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### hours change

ALAMOSA - Based on staff cuts, the Valley Courier office will be closing from 1-2 p.m. daily. Additional cutbacks in office hours may be forthcoming.

#### **Senior Citizen**

#### meeting cancelled

The Tri-County Senior Citizens annual membership meeting on March 26th has been cancelled due to the Corona Virus concerns

When all concerns regarding the Corona Virus have calmed down, we will reschedule the meeting.

Any Questions regarding the meeting call 719-852-5778.



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## **Alamosa County declares state of** emergency

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#### By STEPHEN **JIRON** Interim Editor

ALAMOSA — A state of emergency was declared Wednesday by the Alamosa Board of County Commis-

sioners at a special meeting here after hearing presentations from different specialists within the county. The board also approved a public health order limit-

ing gatherings to 30 people or less. It is important to mention that the order does not include restaurants, homeless shelter or religious services, as long as these entities adhere to the requirements for social distancing. Currently restaurants are closed for all but take-out, per State Order.Also, the order also does not include schools. In the future, it may be determined that school closures are necessary. Schools, parents and employers should take steps now to prepare for the possibility of prolonged manda-



Courier photo by Stephen Jiron

Emergency Manager Eric Treinen presents to the Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday. The board approved a state of emergency declaration as well as a public health order.

tory closures.

emergency sounds menac-While being in a state of ing, it will likely not affect day basis. The two main

most citizens on a day-to-

things it does are, it makes Alamosa County Public Health and Environment (ACDPHE), incident command and imbues the ACD-PHE with the ability to issue orders and guidance to protect public health. And it charges Alamosa's Sheriff with keeping order and enforcing ACDPHE

Beyond that, the remainder of the declaration is focused on the County Administrator and Emergency Manager working to ensure a strong line of communication and an effective response for the public. All things that will be very helpful helping

Alamosa get to May safely. At the meeting on Wednesday, Public Information Officer Linda Smith presented first discussing the importance of public information during this trying time.

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### Fire remains under investigation



Courtesy photo

Two Alamosa firefighters apply foam to the roof of the shed where Wednesday's fire was believed to have started.

By KEITH R. CERNY Courier Publisher

ALAMOSA - A fire of unknown origin destroyed a lean-to storage shed and damaged two nearby homes at 316 11th Street here Wednesday morning.

Alamosa Fire Chief Don Chapman said it was apparent that the fire started in the storage shed and extended into the exterior rear walls of the two nearby homes. Cause of the fire is still under investigation, he said.

The Alamosa Fire Department was called to the scene at 8:50 a.m. and responded with four trucks and an estimated 16 fire-

fighters. In addition, one unit with the Division of Fire Prevention and Control also responded with

three firefighters. Chapman said the home at 316 11th received some smoke damage but was still habitable. The owner of the home was not identified.



Courier photo by Keith R. Cerny

Alamosa Fire Chief Don Chapman (second from the right) discusses the cause of Wednesday's fire involving three structures with DFPC Division Chief Paul Duarte. Looking on are firefighter Ben Herrera and Alamosa police officer Bran-

### City Council addresses homeless and virus concern

#### By MEGAN COLWELL Courier Reporter

**ALAMOSA** — Alamosa City

Council held its bi-monthly meeting on Wednesday. As people entered the Alamosa council chambers, they found all desks and chairs have been spaced the appropriate 3-6 ft. apart from one another. Council members, Jan Vigil, Liz Hensley, Charlie Griego and City Manager, Heather Brooks, began tuning

in via video conference. Such measures ensure the city means to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic as requested by state health officials. Yet, amidst all this uncertainty and caution, attendees maintained a cheerful tone. Councilor Michael Carson

incomers. Others conversed cracking jokes — before the meeting began. Cautiously, but calmly, attendees greet each other with elbow bumps. Members in attendance included: Councilors Michael Carson, David Broyles and

walked the chambers, greeting

Kristina Hensley; Mayor, Ty Coleman; City Attorney, Erich Schwiesow; with Griego, Hensley, Brooks and Vigil tuning in remotely. City Clerk, meeting.

Holly Martinez, facilitated the

To begin, Mayor Coleman

opened up the floor for citizen comments. Director of Volunteer services for local non-profit, La Puente, Shanae Diaz, brought fourth concerns for Alamosa's homeless population — specifically, sanitation concerns for those homeless individuals sleeping on the streets. Diaz broke her concerns into four particular needs: access to 1. Restrooms, 2. Showers, 3. Handwashing stations and 4. Food.

In a national push to be proactive, many businesses have closed to the public or closed completely. La Puente, too, had to modify how services are provided. Part of these modifications included closing the La Puente shelter to the public — only registered guests are permitted. This comes as a significant

blow to the Valley's homeless community, because the shelter provided them a place to use the restroom and shower. The shelter also provided three community meals a day, serving up to 60-70 people per meal. With these services no longer being provided, Diaz is asking the city

to help fill this gap. With the help of City Manager, Brooks, the following

solutions were proposed.

Regarding the handwashing

stations, the City lacks access to those. Brooks advised Diaz to seek the County's help. Regarding access to restrooms, the pair seek to either place a portable toilet in Cole Park or leave the park restrooms unlocked, for the time being. Brooks stressed the persistent vandalism inflicted on city property in Cole Park, saying the city wouldn't provide these newfound amenities if such activity continued. Finally, concerning access to

showers, Brooks proposed possibly opening up the Alamosa Recreational Center showers. Though nothing was finalized, the problem solving seemed promising. The meeting moved on by

briefly introducing the city's new Planning Technician, Clifton Simmons. Originally from Iowa, Simmons says he is: "Very excited to utilized what I've the Valley a better place.

learned in the Valley to make The rest of the meeting was spent sorting out the COVID-19 pandemic and what it means for the city of Alamosa. Notable sorting included the Council

declaring COVID-19 a local disaster emergency. What does this mean? City

officials urge residents to fol-

low any precautions the State

of Colorado's public health officials release. Stay updated by visiting their official website: https://www.colorado.gov/

The city of Alamosa is also working to lessen the financial impact the pandemic is having on local businesses and individuals. These efforts include a grace period for utility bills. From today, March 19, until further notice, the city will not be disconnecting phone lines due to late bills. The Council stressed that it doesn't mean these bills are being waived they'll have to be paid eventually. It simply means the city is giving residents a little grace during this upset. To close the meeting, each

councilor provided final comments. All offered an acknowledgment of the fear and uncertainty of today, but reassured attendees they were confident the community would make it through. Each councilor encouraged community members to be safe, but to also get creative in how to help others - especially those at risk, who are required to be under lonesome quarantine until further notice, or who may lack the resources they need to prepare. Mayor Coleman states, "Together, we can overcome."

## Record

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Carmel John Velasquez, 70

ALAMOSA — Alamosa resident Carmel John Velasquez, 70, went to his eternal rest on March 16, 2020. Carmel was born on January 17, 1950 in Alamosa, CO, the son of Albert Velasquez and Antonio Sena-Velasquez. He was a kind, compassionate and loving person who enjoyed spending time with his family. Carmel will be dearly missed.

Survivors include his children Kelly (Valerie) Velasquez, Lakewood, CO; Kimberly (Michelle) Valdez, Monte Vista, CO; Carmelita (Petro Valdez) Velasquez, Denver, CO; and Andy Dyer, Oregon; Lucas (Lynnae) Velasquez of Berea, KY; grandchil-

dren David Warren, Kevin Warren, Jordin Cisneros, Francisco Valdez, Andrew Velasquez, Brandon Velasquez, Kristina Velasquez, Pedro Valdez; great grandchildren Madelyn Warren, Eli Warren, Brenna Velasquez, Darren Velasquez, Kaylee Velasquez, sister Mary Velasquez, Montrose, CO; brothers Raymond Velasquez and Jack Velasquez, both of Monte Vista, CO. He is also survvied by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Felix, Joe Velasquez, Lucas and Sam Velasquez, sister Norma Velasquez.

