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SLV Today

VFA meeting cancelled

MONTE VISTA — Valley Fiber Art Guild is cancelling their March meeting. The April Meeting will depend on updates from the state, and will be updated with the newspaper when known.

Please feel free to email or call if you have any questions.

Wanda Couzens-Smith, email: wcouzenssmith@gmail.com

Home phone #719-852-5000

Rio Grande meeting postponed

MONTE VISTA — Rio Grande Water Users Association (RGWUA) have postponed their March 25 meeting. The Meeting of the Rio Grande Compact scheduled for April 9th has also been postponed as a precautionary measure.



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SLV's first positive COVID-19 cases found in Rio Grande County

DEL NORTE — Monday's two confirmed cases of COVID-19 virus in Rio Grande County became the first reported in the San Luis Valley since the worldwide pandemic began.

Rio Grande County Public Health (RGCPH) was notified by Rio Grande Hospital of the positive cases involving a 20-year-old female and a 50-year-old male. Both are currently isolating at home according to a press release from RGCPH.

"This is a reminder that the virus is in our community," the press release stated, "so remember to keep observing social distancing, quarantine at home if you think you may have been exposed, and isolate yourself at home if you have any symptoms."

Questions may be directed to the SLV information hotline, 719-

480-8719. Questions concerning symptoms and testing can be directed to the nurse hotlines: SLV Health, 719-589-2511, ext. 9, and Rio Grande Hospital, 719-657-4990. Nurses are able to assess one's condition over the phone and give instructions on what to do next.

Other sources of information include the www.slvemergency.org website or facebook.com/slvemergency.

General Covid information can be found at the Colorado Help Line, 877-462-2911, in both English and Spanish, or by logging into www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus.

Center for Disease Control (CDC) updates and guidance can be found at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.



Rio Grande Hospital in Del Norte reported the first confirmed cases of Coronavirus in the San Luis Valley.

Community shows outpouring of support



Carolyn Mortensen, and SLV employee, demonstrates a mask prototype with Michelle Gay, head of the SLV Health Innovation Team.

ALAMOSA — It started with a few phone calls. It has now become one of the largest outpourings of support that San Luis Valley Health has seen.

Because of the surge of patients in other areas of Colorado and the nation, the hospital is looking at potential supply shortages of surgical masks, gowns and other supplies.

So the hospital began calling area businesses such as dental and veterinary offices, nail and hair salons and businesses in agriculture here in the Valley, looking for any extra surgical masks and other supplies. That outreach resulted in the donation of thousands of surgical masks from all over the Valley, with more coming in every day.

Then something extraordinary happened. Valley residents began

reaching out by phone, email and text, offering their sewing skills to make masks to help fill the need. Every day, more and more people from all over the Valley are reaching out to help.

"This response has been overwhelming, and so appreciated," said Michelle Gay, head of the newly formed Innovation Team at SLV Health. "We knew the generosity of the people in the San Luis Valley was huge, but this labor of love has no bounds."

Ms. Gay, in coordination with Kelly Gurule, director of the SLV Health Foundation, is finalizing plans on patterns for the surgical masks and gowns as well as coordinating people as they call in to volunteer. Ms. Gay is also organizing other ideas and suggestions that will benefit the safety of the healthcare staff.

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Moffat Consolidated School District #2 Names 3 Finalists for Superintendent



MOFFAT — The Moffat Consolidated School District #2 has named three finalists to lead their schools, one internal candidate and two from outside the district.

The superintendent search narrowed their finalists to Michael Roth, Sarah White and Rachelle Wilson.

Michael Roth's background includes a wide range of experiences. He began his career in the inner-city schools of San Antonio where the English Language Learner population was high and the socio-economic status was low. He then moved to the rural schools of Iredell-Statesville Schools in North Carolina. He also has experience leading a Gifted Magnet School and brought growth to a high achieving school and brought growth to a low achieving school.

Sarah White has educational experience across the San Luis Valley and has served as a teacher, instructional coach, administrator and senior literacy consultant

for the Colorado Department of Education. She is experienced in meeting the needs of at-risk students and creating stimulating and challenging learning environments, conducive to the highest levels of achievement.

Rachelle Wilson is a current, proud member of the district and community and welcomes the opportunity to

continue to lead the district on the positive path the current administration has implemented. She has ten years of experience as a teacher and leader across many different grades and content areas, knows how to read

data, how to coach teachers and administrators on instructional strategies, and how to properly implement that

data. Due to COVID-19 precautions and recommendations, the district will be canceling the community meet-and-greet that had been

arranged and will be scheduling virtual interviews over the coming weeks.

After the interviews, the board will begin deliberations to determine a finalist.

Concerning COVID-19 & Golfer Safety

ALAMOSA — In light of COVID-19, we are taking action to provide you with the safest environment possible at Cattails Golf Course.

Nothing is more important to us than the health and safety of our staff & golfers. We will continue to undertake the precautions and best practices recommended by public health experts. Click HERE for the CDC's recommended steps to prevent illness.

Starting on March 24th the Pro Shop and Clubhouse will be closed down to the public. We want to do our part and eliminate any high traffic areas to protect the players as well as our staff. Cattails Golf Course will remain open with the following modifications.

* Only personal golf carts will be allowed on the course. Our cart fleet is unavailable.

* Tee times must be booked and paid for through our website. You

can access the online booking portal through the link below.

* There will be no merchandise, driving range or alcohol sales during this closure.

(Cattails staff will still be in the pro shop. Tee times and play will continue as normal but there won't be any face to face interaction. If you have any questions or concerns please call the pro shop at 719-589-9515)

We send our best wishes to all individuals and communities that have been impacted by the virus.

We are closely following the news & will take all recommended precautions during this time. We will keep you updated via email & our Facebook page as the situation evolves.

