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DOLA will meet Tues.

DEL NORTE — Andrew Atchley will roll out DOLA's rural housing program at the URGED monthly breakfast meeting. The Upper Rio Grande Economic Development monthly breakfast meeting will be held at 7 a.m. Tuesday at the Windsor Hotel in Del Norte. This month's program is presented by Atchley, who is with Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). Mr. Atchley will roll out the new DOLA program for rural housing. URGED is urging the public to join it for breakfast and Atchley's interesting program.

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Steve Coffin addresses the audience at the 20th annual conference called "Let's Get Sustainable."

More tourists: the double-edged sword

By DANIEL McKILLOP
Courier Editor

ALAMOSA — While leaders in the San Luis Valley want more tourists to come to their area, it is not always that simple.

The double-edged sword is

that the influx of potential visitors has to be managed so that the environment and wildlife — among other things — are not destroyed.

The San Luis Valley Tourism

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Air Force vet will speak in Monte Vista

Trotter to address Homelake Foundation annual meeting, dinner

MONTE VISTA — Air Force veteran Richard Trotter will be the keynote speaker at the 15th annual Homelake Historic Preservation and Restoration meeting, dinner and fundraiser on March 25 at Dos Rios Restaurant.

Trotter will speak on "Why I joined the Military and Reflections on a 21-Year Career as an Aviator in the Reserves and National Guard."

Trotter joined the Air Force in 1989 and served as an enlisted man and then later an officer in the Air Force Reserves at Peterson AFB in Colorado Springs; he also enjoyed three years with the Oklahoma Air National Guard. He spent his entire career as an aviator on C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft, first as an enlisted Loadmaster and then as an officer



Richard Trotter

Navigator with over 4,700 hours of flight time, including combat time during Desert Shield/Storm

and the War on Terror. He retired as a Major in May 2010 after 21 years in the service.

Trotter grew up in Pueblo and graduated from the University of Southern Colorado with a degree in history. He lives in Saguache with his wife.

"I am proud to say I have been adopted by her three grown children and is 'Grandpa' to two lovely granddaughters," he said.

The March 25 event is the annual fundraiser and membership drive for the Foundation that preserves and restores the historic campus of Homelake, the oldest veterans' center in Colorado and the official repository of all unclaimed military medals in the state.

Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. and the

meeting will follow. Mathis will be a speaker prior to the meeting. In addition, there will be a silent auction of a few items.

Cost of the dinner/membership specials is \$35 per person or \$60 per couple. If one would like to attend the dinner and meeting only, the cost is \$25 per person.

Foundation President Erin Macgillivray Smith said, "If you cannot attend (the meeting and dinner), please join the Foundation."

Membership dues are extremely reasonable and a worthy commitment at \$15 a year for an individual membership, \$25 a year for a couple, \$100 for sustaining members, \$500 for a corporate membership, and \$1,000 for a

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Alamosa City Council passes sign provision

By DANIEL McKILLOP
Courier Editor

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa City Council unanimously passed an ordinance to update use restrictions consistent with the Downtown Design Plan after the second reading — with no public comments — at City Hall on Wednesday night.

The plan includes to change the sign provisions to address maintenance and obsolescence and encourage signs of exceptional design and to clean up small inconsistencies in the code, as well as allow uses in the CB Zone to allow for some mixed

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Courier photo by Daniel McKillop
Councilor David Broyles looks on during Wednesday night's meeting.

SLV Health purchases ballistic vests for EMS

SAN LUIS VALLEY — SLV Health stepped up in support of the San Luis Valley's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies.

SLVH purchased 48 ballistic vest carriers and plates (body armor) for the 10 Regional EMS Trauma Advisory Council (RETAC) agencies throughout the San Luis Valley Region.

This includes EMS agencies from Saguache, Conejos, Costilla, Rio Grande, Mineral, and Alamosa counties.

Ballistic protective equipment is worn when responding to active shooter and mass casualty incidents to support the entry of

EMS personnel into a warm zone for triage, treatment, and extrication of the wounded.

Many are using this on higher risk and even routine calls at this time, including responding to domestic violence and behavioral health situations.

"Having ballistic vests is crucial to the safety of EMS providers in our region. Every day the ambulance drivers and first responders are at an increased risk of arriving at a violent scene. SLV Health is proud to collaborate with these great teams throughout the Valley," said Konnie Martin, SLVH

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A few of the ballistic vests are on display; From front row, left to right: Ben Webster, Linette Nye Schmit, Amy Blackmon, Lucas Slade, Shannon Goldsberry, Courtney Arthur, Melanie Dickey and Andy Dickey. From back are: Tyler Schmidt, Chris Miyaki, Tyler Hathorn, Michael Filipi, Tyler Off, Woody Wilson, Jed Pilant, Stafford Wilson, Tyrell Harris and Brittany Off.

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OBITUARIES

Wilma Fae Flores, 78

MANASSA — Long-time Manassa resident Wilma Fae Flores, 78, died March 4, at the Rio Grande Inn Nursing Home in La Jara. Wilma was born in Bountiful, on March 31, 1941 to John Albert Knight and Vivian Estelle DePriest Knight.

She was married in La Jara, to Kenneth Edwin Guymon and together were blessed with five children. They were sealed in the Salt Lake City Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for all time and eternity. She later married Isaias Flores in Conejos.

She was an avid member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and enjoyed her many callings including the All Day Relief Society. Wilma volunteered on the Board of Blue Peaks in Alamosa as well as numerous other community contributions. She made many quilts and was an excellent seamstress.

Wilma is survived by her children Carolene (Robert) Parberry of Sanford; Michael (Debra) Guymon of Las Animas; Sandra Allaart of Alamosa and Steven Guymon of Sanford; her sisters, Shirley Johnson and Jolene (Richard) Dutton, both of Monte Vista; her grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces, neph-



ews, extended family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; both her husbands, Kenneth and Isaias; her son, Martin Guymon; her brothers Jimmie Knight and Samuel Knight; and her sisters, Lucy Jane Knight and Bessie Larane Knight.

A visitation will be held from 1-1:45 p.m. Saturday, followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m., March 7. All services will be held at the La Jara Second Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Interment will follow services in the Sanford Cemetery. Contributions are suggested to the La Jara LDS Church Temple Fund.

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

Kay Grant Faucette, 85

SANFORD — Kay Grant Faucette, 85, passed away in Arvada on Tuesday, March 3. Kay was born on May 28, 1934 in Alamosa, the son of Kenneth and Edna Faucette.

He grew up in Sanford and graduated from Sanford High School in 1952. Kay played basketball on the Sanford High School state championship teams of 1949 and 1950.

He served his country in the Army and was stationed in Germany. Kay received a bachelor's and master's degree from Adams State College where he played football, basketball, baseball and track. He enjoyed a long career as a teacher, coach and counselor, mostly in Colorado. Early in his career he spent two years in Alaska which he loved and returned with family and friends many times.

Kay is survived by his three children, Valerie MacNeil, Jeff Faucette and Steve Faucette, all living in the Denver area.

He was very proud of his children, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Kay is also survived by his sister, Kathie Child of Washington, and broth-



er, Craig Faucette of Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary Lee Able of Alamosa; and his second wife, Pat Dixon of Montana.

Kay loved sports, fishing, travel and spending time with his family.

Service details are pending but are anticipated to be held in Arvada, with burial at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver. Final details will be here soon.

All Veterans Funeral & Cremation is assisting with funeral arrangements.

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Call San Luis Valley Crimestoppers at 589-4111.

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

AA MEETINGS

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

12 p.m. First United Methodist Church at 2005 Mullens, Alamosa
6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito
6 p.m. Amistad of San Luis at 403 Main St., San Luis
7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca
7:30 p.m. Masonic Hall at 598 Spruce, Del Norte.

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

5:30 p.m. at 929 State Ave., Alamosa
6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St.,

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

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

AL-ANON

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

5:30 p.m. First Christian Church at 518 1st St., Alamosa
7 p.m. Crestone Town Hall, downtown Crestone (second and fourth Thursdays)

ENGAGEMENT

ALAMOSA — Sherman and Lisa Strobeck, of Alamosa, announced

the engagement of their daughter, Katie Strobeck of Denver, to Eric Filley

of Denver, son of Josh and Melissa Filley of Denver.

Katie is a 2008 graduate of Alamosa High School and a 2013 graduate of Colorado Mountain College with an AAS in Culinary Arts.

Katie is currently employed as a pastry chef by the Hyatt Regency Denver Convention Center.

Eric is a 2007 graduate of Denver South High School and a 2014 graduate of Colorado Mountain College with a bachelor's degree in Sustainability Studies.

He is the owner of Mile High Sustainable Property Solutions and is also a project manager for Rocky Mountain Remodels.

A September wedding is planned in Buena Vista.



School Menu

Thursday

Mar. 5, 2020

BREAKFAST

Breakfast Pizza
Juice & Fruit

ELEMENTARY

Vegetable Beef Soup
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
French Fries
Vegetable Bar

SECONDARY

Dominos Pizza
Carrots
Vegetable Bar

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

To sponsor the School Menu call 589-2553



Valley News

"I am familiar (with the SLV), but it's been years since I've been down here. So, I sat here all morning listening to the presentations that have been made. A couple of things struck me .. we enforce what incredible assets you have down here. ... I'm surprised I'm not seeing millions of people come down here."

— Steve Coffin
of NoCoPlaces 2050

SLV

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Association hosted its 20th annual conference at the Alamosa Elks Lodge, which was called "Let's Get Sustainable," on Wednesday, and the above-mentioned issues were a big part of the discussion.