Cremation was chosen and a Private family Ser-



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

#### Melissa Elaine Hall, 91

ALAMOSA — Melissa Elaine Hall, 91, passed away on Tuesday March 17th, 2020 at the San Luis Care Center in Alamosa, CO. Melissa was born on March 6th, 1929 in Leadville, CO to Frank and Christine Robinson. I November of 1949 she married William Walter Hall in Taos. NM and together they grew their family. She loved her

Elaine is survived by her children Walter (Julie Donald) Hall, John (Linda) Hall, Richard (Jeannette) Hall, and Sharon (Jim) Stanley; daughter-in-law Roberta Hall; seven grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; five great-great-grand-

family dearly.

children; siblings Mary Jo Nason, Barbara Erwin, Marleene Moore and John (Debbie) Robinson; brother-in-law Jeff Lay; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends. She was preceded in

death by her parents Frank and Christine; husband Bill; infant daughter Edith Jolene; infant grandsons Matthew and Gregory Hall; great-grandson Alec Hotz; and nine of her siblings.

There will be a viewing at Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa on Thursday March 19th, 2020 from 6-8 pm and a Graveside Service at the Alamosa Cemetery on Friday March 20th



2020 at 10 am.

Rogers Family Mortuary of Alamosa is in care of the arrangements. In lieu of attendance, we encourage you to leave online condolences or words of strength for the family, please visit www. rogersfunerals.com.

#### **Robert Dee Myers, 91**

**DEL NORTE** — Robert Dee Myers, 91, of Del Norte, CO passed away March 14, 2020. The memorial service will be held at Pioneer United Church, Del Norte, CO on May 23, 2020, at 11:00 A.M. This is tentative due to the global crisis. Robert, better known to the community as Bob was born September 7, 1928, in Monte Vista, CO to Dee Archie Myers and Nell Eurica (Mellott). He spent most of his grade school years in Summitville and then graduated from Del Norte High School.

In high school, he met the love of his life, Norma Hanna. They married May 14th, 1949 in Santa Fe, NM and were able to celebrate their 70th anniversary before Norma passed away. Bob had many talents that included: Mechanic at the car dealership in Del Norte, Master Electrician, Farmer/Rancher, State Electrical Inspector, dude ranch wrangler at Sky Hi Dude Ranch near Creede, CO, plus helping to raise 5 children.

He worked 2 jobs most of his life to help support

this family. His favorite of these jobs was the cattle ranching where he rode horses and checked on cattle in the pastures and on the range. He always had a story for family and friends about his life either in Summitville, the dude ranch or at home. He and Norma were graceful dancers in their younger days and the kids enjoyed watching them when they had a chance. He was an avid reader until his eyesight failed enough that he was unable to continue that hobby, He was president of the San Luis Valley Cattlemen's Association and was awarded the honor of Outstanding Cowboy of the Year in 1993. He also was a member of the Knights

Robert(Bob) is survived by his children: Myrna Patterson, of Albuquerque NM, Sharon Furukawa (Dave) of Alamosa, CO, Myron (Jennifer), of Monte Vista, CO, Ric (Diane) of Monte Vista, CO, and Dale (Janice) of Monte Vista, CO. Grandchildren include Jennifer Patterson, Alicia (Bryan) Vigil, Rebecca (Nicolas)

of Pythias, Del Norte

Chapter.



Baca, Tiffany (Dan) Carson, Curt (Annie) Furukawa, Courtney Furukawa, J.D. (Audra) Myers, Denton (Jessie) Myers, Craig (Stephanie) Myers, Kelli (Michael) Jennings, Scott (Erin Rose) Myers, 21 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren.

Bob is proceeded in death by his wife: Norma Myers, and his parents: Dee & Nell, his sister: Elizabeth McIntire and infant brother, Dale. In Lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Rio Grande Hospital, Del Norte, CO in memory of Robert Myers. Arrangements in care of Strohmayer's Funeral Home.

#### **PENDING OBITUARIES**

#### Robert Duran, 52

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rangements are pending and have been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Antonito.

#### ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

ALAMOSA — Sierra Blanca Chapter #43, Order of The Eastern Star, meets on the first and third Mondays, at 3499 or dean@deanswift-7:30 p.m. at the Alamosa seed.com Masonic Hall, 512 San Juan Ave. Call Sharon at 589-4320.

ALAMOSA—La Leche League of the San Luis at 315 State Ave. Ste Valley holds its monthly meetings on the fourth Saturday at 11 a.m. at Hospice del Valle, 524 hotmail.com Main St. in Alamosa. Pregnant and nursing women are welcome to attend with their children and babies. Please call 587-3657.

mosa Kiwanis Club meets mink@aol.com on the second, third and fourth Thursdays at noon at IHOP. Contact: Amanda Wilkinson, 719-589-2564 or email amanda@ alamosastatebank.com

ALAMOSA — The Optimist Club of Alamosa Southern Colorado office for families affected by meets at Nino's Restaurant in Alamosa the first and third Tuesdays at

ALAMOSA—The San at alamosa optimist club@ gmail.com or President Dawn Melgares at 719-580-0178. Visitors and new members are wel-

> ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Rotary Club meets every Monday at noon at Juanitos in Alamosa. Contact Dean Swift, 589-

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

SOUTH FORK - Kiwanis meets every Thursday at 8 a.m. at the Feelin' Good Coffeehouse in South Fork. Contact: Karen Miller, 719-873-ALAMOSA — The Ala- 5466 or email mkmiller-

> ALAMOSA - The com Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group meets on the second Thursday from Healing Families is a 11 a.m. to noon. at the Alamosa Public Library, 300 Hunt Ave. Call the at 719-544-5720, ext. 304.

ALAMOSA — TOPS noon. Contact the club (Taking Off Pounds Sen-

ing at Masonic Hall, 598

Church on Main St.,

7 p.m. Community

7:30 p.m. Creative Re-

**TUESDAY** 

12 p.m. First Christian

8 p.m. Mountain View

Church at 1st and State,

Spruce St., Del Norte

Walnut St., La Jara

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

ALAMOSA — Search and Rescue meetings are the fourth Tuesday at the Alamosa County Sheriff 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 slvphotostephen@gmail.

ALAMOSA—Families community-based organization that provides support and resources 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@

ALAMOSA — Youngsters are invited to the Alamosa Public Library Story Room every Friday morning to sing, color,

dance, read, enjoy adventures, share with friends and giggle. Babies and toddlers are welcome at 9:30 a.m. and preschoolers at 11 a.m.

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

MONTE VISTA — Valley Fiber Art Guild VFA is a group for

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

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.

tian Church at 518 1st

7 p.m. Crestone Town

**NARCOTICS** 

ANONYMOUS (Nar-

cAnon)

**TUESDAY** 

7 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 607

7:30 p.m. Baca Grande

**THURSDAY** 

7 p.m. SDA Church at

Library at Road T, Cre-

4th St., Alamosa

Hall, downtown Crest-

one (second and fourth

St., Alamosa

Thursdays)

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

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: womanscitizenshipclub@

gmail.com.

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

#### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

VALLEY — The San St., Alamosa 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 source Center at 304 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 Presbyterian Church Church on Main St., friends and family. For at 2nd and Broadway, Creede information, call 719- Monte Vista 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 Building at 710 Main St.,

**MONDAY** 

2005 Mullens, Alamosa

Antonito

6 p.m. Amistad of San 12 p.m. St. Thomas Luis at 403 Main St., Episcopal Hall at 607 4th San Luis

6 p.m. Senior Citizen's

12 p.m. First United

WEDNESDAY

7:15 p.m. RV Park in 5 p.m. Women's Meet- Blanca

7:30 p.m. Masonic Hall at 598 Spruce, Del Norte. Ave., Alamosa 8 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 607 4th Building at 710 Main St., St., Alamosa.

