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Recycling hours change

ALAMOSA — Recycling Center hours change March 8. The City of Alamosa Recycling Center will begin summer hours on March 8. The Center is located at 1130 Old Airport Road in Alamosa. Summer hours: Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday: 12 p.m.-6 p.m. Yard waste curbside pickup will begin April 6. One can also drop off yard waste at the Recycling Center at no charge.

SdCSB meets March 10

SAGUACHE — The Sangre de Cristo School Board of Education will meet Tuesday, March 10 in the school library at 8751 Lane 7 North, Mosca with an executive session from 6-6:30 p.m. and an open session starting at 6:30 p.m. Copies of agendas are posted at the school site, website, the Hooper and Mosca Post Offices, and the Mosca Pit Stop. Meetings are open to the public.

City council meets tonight

ALAMOSA — Alamosa City Council will meet at 7 tonight at City Hall to discuss a resolution authorizing the city manager to sign a lease purchase agreement for golf course maintenance equipment. There also will be a first reading on an ordinance amending the established pay play for city officers and employees, among other issues.

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Avila named 'Youth of the Year'

SLVBGC member says 'Don't let the negatives define you'

By KEITH R. CERNY
Courier Publisher

ALAMOSA — Sporting the attitude to “never give up,” Isaiah Avila proved why he was voted the 2020 “Youth of the Year” by the Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley. Isaiah is the son of David and Sophia Avila of Alamosa and is a junior staff member at the club.

Avila is a wrestler at Alamosa High School and said wrestling is not just a sport, “it’s a lifestyle. It has taught me self-discipline, the drive to face failures to stay focused and to never give up.”

Avila was honored at the annual breakfast Tuesday with over 100 Boys and Girls Club (BGC) supporters in attendance. He will now proceed to compete in the statewide competition for Youth of the Year and will receive a four-year scholarship to Adams State University.

Avila was introduced by Vince Alcon, social emotional learning director for SLVBGC, who repeated a statement created by the high school junior: “Don’t let the negatives define you, let them be the foundation to building a positive you.”

Having been involved in SLVBGC for 10 of his 16 years, Avila said he is “proud to represent this club and I continue my journey. I will do my best to be someone that not only our community can be proud of but that all of America can look up to as a mentor and a leader.”

Avila talked about challenges and opportunities in his young life and his love for music and the guitar.

“I have had to learn to face the fears of failure and focus on what matters to me, success and happiness,” he said. “I had to weed



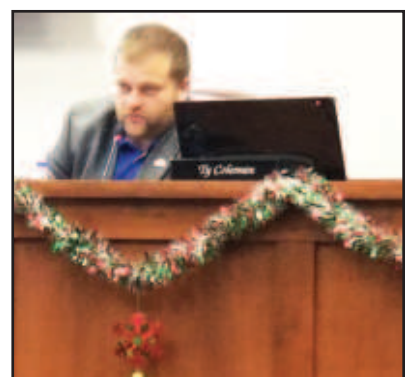
Dr. Cheryl Lovell, Adams State president, was on hand to present “Youth of the Year” Isaiah Avila with a four-year scholarship to the university. Avila also is pictured below, right.

through the negative thoughts and influences of others around me that could have easily crushed the hopes and dreams of the person I want to become.”

Avila said his work at the club allowed him to “help kids overcome obstacles and encourage them to be successful and happy despite all of the negative things around them.” He said that helped him gain self-confidence

facing personal challenges in his life and thanked those who inspired him along the way.”

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Vigil running for county commissioner

ALAMOSA — It is great humility that Jan Vigil announces that he will be seeking the seat of County Commissioner, District 3, in the upcoming election.

“I have served on the Alamosa City Council for seven years now, and I am very proud to have worked with such a great team, both council and city staff,” Vigil said. “We have accomplished so much over this time.”

“When I, virtually a no-name candidate, with no experience, decided to run seven years ago, my main drive was to get things done to improve the lives of people through a servant-leadership approach.”

“I don’t know everything and I have never promised anything, but I can guarantee that I will ask questions and work hard to come up with solutions for all involved. I believe that my constant energy, passion, and strive to move our city forward has been an important piece to our team, and all that we have accomplished over this time.”

Over the last seven years, City Council has achieved the following: come up with an ex-

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Lillian Klutts holds Sassy while putting her ballot for the presidential primary in the box at the Alamosa County Recorder on Tuesday afternoon.

Elephants, donkeys get along in Alamosa

By DANIEL McKILLOP
Courier Editor

ALAMOSA — While Republican and Democratic politicians fight like cats and dogs on the national stage, regular folks were incredibly congenial toward one another at the Alamosa County Recorder on Tuesday afternoon.

Republicans and Democrats actually mingled after voting during the presidential primaries in Alamosa.

Democrats, Annie Fairchild and Patricia Chavez, voted together and enjoyed a few laughs with Republicans, Terry Hammond and Claire Minnick, also voted together.

Outside the voting venue the four-some exchanged pleasantries.

“I feel very proud just to come out and vote,” Minnick said.

Minnick also was holding her chihuahua named CHOOCO.

“CHOOCO has been a Trump supporter since day one,” Minnick said. “He has, yes.”

Minnick said CHOOCO being 21 in dog years, now, “he’s finally old enough to vote.”

Hammond, who is the chairman of the Alamosa Republican Party, weighed in on the first presidential primary in Alamosa in 20 years.

“Well, I think it is a very exciting thing,” Hammond said. “I think it will show just how many people are actually for the president — contrary to popular belief.”

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Grant will help SLV landowners

Trinchera Blanca Foundation supports San Luis Valley Conservation Strategy

SAGUACHE — The Colorado Cattleman’s Agricultural Land Trust (CCALT) is pleased to announce a generous grant from the Trinchera Blanca Foundation to help make additional conservation in Colorado’s San Luis Valley (the Valley) possible in 2020 and beyond.

The Trinchera Blanca Foundation’s support will advance CCALT’s San Luis Valley Conservation Strategy, a program designed to address increased demand for conservation tools from landowners in the Valley.

“Working farms and ranches are paramount to the character and economy of the Valley,” said Louis Bacon, chairman of The Moore Charitable Foundation and its local affiliate, Trinchera Blanca Foundation. “CCALT’s San Luis Valley Conservation Strategy program will give local landowners, facing increased development pressure and other uncertainties, a viable option to conserve their farm and ranch lands now and for future generations.”

Geographically, the San Luis

Valley is nearly 8,000 square miles, bordered on the west by the La Garita Mountains and the San Juans, and to the east by the Sangre De Cristo Mountain Range. With fertile soil and a favorable growing season, agriculture has been the predominant economic driver in the Valley for generations. Large farming operations and family ranches make up the fabric of the communities in the Valley, and ranchers and farmers produce multiple crops and products including beef, bison, potatoes, quinoa and lettuce.

An influx in development in recent years, combined with drought and economic pressures on farming and ranching families, has increased the importance of conservation in the region.

For many ranchers and farmers, conserving their land is the only way to keep their properties in agricultural production. To date, CCALT has partnered with multiple families to conserve more than 9,000 acres in the Valley, and more than 41,535 acres in the region, protecting

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OBITUARIES

Rheda J. Meadows, 69

MONTE VISTA — Rheda J. Meadows, 69, of Lamar, passed away on March 2 in Longmont. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., March 5 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 425 Batterson Street, Monte Vista. Burial will follow at Monte Vista Cemetery. Arrangements are by Strohmayer's Funeral Home.

Rheda was born in Lamar to Urvin and Bonnie Brooks on March 23, 1950. She went to school at Lamar High School. She married Jan E. Meadows on May 18, 1980 in Del Norte.

She graduated from Adams State University with a master's degree in Education. She worked as a special education teacher for 28 years.

Rheda is preceded in death by her parents, Nellie Fowler, Cindy McCormick and Jan E. Meadows.

Rheda is survived by her sons, Billy Lankford, Brian Lankford and his wife, Robin; Brandon Meadows



and his wife, Julie; Brooks Meadows and his wife, Megan; her brother, Tony Brooks; her sister, Vickie Kelley; her father in law, Jim Meadows; and her grandchildren, Savannah Lankford, Anderson Lankford, Brylie Lankford, Blakely Lankford, Lex Meadows, Leelou Meadows, Easton Meadows and Landon Meadows.

Pallbearers will be Tony Brooks, Billy and Brian Lankford, Brandon and Brooks Meadows.

Memorials may be given to Strohmayer's Funeral Home.

Jerry Schmidt, 85

WALSENBERG — When Jerry Schmidt passed away on March 1, at the age of 85, due to autoimmune liver disease, our world lost a truly wonderful and kind person.

Born on Sept. 8, 1934 in Santa Rita, Jerry was the second of eight daughters born to Joe and Elizabeth Christesson. Her father worked in the oil and gas industry, which required frequent relocation of the family. By the time Jerry graduated, she attended over 15 schools and ultimately ended up in Colorado, where she spent the rest of her years.

Jerry adored her family; she maintained close relationships with all of her sisters and grieved deeply when her beloved parents passed away.

Jerry met her husband, Louis Schmidt, at a rodeo in Fort Morgan, where Louis was competing in the calf roping division. They married on April 17, 1955 in Fort Morgan, where they spent their first two years as a family.

Jerry and Louis then moved to Brush for a short while before settling on a wonderful ranch 20 miles East of Walsenburg, called Turkey Ridge. In 1973, the family moved back to Brush and made their final move in 1976 to the San Luis Valley.

Jerry and Louis enjoyed taking care of Jerry's younger sisters during their summer breaks. Many wonderful memories were made during those summers. Jerry always had a huge heart and so much love for them, as they did for her.

Not only did all her sisters love her dearly, their husbands loved her too! In the final months of her life, many of Jerry's sisters stood by and took care of her 24 hours a day. Their laughter brightened her soul and kept her happy right to the end.

Louis and Jerry had four children while living in Walsenburg; Minda Witt, 1960; J.D. Schmidt, 1962; Beth Sipes, 1964 and Larry Schmidt, 1965.

Jerry raised her kids with joy and love. They miss her deeply and will cherish wonderful, life-long memories of their mother.

Jerry's greatest joy was being an amazing partner to Louis Schmidt and a loving mother to her four children. She was a wonderful ranch wife, not only taking care of the home, but running the operations of the ranch.

Jerry also participated in the outdoor chores including running the swather and cutting many acres of alfalfa hay, as well as taking care of many sheep, cattle and horses.

Aside from helping run



the ranch, Jerry worked for The Monte Vista Journal selling advertising during the 1980s and 1990's. She enjoyed her job and built a strong community with all the people she met.

She thoughtfully made meals for anyone in distress. She always had food on hand to prepare a casserole, jello salad (orange with mandarin oranges or lime with pears), a vegetable and a cake. Many people were touched by her thoughtfulness when life was not kind.

The Schmidt family attended church at the Church of Christ in all the communities they lived in. Jerry was well loved by all at Central Church of Christ from 1976-2020.

She is famous for making her homemade cream cheese mints for weddings, baby showers and other church get-togethers.

Jerry is preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Minda Witt and grandson John Schmidt.

Jerry and Louis were devastated by the early loss of John and Minda. They were both extremely compassionate and generous people.

She is survived by her husband Louis; her sons, J.D. (Carla) of Monte Vista; Larry (Audrey) of La Jara and daughter Beth (Les) of Berthoud; 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her sisters; Ginger Lee, Judy Moomey, Dee Barnes, Ethel Nugent, Libby Barnes, Debby Sawyer and Rhonda Ataway.

She is also survived by her dear sister-in-law, Helen Tormohlen. Jerry leaves many nieces, nephews, cousins and an abundance of dear friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 6, at the Central Church of Christ in Monte Vista.

In lieu of flowers, those who so desire may make memorial donations, in memory of Jerry, to the Central Church of Christ.

Arrangements are in care of Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista.

To leave online condolences for Jerry's family please visit www.Rogers-Funerals.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

MONTE VISTA — Longtime Monte Vista resident Abelardo 'Abe' Heredia went home to be with the Lord on March 2, peacefully at his home under Hospice Care surrounded by his loving family.

Abe was born on July 2, 1946 in Las Animas Parish, the son of Serapio Heredia and Arcadia Rojas Heredia.