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OBITUARIES

Gloria Mott Wuckert, 91

ALAMOSA — Gloria Mott Wuckert, age 91, passed away peacefully on March 15, 2020, in Sandy, Utah of natural causes incident to age. She was born on September 17, 1928, in Alamosa, Colorado to Jacob Lyman Mott and Elsie Sowards, one of 12 children.

Gloria married the love of her life, Donald James Wuckert, on June 25, 1950, in Alamosa.

After graduating from high school, Gloria went to cosmetology school in Denver and received her license to be a hair-dresser/beautician. After marrying Don and settling in Alamosa, she became a housewife which she thoroughly loved as it reminded her of growing up on a farm in a large family in the Carmel district near Alamosa.

From this marriage two children were born, Alan Kent and Pamela Jo. Throughout her life, Gloria gave unwavering support to Don in his many businesses. These included the Home Lumber Co., First National Bank in Alamosa (which later grew to include other branches in the San Luis Valley), Alamosa Plaza Apartments, Appletree Storage (which they jokingly called Easy Street), among other ventures.

Gloria was an excellent seamstress, knitter, and cook. She made many beautiful items for friends and family. Her cooking was



legendary and loved by all. Favorites that she made included chicken tamales, kraut bierok, wilted spinach salad, and rhubarb pie—just a small sampling of her cooking prowess. She loved candy and treats and always had a secret stash which she thought nobody knew about, but we all did.

Gloria was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and loved the Gospel dearly.

Gloria is survived by her children, Alan (Janice) Wuckert, Murray, UT, and Pam (Chris) Morgan, Draper, UT, and 5 grandchildren, Heidi, Kristjan, Nick, Taylor, and Caitlin. Also surviving are 9 great-grandchildren, Maren, Porter, Ben, Indy, Heath, Cole, Olivia, Emma, and Amelia. She is also survived by her siblings, Donna (Betty), Carol, Kathleen, Joe, and Jeannie.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Don, and her

siblings Lyman, Maurice, Winfred, June, Marilyn, and Joyce.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the many people who have given great care and assistance to Gloria over the past many years. This includes her neighbors and friends in Alamosa, and her live-in roommates Kandace, Casey, Lisyuri, and Nicole.

Also, the staff at Cedarwood at Sandy, and Encompass Health and Hospice are due special recognition and our heartfelt gratitude for their kind and tender care.

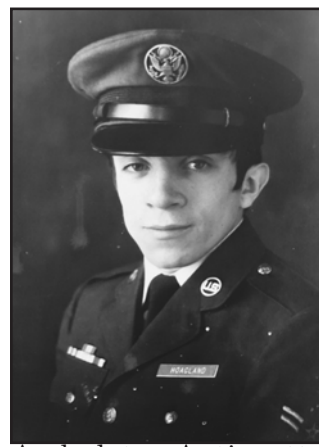
Due to the Covid-19 epidemic, our family is concerned for the health and safety of all those family and friends who loved our mother. We have decided that it is best for us to not have a viewing and funeral for her at this time. A private graveside service and interment will take place at the Alamosa Cemetery under the direction of Rogers Family Mortuary. A family celebration of our mother's life will be held at a later date. We appreciate all of your love and support.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation in Gloria's honor to San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center in Alamosa, or to a charity of your choice. To leave online condolences or words of strength for the family, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com.

William "Bill" Hoagland Jr, 65

WALSENBURG — William "Bill" Hoagland Jr, 65, passed away at the Spanish Peaks Veterans Community Living Center in Walsenburg, on Friday, March 20. He was born on December 19th, 1954 to William and Marguerite Hoagland in Alamosa.

He is survived by his mother, Marguerite; sisters: Marci (Vincent) Lintiaci of Blanca, and Lori (Ron) Salazar of Lancaster, CA; special niece, Jasmine (Harold) Lintiaci of Fort Garland; nephews: Thomas (Stephanie) Archuleta of Fort Garland, Jerome (Vicki) Salazar of Portland and Jordan Salazar of Lancaster, CA; grandson, JoJo Hoagland of Del Norte; great-nieces and nephews: Thomas



Archuleta, Antionette Archuleta, Jaylah James and Jayley James all of Fort Garland; and an aunt, Ardith Cortez of Craig. He is also survived by his loving family, The Spanish Peaks Veterans Center of Walsenburg.

William is preceded in death by his father, William Hoagland Sr; son,

Joseph Hoagland; paternal grandparents, WB and Blanche Hoagland and Nick and Delores Medina; and maternal grandparents Frank and Eloisa Franklin.

The family has chosen cremation and services will be announced later in the summer. Rogers Family Mortuary of Alamosa is in care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences or words of strength for the family, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com.



Alice Louise Shawcroft, 57

LA JARA — Alice Louise Shawcroft, 57, passed away Friday, March 20, at the Rio Grande Inn in La Jara. She was born on September 17th, 1962 to George and Louise Shawcroft.

She spent her working life as a teacher, touching and inspiring young lives everywhere she went.

Alice is survived by her sisters: Cecilia (Rodney) Ehardt and Kistine (Mike) Johnson; her nieces and nephews: Kenneth Shawcroft, Sarah Valdez, Kelli Shawcroft, Jennifer John-



son Nelson, Jason Shawcroft, Jared Shawcroft, Jacob Shawcroft, James

Johnson, Jeremy Ehardt, John Johnson, Jeffery Johnson, Joseph Johnson; along with extended family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, George and Louise and siblings: Vaughn, Orris and Linda.

The family has chosen to have a private family Graveside Service.

Rogers Family Mortuary of Alamosa is in care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences or words of strength for the family, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com.

Virginia Franklin Cordova, 79

BLANCA — It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Virginia Franklin Cordova on March 16. Born March 31, 1940 on Trinchera Ranch in Blanca. Born to Frank Franklin and Eloisa Franklin (Aragon), Virginia was a highly motivated and independent woman from birth. Throughout her life, she raised five sons, was a business owner, and became the first Woman Republican Commissioner of Costilla County.

