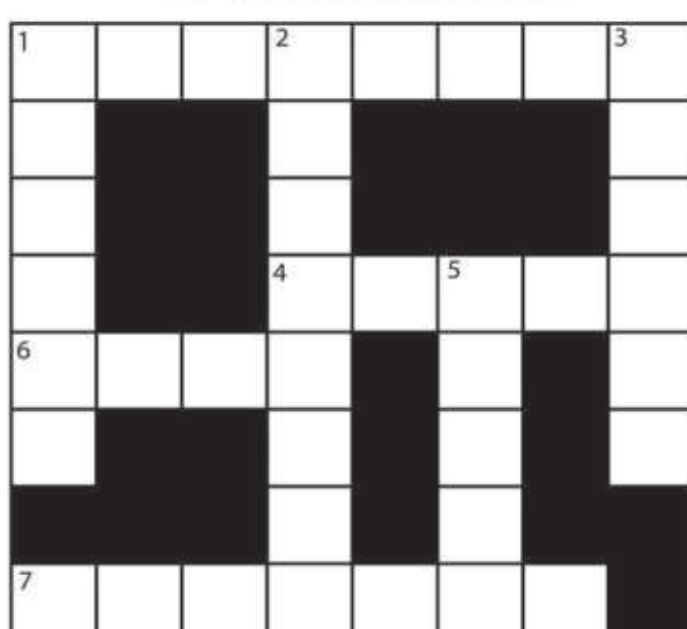
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**ITALIAN:** Vita

**FRENCH:** Vie

**GERMAN:** Leben

### Crossword Puzzle



#### ACROSS

- Sunlight unbroken by clouds
- Work
- No feeling
- State of atmosphere

#### DOWN

- Season of the year
- Water vessel
- Power from resources
- Cleanse in water

Answers:  
Across  
1. Sunshine 4. Labor 6. Numb 7. Weather  
Down  
1. Spring 2. Sailboat 3. Energy 5. Bathe

### THIS DAY IN...



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