He worked for and retired from the Rio Grande County Road and Bridge Department for many years.

Abe was a compassionate, caring and loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend.

He enjoyed going camping, fishing, hunting, having barbeques, traveling, reading the Bible and spending time with his family, brothers and sisters in Christ and friends. His family will miss him dearly.

Abe will live on through his wife Elisamaria Heredia of Piedras Negras Coahuila; daugh-

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

SOUTH FORK — Kiwanis meets every Thursday at 8 a.m. at the Feelin' Good Coffeehouse in South Fork. Contact: Karen Miller, 719-873-5466 or email mkmillermink@aol.com

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

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

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

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.

Abelardo 'Abe' Heredia, 73



ter, Tabitha (Michael) Valdez of Monte Vista; son, Abelardo M. (Hiedi) Heredia of Monte Vista; grandchildren Monique and (Luis) Palacios, Michael Valdez, Aaron Heredia, Adam (Shaylyn) Heredia, Abbey Heredia, Anisha (Jose) Heredia, Kodi A. Heredia, Amber Miller.

He is also survived by seven great-grandchildren; brothers, Fidencio (Julia) Heredia of Monte Vista; Mariano (Rita) Heredia, Serapio Heredia, both of Alamosa, and Henry (Pat) Heredia of Monte Vista.

He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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 sly-photostephen@gmail.com

ALAMOSA — Families Healing Families is a community-based organization that provides support and resources for families affected by the impact of substance abuse. They meet on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center at 92 Rio Grande Ave. (on the north end of Cole Park) in Alamosa.

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

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

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

AA MEETINGS

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

7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede 7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara.

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AL-ANON

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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Vote

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Fairchild brought down the house when she revealed her choice.

"I am going to vote for a garbanzo bean as long as it's a democrat," said Fairchild, who is originally from Rocky Ford, Colo.

Lillian Klutts held her pet chihuahua Sassy while putting her ballot in the box.

Klutts said she voted for a democrat, but she would not reveal exactly who she selected.

"It was a male," said Klutts, as she continued to keep her vote secret.

When asked if it was hard to choose one out of the many democrats, Klutts said, "It was, but I narrowed it down to the one I wanted."

Klutts described the elections as "kind of strange."

They were all good candidates, they all do their own thing and it was hard because you have to choose one of them."

At 1 p.m., Jaclyn Hurst,



Democrats, Annie Fairchild and Patricia Chavez, voted together at the Alamosa County Recorder on Tuesday afternoon.

county clerk and reporter, said that the turnout

was good for the presidential primary.



Republicans, Claire Minnick, who is holding CHOOCO, and Terry Hammond, pose for a photo after before voting Tuesday afternoon.

"I am going to vote for a garbanzo bean as long as it's a democrat."

—Annie Fairchild, Democratic voter

When asked about the mood of the voters,

Hurst said, "They seemed pretty happy."

"CHOOCO has been a Trump supporter since day one. He has, yes. He's finally old enough to vote."

—Claire Minnick, Republican voter talking about her pet chihuahua.

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Avila

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Aaron Miltenberger, executive director, and board members Matt Martinez, Mike Hudson and David Mize also participated in Tuesday's program.

Miltenberger said the club's goal is to "serve more kids, more often" with a bigger impact.

Martinez, a former BGC member himself, touched on the club's 26-history after long youth approached Alamosa city officials about creating a place for them.

Hudson, an accountant and treasurer of the SLVBGC board, explained the benefits of Colorado's Child Care Tax Credit and how donations to the club would result in a 50% or more tax credit on those contributions.



Courtesy photo

More than 100 local supporters attended the annual "Youth of the Year" breakfast Tuesday morning at the Boys and Girls Club of the San Luis Valley.

2020 Presidential primary results

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Overall, Colorado had poor voter turnout — with 3,893,645 registered voters and only 1,385,544 ballots cast in this Presidential primary. While Sanders won the state, Alamosa and surrounding counties had a fair bit of variety in their poll results.

Alamosa Sanders leads with almost 44% of the Democratic votes; Biden in second with nearly 21% of the votes; and Bloomberg in third, with almost 17% of the votes. Trump won almost 94% of the Republican votes.

Saguache Sanders leads with almost 52% of the Democratic votes; Bloomberg in second, with almost 16% of the votes; and Biden close

behind, with around 15% of the votes. Trump has won almost 96% of the Republican votes.

Costilla

Sanders leads with 40% of the Democratic votes; Biden in second, with around 24% of the votes; and Bloomberg in third, with almost 20% of the votes. Trump won almost 93% of the Republican votes.

Huerfano

Sanders has a tentative but sure lead, with almost 36% of the Democratic votes; while Biden and Bloomberg fight it out — Biden has almost 24% and Bloomberg has almost 22% of the votes. Trump won almost 95% of the Republican votes.



Courier photo by Daniel McKillop

Jaclyn Hurst, Alamosa county clerk at the Alamosa County Recorder on Tuesday afternoon.

Counties Rio Grande and Costilla did not post results before deadline.

The Secretary of State's web page, 'Election Night Results,' contributed to this article.

Static pile compost tour with Dr. Johnson

JAROSO — Mosca-Hooper Conservation District invites you to a compost tour with Dr. David Johnson from 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m. on Friday March 13. Dr. Johnson presented

his concept for a static pile fungal compost in February 2018 during the Southern Rocky Mountain Ag Conference, and since then Mosca-Hooper Conservation District has coordinated with over a

dozen SLV farmers and ranchers in an effort to upscale Dr. Johnson's design.

The finished compost will be applied to fields this spring, so this is a chance to talk with Dr.

Johnson about the compost we made, and about the research he has been doing since we saw him in 2018, and to understand how the static pile compost may fit into our systems here.

BLM plans prescribed burns near Tres Piedras, Cerro

TAOS, N.M. — Beginning March 4, and continuing for up to 30 days, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be conducting prescribed burns in the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument on the Guadalupe Mountains south of Cerro, N.M., and on Pot Mountain approximately 7 miles west of Cerro, smoke may be visible from highways NM 522, US 285, and US 64. This project will employ management-ignited

prescribed fire to reduce hazardous fuel loadings that could contribute to high intensity crown fire under the right conditions. Historic uses and active fire suppression have interrupted the natural fire regime in this fire-dependent ecosystem. This has resulted in hazardous fuel accumulations and increased stand densities, which contribute to the decline of wildlife habitat and the potential of catastrophic wildfire. For further informa-

tion, contact acting Fire Management Officer Kyle Sahd at 575-751-4767. You can also follow the implementation of this project on NMFIREInfo.com, or Twitter @nmfireinfo, or on Facebook.com/nmfireinfo. For information on how you can help protect your family, home, and property, go to www.nmfireinfo.com/information.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western

states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of subsurface mineral estate throughout the nation. In fiscal year 2018, the diverse activities authorized on BLM-managed lands generated \$105 billion in economic output across the country. This economic activity supported 471,000 jobs and contributed substantial revenue to the U.S. Treasury and state governments, mostly through royalties on minerals.

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Opinion

God bless America ...

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

Former Vice President Joe Biden came through Saturday and won a smashing victory in South Carolina.

All the cable news pundits who have money in the stock market went wild with joy. Joe Biden's advisors reminded him that today was Super Tuesday and Joe replied that he'll take the soup.

Joe Biden gave a jubilant victory speech Saturday to thousands of supporters after his victory in South Carolina. And the former vice president wasted very little time parlaying his victory to advantage. The very next day, Hunter Biden was named to the board of Confederate Gas and Electric.



Argus Hamilton

Joe Biden's smashing victory in South Carolina gave Democratic centrists hope that they can muster enough delegates in today's Super Tuesday primaries to prevent the party from being taken over by the Socialists. The field began to narrow Sunday. Mayor Pete's out and not for the first time.

Virginia passed a bill that will allow students with mental health issues excused absences from school to get treatment for violent behavior.

Normally, I don't like to editorialize, but I must say this to the idiot who shot up the Molson brewery in Milwaukee. It's Corona we are battling, not Coors.

Wall Street began to breathe a little easier Friday on improved news from China while the U.S. government's aggressive response to the virus seemed to reassure investors. I am sick of hearing about Coronavirus. I would trade two percent of the world's population to never hear about it again.

Capitol Hill turned a world health scare into a political food fight Friday. Trump foes rip him for inaction while Trump supporters say you're more likely to be killed by the Clintons than the Corona virus. History may record we were saved from this contagion by our inability to come together.

President Trump was ripped by Democrats for downplaying the Coronavirus. Hillary Clinton would get rid of the contagion quickly. Hillary would this give the Corona some secret, damaging information on herself, and next thing you know, the virus would be found hanged to death in its cell.

President Trump addressed the Conservative Political Action Committee Convention Saturday in Maryland. His campaign theme this year practically writes itself.

Forget the wall, we're going to build a huge face mask that covers the entire United States and we're going to make Corona pay for it.

West Coast churches altered ritual and communion practices Sunday as congregations in the Episcopal and Methodist churches in L.A. exchanged the peace by using elbow bumps. In Seattle, the Coronavirus was contracted by a postal worker. Well that should slow down the spread of the disease.

President Trump was accused of xenophobia by CNN for shutting down foreign arrivals from heavily-infected areas. It has become background noise. If L.A. was leveled by an earthquake, CNN would find a geologist to point at a map and explain that the earth cracked open along Trump's Fault.

President Trump held a White House press conference in which he introduced leaders of the CDC and the NIH, and disclosed a plan for isolating the virus, finding a vaccine and halting it. If anything, Trump is acting too thoughtfully. His show of compassion is killing the stock market.

The CDC urged Americans to take common sense measures against the virus such as washing your hands and covering your sneeze. Costco is now selling a Domsday Kit.

But Costco being Costco, the kit comes in a pack, so you leave the store prepared for the next three hundred Domsdays. Business Week says that theme parks across the United States are anticipating record summer business based on advance ticket sales.

Disney World is now installing technology that will adjust a ride's upward arc and downward plunge depending on how scared the riders are. Funny, so is Boeing.

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Tips for March gardening in Alamosa

ALAMOSA — Early spring gardening in Alamosa isn't like many other places in our country.

I am a bit envious as I read about what's blooming in places like Albuquerque, right now. I calm myself by being reminded that I'm not envious when their temperatures reach over 100 degrees in the summer!

First, I'll give a brief explanation as to the status of our garden right now.

The snow is mostly gone and most parts of the garden are not frozen above two-four inches. A couple of warm spots are unfrozen ten inches down.

I also noticed the ground is very moist right now so I won't try to water yet.

Therefore, I don't remove weeds, improve the soil, or transplant anything right now. The soil needs to warm up more.

But there are a number of things one can do in the garden now — especially when the wind isn't blowing too much!

Clean up: Walk around and pick up any dead branches or weeds that are lying around — sadly weeds blow into our yard over the winter.

I tend to get a gather a number of little branches that fall off of our narrow leaf cottonwood, aka 'populus angustifolia,' over the winter.

Also, when we shovel the snow off our walks, bits of gravel end up on the lawn, so I put those back. Winter winds have a way of rearranging bark mulch so I put

that back where it belongs, too.

If you haven't already, remove any perennial plant leaves and stems if you didn't in the spring. And if your garden soil is not too frozen, remove any annual plants you had last summer.

In the fall I often cut stems back to only ten or so inches, in order to help hold mulch I place on the garden. I am now cutting it all back to two inches.

I cut hops all the back to the ground. I leave the lovely vines on the trellis over the winter as I think they are beautiful.

However, if I don't recycle them at the Alamosa Recycling Center in early spring I end up with lots of unwanted little hops plants all over the yard.

I don't remove winter mulch at this time — I want to keep as much moisture in the soil as possible and it will be a few weeks until I think the plants need to see the sun more than maintain winter moisture. I rarely have anything bloom until the end of March.

I still need to do a bit of tree pruning. Before trees come out of hibernation is the best time to do this. I look at my trees each winter — it's easier to see any problems when there are no leaves.

My happy hackberry, otherwise known as 'celtis occidentalis,' developed three top branches last summer. Most deciduous trees do best if they have only one leader.