Treasurer for the San Luis Valley Tourism Association Lynne Young, who organized the event and has been working for Valley-Wide Tourism for more than 20 years, said each business or entity told the audience what they have had going on for the year — dates of the year, things like that — during the morning hours of the gathering.

"So, that the whole Valley knows ... to be able to

tell visitors this is going on, that's going on," Young said.

Steven Coffin, of NoCoPlaces 2050, was Let's Get Sustainable's keynote speaker, and he discussed the challenges involved in managing the potential increased growth of tourism in the Valley.

"He's working with a group — a fairly large group — in northern Colorado on how public lands are managed with the influx of new tourism," Young said. "Hopefully, we'll hear some things that give us ideas of what we can do."

Coffin said he did a similar presentation to another group several months ago for former state legislator Gigi Dennis.

Coffin said Dennis mentioned to "Lynn" that he should come down and do

a presentation in San Luis Valley.

"I am familiar (with the SLV), but it's been years since I've been down here," said Coffin, who is from Denver. "So, I sat here all morning listening to the presentations that have been made."

"A couple things struck me ... we enforce what incredible assets you have down here. ...

"I'm surprised that I'm not seeing millions of people come down here."

Coffin said, "The SLV people are using creativity to maximize the appreciation of these assets." He added, "I was really struck by that."

Coffin said he would "love" if the outcome of his presentation were that "community leaders in the San Luis Valley recognize that this is a challenge that

if they're not facing today they very well likely will be — particularly given the incredible assets of San Luis Valley.

"Given what this group is doing to try to attract more people here," said Coffin about the SLV Tourism Association. "At some point if you're not facing this dilemma now, overuse and overcrowding, you will be."

"So, think ahead and plan ahead now while you have the opportunity, so you can manage this and protect this special place."

Coffin added: "You want people to come here — that's what the whole purpose of this organization is — and appropriately so. Generous revenues for the community; you want people here, but you need to manage it as well as you possibly can."

Council

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residential use. Alamosa Planning and Zoning Specialist Deacon Aspinwall said there has been no changes since the first reading.

"It was exactly what we talked about changes and uses in the Downtown Plan and changes to the sign code. ..."

The council also unanimously passed an ordinance creating food zones in designated city parks and recreation.

City Manager Heather Brooks said mobile vendors have recently inquired as to why they are not allowed to operate in the parks.

Brooks said after discussing it with her staff, "we thought that it would be great for our patrons and enhance the experience that they're having." Brooks said the code that had been already adopted had language in there that said council could create ... but "we never could take advantage of that."

Brooks added that the vendors can only be there during the parks' open



Councilor Charlie Griego listens to various viewpoints during Wednesday's City Council meeting at City Hall.

Courier photo by Daniel McKillop

hours, which is from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

"We're excited to make this recommendation to council and maybe bring some more activity to the park(s)," Brooks said. "If you want, it can go to all 10 parks."

"Each one has a shaded area and that map will be provided to the vendors."

"They will still need to

come and get their normal license and still meet all of the qualifications. ..."

Councilor David Broyles volunteered to serve on the Alamosa Housing Assessment Committee, and the council also unanimously passed on the first reading that Mayor Ty Coleman, as well as Broyles will serve on the above-mentioned committee.

MORE: The council moved for approval for a public hearing on March 18 concerning personal safety rules and regulations and pay plan for city officers and employees.

Brooks also touched on the coronavirus, while expressing confidence that the city has plans to deal with the problem if it strikes Alamosa.

Final presidential primary results

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Yesterday's edition included the primary results from Alamosa and surrounding counties. However, two counties — Conejos and Rio Grande — had not counted their results by the Courier's deadline.

Additionally, as straggling ballots were recorded, there were some slight changes in percentages regarding the listed counties.

Thus, we are including the results once more — this time with the final numbers.

Even with the updates, Colorado still had poor voter turnout, with 3,893,645 registered voters and only 1,689,095 ballots cast in this primary.

The voter turnout by county reflects the same trend. This is a surprising fact, when one considers around 64% of Colorado voters were in favor of Proposition 107 — a bill

regarding presidential primaries being held in the state.

Below are the results for Alamosa and surrounding counties, as well as the numbers for their voting turnout.

Alamosa

Sanders lead with almost 44% of the Democratic votes; Biden came in second, with nearly 22% of the votes; and Bloomberg in third, with around 16% of the votes. Trump won almost 94% of the Republican votes.

Registered voters: 10,087
Ballots cast: 4,282

Saguache

Sanders lead with almost 52% of the Democratic votes; Biden barely surpassed Bloomberg — coming in second, with 15.23% and Bloomberg third, with 14.37% of the votes. Trump won 95% of the Republican votes.

Registered voters:

4,361
Ballots cast: 2,014

Rio Grande

Sanders lead with almost 38% of the Democratic votes, while Biden and Bloomberg continued to battle it out. Bloomberg snagged a second place, with almost 25% and Biden finished last, with almost 23% of the votes. Trump won almost 93% of the Republican votes.

Registered voters: 7,902
Ballots cast: 3,600

Conejos

Biden gave Sanders a little more of a fight in Conejos, but Sanders still lead with nearly 38% of the Democratic votes; Biden came in second, with almost 31% and Bloomberg third, with 22% of the votes. Trump won 93% of the Republican vote.

Registered voters: 5,263

Ballots cast: 2,530

Costilla

Sanders wiped competitors with 40% of the Democratic votes; Biden came in second, with around 25% of the votes; and Bloomberg in third, with almost 20% of the votes. Trump won almost 93% of the Republican votes.

Registered voters: 2,753
Ballots cast: 1,094

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 nearly 95% of the Republican votes.

Registered voters: 5,277
Ballots cast: 2,785

The Denver Post contributed to this article.

Vests

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CEO. Ryan Daugherty, SLVH EMS director added, "Although there is not a single data collection entity, EMS providers and first responders have reported an increase in violence toward

them in general. There have also been multiple best practices and policy updates from state and federal entities with the uptick of active shooter and mass casualty incidents occurring that lead to increasing calls for EMS to have to run into danger (Warm Zones) to save lives. "EMS agencies nation-

wide are beginning to make such Ballistic Vests and body armor routine Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) for every call."

These vests have been deployed to agencies throughout the SLV and will no doubt improve safety and enhance operational capability for all. These are

universal vests and are adjustable and available for all providers to wear. The EMS providers are extremely grateful to SLV Health for their generous donation.

Report courtesy of press release written by Donna Wehe, director of communications, SLV Health

Trotter

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life membership. Your membership will allow you to vote at the annual meeting in March as well as continue to support the foundation and its endeavors."

Membership can help the Foundation in many ways, Smith said: "Building our membership shows we have a stable, full membership base when we apply for grants and ask for donations. In addition, we have more volunteers who will be able to help with publicity, fundraising, cataloging military memorabilia and

other items, running the museum, program development, and complete current and future restoration projects.

Finally your contributions and donations assist us in meeting our goals, required matches for grants and preserving the history at Homelake," Smith said.

Membership forms are

available from Christa Davis, 719-852-5118.

Donations are always welcome, Smith added.

The Foundation board is comprised of 15 members. Currently the membership is at 12. The annual meeting will see the election of five members to 3-year terms and one to a 1-year term.

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Opinion

God bless America ...

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

The Rolling Stones announced they will begin their 2020 North American Tour in San Diego the first week of May. Safety precautions will be in effect at the stadium.

The Corona Virus has been warned by health officials to sanitize its hands before it comes into contact with Keith Richards.

Marriage and Divorce Journal published statistics Friday revealing that 70% of all marital relationships in America have had at least one instance of infidelity.

It feeds the addiction to intrigue. Sixty percent of the couples in Beverly Hills are in open relationships and don't know it.

Arizona's Maricopa County supervisors voted to designate their county a Second Amendment Preservation County, in defense of their constitutional gun rights.

Restrictions are obvious. No one should own a gun if they have a criminal record or a psychiatric record, or a Barbra Streisand record.

The Los Angeles Visitors and Tourism Bureau predicts big summer business this year despite the current health scare. It hasn't affected the sellout crowds at the Comedy Store.

The doormen in the Main Room made \$400 bucks each Saturday night selling hand sanitizers to the crowd.

Wall Street Journal pointed out that Bernie, Biden, Bloomberg and Liz comprise the oldest cast of presidential candidates in history.

They are respectively 78, 77, 78 and 71. This is not an election, it's an audition to see who will replace Tom Selleck as the spokesman for reverse mortgages.

Joe Biden was propelled to the greatest Democratic primary comeback since Bill Clinton back in 1992, when he swept the South.

Joe is so much fun. He concluded his victory speech to his cheering crowd Tuesday with these stirring words: My name is Joe Biden and I forgot this message!

Super Tuesday showcased Bernie, Biden, Liz and Bloomberg to the voters after Buttigieg and Steyer and Klobuchar dropped out the previous three days.

The pieces are now moving around the chessboard very quickly. Last night Biden dropped out of the race and threw his support to Biden.

Mike Bloomberg came under pressure to withdraw Wednesday after Biden nailed down the party's center lane on Super Tuesday.

Bloomberg spent \$500,000,000 on the primary and the only thing he won was Samoa. Hell, for \$2 million, he could have bought Samoa.

Bernie Sanders expects to parlay his universal health care proposals to get Elizabeth Warren's backing if she drops out this week. There's a new drinking game played by the TV debate viewers. Every time that Bernie Sanders offers you a free government program you drink somebody else's beer.

The Centers for Disease Controls reported more deaths from Corona Virus in the Washington State area, while other parts of the nation tried novel ways to thwart the contagion.