Virginia had a will and belief that one could accomplish anything that you want, with hard work

and determination. With this philosophy, she motivated not only herself but those whose lives she touched.

Although impacting nearly everything she endeavored, she will be remembered most for her relationships. She was a fiercely loving and devoted mother, grandmother, aunt, and sister, wife, and friend whose generosity of spirit and loyalty will be impossible to forget.

Virginia was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Eusebio T. Cordova; sisters: Lou Roybal, Henrietta Roybal, Eva Meyer, Lillie Henning-

sen; brothers: Joe Franklin, Frank Franklin; and daughters-in-law: Rita and Susan.

She is survived and honored by her sister, Marguerite Hoagland; sons: Andrew, Eugene (Rita), David (Susan), Terry (Donna) and Dominick (Jesikah); grandchildren: Bianca Narango (Johnny), Jennifer Cordova (James), Terry Cordova (Cory), Jessica Cordova, Emily DiRubbio (Joseph), Dante Cordova, Drew Cordova, Brandi Dunaway (Anthony) and Tori Warthen -- great-grandmother to Michael, Daniel, Vincent, Terry, Carter, Alana, Ga-

BIRTHS

SANFORD -- The San Luis Valley Health hospital welcomed Joslin Elizabeth Ann Jones into the world on March 16, 2020. For parents Lindsey and Josh Jones, of Sanford, this is their fourth child; behind: Jason, Jared and Logan Jones. Joslin's maternal grandparents, Carl and Peggy Dunn, are from Manassa; while her paternal grandparents, Kevin and Pam Jones, are from Sanford.

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

ALAMOSA—The Op-

timist Club of Alamosa meets at Nino's Restaurant in Alamosa the first and third Tuesdays at noon. Contact the club at alamoasoptimistclub@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 mkmiller@mink@aol.com

ALAMOSA — The Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group meets

on the second Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon. at the Alamosa Public Library, 300 Hunt Ave. Call the Southern Colorado office at 719-544-5720, ext. 304.

ALAMOSA — TOPS (Taking Off Pounds 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 Alamo-

MONTE VISTA — Monte Vista resident Eli Mel Salazar, 56, passed away March 21, at Penrose Medical Center with his loving family by his side. Eli came into the world on June 15, 1963, the son of Melisendo Salazar and Eva Mae Garcia.

Eli was a loving son, partner, brother, uncle, cousin and friend who enjoyed going fishing and camping. He was an avid Denver sports fan and he loved spending time with his family and friends.

He will live on through his mother, Eva Garcia of Monte Vista; partner, Selena Pacheco of Monte



Vista; sister, Janice Marie (Andrew) Padilla of Denver; brother, Chris Salazar of Monte Vista; Gary (Ida) Salazar of Del Norte and Mel Salazar of

Albuquerque, NM.

He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Eli was preceded in death by his father Melisendo Salazar, grandparents Vera Mary and Emilio Garcia and one sister Carol Garcia.

Cremation was chosen and a Memorial Service will be held at a later date. To leave online condolences please visit romero-funeralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

PENDING OBITUARIES

Orlando Juarez-Garcia, 45

SANFORD — Sanford resident Orlando Juarez-Garcia, 45 passed away March 21. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Antonito.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca

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

8 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 607 4th St., Alamosa.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

5:30 pm. 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)

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Valley News

Stitch in Time

SLV Health looking for volunteers to sew masks

ALAMOSA—San Luis Valley Health is reaching out to the community to ask for help in sewing fabric masks to combat a local supply shortage.

The masks will help make up for the state-wide shortage that Colorado healthcare has seen develop over the last few weeks.

SLV Health recently established an innovation team, led by Michelle Gay, SLV Health director of compliance, to coordinate the volunteer efforts of the staff and the community. Kelly Gurule, director of the SLV Health Foundation, will be leading the coordination of the creation of the masks.

"We have had such a response already of people ready and willing to help out," Ms. Gurule said. "It is with people like this that makes the San Luis

Valley strong."

SLV Health is providing the preferred mask template, along with specific directions for compliance, on the website www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org. The mask is a double-layer mask, with the back of the mask having a cotton material, and the front of the mask having a heavier fabric, such as denim. This mask design has an interior pocket in order to insert additional filters.

"We are urging everyone who wants to help to share this information with others," said Ms. Gay. "The more people that have access to it, the more everyone can help out. From all of us here at SLV Health, thank you."

Please call to have hospital staff pick up the masks, or please drop off completed masks to the SLV Health

Foundation office at 1921 Main Street in Alamosa. The office is in the SLV Health Education building, located next to Hwy 160.

To help with the creation of masks and gowns, or if you need more information about the masks, please

