

for RMAC Showcase.



Sanford's smallest dancers shine.

— Pages 9



Colorado Genu Today's Issue Sponsored By:

VOLUME 94, NO. 36

FEBRUARY 20, 2020

LOCAL NEWS... LOCAL VIEWS

THURSDAY EDITION

Ad Here!

Today No. Conejos receives **BEST grant**

SLY

LA JARA — In Wednesday's report concerning the La Jara Wildlife Area (Reservoir), it was mentioned that Conejos County has been awarded five BEST grants totalling \$35,754,221, including grants to build the new South Conejos RE-10 and Sanford 6J preK-12 schools. Kristin Kemp, outreach and communication officer with the State Land Board, confirmed that the latest BEST grant in Conejos County was \$24,224,076 to North Conejos RE-1J for a new Centauri High School. That brings the total BEST grants in Conejos County to nearly \$60 million.

Adopt from Cats Alive

CREEDE — Cats Alive has 12 young adult — under a year old — cats for adoption. They are semiferal, all fixed and vaccinated and ready to be adopted in pairs or more. Interested parties must be open to home visit. Please call 719-298-7028 or 719-480-9475. Cats alive is also in need of dry cat food. Donations. of food can be dropped off at Safeway customer service or call 719-480-9475. Monetary donations are also welcome. Mail into PO Box 84, Alamosa, CO 81101. Paypal on our website: catsalivesly.com. As always tax/donation letters can be mailed to anyone who donates.





46/17

Fri.: Mostly Sunny 52/22 Sat.: AM Clouds/PM 55/27 Sun

Obituaries...... Page 2 Valley News Page 3 LifestylePage 5, 8, 9, 13, 14 Sports......Page 6, 7



Fourth-generation SLV native gets nod **Small Business** ventures, a local travel company. ance and consulting in all aspects

WWW.ALAMOSANEWS.COM



Jason C. Medina of San Luis is the new director of the San Luis Valley Small Business Development Center.

Development Center names Medina its new director

ALAMOSA — Jason C. Medina of San Luis has been named director of the San Luis Valley Small Business Development Center, located in Alamosa. A fourth generation native of

the San Luis Valley, Medina grew up in a small, family business; a grocery store. His experience includes working

with children, youth and families in Colorado for 23 years, he also worked in public housing, spent seven years in public education and six years in local government.

Medina is the owner of SLV Ad-

Medina begin his position as SBDC director Feb. 3.

Medina's goals for the SLV Small Business Development Center include doing more outreach to historically hard-to-reach communities, namely Conejos and Costilla counties. "I want to move forward with economic development in the Valley, while keeping cultural identity intact," he said.

Medina is a 1991 graduate of Centennial High School in San Luis and a 1996 graduate of Adams State University. He is the father of five children and grandfather to three grandsons.

The San Luis Valley Small Business Development Center offers business consulting and training to entrepreneurs.

The goal of the SBDC is to help emerging and existing entrepreneurs gain control of their business operations by providing free guidof funding and developing small business.

SBDC assistance may include helping clients write comprehensive business plans, conduct financial forecasts, strategize marketing tactics, apply for funding, and improve operations. The San Luis Valley SBDC is

part of the Colorado Small Business Development Center Network, which is a partnership between the State of Colorado, the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, the U.S. Small Business Administration, and the San Luis Valley Development Resources Group. To contact Medina at the SLV

Small Business Development Center and schedule a free consultation, call (719) 589-3682, or go online to www.slv-sbdc.com. The SLV SBDC is located in The Depot at 610 State Ave. in Alamosa.

Opioid fight continues

DENVER — The House Committee on Health and Insurance today advanced two bills that will help prevent more Coloradans from developing an opioid use disorder and reduce the rate of opioid overdose deaths.

"We can lower the rate of opioid overdose deaths, slow the spread of communicable diseases and prevent more Coloradans from developing a substance use disorder, but we have to adopt best practices for prevention and provide better access to alternative pain therapies," said Rep. Kennedy, D-Lakewood.