Chicago had its first Corona Virus death Friday. The virus was shot and killed while trying to cross Michigan Avenue.

Amazon reported running out of surgical face masks over the Corona Virus scare. I dreamed that the face mask shortage killed everybody in show business except the Masked Singer, the Unknown Comic and the Ku Klux Klan. And thus Mel Brooks' next big stage musical was a still a go.

New Scientist reports a woman in Pennsylvania can drink water and urinate alcohol due to yeast in her bladder. It's called Bladder Fermentation Syndrome.

New Scientist could be sued for either revealing the formula for Coors Light or exposing the production process for Busch Beer.

The Washington Post reported Monday that a federal judge just granted a petition by Judicial Watch and agreed to force Hillary to finally testify about the e-mail scandal.

We know what's next. Allow me to be the first to state that the judge's tragic death next Thursday at 6 p.m. was not a suicide.

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What it was like to grow up with an addict for a parent

This is Adrian's story.

Looking back, I realize I was raised in a very strange world in the middle of the drug swamp in the Salzburg suburbs in western Austria.

At the center of that world was my mother, who was single and addicted to heroin.

Every day, there would be a moment where she'd tell me, "I'll be there in a second, mousey," before disappearing into her bedroom with a few of her friends and locking the door. As a 7 year old, I would stand by that locked door for ages, trying to imagine what was happening on the other side.

It took me years to finally figure out what they were doing in there. For a long time, I assumed the adults were having some sort of power nap — they emerged from that room so quiet, so relaxed and so cheerful.

I felt like I was missing out because even after nights that I'd had a full night's sleep, I was still tired. I wanted to be an explorer when I grew up, which I knew would require lots of energy.

My mom usually had a bunch of her friends over — like Werner, who told me he drew his energy from nature and trees. Bertl always reminisced about the glory days of the SV Austria Salzburg football club, while my mother's boyfriend, Günter, taught me to play chess when I was 6 years old. He'd learned to play during a stint in prison.

Amarah's Corner



'Kids Like Me'

My biological father had died of a heroin overdose. After a few months in prison for possession, he took his usual dose — but his tolerance had fallen while he was inside, and it proved to be too much.

In her grief, my pregnant mother considered suicide, but a book she read about Hinduism convinced her she would be reincarnated as the lowest form of life if she did, so she decided not to.

At school, I was a bit of a problem child — rude and badly behaved, though that was basically the norm where I grew up. We lived in a big, green, ground-floor apartment in an apartment block. We didn't trust anyone who bothered knocking on the main door since only the police or the postman did so. Everyone else just clambered over the balcony and walked into our living room.

A frequent visitor was my mother's dealer, who we called the "Greek." Once, while mom was in her bedroom, the Greek forced me to drink a shot of vodka with him — I was only 7 at the time. When my mother found out, she kicked him out. But, later explained that everyone deserves a second chance — so she let him come back.

In the summer of 1999, when I was 8, my mother was really struggling with her drug use. Günter seemed near death after 23 years of addiction, and I was slowly beginning to understand what was going on around me.

My mother had convinced herself that it was fine to take drugs until I was old enough to figure out what she was doing, but the truth was she couldn't stop.

One day that same year, her old friend Bedda came to visit. He'd been in prison with Günter for smuggling. Bedda was a completely different person — he wasn't

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The dam truth about the Colorado River

The magnitude of the Colorado River's decline — a result of climate change — as outlined in the Science paper is "eye popping," says Brad Udall, senior scientist at Colorado State University.

The latest research about the Colorado River is alarming and also predictable: in a warming world, snowmelt has been decreasing while evaporation of reservoirs is increasing. Yet no politician has a plan to save the diminishing Colorado River.

If you followed the news about the Colorado River for the last year, however, you'd think that a political avalanche had swept down from Colorado's snow-capped peaks and covered the Southwest with a blanket of "collaboration" and "river protection."

I won't call it fake news, but I will point out errors of omission.

First, the Colorado River is not protected. The agreement that was reached — called the "Drought Contingency Plan" — does not protect the river nor its ecological health. The agreement protects the federal government's, the states', the cities', and the farmers' ability to 100% drain the river bone dry every single year.

Nearly 5 trillion gallons of water flow in the Colorado River every year and every single drop will continue to be drained out, starting at the Continental Divide in Colorado all the way down to the delta in Mexico, where the river still does not, nor is ever planned to, reach the Sea of Cortez.

Second, one of the two elephants in the room — climate change — hangs over the Colorado River. The current drought, due to the climate change that is already occurring, has decreased the flow in the river by about

20%, and the predicted increase in climate change may decrease the flow by another 30% by the year 2050. Even the important people making the best decisions admit that the Drought Contingency Plan does nothing to fix this problem. They say they will keep working on it.

The other elephant in the room is one of the most under-reported stories in the Colorado River basin: the states, cities, and farmers in Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, Utah and Arizona are trying to drain more and more water out of the river by building more and more dams, diversions and pipelines.

Using your common sense, you will ask, "If the river's already drained dry and is predicted to have even less water in it due to climate change, then how can they build more dams, diversions and pipelines?"

I always answer this question by saying: "Welcome to the Colorado River where common sense — as well as simple math — are not used in decision-making."

Twenty-four proposals have been developed to divert more water from the river. Colorado has nine proposals; New Mexico, three; Utah, seven; Wyoming, three and Arizona, two. All are in some stage of being built, fought in court, going through a permitting process, in pre-permit planning, or in a bill before a state legislature or the U.S. Congress.

In total, if all of these proposals were built, at least another 162 billion gallons of water per year would be drained out of the river. All would need a new and even larger network of dams, pumps, and pipelines on a river system that is already one of the most dammed and diverted on the planet.

Forty million people, and growing, depend on the Colorado River in the Southwest, which also grows crops that partially feed the entire United States. The river itself now supports a large and growing recreational economy. In addition, the river and all of its tributaries are the sole, life-support system for a vast and threatened network of plants, birds, and

tired, dizzy or nervous.

He radiated a joy and peace that immediately made my mother cry. Bedda comforted her and spoke about how Jesus had healed him and set him free.

His presence alone lit up our dark apartment — it was like someone was shining a torch in a pitch-black cave. Günter kicked him out of the apartment, smashing-up furniture and screaming he didn't want anything to do with religion. But Bedda came back to explain again how God had freed him from addiction.

Sometime after that, my mom and Günter came to see Bedda's new life as a good thing, and the realization helped them both. Dozens of attempts to get clean had previously failed, after doctors, psychologists, and social workers insisted the strength to get off drugs had to come from within — a strength that neither of them believed they had.

But now their friend Bedda had made it out thanks to his faith in Jesus, and that motivated Günter and my mother to do the same.

My stepfather got clean after more than 20 years as an addict, while my mother beat a deep depression that took her to the verge of suicide several times. They had felt emptiness, sadness and despair, but now, they were filled with love and security. Unfortunately, not everyone around them was as lucky — many of their friends died as a result of their addiction.

At age 39 my mother died of cancer.

~Adrian Goiginger

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Gardner, bipartisan colleagues celebrate support for LWCF funding

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senators Cory Gardner (R-CO) and Steve Daines (R-MT) held a press conference today announcing they have secured President Donald Trump's support for bipartisan legislation to provide full and permanent funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and address the \$12 billion maintenance backlog in our national parks.

"We are proud to announce that we have secured the President's support to provide full and permanent funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and address the maintenance backlog at our national parks, and the bipartisan group here today demonstrates the strong backing these programs benefit from in Congress," said Senator Gardner. "The LWCF supports projects in Colorado and all across our country at no cost to the taxpayer, and fighting every year to figure out how much money the program will receive doesn't provide the long-term planning certainty that our outdoor and conservation community deserves. I thank President Trump and Leader McConnell for their support and look forward to getting full, permanent funding signed into law."

"This is a historic day for conservation, Montana and this nation. I am proud to stand here today and announce that after my meeting with President Trump, Senator Gardner and Leader McConnell, we have the support we need to provide full and mandatory funding for LWCF and address the maintenance backlog at our national parks," said Senator Daines. "For Montanans, protecting our public lands is about protecting our way of life. That's why I've made it my top priority since coming to Congress to fight for LWCF and our parks. I look forward to getting this historic conservation victory across the finish line for future generations of Montanans."

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

"This bipartisan legislation combines two bills that together make it the most important piece of conservation legislation in the last half century. It does more to help restore our parks than anything since 1964. It will cut in half the deferred maintenance backlog for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee and other national parks, and it will fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund permanently, which has been a goal of Congress for 55 years. None of this would have happened without bipartisan support and none of this would have happened without President Trump's strong support and endorsement of both bills," said Senator Alexander.

"The Land and Water Conservation Fund is essential to making sure Washingtonians can enjoy our amazing public lands and urban green spaces. Our own Scoop Jackson created and championed

this program over a half century ago, but over the years it has been short-changed by more than \$20 billion. That's why I am so grateful that our years of effort to get full and permanent funding for LWCF now has the bipartisan support we need to make it the law of the land. Passing this legislation and at the same time addressing the unacceptable maintenance backlog at National Parks like Olympic and Mt. Rainer will be a huge boost for the outdoor recreation economy," said Senator Cantwell.