I will get out a step ladder on the next wind-free day and prune away all but one. I have a few limbs crossing over each other in my favorite Austrian pine, aka 'pinus nigra,' and will cut the least viable out soon.

I will also prune a few low hanging limbs over the sidewalk on a crabapple, aka 'malus,' at Jardine Hermosa Park

Alamosa Landscapes



Marilyn Loser

Client's frantic behavior stresses out reader

DEAR HARRIETTE: I have a client who took months to pay me for a job I did. Eventually, she sent me the payment in two checks. After I received them, she called me frantically, telling me to deposit the first half immediately to ensure that it got paid; she asked me to hold off on depositing the second check. Later that day, she sent me an urgent text saying that I needed to deposit the money that very day.

Naturally, I wanted to get those checks in my bank account right away, but the experience was extremely distressing. Her frantic notes came at the end of the business day, when I could not get to my credit union to make a deposit in time. She made me feel like I was doing something wrong.

Meanwhile, she is the one who took months to pay me. I get that she is a small business, but I had no idea that it would be this difficult just to get paid.

She just called me like nothing happened and asked me to work with her again. I am reluctant to agree, given how awful this experience was. A friend pointed out to me that she did pay. Should I work with her again? How can I make it a better experience if I do? — Restart

DEAR RESTART: What is evident is that this client is struggling financially. It also seems that she wants to do right by her vendors. Yes, it took a long time for you to be paid, but yes, she paid you in full. Sadly, there are plenty of businesses large and small that do not honor their commitments as they hire vendors

to fulfill services.

You have to evaluate your needs versus your tolerance for the frenetic way in which this client works. If you can afford to walk away from her and fulfill your bottom line with more reliable clients, by all means do not accept any more work from her.

If you need this client, talk to her about how you might manage your expectations better. Ask her upfront how long she thinks it will take to pay for the job you are about to do. And then take a page out of her book and cash her check immediately when you receive it.

DEAR HARRIETTE: I have a friend who wrote me a rather caustic note several years ago. It turned out to be a premonition of sorts. She said that if I did not change my habits, I would end up sick and in need of support at the very time that my son was about to become an adult. She warned that I would be robbing my son of his independence if I didn't get my act together. I was so mad at her.

Well, here we are, about ten years later, and my health issues have started to interfere in my life. I fear that my friend was right with her warning, which I did not heed. I feel like I should apologize to her and scramble to see what I can do to avoid being a burden to my son in the near future. — Facing a Premonition

DEAR FACING A PREMONITION: Right now you need to focus on your health. Go to the doctor. Create a manageable plan to get your health back

across the street from our home. Trees limbs over walkways should be at least eight feet high according to Alamosa City ordinance.

I have taken multiple pruning workshops from Vince Urbina, State Forester, and have the permission of the city to do this!

Recently, I've spent time learning about what shrubs should be pruned over the winter or in early spring. Many summer-blooming flowering shrubs — generally those that bloom from late June until Fall — should be pruned now.

In our area they include some forms of hydrangea including a cold, hardy, white blooming hydrangea — aka 'hydrangea arborescens' or 'Annabelle' — and summer-blooming spirea.

There are quite a few forms so ask your nursery folk or check it out at AlamosaFlowers.net. These bloom on wood that grows in the current season, so there's no danger of cutting off flower buds that formed last year.

Warning: wait until right after flowering to prune spring-blooming shrubs, such as lilac — our most prolific, 'syringa' — forsythia, potentilla or cinquefoil and artemisia — we have groundcover silver brocade artemisia, 'artemisia stellerana.'

They form their new buds in the previous season. If you trim them before they bloom in the spring you won't have any blooms.

More tips next time. Visit Alamosa-Trees.net or AlamosaFlowers.net for more information on what grows well in Alamosa.

"As I work on the garden, the garden works on me." Gayla Trail.

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Living



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The 2019 Women's Week events included an open mic night. This year that event continues on March 10.

Events celebrate Women's Week 2020

ALAMOSA—The sixth annual Women's Week, geared toward celebrating women and their accomplishments and continued struggles, will be held from March 9 through March 13 on the Adams State University campus.

The events are planned and organized by a committee of students, faculty, and staff and led by Mari Centeno, Ph.D. professor of political science. Here is a list of activities:

Sunday, March 8 International Women's Day Coffee Shop Hop
10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Roast, 420 San Juan

Tuesday, March 10 Male Advocates and Allies
Michael Stewart and ASU Male Advocates for Gender Equity Group

Noon Open Mic Night Gender-themed talent
7 p.m., CoRE Center, located in the Student Union Building north end.

Wednesday, March 11 Feminist Archaeology: Finding Women in the Past
Caroline Gabe, Ph.D. anthropologist
Noon, McDaniel Hall room 101
Lunch provided
Film and discussion
Iron Jawed Angels
6 p.m., Art Building room 227

Thursday, March 12 The National Popular Vote
Presentation by Sylvia Bernstein, League of Women Voters
7 p.m.
McDaniel Hall room 101

Friday, March 13

Women and the Vote
Natasha Liebig, Ph.D. and Mari Centeno, Ph.D.
Noon, La Mesa Dining Hall
Lunch provided
Happy Hour and Game Night
5 p.m., Square Peg Brewerks

One dollar of each beer donated to Tu Casa
An additional activity for Women's Week is "A Wall of Shame," which will be built from bricks inscribed with words used to demean or hurt individuals.

At the end of the week, the wall will be torn down in an act of solidarity and empowerment. All campus and community members are invited to paint a brick throughout the week near the Japanese/American Memorial Garden, and then gather at 1 p.m. Friday, March 13 to tear the wall down.

How North America shaped St. Patrick's Day

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

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

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

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

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

Even still, St. Patrick's Day has evolved to be celebrated in tiny towns and major metropolises all across North America. Boston, New York, Savannah, Chicago, Vancouver, and Toronto all have notable celebrations. Even the famed "corned beef and cabbage" was an American invention. Ham and cabbage was eaten in Ireland, but corned beef proved a cheaper substi-

tute for impoverished Irish immigrants in the United States. It was the cheapest meat to be found at the time, and was soon a staple of the holiday.

St. Patrick's Day remained solemn in Ireland (laws prohibited pubs from opening on holy days until 1973) even as merry-making grew elsewhere. However, with the invention of television, the Irish could see the revelry taking place in America. Eventually, the country took note and started celebrating in a similar fashion.

St. Patrick may have been the patron saint of Ireland, but the fanfare of St. Patrick's Day traces its roots to North America. TP203751

UPCOMING GRIZZLY ATHLETIC EVENTS

- Wednesday, March 4th**
Women's Lacrosse vs New England College
Alamosa, CO • 3 p.m.
- Friday, March 6th**
Women's Basketball vs Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference - SEMIFINALS
Men's Basketball vs Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference - Semi Final
Women's Golf vs Minot State University - 6th Annual MJGA Invitation
Las Vegas, NV
Baseball at Dixie State University
St. George, UT • 3 p.m.
- Saturday, March 7th**
Women's Golf vs Minot State University - 6th Annual MJGA Invitation
Las Vegas, NV
Men's Basketball vs Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference - CHAMPIONSHIP
Women's Basketball vs Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference - CHAMPIONSHIP
Women's Lacrosse at Johnson & Wales University
Denver, CO • Noon
Softball at Black Hills State University
Spearfish, SD • Noon & 2 p.m.



Colorado Nonprofit Week

Planting Seeds of Community

MARCH 2020

In our community, the key to success is togetherness. As a team, we have to unite to promote the San Luis Valley and all that we have to offer. Valley Courier and Valley Publishing are proud to present a publication in which we will be doing just that!

In honor of Nonprofits in the San Luis Valley, we'll be publishing a special edition on March 18th. This publication will be created and distributed through the Valley Courier, Monte Vista Journal, Del Norte Prospector, South Fork Times, Mineral County Miner, Center Post Dispatch, Conejos County Citizen, and the Valley Community Fund along with its member organizations.

Special advertising rates have been developed for this once-a-year event, and include other incredible benefits. We will match your purchased advertising space and provide an equal amount of space for your organization to submit an article, photo, or combination of both. Or you can simply double the size of your ad!

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- Shopping Local Creates Jobs:** The jobs created allow spending in the local economy and helps create more jobs.
- Local independent businesses invest more in our community:** They support local charities, schools and community events which financially impacts our community.
- Local businesses sell a wide range of great products at affordable prices and cater to the needs and wants of the community.**
- Shopping Local saves you money and time!** Travel expenses and personal time make the overall cost of items higher.
- Shopping Local retains our community:** Without the support in the local community, restaurants, shops and services are forced to close.
- 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.
- Shopping Local encourages community growth.** By choosing to do business locally you help maintain Alamosa's diversity, charm & appeal. Which in turn, attracts new community members.
- Shopping Local invests in community services and city economy.** Your dollars spent in locally-owned businesses have three times the impact on your community as dollars spent outside of Alamosa.
- Local shops value you more:** Local businesses survive by their reputation & repeat business which means you get a higher standard of service.

Sports

All-Conference wrestling teams for the valley

Intermountain League

Eyan Chavez, Centauri & Cameron Lucero, Pagosa Springs - Wrestlers of the Year

Cahlen Keys, Centauri - Coach of the Year

First Team

Dylan Pickering, Bayfield
John Foutz, Bayfield
Erik Wyman, Pagosa Springs
Dylan Tressler, Pagosa Springs
Brae Bergdolt, Pagosa Springs
Cameron Lucero, Pagosa Springs
Skyler Hill, Pagosa Springs
Kyler Liddell, Alamosa
Davion Chavez, Alamosa
Colton Liddell, Alamosa

Hunter Smith, Alamosa
Austin Trujillo, Alamosa
Eyan Chavez, Centauri
Remi Lucero, Centauri

Honorable Mention

Mario Vigil, Centauri
Brandon Buhr, Centauri
Damian Lopez, Monte Vista
Brandon Reveles Alamosa
Austin Fetherman, Montezuma-Cortez



Courier photos by Stephen Jiron
Centauri wrestling was recognized with Eyan Chavez (left) taking home Wrestler of the Year and Cahlen Keys earning Coach of the Year.

Southern Peaks League

Malachi Gallegos, Del Norte - Wrestler of the Year

Luis Corona, Sierra Grande Coach of the Year

First Team

Wyatt Gardner 11 Mountain Valley
Parker Ford 10 Sargent
Richard Atencio 11 Sierra Grande/Centennial
Brady Kuhns 12 Sierra Grande
Antonio Marron 12 Mountain Valley
Pablo Valencia 12 Center
Anthony Balderas 12 Del Norte
Bobbie Maes 12 Sierra Grande/Centennial
CJ Nix 10 Sierra Grande/Centennial

Eleazar Aguilar 12 Center
Isabella Durgan 10 Sierra Grande/Centennial
Preston Terrell 12 Del Norte
Ryan Tijernia 11 Sierra Grande/Centennial

Honorable Mention

Isaias Minchaca 12 Sierra Grande/Centennial
Bryton Burkhart 12 Sargent
Diego Heredia 12 Del Norte
Isaac Peerman 11 Del Norte
Noah Vialpando 12 Sierra Grande/Centennial



Photos by Stephen Jiron and Vibrant Valley Photography
Del Norte's Malachi Gallegos (left) was named the Southern Peaks Wrestler of the Year. Luis Corona of Sierra Grande-Centennial was named Coach of the Year.

Grizzlies can't slow Otterbein in home opener

By SOPHEEA VOMUND

ASU Sports Information

ALAMOSA — The Adams State Grizzlies faced off against the Otterbein Cardinals for an afternoon match-up on their home field. Unfortunately, the Grizzlies fell to the Cardinals in a tough, rough, and gritty game, losing their home opener.

It was a rocky start with Otterbein going on an 8-goal run before the Grizzlies answered. Defenseman Terry Trudgian was the one that slowed the Cardinal's momentum by going coast-to-coast, running it all the way downfield and firing a rocket into the back of the net. Not too much later Chase Rodine scored one off a good pass from Tim Crouse. Although the two goals were spectacular, the deficit was still quite big. After the 2nd period, the Grizzlies were trailing 9-2.