"These bills will help keep Coloradans from developing a substance misuse disorder or dying of an overdose," said Rep. Herod, D-Denver. "Across our state, communities are being devastated by substance misuse disorder, and we need to act now to turn the tide in this deadly crisis. These bills will improve prevention efforts and help keep more Coloradans alive.'

HB20-1085, sponsored by Representatives Chris Kennedy and Leslie Herod focuses on prevention efforts. The bill would encourage best practices to prevent opioid misuse, increase access to alternatives to opioids for pain relief, expand continuing education for opioid prescribers and support the Colorado Department of Health and Environment to work with community partners such as local public health agencies in a variety of prevention efforts. It would also establish screening and brief intervention and referral to treatment (SBIRT) as a health care standard.

■ See **AGENCIES** page 3

Good, clean fun





Alamosa native Lance Salazar sends his RC Monster Truck Arrma Granite 4x4 in motion via remote control at Cole Park on Wednesday afternoon. Salazar said he bought it at HobbyTown, which now is located on Main St.

Courier photo by Daniel McKillop

Seed exchange returns to roots

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Joyful Journey Hot Springs Spa will be hosting the San Luis Valley Seed Exchange located at 28640 County Rd 58EE in Moffat on Saturday, March 7 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Celebrate spring at this free fundraising event.

This annual Seed Exchange connects gardeners, seed producers and the community over agricultural education and exchange.

At its roots, the event is a community seed swap. Over the years, it has grown into an event dedicated to promoting sustainability in the San Luis Valley. There will be discussions on a wide range of issues, including water, community gardens, biomass, seed saving libraries and more.

There will be a community seed swap table in addition to a variety of community-involved vendors. Vendors will bring educational materials, demonstrations, local handmade products, healthy food and more. The event will also feature a full day of speakers, discussing topics such as the aquifer and closed basin project, pollinator gardens, the hemp biomass bridge, seed libraries, community gardens and high altitude gardening. Each talk will be followed by a community

The San Luis Valley Seed Exchange is free to the public. However, donations will be accepted. All of the proceeds will be donated to local organizations focused on youth garden education in the San Luis Valley. This year's event is strongly focused on vegetable farming and permaculture. It will also touch upon the efforts of hemp farmers and entrepreneurs into the overall discussion of sustainability in the valley.

For more information, visit SLVSeedExchange.com. Or call Joyful Journey Hot Springs Spa

at 719-256-4328.

Courier photo by Daniel McKillop Alamosa Planning and Zoning Specialist Deacon Aspinwall takes the podium Wednesday.

Council paves way for reimbursement

By DANIEL McKILLOP Courier Editor

ALAMOSA — Alamosa City Council paved the way for developers to be reimbursed down the road at City Hall on Wednesday night.

Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 4-2020, an ordinance providing a mechanism for developers required to provide street, water, sewer, and

storm sewer infrastructure that

benefits other property to receive

partial reimbursement when such

benefited property subsequently is developed was passed unanimously.

City Attorney Erich Schwiesow described how a developer would go about reimbursement. "The developer after his comple-

tion of infrastructure can choose to file an application to be reimbursed ... Public worksmen review the application concerning a formula that the developer has proposed in the application Schwiesow said.

There was no public hearing after the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 3-2020, which is an ordinance amending section 11-51 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alamosa, Colorado, to add a prohibition on providing marijuana to persons under 21 years of age to the existing prohibition on providing alcohol to persons under 21 years of age. Therefore, the ordinance passed

40,000 Unique Visitors Per Month Shouldn't you be advertising on: www.alamosanews.com

Record

PENDING OBITUARY

Andrew David Saenz, 44

BLANCA — Blanca

Arrangements are pendresident Andrew David ing and have been en-Saenz, 44, passed away trusted to Romero Valley peacefully Feb. 18, 2020. Funeral Home of San Luis.

Junior Matthew Gomez, 73

CENTER — Center Gomez, 73, passed away Feb. 19, 2020.

Arrangements are pendresident Junior Matthew ing and will be announced through Romero Funeral on Home of Monte Vista.