"For more than a century, the National Park Service has been inspiring Americans to explore the natural beauty of our country," said Senator Portman. "But in order to keep that work going, we need to ensure that they have the necessary resources to maintain our national parks and I'm pleased the president is embracing this legislative effort led by Senators Gardner and Daines. This legislation includes the bipartisan Restore Our Parks Act which I have been working on very closely with my colleagues Senators Warner, Alexander, and King. The Restore Our Parks Act will provide the National Park Service with funds to address some of the \$12 billion in deferred maintenance projects like the more than \$100 million in maintenance backlog at Ohio's eight national parks. We must ensure our national park sites endure for future generations and I look forward to working with my Senate colleagues to get this legislation signed into law so that the National Park Service can continue preserving American treasures."

"After years of bipartisan work on this issue, I'm glad that the President is finally on board with our bill to address the \$12 billion maintenance backlog and provide relief to national parks across the country," said Senator Warner. "In the Commonwealth alone, this backlog surpasses \$1.1 billion — third only behind California and the District of Columbia. This lack of funding represents many needed projects that have been postponed, including the upkeep of trails, campgrounds, visitor centers, and transportation infrastructure. Once passed through Congress and signed into law, this bill will signify a historic investment in Virginia's national parks, helping to boost local economies and preserve our natural treasures so that future generations can enjoy them for years to come."

"I am thrilled my colleagues have come together for this bipartisan effort to address the \$12 billion backlog at our national parks and support permanent funding for the vital work of the Land and Water Conservation Fund," said Senator King. "The National Park System is an American treasure, and we have a responsibility to preserve it for our children. We've come up short on this responsibility for far too long — but we have a chance to make this right and ensure that every park from Acadia to Zion will endure for the generations of Americans who come after us. In addition, this legislation would permanently fund the LWCF, which has supported outdoor recreation and conservation in communities across the nation for more than half a century. These efforts transcend politics — they're about the future of natural wonders that were here before us and should remain long after we're gone. We must all come together to make these investments to protect our public lands."

"Today we are taking a major step forward in our effort to fully, permanently fund the Land and Water



Conservation Fund—one of America's most successful conservation programs, and finally address the national park maintenance backlog. LWCF has helped preserve many treasured public lands—including the Valles Caldera, Ute Mountain, and Valle de Oro National Wildlife Ref-

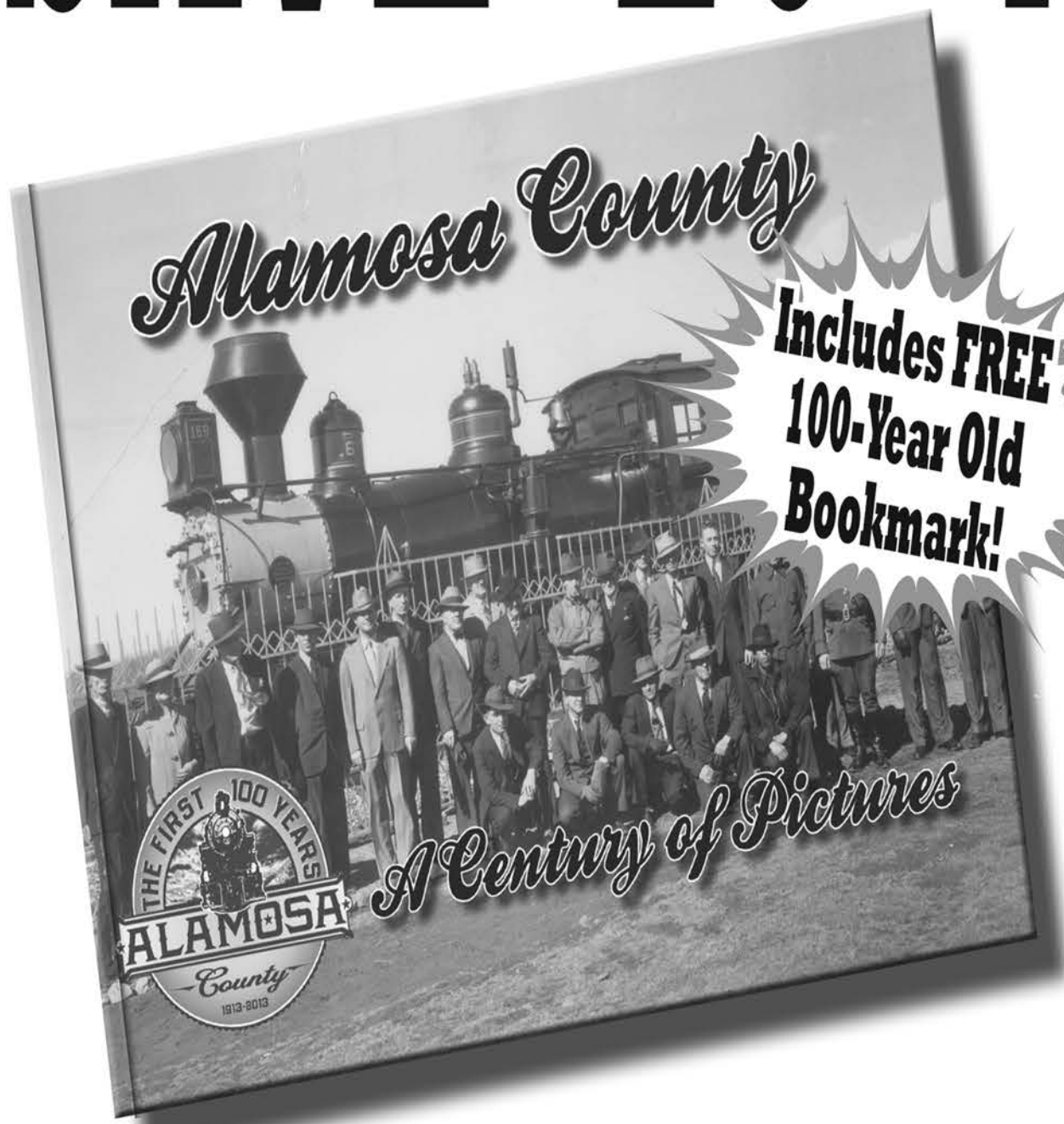
uge in New Mexico—that power our thriving outdoor recreation economy. It also protects our drinking water, provides public land access, and ensures there are neighborhood parks, soccer fields, and baseball diamonds for our children. Our National Parks are uniquely American and

offer endless opportunities to explore our nation's natural and historical treasures, and significantly boost local economies in their surrounding communities. I'm proud to help lead this bipartisan effort to address the parks maintenance backlog and invest in the infrastruc-

ture that improves access and visitor experience to all our public lands for generations to come," said Senator Heinrich.

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Sports

Regional basketball preview

By **STEPHEN JIRON**
Courier Sports Editor

It's going to be a busy regional weekend for the San Luis Valley. Nine different teams will be looking to get into the state tournament from within both the 2A and 1A classes

2A Girls

6. Del Norte (18-3) vs. Mancos (6-16) in Del Norte

As winners of their conference, the Tigers have earned the right to host a regional tournament this weekend. Del Norte enters this weekend as the No. 6 seed. First up, will be Mancos on Friday night.

Del Norte is led by Kendra Parra who has posted 21 points per game this season. Parra no doubt has a target on her back. But the Tigers have plenty of weapons in case someone solves the hot-shooting senior. Sophomore Gabby Jones is tied for the team lead in double-doubles this season (3) and leads the team in rebounds pulling down 7.6 points per game and is third on the team with 8.9 points per game. Kaeci Madrid has come on this season and is second on the team in scoring averaging 10 points per game.

Del Norte will take on Mancos in the first round. The Blue Jays rely pretty heavily on junior Maddi Hale who leads the team in almost every major category. A victory in the first round will set up a meeting with the winner of Peyton (18-4) and Swink (12-4).

10. Sanford (13-7) vs. 20. Hayden (14-8) at Heritage Christian

Sanford will be on the road in Fort Collins this weekend. Picking up the tenth seed Sanford is no pushover having punched above their weight class in the earlier part of the season with seven games in the 3A class, Sanford went 3-4 in those games.

Through 18 games of recorded stats, it's a team effort for Sanford. Three girls have cleared 100 points this year; Mackenzie Peterson, Ariel Caldon and Cheyenne Caldon. All averaging better than 7 points per game lifting the offense to an average 43 points per game. Sanford's strength lies in the defense which has allowed a meager 21.5 points per game this season.

They will look to lock down Hayden on Friday. For Hayden, the scoring looks to be scoring by committee as well with their top four shooters all passing the centennial mark in scoring. The majority of the damage is done by senior Alex Camilletti who posts 12.1 points per game. A victory over Hayden will likely mean a game against host Heritage



Christian. The Eagles are seeded fourth in the state and do-it-all senior Emma Johnson will be the main point of focus. Johnson has posted 15 double-doubles thus far this season.

25. Sargent (9-13) vs. 8. Ignacio (16-5) at Ignacio

Sargent will meet the Ignacio Bobcats in the first round of the regional tournament. The majority of scoring by Sargent is done by junior Mackenzie Tolliver. Tolliver also picks up the rebound duties posting 7 boards per game. Ignacio is having a strong season boasting a 61-56 win over powerhouse Del Norte. The Bobcats' bench is active in most games with 100-point seasons extending seven players deep as Ignacio likely plays a fast-paced brand of basketball with plenty of subs keeping players fresh.

If the Farmers can outrun the Bobcats they'll take on the winner of 9. Rocky Ford (20-2) and 24. West Grand (13-10)

28. Center (10-12) vs. 5. Rye (22-0) at Rye

The Vikings will travel this weekend to Rye who will be hosting their regionals. Alexis Varela and Brandi Almeida are the top scorers for Center each approaching 200 points. At 5'10" rebounds and blocks are handled by Almeida. The Vikings have a challenge in the first round of regionals. Rye is undefeated and has three girls who have posted more than 200 points on the season.