**THURSDAY** 

Church at 1st and State, Alamosa 12 p.m. Crestone Bap-

tist Church, County Rd.  $\Gamma$ , Crestone 7 p.m. Community

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

Walnut St., La Jara.

7:30 p.m. Ables/Dis-Methodist Church at ables, 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

6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Antonito. 8 p.m. Mountain View

Presbyterian Church 12 p.m. First Christian 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

Health Group at 8745 CR

THURSDAY

5:30 p.m. First Chris-

9S., Alamosa

313 Craft Drive, Alamosa Dr. Monte Vista WEDNESDAY **SATURDAY** 5:30 p.m. SLV Behavior

9 a.m. Little Shepherd

4th St., Alamosa

Episcopal Chapel at Al-

der St., Crestone 7 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 607

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## Valley News

### Alamosa

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"We have been pushing out public information and doing everything that we can to support what the public health agencies are doing," said Smith. She also discussed a federal government based program that could in the future provide personal protective equipment (PPE) like masks and gloves to the valley. However, Smith was sure to make it clear that that was just a possibility and was in no way concrete. "That's still very much in the air because we don't

know what that's going to look like," Smith went on to reaffirm the importance of information, stating that her office's focus was shifting away from testing results and more towards paying the current situation the proper respect, adhering to advice coming from proper avenues meaning the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and other reputable sources.

Fellow presenter Lilian Coll, Alamosa's regional

that same time."

epidemiologist, also touched on the hot button issue of test results in Alamosa, confirming that as of press time that there have been five tests from Alamosa that have been sent out and of those one has come back negative. Smith pushed that despite the San Luis Valley still being free of positive cases, that the populace needs to remain vigilant in their hygiene and health practices because COVID-19 is likely present in the valley.

Though not on the agenda, Dr. Bill Brinton MD, internist-general, was in attendance and weighed in on some similar issues, first lamenting the sheer volume of information that is bombarding the public currently before discussing preparedness.

"I do think Alamosa county and the counties of the valley have an advantage," said Brinton, "Because we had established plans in place both for bioterrorism starting in 2001 and pandemic influenza starting in 2005, and the planning was well in place by the time the pandemic came in about 2008. We also exercised our plans for the Alamosa Salmonella outbreak around

Brinton presented an opportunity to the medical professionals of the valley stating that since we have yet to be infected that we could use this time to look to other counties similar to ours and come up with an effective response. He closed his comments on the current situation by addressing a need for PPE among healthcare workers and ill persons.

Smith addressed the PPE supply chain issues and spoke on a prioritization matrix for that, which the state seems to be doing at the that level as well, which would suggest a possible relief in the future.

Also presenting to the board was Emergency Manager Eric Treinen. Treinen discussed the transition from an operations center to a Unified Command Group (UCG). He suggested that the UGC would offer more resources, personnel and would allow the county staff to focus on local issues. Among the changes, Treinen addressed the addi-

tion of a second Public Information Officer to help work alongside Linda Smith who has been working tirelessly to keep the public abreast of any changes on Coronavirus.

"I've been sharing a lot of information with Gigi (Dennis) and the board to how best help our county and what is the best we can do for our county," Treinen said. For information on the virus and other health concerns in relation to the illness, citizens are urged to visit

Slvemergency.org as well as the associated Facebook page and the Alamosa County Public Health webpage. Those looking to get in contact with Public Health can email slvepr@alamosacounty.org.

#### State of emergency declaration

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO: 2020 - G - 2

RE: DECLARING COVID-19 A LOCAL DISASTER IN ALAMOSA COUNTY,

COLORADO.

Commissioner Sigmond moved for the adoption of the following resolution.

Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. WHEREAS, on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Governor Jared

Polis declared a state

of emergency due to the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19) outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 13, 2020, the President of the United States

declared a National Emergency due to COVID-19; and WHEREAS, there are currently 131 presumptive cases throughout multiple

counties in Colorado; and with more cases being confirmed on a daily basis: and

WHEREAS, more cases of COVID-19 are being confirmed on a daily basis

and are likely to continue to spread across the state; and WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1) "A local

disaster may be

declared only by the principal executive officer of a political

subdivision. It shall not be continued or renewed in excess seven days except by or

with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision."; and

WHEREAS, the Alamosa County Administrator has consulted with the Board

of County Commissioners and recommends the adoption

of this declaration; and WHEREAS, "The effect of a declaration of local disaster

emergency is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all

applicable local and

inter-jurisdictional disaster and emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of

aid and assistance under such plans." C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(2); and

WHEREAS, defining clear roles for and direction to those

responding to the local disaster emergency and operating under Alamosa

County's emergency operations plan will allow a more effective response.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of

Commissioners of

Alamosa County, Colorado: THAT, the Alamosa County Board of County Commis-

sioners confirms,

determines, and declares that the likelihood of the number of COVID-19 cases

occurring within the State of Colorado and spreading to Alamosa County is high,

and that such likelihood constitutes a local disaster emergency which warrants an emergency response and furnishing aid and assistance to

affected portions of the

Environment ("ACDPHE"), by and through its director

community. THAT, the Board recognizes that Alamosa County Public

Courier photo by Stephen Jiron

Public Information Officer, Linda Smith presents to the Board of County Commissioners prior to their declaration of a state of emergency on Wednesday

and in coordination with

the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, which is leading

the statewide response to COVID-19, is currently incident command for the response to COVID-19 within Alamosa County. ACDPHE

has authority under state law to issue orders and guidance, and take other actions as necessary

to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. The Board directs county staff to take such actions to effectuate the orders and guidance

of ACDPHE as necessary, in consultation with the Board where appro-

THAT, the Board recognizes the Sheriff of Alamosa County is a constitutional officer charged with maintaining public

order within Alamosa County and is authorized under state law to enforce the

as well as other governmental directives related to disasters and emergencies, all

as reasonably necessary to protect the safety of the public. The Board requests the Sheriff to enforce the orders of ACDPHE and

continue taking other actions as necessary to ensure the safety of the public

during this local disaster emergency.

THAT, the Emergency Manager for Alamosa County is

orders of ACCDPHE

coordinating the countywide response to the disaster, including with part-

ners of Alamosa County such as the towns within the county; first responders; human services.

healthcare and emergency medical services providers; providers of critical

important and necessary services to the public. The Board directs that

infrastructure for the community; and other providers of

the Emergency Manager will continue to work closely with these partners to ensure a coordinated

response throughout the county, and to continue to utilize Alamosa County staff

and other resources as necessary for an effective response, in consultation

with the Board as appropriate. THAT, the Alamosa County Administrator manages the

operations of the county and serves as a liaison to munici-

palities within the county and others. The Board directs the County Admin-

istrator to continue coordinating with internal and external partners and to

direct county staff as appropriate and necessary to address the local disaster

emergency. The Board also directs the County Administrator to work with

directors and managers within the county to address staff illness, sick

time, working

remotely, and similar topics to ensure the continuity of

operations within the county in consultation with the Board as appropriate.

THAT, this local disaster emergency will continue until April 22, 2020, unless

sooner amended, extended, or rescinded by the Board. THAT, this Resolution and Declaration shall be promptly filed with the Alamosa

County Clerk and Recorder and with the Office of Emergency Management.

THAT, this Resolution and Declaration is necessary for the public health, safety

and welfare of the citizens of the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado.

#### Public Health Order

Statutes, this Order is effective within the entirety of Alamosa County, including all towns

within the county, until April 22, 2020. On March 10, 2020, the Governor of Colorado declared a state of emergency related to

the presence of COVID-19 in the State. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has confirmed

that COVID-19 continues to spread throughout the State of On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency

due to COVID-19. On March 15, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued guidance to

cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States for 8 weeks. On March 16, 2020, the President of the United States

issued a statement including  $recommendations \,to\,avoid\,gatherings\,of\,10\,or\,more\,people.$ The age, condition, and health of a significant portion of

the population in Alamosa County places it at risk of serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19.