COURIER POLICY ON OBITUARIES

The Courier charges \$30 for each obituary per day. Pending arrangements or death notices are free. This charge affects funeral homes, family or other representatives that place obituaries. All paid obituaries are published on www.alamosanews.com, for no additional fee.

Please email obituaries if possible to news@ alamosanews.com If the newspaper errors in publishing an obit, corrections will be made and the obit rerun. If the errors are on the part of the submitting party, an additional fee will be

San Luis Valley Crimestoppers

If you have information about an unreported or unsolved crime in the San Luis Valley, Crimestoppers pays for information that leads to the arrest of criminal offenders. Citizens may report crimes anonymously and remain eligible for rewards.

Call San Luis Valley Crimestoppers at 589-4111.

Voting instructions for presidential primary

STATE-WIDE — A reminder to all Colorado residents, the Presidential Primary is on March 3.

In order to vote by mail, one must have been regis-

One can register online at govotecolorado.com, or text "CO" to "2VOTE," or in person at your country clerk's office on election day.

If someone has moved since the last election, one will also have needed to update his or her address by Feb. 14 to receive a mail in ballot.

As long as someone has lived in Colorado for 22 days, one can register on the day of the election at the county clerk's office in one's district and vote on the same day, be sure to bring valid ID.

All forms of valid ID are listed and answers to other questions can be found on govotecolorado.com.

Women's Veterans Forum set for Wednesday, Feb. 26

ALAMOSA — The third VCSLV Women Veterans Forum (WVF) will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

The VCSLV hopes this date will be marked on everyone's calendar and all are welcome to attend.

Any men receiving this email are asked to forward it to

a woman veteran or woman provider in your organization. The team organizing the event has attempted to create a "safe space" for anyone to discuss women's issues, needs

and opportunities. The Veterans Coalition Board of Directors would like to thank everyone for participating in the first two forums and hopes all will find the third forum equally worthwhile.

Valley CVSOs are especially asked to help pass the word to women veterans. Health Care Providers and any male, veteran or not, that encounters this email is asked to also pass the word to women veterans.

For more information, please contact, 719-992-4108. If there is anything the Board of Directors can do to help, please let them know.

Reserve a table now for ASU's Spring Career Fair

ALAMOSA — Get the best recruits for your business or school.

The Adams State University Office of Civic Engagement and Career Services is sponsoring its spring 2020 Career and Graduate School Fair for students, alumni and community. Organizations and graduate school recruiters can reserve a booth now.

The fair is scheduled from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., with a 9 a.m. set-up time, Tuesday, March 5, in the Adams State Student Union Building banquet rooms on the first floor.

The cost to registration is \$50. To register visit adams.edu/ students/career-services/employer-resources/. Registration includes a 6-foot table, two chairs, lunch for two, WIFI, and free parking.

For more information, call 719-587-8105 or civicengagement@adams.edu.

Steamroller Printmaking hits Creede, seeks artists

CREEDE — This is a brand-new event coming to Creede Sept. 19. The Creede Arts Council is searching for 10-12 artists, printmakers, woodworkers, to carve 3'x4' woodblocks and bring them to Creede to be printed by a Steamroller. Entry is now open, deadline to enter is May 15. Entry fee is \$25 (non-refundable) and includes woodblock and a print. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be made ahead of time via PayPal, cash or check. Participants will need to supply their own tools. There will be an education program in June in Creede. For more information contact creedearts@outlook.com.



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 — 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 wel-

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 infor-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- $5000\,\mathrm{or}\,\mathrm{wcouzenssmith}$ 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 Caremeets at First United Methodist Church, 2005 Mullins, Alamosa, on the first Monday of every month. For more informa-

tion, call 589-2243.

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

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

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

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

ALAMOSA — Silver Linings, an open and free positivity group, meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. at Nestle Toll House Café in downtown Alamosa.

ALAMOSA — Groups are held for women who have experienced domestic violence every second Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. at the Grizzly Training Center, Alamosa. There will be refreshments and childcare provided. Contact Jennifer McCoy-Hanna at Tu Casa, Inc. 719-589-2465.