Should Center get by Rye they'll meet the winner of Dawson School (18-4) and Yuma (10-11).

2A Boys

3. Sanford (18-4) vs. 30. Telluride (8-13) at Sanford

With a win over Crested Butte in the district championship game, Sanford will be home for the weekend. The first game on the slate for Sanford will be the Telluride Miners. A win in the first round will set up a meeting in the regional championship against the winner of 14. Heritage Christian (17-5) and 19. Burlington (13-9).

18. Center (14-8) vs. 15. Holly (18-4) at Highland

Center will need to clear the Holly Wildcats in the first round of the tournament. Center has drawn a difficult tournament hosted by second-seeded Highland this weekend.

Center is led by senior Devin Porres who averages 13.5 points per game followed closely by Habran DeLaCruz who averages 11.7. Both boys have shown plenty of productivity from beyond the arc each shooting better than 30 percent from the three-point line. The Holly Wildcats are led in scoring by Dakota Eaton with 237 points. Behind him, Brigdon Parker is second in scoring but leads in double-doubles with 5.

A victory over Holly will set up a game with the winner of 2. Highland (21-1) and 31. Calhan (9-13) in the championship.

32. Del Norte (5-17) vs. 1. Limon (20-2) at Limon

Del Norte picked up a difficult assignment in the state tournament drawing the first seeded Limon Badgers in the first round. Del Norte had a slow start

to the season but found a nice boost to close the regular season bringing their scoring average up to 51 points per game in the final five games, which led to a 53-44 upset over Sargent in the district tournament. That was partially fueled by Cole Jones and Logan Cestone combining for 43 three-pointers on the season.

Should Del Norte clear Limon they will move on to meet the winner of 16. Vail Christian (17-4) and 17. Dawson School (16-6)

1A Girls

Sangre de Cristo (19-3) vs. DeBeque (12-8) at Gunnison

Teams in the Region 1 Tournament brackets played in Gunnison will automatically advance to their respective championships on Saturday. Sangre de Cristo will take on the DeBeque Dragons in the regional championship.

The team lead in scoring for Sangre de Cristo is credited to Kylee Christensen. Christensen amassed 303 points this season and is on pace to join the 1,000 point club in her senior year. Also posting good numbers for the T-Birds this season are senior Makenzie Rogers who leads the team in rebounds and Ashley Mortensen who is second on the team in scoring with 177 points.

Sangre's opponent also has some good shooters with two girls clearing 200 points this past season and averaging better than 10 points per game each.

1A Boys

Sangre de Cristo (20-2) vs. Ouray (13-6) at Gunnison

The Region 1 Tournament in Gunnison will advance to both championship games automatically in the two regional brackets. That means Sangre de Cristo will meet Ouray with the regional title on the line. Sangre has only suffered two losses this season. One to Raton and the other to Kim/Branson.

The undoubted leader for the T-Birds is Cole Christensen. The Sangre senior averages 23.1 points per game. Christensen enjoys a strong cast, followed in scoring by Leighton Curtis and flanked by the Enriquez brothers. Junior Kevin remains a perimeter threat with the most accurate three-point shot on the team (Min. 35 attempts.) Senior Mario plays mostly inside and has collected the most rebounds on the team along with the third-most points on the team.

Ouray will look to Channing Green and Jackson Leo for their offensive production, both boys average more than 18 points per game.

-3A State previews in Friday's edition-

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, Centuari

Remi Lucero, Centuari

Honorable Mention

Mario Vigil, Centuari
 Zach Buhr, Centuari
 Damian Lopez, Monte Vista
 Brandon Reveles Alamosa

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

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1A District 6

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 (G) -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

Correction: IML All Conference

ALAMOSA — In Wednesday's edition of the Valley Courier, the All-Conference teams' Zach Buhr was given Honorable Mention, not Brandon Buhr.

Arby's All-Star Game

ALAMOSA — Adams State will be the home of the All-Star game sponsored by Arby's. Friday March, 27th

seniors from all over the valley will take part in the annual All-Star Game. Admission is \$10, pre-school children

admitted free. The festivities are set to begin at 6 p.m.

Lifestyle

Wildlife-dependent recreation gets boost

Colorado Legislature approves nine members to Wildlife Habitat Stamp Committee

DENVER — Nine appointments to the Colorado Wildlife Habitat Stamp Committee were confirmed in the Colorado Senate in February. New members Brett Ackerman, Jennifer Gluck, Priya Nanjappa, Jon Nestor, Jon Romatzke and Ashley Rust will begin their four-year terms on the Wildlife Habitat Stamp Committee. Timothy Brass, Thomas Brossia and Daniel Gates were re-appointed. John Thatcher and John Wellman remain on the 11-member committee, but were not up for reappointment. The Wildlife Habitat Stamp Committee identifies priority projects and makes recommendations to Colorado Parks and Wildlife's director and the CPW commission to leverage approximately \$9 million in funds generated through the program annually. What is the Wildlife Habitat Stamp? The Wildlife Habitat Stamp initiative requires hunters and anglers purchasing an annual license to contribute \$10 toward the state's Habitat Protection Program and also provides

CPW with valuable resources needed to secure public access to wildlife-dependent recreation. Purchases of the Wildlife Habitat Stamp provide the core funds for the Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program (CWHP). The program provides a means for CPW to work with private landowners, local governments and conservation organizations to protect important fish and wildlife habitat and provide places for people to enjoy the state's wildlife heritage. The agency has leveraged a variety of other funds around this core — including Great Outdoors Colorado and federal state wildlife grants — to extend the program's reach. These combined funds protect fish and wildlife habitat and opportunities for hunting and fishing.

Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program The CWHP is a statewide program that supports CPW's mission by offering

funding opportunities for private landowners who wish to voluntarily protect important wildlife habitat, and/or, provide

sustainable wildlife-related recreational access to the public. The CWHP is an incentive-based, voluntary program that utilizes conservation easements, access easements, and in some circumstances, fee title purchases to accomplish strategic wildlife conservation goals and/or public access goals.

More information about the Colorado Wildlife Habitat Stamp is avail-

able on CPW's website.

About the appointed members Brett Ackerman, Colorado Springs Division of Parks and Wildlife representative

Timothy Brass, Longmont Public-at-large representative

Thomas Brossia, Durango Sportsperson representative

Daniel Gates, Cañon City Sportsperson representative

Jennifer Gluck, LaSalle Sportsperson representative

Priya Nanjappa, Lakewood Representative for national or regionally recognized conservation organization whose mission is focused on nongame wildlife and whose membership is composed primarily of nongame wildlife users

Jon Nestor, Rifle Sportsperson representative

Jon Romatzke, Grand Junction Division of Parks and Wildlife representative

Ashley Rust, Denver Representative for national or regionally recognized conservation organization whose mission is focused on nongame wildlife and whose membership is composed primarily of nongame wildlife users



Although pedestal style bird baths are attractive, baths closer to the ground tend to attract more birds.

A guide to buying, setting up a bird bath

Warm weather means more opportunities to spend time outdoors while at home. Whether your favorite form of outdoor recreation includes sitting on the patio reading or digging in the garden, there's a good chance that you will be sharing the space with local wildlife. Optimizing opportunities to view and interact with backyard wildlife can make the great outdoors even more enjoyable.

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology indicates that there are around 2,059 bird species on the continent of North America. Red-winged blackbirds, yellow-rumped warblers, American robins, and chipping sparrows are among the most commonly seen birds in North America.

Making a backyard hospitable to birds can increase the chances for sightings and hearing their sweet songs. Installing a bird bath can be a step in the right direction.

Bird baths can make yards more attractive to birds. Birds require a supply of fresh, clean water for drinking and bathing. By setting up a bath, homeowners can attract not

only seed-loving birds, but those that don't eat seeds and wouldn't normally congregate around feeders, indicates All About Birds. Experts surmise that birds may bathe to maintain their feathers.

Not all bird baths are constructed the in the same fashion. Many bird baths sold in stores are better suited for decoration than for serving as functional baths. There are four general types of bird bath: standing pedestal, hanging bath, deck-mounted, and ground-level. In general, the lower a bird bath is to the ground, the more likely birds are to use it. Most natural sources of water birds use are on or near the ground. Therefore, ground-level bird baths may be the best investments.

It is important to keep the water in a bird bath shallow (around two inches of water or less). This enables birds to splash around safely and wade in.

Birds do not want to slide around, so a material that is coated and slippery, like glazed ceramic or glass, may not be too popular. Rough stone or a bird bath modified with pea gravel or

rocks can give birds steady footing.

Place the bird bath in the shade if possible to ensure the water is cool and fresh. Locate it by a tree so the birds can hop

up to a branch and preen afterwards. All About Birds also says that a bird bath is more attractive if it has a dripping or moving water feature, as this is often irresistible to birds.

Another way to ensure the bath will be used is to keep it clean and maintained. Change the water every day or two. Rinse off the bath to remove droppings, bugs and other

debris. Once birds learn there is a comfortable bath nearby, they may be more apt to visit a yard and may even become frequent guests. GT204804

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Saturday, March 7

1-2:30 p.m. Movie: "Bird of Prey" weaves together stunning natural history footage of the critically endangered Great Philippine Eagle with the remarkable story of wildlife cinematographer Neil Rettig and a small group of conservationists from the Philippine Eagle Foundation, who work tirelessly to save the bird from extinction. \$5/person.

3-4 p.m. Talk: "Dealing with Water Scarcity" - Cleave Simpson, General Manager of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District talks about water in the Rio Grande Basin and San Luis Valley and the challenges facing surface and groundwater users in an over appropriated system. \$5/person.