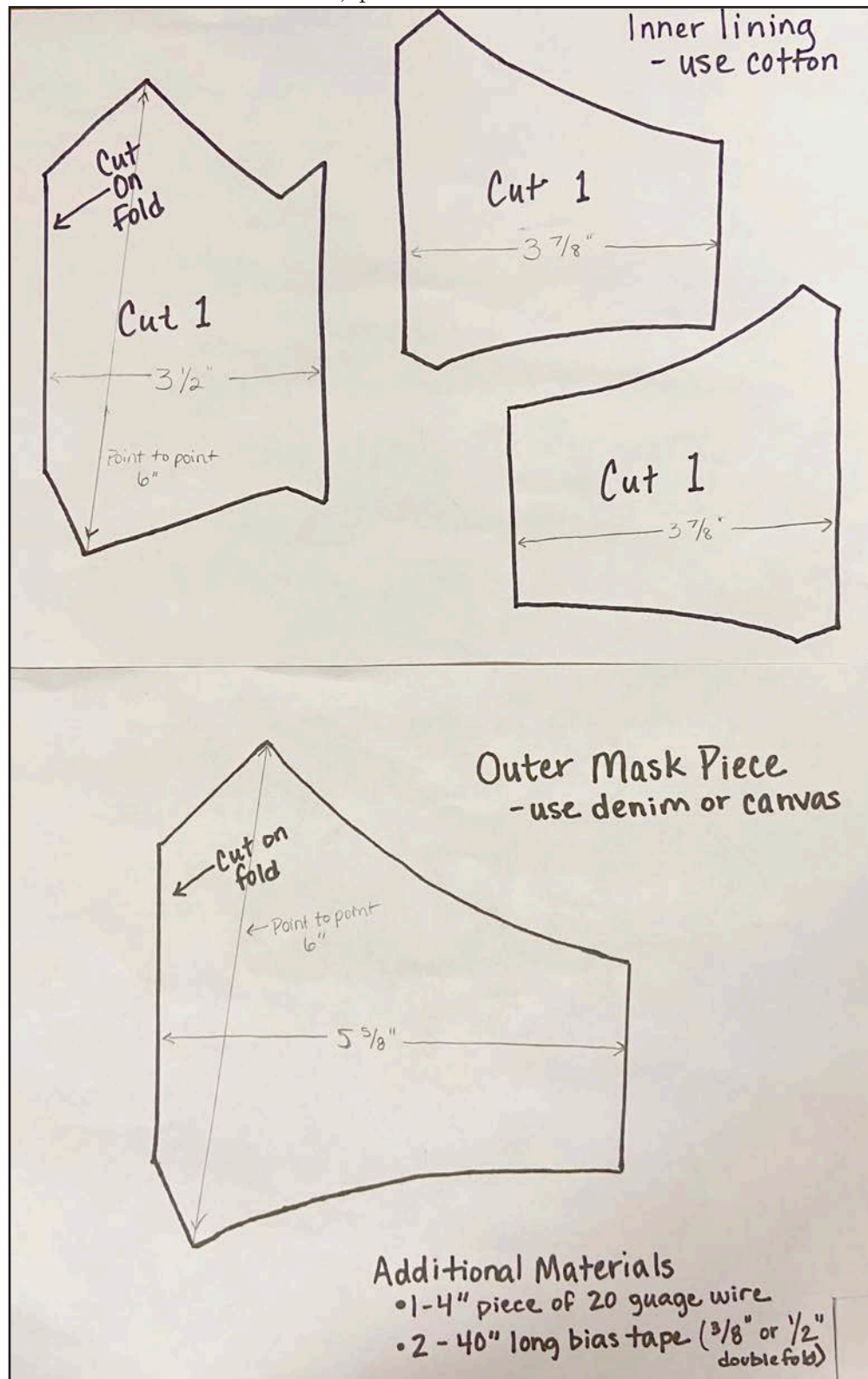
contact Kelly Gurule by calling 719-587-5707, or by email at gurulek@slvrhc.org.

For any other innovative ideas or suggestions, please contact Michelle Gay by calling 719-587-6362, or by email at michelle.gay2@slvrhc.org.



Photos provided by SLV Health

Right, Sewing pattern of mask. Above, What the completed mask looks like from the front.



Courier office hours trimmed

ALAMOSA - Effective today, the Valley Courier's regular hours will be trimmed back to 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by appointment by calling 719-589-2553.

Regular email communication will

continue to all current Courier addresses.

Publisher Keith R. Cerny said that the hours' reduction was required due to a reduction in force caused by the Coronavirus outbreak. Normal business hours could resume after the crisis subsides.

Mask

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"This pandemic goes well beyond what we in healthcare, and you as community members, have ever seen," said Konnie Martin, CEO of SLV Health. "Together, with your help, we can continue to help those that need us the most. It's through community members - working together towards a common goal - that we are reminded that we are not alone

during this time."

To help with the creation of masks and gowns, please contact Kelly Gurule by calling 719-587-5707, or by email at gurulek@slvrhc.org.

For any other innovative ideas or suggestions, please contact Michelle Gay by calling 719-587-6362, or by email at michelle.gay2@slvrhc.org.

Public Health Update on COVID-19

SAN LUIS VALLEY—Today, March 23, 2020, Rio Grande County Public Health received confirmation that two Rio Grande County residents have tested positive for COVID-19. We remind you today that it is important that our community continue to take the steps to slow the spread of this virus in our community. Everyone, sick or well, should limit physical contact with others by staying home and staying 6 feet away from others when you must go out for essential activities like picking up groceries.

If you think you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, self-quarantine by staying home for at 14 days. Do not go into any public spaces during this time.

If you feel sick, self-isolate and STAY HOME, away from household members if possible for at least 7 days and until your symptoms are gone and you have had no fever for at least 72 hours without using medicine that reduces fevers.

Rio Grande County Public Health press release from this morning, March 23, 2020 included the following information, "As of the morning of 3/23/2020, Rio Grande County Public Health was notified by Rio Grande County Hospital that we do have two (2) positive cases of COVID-19 in Rio Grande County. The cases are currently a 20-year-old

female and a 50-year-old male. They are both currently isolating at home."

When positive results are received, out of both the respect of the individuals and national privacy laws, Public Health will not share any further identifying information regarding the identity of those who receive positive test results. If you know someone who has received a positive test result, please be respectful of their privacy and do not share that information with others. Knowing who has or has not been tested does not change the need to continue to observe physical distancing and sheltering in place in your own home.

When notice of a positive test result is received, Public Health goes through a process called contact tracing to identify where possible contact with others may have occurred, and then they follow up accordingly. In the meantime, we encourage EVERYONE to adhere to the guidelines we have been issuing regarding limiting contact with others. That is the BEST way to minimize your risk of exposure. We must assume that others in the community are carrying the virus, whether or not they have symptoms.

