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First Street project begins

ALAMOSA – Single lane closures on First Street from Monterey Avenue to Bell Avenue for utility upgrades began on Monday and will take around six weeks to complete. After the utility upgrades are complete, expect intermittent full street closures as crews work to rebuild First St. through the summer months.

Please contact the Public Works Office at (719) 589-6631 if you have any questions.

Meeting postponed

ALAMOSA – Due to a variety of reasons, the Annual Meeting & Weed Workshop scheduled for March 11th & 12th by the Mosca-Hooper Conservation District is being postponed and will likely reschedule some time in the fall.

The board regrets any inconvenience this causes and hope you will stay tuned for rescheduled dates.

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Alamosa Knights celebrate Centennial



Courtesy photo.

Alamosa Knights of Columbus Council No. 2096 celebrated 100 years of existence this weekend at Sacred Heart Catholic Church here. Grand Knight Gabriel Atencio for Council 2096 accepts a 100-year certificate sent by Supreme Grand Knight of New Haven, Connecticut and presented by Colorado State Deputy Grand Knight Chris Foley. Also shown in the center is Father Uju, priest of Sacred Heart.

Crane Festival for a good cause



Wealth of information

A variety of booths offering merchandise and information filled the Ski Hi Stampede main building over the weekend for the 37th annual Monte Vista Crane Festival. Colorado Parks and Wildlife's booth was teeming with activity all three days. Shown are CPW employees and volunteers, from left, Sara Oldham from Lakewood, Carol Ozzello from Pueblo and Donna Forrest from Denver.



Quilting for donations

Members of the San Luis Valley Quilt Guild offered a variety of quilted items for just \$10 at the Monte Vista Crane Festival this past weekend, with proceeds going to "Quilts for Oncology" and victims' advocates. Guild members shown are, from left, Leah Clark, Mary Riche and Trish Kaiser, all of Monte Vista.

Courier photos by Keith R. Cerny

Valley households invited to respond to 2020 Census

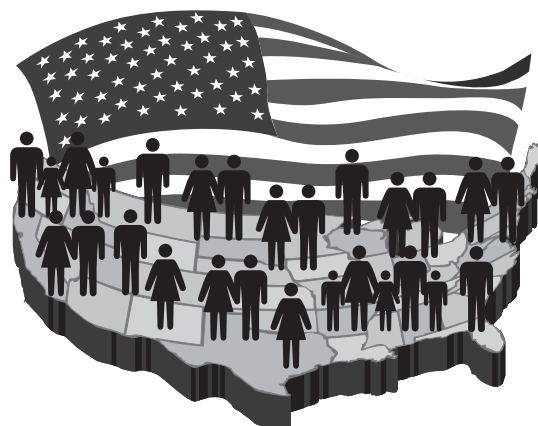
ALAMOSA — Households across the San Luis Valley will receive an initial invitation to respond to the 2020 Census in their mailboxes between March 12 and 20. There are estimated to be nearly 19,000 households in the six counties of the San Luis Valley.

The invitations will include a short phrase inviting people to respond online or by phone. Areas where 20 percent or more of the households need Spanish assistance, the invitations will be in both English and Spanish.

The 2020 Census is a simple questionnaire of only ten questions about who lives in a household on April 1, 2020. A sample questionnaire is available online at <https://2020census.gov/en/about-questions.html>.

Households are encouraged to respond when they receive their invitation. Depending on how likely the area is to respond online, households will receive either an invitation encouraging them to respond online or by phone, or an invitation along with a paper questionnaire.

All households receiving an invitation in the mail will receive a second letter in the mail shortly after reminding them to



respond. Then, households that still haven't responded will receive a series of additional reminders, including a paper questionnaire in mid-April. Census takers will follow up with households that don't respond to collect responses in person.

Those households that do not receive mail at their home's physical location, such as those that use post office boxes, will receive a questionnaire delivered by a Census Enumerator. Residents may call Census Questionnaire Assistance at (844) 330-2020 to request a questionnaire or to complete the questionnaire by telephone. They may

also go online to www.my2020census.gov to fill out a census response.

The U.S. Constitution requires that a census of everyone living in the United States be conducted every ten years. Results from the census are used to determine how many representatives each state is allowed in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Census data is also used to determine how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed for health clinics, school lunch programs, disaster recovery initiatives, and other critical programs and services for the next 10 years. The Institute for Public Policy at George Washington University has estimated that in 2016, over \$13 billion was allocated to Colorado through programs guided by census data. That amounts to about \$2,300 for each person counted in the 2010 Census in Colorado.

Efforts to encourage people in the San Luis Valley to respond to the 2020 Census are being led by the San Luis Valley Complete Count Committee, which was organized by the San Luis Valley Council of Governments and includes members from local governments, non-profit organizations, and faith groups. More information about the 2020 Census is available at www.slvscensus.com.

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OBITUARIES

Richard Andrew Johnson Jr., 70

ALAMOSA — Richard Andrew Johnson, Jr., 70, passed away at his home in Alamosa on Feb. 29. Richard was born on Feb. 12, 1950 to Richard Andrew Johnson, Sr. (Dick) and Mary Marjorie (Dunn) Johnson in Durango.

Richard was an active member of the San Luis Valley Community for more than 65 years. He enjoyed collecting guns, shooting, reloading and in his younger years: hunting.

Richard was an active member of the Rio



Grande Sportsman's Club and International Single Shot Association and participated in many Schuetzenfest

competitions at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton.

He was a longtime member of the Alamosa Lions Club and received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for dedicated humanitarian services.

He is survived by his cousin, Val Hobson of Mancos; his best friend, who he considered his brother since they were 3 years old, Doug McLellan of Las

Vegas; uncles, Ed Miller of Albuquerque and David Hite of Tucson; along with other cousins, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dick and Marjie; brother, Larry Johnson; 2 infant sisters; aunt Nellie (George) Greer and uncle Charles Miller.

Rogers Family Mortuary of Alamosa is in care of the arrangements. A Funeral Service will be held on Monday March 9, at 6 p.m. at Rogers Family Mortuary, with

a viewing beforehand starting at 5 p.m., also at Rogers Family Mortuary.

A Burial Service on Tuesday March 10, at 1 p.m. at the Ignacio East Cemetery in Ignacio. In lieu of flowers Richard's favorite local charities are the Alamosa Ambulance Service and the "Friends of the 169" Train Restoration Group.

To offer the family condolences or words of strength please visit www.rogersfunerals.com.

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Yolanda S. DeLuna, 85

ALAMOSA — Yolanda S. DeLuna, 85, left us to be with the Lord on March 7, 2020, at her home in Alamosa, CO with her family by her side.

Yolanda was born in Corpus Christi, Texas on February 7, 1935, to Guadalupe Saucedo and Maria Guerrero Saucedo. In 1950 she married Roberto "Beto" DeLuna and they enjoyed more than 67 years of marriage together until his passing in 2017.

Yolanda was primarily a homemaker but also worked for a time assisting with meal preparation for residents at the local nursing home. Her true passion in life was her family and serving God. Spending time with her children, grandchildren and family members was the highlight of her life. Yolanda loved to cook, go to the movies, go shopping and most of all she loved to sing. Yolanda was truly a faithful servant of God. She was never one to sit still, always active and on the go. She has left behind a beautiful legacy and her morals and values will always be instilled in our hearts. She will be truly missed, but we find comfort in knowing that she is with our Lord and Savior.

Yolanda is survived by her children: Rudy (Karen) DeLuna of Broomfield, CO, Romy DeLuna of Alamosa, Raymond (Patricia) DeLuna of Aurora, CO, Ray (Frances) DeLuna of Alamosa, Mary (Mike) Salas of Parker, CO, Alicia (John) Tona of Alamosa, Elma (Gregory) Lopez of Parker, CO, Erlinda (Harold) DeLuna-Salazar of Velarde, NM, Gilbert (Georgianna) DeLuna of Alamosa, Rennie (Shelly) DeLuna of Aurora, CO, Ralph (Janika) DeLuna of Albuquerque, NM, Christine (Melvin) DeLuna-Vigil of Alamosa and Ricky DeLuna of Alamosa; her grandchildren: Charlene (Gilberto "Beto") Archuleta, Reuben DeLuna, Dominick DeLuna, Jerek DeLuna, Alina DeLuna, Marlene DeLuna, Jerome DeLuna, Dominic DeLuna, Audrey Garcia, Ashley (John) Martinez, Raymond DeLuna, Jr., Terrance DeLuna, Vanessa Medina, Ryan DeLuna, Robert De-



Luna, Latisha DeLuna, Briana DeLuna, Tiffany DeLuna, Naomi DeLuna, Rachael (Jake) Haslage, Jonathan Tona, Jeremy Tona, Sabrina (Manuel) Lopez-Martinez, Brittany (Joshua) Haslage, Casandra Lopez, Anthony (Daliah) Diaz, Angelina DeLuna, Gilbert DeLuna, Jr., Erica DeLuna, Kelly DeLuna, Nathaniel DeLuna, Davina DeLuna, Julian DeLuna, Layla DeLuna, Leila DeLuna, Aubrey DeLuna, Mariah (Joshua) Titchener and Brandon Vigil; her siblings: Gilbert Saucedo, Anna Marie Garcia-Saucedo and Armando Saucedo-Lucero; as well as numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Yolanda is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Roberto "Beto", her sons: Reuben DeLuna, Tony DeLuna, and Robert DeLuna; her granddaughters Jessica DeLuna and Adelina DeLuna, and her siblings: Francisco Saucedo, Saragoza Saucedo, Gregorio Saucedo, Hereberto Saucedo, and Rebecca Moreno.