7-9 p.m. Keynote Speaker, Kurt Skinner portrays Teddy Roosevelt, whose Conservation Crusade for America left our country with a legacy of natural treasures, federal resource conservation and wildlife protections. \$10/person.

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Western Living

Canola a crop with many usages

By SYLVIA LOBATO
Canola has been recognized as a food crop for thousands of years and it has been recognized relatively recently as a biofuel crop. It has become an alternative to crude oil in the mechanized industry world and has taken its seat near the throne.

In the San Luis Valley, interest in growing crops for synthetic fuels began in the 1950s and remains strong. This is exemplified by Costilla County's successful biodiesel plant at Mesita and the mixing plant operated by Alta Fuels at Alamosa.

Canola first came into the public eye in the form of oilseed rape. Later in the 1950's, other varieties were developed which produced healthy cooking oil and was simply called canola.

Today, with continued variety improvements, canola oil has the distinction of being one of the lowest level saturated fat cooking oils.

Processed canola produces oil with both industrial and edible uses, as well as, a high-protein meal used in animal feed. The oil meets governmental standards for solid waste disposal and accidental spills are safe to the environment.

The story of canola starts with a pungent plant of the mustard family known as rape. The oil of the rape plant's seeds, or rapeseed oil, has been used for cooking in India and China for centuries.

As people dined on it, another use came to light — insect control. While bugs killing garden plants isn't news, the concept of some plants fighting back on behalf of others is. Since using dangerous chemicals isn't the best thing to use on food plants, canola has been recognized as an alternative.

Plant-based canola oil has been approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for insect pest control. A batch of highly effective and inexpensive organic pesticide can be made at home with canola oil.

Find the recipe, applications and cautions online.

It's important to note that canola oil and rapeseed oil are two different uses, though derived from the rape plant.

One of the biggest differences between the two oils is that rapeseed oil contains up to 40 percent erucic acid, while canola oil contains less than 2 percent as required by law.

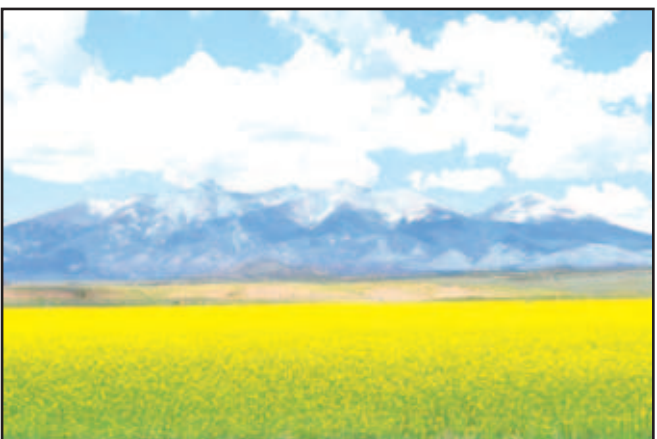
In place of erucic acid, canola was selectively bred to contain about 60 percent oleic acid, the prized monounsaturated fatty acid of olive oil, which is about 70 percent oleic acid).

Canola contains low saturated fatty acid and a substantial amount of omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids. Since a diet low in saturated fatty acids and high in mono-

unsaturated and omega-3 fatty acids is believed by many researchers to be beneficial for cardiovascular health, promoters of canola oil often tout it as the "healthiest vegetable oil."

Combine the oil's favored fatty acid profile with a long shelf life and low cost, and you find a happy confluence of interests between mainstream science and the food manufacturing industry. Canola is used in processed food products from mayonnaise to granola bars.

As edible canola grows in popularity, so does canola as a component in biofuels, making it a good cash crop for farmers.



Courtesy Photo

Growing near the base of Mt. Blanca, a canola crop bears testimony to its value and usefulness as an agricultural crop in the San Luis Valley.

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Lifestyle

Farming for precipitation: SNOWIE Project tracks cloud seeding

By DANIEL STRAIN
Special to the Courier

COLORADO — For the first time, researchers have used radar and other tools to accurately measure the volume of snow produced through cloud seeding. Led by University of Colorado Boulder atmospheric scientist Katja Friedrich and her colleagues, the research began on a chilly day in January 2017. That's when the team watched as a flurry settled over a patch of land in western Idaho.

The gentle snow wasn't a natural occurrence. It had been triggered through cloud seeding, a technique in which tiny particles are mixed into the atmosphere to try to generate more precipitation than might normally fall.

The approach has become increasingly popular in states like Idaho and Colorado that are grappling with how to quench their growing demands for water. It's also notoriously difficult to measure.

But for three days early this year in Idaho's Payette Basin, that's just what Friedrich's team did, monitoring three attempts at cloud seeding from start to finish. Collaborators on the

project included researchers from the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, University of Wyoming and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"We tracked the seeding plume from the time we put it into the cloud until it generated snow that actually fell onto the ground," said Friedrich, an associate professor in the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences.

In all that cloud seeding event and two more later that month produced a total of about 282 Olympic-sized swimming pools worth of water. The group reported its findings today in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Friedrich added that the research is an important first step toward better understanding just how efficient cloud seeding can be at creating those winter wonderlands.

"Everyone you talk to will say even if you can generate a little bit more snow that helps us in the long run," she said.

EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS

Some in Colorado have high hopes for that process.

In 2019, the state entered into a partnership with six others that border the Colorado River to step up its efforts at cloud seeding—an attempt to increase the supply of water to that valuable waterway.

Friedrich added that, for now, she can't say how useful cloud seeding might be for such efforts moving forward—every winter storm is different and interacts with aerosols in different ways. But the group's findings could

get scientists closer to being able to make those cost-benefit calculations.

"We can now finally put a number on how much water we can produce through cloud seeding," Friedrich said.



Courtesy photo by Joshua Aikins
Researchers with the Seeded and Natural Orographic Wintertime Clouds: The Idaho Experiment (SNOWIE) project used a variety of tools to track cloud seeding events, including this "Doppler on Wheels" radar dish.

Homeowners prepare their deck for winter

Homeowners often take steps to winterize the interior of their homes in the weeks before winter's arrival, but such efforts should extend to the outdoors of a home as well.

Decks make for great gathering places when the weather permits. Decks are where many people spend their free time and eat their meals come spring and summer, when the temperatures climb and the sun sets well into the evening. But as summer turns to fall, homeowners must take measures to protect their decks from potentially harsh winter weather.

Inspect the deck for problems. Decks tend to be used more often in summer than any other time of year. That makes fall and early winter an ideal time to inspect for wear and tear and any additional issues that may have cropped up throughout the summer. Damaged boards and loose handrails should be fixed before winter arrives, especially for homeowners who plan to use their decks in winter. Fixing such issues in winter and even into spring may be difficult thanks to harsh conditions, so make good use of the relatively calm autumn weather to

fix any issues on the deck. Clear the deck of potted plants. Even homeowners who intend to use their decks in winter should remove potted plants from the deck in the fall. The home improvement experts at HGTV note that moisture can get trapped between deck boards and plastic, wood or ceramic containers in cold weather, and that can contribute to mildew, discoloration or decay.

Store unnecessary furniture. Homeowners who like to sit on their decks in winter will no doubt want to leave some furniture out over the winter. But those

with lots of furniture for entertaining guests can likely move the majority of that furniture into a garage or shed for the winter. HGTV notes that doing so will prevent the potential formation of blemishes on the deck that can result from inconsistent weathering.

Remove snow, but do so carefully. Prolonged contact with snow and ice can damage a deck. As a result, homeowners should clear snow from their decks when accumulation is significant. HGTV recommends using a snow blower on the deck to avoid scarring. If a shovel must

be used, push snow with the planks to reduce the risk of damaging the deck. Homeowners who take steps to protect their decks throughout the winter months can ensure these popular areas are ready once entertaining season returns in the spring. FH198133