Going into the 3rd period, the Grizzlies held the Cardinals offense silent for quite a bit, despite being man-down for parts of it. The defense held the Cardinals to only two goals for half of the period, allowing the Grizzlies offense to get some more looks. Jacob Austin helped the Grizzlies out, giving Crouse quite the feed to cash in on. Otterbein countered, scoring some of their own and Rodine, who scored earlier, answered with only 2 minutes remaining in the period. Coming out of the third period, Adams was trailing 13-4.

Kicking off the 4th period was Jacob Austin, beating his defenseman and putting it in the back of the net unassisted. Less than a minute later, Kyle Butler made himself known by dodging his defender and tip-toeing around the crease to get on past Otterbein. The Cardinals would counter



with a few of their own goals, but Alexander Kelly would answer in the final two minutes of the game with a low sling from a difficult angle, hitting the back of the net. Unfortunately, Otterbein padded their lead to the point the Grizzlies wouldn't be able to come back. The Grizzlies fell to the Cardinals 7-17 after an extremely tough

game and spectacular effort.

The Grizzlies offense was balanced today, different players making their presence known and tallying a goal for the team. Not only that, but the Grizzlies helped one another out and set up their teammates to tallying an assist and get a goal on the board. Together, the team combined for a total of 36 shots with 21 of those shots being on goal.

Defensively, Adams stood strong and did what they could to help their goalie out. The defensive unit combined for a total of 7 caused turnovers. Otterbein had 8 man-up opportunities but were only able to score capitalize on two of those, the Grizz defense shutting them down. They also helped their goalie, Brendan Williams who had 7 saves, go 17-18 on clear and render Otterbein's ride useless.

The face-off tandem of Luke Meyers and Connor Kuykendall gave the Grizzlies a fighting chance, battling against a few different face-off men from Otterbein. Meyers went 6 for 14, and Kuykendall went 6 for 13, the two combined for a total of 12 face-off wins out of 27, only winning three less than Otterbein.

Although the game wasn't the home opener the Grizzlies were looking for, they still performed well against a tough Cardinals offense. The Grizzlies never gave up, battling until the very end of the game. Adams now sits at an overall record of 0-3 with an RMAC record of 0-2. They will look to build off the positives from the three losses, continuing to play the game as they know and learn from the experience.

Results

Adams State Baseball

Feb. 29 CSU-P 12, ASU 5

March 1 CSU-P 14, ASU 2

Adams State Basketball

Feb. 28 ASU 63, Fort Lewis 57 (W)

ASU 94, Fort Lewis 92 (M)

Prep Basketball

Feb. 26 **3A Intermountain League**

Alamosa 45, Pagosa Springs 34 (B)

Centauri 61, Bayfield 31 (B)

Feb. 27 **3A Intermountain League**

Centauri 45, Alamosa 30 (G)

2A District 1

Del Norte 57, Center 11 (G)

Crested Butte 58, Del Norte 44 (B)

Sanford 54, Sargent 11 (G)

Sanford 50, Center 29 (B)

1A District 6

Sangre de Cristo 52, Antonito 20 (G)

Sangre de Cristo 62, Manzanola 22 (B)

Cotopaxi 53, Moffat-Mtn Valley 32 (G)

Feb. 28 **3A Intermountain League**

Alamosa 50, Bayfield 29 (B)-3rd place game

Pagosa Springs 50, Centauri 33 (G)-1st place game

Centauri 47, Alamosa 46 (B)-1st place game

2A District 1

Center 23, Sargent 21 (G)-3rd place game

Center 55, Del Norte 51 29 (B)-3rd place game

Del Norte 45, Sanford 41 (G)-1st place game

Sanford 38, Crested Butte 31 (B)-1st place game

1A District 6

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SDC 39, Cotopaxi 14 (G)-1st place game

Sangre de Cristo 70, Primero 35(B)-1st place game

Adams State Lacrosse

March 2 Otterbein University 17, ASU 7 (M)

Adams State Softball

Feb. 29 Colorado Christian 11, ASU 3

Colorado Christian 15, ASU 1

March 1

Colorado Christian 22, ASU 5

Colorado Christian 10, ASU 8

Upcoming Events

Adams State Baseball

March 6 3 p.m. ASU at Dixie State

March 7 12/ 3 p.m. ASU at Dixie State (DH)

March 8 12 p.m. ASU at Dixie State

Prep Basketball

March 6

3A State Tournament

3 p.m. Alamosa vs Riverdale Ridge -at Centauri

6 p.m. Kent Denver at Centauri (G)

7:30 pm. Salida at Centauri (B)

7:30 p.m. Alamosa vs Lamar (B) - at DSST: Byers

2A Regional Tournament

3 p.m. Mancos at Del Norte (G)

5 p.m. Telluride at Sanford (B)

5:30 p.m. Del Norte at Limon (B)

6 p.m. Center at Rye (G)

6 p.m. Sargent at Ignacio (G)

6:30 p.m. Sanford vs Hayden (G) - at Heritage Christian

7 p.m. Center vs Holly (B) - at Highland

March 7

1A Regional Tournament

1 p.m. Sangre de Cristo vs Ouray (B) - at Gunnison

2:30 p.m. Sangre de Cristo vs DeBeque (G) - at Gunnison

Adams State Lacrosse

March 4

3 p.m. New England College at ASU (W)

March 7

12 p.m. Davenport University at ASU (M)

12 p.m. ASU at Johnson & Wales (W)

March 8

12 p.m. ASU at Rockhurst (W)

Adams State Softball

March 7

12/2 p.m. ASU at Black Hills State (DH)

March 8

11 a.m./1 p.m. ASU at Black Hills State (DH)

Adams State Wrestling

March 13

NCAA DII National Tournament

All Day ASU at Sioux Falls, SD

Schedules subject to change

Grizzly Club meets today

ALAMOSA — The monthly meeting of the Adams State Grizzly Club boosters will be today at noon at Plachy Field House on campus. All members and their guests are encouraged to attend.

SLV All-Star Game

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

Lifestyle

Rocky Mountain Smoke-Free Alliance Strongly Opposes H.R. 2339, a Ban on Flavored Nicotine Products

DENVER — Today, Amanda Wheeler, vice president of the Rocky Mountain Smoke-Free Alliance, provided the following statement in response to H.R. 2339, which passed the House Energy and Commerce Committee. This bill changes requirements to the safety, sale, and advertisement of nicotine products including a flavor ban and nicotine tax (H.R. 4742).

“We are disappointed with the House committee’s vote to enact a flavor ban on e-cigarettes. This bill not only affects people who vape on a national level, but, locally, it will affect small businesses in Colorado.

“Additionally, the bill will reduce the availability of flavored products for adults seeking alternatives to assist in the cessation of their addiction to combustible cigarettes. If the bill continues to move forward and eventually passes, some adults may revert back to smoking

harmful cigarettes, rather than focusing on cigarette cessation with e-cigarettes.

“U.S. Rep. Diana DeGette’s (D-CO) support of this legislation is an attack on the small businesses in her district and in Colorado. We had hoped to partner with her to stem youth access to nicotine products, but she appears more interested in grandstanding than creating workable solutions for the Coloradans.”

RMSFA’s statement is bolstered by a letter from the American Civil Liberties Union and allied organizations addressed to U.S. Rep. Frank Pallone, chairman of the House Committee, that, in part, read:

“While this legislation is a well-intended effort to address health issues associated with tobacco use among youth, we have concerns that a blanket prohibition on menthol and other flavored tobacco products, which will apply to adults, will (1) dispro-

portionately impact people and communities of color; (2) trigger criminal penalties, prioritizing criminalization over public health and harm reduction; and (3) instigate unconstitutional policing and other negative interactions with local law enforcement.”

The Rocky Mountain Smoke Free Alliance represents small business owners and manufacturers in the vaping industry throughout the State of Colorado, who provide adult consumers with a safer alternative to traditional combustible cigarettes. RMSFA members are leaders in the vapor community, promoting small businesses and job growth, responsible public policies and regulations, and a high standard of safety within the industry. RMSFA is engaged in a variety of efforts to promote sensible regulations that will make Colorado a better place to conduct business in the vaping industry.



Courtesy photo

The winners were Registered Nurses Justine Bitler, Trudy Ruybal (both nurses at Rio Grande Hospital), and Samantha Crawford from San Luis Valley Health.

San Luis Valley recognizes nurses

SAN LUIS VALLEY — The San Luis Valley recently recognized their area nurses.

Nurses are a vital part of the community and it is a great way to celebrate them. The 16th Annual San Luis Valley Nightingale Recognition Dinner & Awards Presentation at Adam’s State Universi-

ty. Out of all the nominations, three winners received the award and a chance to receive a higher accolade. The winners were Registered Nurses Justine Bitler, Trudy Ruybal (both nurses at Rio Grande Hospital), and Samantha Crawford from San Luis Valley Health.

The three winners are now welcome to the Statewide Nightingale Luminary Award and Gala sponsored by the Colorado Nurses Foundation who will then award about a dozen recipients with the statewide honor. Congratulations to all the nominees and the three award winners.

Awards and recognitions for nurses

Nurses’ efforts are not always recognized, but there are instances when their patients or the families of their patients offer their gratitude to these widely unsung heroes of the medical profession. In recognition of the integral role nurses play within the health care industry, organizations such as the American Nursing Association and various national and regional groups award official honors to reward nurses for their undying efforts on behalf of their patients.

Distinguished Direct Patient Care Award: This award recognizes a registered nurse who provides exemplary direct patient care. He or she must also contribute to the advancement of the nursing practice by demonstrating a commitment to personal leadership.

The DAISY Award: The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses recognizes the work nurses do every day. The award was established by the DAISY Foundation, which focuses on eliminating diseases that

attack the immune system (DAISY). A DAISY Award is presented monthly to nurses in hospitals across America.

The Grace Award: This award recognizes outstanding achievements and dedication in caring for expectant mothers and children.

Public Health Service Award: This award honors nurses who are outstanding professionals and contribute to public health nursing.

Jeanne Mance Award: This award is the highest recognition for nursing achievement that the Canadian Nurses Association offers. It is named after one of the country’s most inspirational nurses, and has been issued at the CNA biennial convention since 1971.

Diversity Award: This award recognizes registered nurses who have a long-standing commitment and have made significant contributions to the advancement of diversity in the nursing profession.

The Beacon Award for Excellence: This award honors nursing units that

distinguish themselves by improving multiple facets of patient care. Recipients set the standard for excellence in patient care and use evidence-based information to provide positive patient outcomes.

Excellence in Leadership Award: Established to honor a person whose primary responsibility is to manage people or projects, this award is given to those who excel in leadership, teamwork, communication, accountability, and more.

The Award of Excellence in Nursing: Presented each year during National Nursing Week, this award is given to nurses who were nominated by their peers. This award celebrates the dedication, initiative and excellence of nurses employed by Canadian First Nations communities and Indigenous Services Canada and Inuit communities.

These are a few of the awards and recognitions bestowed on the hard-working nurses who make a difference in the lives of their patients across Canada and the United States.

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Lifestyle

Region-wide bridge maintenance project will resume with repairs to bridges in Pagosa Springs and Arboles

US Highway 160 Bridge

- Located at MP 143.9 over the San Juan River
- East of First Street in Pagosa Springs

Bridge in Pagosa

CD Highway 151

- Located at MP 18.7 over the Piedra River
- North of Arboles

Bridge near Arboles

SOUTHWEST COLORADO — The Colorado Department of Transportation will resume work this spring on regional bridges requiring maintenance and repair. The project includes:

- the U.S. Highway 160 bridge over the San Juan River in Pagosa Springs at MP 143.9
- the CO Highway 151 bridge over the Piedra River near Arboles at MP 18.7
- the U.S. Highway 550 bridge over the Hermosa Creek in the Animas Valley north of Durango at MP 32

Work is scheduled to begin on both the Pagosa Springs and Arboles bridges March 16, 2020. Repair work will be performed including removal and replacement of asphalt membranes, bridge deck repairs, and bridge expansion joint repair and replacement. Work on these structures is expected to be completed prior to Memorial Day. Once construction is completed on these two bridges, crews will move activity to the U.S. 550 bridge north of Durango, with detailed information announced prior to the repair work. TRAVEL IMPACTS Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Drivers can expect traffic impacts throughout the duration of the project. These impacts include one lane traffic which will be under flagger control during construction activities and utilize a temporary traffic signal during non work hours. Speeds will be reduced to 30MPH within the project limits. Lane width restrictions will be 10 feet wide at each location. Traffic fines will be doubled in the work zone. Motorists should slow down as they approach the bridge work zones, drive with caution and give themselves extra travel time.