ALAMOSA — Grief support group meets the givers Support Group first Tuesday of every month at 300 Hunt at the Alamosa Public Library from 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, call Liz Hood, 580-3697.

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

SUNDAY

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

719-937-5083.

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

12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and

7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca

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

State, Alamosa

Skim articles, advertisements and

classifieds of interest to YOU, using the

Electronic Edition of the Valley Courier.

www.alamosanews.com

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 ior Health Group at 8745

Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara. 7:30 p.m. Ables/Dis-

ables, Baptist Church at 751 Lincoln St., Monte

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

& Valley Courier

group service represen-

tative (GSR) **AL-ANON**

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

WEDNESDAY 5:30 p.m. SLV Behav-

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)



Frudal Juice & Fruit

ELEMENTARY Chicken Fajitas Corn

Corn Bread Vegetable Bar

SECONDARY Domino's Pizza Green Beans

Vegetable Bar

To sponsor the School Menu call 589-2553

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

Click on the E-Edition link. With a few clicks you'll be up-to-date on all the news!

Valley News

Resolution honoring 75th Anniversary of Iwo Jima crafted

WASHINGTON, D.C.— U.S. Senators Cory Gardner (R-CO), Todd Young (R-IN), and Mark Warner (D-VA) introduced a Joint Resolution to honor the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima during World War II.

The resolution recognizes the gallantry and heroism demonstrated 75 years ago during the victory that was led by the United States Marine Corps over Imperial Japan on the island of Iwo Jima.

A companion resolution was introduced in House by U.S. Representatives Greg Pence (R-IN-06), Pete Visclosky (D-IN-01), and Ken Calvert (R-CA-42). Thursday, Feb. 19, 2020, marked the 75th anniversary of the beginning of the Battle of Iwo Jima.

"World War II and the Battle of Iwo Jima changed our nation forever," said Senator Gardner. "Every day we must remember and honor the sacrifices of the brave Americans who prevailed in that epic conflict. Without them, this nation would not be what it is today. Without them, this nation may not have endured."

"Iwo Jima is hallowed ground for me, my fellow Marines, and all those who lost loved ones in the battle. This resolution helps to recognize those who gave their lives in Iwo Jima 75 years ago," said Senator Young. "The resolution also calls upon Americans to honor these veterans and reaffirm the deep bonds of friendship between the United States and Japan that have developed over the 75 years since we were at war."

"As we mark 75 years since the battle of Iwo Jima, I'm reminded of the many servicemen who sacrificed so much for our nation. Many of these individuals, including my father a Marine Corporal at Iwo Jima — witnessed their fellow servicemen lose their lives in defense of our freedoms. This resolution is a tribute to the

resilience of the Greatest

Generation and the cour-

age of those who fought in the 36-day battle," said Senator Warner.

'As a Beirut veteran, I understand that our first duty is to remember. The 75th anniversary of the Battle for Iwo Jima is a time to remember and honor the relentless courage of our men and women in uniform. Our Marines took Iwo Jima at a heavy cost, but their bravery made possible the Allied Victory in World War II. It is one of the deadliest days in Marine Corps history, and those heroes will never be forgotten," said Congressman Pence. "Ihad the solemn experience of going to Iwo Jima when I was deployed as a Marine. I am honored to return this year with the Commandant of the Marine Corps to remember the nearly 7,000 Marines who made the ultimate sacrifice at the Battle for Iwo Jima."

In addition to Senators Gardner, Young, and Warner, the Senate resolution was cosponsored by Senators Chris Coons (D-DE), Tim Kaine (D-VA), Rand Paul (R-KY), Dan Sullivan (R-AK), Thom Tillis (R-NC), Deb Fischer (R-NE), Jerry Moran (R-KS), Kevin Cramer (R-ND), John Boozman (R-AR), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Martha McSally (R-AZ), Joe Manchin (D-WV), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Mitt Romney (R-UT), Richard Burr (R-NC), Kelly Loeffler (R-GA), Josh Hawley (R-MO), Ted Cruz (R-TX), Doug Jones (D-AL), Ben Cardin (D-MD), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), and Marco Rubio (R-FL).