A Visitation will be held from 4:00-8:00 pm Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at the Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa. Prayers and scriptures will be held on Thursday, March 12th at 5:00 p.m. at Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa. A Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 13th at the River of Life at 2602 Clark St. in Alamosa. Interment will follow services in the Alamosa Cemetery.

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

ALAMOSA—The San Luis Valley Military Family Support Group meets the fourth Tuesday at from 5-6:30 p.m. in Alamosa. For more info call Vicki Jones at 852-3123.

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

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

ALAMOSA —The Alamosa Kiwanis Club meets on the second, third and fourth Thursdays at noon at IHOP. Contact: Amanda Wilkinson, 719-589-2564 or email amanda@alamosas-tatebank.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 or President Dawn Melgares at 719-580-0178. Visitors and new members are welcome.

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

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

SOUTH FORK — Kiwanis meets every Thursday at 8 a.m. at the Feelin' Good

Coffeehouse in South Fork. Contact: Karen Miller, 719-873-5466 or email mkmillermink@aol.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

MONTEVISTA—Valley Fiber Art Guild — VFA is a group for anyone interested in fiber arts: knitting, crocheting, weaving and spinning. We work on our individual projects, sometimes do projects together and learn from each other. We meet the fourth Saturday of every month from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at 757 County Rd. 29, .Monte Vista. Call or email Wanda

Couzens-Smith for more information at (719) 852-5000 or wcouzenssmith@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

ALAMOSA — Made up of community members who write in many different genres, the Sophia Circle meets weekly to provide support for writers and their writing projects in the downstairs conference room at the Colorado Welcome Center at Alamosa, 6th and State on Sundays from 1-3 p.m.. Writers may drop in on any meeting. Bring copies of the work you want to share. Call Holly at 719-588-7066.

CENTER — The Center Kiwanis meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Kiwanis Hall in Center. Contact Dick Ramstetter at 719-580-3329.

AA MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

7 p.m. Community

Church on Main St., Creede

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

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

AL-ANON

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. SLV Behavior

Health Group at 8745 CR 9S., Alamosa

THURSDAY

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

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

School Menu
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BREAKFAST
Pancake on a Stick
Juice & Fruit

ELEMENTARY
Domino's Pizza
Peas
Vegetable Bar

SECONDARY
Sloppy Joe
Corn
Vegetable Bar

An assortment of fresh fruit and canned fruit as well as fresh vegetables and canned vegetables will be offered weekly. Menu subject to change.

To sponsor the School Menu call 589-2553

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Valley News

IHOP, Shriners combine to support hospitals

ALAMOSA — IHOP restaurants nationwide celebrated Shriners Hospitals for Children on Tuesday, February 25, by offering free pancakes to its patrons. Many who came to eat pancakes donated to Shriners Hospitals.

Sand Dunes Shrine Club members and their wives “manned” the information table at the IHOP in Alamosa while blowing up balloons and tying them into fun shapes for the children.

Twenty-two Shriners hospitals in North America cater to the needs of children up to 18 years of age with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate problems. If their care is begun before the age of 18, it will be continued after the age of 18.

The club is currently assisting two local children with their needs, Urianna (“Uri”) Acosta from Monte Vista and Leah Climie from South Fork.

For over three years the local Sand Dunes Shrine Club has been assisting Monte Vista high school freshman student, Urianna Acosta. She was born with a condition called arthrogyriposis multiplex



Courtesy photo

IHOP and the Shriners' clubs everywhere team up for pancakes and assistance to Shriners hospitals.

tiring so quickly.

Three years ago, with her elbows locked in place, she was unable to feed herself. Now she can eat with limited assistance, and she can stand and walk short distances – dreams that once seemed an impossibility.

This year, with the help of Chris Vance, Monte Vista High School science and math instructor, this sharp, ambitious young woman built a robot that feeds those with mobility issues.

She programmed it to respond to commands from her phone. Her project was entered in the Science Fair held at Adams State on March 5.

With a smile always on her face, this determined young woman dreams of being a representative for Shriners Hospitals. She's a celebrity of sorts. Every time she returns to the Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia, where she has received her care, she is asked to be an ambassador for the hospital when they have fundraisers.

Born with a rare condition called caudal regression syndrome, Leah Climie, a vivacious seven-year-old from South Fork, is now walking with crutches. Her spine stopped developing in utero

at L4 (lumbar) which affects everything from the waist down. It also affected her hearing. Her parents were told she would never walk.

Three unsuccessful surgeries on her club feet (prior to Shriners) left her in a wheelchair, but the Shriners Hospital doctors removed her ankle bones which has allowed her to walk flat-footed with crutches or a walker. Her knees don't bend but “she races around the school with her walker” said her mom, Veronica. Nine surgeries including open heart surgery have not slowed down this little dynamo.

“She's very sharp and loves school,” her mom said. “And she's taking piano lessons.” Leah will be getting new ankle braces in March.

“She's really hard on her ankle braces,” said mom. “She needs a new pair about every six months!” “She's full of life,” she continued, “and she loves to tell jokes.”

After application and acceptance to a Shriners Hospital, children are assisted regardless of the families' ability to pay. If you know a San Luis Valley child under the age of 18, with burn or bone problems call 1-800-237-5055 to inquire. If accepted, that child will receive health care at no cost to the family.

Any health insurance the family may have will help to defray medical costs. The local Sand Dunes Shrine Club often helps with transportation costs. To speak to a local Shriners Hospital Representative call Ernie Kunej at 817-995-1398 or Tom Sanderson at 719-580-6200.

Like most clubs, the Sand Dunes Shrine Club is shrinking and needs new members to help continue their humanitarian efforts for children. They host the annual Shrine Circus which provides the funds used to help send local children to the Shriners hospitals.

This year the circus is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26 at Ski Hi Park in Monte Vista. Due to a lack of numbers, the Shriners can no longer approach as many businesses when soliciting for circus funds. If you are among those who don't receive a visit from a Shriners prior to the circus, please consider sending your donation to: Sand Dunes Shrine Club addressed to Art Jones, 1359 Swede Lane, Monte Vista, CO 81144.

“She's very sharp and loves school, and she's taking piano lessons.”

- Veronica Acosta said of daughter Urianna, one of many helped by Shriners hospitals

congenita (AMC), a stiffening of the bones which affects about one in 3,000 individuals.

She has had many surgeries to free her joints which were locked in place by the disease including her elbows, hips, legs, ankles and one thumb.

She is now able to wear pants and sit in a chair which, for most of us, are everyday actions we take for granted. In March she will be fitted with new leg braces to accommodate her growth. Later, her right thumb, which is locked in place against her palm, will be freed. Releasing the thumb will enable her to write more easily without her hand

Gobin's, Inc. announces honorary net promoter score



SOUTHERN COLORADO – Gobin's, Inc. was prestigiously recognized as No. 58 on the 2019 World Class

Service list, which is a yearly list produced by CEO Juice that recognizes and ranks the top participating companies

across all industries in North America for their service. To get on the World Class Service list, a company must have a Net Promoter Score (NPS) of above 70. The average US company NPS score is 10. Gobin's NPS score for 2019 was 93.83, which was well above the average.

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is considered “Good”. An NPS score above 50 is considered “Excellent”. An NPS score above 70 is considered “World Class”. The World Class list recognizes all compa-

nies with an NPS score above 70.

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uting to providing its outstanding customer service. Gobin's, Inc. would also like to recognize its loyal customer base for being amazing clientele.

ALMA seeks local bands for Battle of the Bands on May 9

ALAMOSA– Alamosa Live Music Association (ALMA) is having a Battle of the Bands on May 9, 6-10 PM, at Square Peg Brewerks' parking lot her. The victor gets a \$500 contract to perform at Sundays at Six on

August 16. Up to 5 bands will compete and each band will have approximately 25 minutes to WOW the audience. To submit your local band for consideration to be in the battle, send a clip of a live performance

to almaconcerts@gmail.com by April 1, 2020.

ALMA “Builds Community through Quality Live Music.” For more information like ALMA on Facebook or go to www.almaonline.org.

New Sierra Grande school to be unveiled

FORT GARLAND– A final design of the new Sierra Grande School will be unveiled at a public meeting and free dinner at the school gymnasium Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The PK-12 school design will be

presented by the school district design advisory group in collaboration with the board of education and professional consultants. Students, parents, alumni and community members are welcome to attend.