Although most individuals who contract COVID-19 do not become seriously ill, persons with mild symptoms and asymptomatic persons with COVID-19 may place other

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vulnerable members of the public at significant risk. A large surge in the number of

persons with serious infections can compromise the ability of the healthcare system to

deliver necessary healthcare to the public.

The limitations on large gatherings and the use of social distancing decrease the risk of

COVID-19 transmission to our most vulnerable populations, and is especially

important for people who are over 60 years old and those with chronic health

conditions due to their higher risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19. This Order will reduce the likelihood that many individuals will be

exposed to COVID-19 at a single event, and will, therefore, slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

This Order is adopted pursuant to the legal authority set forth in sections 25-1-506 and 25-1-508, Colorado Revised Statutes. Under these laws,

the local Public Health Director has the duty to investigate and control the causes of epi-

demic or communicable diseases and conditions affecting public health and to

establish, maintain, and  $enforce\ isolation\ and\ quarantine, and\ in\ pursuance\ thereof,$ 

to exercise physical control over property and over the persons of the people within the

jurisdiction of the agency as the agency may find necessary for the protection of the

public health. All events must follow the requirements stated herein.

**DEFINITIONS** 

present in one room or

For purposes of this Order:

An "Event" is a group gathering that takes place indoors or outdoors with a capacity of 30 or more persons and that have 30 or more persons

continuous space. "Event" does not include activities that are primarily individual or occur in small groups

ment and restaurants, as long as persons present are able to maintain adequate social distancing, as well as hygiene and

or in non-congregate settings, such as places of employ-

sanitization recommendations as defined below. At this point, this order also does not pertain to schools or homeless shelters or religious services.

ORDER A. All events 30 people or more are prohibited. B. Events with fewer than 30 attendees should follow the

following steps to mitigate 1. Older adults (age 60 and older) and individuals with underlying medical conditions that

are at increased risk of serious COVID-19, including employees, are encouraged not to attend.

2. Social distancing recommendations should be met. These include limiting contact of people within 6 feet from

each other for 10 minutes or longer, and any other applicable guidance. See Section Ill, below.

3. Individuals who are sick should stay home.

4. Proper hand hygiene and sanitation should be readily available to all

attendees and employees.  $5.\ Environmental \ cleaning \ guidelines \ from \ the \ US \ Centers$ 

for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) should be followed (e.g., clean and disinfect high touch

surfaces daily or more frequently).

FURTHER GUIDANCE Further guidelines for social distance are available at:

https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/2019 -novel -coronavirus GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL PERSONS AF-

FECTED BY THIS ORDER Alamosa County Public Health is tasked with protecting

the health and welfare of the citizens of Alamosa County, Colorado by investigating and controlling the causes of epidemic and communicable

disease. This Order is necessary to control any potential transmission of disease to others. See section

25-1-508, Colorado Revised Statutes. Immediate issuance of this Order is necessary for the preservation of public health, safety, or welfare.

right to request judicial review by filing an action with the Alamosa County District Court within 90

Any person aggrieved and affected by this Order has the

days of the date of this Order, pursuant to section 25-1-515, Colorado Revised Statutes. However,

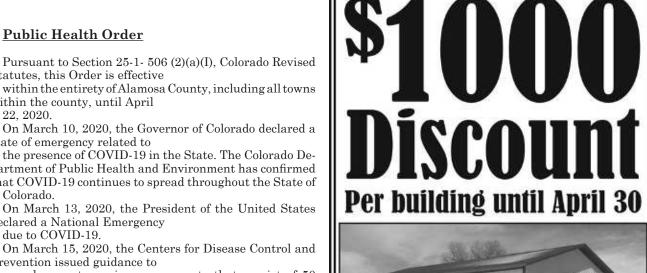
you must continue to obey the terms of this Order while your request for review is pending. This Order is in effect until midnight Mountain Standard

Time April 22, 2020, and is subject to continuing review by the Public Health Director consistent

with recommendations from the

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We will not be actively searching for violations, but if we receive reports of events contrary to

this order, we will reach out to the organizer to educate, provide guidance, and enforce the provisions of this order, if necessary.



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and for this purpose only,

## God **Bless**

**America** America, and how's everybody? Los Angeles was named the country's most racially diverse city by

a Census Bureau report this week but we're not nearly as chummy as we used to be. Yesterday at the mall, I coughed on the escalator and a Chinese guy glared at me and then hurried up the steps. I thought

Hey, you started it! President Trump stood by calling Corona Virus the Chinese Virus Tuesday. He was elected by blasting China for unfair trade policies and ripping Mexico for border crossings. And now Trump has to wash his hands a dozen times a day, or he'll

catch a Chinese



Hamilton

virus named after a Mexican beer. The Comedy Store closed Friday but not before the Millennial crowds laughed along with me at media panic that helped shut down public life and prompted panic buying. My jokes were really landing. I'd say I am on a roll, but I don't want to get carried out of the grocery store against my will. Amsterdam authorities on Tuesday closed down Amsterdam's world-fa-

mous Red Light district for a month. This is a section where beautiful hookers pose for sale in store windows as customers stroll by. I had a feeling all along that this Corona Virus outbreak would not result in a happy ending. President Trump closed the U.S. borders last week prompting our Cousins to follow suit so now Canada, Austra-

lia, New Zealand and Ireland closed their borders. It greatly restricts immigration. Barbra Streisand can now only threaten to move to the  $\operatorname{San}$  Fernando Valley if Trump gets reelected. The NIH Director urged home con-

finement to starve out the virus for the next two weeks. This will force people to co-exist under one roof. During the time people are pent up at home together, the birth rate is sure to skyrocket for younger couples, and likewise the murder rate for older couples.

President Trump spent time at his press conference Monday thanking and praising America's private industry for doing all they can to alleviate the virus situation. Every business can pitch in and help. Taco Bell is closing for as long as needed till we get this toilet paper situation under control.

President Trump assured Americans the crisis will be over soon and there's no need for panic buying at grocery stores. If nothing else, the virus has created not only popularity but a sensual desire for bathroom tissue. I hear the centerfold for the April issue of Playboy is the Charmin Bear.

Mike Pence urged Americans Friday to stop the panic buying that's causing shortages. People in Los Angeles are grabbing everything they can get their hands on. Last night I went to my CVS pharmacy in West Hollywood and everything was gone off the shelves

except the Country Music CDs. The New York Post says houses of worship from New York to L.A. are closed, but ministerial outreach remains active via social media. A preacher, a priest, and a rabbi don't go into a bar. They also cancel church services, Mass and synagogue. However the offering

will be accepted via direct deposit. San Francisco's Board of Health decided to permit marijuana shops to remain open so locals can go to the grocery store for food, the liquor store for booze and the pot store for marijuana. Corona Virus just made spring break last all year. Why isn't Corona

making this a beer commercial? West Virginia was the only state in the Union Monday which had reported no cases of Corona Virus. It appears the only vaccination that works is either chewing tobacco, meth, moonshine or being nursed with RC Cola

at an early age. Overall, it's causing Utah to re-think its anti-coffee stance. The White House urged Americans not to go to hospital emergency rooms for common colds Tuesday. The day was rife with confusion. In addition Americans were asked not to mistake the shaking, sweating and chills as-

sociated with COVID-19 for the bars being closed on St. Patrick's Day.

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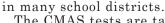
## It's always something

Last month I said I would confront the "Reading Wars"; the debate over the best way to teach our children to read. Since then, we've had unexpected disruptions in

Across the

Street

education because of the Coronavirus. I'll write about the reading wars later. Right now, I'm getting a lot of interest in how the national emergency is affecting high stakes testing at the end of the year. The dates for the College Board SAT, (AKA Scholastic Aptitude Test, and CMAS (Colorado Mea Joyce Rankin surement of Academic Skills) are uncertain



The CMAS tests are taken in multiple grades in various subject areas; these tests, along with the SAT, are known as "summative" tests. They sum up everything you've learned to that point. The SAT is administered in 11th grade and is considered a critical examination for entering college. There are two sections to the SAT, one is English Language Arts or Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERBW),

and the other is Math. There are also practice SAT's (PSAT) taken in 9th and 10<sup>th</sup> grade to prepare students in the type of problems they will encounter on the SAT. The PSAT's are used as practice tests and can help students understand what they need to work on to do well on the 11th-grade test. All three of these tests are aligned with the Colorado State Standards and are objective indications of how well high school students are achieving academically.