View the full text of the resolution here and below:

Title: Recognizing the 75th anniversary of the amphibious landing on the Japanese island of Iwo Jima during World War II and the raising of the flag of the United States on Mount Suribachi.

Whereas, following the surprise attack by Japanese forces on Dec. 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii,

the United States formally declared war on the Imperial Government of Japan on December 8, 1941;

Whereas, during the four years that followed the attack, the United States and allied forces fought a prolonged counterattack against Japanese advances across the Pacific region;

Whereas the tactic of attacking, defeating, and controlling Japanese-held outposts through the use of amphibious assault landings against Japaneseheld islands and territories (referred to in this preamble as "island hopping") became crucial to successfully countering Japanese advances throughout the Pacific region;

Whereas the goal of island hopping was to secure airfields and supply

(1) in order to launch aerial bombardment attacks against the mainland of Japan using the new Boeing B-29 Superfortress; and

(2) in preparation for, and in anticipation of, a United States invasion of

Whereas, by early 1945, the United States and Allied forces bravely fought and advanced to the island of Iwo Jima, an 8-squaremile volcanic island with three strategic airfields, located between the Mariana Islands and Japan;

Whereas Iwo Jima was

(1) a strategic island with airfields to support bombers of the United States with fighter escorts;

(2) an essential base for emergency, refueling, and diversionary landings for B–29 bombers;

Whereas, under the command of Japanese Lieutenant General Tadamichi Kuribayashi, Iwo Jima was a heavily fortified island with nearly 11 miles of underground and networked tunnels, rooms, bunkers, artillery emplacements, ammunition dumps and pillboxes supporting more than 21,000 Japanese

Whereas, on Feb. 19,

of United States Navy 5th Fleet Admiral Raymond A. Spruance, United States Marine Corps V Amphibious Corps Major General Harry Schmidt, 3rd Division Major General Graves B. Erskine, 4th Division Major General Clifton Cates, and 5th Division Major General Keller E. Rockey, the United States launched an amphibious landing and assault on Iwo Jima that culminated with the engagement of more than 70,000 members of the United States Marine Corps, buttressed by thousands of members of the United States Navy and the United States Army serving as assault, garrison, and support forces (referred to in this preamble as the "Battle of Iwo Jima").

1945, under the leadership

Whereas the members of the United States Marine Corps who fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima overcame numerous disadvantages in the 36-day battle that included treacherous terrain, unfavorable weather conditions, and heavy enemy fire from an embedded, determined, and fierce Japanese fighting force in places immortalized by members of the United States Marine Corps, including the "Meat Grinder" and 'Bloody Gorge.''

Whereas, on Feb. 23, 1945, only 5 days into the Battle of Iwo Jima, members of the United States Marine Corps ascended the highest point on the island, Mount Suribachi, and raised the flag of the United States two times, the second of which resulted in the iconic, Pulitzer Prizewinning image that -

(1) was captured on film by photographer Joe Rosenthal;

(2) has become a recognized symbol of determination, perseverance, and struggle; and (3) has been memorial-

ized as the United States Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia. Whereas the Battle of

Iwo Jima, one of the bloodiest battles in the history of the United States Marine Corps, resulted in more than 26,000 casualties of the United States, more than 6,800 of whom were Whereas most of the

more than 20,000 estimated Japanese soldiers who fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima were killed, with only 1,083 Japanese soldiers surviving at the conclusion of the campaign.

Whereas the Battle of Iwo Jima led to 22 members of the United States Marine Corps and five members of the United States Navy receiving the Medal of Honor, representing — (1) the most members of

the United States Marine Corps ever to receive the highest military decoration in the United States for a single battle; and (2) more than 1/4 of all members of the United

ceive the decoration during World War II. Whereas the secured airfields on Iwo Jima became emergency landing locations for 2,400 B-29 Bombers, saving the lives of

States Marine Corps to re-

crewmen. Whereas, 160 days after the end and victory of the pivotal Battle of Iwo Jima. the United States received the unconditional surrender of Japan on Sept.

an estimated 24,000 flight

Whereas the world owes a debt of gratitude to the members of the United States Marine Corps who selflessly led the fight for the strategic island of Iwo Jima in the middle of the Pacific theater.