Courtesy photo

Located at the base of Mt. Blanca between Fort Garland and the town of Blanca, the new Sierra Grande School is shown as an architect's rendering. The final design of the new school will be revealed at a public meeting on Wednesday

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

HOSTED BY ALAMOSA LIVE MUSIC ASSOCIATION

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY COLORADO CALENDAR OF EVENTS March

SUNDAY • 8	MONDAY • 9	TUESDAY • 10	WEDNESDAY • 11	THURSDAY • 12	FRIDAY • 13	SATURDAY • 14
International Women's Day Coffee Shop Hop: 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Roast and 10 a.m. until close Starbucks Softball vs Black Hills State University, S.D. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Softball Field	Women's Week: Begin Building Wall of Shame 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. through Friday Japanese/American Memorial Garden	Women's Week: Male Advocates and Allies Panel 12 p.m. McDaniel Hall 101 Women's Week: Open Mic 7 p.m. SUB CoRE Center Play: <i>The Twilight Zone</i> and <i>Myths and Bricks Project</i> 7:30 p.m. Xperimental Theatre	Women's Week: <i>Feminist Archaeology: Finding Women in the Past</i> 12 p.m. McDaniel Hall 101 Women's Week Film and Discussion: <i>Iron Jawed Angels</i> 7 p.m. Art Building 227 Play: <i>The Twilight Zone</i> and <i>Myths and Bricks Project</i> 7:30 p.m. Xperimental Theatre 719-587-8499	Faculty Lecture: <i>Communication Design: Heart and Place</i> Bill Tite 7p.m. Porter Hall 130 Free Women's Week: <i>The National Popular Vote</i> 7 p.m. McDaniel 101 Play: <i>The Twilight Zone</i> and <i>Myths and Bricks Project</i> 7:30 p.m. Xperimental Theatre Zacheis Planetarium: Free Movies 7 p.m. <i>Distant Worlds: Alien Life?</i> 7:45 p.m. <i>Supervolcanoes</i>	Women's Week: Tear Down the Wall of Shame 1 p.m. Japanese/American Memorial Garden Baseball vs Colorado Christian University 3 p.m. Baseball Field Women's Week: Happy Hour and Game Night 5 p.m. Square Peg Brewerks Play: <i>The Twilight Zone</i> and <i>Myths and Bricks Project</i> 7:30 p.m. Xperimental Theatre	Zacheis Planetarium: Spring Break - No Movies Baseball vs Colorado Christian University 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. Baseball Field <p style="text-align: center;">www.adams.edu</p>
Through March 12 Cloyde Snook Gallery: <i>RECONSTRUCTION</i> by Kenny Nguyen Hatfield Gallery: <i>ex-votos</i> by Kenny Schneider, art alumnus Gallery Hours: 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday						

Opinion

Alamosa school district celebrates students

By MEGAN COLWELL
Courier reporter

ALAMOSA —The Alamosa school district's March board meeting began with board President, Elias Heredia reading the district's mission statement; to remind everyone why they have committed to educational work. The room bustled with excitement, as latecomers squeezed into a surprisingly packed room — one wouldn't

produced. However, as the students got to their own voices and one another, they began to develop confidence. Each believes the class contributed to a significant transformation in not only their writing skills, but also their perception of self. Many of them upperclassmen, Ms. Smith's class equipped students with the skills they'll need to succeed in higher education and life.

last minute, not caring whose name they put down. This results in unbalanced classrooms, with children being randomly placed after all the effort to ensure they were not.

They proposed, rather than changing the request policy, changing the language of the teacher-request form — specifically, omitting the sentence: "Your child is guaranteed to be placed in one of the three teacher's classrooms." The Board heard the argument and encouraged teachers to write-up a new form. They also suggested creating protocols that anticipate the possible push-back from the community.

The meeting ended with the Superintendent Report, led by Superintendent, Rob Alejo, who listed off various updates and proposed policies. A few highlighted policies are related to: bullying and bullying reporting (policy JICDE-E1 and E2) and suspension/expulsion of students (policies JKD/JKE and JKD/ JKE-R). The Board discussed the benefits and pitfalls of these policies, including but not limited to: unnecessary convolution in paperwork/ processes, problems with legitimacy of reports, and the fact Colorado already has comprehensive bullying and suspension policies in place.



Photo by Meg Colwell

Young authors pose with their publication. From left to right: Emelia Abbey, Unique Ross, Kaitlyn Nickols, Elizabeth Bell and Haillie Perry.

believe this was a late, 7 p.m. meeting full of folks who had just ended the workday.

The meeting's first agenda item, "District Celebrations," opened the floor for members to share recent successes. Assistant Superintendent, Marsha Cody, celebrates Ortega middle school, for being so invested in their students. Board Secretary, Katrina Brown, gave a shout out to teachers "for getting through the third quarter" — this elicits tired giggles from the crowd.

Board Treasurer, April Gonzales, celebrates the seniors of Alamosa high school's (AHS) girls' basketball team. Gonzales says: "They really went above and beyond to make the new girls feel comfortable and welcomed."

AHS went on to celebrate the success of Future Farmer's of America (FFA) students. Agriculture instructor, Justin Tedford and students, Trista Simmons, Emma Turner and Newin Fowler embarked on a project to discover the most efficient way to produce potatoes in a greenhouse. Actual farmer, Brendon Rockey — owner of Rockey Farms in Center — struck a deal: for every pound of potatoes the students produced, Rockey would donate \$25.

Tonight, their hard work paid off. Rockey presented a check for \$2500 to the students, Tedford and AHS principal, Andy Lavier. Rockey said: "You say I 'donated' this money but this is business! You [the students] are contributing to potato production in



Photo by Meg Colwell

Rockey Farms owner presents AHS students, Trista Simmons, Emma Turner and Newin Fowler; AHS agriculture instructor, Justin Tedford and AHS principal, Andy Lovier with a \$2500 check for the students' potato production.

Assistant Treasurer, Gloria Solis, finally got to attend an AHS meeting and was moved by the teachers' passion. It is clear the Alamosa school district recognizes and encourages heart in their faculty and staff members.

The student reports were also celebratory, with young students accomplishing great things. This partly explained all of the giddy parents and kids in attendance. AHS' creative writing teacher, Anna Smith, recognized the "Young Excellence" in her creative writing class. Over the course of the semester, her 28 students created writing pieces to be presented to the public for possible publication. Of the 28, 26 students' work was chosen to be published in an anthology.

Five of Ms. Smith's students attended the meeting with her and spoke about the growth they experienced in Smith's class. All shared the initial apprehension of being so vulnerable with classmates — shyness, insecurity, etc. kept them from wanting to share the private and intimate writing they

the San Luis Valley and I support it."

Next on the agenda was a presentation on a new career-readiness program: ICAP. ICAP builds on the career-readiness programming the Alamosa school district already has in place, but allows the program to be better tailored to individual students.

The agenda item that received the most time revolved around a parent-teacher request policy. Nearly 20 teachers showed up to speak about the complications the existing parent-teacher request policy creates. The policy allows parents, at the end of each school year, to complete a teacher-request form; in which they choose three teachers they'd prefer their child to be placed with for the following year. The parents are expected to choose teachers that will best fit their child's educational needs.

Tonight, the teachers argued the majority of parents aren't choosing teachers based on their child's educational needs, but rather who their neighbor suggested — or even choosing

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Valley Living

Chris Arellano and Nuevo Americana return to Society Hall

ALAMOSA— Society Hall, the performance space, concert hall and community gathering place at 400 Ross Ave. in Alamosa, is proud to welcome Chris Arellano and his band back to the Society Hall stage, on Saturday, March 14th, at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door and are available at the Green Spot in Alamosa or online at www.societyhall.org.

Chris is a native of Costilla, New Mexico, perched right on the Colorado border at the southern end of the San Luis Valley. He grew up playing drums for local gigs in his father's band, but his musical journey has since taken him from the Musician's Institute in Los Angeles, to major label record deals in Nashville, through performances in New York City to running his own music teaching academy in Oregon.

Arellano has a remarkable range of musical influences and expressions, from the Norteno music he grew up playing in his father's band, to the high desert folk/Americana music he learned to love in Red River, New Mexico, while learning to write songs with his friend and mentor Eddy Lee Bullington, well known to area audiences as a member (with Michael Hearne) of the popular South by Southwest band, and also as a member (with Don Richmond) of the regional favorite Hired Hands.

Chris is able to blend these different musical streams seamlessly, and delightfully, in his music that he calls "Nuevo Americana" (also the name of his band and the title of his CD), creating a true expression of the beauty, richness and diversity of the musical heritage of this area.

If you add in his superb command of multiple stringed instruments and voice, honed by years of experience as a recording artist, studio musician and producer in Nashville, and you have the ingredients of a remarkable performer, and an amazing musical evening. Chris will also be joined at Society Hall by his



Courtesy photo
Chris Arellano and his band Nuevo Americana will grace the stage at Society Hall on Saturday March 14th.

brother Rodney on bass and Taos pedal steel guitarist Scott Harris.