PROJECT BACKGROUND This region-wide bridge preventative maintenance project began September 23 2019, addressing the High Bridge over the Animas River in Durango and two US 550 bridges just north of the New Mexico state line. Work on the Animas River structure included improved approaches at the north abutment, improved drainage structures and grading improvements with concrete and asphalt pavements. The US 550 structures received new and improved polyester concrete deck surfacing, drainage improvements, and repairs to wildlife fencing. As part of CDOT's Whole System — Whole Safety initiative, this project will create better and

safer driving conditions for travelers, and help to extend the lifespan of the bridges. CDOT along with American Civil Constructors would like to thank Durango and the Southwest Colorado communities for their patience and understanding during these construction efforts.

PROJECT & TRAVEL INFORMATION For additional information about this project:

- Call the project information line at 970-840-8517
- Email the project team at R5BridgeRehab@yahoo.com
- Visit the project website at www.codot.gov/projects/southwestern-colorado-bridge-maintenance.

Travelers are urged to "know before you go." Gather information about weather forecasts and anticipated travel impacts and current road conditions prior to hitting the road. CDOT resources include:

- Road conditions and travel information: www.COtrip.org
- Sign up for project or travel alerts: bit.ly/COalerts
- See scheduled lane closures: codot.gov/travel/scheduled-lane-closures.html
- Connect with us on social media: Twitter @coloradodot and Facebook facebook.com/coloradodot

WHOLE SYSTEM. WHOLE SAFETY. In early 2019, CDOT announced its Whole System — Whole Safety initiative to heighten safety awareness. This initiative takes a systematic statewide approach to safety combining the benefits of CDOT's programs that address driving behaviors, our built environment and the organization's operations. The goal is to improve the safety of Colorado's transportation network by reducing the rate and severity of crashes and improving the safety of all transportation modes. The program has one simple mission—to get everyone home safely.

ABOUT CDOT CDOT has approximately 3,000 employees located throughout Colorado, and manages more than 23,000 lane miles of highway and 3,429 bridges. CDOT also manages grant partnerships with a range of other agencies, including metropolitan planning organizations, local governments and airports. It also administers Bustang, the state-owned and operated inter-regional express service. Governor Polis has charged CDOT to further build on the state's multimodal mobility options.

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Lifestyle

Vigil

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...citing Downtown-Plan, expanded the trail systems to where almost the whole city is connected by trails along the levy, built two-dog parks, secured a glass crusher where one can now recycle glass at the Rickey Recycling Center and have built a state-of-the-art, multi-purpose building next to our Rec Center, which has given the youth another chance to get away from screen time and drugs to a positive place where they can ice skate or play hockey.

The city has secured funding through the half-cent sales tax to start improving roads across the city. The City has instituted a yearly CIP program where every year civil servants are improving all city departments

and public infrastructure. The City has successfully implemented the LEAD program where people who are struggling with drug addiction have the opportunity to find help, instead of reoffending. The success of this program, again, is because of wonderful partners.

All of these accomplishments have been due to the good work done by the City Council along with the strong partnerships the city has made with different community groups.

"I do not take credit for all of these great things in our community because it is not about me and never will be, however; I have been honored to be part of all of it and I firmly believe that sticking to progress and getting things done for people is what I want to bring to the county level," Vigil said. "With the great staff and employees of our

county, and through hard work, I believe it is time to bring this energy to Alamosa County.

"I believe improving the relationship between the city and county, continuing the hard work with drug-addiction, making our county as business friendly as possible to encourage new businesses, as well as providing support for our established businesses, and being a voice for the voiceless, I will be an asset to all people of our county," Vigil said. "At this level of politics, it is not so much what party you are affiliated with, rather what can I do to help improve the lives of people.

"Please help me represent you by participating in the caucus on March 7, then voting for me in primary in June.

Announcement courtesy of Vigil.



View of the San Luis Valley from Saguache.

Courtesy photo

Lands

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agricultural lands, key wildlife habitat and 17 miles of stream frontage along Saguache Creek.

While this work is impressive, there is still more to be done. In 2020, CCALT hopes to complete four conservation projects in the Valley — adding an additional 5,862 acres of conserved land to the region — to expand its operating presence in the Valley and increase funding opportunities for landowners interested in conservation.

The San Luis Valley Conservation Strategy will drive these projects and objectives forward with support from the Trinchera Blanca Foundation.

"The San Luis Valley is an integral part of Colorado's western heritage and agricultural history. The farming and ranching families of the Valley have a strong conservation ethic. These family farms and ranches are worth conserving for the future of Colorado, and CCALT is proud to be a partner in this work," said Erik Glenn, CCALT executive director.

About CCALT

The Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust is a nonprofit land conservation organization whose mission is to "... conserve Colorado's western heritage and working landscapes for the benefit of future generations."

About The Trinchera Blanca Foundation

The Trinchera Blanca Foundation, the Colorado affiliate of The Moore Charitable Foundation, founded by Louis Bacon in 1992 supports organizations committed to protecting land, water and wildlife habitat in Colorado's San Luis Valley. The Trinchera Blanca Foundation also supports community programs dedicated to improving quality of life in the surrounding region.

Report courtesy of a press release from Jayne Thompson, Director of External Relations, 720-557-8264, www.ccalt.org.

Did you know?

Improved performance and reliability has increased the life expectancy of many vehicles.

As a result, many drivers are keeping their cars and trucks in excess of 10 years.

According to an IHS Markit study, the average age of vehicles in the United States is a record 11.6 years, with the average length of ownership at 79.3 months, or nearly seven years.

Even after an owner has relinquished his or her new vehicle, that used car or truck can go on to provide many more years of utility for its next owner.

Certain models top the charts among the longest kept vehicles, according to iSeeCars, an automotive industry group.

These include the Toyota 4Runner, Chevrolet Corvette, Mercedes-Benz SLK, Porsche Boxster, and the Toyota Land Cruiser, which is the longest kept vehicle and also is the automaker's longest-running SUV.

This vehicle is held onto for an average 10.6 years after being bought new.

To hold on to their vehicles as long as possible, drivers should follow maintenance schedules, keep their cars and trucks clean and make repairs promptly.

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 Original Grantor(s)
 Angela M. Lucero and Joaquin Lucero
 Original Beneficiary(ies)
 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network Inc., its successors and assigns
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
 U.S. Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of Cabana Series III Trust
 Date of Deed of Trust
 May 04, 2006
 County of Recording
 Alamosa
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust
 May 10, 2006
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
 326343
 Original Principal Amount
 \$306,000.00
 Outstanding Principal Balance
 \$310,687.22
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
 THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
 LOT 26, Block 6, the Cottonwoods Subdivision, the plat of which was filed July 20, 1978 under Reception No. 198640, County of Alamosa, State of Colorado
 **This loan has been modified by a Modification Agreement dated Sept. 28, 2018.
 Also known by street and number as: 700 Cottonwood Circle, Alamosa, CO 81101.
 THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
 THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 04/01/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
 First Publication 2/5/2020
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 DATE: 12/02/2019
 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado
 By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
 McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E. Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122
 Attorney File # CO-19-874278-LL
 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
 No. 1305
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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 909-19
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 Original Grantor(s)
 Teoxtiutl G Greer
 Original Beneficiary(ies)
 JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
 JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
 Date of Deed of Trust
 September 04, 2008
 County of Recording
 Alamosa
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust
 September 05, 2008
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
 336150
 Original Principal Amount
 \$64,000.00
 Outstanding Principal Balance
 \$45,766.53
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
 THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
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 Also known by street and number as: 1002 State Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101.
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NOTICE OF SALE
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
 THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 04/15/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
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 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado
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 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
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 On December 24, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.
 Original Grantor(s)
 JERRY A. MEDINA AND SUSANA MEDINA
 Original Beneficiary(ies)
 DECISION ONE MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC
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 Date of Deed of Trust
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 December 28, 2000
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
 300259
 Original Principal Amount
 \$64,400.00
 Outstanding Principal Balance
 \$42,055.88
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
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NOTICE OF SALE
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 THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 04/22/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
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 DATE: 12/24/2019
 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado
 By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
 Barrett Frappier & Weissman, LLP 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711
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221 HELP WANTED

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

221 HELP WANTED

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

MONTE VISTA ESTATES Nursing Home is Seeking a full time day shift CAN 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)

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

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

CONEJOS COUNTY IS seeking a Heavy Equipment Operator/Driver/Laborer. Applicant must be able to operate a loader, grader, belly dump, and drive a semi, must have a class A Commercial Drivers License, clean driving record and pass a pre-employment drug screen. \$16.25/HR County application form required. Applications available at County Human Resources/Administration Office 6683 County Rd. 13, Conejos CO. or via email upon request at cricci@co.conejos.co.us. Deadline is Friday, March 6, 2020. Inquiries call (719) 376-6799.(3/6)

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

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

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)

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)

GRAND OPENING DEL Norte Community Acupuncture Clinic Every Thursday 3:00pm to 6:00pm \$30.00 For Flu Prevention, Pain, Digestive issues, Trigger Point Therapy and Dry Needling. For Appointment call Jim Fox L.AC 360-821-9006, 99 6th St., Del Norte CO. (3/11)

2020 COLORADO CAUCUSES will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2020 @ 2:00PM. Doors open at 1:00 Meeting Room 128 Alamosa Family Recreation Center for all Alamosa County Precincts Questions admin@alamosademocrats.org Info www.alamosademocrats.org Ron Brink Chair Alamosa County Dems 719-480-3265. (3/7)

221 HELP WANTED

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

BIDS REQUESTED FOR Residential Light Installation A total of 23 ceiling light mounts and electrical power to be installed in eight apartments. Must be a licensed electrician and possess proof of Work Mans Comp and Liability Insurance. Bids must be submitted by noon March 10th, 2020. Please contact Saguche County Housing Authority, 719-849-0356 (3/5)

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY'S Department of Teacher Education is seeking applications for a Part-Time Program Assistant. Please submit letter of application addressing qualifications, curriculum vita with unofficial transcripts: Names and contact information for 3 references: Mr. Curtis Garcia, Search Committee Chair, 208 Edgemont Blvd, suite 3050, Department of Teacher Education, McD 246, Alamosa, CO 81101. curtialgarcia@adams.edu https://www.adams.edu/hr/administrative-positions/ Review of completed applications will begin immediately. Priority considerations will be given to applications received on or before March 15, 2020. (3/19)

112 - BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

LICENSED PLUMBER DOES all types of plumbing repairs and plumbing remodel done at reasonable rate. Call 719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593.(3/5)

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221 HELP WANTED

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

NEED A SECOND IN-COME? child support? Car Repairs? Taxes Due? Earn up to \$800/month delivering the Valley Courier. Contact Keith at 589-2553. (2/26-TFN)

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 908-19
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
 On December 11, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.
 Original Grantor(s)
 F. Ray Heck AND Maxine H. Heck
 Original Beneficiary(ies)
 FINANCIAL FREEDOM SENIOR FUNDING CORPORATION, A SUBSIDIARY OF INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B.
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
 SEATTLE BANK
 Date of Deed of Trust
 December 29, 2005
 County of Recording
 Alamosa
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust
 January 18, 2006
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
 324928
 Original Principal Amount
 \$192,000.00
 Outstanding Principal Balance
 \$134,536.43
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
 THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
 LOT 12, BLOCK 1, CARROLL SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF ALAMOSA, ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO.
 Also known by street and number as: 708 Berkeley Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101.
 THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
NOTICE OF SALE
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
 THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 04/08/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
 First Publication 2/12/2020
 Last Publication 3/11/2020
 Name of Publication Valley Courier
 IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
 DATE: 12/11/2019
 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado
 By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
 Janeway Law Firm, P.C. 9800 S. Meridian Blvd., Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80112 (303) 706-9990
 Attorney File # 19-022985
 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
 No. 1302
 Published in the Valley Courier on February 12, 19, 26, March 04, and 11, 2020