Whereas, on March 28. 2020, the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima will be marked by commemorative events on the island of Iwo Jima organized by the people of the United States and Japan: Now, therefore,

Resolved, That the Sen-

(1) recognizes the 75th anniversary of the amphibious landing on the Japanese island of Iwo Jima that began on Feb. 19, 1945 and

(2) commemorates the iconic and historic raisings of the flag of the United States on Mount Suribachi that occurred on February 23, 1945; (3) honors the marines,

sailors, soldiers, army air crew and coast guardsmen who fought bravely on Iwo Jima, including the thousands of Japanese soldiers who defended the island; (4) remembers and ven-

erates the service members who gave their last full measure of devotion on the battlefield. (5) recognizes the Allied

victory in the Battle of Iwo Jima. which (A) was led by the United

States Marine Corps; and B) made the defeat of the Empire of Japan in World

War II possible; (6) affirms the immortal words of Admiral Chester Nimitz, who stated that "uncommon valor was a

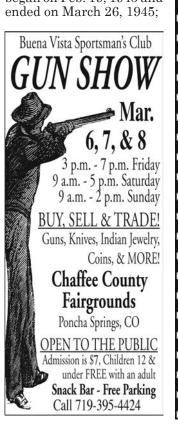
common virtue" among the service members of the United States who fought on Iwo Jima; (7) reaffirms the bonds

of friendship between the United States and Japan. (8) encourages the people

of the United States to honor the veterans of the Battle of Iwo Jima with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities. (9) honors the service

and sacrifice of the men and women who serve the United States today, carrying on the proud tradition of the individuals who came before them.

Cory Gardner is a member of the U.S. Senate serving Colorado. He sits on the Energy & Natural Resources Committee, the Foreign Relations Committee, the Commerce, Science, & Transportation Committee, and is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity







Per building until April 30



Data tracking the number of pills dispensed per

Specializing in Pole Barns & Garages RAZORBACK CONSTRUCTION

Mose GIROD • 719-588-1965

Breakfast with Kiwanis



Seniors. The Kiwanis meet on Thursdays at noon at I-Hop and look forward to anyone who is interested in joining them.

Agencies ■ Continued from Page 1

Furthermore, it requires health plans to cover a

minimum number of physical therapy, occupational therapy and acupuncture visits per year as alternative pain treatment and would require insurance companies to make opioid alternatives available at the lowest cost-sharing tier applicable. HB20-1085 passed the committee 10-0.

also sponsored by Representatives Kennedy and Herod, aims to lower the rate of opioid overdoses and related deaths and better prevent the spread of communicable diseases that can be associated with the injection of illicit opioids. It would protect people who act in good faith to respond to overdoses by administering an opiate antagonist, such as naloxone, that has expired. The bill would also

HB20-1065, which is

reimburse hospitals that provide opiate antagonists to counteract overdoses that often occur upon discharge. To help prevent communicable diseases, the bill would allow pharmacists to provide clean syringes and removes a regulatory barrier to operating syringe exchange programs. HB20-1065 passed the committee 6-4.

require insurance plans to

Opioid use disorder is impacting communi-

ties across Colorado. The

person shows that some Colorado counties have rates that are higher or at the same level as some of the hardest-hit states, such as West Virginia and Kentucky. A 2018 estimate from the White House Council of Economic Advisers found that the opioid epidemic has cost the US \$2.5 trillion from 2015 to 2018.

state recorded 543 opioid

overdose deaths in 2018.

God bless **America**

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

Michael Bloomberg's presidential campaign leaked to Drudge Report on Friday he wants Hillary Clinton to be his running mate should he get the Democratic nomination.

He trusts Hillary to be his vice president. Allow me to be the first to say that Michael Bloomberg's death was not a suicide.