Chris's second CD, released on Alamosa's own Howlin' Dog Records, features several original songs, two of his father's Norteno-styled tunes, as well as songs from his mentor Eddy Lee and Nashville legend and friend Verlon Thompson. The CD has received rave reviews from fans and DJ's alike, and is in heavy rotation on regional radio.

Two cuts from Arellano's previously released self-titled album held #1 positions on New Mexico Radio Charts and

Cuentas Que Te Vas and Puno de Tierra were respectively the #6 and #3 most requested songs of the year in 2015. This CD project also received a Los 15 Grandes De Nuevo Mexico Music Award from the New Mexico Latin Music Academy.

In 2016, the album received nine separate nominations for New Mexico Hispano Music Association Awards, including Songwriter of the Year, Artist

of the Year, and the Rising Star Award.

The board of Society Hall, a 501c-3 non-profit organization, invites lovers of music of all kinds to join them Saturday, March 14th at 7:30 pm, for an evening of the beautiful and moving music of Chris Arellano and Nuevo Americana. Doors open at 6:30. As always, wine, beer, soft drinks and snacks will be available. Society Hall – where community celebrates.

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Local update on Coronavirus

SAN LUIS VALLEY – Coronavirus has been dominating the news in Colorado and around the world. The San Luis Valley Public Health Partnership has been receiving questions from the local community.

What is the current status of COVID-19 in the San Luis Valley?

Colorado began seeing presumptive cases of COVID-19 this past week. A presumptive case means that a test has been processed and determined for COVID-19 by the lab at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), but that a confirmation of the test result has not yet been made by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

As of right now, there are no presumptive cases in the San Luis Valley. However, this is a rapidly evolving situation, and what we're seeing in other areas advises us that once spread is detected in a community, cases can increase quickly. Given that, our recommendations may alter.

What can I do to help prevent the spread of disease?

Stay informed and take simple preventive actions.

Practice good hygiene. Thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water; in the absence of soap and water, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol; cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash; avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands

Stay home if you're sick; keep your children home if they are sick.

Can pets spread COVID-19?

CDC does not have any evidence to suggest

that animals or animals imported from affected geographic areas pose a risk for spreading COVID-19 in the United States.

Is there a vaccine that can stop COVID-19 from spreading?

COVID-19 is such a new virus that a vaccine has not yet been developed. The influenza virus is not designed to fight COVID-19. However, public health does encourage people to get a flu vaccine each year to fight influenza, which can also be a dangerous disease.

What is my County Public Health Agency doing to prepare?

For many years Local Public Health agencies have devoted time and energy to planning and practice to respond to potential widespread disease outbreaks. In the short time since COVID-19 was identified as a potential threat, local agencies have been in frequent communication with CDPHE and with local partners in the health care community in order to prepare for this particular disease outbreak.

Is the Valley prepared for a possible spread of the virus?

A community's resilience depends in large part on individuals and families doing their part. There is no evidence of community spread in Colorado at this time, but this is a good time to be calm and get prepared. FEMA guidance for pre-pandemic COVID-19 preparedness is available on Ready.gov.

Helpful information about getting your household ready for coronavirus is available on CDC's website. The CDC.gov coronavirus 2019 website also has more specific guidance for schools, businesses, and communities, as well

as for people at higher risk and special populations.

What if I have other questions?

More online information is available on SLV Health's FAQ page as well as CDPHE's coronavirus web page.

People who have general questions about coronavirus disease 2019, can call CO HELP at 303-389-1687 or 1-877-462-2911 or email them at COHELP@RMPDC.org, for answers in English and Spanish.

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Sports

Grizzlies split series with Black Hills State

By **CORRI ZAIGER**

ASU Sports Information Assistant
ALAMOSA —Adams State Softball earns their second conference win in game two of their doubleheader against Black Hills State. The Grizzlies and Yellow Jackets posted a tough defensive battle in game one, falling 1-3 and heated up their bats in game two winning 20-9 over Black Hills State.

Game One

Both Grizzlies and Yellow Jackets battled it out defensively throughout the first game. Black Hills State and Adams State posted a three up, three down first inning. The Grizzlies got their first hit in the top of the second with a double to right. The Yellow Jacket pitcher followed up with three strikeouts. The Yellow Jackets got their first hit in the bottom of the third from a single up the middle.

Kyrah Archibald broke the Grizzlies dry spell with an inside-the-park home run down the right-field line. Adams State led 1-0 moving into the bottom half of the inning. The Yellow Jackets quickly responded with a one-out, home run to tie the game at one. With scoreless fifth and sixth innings, the Yellow Jackets crushed a two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning to win

3-1 over the Grizzlies.

Kyrah Archibald, Analiese Rodriguez and Sydney Muniz all went 1-3 in game one, totaling Adams State's three hits. Kelty Key was inside the circle for the Grizzlies today, completing 6.1 innings, and faced 23 at-bats. The Yellow Jackets pitcher, Crystal Amaral earned the win collecting 10 strikeouts on the day.

Game Two

Game two was a very different game than the first. Adams State got things started off in the top of the first. Samantha McDonald led the inning off, getting on base by an error. Alyssa Castaneda hit a sac bunt to advance McDonald to second. Tyler Hays singled to center and moved McDonald over to third. Rodriguez hit an RBI groundout to put the Grizzlies up 1-0 in the top of the first. The Yellow Jackets did not respond until the bottom of the second. With two outs, Black Hills State hit a ground-rule double, followed by a single to score their first run.

The Grizzlies bounced back in the top of the third, starting with a double down the left-field line by Hays. With the bases loaded from back-to-back walks, Maya Ramos-Moreno doubled to deep right to score Hays and Rodriguez. Sydney



Muniz joined in on the fun and crushed a three-run home run to left field.

The Grizzlies led 6-1 as they moved into the top of the fourth. With two on and two outs, Shelby Haskins hit a ground-rule double to score McDonald. Moreno followed up with a single to score Hays, putting the Grizzlies up 8-1. Muniz came up again with two aboard and hit a bomb to centerfield for her second three-run home run of the game. Adams State led 11-1 moving into the bottom of the fourth.

Black Hills State responded with 8 runs on six hits to close the gap. With two outs and bases loaded, the Yellow Jackets hit a single to right to score two. Black Hills continued their momentum following with two singles and a double, cutting the Grizzly lead, 11-7. The Yellow Jackets continued to battle, hitting a two-run home run.

Only leading 11-9 moving into the top

of the fifth, Adams State rallied back. Hays again got the inning started with a base hit. After a walk to Haskins, Moreno hit a single to second to score Hays. Muniz came through, yet again, with a base clearing triple to centerfield. Now leading 15-9, Adams State continued their rally reaching on two consecutive errors. McDonald hit a single to the pitcher to score their 16th run. The Grizzlies put up three more, reaching on errors and a single by Castaneda. The Grizzlies closed the game in five innings winning 20-9 over Black Hills State.

Sydney Muniz was the player of the game for Adams State, going 3-4 with 8 RBIs, two three-run home runs and a triple. Moreno was also a player of the game going 4-4 with 4 RBIs. Tyler Hays was also a very influential offensive player, going 4-5 with one RBI. Jade Garbiso led the Grizzlies in the circle, pitching a complete five innings, facing 26 at-bats and totaled 6 strikeouts.

The Grizzlies will be back out on the road next weekend for a pod series in St. George, Utah. The Grizzlies will take on Colorado Mesa and Dixie State Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 15.

Basketball continues postseason on the road

There are still seven valley teams alive in playoff basketball brackets. Alamosa boys, Centauri boys and girls in 3A. Del Norte girls, Sanford boys and girls in 2A. And Sangre de Cristo girls in 1A.

As with the past few seasons, the playoffs will take place in three different cities. 3A will travel to Denver University (DU). DU will be the home of the remaining 14 games in both the boys and girls brackets. Alamosa boys cleared their first two games in the state tournament to qualify for the Great 8. There Alamosa will face a familiar opponent in Faith Christian. The Moose defeated the Eagles earlier this season

at the Glenwood Springs Invitational 56-53. Alamosa takes on Faith Christian on Thursday at 1:15 p.m.

Centauri's boys and girls both cleared their home quadrants. The boys will take on the defending state champions in Manual. Manual boasts the No. 1 scorer in 3A basketball in Jaden Stoffell. Falcons meet the Thunderbolts at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday. The Centauri girls will also play on Thursday. The Lady Falcons will take on University at 4 p.m.

The valley's 2A teams will head to the other end of the state for state tournament play in Budweiser Event Center in

Loveland, Colorado.