At the March Board of Education meeting, the members were briefed on the different levels and associated cut-points of test scores for the SAT. They should predict success in the first year of college. Each of the English Language Arts and Math tests have a total point value of 800. If a student scored the most points on each test, the combined score would be 1600. After stakeholder meetings and analysis at the Colorado Department of Education, it was determined that a student scoring 480-800 on the English Language Arts test would have a 75% likelihood of getting a C or better in a first semester, creditbearing course in college. In the math portion, a comparable score would be

The College Board's annual report for 2019 states that the average math score of those taking the SAT was 528, and the average Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score was 531, for a combined total score of 1059. Therefore 1059 was the combined average score. Frequently Asked Questions and other information relating to the SAT is available on the

C2education website. I've given you a high-level overview of the SAT. I have concern's about the testing schedule, not only for the SAT but also for the CMAS end of year assessments. The testing schedules have been set for a long time. However, Covid19 has caused some testing sites and schools to close. When and how will the students be able to take the tests so crucial to college and career readiness? Any answer would be outdated by the time you read this article. My advice is to check on local school and district websites. The Department of Education will also keep up-to-date information posted on their website when it is available, www.cde.state.co.us. These are your best resources, and please keep in mind that everyone is working hard during these challenging times of uncertainty.

Three Poems

A mom in Alamosa County Jail asked me to print the poem God's Hotel in today's column:

Amarah's

Corner

Amarah

#### #1-God's Hotel

I see you checked in again last night, My child,

It hurt me so bad to see you out there running wild.

All tired and empty you appeared to me,

But put a mirror in front of you - you can't even see.

You're numbering among the walking dead.

Sores cover your

body, your face, your head.

Behind bars is not where you want to

But it's my 'Hotel' where I can work on thee.

You weren't just arrested, but rescued from yourself,

Bringing you here, put your drug-use

on the shelf. I'll give you rest, food, talk,

encourage you, and love you, before I let you walk.

Don't be like a mule led around by the

listen to my warnings - I will help you

This could be the last time you have to come to this place,

listen to me your Creator, with tears on my face!!

I'll enter your darkest places - tor-

ment and hate, I'll mend through love... ALL your bro-

kenness will abate. ~Author Unknown.

#### #2-My Master

I have a master of an evil kind. He totally controls my body, my soul, my

At first, he was fun and cool, But all too soon I became his fool. A victim without a chance, He took my life in just a glance. He's so sneaky, full of deceit. Oh why did we ever have to meet.

Thanks to my master, I am now someone I hate. I used to have a life, and it was some-

what great.

Now, all I do is cheat, steal, and lie, And then lay in bed praying to die. Still, I can't leave my master for any

He's too strong and his control is never ceasin'.

He's the one I run to when I wake. I can't get rid of him, even for my chil**Kids Like Me** 

I used to be loving, caring, and enjoyed my life.

But that was before my master took me

Everyone says I don't look the type. They can't picture me locked in my room

smoking that pipe. Lonce was a pretty girl from the South

But the evil one left me with rotting

teeth in my mouth. My master says, "You'll never stay clean;

You love me too much to be happy and He loves that I don't even bother trying

And he's ecstatic when I am miserably I'm already dead really, just a shell.

My master gave me a life of pure hell. Yes, I have a master of the most, evil

He took over and everything good was left behind.

He shows no mercy to religion, sex, or

He relentlessly searches for his next

victim to engage.

I pray you never meet my master. If your paths cross, run fast, then run

His name includes: Alcohol, Heroin, Meth, Crystal, or Ice,

And I beg you, please, please take my

No one should succumb to this Master of misery and shame.

Trust me, this is your life! It is not a

Nothing good will ever come from know-

ing this dark demon, So don't ever try him, no matter how unbearable life is seemin'.

My master took me and broke my spirit. So don't meet him, please, just don't

~Selena Odom. Retrieved from https:// www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/my-

#3-A Letter from Your Disease

Hello fellow addicts I am your disease, I will never let you sleep or put your

I will always be here no matter where

I'm smarter than you and I'm in control.

Family, friends, and loved ones won't matter anymore,

I'll take everything you've got, then I'll

demand more

I introduced you to good times, but mostly to bad,

I've made you feel happy, but I'll make sure you feel sad You'll lie to everyone and say I'm not

but if that's the case why can't you put down that pill

### I come in many forms, shapes, and

Then following comes denial, deceit,

and lies I will turn you from everyone that

tries to take you from me Together we will spend all eternity

I'll embrace you in my arms and I'll

ver set vou free Spend our life together won't that

make you happy, Don't let anyone tell you what I'm all

Cause then you'll find a way - a way to

kick me out Well here I go now, I'll just be on my

but not for too much longer cause I've

got so much to say So when you think I'm gone and you're finally at ease.

Just remember this - I'll always be your disease. ~Siera

Source: https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/a-letter-from-your-disease

Remember, Jesus loves you and Jesus is Lord!

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## **Arby's All-Star teams** recognized

Basketball seniors from all over the valley were recognized for a stellar season that saw Centauri, Sanford and Del Norte's girls all advancing to the semifinal ounds of their respective tournaments.

At the current time, in accordance with state policies regarding the COVID-19 virus, the annual senior game will be not be played March 27th as planned. Rather than cancel the game, however, organizers have decided that postponement was a better option. A future date will be announced when a more public health-friendly date can be determined.

#### **Hot Shot Girls**

Coach: Dave Forster Sangre de Cristo Asst. Coach: Lacey Cooley Kelly Castillo Alamosa 10 Lilly Lavier Alamosa 00 Shandiin Tallman Antonito 32 Mia Garcia Centauri 42 Dynae Johnson Centauri 22 Aubrey Robins Centauri 24 Randi Espinoza Centennial 5 Brandy Almeida Center 4 Yesenia Roasales Del Norte 22 McKenzie Martinez Moffat/Mtn. Valley 22 Sheridan Taylor Moffat/Mtn. Valley 24 Harmony Peterson Sanford 10 Abbey Sittler Sanford 4 Lexi Metz Sangre de Cristo 20 Alyssa Mortenson Sangre de Cristo 12 Jeni Johnson Sargent 12

#### **Hot Shot Boys**

Coach: Mark Jones Center Asst. Coach: Mike Roberts Moffat/Mtn Valley Sam Clark Alamosa 5 Brenden Crowther Alamosa 11 Joey Lucero Antonito 5 Cody Bagwell Centauri 14 Derek Van Berkum Centauri 2 Paul Chavez Centennial 1 Pedro Gonzalez Center 00 Armando Salazar Center 3 Marcos Romero Del Norte 24 Elijah Roberts Moffat/Mtn. Valley 4 Kaidon Wenta Monte Vista 5 Clay Canty Sanford 2 Cole Christensen Sangre de Cristo 23 Nathan Garcia Sargent 22 Dustin Kyffin Sargent 23 Riley Lester Sargent 20 Keaton Fischer Sierra Grande 25

#### Top Shot Girls

Coach: Troy Reynolds Centauri Coach: Taylor McCarroll Asst. Coach: Cheyenne Siemering Devyn Mitchell Alamosa 5 Taylor Motz Alamosa 15 Kylee Gomez Antonito 15 McKenna Bagwell Centauri 20 Kaitlyn Quinlan Centauri 5 Alex Golding Del Norte 33 Kendra Parra Del Norte 24 Alyssa Hammel Moffat/Mtn Valley 44 Cheyenne Hunter Moffat/Mtn Valley 34 Mareh Medina Monte Vista 1 Ariel Caldon Sanford 22 Makenzie Peterson Sanford 2 Tori Ford Sangre de Cristo 3 Danielle Garcia Sangre de Cristo 14 Makenzie Rogers Sangre de Cristo 21 Destinee De Leon Sierra Grande 1