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Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302(3), you are notified that the following is a resume in Water Division 3, containing notice of applications and certain amendments filed in the office of the Water Clerk during the month of February 2020 for each county affected. 2018CW6 Lynne Rominger Brown and Tyler Jay Brown 34 Third Avenue, Del Norte, CO 81132 (719) 850-1983 Amended Application to Change Underground Water Right in Rio Grande County. Name of structure: Well No. 4, Case No. W-1717, Original Well Permit No. 25910-F (WDID 2011238), re-drill under Permit no. 25910-F-R, WDID 2013930. Date of Decree: March 13, 1975 Case No: W-1717 District Court, Water Division 3. Legal Description: Rio Grande County NE1/4 of the NW1/4 Section 32, Township 40 North, Range 6 East NMPM. Decreed Source of Water: Unconfined Aquifer. Appropriation Date: December 31, 1900. Total amount decreed to structure 700 gpm = 1.56 cfs. Decreed use: Domestic, irrigation, stock water and commercial. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: 700 gpm = 1.56 cfs. The applicants have acquired ownership of the entire water right. This is the reason for amending the application for change of water right. Historical Use: Irrigation within the N1/2 N1/2 of Section 32, Township 40 North, Range 6 East, NMPM in conjunction with own-ownership and diversion of a portion of the Del Norte Town Ditch. Typical crops grown were alfalfa, alfalfa/grass mix, oats and barley. The farm was historically flood irrigated until about 1995 when a center pivot sprinkler was installed on the NW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 32. The sprinkler covers about 30 acres and is supplied via a pipeline from the "North Well". Additional spigots supplied by the wells were used to irrigate the sprinkler corners. Partial owners of the water right, Vernon and Maxine Mann obtained Well Permit no. 25910-RF on September 15, 1982 for replacement of the existing 25910-F well. The well was to be located approximately 1300 feet north of the center of Section 32 in a position where a 3/4 turn sprinkler could be placed and used. As no completion report was submitted, the permit was expired. A second replacement well permit was issued to Vernon Rominger on July 28, 1995 for replacement of the original 25910-F well at the same location as the 1982 replacement permit. This well was completed on January 5, 1996 by deepening an existing well from 91 feet to 200 feet. No pump report was ever submitted for this well. At some point in time, a well was drilled near the center point of the NW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 32. No completion information is available for this well - but it is identified herein as the "Pivot Well". A second well was drilled on the north edge of the sprinkler during the 1990's. There is no permit for this well, but it has been metered and used for the past several years under WDID 2012496. This well is known as the "North Well". The "North Well" has been located by GPS at UTM, NAD83, Zone 13S: 381871 mE, 4170683 mN. The "Pivot Well" has been located by GPS at UTM, NAD83, Zone 13S: 381915 mE, 4170485 mN. The "Mann Well" has been located by GPS at UTM, NAD83, Zone 13S: 381698 mE, 4170312 mN. Description of Proposed Change: Now that the Applicants have full ownership of the W-1717 No. 4 water right, transfer 700 gpm of the water right decreed to Well No. 4, Case No. W-1717 to two wells for irrigation of the NW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 32, Township 40 North, Range 6 East, NMPM. Applicant requests the right to apply for an additional irrigation well for use in combination with the "North Well" under the following terms and conditions: Combined use of the two wells will not exceed 700 gpm at any instant. The combined annual appropriation from both wells will not exceed 102.9 acre-feet per year and a consumptive use of 68.6 acre-feet per year. Use of the wells will be limited to irrigation of not more than 34.3 acres within the NW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 32, Township 40 North, Range 6 East, NMPM. Applicant also requests: Retain the domestic, stock watering and commercial aspects of the water right. Names and address of owners of the land: Tyler Jay Brown and Lynne Rominger Brown 34 Third Street, Del Norte, CO 81132. 2020CW2 Worley Family Farms LLLP. 2468 East County Road 6 North, Monte Vista, Colorado 81144. 719-852-4097 worleyseed@gmail.com. Application for Change of Water Right in the Rio Grande River or its Tributaries in Saguache County. Name of Structure: Well No. 1 Permit 3437-F WDID 2008710. Date of original decree: October 14, 1973 Case No: W0259 District Court, Water Court Division 3. Legal Description: SW1/4 SW1/4 Section 32, T41N, R8E NMPM at a point 20 feet from South Section line and 18 feet from West Section line, in Saguache County, Colorado. Decreed Source of Water: Unconfined aquifer/Rio Grande Closed Basin. Appropriation Date: March 1, 1936. Total amount decreed to structure: Absolute1800 GPM. Decreed use: Irrigation. Amount of water the applicant intends to change: Absolute 1800 GPM. Location information in UTM format: Easting 400493.2 Northing 4178579.7 Zone 13. Legal description using PLSS: Saguache County SW1/4 SW1/4 Sec 32, T41N, R8E NMPM. And, Name of Structure: Well No. 3 12480-R WDID 2008711. Date of original decree: October 14, 1973 Case no. W0259 District Court Water Division 3. Legal Description as described in most recent decree: SW1/4 SW1/4 Section 32, T41N, R8E NMPM at a point 370 feet from South Section line and 16 feet from West Section line in Saguache County, Colorado. Decreed source of water: Unconfined aquifer/Rio Grande Closed Basin. Appropriation date: February 7, 1962. Total amount decreed: Absolute1500 GPM. Decreed use: Irrigation. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: 1500 GPM. Location information in UTM format: Easting 400493.2 Northing 4178579.7 Zone 13. Legal Description using PLSS: Saguache County SW1/4 SW1/4 Sec 32, T41N, R8E NMPM. And, Name of structure: Well No. 2 Permit No. 16028-F WDID 2008708. Date of original decree and all relevant subsequent decrees: October 2, 1975 Case No: W2442 April 2, 2003 Case No: 98CW36 District Court Water Division No. 3. Legal description: SE1/4 SW1/4 Section 32, T41N, R8 E NMPM at a point 181 feet from South Section line and 1350 feet from West Section line in Saguache County, Colorado. Decreed source of water: Unconfined aquifer/Rio Grande Closed Basin. Appropriation date: August 18, 1957. Total amount decreed: Absolute 2000 GPM. Decreed use: Irrigation/limited to 10 acres on E1/2 SW1/4 Section 32, T41N, R8E NMPM. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: 2000 GPM. Location information in UTM format: Easting 400899.7 Northing 4178777.7 Zone 13. Legal description using PLSS: Saguache County SE1/4 SW1/4 Sec 32, T41N, R8E NMPM. Detailed description of proposed change: Applicant would like to include NE corner SE1/4 of Section 31, T41N, R8E to areas irrigated by WDID 2008710 Well No. 1 Permit 3437-F Case W0259 and WDID 2008711 Well No. 3 12480-R Case W0259. Change of location of irrigated land, no increase in acreage would be irrigated, aerial view 2019 Google view attached to application, for NE1/4 SE1/4 Sec 31, T41N, R8E and W1/2 SW1/4 Sec 32, T41N, R8E, in addition wants to use WDID 2008708 as alternate point of diversion for above wells (see C attached to application for permit and Case No.'s). Legal descriptions of decreed location and actual or new location of structure: WDID 2008708 Well No. 2 Permit No. 16028-F Cases W2442 and 98CW36 as alternate point of diversion for WDID 2008711 Well No. 3 12480-R Case W0259 and WDID 2008710 Well No. 1 Permit 3437-F Case W0259. Names and address of owners of the land: Worley Family Farms, LLLP and BKC, LLC 2468 East County Road 6 North, Monte Vista, CO 81144. 2020CW3 BKC LLC. 2468 East County Road 6 North, Monte Vista, CO 81144. 719-852-4097 worleyseed@gmail.com. Application for Change of Water Right in the Rio Grande River or its Tributaries in Rio Grande County. Name of Structure: Well No. 1 6126R WDID 2008307. Date of original decree: 01/06/1971 Case No. W0008 Water Division No. 3. Legal description of structure: SW1/4 NE1/4 Section 9, Township 40, North Range 8 East NMPM, at a point 2400 feet from South Section line and 50 feet from West Section line in Rio Grande County, Colorado. Decreed source of water: Rio Grande Closed Basin. Appropriation Date: July 31, 1949. Total amount decreed: Absolute 1200 GPM 2.66 cfs. Decreed use: Irrigation Amount of water that applicant intends to change: Absolute 1200 GPM 2.66 cfs. Location information in UTM format: Easting 403019.0 Northing 4176230.7 Zone 13. Legal description using PLLS: Rio Grande County SW1/4 NE1/4 Sec 9, T40N, R8E NMPM. And, Name of structure: Well No. 2 6127R WDID 2008308. Date of original decree: 01/06/1971 Case No. W0008 Water Division No. 3. Legal description of structure: SW1/4 NE 1/4 Section 9, Township 40 North, Range 8 East NMPM, at a point 2600 feet from South Section line and 50 feet from West Section line in Rio Grande County Colorado. Decreed source of water: Rio Grande Closed Basin. Appropriation date: July 31, 1949. Total amount decreed: Absolute 1200 GPM 2.66 cfs. Decreed uses: Irrigation. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: Absolute 1200 GPM 2.66 cfs. Location information in UTM format: Easting 402822.0 Northing 4176401.7 Zone 13. Legal description using PLSS: Rio Grande County SW1/4 NE1/4 Sec 9, T40N, R8E NMPM. Detailed description of proposed change: Applicant discovered when applying for a replacement well permit that the Application, Referee ruling and Decree on the wells located in NE1/4 Sec. 9, T40N, R8E are unclear and inconsistent of which lands are allowed to irrigate under WDID 2008308, WDID 2008307, and WDID 2005784. The original application refers to page not in possession of Division of Water Resources (opposite is word used for legal description of land on application). The Referee ruling states irrigated acreage limited to the SW1/4 NE1/4 Sec 9, T41N, R8E (same as the location of wells). Decree does not mention which lands are to be irrigated. According to Rio Grande Canal records the full NE1/4 Sec. 9, T41N, R8E was owned by Virgil C Gromer (original applicant for wells) in 1941 and has not been divided quarter/quarter by ownership since. A center pivot well (WDID 2005784 case 83CW026 Well No. 3) was drilled in 1979 replacing well located on NE1/4 NE1/4 Sec 9 and allowed to irrigate the full 1/4 section. Applicant would like to clarify the records that all wells located in the NE1/4 Sec 9, T40N, R8E are permitted to irrigate the NE1/4 Sec 9, T40N, R8E.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING New Retail Liquor License

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 10th day of January, 2020, Annette Ostrander-Fenske, and Judah Fenske applied to the County of Alamosa to grant a New Liquor License to Rustic Fook Resort LLC located at 13254 Lane 5 North, Mosca, Colorado 81146. The Board of County Commissioners of Alamosa County, which is the Local Liquor Licensing Authority for the County of Alamosa accepted the application and set a Public Hearing to be held: Wednesday, March 11th at 9:00 am Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room Alamosa County Services Building 8900 Independence Way Alamosa, CO 81101 At each time and place any party in interest may be allowed to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses, in accordance with the procedures of said hearing. Any petitions and remonstrance's pertaining to the granting or denial of said license application may be filed at the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Alamosa Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101 during office hours in advance of said hearing, or; may be presented to the Board of County Commissioners of Alamosa County at said hearing. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY By Michael Yohn, Chairman ATTEST: Dixie Lee Heiman Alamosa County Clerk & Recorder and Ex Officio Clerk of the Board No. 1334 Published in the Valley Courier on March 05, 2020

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Colorado State Statute No. 83-21-1. Plaza Storage Facility and Apple Tree Storage Facility, having given proper notice to the parties of the storage unit herein stated at their last known address, said dispose of all property in said unit. Said disposal shall be any time after March 18th, 2020. Contents of storage units plaza storage to be disposed is #6 Mark and Crystal Testa, Apple Tree Storage unit #38 Bethany Hamar, #139 Keenan Clodfelder unit #48 Bailey Martin. No. 1335 Published in the Valley Courier on March 05, and 11, 2020.