Del Norte maintained momentum against Peyton with a buzzer-beating 3-pointer at the half from Kendra Parra. The Tigers kept the heat on to take the win and advance to the state tournament. Del Norte is seeded fourth in the tournament and will be the home team on the scoreboard to No. 5 Wray at 8:45 a.m. on Thursday morning. Sanford ran away from Burlington on Saturday to punch their ticket to state. Sanford will take the No. 4 seed to the boys squad from Wray's 5 seed at 10:15 a.m. The final 2A team from the valley at state

will be Sanford's girls. The Sanford ladies will take on third-seeded Rye. The Thunderbolts are the only undefeated team in the bracket. Sanford vs. Rye will tipoff at 11:45 a.m.

Both Sangre de Cristo teams played in district tournament championships on Saturday. The Sangre girls were able to best DeBeque 51-33. The boys could not get past Ouray and fell 61-52. The lady Thunderbirds will take on third-seeded South Baca as their first competition in the 1A State tournament. Sangre and South Baca are slated for an 8:45 a.m. start.



Photos by Stephen Jiron and Vibrant Valley

1. Sanford's Clay Canty (22) loads up a shot against Burlington. 2 McKenna Bagwell (20) shoots in front of Alamosa's Terese Chavez (2) during their meeting on Saturday. 3. Centauri's McKay Russell (30) drops in a lay-up during the Falcon's victory over Manitou Springs. 4. The Del Norte girls basketball team poses with their regional champion plaque.

Results

Adams State Baseball

March 6 Dixie State 9, ASU 1
March 7 Dixie State 22, ASU 2
Dixie State 23, ASU 2
March 8 Dixie State 8, ASU 1

Prep Basketball

March 6
3A State Tournament
Alamosa 60, Riverdale Ridge 39 (G)
Centauri 59, Kent Denver 44 (G)
Centauri 65, Salida 51 (B)
Alamosa 59, Lamar 46 (B)
2A Regional Tournament
Del Norte 46, Mancos 21 (G)
Sanford 49, Telluride 30 (B)
Limon 79, Del Norte 45 (B)
Rye 63, Center 19 (G)
Ignacio 51, Sargent 29 (G)
Sanford 67, Hayden 61 (G)
Holly 70, Center 51 (B)
March 7
3A State Tournament
Alamosa 46, DSST: Byers 41 (B)
Centauri 43, Alamosa 15 (G)
Centauri 68, Manitou Springs 53 (B)
2A Regional Tournaments
Del Norte 60, Peyton 48 (G)
Sanford 56, Burlington 38 (B)
Sanford 46, Heritage Christian 37 (G)
1A Regional Tournaments

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Ouray 61, Sangre de Cristo 52 (B)
Sangre de Cristo 51, DeBeque 33 (G)
Adams State Lacrosse
March 2 Otterbein University 17, ASU 7 (M)
March 4 New England College 19, ASU 1 (W)
March 7 Davenport University 13, ASU 10 (M)
Johnson & Wales 12, ASU 10 (W)
March 8 Rockhurst 27, ASU 0 (W)
Adams State Softball
March 7 ASU 6, Black Hills State 1
Black Hills State 9, ASU 7
March 8 Black Hills State 3, ASU 1
ASU 20, Black Hills State 9
Upcoming Events
Adams State Baseball
March 13 3 p.m. Colorado Christian at ASU
March 14 12/3 p.m. Colorado Christian at ASU (DH)
March 15 12 p.m. Colorado Christian at ASU
Prep Basketball
March 12 3A State Tournament Quarterfinals at Denver University, Denver, CO

1:15 p.m. 11. Alamosa vs 3. Faith Christian (B)
4 p.m. 6. Centauri vs 3. University (G)
5:30 p.m. 5. Centauri vs 4. Manual (B)

2A State Basketball Tournaments at Budweiser Event Center, Loveland, CO
8:45 a.m. 4. Del Norte vs 5. Wray (G)
10:15 a.m. 4. Sanford vs 5. Wray (B)
11:45 a.m. 3. Rye vs 6. Sanford (G)

1A State Basketball Matchup at Hancock-Butler Arena, Greeley, CO
8:45 a.m. 6. Sangre de Cristo vs 3. South Baca (G)

Adams State Lacrosse

March 14 12/3 p.m. ASU at CSU-P (M)

Adams State Softball

March 14 1 p.m. ASU vs. Colorado Mesa at Dixie State
3 p.m. ASU at Dixie State
March 15 11 a.m. ASU vs. Colorado Mesa at Dixie State
1 p.m. ASU at Dixie State

Adams State Wrestling

March 13 NCAA DII National Tournament
All Day ASU at Sioux Falls, SD
Schedules subject to change

Arby's All-Star Game

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

Public Notices

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TO: JENNIFER GUZMAN-DURANTES:

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You are further notified that the Court has set a hearing on the following date and time:
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You are further notified that TERMINATION OF THE PARENT-CHILD LEGAL RELATIONSHIP IS A POSSIBLE REMEDY AVAILABLE IF THIS PETITION ALLEGING THAT THE CHILD/REN IS/ARE DEPENDENT OR NEGLECTED IS SUSTAINED. A SEPARATE HEARING MUST BE HELD BEFORE SUCH TERMINATION IS ORDERED. TERMINATION OF THE PARENT-CHILD LEGAL RELATIONSHIP MEANS THAT THE CHILD/REN WHO IS/ARE SUBJECT TO THIS PETITION WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION.

Pursuant to Rule 4.1 of the Colorado Rules of Juvenile Procedure, a responsive pleading is not required, although you may file one, if you so desire, nor is it necessary for you to deny any allegations of the Petition, except jurisdictional matters of age and residence of the child/ren which shall be deemed admitted unless specifically denied. You are further informed that if you choose to appear at the hearing at the time and place hereinabove stated, you shall be fully advised by the Court of your constitutional and legal rights pursuant to C.R.S. 19-3-202, as amended. You may demand a trial by jury of not more than six. Unless a jury is demanded, it shall be deemed to be waived. You have the right to be represented by counsel at every stage of the proceedings. If you request representation by an attorney and you are found to be without financial means to afford an attorney, an attorney will be appointed for you by the Court.

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 2) The right to know the nature of the allegations contained in the Petition;
 3) Any admission on your part must be voluntary;
 4) If you admit the allegations of the Petition, the Court is not bound by any promises or representations made by anyone about the dispositional alternatives by the Court;
 5) The Court may appoint an attorney as a Guardian ad Litem to represent the interest of the child/ren.
 6) The right to present evidence;
 7) The right to cross examine witnesses;
 8) The right to appeal;
 9) In order for the Court to find the child/ren to be neglected or dependent, it must be proven to a judge or jury by the preponderance of evidence;
 10) In order to terminate the parent-child legal relationship, the Court would have to find at a separate hearing by clear and convincing evidence either of the following:
 a) That the child/ren has/have been adjudicated dependent and neglected and has/have been abandoned by his/her/their parent or parents.
 b) That the child/ren is/are adjudicated dependent or neglected, and the Court has found by clear and convincing evidence that no appropriate treatment plan can be devised to address the unfitness of the parent or parents.
 c) That the child/ren is/are adjudicated dependent or neglected and all of the following exist:
 (I) That an appropriate treatment plan approved by the Court has not been reasonably complied with by the parent or parents or has not been successful;(II) That the parent is unfit;
 (III) That the conduct or condition of the parent or parents is unlikely to change within a reasonable amount of time;
 WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 5TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK OF THE COURT
 By: /s/ Hollie Wheelwright
 JUDICIAL ASSISTANT
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
 IN THE INTEREST OF:
 R.G.-G. (D.O.B. 12/23/2002);
 J.G. (D.O.B. 01/16/2005)
 T.M. (D.O.B. 01/26/2016) CHILDREN
 AND CONCERNING:
 W.M. (D.O.B. 04/06/1979)
 J.M. (D.O.B. 05/20/1981) RESPONDENTS
 S.F., SPECIAL RESPONDENT.
 COURT USE ONLY
 Case Number: 2019JV53
 Div.: Ctrm:
 Attorney for Rio Grande County Dept of Social Services:
 W. Ryan Dunn
 Address: PO Box 40 Del Norte, CO 81132
 Phone: 719 657-3381 Fax: 719 657-4013
 E-Mail: Reg No: 39307
ALIAS SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
TO: LOUIS FLORES:

You are hereby notified that a Verified Petition for Adjudication of Dependency and Neglect of the above-named child/ren has been filed in the above-named Court in which it is represented to the Court that the child/ren, is/are dependent or neglected for the reasons set forth more fully in said Petition, the original of which is on file in the above Court and copies of which will be made available to you upon request during normal business hours at the office of the Clerk of the District Court in Rio Grande County.

You are further notified that the Court has set a hearing on the following date and time:
 DATE: MARCH 11, 2020
 TIME: 9:00 A.M.
 LOCATION: RIO GRANDE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
 925 6TH STREET (3RD FLOOR, DISTRICT COURT ROOM)
 DEL NORTE, CO 81132

You are further notified that TERMINATION OF THE PARENT-CHILD LEGAL RELATIONSHIP IS A POSSIBLE REMEDY AVAILABLE IF THIS PETITION ALLEGING THAT THE CHILD/REN IS/ARE DEPENDENT OR NEGLECTED IS SUSTAINED. A SEPARATE HEARING MUST BE HELD BEFORE SUCH TERMINATION IS ORDERED. TERMINATION OF THE PARENT-CHILD LEGAL RELATIONSHIP MEANS THAT THE CHILD/REN WHO IS/ARE SUBJECT TO THIS PETITION WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION.