Yesterday Governor Polis issued an executive order directing all of Colorado's non-critical employers to reduce their

in-person workforce by 50 percent. The executive order directs all employers to implement telework options to the greatest extent possible. If telework is not practical or possible, employers are encouraged to stagger work schedules to reduce the proximity of employees during work hours and to keep employees on payroll. This Executive Order does not apply to any employer that can certify that employees are no closer than six feet from one another during any part of their work hours. This order further places an emphasis on the need to STAY HOME if possible.

Local residents are advised not to receive visitors. Visitors may unknowingly spread the virus to you or your family. We advise everyone, stay in your home except to meet needs such as a weekly trip to the grocery store. This is especially important if you fall into the most vulnerable population, above 60 years of age, have underlying health conditions, or are immunocompromised for any reason.

The San Luis Valley COVID-19 Information Line, (719) 480-8719, is for general COVID-19 information in the San Luis Valley. It is staffed by volunteers who can help callers find accurate information. The line will be open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Callers will not be able to get

medical advice or referrals at this number.

If you call 911 for any reason, tell the dispatcher if you are having symptoms, or if you have a known exposure to someone with COVID-19. As always, call 911 only if you are having a medical emergency. If you or someone in your household is having symptoms (cough, fever, shortness of breath), call your doctor. Or, you can call one of the nurse lines set up by SLV Health or Rio Grande Hospital. Those numbers are as follows: SLV Health: 719-589-2511 ext 9, or Rio Grande Hospital 719-657-4990.

Public Notice effective March 23, 2020 until further notice.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Board of County Commissioners for Alamosa County will hold a regularly scheduled public meeting each weekday at 2:00 p.m. located at 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101. In person attendance will not be allowed in order to protect the public. A virtual conference room has been established for anyone who would like to listen in to comply with Colorado Open Meetings Law. You may call 605-313-6288 and use access code 433756#. Accessibility may be limited due to network capacity.

3 ways to respond to the Census

Online - my2020census.gov

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

Phone - call 844-330-2020

(en español 844-468-2020)

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

...all without having to meet a census taker



2020census.gov

Effective March 23, 2020 and until further notice, CIA-Leavitt Insurance Agency, Inc. will be closing our doors to public access at both locations in Alamosa & Colorado Springs.

As the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation continues to rapidly evolve, CIA-Leavitt Insurance has been proactively taking steps to protect and support our workforce, customers and community where we live and work. As a precautionary measure, part or all of our staff may begin working from home. We are working to have our employees set up with access to work remotely and will have phones forwarded to their location. There should be no change in our capabilities or response time, so rest assured that we will remain at a high level of functioning and can continue to take care of all your needs. Please communicate with your agent and account manager in the same method you normally do, and we will continue providing the same level of customer service you are accustomed to receiving. If you have a meeting planned with your agent or account manager and need to change that to a virtual meeting, please reach out to advise us at your earliest convenience.



Toll Free Phone #: 1-800-242-0129

Alamosa Office: 719-589-3611

Colorado Springs Office: 719-528-1884

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Lifestyle

A message from TSJC President, Dr. Rhonda M. Epper

Dear Trinidad State Community:

Spring Break is traditionally a time to refresh and recharge from the stress and excitement of a higher education experience. It is also a time for renewal, as we look forward to warmer weather, to semester's end, and to graduation. Unfortunately, things are much different this semester. COVID-19 has brought new challenges and normalcy has gone by the wayside. We are all a bit on edge as we consider the many unknowns before us. And yet, I have confidence that the legacy of Trinidad State will endure. As I walk the campus, speak with employees, and visit with students, I am encouraged that we are looking out for one another. I am confident that we can develop and adopt new processes to better serve the needs of students and employees, not just for the short-term of this current crisis, but for many years to come. I am confident that the communities of Southern Colorado, of which we are an integral part, will recognize and value the critical contributions we make to their economic and cultural fabric; and they will endeavor to support us as much as we will continue to support them. A couple of updates and decisions from this week:

For Students
Commencement: In-person graduation ceremonies, currently scheduled

for May 8, are cancelled. This is, of course, a difficult decision, but one that is necessary given the restrictions on large-group gatherings and to protect the health of our students, staff, and families. After spring break, we will be conducting a survey of graduating students to find out your preferences for an alternative way to celebrate your graduation from TSJC. Our Graduation Committee has been working on some ideas for a virtual celebration. We are also open to considering an in-person ceremony later in the year. Watch for a survey in your email the week of March 30. It's important to remember that however we celebrate, you will still receive your certificate or degree as soon as it's completed, and you will be a TSJC graduate!

Residence Hall and Dining Refunds: Students who check out of the residence halls before March 30 will be refunded six weeks of room and board to their student account. The business office will credit student accounts based on financial aid and scholarship awarded to the student. A pro-rated refund will be calculated for students who check out after March 30. To determine the status of your account, contact Ruth Blasi in the TSJC Business Office (719-846-5547, RuthAnn.Blas@trinidadstate.edu).

For Faculty and Staff:
We are continuing with current plans to migrate

as much instruction as possible to online delivery for the remainder of the semester. Please check out the faculty blog (<https://tsjconline.wordpress.com/>), put together by Lisa Cheney-Steen, Jocelyn King, and other faculty. You will find some excellent resources and helpful hints for moving your courses online. Lisa is also available to help any faculty member or instructor who needs one-on-one assistance. The blog also has helpful hints for staff, such as how to forward your phone and use Webex for meetings.

At this point, the governor and the Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDHE) are supporting the continuation of Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes that require hands-on learning – as long as the classes are small and can provide appropriate social distancing. As you all know, a number of our CTE programs are supplying the workforce that is necessary in a time of crisis: EMTs, public safety officers, nurses, and other healthcare workers. Line technicians are critical during natural disasters. Our state needs these skilled workers as quickly as possible and will be counting on community colleges to retrain displaced workers and get them back into the workforce quickly. Kudos to many of our CTE faculty who have come up with innovative strategies to

teach certain skills online. I am in awe of your creativity! We will continue to follow guidance from CCCS and state leaders on CTE and will let you know if anything changes.