#### **Top Shot Boys**

Coach: Myles Baker Alamosa Asst. Coach: Ramiro Ramirez Ian Jackson Alamosa 24 Lincoln Tuioti-Mariner Alamosa 3 Alec Holman Centauri 22 Owen Richardson Centauri 11 Francisco Esquibel Centennial 21 Devin Porres Center 21 Cole Jones Del Norte 11 Cedar Ross Moffat/Mtn Valley 44 Jarren Chavez Monte Vista 1 Thomas Faucette Sanford 4 Mario Enriquez Sangre de Cristo 21 Zeb Stephens Sangre de Cristo 25 Luke Hoffstaetter Sargent 3 Ryan Holland Sargent 25 Cole Seger Sargent 4 Israel Martinez Sierra Grande 10

## Spring sports suspension extended to April 18

The Colorado High ciation, following the most recent recommendation of state and federal health officials, has announced changes in the spring sports and activities schedules.

Polis announced new restrictions on public gatherings to help slow the advance of the COVID-19 pandemic. Polis ordered the closure of large gathering places across Colorado for 30 days, effective at 8

a.m. Tuesday. "In light of Governor Jared Polis' announcement Monday afternoon, we are announcing that the Association will follow the guidelines that went into effect at 8 a.m. Tuesday and will remain in effect for 30 days," CHSAA Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green said. "This media and school advisory is to keep the membership apprised of the latest decisions from

These updates include: The suspension of spring sports and activities is extended through April 18. CHSAA encourages schools to set stricter

the CHSAA office."

First Team

**Second Team** 

standards on student on CHSAANow.com and gatherings outside of the high school. This suspension means no practices or competition.

All CHSAA music events have been cancelled for

The CHSAA Hall of On Monday, Gov. Jared Fame, scheduled for April 14, has been cancelled.

> The CHSAA Legislative Council meeting, scheduled for April 15, has been postponed pending changes in the public gathering restrictions.

The State Speech Tournament and Student Leadership's Advisor U  $have\,been\,postponed\,until$ later in the spring pending changes in the public gathering restrictions.

The CHSAA office will remain closed until March 30, with staff working remotely from home.

The CHSAA will recognize individual participants from the CHSAA state basketball championships with a memento in the coming weeks to recognize their leadership and resolve during that week.

National and state decisions related to the CO-VID-19 virus are changing daily, even hourly, so new updates will be posted

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Weight Year

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Jr.

Class

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**CHSAA** names

**All State** 

Wrestling teams

communicated via email to schools and media.



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**Shopping Local retains** our distinctiveness: Local businesses respond quicker to the needs of the customers and stock products to meet the core community's needs.

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Local shops value you more: Local businesses survive by their reputation & repeat business which means you get a higher standard of service.

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**EL SUPER TACO** 

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**✓ DELIVERY** 

**✓ CARRY-OUT** 

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✓DRIVE-THRU

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916 Main St. I 719-992-2400 Thai/Sushi ✓ CARRY-OUT

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## Colton Liddell, Alamosa, Sr. (132)

School

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Remi Lucero Centauri

Davion Chavez Alamosa

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## Public Notices

#### EAST ALAMOSA 2020 Drinking Water Quality Report Covering Data For Calendar Year 2019 Public Water System ID: C00102200 Esta es información importante. Si no la pueden leer, necesitan que alguien se la traduzca.

We are pleased to present to you this year's water quality report. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Please contact JAMIE GREEMAN at 719

opportunities that may affect water quality. Please see the water quality data from our wholesale system(s) (either attached or included in this report) for additional information about your drinking water.

General Information

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-804-46-4791) or by visiting epa good/ground-water-and-drinking-water. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV-AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk of infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, or to receive a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and microbiological contaminants call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791). The sources of divinitive water (both tan water and bottled water) includer invers lakes streams, nonther general can walk as As water travels over the surface of the land or throwel the ground the pround the product of the contract of the province of the contract of the product of the province of the contract of the province of the province of the contract of the province of the province of the province of the

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The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground

it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be

- Pesticides and herbicides: may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses
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The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment may have provided us with a Source Water Assessment Report for our water supply. For general information or to obtain a copy of the report please visit wqcdcompliance com/ccr. The report is located under "Guidance: Source Water Assessment Reports". Search the table using 102200, EAST ALAMOSA, or by contacting JAMIE GREEMAN at 719-589-2649. The Source Water Assessment Report provides a screening-level evaluation of potential contamination that could occur. It does not mean that the contamination has or will occur. We can use this information to evaluate the need to improve our current water treatment capabilities and prepare for future contamination than the push sensure that quality finished water is delivered to your homes. In addition, the source water assessment results provide a starting point for developing a source water protection plan. Potential sources of contamination in our source water area are listed on the next page. Please contact us to learn more about what you can do to help protect your drinking water sources, any questions about the Drinking Water Quality Report, to learn more about our system, or to attend developed which processing. scheduled public meetings. We want you, our valued customers, to be informed about the services we provide and the quality water we deliver to you every day

Our Water Sources Potential Source(s) of Contamination Sources (Water Type - Source Type)
EMERGENCY CC-PURCHASED GW FROM CO0102100 (Gro Low Intensity Residential, Row Crops, Pasture / Hay, Evergreen Forest, Septic PURCHASED WATER FROM CO0102100 ALAMOSA (Groundwater-Consecutive Connection)

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Terms and Abbreviations

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- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety
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- Level 2 Assessment A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliforn bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
- Detected Contaminants

  EAST ALAMOSA routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following table(s) show all detections found in the riod of January 1 to December 31, 2019 unless otherwise noted. The State of Colorado requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the

concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. Therefore, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. Violations and Formal Enforcement Actions, if any, are reported in the next section of this report.

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Disinfectants Sampled in the Distribution System

#### TT Requirement: At least 95% of samples per period (month or quarter) must be at least 0.2 ppm <u>OR</u>

meeting TT requirement: 100%

If sample size is less than 40 no more than 1 sample is below 0.2 ppm  Tynical Sources: Water additive used to control microbes										
Disinfectant	Time Period	Results	Number of Samples Below	Sample Size	TT	MRDL				
Name		Level Violation								
Chlorine	December, 2019	Lowest period percentage of samples	0	2	No	4.0 ppm				

Contaminant Name	Time Period	90th Percentile	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile AL	Sample Sites Above AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile AL Exceedance	Typical Sources			
Copper	06/19/2019 to 06/19/2019	0.59	10	ppm	1.3	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits			
Lead	06/19/2019 to 06/19/2019	2	10	ppb	15	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits			
	Disinfaction Ryproducts Sampled in the Distribution System										

Lead and Copper Sampled in the Distribution System

(TTHM)										lisinfection	
Inorganic Contaminants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System											
Contaminant	Year	Average	Range	Sample	Unit of	MCL	MCLG	MCL	Typical	Sources	
Name			Low - High	Size	Measure			Violation			
Antimony	2017	0.5	0.5 to 0.5	1	nnh	6	6	No	Discharge from nets	oloum refineries: fire	

Barium	2017	0.01	0.01 to 0.01	1	ppm	2	2	No	metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits		
Fluoride	2017	0.85	0.85 to 0.85	1	ppm	4	4	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive		
									which promotes strong teeth; discharge from		
									fertilizer and aluminum factories		
Arsenic: while your drinking water meets the EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's											
possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known											
to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.											
	Secondary Contaminants**										

\*\*Secondary standards are non-enforceable guidelines for contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin, or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or Contaminant Name | Year | Average | Range | Color) in drinking water. Unit of Measure |