Pursuant to Rule 4.1 of the Colorado Rules of Juvenile Procedure, a responsive pleading is not required, although you may file one, if you so desire, nor is it necessary for you to deny any allegations of the Petition, except jurisdictional matters of age and residence of the child/ren which shall be deemed admitted unless specifically denied. You are further informed that if you choose to appear at the hearing at the time and place hereinabove stated, you shall be fully advised by the Court of your constitutional and legal rights pursuant to C.R.S. 19-3-202, as amended. You may demand a trial by jury of not more than six. Unless a jury is demanded, it shall be deemed to be waived. You have the right to be represented by counsel at every stage of the proceedings. If you request representation by an attorney and you are found to be without financial means to afford an attorney, an attorney will be appointed for you by the Court.

You are further advised that, if the court finds that the allegations in the Petition are supported by the necessary standards of proof, the Court shall hold a dispositional hearing, but that in a proper case, providing prior notice thereof is given to you, and, you are now so advised, the dispositional hearing may be had co-extensively with the adjudicatory hearing.

If you fail to enter your appearance, or if you fail to deny jurisdictional matters, if any, as permitted by law, the above matter, and any other related matters that may come before the Court will be decided without further notice to you.

Furthermore, you have the following additional rights:
 1) The right to subpoena witnesses;
 2) The right to know the nature of the allegations contained in the Petition;
 3) Any admission on your part must be voluntary;
 4) If you admit the allegations of the Petition, the Court is not bound by any promises or representations made by anyone about the dispositional alternatives by the Court;
 5) The Court may appoint an attorney as a Guardian ad Litem to represent the interest of the child/ren.
 6) The right to present evidence;
 7) The right to cross examine witnesses;
 8) The right to appeal;
 9) In order for the Court to find the child/ren to be neglected or dependent, it must be proven to a judge or jury by the preponderance of evidence;
 10) In order to terminate the parent-child legal relationship, the Court would have to find at a separate hearing by clear and convincing evidence either of the following:
 a) That the child/ren has/have been adjudicated dependent and neglected and has/have been abandoned by his/her/their parent or parents.
 b) That the child/ren is/are adjudicated dependent or neglected, and the Court has found by clear and convincing evidence that no appropriate treatment plan can be devised to address the unfitness of the parent or parents.
 c) That the child/ren is/are adjudicated dependent or neglected and all of the following exist:
 (I) That an appropriate treatment plan approved by the Court has not been reasonably complied with by the parent or parents or has not been successful;(II) That the parent is unfit;
 (III) That the conduct or condition of the parent or parents is unlikely to change within a reasonable amount of time;
 WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 5TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK OF THE COURT
 By: /s/ Hollie Wheelwright
 JUDICIAL ASSISTANT
 No. 1345
 Published in the Valley Courier on March 10, 2020

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the herein-after Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:
 Sunsties Development Corp
 P.O. Box 700
 Haleiwa, HI 96712
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 12th day of November 2015, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Alamosa County the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:
 SANGRE DE CRISTO ESTATES BLOCK 6 LOT 4 UNIT 15 5.05AC M/L WD REC #287878 5-7-98
 Parcel Number: 513724202004
 Certificate Number: 434
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Alamosa County.
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2014;
 That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Sunsties Development Corp for said year 2014;
 That on the 26th day of November 2019, said Alamosa County assigned said certificate of purchase to LandDiscounts LLC;
 That said LandDiscounts LLC on the 22nd day of November 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
 That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to LandDiscounts LLC on the 24th day of June 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
 This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on March 3, 2020, March 10, 2020 and March 17, 2020.
 Witness my hand this 25th day of February 2020
 Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado
 No. 1330
 Published in the Valley Courier on March 03, 10, and 17, 2020

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the herein-after Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:
 Cottonwoods Phase II LLC
 PO BOX 2097
 Durango, CO 81302
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2012, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:
 LOT 6 COTTONWOODS BLK 7 RESUB POR BLKS 4, 7, 8 & 9 .360AC WD REC #324625 12-07-05
 Parcel Number: 541303001007
 Certificate Number: 114
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano.
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2011;
 That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Cottonwoods Phase II LLC for said year 2011;
 That said David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 4th day of December 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
 That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 1st day of July 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
 This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on March 10, 2020, March 17, 2020 and March 24, 2020.
 Witness my hand this 3rd day of March 2020
 Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado
 No. 1336
 Published in the Valley Courier on March 10, 17, 24, 2020

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the herein-after Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:
 Cottonwoods Phase II LLC
 PO BOX 2097
 Durango, CO 81302
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2012, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:
 LOT 7 COTTONWOODS BLK 7 RESUB POR BLKS 4, 7, 8 & 9 .359AC WD REC #324625 12-07-05
 Parcel Number: 541303001008
 Certificate Number: 115
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano.
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2011;
 That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Cottonwoods Phase II LLC for said year 2011;
 That said David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 4th day of December 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
 That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 1st day of July 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
 This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on March 10, 2020, March 17, 2020 and March 24, 2020.
 Witness my hand this 3rd day of March 2020
 Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado
 No. 1337
 Published in the Valley Courier on March 10, 17, and 24, 2020

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the herein-after Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:
 Cottonwoods Phase II LLC
 PO BOX 2097
 Durango, CO 81302
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2012, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:
 LOT 8 COTTONWOODS BLK 7 RESUB POR BLKS 4, 7, 8 & 9 .401AC WD REC #324625 12-07-05
 Parcel Number: 541303001009
 Certificate Number: 116
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano.
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2011;
 That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Cottonwoods Phase II LLC for said year 2011;
 That said David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 4th day of December 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
 That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 1st day of July 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
 This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on March 3, 2020, March 10, 2020 and March 17, 2020.
 Witness my hand this 25th day of February 2020
 Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado
 No. 1328
 Published in the Valley Courier on March 03, 10, and 17, 2020

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 Cottonwoods Phase II LLC
 PO BOX 2097
 Durango, CO 81302
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2012, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:
 LOT 9 COTTONWOODS BLK 7 RESUB POR BLKS 4, 7, 8 & 9 .401AC WD REC #324625 12-07-05
 Parcel Number: 541303001010
 Certificate Number: 117
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano.
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2011;
 That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Cottonwoods Phase II LLC for said year 2011;
 That said David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 4th day of December 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
 That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 1st day of July 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
 This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on March 10, 2020, March 17, 2020 and March 24, 2020.
 Witness my hand this 3rd day of March 2020
 Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado
 No. 1339
 Published in the Valley Courier on March 10, 17, and 24, 2020

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION AND CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF RESULTS

\$1-13-513(6), 32-1-104, 1-11-103(3) C.R.S.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Mineral Rio Grande Health Service District, Mineral and Rio Grande Counties, 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 canceled pursuant to section 1-13-513(6) C.R.S.
 The following candidates are hereby declared elected:
 Starr Pearson (3 year term)
 until May, 2023
 Sharon Nash (3 year term)
 until May, 2023
 (Signature of the Designated Election Official)
 Amy Garoutte
 (DEO's Printed Name)
 Contact Person for the District: Amy Garoutte
 Telephone Number of the District: 719-937-3019
 Address of the District: PO Box 316 Saguaque, CO 81149
 District Facsimile Number:
 District Email: amyr.bookkeeping@gmail.com
 No. 1341
 Published in the Valley Courier on March 10, 17, and 24, 2020

NOTICE OF PASSAGE Ordinance No. 5-2020

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at a regular meeting of the Alamosa City Council duly called, Council finally passed and adopted Ordinance No. 5-2020, an ordinance amending Chapter 21 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alamosa (The Uniform Development Code) to update use restrictions consistent with the downtown design plan; to change the sign provisions to address maintenance and obsolescence and encourage signs of exceptional design; and to clean up various small inconsistencies in the code and amend allowed uses in the CB zone to allow for some mixed residential use.
 Further notice is hereby given that the full text thereof is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the Office of the City Clerk.
 Alamosa City Council
 Holly C. Martinez
 City Clerk
 No. 1346
 Published in the Valley Courier on March 10, 2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING On Ordinance No. 8-2020

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 8-2020, an Ordinance amending Section 10-221(f)(4) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alamosa, Colorado to eliminate the requirement that mobile food vehicles be located on hard surface paving. This ordinance was accepted on first reading on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, and a Public Hearing thereon set for Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. This hearing will be held in Alamosa Council Chambers, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado.
 Further notice is given that any and all persons of interest may appear at said hearing and be heard in this matter, and that the full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the office of the City Clerk.
 Alamosa City Council
 Holly C. Martinez,
 City Clerk
 No. 1348
 Published in the Valley Courier on March 10, 2020.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING On Ordinance No. 7-2020