As I stated in my message earlier this week, staff are encouraged to work from home if at all possible. We will have minimal staff working on campus (housing, dining, facilities, security) with most student support and business functions moving to remote work. We expect

a skeleton crew on each campus to be available to support students who are still here. Our IT staff has been conducting an inventory this week to determine the technology needs of staff members working from home. Administrative Services has developed some forms, located in the Employee Portal, for you to document your work-from-home arrangement and track your time.

As you make your final preparations for spring break, please know that I

appreciate all that you are doing – students, faculty, and staff alike. I am proud that our TSJC community is doing its part in preparing for and controlling the spread of COVID-19. And I am proud of all we have accomplished to make TSJC such a remarkable place. We will use this opportunity to find new and innovative ways to deepen the relationships that sustain us. And we will be a better and stronger college for it. Be safe, and stay healthy!



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Public Notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids in an envelope marked: Town of Del Norte Upper Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project The Town of Del Norte (hereinafter called the "Owner") will receive sealed bids for the Upper Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project at the Del Norte Town Hall 140 Spruce Street, Del Norte, CO 81132 until 10:00 AM, April 1, 2020. At such time, Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. Plans, specifications, and bid forms will be distributed electronically. Plans can be downloaded at www.elementengineering.net under "Project Bidding" and will be available on March 9, 2020 at 10:00 AM. The charge for plans is \$20.00. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Del Norte Town Hall 140 Spruce Street on March 19, 2020 at 10:00 AM. Bids shall be made on the forms furnished by the Owner and shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope and endorsed with the name of the Bidder. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in an amount of at least 5% of the Bid, in the form of a bid bond. The bond will be retained by the Owner if the successful bidder refuses or fails to enter into a contract with the Owner. Bids shall be valid for ninety (90) consecutive calendar days from the bid date. The Project consists of replacement of rehabilitation of the existing approximate 375,000 gallon buried concrete water tank, sand blasting, resurfacing, new metal roofing and site grading. Bidders are hereby advised that the Owner reserves the right to not award a Contract until ninety (90) days from the date of the opening of Bids, and Bidders expressly agree to keep their Bids open for the ninety (90) day time period. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality, technicality or irregularity in any Bid, to disregard all non-conforming, non-responsive, conditional or alternate Bids, to negotiate contract terms with the Successful Bidder, to require statements or evidence of Bidders' qualifications, including financial statements, and to accept the proposal that is in the opinion of the Owner in its best interest. Owner reserves the right to accept any combination of Bids which in Owner's sole, and absolute judgment will, under all circumstances, best serve the Owner's interests. Owner also reserves the right to extend the Bidding period by Addendum if it appears in its interest to do so. No. 1333 Published in the Valley Courier on March 7, 14, and 21, 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 hereinafter 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 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

221 HELP WANTED

THE SAN LUIS Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services has a position for a full time Early Childhood Special Education Teacher for the 2020-2021 School Year. Interested applicants should hold a valid Colorado Teacher License with a license for Early Childhood Special Education or be eligible for a Temporary Educator Eligibility (TEE). Application is available at the BOCES office or on-line www.slvboces.org. Process requires application, letter of interest, and three current letters of reference. Send completed application process to LJ Garcia, Assistant Director of Exceptional Student Services, SLV BOCES, 2261 Enterprise Drive, Alamosa, CO 81101. Application deadline is April 3, 2020.(4/3)

221 HELP WANTED

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

221 HELP WANTED

APARTMENT MANAGER. OVER the Rainbow Apartments, downtown Alamosa seeks a live-in skilled property manager. Responsibilities include lease management, facility upkeep, handling tenant needs and issues. Qualifications: mature, good communication and computer skills, good references. Knowledge of human services helpful. Compensation includes salary, apartment, paid utilities and benefits. Serious applicants, please submit resume to hr@lapuente.net.(3/28)

221 HELP WANTED

MONTE VISTA ESTATES Nursing Home is Seeking a full time day shift C.N.A seeking a full time evening shift (2-10) shift CAN If you love working with the elderly and enjoy making a difference in the lives of our residents, please contact us. We look forward to having you join our team. (3/28)

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://www2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. Applications are available to download on the district web site or call (719)852-5996. (3/24)

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

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

RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing home is now hiring LPN's and RN's. Come join our team! Must have a current license and CPR. Days and Night shift with night shift differential. Please stop in for an application at 1335 6th st in Del Norte Co or call 719-657-1105 Ask for Susan or Chelcy. (RV1 is EOE.)(4/3)

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District 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 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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099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

185 - SERVICES & REPAIRS

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THE CITY OF Alamosa is hiring a part-time Library Assistant. (Hiring range \$12.00 to \$12.60/hour DOQ). 20-25 hours per week. Hours will include evenings and weekends. Computer and customer service skills are a must. Duties include, but not limited to, shelving, collection maintenance, and customer service. Full job description, announcement, and application can be found on our website at cityofalamosa.org. Deadline: 03/26/2020 at 4:30 p.m.(3/27)

THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for the following position: Building Night Janitor (AHS) Applications are available online at <https://dist.alamosa.k12.co.us> For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline March 27, 2020. EOE.(3/27)

THE COSTILLA COUNTY Conservancy District is now hiring for an Administrative Assistant position. Job requirements: High School Diploma, Microsoft Office experience, and Email and computer skills. Preferred qualifications: Accounting/bookkeeping (Quickbooks) skills and Good communications/writing skills. Position is for 30 hours per week, Monday – Friday. Please email resume along with letters of recommendation and references to info@costillaccd.org by April 2, 2020.(4/4)

RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing home in Del Norte Co is seeking a Director of Nursing must have a current Colorado license and in good standing. We offer insurance and competitive wages if interested please stop in @ 1335 6th st to apply or if you have any questions please feel free to contact us @ 719-657-1105 ask for Susan. (RV1 is EOE.)(4/3)

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369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

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 - 8 Intuit, in sci-fi slang
 - 12 "Waterfalls" group
 - 13 Victorials
 - 14 Auto part
 - 15 Sign a contract
 - 16 Asian royalty
 - 17 Butter substitute
 - 18 Check endorser
 - 20 Medieval adventure
 - 21 Cask
 - 23 "Alice" diner owner
 - 24 South Seas getaway
 - 27 Matured
 - 29 Force open
 - 32 Pretty soon
 - 33 Large vase
 - 34 Airport exit
 - 35 Antler bearer
 - 36 Traipse about
 - 37 Oil cartel
- DOWN**
- 1 Ear swab (hyph.)
 - 2 Bone below the elbow
 - 3 Gross
 - 4 Achieve harmony
 - 5 Friar's title
 - 6 Operate
 - 7 "Shogun" apparel
 - 8 Horror flick extra
 - 9 Butler, to Gable
 - 10 Blast furnace inputs
 - 11 Snarl
 - 19 Making do
 - 20 Proof ender
 - 22 Dials
 - 23 Healed, as a bone
 - 24 In a jiffy
 - 25 Not out of
 - 26 Baez or Rivers
 - 28 Diploma possessor
 - 29 Family man
 - 30 Country addr.
 - 31 Gross!
 - 34 Chasm
 - 39 Heel
 - 41 Water-proofs
 - 43 Windy City airport
 - 44 Dud
 - 45 Unusual
 - 46 Persia, now
 - 48 Pet shop sounds
 - 49 Surrealist painter
 - 50 Chimney dirt
 - 52 Invite
 - 53 Desire
 - 54 Harper or Stan



- ACROSS**
- 38 Big amount
 - 39 Grant
 - 40 Poison ivy symptom
 - 41 Airline to Stockholm
 - 42 Kennel user
 - 44 Cooked in oil
 - 47 Lettuce buys
 - 51 Super-man's mother
 - 52 Auel heroine
 - 55 Woolly animal
 - 56 Spoken
 - 57 Tea leaves reader
 - 58 Virus infection
 - 59 Writes
 - 60 Leg joint
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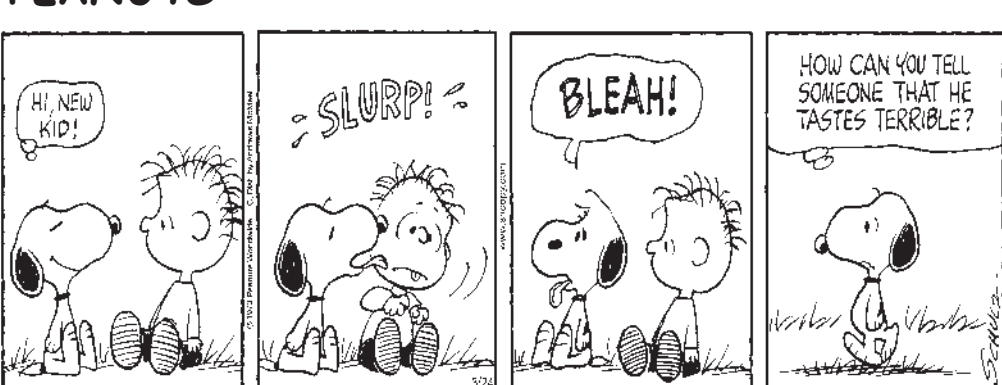
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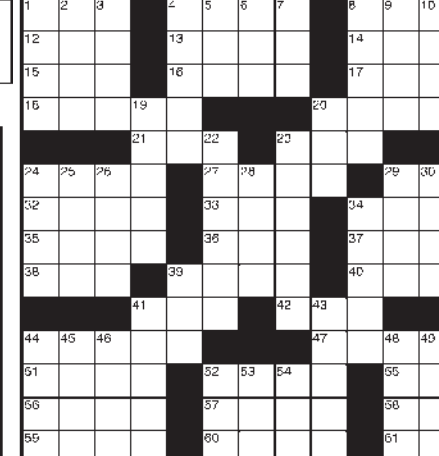
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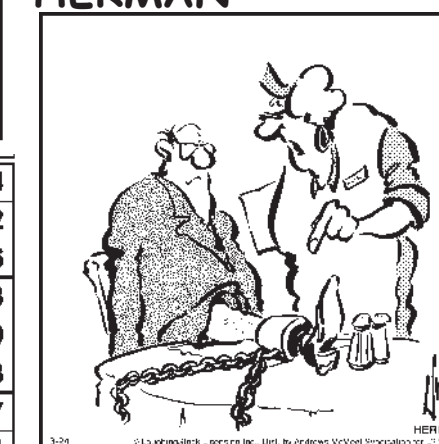
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"You'd be surprised if you knew how many people walk out without paying!"

Couple's views on one issue diverge and threaten future

DEAR ABBY: After an abusive relationship ended 14 years ago, I stayed single and raised my small son to adulthood. I dated here and there, but never found anyone I had serious feelings for who also felt the same way about me until seven months ago. My feelings for my boyfriend are strong, and it's mutual. He is giving, kind, caring, hardworking and protective. We are very much in love. He tells me he feels like he can be himself around me, something he has never had before. I've never had anyone care so much about my well-being.

Should I tell my boyfriend I understand where he's coming from based upon where and how we were raised? Do you think down the road our basic principles will drive us apart? We have been talking about buying a house in the country together, although neither of us has intentions of marriage anytime soon. -- HESITATING IN ILLINOIS



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DEAR HESITATING: You should absolutely talk to your boyfriend about your plan to become an outspoken LGBTQ ally and more active in your profession. When you become more visible, do you plan to separate your career and your personal life? It appears you are willing (and able) to respect him, and understand why he feels the way he does. But is he willing to do the same for you, and will his conservative convictions negatively affect how you plan to live your life?

staying overnight, going on trips, etc. As they have gotten older, I recognize that they will naturally want to spend less time with us old folks.