Florida

			Low – High							
Sodium	2017	39.7	39.7 to 39.7	1	ppm	N/A				
		Vi				ions				
No Violations or Formal Enforcement Actions										

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THE SAN LUIS VALLEY CANAL COMPANY,

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY,
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ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION

Defendants Case Number

2019CV30053 Division Karl Kuenhold Reg. No. 40164 LAW OFFICE OF KARL KUENHOLD, LLC

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
TO: ALL ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35\* days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

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

This is an action in rem to Quiet Title: The relief sought by the Plaintiff is a Decree Quieting Title which will affect the following property as described below and in the Quiet Title Complaint: A tract of land located in the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) and the

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

Beginning at the South Quarter Corner of Section 29, monumented by a 3.25° aluminum cap, set by PLS No. 23891; thence S 89°55′57″ with the South line of the Southwest quarter of said section a distance of 2626.03 feet; thence N 00°11′14″ E with the West line of the

Southwest guarter of said section a distance of 2626.03 feet: thence

S 89°31'17" E with the North line of the Southwest quarter of said section a distance of 2524.82 feet to a point in an existing East and West

 S 01°03'54" W a distance of 92.80 feet; Thence S 19°45'15" E a distance of 31.19 feet; Thence N 89°44'39" E a distance 105.03 feet; Thence S 01°21'59" W a distance of 2464.11 feet;

fence line; thence with said fence line for the following six (6) courses:

- Thence S 89°53'50" W a distance of 58.72 feet; 6.) Thence S 00°06'10" E a distance of 16.75 feet to the True Point of Beginning, containing 156.54acres, more or less.

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MCL

Violation

Typical Sources

retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder

Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from

orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes

First Publication: March 19, 2020 Last Publication: April 16, 2020 LAW OFFICE OF KARL KUENHOLD, LLC

Original signature of Karl Kuenhold is on file with the law offices of

Law Office of Karl Kuenhold, LLC pursuant to C.R.C.P. 121 §1- 26(7) By: /s/ Karl Kuenhold Attorney for Plaintiff

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

**EXHIBIT VIII-H** INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. will receive Bids for the remodel of an existing building into a Dental Clinic located at 135 E 6th St,

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Center, CO 81125 until 1:30 local time on the 23rd day of April at 128 Market Street, Alamosa, CO 81101, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the jobsite at 135 E 6th St, Center, CO 81125 on Thursday, April 2nd at 10:30 am local time. Bids are invited upon the items and quantities of work as follows: Item 1 Remdel of existing building into Dental Clinic
Contract documents, including Drawings, Technical
Specifications, and the Wage Determination are on file at the office of

Weidner & Associates LLC at 830 N. Main Street, Suite 140, Pueblo,

Colorado 81003. Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained by stopping by the offices of Weidner and Associates between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm and asking for a copy, or by emailing Greg Van, greg@weidnerandassociates.net and requesting an elec tronic copy to be distributed digitally. A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. in negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid

Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total Bid shall be submitted with

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project, and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of

their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. (Davis Bacon Wages) In the event that the bidder anticipates hiring employees to work on this job, the bidder should contact the local manpower office for quali-Prior to the awarding of the Contract, the Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc.may defer its decision for a period not to exceed (30) days from the date of the opening of Bids for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding

of the Contract. March 18th, 2020 Valley-Wide Health Systems. Inc. By Jania Arnoldi No. 1355 Title President/CEO

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ROSS WELL PLANT WELL (Groundwater-Well) 21ST ST WELL (Groundwater-Well) 12TH ST WELL (Groundwater-Well) COLE PARK WELL (Groundwater-Well)

EASD HWY 17 WELL (Groundwater-Well)

PRICE WELL (Groundwater-Well)

Aboveground, Underground and Leaking Storage Tank Sites, Existing/Abandoned Mine Sites, Other Facilities, Commercial/Industrial/Transportation, High Intensity Residential, Low Intensity Residential, Urban Recreational Grasses, Row Crops, Pasture / Hay, Deciduous Forest, Evergreen Forest, Septic Systems, Road Mile

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- Level 1 Assessment A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system

Lowest period percentage of samples meeting TT requirement: 100%

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Typical Sources: Water additive used to control microbes

Results

Number of Samples Below Disinfectant MRDL Time Period Sample Size Violation

Lead and Copper Sampled in the Distribution System											
Contaminant Name	Time Period	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	90th Percentile AL	Sample Sites Above AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile AL Exceedance	Typical Sources			
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Lead	06/04/2019 to 06/04/2019	I	20	ppb	15	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits			
	Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System										

Violation Low - High Byproduct of drinking (TTHM) Typical Sources Contaminan Unit of MCLG MCL 0.5 to 0. Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder

2019 4.25 Erosion of natural deposits; runoff fron ppl orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from 0.01 to 0.01 0.01 2017 ppm metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits Erosion of natural denosits: water additive 0.85 0.85 to 0.85 Fluoride 2017 which promotes strong teeth; discharge from Arsenic: while your drinking water meets the EP4's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at

Secondary Contaminants\*\* \*\*Secondary standards are non-enforceable guidelines for contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin, or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water. Unit of Measure Low - High 39.7 to 39.7

Violations, Significant Deficiencies, and Formal Enforcement Actions

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099 ANNOUNCEMENTS BIDS BEING SOUGHT

for garage door installa-

tion at the Bus Garage of the Upper Rio Grande School District. For more information, please contact the Administrative Offices at 719-657-4040. Bids due by April 1.(4/1) 185 - SERVICES

& REPAIRS FLU PREVENTION CLINIC Every Thursday in March. Be pro-

active and strengthen your immune system at the Acu Center Community Clinic located in Del Norte, 990 6th st. Call for appointment 360-821-9006.(4/3) LICENSED PLUMB-ER DOES all types of

plumbing remodel done at reasonable rate. Call 719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593.(4/2) 221

**HELP WANTED** FARMING TECH-NOLOGY CORP is Seeking Tractor Operator Help. May Apply In Per-

son At 8629 Rd 105 North

Mosca, Co 81146.Phone 719-754-0559.(4/15)

#### **HELP WANTED** RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing home is now

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high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems

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

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**VERSITY'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, McD 246, Alamosa, CO 81101. curtislgarcia@ 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

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PART-TIME RECEP-TIONIST NEEDED immediately. Need to be dependable. Bring resume to Valley Courier, Attention Keith.(TFN)

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)

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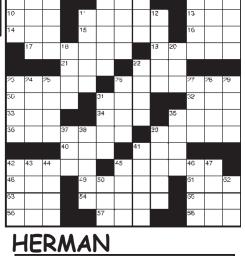
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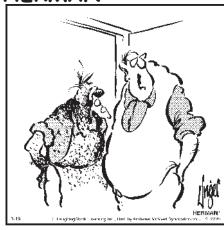
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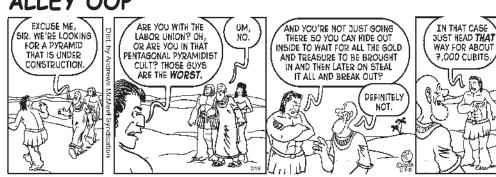






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### Transgender classmate isn't ready for romance with teen

DEAR ABBY: I'm 16 the reason for his dysphoand have had trouble with romance for as long as I can remember. I've had almost 80 crushes since kindergarten. I counted.

Right now I am close to a relationship with a TEEN IN OHIO boy at my school who is a vear older. I have had feelings for "Ben" for almost a year, and I found it was mutual a few months ago. He invited me to coffee but later canceled, explaining that he wasn't emotionally prepared, which was clear. He feels the way he does for a reason. Ben is a transgender male, and his mother disapproves, as do many of our classmates.

Two months ago, we agreed to be "just friends ... for now." Since then, no feelings have changed for either of us. However, I know Ben still isn't ready, largely because of his mother's and his classmates' influence.