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 910-19
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
 On December 17, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.
 Original Grantor(s)
 Mary C. Trujillo
 Original Beneficiary(ies)
 Modern Exteriors
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
 CTF Asset Management, LLC
 Date of Deed of Trust
 October 13, 1999
 County of Recording
 Alamosa
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust
 November 10, 1999
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
 295489
 Original Principal Amount
 \$20,124.50
 Outstanding Principal Balance
 \$13,602.92
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.
 THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
 SITUATED IN ALAMOSA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO; LOT 17, BLOCK 10, REPEAT OF BLOCKS 10 AND 11, CARROLLS SUBDIVISION-ADDITION NO. 1, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO
 Also known by street and number as: 708 Graf Drive, Alamosa, CO 81101.
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 First Publication 2/19/2020
 Last Publication 3/18/2020
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 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado
 By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
 Arant Law, LLC 11020 S. Pikes Peak Dr., Suite 220, Parker, CO 80138 (720) 541-7903
 Attorney File # 15256
 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
 No. 1306
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AUCTION LEGAL NOTICE WEST SIDE STORAGE, LLC / HEADWORKS, INC. SELF-STORAGE PUBLIC NOTICE
 West Side Storage, LLC / Headworks, Inc. will sell at Public Auction Online via StorageTreasures.com, all personal property and the personal goods stored therein by the following, which may include, but are not limited to general household goods, furniture, boxes, clothes and appliances stored in its facility by:
 JOEL LLERA UNIT #C05HC-026; BENNY DEHERRERA UNIT# M20HC-023; ANTONIO MENDEZ UNIT#A05HC-046; ALAN HARRIS UNIT #H20-112;
 ANDREW BUFFINGTON #1-128; IDA SALAZAR #11-121; FREDDIE ZAVALA #2-320; SCOTT POTTBURG #3-377; JENNIFER SALAZAR #4-490; TRISH GOODNIGHT #5-115/118; MARK MAES #KKTU-784144-0; BONNY MEADE #TRLU-935516-4; LORIAN FALER #GKVFU-129822-2; DREAMSCAPES LLC-JOSH ABRELL #GVTU-5044417-5; JOSHUA HOLLAND #MSCU-950567-0; CHELSEA GARNER-PROHS #HDMU-458308-4
 at 8:00 am, Monday morning 3/23/2020, online at StorageTreasures.com this auction will commence. Sale is subject to cancel in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.
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\$30,000+

Immediate opening in multi-media sales. Experience appreciated.

Send resume to: KCerny@alamosanews.com

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221 HELP WANTED

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

THE NORTH CONEJOS School District is accepting applications for (1) full time Manassa and La Jara Elementary music teacher for the 2020-21 school year. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Teaching License or be able to obtain proper endorsement. NCSO offers a competitive salary, great discipline and environment for staff and students, and up to \$915 monthly towards health insurance. Applications are available at the Administration office, 17890 US Hwy 285, La Jara, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. Application deadline is until position is filled. Submit application to Mr. Curt Wilson, Superintendent. EOE(3/4)

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

LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME employee to help farm. Welding experience and driving farm equipment call 719-850-2137. (3/10)

221 HELP WANTED

RIO GRANDE INN NURSING Home is now hiring Cook/Dietary Aide, RN, LPN and CNA's Come join our TEAM! Must have a License for Nursing and CPR Please stop in for an application 39 Calle Miller La Jara, CO or call 719-274-3311 Ask for Charlotte or Denise. (3/6)

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

THE SAN LUIS Valley Local Foods Coalition is excited to announce it is hiring for the Rio Grande Farm Park Farm Manager Position. Job description available at www.slvlocalfoods.org. Please submit Resume and Cover Letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com. Open until filled. Questions call 719-937-2319.(3/5)

221 HELP WANTED

EXPERIENCED DENTAL HYGIENIST wanted. Established practice in Alamosa, full time or part time. Must have active license. Send resume to PO Box 1841 Alamosa, CO 81101.(1/15-TFN)

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 (3/5)

WORKING TOGETHER FAMILY Advocate - The Adelante Family Services Program is hiring a grant funded case manager to provide outreach, assessment, and financial literacy to WT families living in Alamosa, Costilla and Saguache counties. The cm will coordinate educational and vocational goals for families and monitor their progress, including home visits. CM will work as part of a team to help alleviate barriers to family success. Requirements: 4 year college degree or equivalent work experience, prefer prior case manager experience, ability to work with diverse populations, driver's license. Bi-lingual preferred. Send cover letter, resume and references to: hr@lapuente.net. 719-589-5909. www.lapuente.net (3/5)

324 - FEED & SEED

PREMIUM ALFALFA AND grass/alfalfa, small bales \$7.00 in hay shed (719) 580-2509. (03/18)

HORSE AND COW hay: grass, grass/alfalfa, alfalfa. 3x3 and 4x4 bales, various quality and pricing. 719-850-8917 (7-13-TFN)

345 WOOD

WE HAVE FIRE-WOOD! Allpine lumber 719-274-4381(3/18)

WOOD FOR SALE! \$145.00 a cord. Call 719-588-1183.(2/7 TFN)

351 LIVESTOCK

PIGS FOR SALE \$1.00 lb. live weight. 570-395-0184 (TFN)

353 - FARM & LIVESTOCK SERVICES

ATTENTION FARMERS & Ranchers. Show special seal leaking stock tanks, ponds or reservoirs with Bentonite 719-580-6652.(3/27)

360 - MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

RAMSEY 12 VOLT Pro 8000R Series #817508 wench 93 ft. 5/16 cable. Remote switch, roller fairlead. 719-852-2285 (10/22-TFN)

ZACH'S EUROPEAN MOUNTS. Professional work, low prices. 719-580-0398. (TFN)

369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

ALL DOGS ADOPTED FROM THE VALLEY HUMANE LEAGUE HAVE TO BE SPAYED OR NEUTERED BEFORE GOING TO THEIR NEW HOME. (TFN)

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

NEED CATS FOR mousers? Want to adopt kittens? Help trap/neuter/release efforts? Donate food/litter/supplies? Low cost spay/neuter clinic for cats. <http://www.catsaliveslv.com> 719-298-7028. (TFN)

FREE TO GOOD home. Adults and kittens. NO MOUSERS OR BARN CATS. Spay/neuter clinics coming to Alamosa in near future. Call Donna K 719-589-5952 or 719-580-9078. (TFN)

387 - WANTED TO BUY

LOOKING FOR A 2 or 3 bedroom mobile home 1981 or higher for \$15,000 or under. Call or text 719-580-9525(TFN-E)

409 FARM & RANCH LAND

SPRINKLER, QUARTER ORGANIC, Carmel District. Deep Well, Monte Vista Cannel shares call 719-395-4910. Purchase or lease by owner. (3/12)

415 - HOMES FOR SALE

2 HOMES/ 5.25 Acres. Trees! 3 wells! Extra electric system, Corral. \$184,000.00 970-640-9562(3/20)

PORTER REALTY, INC. Excellent Service, Expert Advice 719-589-5899 503 Main Street • Alamosa www.PorterRealty.com

\$385,000 - Enjoy the breathtaking views as you drive 15 minutes to your new home at the end of a dirt road in Rimrock Ranch just SW of Monte Vista, CO. This custom 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 3 car garage home is set on 35 acres at the base of the San Juan Mountains. Enjoy 360 degree mountain views from your 1300+ square foot deck and marvel in the piece and quiet this property can offer. 515 Mountain View, Monte Vista MLS # 766729

\$215,000 - Brand new stick built 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Features include an open floor plan, nice master suite with 3/4 bath and walk-in closet, custom Amish cabinets, stainless steel kitchen appliances, well-insulated, augmented well with outside watering, vertical steel siding, 2 car attached garage and more. Call today for more details. 5790 County Road 9S, Alamosa MLS # 765125

\$199,500 - You won't find another like this on the market! Larger home just a block from Adams State University and walking distance to downtown. Located in the heart of Alamosa, CO this 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home has plenty of storage space. Located on a corner lot with mature trees. It also has a 1 car attached garage and a fenced-in side yard. 1011 Second Street, Alamosa MLS # 765145

\$99,000 - Cash buyer needed for this three-bedroom, 2 bathroom home with attached garage. Priced to sell! This is a manufactured home with a stick-built addition. Could use a little TLC to finish a project or two, but does sit on 40 acres with a domestic well, has new cabinets and kitchen appliances. Take advantage of this buying opportunity. 3345 Friese Lane, Alamosa MLS#765144

415 - HOMES FOR SALE

1 BEDROOM GARAGE carport fenced front and back yard, and workshop. \$600/Mo. 719-580-6055. (3/11)

420 - LOTS & ACREAGE

LAND FOR LEASE - 13230 CR. 6S Alamosa, CO. Acreage for lease, some water, some fencing, ditch cleaning involved. Open to ideas. Contact Cheryl 719-480-0502.(3/18)

525 GUNS

ZACH'S EUROPEAN MOUNTS. Professional work, low prices. 719-580-0398. (TFN)

601 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Century Property Management & Sales, LLC Alamosa • 589-5744

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICE For all your rental needs please call 719-589-5744 or stop by 823 Main St. Alamosa, CO 81101 www.alamosarentals.com

Accepting Applications for 2 & 3 bedroom apartments. Family living at an affordable price. Immediate Availability

Casa de Cortez 751 Mussman Lane Center, CO 754-3261 Rental assistance available to qualified households. TTY 1-800-659-2656 This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Accepting Applications for 2 Bedroom Apartments - Handicap Units Available. Rent based on income for qualified households.

Gateway Villa Apartments 929 Spruce St. Del Norte, CO 657-3654 TTY 1-800-659-2656 This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Accepting Applications for 2 & 3 bedroom family units. Family living at an affordable price. Immediate Availability

Valley Grande Apartments 2256 East Drive Monte Vista, CO 852-4302 Rental assistance available to qualified households. TTY 1-800-659-2656 This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Accepting Applications for waiting list for 2 & 3 bedroom family units. Handicap accessible units available. Immediate Availability

West View Villas 510 Dunham Monte Vista, CO 852-3949 TTY 1-800-659-2656 This institution is an equal opportunity provider

RENT 1 BEDROOM studio Alamosa some utilities included 800-641-3750 / 719-480-3932 (3/19)

611 - HOMES FOR RENT 2 BEDROOM, 1 Bathroom, Good location, close to University, Safeway, SLV Federal Bank, No pet/smoking. Good Credit and references. For more information call 719-480-2688. (3/11)

NICE 2/BEDROOM CLOSE to College. No Pets. No Smoking. Deposit. Call 719-580-8353. (3/5)

ONE BEDROOM HOUSE fenced yard ideal for couple or single person. Deposit and 1st months rent required. Call 719-248-3634.(3/4)

X3 BEDROOM 1 Bathroom propane and wood heat fenced yard room for livestock. 970-640-9562.(3/20)