We talk about everything and differ on only one point so far. I'm in education and an LGBTQ ally. He feels strongly that nature dictates that only a man and a woman belong together, and he says he hates gay people. (We both grew up in very small, conservative communities.) Now that my son is older, I plan to use my experiences to be a stronger voice on education issues regarding tolerance and improving learning outcomes for all by instilling conflict resolution principles in my educational practices. I'm not changing my view on this, but I want to continue for us to love and support each other.

It is VERY important that this issue be resolved BEFORE investing in real estate with him -- as well as any more precious time. A professional mediator may be able to help with the conversation if you can't do this by yourselves. DEAR ABBY: My two grandchildren, 12 and 16, used to spend a lot of time with my husband and me,

My problem is, when I send them texts to invite them for lunch or out somewhere for the day, they don't respond or just respond with an IDK (I don't know). My question: Should I ask again to get an answer before the scheduled lunch or trip, or should I just forget it and assume they don't want to be involved with us? -- SAD MEMAW IN FLORIDA

DEAR SAD: You have asked an intelligent question, but you are asking the wrong person. The people you should be asking are your grandchildren, and when you do, it should be face-to-face.

Lifestyle

Various ways to alleviate nurse burnout

Nursing is a rewarding career, and nurses figure to be in high demand in the coming decades.

As fulfilling as nursing can be, nurses routinely confront issues that other professionals may never encounter. Nurses are in high-demand, but a shortage of openings in nursing schools in recent years has led to a widening gap between the demand for skilled nurses and the supply, according to the nursing support resource Nursing.org. As a result, many nurses are taking on more work than they can handle. Couple this with the inherently demanding nature of nursing, and it's not surprising that nurses may experience fatigue, mental exhaustion and doubts about the value of their work.

Holli Blazey, MSN, ANP-BC, the Nursing Program Coordinator for Employee Wellness at the Cleveland Clinic, says burnout is "a big problem nationally for all kinds of caregivers, whether you work in an ICU or an ambulatory setting." Long hours, rotating shifts and the stress of caring for ill

patients are other factors that can contribute to nurse burnout. Many times nurses muddle through and do not even realize burnout is occurring. However, if anxiety, exhaustion or the desire to skip work is cropping up more frequently, nurses should not hesitate to take action. The following are some ways nurses can cope with burnout.

- Identify your stressors. Write down the things that are stressing you out. Pinpointing circumstances that are causing you to feel overwhelmed is the first step in addressing them. Try tracking responsibilities for a few days and write down feelings after each activity. Then try to identify which are the biggest sources of your stress. Communicate your findings with a supervisor or colleague who may offer advice or work with you to confront your stress in a positive way.

- Don't make new commitments. It's tempting to want to get involved in new projects, especially if job dissatisfaction has you looking for fulfillment

elsewhere. But overextending yourself even further may only add to your existing stress.

- Practice relaxation exercises. Engage in slow and meaningful breathing, set aside even a few moments to sit in quiet and take a break, and think about how you can approach the situation in a healthy way instead of giving in to your anxiety.

- Delegate when possible. Find out which tasks can be taken off of your to-do list. Is there something a patient care nursing assistant can do at work? Can you rely on a friend or family member to help out at home? Lighten your load to give yourself time to recuperate.

- Join a support network. Many employers offer employee assistance programs, such as access to a professional therapist. Connecting with other colleagues also can be a great way to build up your support network.

These tips can help nurses find the relief they need when burnout starts to set in. More resources can be found at www.nursing.org. TF204808

SLV Health Bulletin

The following instructions are for people who have or might have Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and their families or caregivers.

Information for COVID-19 patients who are not hospitalized:

Stay home. Do not leave your home, except to get medical care, until your healthcare provider says it is OK. (this can be up to 7 days and at least 72 hours after all symptoms have subsided without having to take medication) Do not go to work, school or public areas, and do not use public transportation or taxis.

Separate yourself from other people in your home. As much as possible, stay in a different room from other people in your home. If possible, use a separate bathroom. If you must be in the same room as other people, wear a face mask to prevent spreading germs to others.

Avoid visitors. Keep small children, elderly people, those with weak immune systems or chronic health conditions away. This includes people with diabetes, chronic heart or lung or kidney conditions, and pregnant patients.

Cover coughs and sneezes. To prevent spreading germs to others, when coughing or sneezing cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve. Throw used tissues in a lined trash can, and immediately wash hands with soap and water.

Keep hands clean. Wash hands often and thoroughly, especially after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food. Use soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available and if hands are not visibly dirty. Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid sharing household items. Do not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, bedding or other items with other people in the home. These items should be washed thoroughly after use with soap and warm water.

Clean all "high touch" surfaces, such as counters, tabletops, door knobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables,

every day using household disinfectants. Also, clean any surfaces that may have blood, body fluids and/or secretions or excretions on them.

Monitor illness. If your illness gets worse, seek medical care. Call the COVID-19 triage line (719-589-2511 press 9) and tell them that you have, or might have COVID-19 or you suspect you are getting worse. This will help get you to the appropriate location for treatment with proper notification to the staff expecting you.

It is recommended that you seek medical care for serious symptoms such as: difficulty breathing, can't keep fluids down, dehydration, confusion, chest pain, or other serious symptoms. People with life-threatening symptoms should go to the ER or call 911. Notify the 911 dispatch that you may have COVID-19 to allow the EMS providers to take the necessary precautions.

Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids such as water, sports drinks, electrolyte drinks. If not contraindicated, use Tylenol for fever control and body aches.



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