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 7-2020, an ordinance amending the established pay plan for City officers and employees in accordance with Article III, Section 11 of the Charter and as referred to in Section 15-2 of the Code of Ordinances, concerning personnel rules and regulations and pay plan for City Officers and employees. This ordinance amends Ordinance 31-2019 the 2020 Pay Plan to address restructuring in the Utility Division.
 This ordinance was accepted on first reading on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, and a Public Hearing thereon set for Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. This hearing will be held in Alamosa Council Chambers, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado.
 Further notice is given that any and all persons of interest may appear at said hearing and be heard in this matter, and that the full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the office of the City Clerk.
 Alamosa City Council
 Holly C. Martinez,
 City Clerk
 NO. 1347
 Published in the Valley Courier on March 10, 2020

?District Court ?Denver Probate Court

Alamosa County, Colorado
 Court Address: 8955 Independence Way
 Alamosa, CO 81101
 Phone Number: 719-589-4996
 In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN E. KREINER, Deceased
 COURT USE ONLY
 Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address):
 Karl Kuenhold, Law Office of Karl Kuenhold, LLC
 808 Third St
 Alamosa, CO 81101
 Phone Number: 719-589-3688 E-mail: karl@kuenholdlaw.com
 Atty. Reg. #: 40164
 Case Number: 2020 PR 30009
 Division Courtroom
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S.
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Estate of JOHN E. KREINER, Deceased
 Case Number 2020 PR 30009
 All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to ?District Court of Alamosa, County, Colorado or ?Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado on or before July 10, 2020 (date), or the claims may be forever barred.
 Personal Representative:
 Betty Kathleen Henderson
 703 La Plata Drive
 Farmington, NM 87401
 No. 1349
 Published in the Valley Courier on March 10, 17, and 24, 2020

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 Cottonwoods Phase II LLC
 P.O. Box 2097
 Durango, CO 81302
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2012, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:
 LOT 2 COTTONWOODS BLK 7 .522AC WD REC #324625 12-07-05
 Parcel Number: 541303001003
 Certificate Number: 110
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano.
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2011;
 That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Cottonwoods Phase II LLC for said year 2011;
 That said David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 12th day of November 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
 That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 24th day of June 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
 This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on March 3, 2020, March 10, 2020 and March 17, 2020.
 Witness my hand this 24th day of February 2020
 Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado
 No. 1326
 Published in the Valley Courier on March 03, 10,17,2020

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 P.O. Box 2097
 Durango, CO 81302
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 LOT 3 COTTONWOODS BLK 7 RESUB POR BLKS 4, 7, 8 & 9 .442AC WD REC #324625 12-07-05
 Parcel Number: 541303001004
 Certificate Number: 111
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano.
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2011;
 That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Cottonwoods Phase II LLC for said year 2011;
 That said David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 12th day of November 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
 That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 24th day of June 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
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 Witness my hand this 25th day of February 2020
 Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado
 No. 1327
 Published in the Valley Courier on March 03, 10 and 17, 2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bids will be received by Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc., 128 Market St, Alamosa, CO 81101 for janitorial services at our San Luis Valley, Lower Arkansas Valley, Canon City, and Buena Vista sites. Bids will be received until Wednesday, April 8th, 2020 at 2:00 PM MDT. A mandatory pre-bid conference will take place at the Administrative Services Building, 128 Market St., Alamosa, CO 81101 on Monday, March 16st, 2020 at 10:00 AM MDT. Bidders are invited to pick up a copy of the RFP at our Administrative Services Building, 128 Market St, Alamosa, CO 81101 or via download at https://wwhs.org/news/valley-wide-seeks-rlp-janitorial-services.
 No. 1332
 Published in the Valley Courier on March 05, and 10, 2020

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 P.O. Box 2097
 Durango, CO 81302
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 LOT 4 COTTONWOODS BLK 7 RESUB POR BLKS 4, 7, 8 & 9 .426AC WD REC #324625 12-07-05
 Parcel Number: 541303001005
 Certificate Number: 112
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano.
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2011;
 That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Cottonwoods Phase II LLC for said year 2011;
 That said David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 12th day of November 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;
 That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 24th day of June 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;
 Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.
 This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on March 3, 2020, March 10, 2020 and March 17, 2020.
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 Amy McKinley, Treasurer of Alamosa County, Colorado
 No. 1328
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 Cottonwoods Phase II LLC
 P.O. Box 2097
 Durango, CO 81302
 You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2012, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:
 LOT 5 COTTONWOODS BLK 7 RESUB POR BLKS 4, 7, 8 & 9 .424AC WD REC #324625 12-07-05
 Parcel Number: 541303001006
 Certificate Number: 113
 and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano.
 That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2011;
 That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Cottonwoods Phase II LLC for said year 2011;<

Classifieds

221 HELP WANTED

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

221 HELP WANTED

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)

YOUR LUCK IS about to change! Visiting Angels is Now hiring compassionate caregivers to do non-medical in-home care in the San Luis Valley, CO area. Flexible Shift Availability. Full time and part time positions. **\$50 sign on Bonus to all Caregivers and C.N.A.'s hired March 1-31, 2020. Apply Now, Join the Visiting Angels Team! or call 970-264-5991 for more info. Equal Opportunity Employer. (3/31)

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221 HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED IN Center. Need truck/potato equip operating experience and valid drivers license. Please call 719-754-3854 or walk into Ponderosa's office east of Jones Oil.(3/11)

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)

221 HELP WANTED

ALAMOSA HOUSING AUTHORITY is seeking a qualified individual for a full-time Maintenance Laborer I position. General: Under supervision performs work of semi-skilled nature in the area of housing maintenance and grounds. Clean/paint apartments, operate landscaping equipment, repair minor furnace problems, perform plumbing duties. Must be able to be on call for emergency maintenance requests. Job Qualifications: Working knowledge of maintenance of appliances, electrical, plumbing and grounds. Minimum of one year experience in electrical repair, plumbing, maintenance or similar, able to follow directions. Desirable but not required. Knowledge of common hand tools, carpentry, plumbing, etc. general mechanical understanding and ability, valid Colorado Driver's License good driving record, must be able to pass Colorado Background Investigation. Benefits include \$12.00 an hour, medical, dental, and vision. Apply at Alamosa Housing Authority at 213 Murphy Drive. Job will close on March 13, 2020 The Alamosa Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.(3/13)

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 by March 26, 2020. A full description of desired qualifications and experience may be viewed on the district website <https://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. Applications are available to download on the district web site or call (719)852-5996. (3/24)

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

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RIO GRANDE COUNTY

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

DEL NORTE BANK

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)

SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL

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

THE CITY OF MONTE VISTA

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

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ALAMOSA STATE BANK

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

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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, Mc D 246, Alamosa, CO 81101. curtisgarcia@adams.edu <https://www.adams.edu/hr/administrative-positions/>. Review of completed applications will begin immediately. Priority considerations will be given to applications received on or before March 15, 2020. (3/21)

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WELL, I THINK IT'S A SMALL PRICE TO PAY, DON'T YOU?

ZAP!

BIG NATE

LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN MATCH KYLE'S PERFECT SCORE, NATE. OPEN YOUR LOCKER.

OH, COME ON! THAT'S RIDIC--

BOOM!

YOU WERE SAYING? THAT WAS FOR YOU, KYLE.

THE BORN LOSER

WHAT ARE YOU EATING?

NOTHING. YOU TOLD ME NOT TO EAT ANY MORE DONUTS, SO I'M PRETENDING I'M EATING DONUTS.

WELL, THEN PRETEND YOU'RE EATING CARROTS--THEY'RE BETTER FOR YOU!

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

YOU DIDN'T THINK WED LET YOU GET AWAY WITH OUT A CELEBRATION, DID YOU?

HERE, EL-YOU TAKE THE SEAT OF HONOR.

REALLY--YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE!

NONSENSE, OF COURSE, WE SHOULD!

AT OUR AGE, HOW OFTEN DO WE GET TO GIVE ONE OF OUR FRIENDS A BABY SHOWER?!

FRANK & ERNEST

BAR ASSOCIATION

WHAT A DISAPPOINTMENT---IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH EITHER BEER OR CANDY.

GARFIELD

I HOPE THIS DREAM NEVER ENDS!

THE GRIZZWELLS

I DON'T THINK I'VE SEEN ANY MONGEERSE IN THIS PARK

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WHAT'S A MONGOOSE?

PEANUTS

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DON'T FAINT!

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Clash over money threatens to undermine reconciliation

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Cynthia," and I are a middle-aged couple who have been married four years. Shortly after our wedding, she suffered a stroke during a heart transplant. After she returned home from the hospital, a "friend" told her I was having an affair (I wasn't). Without telling me why, Cynthia threw me out of the house and returned to a distant state to be near her family. She had most of her belongings shipped there.