NOW LEASING

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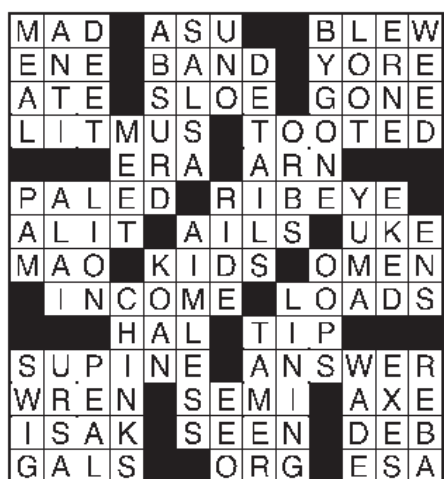
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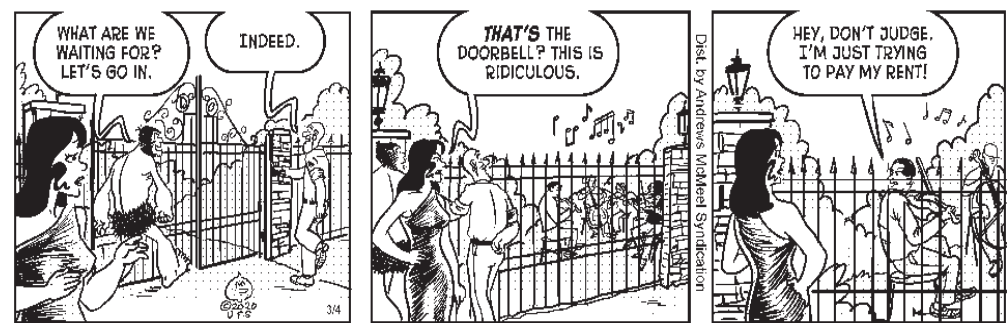
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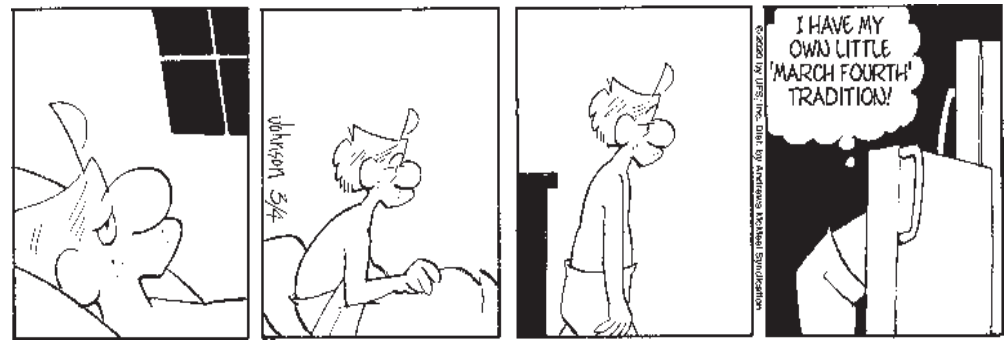


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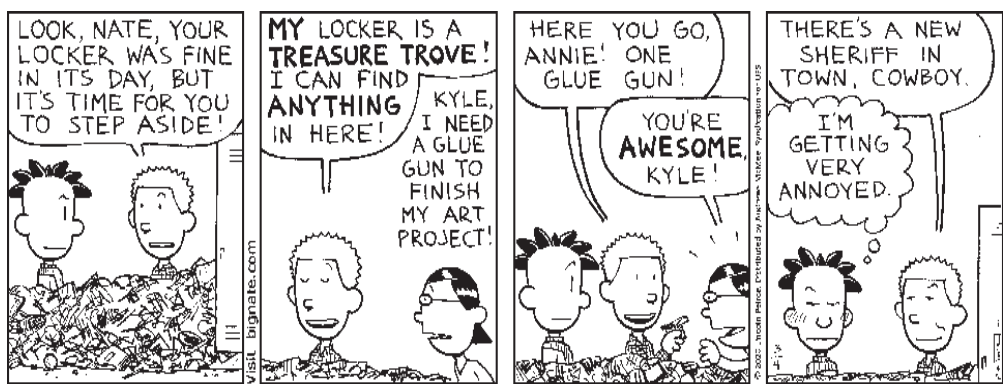
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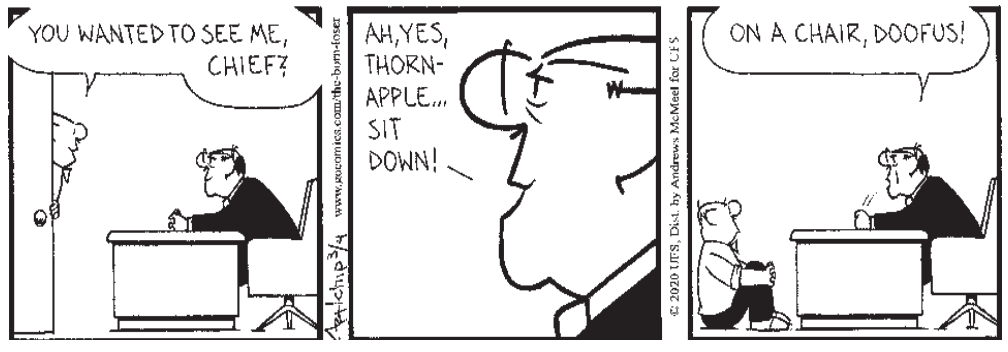
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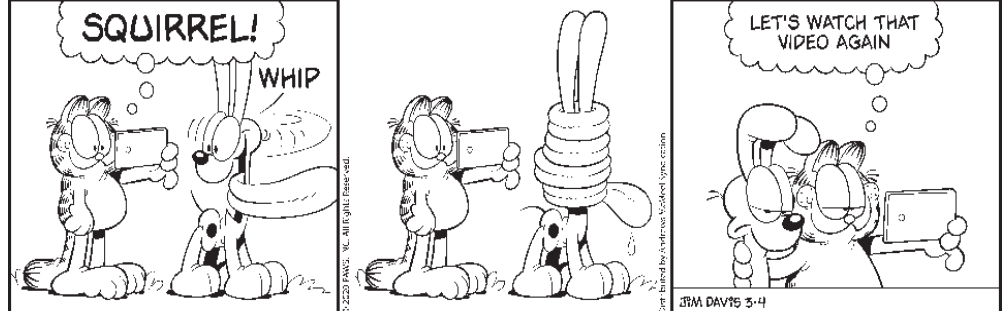
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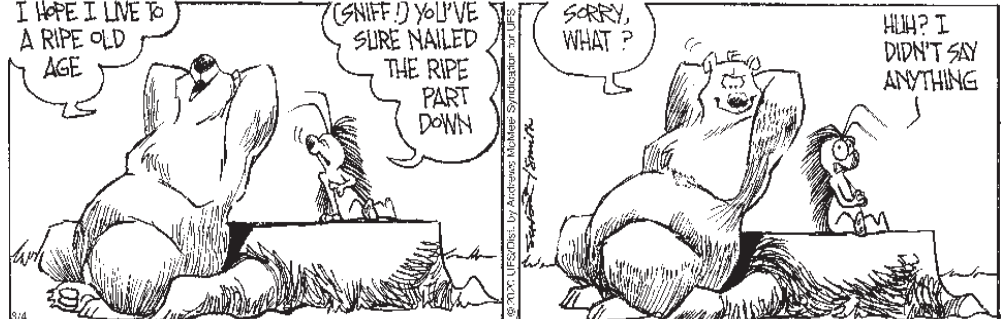
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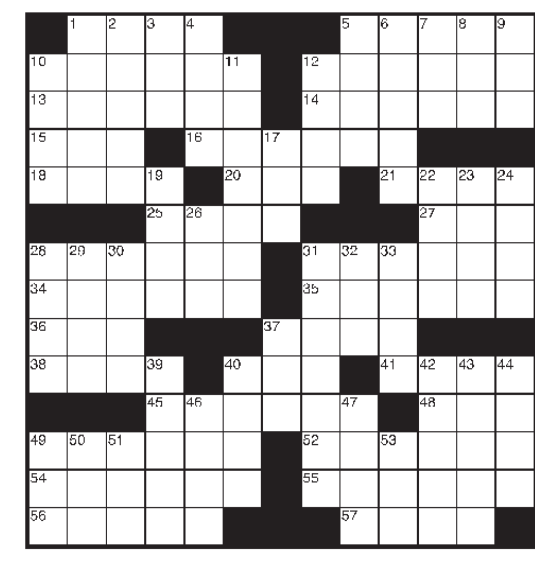
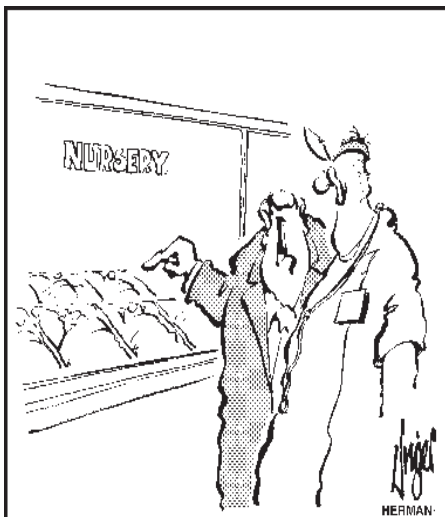
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by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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TODAY'S CLUE: U equals W

Previous Solution: "I was being groomed to be a tennis player ... I could probably do well. But all I wanted was to play pretend." — Dakota Fanning

Couple's trust issues multiply when old girlfriend reappears

DEAR ABBY: I dated a guy for 10 months. We constantly fought because of his lack of trust. He had been burned in previous relationships. He said, "Trust is earned, not given," which isn't my philosophy.

After a recent argument (about lack of trust), I told him this attitude is a deal-breaker, and he needed time to reflect on his issues. I talked to him several days a week during the process, and we weren't intimate during that time.

I decided to have dinner with him at his apartment and last night to further discuss the situation, only to have an old girlfriend ring his doorbell, upset. It seems that during the last five weeks, he had started seeing her again and slept with her while attempting to make amends with me. When I asked about her, he told me he thought we were done, and he was trying to put a Band-Aid on his pain. What to do?

He has great qualities but is so jealous and suspicious. Will he ever improve, or will I always be trying to prove myself? I believe he cares for me, but his actions with the old girlfriend negate this. I cannot even begin to rationalize his thought process. -- GETTING TIRED OF IT

DEAR GETTING TIRED: This guy is suspicious because HE isn't trustworthy. There's a saying attributed to historian, civil rights activist and author W.E.B. Du Bois: "A man does not look behind the door unless

he has stood there himself." People are often jealous and controlling because they are insecure. Your boyfriend ran back to his old girlfriend because he was unable to be alone, even for a brief period. Be smart. Wake up and lose him. You can do better.

DEAR ABBY: My father was physically abusive to me when I was a child, and distant and emotionally abusive when I was a teenager. Because of it, I had low self-esteem and was extremely depressed for most of my life. I confronted him when I was an adult, and he tried to explain why he was that way, but never apologized.

He is now 93 and in a nursing home. He probably won't be alive much longer. I would like to get closure by telling him the extent to which his behavior damaged my life, but I know it would hurt him. Should I look for the closure I have needed all of my life, or keep it to myself to spare his feelings? -- HURTING STILL IN COLORADO

DEAR HURTING: If you have things you need to get off your chest to your father, as painful as they may be, then do it. Explain calmly, in an even tone of voice, how important validation is to children as they develop, and how deeply his physical and emotional abuse has affected your life. I agree that he owes you an apology, but do NOT go there expecting one because he may be incapable of it. DEAR ABBY: Today I



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

was in a small neighborhood restaurant with a friend. I ordered a special burger. When the cook brought it to the table, my friend immediately pulled out her camera and snapped several shots. A stranger who had been sitting at the bar jumped off his stool and came over to our table with his camera. I'm not sure how many photos of my meal were taken before I was able to start eating. My friend was logging onto Facebook to post before I took my first bite. I was dumbfounded. What can be said to people who are this rude? -- GET IT WHILE IT'S HOT

DEAR GET IT: What can be said? Plenty -- starting with, "Knock it off!" or "I don't like that!" Talk about an invasion of privacy as well as personal space. I don't blame you for feeling invaded.



Living

City Council approves Ski-Hi \$31K funding request

By REBECCA COPLEY

MONTE VISTA — Tuesday, the Monte Vista City council had a special meeting to approve a request for funds by the Friends of Ski-Hi park, and to get an amendment to the original AIA architectural contract. “The city funded part of phase one in conjunction with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) we wrote for a planning grant which we received. On phase two we submitted for a planning grant for the phase two which is the construction drawing phase. However DOLA did not fund that grant,” city Manager Forrest Neuerburg told the council adding, “I reached out to the Friends of Ski-Hi park and asked them two things. One, if they could provide a request for any gap funding they might need from the city for phase two? And second to get an amendment to the original AIA contract between the City of Monte Vista and Alcon Construction?”

Neuerburg went on to tell the counsel that the design team is ready to go and that city staff would recommend that council approve the Friends of Ski-Hi’s request for \$31,500. “The city’s portion would come right out of our coffers, and when we build, the friends of Ski-Hi essentially will have all the foundation dollars as the project moves forward,” said Neuerburg.