I'm getting impatient. I've been in relationships before, the middle-school kind, and I know how my brain functions. Right now, I worry obsessively about how he feels. This will subside after a real relationship starts. But before that happens, the issue is all-consuming. I constantly rehash concerns we need to talk about in my mind, and I don't know how to ignore them until we can speak again. It makes my grades

I blame Ben's mother

ria and panic attacks. I'm angry. I want her to leave her son alone. How can I wait peacefully and get over my bitterness toward his mother? -- CRUSHING

DEAR TEEN: Anger, frustration and bitterness can make people sick. You need to find ways to get your mind off this budding romance and channel these negative emotions, if only because Ben isn't ready for what you have in mind. Bear in mind that he is on a long and complicated journey. (Give him props for honesty.) Then buckle down and concentrate on your schoolwork, find a sport or other activity you can involve yourself in and, if your school doesn't have a Genders and Sexualities Alliance, consider going online to gsanetwork.org and starting one at your

DEAR ABBY: I work in the medical field in a family practice. I love my job and helping people, but the problem is, my boss never tells the truth to our patients and overcharges them anytime he gets a chance. The sicker the patient, the more heartless he is with them. He has told some patients that we, the assistants, told him they owe him money.

It has reached a point where I cannot handle it anymore. Knowing that I see everything he does, elder abuse, which could land and classmates for the he now can't stand me and him in the prison system. stress he's under. They're constantly criticizes every-



#### ABIGAIL Van Buren

thing I do. He has become verbally aggressive and abusive.

I know this is unhealthy for me. I have insomnia because of it, and when I do get to sleep, I have nightmares about this situation. Abby, please help me because I do not know what service to contact to make a complaint against him. -- SCARED IN GEORGIA

DEAR SCARED: Document everything you have observed. Then talk to your local police about possible fraud being committed by your employer. Next, contact your state medical board and report what has been going on at the expense of the patients. If these patients are senior citizens, reach out to your Area Agency on Aging (aging.georgia.gov/ locations), because the "good doctor" may be committing

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## Lifestyles

### COVID-19 (coronavirus) Update from SLV Health Incident Command

ALAMOSA—San Luis Valley Health (SLVH) remains committed to taking care of our community's healthcare needs. There are no known patients with positive test results in the San Luis Valley as of March 18, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

At this time, due to a limited amount of supplies and resources, we are prioritizing the way we deliver care. Our goal is to continue taking care of people who are ill. Starting today, all elective, routine, and well visits will be postponed through April 3, 2020. This is a fluid situation and the clinics and hospitals are not shutting their doors. Clinic staff are contacting

patients and consulting with providers. Please understand that this is due to a supply chain issue and not due to a surge in COVID-19 patients.

As of March 18, 2020, new visitor restrictions are in place in the hospitals per CDC guidelines. All visitors must check in at the front desk. Visiting hours will be limited to 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. No visitors under the age of 18 will be allowed. Only one visitor per patient will be allowed, and the visitor must stay in the patient's room at all times. Family and friends will not be permitted to enter the facility or wait in the lobby or common areas.

The cafeterias at both

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the Regional Medical Center and Conejos County Hospital will be temporarily closed to the public. We appreciate the public's cooperation with these new guidelines as we all work together to keep our community safe.

If you have general questions about the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), please call CO HELP at 1-877-462-2911, which is available in both English and Spanish.

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please call San Luis Valley Health's nurse line at 719-589-2511 and press 9. Please call this number or your provider before entering a healthcare facility. Please send an email

to virusFAQ@SLVRMC. org with your concerns and questions.

At this time, due to a limited amount of COVID-19 testing kits available and a slow turnaround time for results, tests will be prioritized as follows:

Hospitalized patients who receive an order from the attending provider;

Medical staff, healthcare workers & first responders who have symptoms and have been screened by a nurse or provider.

Additional Note: While a positive test result would provide information and an explanation for symptoms, it does not change the course of treatment; regardless of a positive or negative result, patients will be encouraged to self-isolate if they are safely able to

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# San Luis Valley

### Rio Grande National Forest offers virtual services in response to COVID-19

MONTE VISTA —

The Rio Grande National Forest (RGNF) is implementing procedures and protocols to protect the health and safety of employees and members of the public during the CO-VID-19 outbreak following guidance from federal and state authorities.

"As we work through an unpredictable and rapidly changing situation, health and safety is our number one priority," said Forest Supervisor Dan Dallas. "We are committed to continuing to support our communities and fulfill our mission as we all work together to minimize the impacts and spread of COVID-19."

Customers needing information, permits, maps, or to schedule an appointment are encouraged to call the following phone numbers during regular business hours for prompt customer

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While being outside on a national forest is believed to be safer than indoor spaces, visitors are urged to take the precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). For tips from the CDC on preventing illnesses like the coronavirus, go to: https://www.cdc.gov/ coronavirus/2019-ncov/ about/prevention.html.



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## Western Living

## **Statement to Industry**

of Agriculture is rising to meet the challenges associated with the new coronavirus disease, Covid-19. As leaders of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and Agricultural Marketing Service, we can assure you that the agencies are committed to ensuring the health and safety of our employees while still providing the timely delivery of the services to maintain the movement of America's food supply from farm to fork.

These agencies are prepared to utilize their authority and all administrative means and flexibilities to address staffing considerations. Field personnel will be working closely with establishment management and state and lo-

The U.S. Department cal health authorities to handle situations as they arise in your community. As always, communication between industry and government will be key. We are all relying on early and frequent communication with one another to overcome challenges as they arise.

In this time of much uncertainty, we know that many of you have questions about how the department will continue to ensure that grading and inspection personnel are available. We have all seen how consumers have reacted to the evolving coronavirus situation and how important access to food is to a sense of safety and wellbeing. It is more important than ever that we assure the American public that government continued access to safe and wholesome USDAinspected products.

As we come together as a country to address this public health threat, know that USDA remains committed to working closely with industry to fulfill our mission of ensuring the safety of the U.S. food supply and protecting agricultural health.

Dr. Mindy Brashears USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety Greg Ibach

USDA Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs

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## and industry will take all **Amid COVID-19 Outbreak Beef Producers** Remain Vigilant

virus Disease 2019 (CO-VID-19) is a serious and rapidly changing situation throughout Colorado and the entire United States. The virus and its impacts are being taken very seriously throughout the beef industry. The health of the public and our employees is of the highest priority, as well as our responsibility to produce and deliver safe and wholesome food throughout the nation

and world. "The United States food and beef supply is ticular, retail demand the safest and most abundant in the world. The beef industry remains committed to providing the same nutritious, safe, and wholesome products consumers expect, even during these stressful times", said Steve Wooten, Colorado Cattlemen's Association President. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), there is no evidence to support transmission of CO-VID-19 associated with food. However, it is always important to follow good hygiene practices (i.e., wash hands and surfaces often, separate raw meat from other foods, cook to the proper temperature, and refrigerate foods promptly) when handling or preparing

With empty shelves and aisles in grocery stores throughout Colorado it may appear that the United States is running out of food. Be assured that there is plenty of food, it is just a shortterm disruption of the food supply. "According to the North American Meat Institute, there is food being produced and there is food in warehouses," stated Sallie Miller, Chair of the Colorado Beef Council. "There is plenty of food available in the country." In parfor beef remains high and beef suppliers are prepared to continue to meet consumer demands.

"Our thoughts go out to those impacted by CO-VID-19, and rest assured

#### our industry is poised and ready to face the challenges presented by the onset of COVID-19," said Mike Veeman, Colorado Livestock Association President. While our industry is prepared to proceed with caution and take the necessary steps to limit the rate of infection of COVID-19, our producers will continue to fuel the economy through their actions in caring for livestock and ultimately bringing needed protein all across the state, nation, and **Irrigation Season** for La Jara Creek and Trinchera

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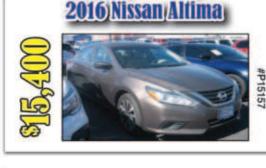
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