After I presented proof of my innocence a year later, we reconciled. The first couple of years of marriage were chaotic, and I know I wasn't perfect. But I did the best I could and stood by her throughout the medical ordeal.

Now, Cynthia is saying I should have to pay to have her items shipped back simply because I'm "the man." Abby, we have roughly the same income due to pensions. We have always kept our finances separate. I think she should pay to have her own items returned because she is the one who shipped them over there based on a lie. The money itself isn't the issue; it's the principle. I feel like this is a slap in the face. What do you think? -- MR. NICE GUY

DEAR MR. NICE GUY: You shouldn't have to pay for anything "because you're the man." You didn't

cheat, and you aren't responsible for the fact that Cynthia overreacted and ran away the way she did. You say that until now you have kept your finances separate because you each have your own incomes. My advice is to refuse to be manipulated. Your wife should pay to have her belongings returned, just as she paid to have them sent away without verifying whether the story was true.

DEAR ABBY: When I was a child, my dad told me, "If it weren't for you kids, there are so many things your mother and I could have." What I remember most was the intensity in his voice.

When I was old enough to work, I had a job after school so I could pay for my own clothes although my family wasn't poor. My father repeatedly let me know I was "lucky" I didn't get taken out of school to help support the family. When I graduated from high school at 17, I immediately went to work, and I paid for my board.

I married at 18 to get out of the house and paid for my own wedding. It never even occurred to me to ask for help. When I ended up divorced, I worked my way through college. When I graduated, my mother had to make my father go to a graduation because he didn't want to.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

I have never been able to shake the feeling that I don't have a right to anything, and I'm not good enough. My other siblings are a mess, too. How do I shake this feeling of not being worthy? -- WORTHLESS IN FLORIDA

DEAR WORTHLESS: Children develop their feelings of self-worth from their parents. It appears at least one of yours was missing in action from the time you were little.

I don't have a magic wand, and I can't make the negative message your father implanted in your head disappear. On the upside, your upbringing made you independent, if only out of necessity. It may take help from a licensed mental health professional to make the scars from the way your father raised you fade.



Living

Elected officials oppose exportation of water

ALAMOSA — There have been recent discussions in the Valley Courier and on social media concerning Renewable Water Resource's (RWR) plans for exporting 22,000-acre feet of water per year out of the Valley to the Front Range.

The Rio Grande Water Conservation District wrote an article responding to what it felt were misleading questions in a push poll RWR conducted by telephone recently.

RWR wrote a response in the Courier (March 3, 2020) taking the Rio Grande Water Conservation District to task for opposing RWR's proposals, and claiming that the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, being unelected



officials, did not have the Valley's best interests at heart, implying that elected officials, responsive to the needs and desires of their electorates, would approach the proposal differently.

The City Council of the City of Alamosa enacted Resolution No. 9, 2019, titled "A Resolution Opposing Exportation of Water From the Rio Grande Basin," on April 3, 2019. Alamosa's

elected officials' primary concern is the effect removing 22,000-acre feet of annual water production from the Valley will have on the economic viability of agriculture in the Valley. This is not a concern that elected officials only in Alamosa hold, but also elected officials across the valley as several have adopted similar resolutions.

The Resolution recites, "the conservation, protection, and use of the water resources of the Rio Grande basin are vital to the continued prosperity of both the agricultural sector and the entire population of Alamosa and the San Luis Valley."

Agriculture is the lifeblood of the

Valley. The devastating, perpetual effect of impairing agricultural productivity cannot possibly be remedied by a one-time payment of \$125 Million (as referenced in RWR's Courier article). The City of Alamosa recognizes the sanctity of private property rights.

However, the City also recognizes that when it comes to something as vital as the water resources upon which all in the Valley depend, any proposal needs to be transparent and forthright in the presentation of facts to enable a fair analysis of the costs and benefits of the proposal. That transparency has not taken place.

Senators Introduce the Great American Outdoors Act

WASHINGTON, D.C.

— U.S. Senators Cory Gardner (R-CO), Joe Manchin (D-WV), Steve Daines (R-MT), Rob Portman (R-OH), Mark Warner (D-VA), Angus King (I-ME), Lamar Alexander (R-TN), and Richard Burr (R-NC) today introduced S. 3422, the Great American Outdoors Act, landmark legislation to preserve and protect our country's public lands. The bipartisan legislation provides permanent and full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and addresses the nearly \$12 billion maintenance backlog in our national parks and other land management agencies. After meeting with Gardner and Daines, President Trump announced his support for their legislation and called on Congress to send it to his desk.

"The LWCF supports projects in Colorado and all across our country at no cost to the taxpayer, and fighting every year to figure out how much money the program will receive doesn't provide the long-term planning certainty that our outdoor and conservation community deserves. Last year we were successful in permanently reauthorizing the LWCF, the crown jewel of conservation programs, and I have been fighting ever since to make funding permanent," said Senator Gardner. "Senator Daines and I secured the President's support and a path for full and permanent LWCF funding to become law and address the deferred maintenance backlog that the park system is currently facing. Congress has a historic opportunity to ensure the public lands we all own will receive the funding they deserve by passing the Great American Outdoors Act."

"I started working to secure permanent funding the day after we passed permanent authorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund last year. I am excited to see there is such broad bipartisan support to secure full, permanent funding for LWCF and address the maintenance backlog across all of our national parks and treasured public lands. Every state and territory and nearly every county in our country has benefited from LWCF funding. Today I am proud to be the lead Democrat introducing the Great American Outdoors Act. This is a historic achievement for conservation and a testament to the strong, bipartisan work that is still possible when we put politics aside to do what is best for our country," said Senator Manchin.

"As Montana's voice in the U.S. Senate, I've made it one of my top priorities to protect and expand access to our public lands and our Montana outdoor way of life," said Senator Daines. "This historic bipartisan effort will fully and permanently fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund and address the maintenance backlog in our national parks and forests. I thank President Trump for his support in getting this done and I

look forward to working with my colleagues to get this historic conservation win signed into law."

"The Great American Outdoors Act is landmark legislation that carries on Teddy Roosevelt's legacy of protecting our public lands for future generations," said Senator Portman. "The Great American Outdoors Act includes my legislation with Senators Warner, King, and Alexander, the bipartisan Restore Our Parks Act, which will provide funding to address the \$12 billion deferred maintenance backlog at our national park sites throughout the country, including more than \$100 million in maintenance backlog in Ohio's eight national parks. I'm pleased to have worked with my colleagues to expand the Restore Our Parks Act to include funding for the other land management agencies in the Great American Outdoors Act. I want to thank Senators Gardner, Manchin, and Daines for their work on this legislation, and I'm glad the president is embracing this legislative effort. I look forward to working with my colleagues to get this legislation signed into law."

"For too long, national parks in Virginia and across the country have forgone important repairs and upkeep projects due to the National Park Service's \$12 billion maintenance backlog," said Senator Warner. "For several years, I have pushed to address this backlog so that we can provide much-needed relief to our parks and preserve these natural treasures for our future generations. That's why today, I'm proud to introduce the Great American Outdoors Act — a bipartisan compromise that includes provisions from my bill to restore our parks. This legislation represents a truly historic investment in our public lands — especially those in Virginia, which are overwhelmed by \$1.1 billion in deferred maintenance needs. I look forward to working with my colleagues on getting this bill passed and signed into law as soon as possible."

"One hundred years from now, long after we're gone and our names are forgotten, America's natural treasures will endure — if we take care of them now," said Senator King. "For too long, we've neglected our public lands and national parks. The \$12 billion backlogs facing our National Parks is no way to treat America's greatest idea, and too often funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund becomes a political pawn caught in the middle of other issues. This legislation would right these wrongs, and take the necessary steps to make sure America's natural beauty can be enjoyed by generations to come. We have a duty to protect these lands for our children and their children; today, for the first time in a long time, it looks like we may take a much-needed step to fulfill that responsibility."

"The Great American Outdoors Act is the most

important conservation and outdoor recreation legislation in the last half-century. This bipartisan bill will cut in half the \$12 billion maintenance backlog in our national parks, including \$235 million in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. It will also reduce maintenance backlogs at our national refuges and forests," said Senator Alexander. "It will fully and permanently

fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), an unrealized goal of Congress and the conservation community since 1964. Fully funding the LWCF was also a recommendation of President Reagan's Commission on Americans Outdoors, which I chaired. None of this would be possible without the strong support of President Trump and so many Democrat

and Republican senators. I hope Congress can send this bill to the president's desk soon so future generations can continue to enjoy our national parks and public lands."

"America's great outdoors are part of the heritage and beauty of our nation," said Senator Burr. "That's why we must do everything we can to protect, maintain, and preserve them. The Land

and Water Conservation Fund has a proven track record of success, but if we don't fully fund it, we risk the loss of natural landscapes and easy access to state and national parks. I'm proud to join my colleagues in support of this significant bipartisan legislation, and I look forward to its passage so we can ensure these national treasures are enjoyed for generations to come."

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