Councilor Larry Foster said he had a question for finance Director Jennifer Signs. Foster asked Signs how this would affect the city’s cash flow and or funding.

Signs answered saying, “In 2019 we had originally budgeted \$95,000 to go toward the Ski-Hi project out of the capital improvement fund. However, during the year, we only had to allocate \$60,000 to that project so its left over. Basically what they’re requesting today was transferred back into the capital project fund so as far as changing our current year’s cash flows it’s really basically a wash from one year to the next because we had it left over from 2019.”

Karla Shriver updated the council briefly on how the project is going saying, “We’re actually dealing with two grants from the Outcalt Foundation. One I’ll call ‘Outcalt one,’ and that one was a grant in the amount of \$200,000. We actually received that about two years ago and it has been sitting in the bank. Then we have Outcalt two which is the \$2 million pledge for the construction phase. We’re requesting out of the \$200,000 and I think you’ll see on the memo we have spent some minor monies out of that.” Shriver went on to tell them how the Friends of Ski-Hi park used the “minor monies,” to purchase a banner, and logo designs. One of the bigger expenses they had was booklets they had made to give to major funders. Shriver told the council that each book was about \$60 and they have had 19 of them printed.

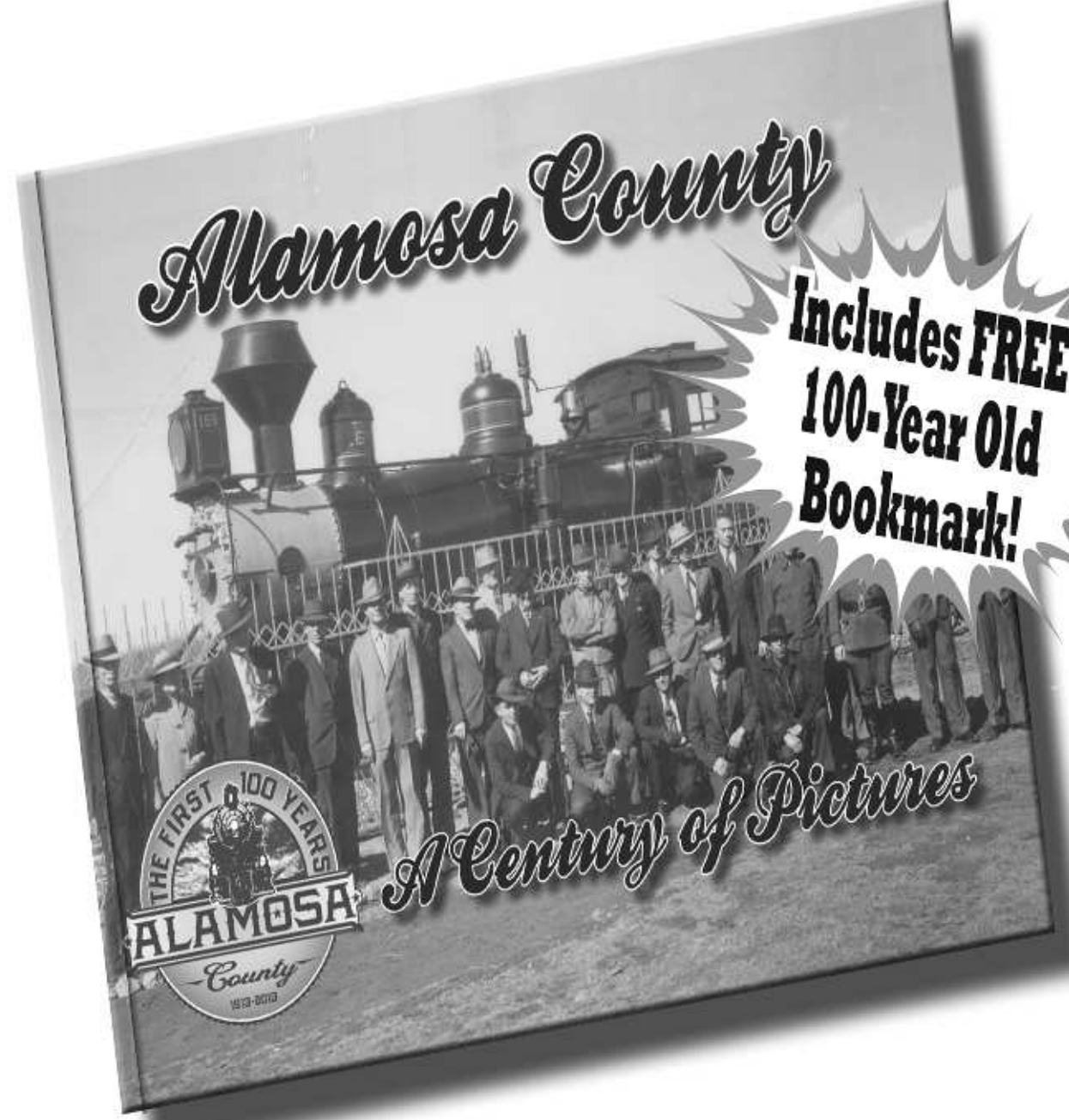
Shriver also told the council about some upcoming audit expenses the project will have. “The Outcalt Foundation, as part of the \$2 million grant pledge, required the Monte Vista Community fund have audited financial statements. When you do apply to other foundations that’s almost a requirement that you have audited financial statements. Monte Vista Community fund has not had one of those in a long time that I’m aware of. But because we’re dealing with so much money, we’re trying to be fiscally responsible and have these funds accounted for by a third party that has nothing to do with the project.”

Shriver also shared how great the community response has been for the project across the entire Valley. Recently the project received a generous donation from the San Luis Valley Quilting Guild. “There’s a lot of movement going on with this project. It’s moving fast but what the exciting part is it’s really unifying the Valley community. I don’t know if you’ve seen the excitement out there everywhere you go,” said Shriver.

Councilor Gary Johnson made a motion to approve the request for \$31,500 for the Friends of Ski-Hi and the amendment one to the original document. He also moved to authorized the City Manager to sign the said amendment. The motion was seconded by Martha Lock and passed without opposition.



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Combine food, fun to raise funds for charity

Few things are as effective at bringing people together as food. A good meal shared with others is an invitation many people simply can’t pass up, making food a perfect thing to partner with charitable endeavors.

Charitable organizations can always benefit from a little financial help, and well-intentioned men and women can raise funds for their favorite charities in various ways. The following are some food-friendly ways to lend a hand to a favorite charity while also enjoying a good meal.

FUNDRAISING FOOD FIGHT

Decorum tends to dictate how to behave at the dinner table. But even the most well-mannered men, women and children might welcome the chance to leave decorum at the door if they’re doing so for a good cause. Mix a little fun with your food and fundraising by organizing a food fight. Encourage everyone to wear white and then serve an especially messy dish like spaghetti and meatballs. Host the meal on the grass in the backyard so any shrapnel left behind gets cleaned up by pets or local wildlife. A post-meal pie throwing contest can make the food fight that much more fun.

PAY-PER-PLATE PIG ROAST

Pig roasts are traditionally laid back affairs where everyone has a good time. A pay-per-plate neighborhood pig roast with friends, family and neighbors can be a great way to mingle with loved ones, meet new people, enjoy great food, and raise money for charity.

COMMUNAL COOKING

Another great way to use food to raise funds for charity is to organize a communal cooking event. Encourage friends, family, neighbors, or fellow members of local religious and/or civic organizations to gather and prepare an assortment of dishes together. The resulting dishes can then be sold bake sale-style with all of the proceeds going to a local charity.

FOOD TRUCK BLOCK PARTY

The food truck industry is booming, and just about any type of cuisine can be prepared on a truck. Combine people’s love of food trucks with a neighborhood block party. Work with food truck vendors, who may be eligible for tax breaks by offering free or discounted rates for the day of the party. Encourage neighbors to pitch in for the trucks and organize a 50/50 raffle with the proceeds going to a local charity. Before spreading the word about the party, contact your local government to confirm if any permits are necessary for special events. Combining food with fundraising is a great way to raise money for local charities. GB19B406

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Living

City Council discusses golf course at work session

By REBECCA COPLEY
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MONTE VISTA —Last Tuesday Last Tuesday Monte Vista City Council held a work session to meet with the Monte Vista Country Club Inc. Part of the discussion was the lease renewal of their annual lease with the city. The council however will not take action on the lease until their next city council meeting.

Jake Mellott, Ingrid Watson and Traci Barbosa, came to represent the golf course and answer questions from the council and city staff. One of the first questions asked was about the condition of the golf course buildings.

"The pro-shop is not in bad shape, it's old but it's not in bad shape. That's where we're redoing the bathroom. That will help to make it very functional.

The clubhouse back wall is collapsing. We can actually see wood floor in the kitchen," Jake Mellott explained adding, "The clubhouse probably needs to be demolished. They're two separate buildings and they have kind of a bridge over the top so you could take one down and leave the other one. The cart sheds and the other buildings are all old we do repairs; we make them work but they all could be a little bit better with some TLC." Mellott shared that the pro-shop is fine but not having the clubhouse will be hard as they won't be able to host certain events like weddings.

They were also asked if they have looked into any alternatives or ways to better promote the golf course. "I want to try and eventually get banners up by Sonic and at the end of Chapman park that say, 'Golf Monte Vista,' or whatever we decide with our number. Just so you see it coming into town. They won't stay up all the time, they can come down whenever. But I do think that's an easy promotional thing. Coming through a small town as a golfer sometimes you don't even know it has a golf course. You might stop and just play nine holes," Mellott told the council. They also told the council that they tried hosting a couple of kids tournaments at the course but did not receive a great deal of interest.

"From what I understand it's been suggested in past meetings when this has come up at work sessions that you open it up to some winter outdoor activities. Like for snowshoeing or cross-country skiing. Has that been tried?" asked Councilor Martha Lock. They told the council that they are open to the public for such activities in the winter but that they do not charge them.

Ingrid Watson explained how the cost of having someone out there all winter to collect money would end up causing them to lose money.

"We do keep the course open until usually Thanksgiving. But we don't have someone in the pro-shop for that. But we do have an honors system with a drop box. We probably lose some green fees, but there are people who are honest and do drop it off. They put their 10 bucks in there or whatever. But we could look at doing that with some of our winter activities," said Watson.

Councilor Larry Foster asked them, "I'm driving down 160, why do I want to stop at your golf course?"

"Simply it's not expensive. It's easy to get on you don't need Tee times. You can come out any time usually and play. The course itself seems easy but it is challenging; really tiny greens. For the purest golfer it's not exactly what every pure golfer wants to play. But it is great for inexperienced golfers, and it's great for kids," said Mellott.

"Plus it's a nine hole course so you can go out and play in just a couple of hours so it's not going to take you the whole day if you're just driving through and you need a break," added Traci Barbosa. They shared how they have some truckers who pass through on a monthly basis and play.

After further discussion Councilor Lock said, "There are 4,000 plus people in Monte Vista. Of those 4,000 people and that's who we're here representing tonight. What percentage do you feel like you provide benefit to and what is that benefit?"

Mellott shared that he felt they benefited 30 percent of the population directly and 50 percent indirectly. He shared how those who like to golf the 30 percent benefit from the course. The other 50 percent benefit from the many fundrais-



City Council members met with Monte Vista Country Club to discuss status of the course and the clubhouse being in disrepair.

ers they host at the golf course. Also local schools have utilized the course for tournaments, and cross-country meets. He also shared how one of the greatest influences it has on the community was the travelers, or people staying in Southfork he felt it

brought to Monte Vista. He said a lot of the time they will come play golf and then stay and eat dinner at local restaurants, buy their groceries or get gas.

"The golf is a destination for them, but they do the other things when they come here,"

explained Mellott.

They were asked what they felt was standing in their way of becoming a successful, profitable, sustainable business. They shared how golf in general is suffering and is not as big a moneymaker as it used

to be as an industry. They also discussed how when the lease was established many years ago it was both the city and the golf board's job to do maintenance on the property. Due to it not being well defined this has been difficult to accomplish.

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