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)

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 Saguache County Housing Authority, 719-849-0356 (3/5)

221 HELP WANTED

RIO GRANDE COUNTY is seeking a full-time jail cook. High school diploma or general education degree (GED). Must be 21 years of age, pass background investigation and drug test screening. \$13.95/per hour, 40 hours a week, full County benefits. Pick up and submit applications to Human Resources, 925 6th St., Room 200, Del Norte, CO 81132. Applications and job description available on-line at www.riograndecounty.org. Deadline: Until filled. (3/12 #1)

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

THE CITY OF Alamosa is seeking part-time Maintenance Worker I's to perform a variety of unskilled or semi-skilled tasks in the maintenance and improvement of Cattails Golf Course. The desired competencies for this position include knowledge of general grounds keeping and landscape maintenance such as mowing, fertilizing, irrigating, raking, weeding, trimming trees and shrubs, planting and transplanting flowers, clearing brush, and applying herbicide/pesticide in a golf course setting. Has the ability to maintain effective working relationships with supervisors, employees, and the general public. The candidate must possess a High School Diploma or equivalent and be at least 18 years old. For questions contact Jolene Webb, Human Resources Manager at 300 Hunt Ave Alamosa, CO 81101, jwebb@ci.alamosa.co.us or 719-587-2029. More information and application can be found online at www.cityofalamosa.org under the Employment tab. Hiring salary is \$14.42-\$15.86 per hour DOQ. Closing date is March 11, 2020 at 4:30 pm. (3/12)

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221 HELP WANTED

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

221 HELP WANTED

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)

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

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

221 HELP WANTED

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)

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221 HELP WANTED

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 cricc@co.conejos.co.us. Deadline is Friday, March 6, 2020. Inquiries call (719) 376-6799.(3/6)

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)

221 HELP WANTED

THE CITY OF Monte Vista is seeking a Chief of Police. Candidates should possess demonstrated leadership skills, high integrity, demonstrated success in problem-solving policing methods, the development and implementation of police budgets, data-driven deployment methodologies and department-level financial management. Minimum requirements: Bachelors' degree in police or criminal justice, public administration, law enforcement or a directly related field. A Masters' degree and/or leadership training such as: FBI National Academy, Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command or equivalent preferred. Colorado POST certification, or the demonstrated ability to obtain Colorado certification, is required. Candidates must have been a peace officer for a minimum of 10 years, including 6 years of police supervisory/leadership experience at the rank of sergeant or higher. The position has a competitive salary and excellent benefit package. The general hiring minimum salary is \$82,000. Salary at appointment is dependent on qualifications. To be considered for this position you must complete a City of Monte Vista employment application at www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov. Please submit your completed job application (resume optional) and a cover letter to the Human Resources office, 95 W. 1st Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144 or e-mail your application to hrmanager@ci.monte-vista.co.us. All applications must be received no later than Monday, March 16, 2020.(3/14)

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ALLEY OOP

DR. WONMUS!
MR. COPIOUS, GOOD TO SEE YOU. ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MY COLLEAGUES, ALLEY AND DOOLA.

WHICH ONE IS THE DOLLARD?
UH... THIS ONE.

A PLEASURE, MY DEAR.

ARLO & JANIS

BIG NATE

SO, KYLE, YOU'RE CLAIMING THAT YOU CAN FIND ANYTHING IN YOUR LOCKER?
YUP.

WELL, I'M CLAIMING THAT I CAN FIND ANYTHING IN MY LOCKER!

LOOKS LIKE THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO SETTLE THIS!

I CHALLENGE YOU TO A SLOB-OFF!

THE BORN LOSER

YOU CAN'T BE NEGATIVE ALL THE TIME. YOU NEED A MORE BALANCED OUTLOOK ON LIFE!

MY OUTLOOK IS PERFECTLY BALANCED...

I HAVE A CHIP ON BOTH SHOULDERS!

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

MOM'S TAKING A NAP. DAD, WILL YOU HELP ME WITH MY HOMEWORK?

SURE, HONEY.

I HAPPA WRITE STUFF ABOUT AUSTRALIA, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO WRITE.

THEN, LET'S BEGIN WITH THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC.

HERE, LOOK UP AUSTRALIA IN THE INDEX. ANY ISSUES WE DON'T HAVE, THEY'LL HAVE AT THE LIBRARY.

THERE'S INFORMATION IN THE ATLAS, AND WHEN YOU'VE LOOKED THERE, TRY THE ENCYCLOPEDIA!

...I THOUGHT YOU WERE GONNA HELP ME!

FRANK & ERNEST

YOU THINK WE'LL GO BANKRUPT BECAUSE THE MOCK-UP OF OUR NEW CORPORATE HQ GOT SMASHED?

WE'RE WORKING WITH A BROKEN BUSINESS MODEL.

GARFIELD

HAAAACK!

YUCK! JUST CLEANIN' OUT THE OL' LINT TRAP.

THE GRIZZWELLS

POP, I HAVE TO ASK YOU SOMETHING, BUT IT'S KIND OF EMBARRASSING TO TALK ABOUT.

I'M LISTENING, TUCK.

WHHEW! OKAY, PROMISE YOU WON'T BE EMBARRASSED?

NO CAN DO, SON.

PEANUTS

YOU WANT ME TO WRITE A LETTER RECOMMENDING YOU FOR NEIGHBORHOOD DOG OF THE YEAR?

WHEN DID YOU EVER SAY ANYTHING NICE ABOUT BEETHOVEN?

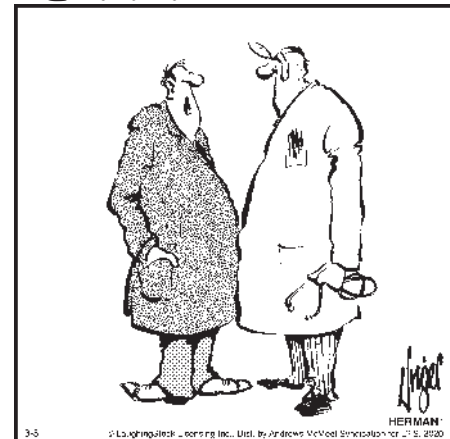
I NEVER KNEW THAT BEETHOVEN WANTED TO BE 'NEIGHBORHOOD DOG OF THE YEAR'.

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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HERMAN



"I just seem to be walking around in circles all day!"

Best friend can't suppress his crush on gay woman

DEAR ABBY: I am a gay woman. My male best friend has had a crush on me for more than a year. It is so intense that he is almost delusional. We have talked extensively about it. He knows where I stand and that it will never happen, and he says he accepts that. But he can't stand the thought of me spending time with a woman, even if it's just a friend. He wants all of my time and doesn't want to share me, even with mutual friends.

Here's the kicker: I had invited him to move back to my college town with me. We both thought that moving to a big city would open up more dating opportunities for us and help him get over me. It was an ordeal for him, but he put in a ton of work to be able to move. We planned to be housemates. This happened during a time when we thought he was feeling more resolved about our relationship.

We have been staying with my relative while we search for a house in the big city, so we are trapped in the same space, and he has nowhere else to go. Since moving in together, his feelings for me have resurged. I no longer want to be roommates because of his possessiveness. But it would devastate him if I left him alone here, especially as I was meant to be his support system. I feel like

I am trapped in his drama and cannot live my life without ruining his. Please help!
--TRAPPED LESBIAN IN THE WEST

DEAR TRAPPED LESBIAN: Do not rent an apartment with him or buy a house! To do so would be an expensive mistake. You cannot fulfill his needs. If you allow this to continue, he will destroy every opportunity that comes your way because it will be a threat to his fantasy.

He needs to find other living arrangements NOW, and you and your relative should insist upon it. This is not going to have a fairy-tale ending, and you probably will not remain friends as you move along with your life. But move along is what you must do, for both your sakes.

DEAR ABBY: I went out of town on a business trip with two co-workers (both females), and the trip was a success. We got along great and accomplished all of the goals we set for ourselves during our stay.

During the few outings we had off company time, however, there were moments when we all wanted to link up and do everything together but our stomachs disagreed. If I wanted to go to breakfast at 8 a.m., someone would want to go at 11 a.m., or another co-worker wouldn't want to go at all. Another example is, we would plan dinners



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

(after touring the city all day) at a certain time, but it was so late my stomach would growl loudly.

I understand that flexibility is key, but my metabolism works overtime compared to theirs. How do I go about venturing off on my own for food without coming across as rude or looking like I'm not a team player? -- HUNGRY MAN IN NEW YORK

DEAR HUNGRY MAN: Explain it to your co-workers as you have to me. If your body is signaling that you must eat something NOW, you need to do it -- if only enough to take the edge off your hunger. To do that isn't rude. Taking care of yourself is important, and it doesn't mean you aren't a team player. Perhaps you should carry something with you to tide you over from meal to meal.