Presidents Day on Monday was created in the 1980s as a combined celebration of Lincoln's and Washington's Birthday. That's old hat to young Americans. We should modernize the holiday and re-name it, Jack Kennedy, Donald Trump and Bill Clinton Day in honor of all the mat-

tress sales. Mount Vernon hosted a special celebration on Presidents Day to celebrate the birth of George Washington. He tops every poll as the greatest American ever. George Washington is universally loved because he's the only president who never blamed his problems on the previous administration.

Argus

Hamilton

Major League Baseball met with the Players Union to discuss ways of preventing teams from stealing signs electronically. Politicians are a little jealous of the outrage. If Americans cared as much about stealing elections as we did stealing baseball signs, we'd be in a much better place today.

The Daytona 500 race was delayed by rainstorms on Sunday after President and Mrs. Trump arrived to formally open the day's festivities. In the Daytona 500 auto race, 39 compete to see who can turn left the fastest for two hours. No wait, that's the Democratic presidential debates.

Bernie Sanders was criticized Mon-

day when it was reported he flew in the first class cabin on an American

Airlines flight to Vegas. Hey, the critics didn't read the rule book. It states clearly in Marx's Communist Manifesto that free peanuts and unlimited soft drinks are a basic human right. President Trump electrified the Day-

tona 500 crowd by buzzing the stadium One and later circling the racetrack

in his limo. What a showman. It looks like the best chance of the Democrats winning the White House in November is for President Elvis to get drafted into the Army.

Oklahoma neo-Nazis killed one of their own members for destroying an air conditioner. He'd fled but his girlfriend told the gang where he was hiding. It reminds all young men that if your girlfriend smokes American Spirit menthol cigarettes, make sure you are always carrying bail money.

Mike Bloomberg's new TV ads basically say I'm richer than Trump, I'm nicer than Trump and my female accusers are quieter than Trump's. It's a risky ploy. Not since Bob Dole's challenge to Bill Clinton in 1996 has the party out of power dared to ask Americans to vote for less entertainment.

The Democratic candidates worked hard in Nevada ahead of the Saturday caucuses. A Bernie Sanders rally in Las Vegas was joined by a group of topless women. Los Angeles pioneered a form of socialism in the 1990s when 38 DDs were distributed equally to any woman who wanted them.

Mike Bloomberg took heavy incoming campaign fire Monday as his past poli-

cies and personal habits came to light. Mike backs gun control, which angers conservatives, he backed stop-andfrisk which angers liberals, and he puts ice in his beer, which everybody agrees is the sign of a psychopath.

President Trump's western campaign swing this week will include a

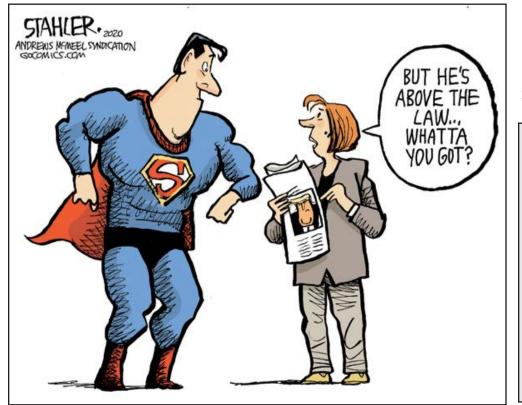
It's in the dusty bottom of the Central Valley. If you go to the nicest restaurant in Bakersfield and ask for a table with a view, they set up a table for you outside the ladies room and leave the

stop in Bakersfield.

door open. Colorado State University announced Friday that this fall the school's agriculture department will offer students

a degree in Cannabis Science. This is the first college degree ever offered in marijuana studies. It's a program where people will be allowed to graduate in 12 to 14 years.

 $Argus\, Hamilton\, is\, the\, host\, comedian$ $at\,The\,Comedy\,Store\,in\,Hollywood\,and$ entertains groups and organizations around the country. E-mail him at Argus@ArgusHamilton.com.



To submit news, email: news@alamosanews.com To submit sports, email: sjiron@alamosanews.com

Letters policy

Letters are welcome and encouraged. All letters submitted for publication in the Valley Courier must be typewritten, signed by the author, and must include a phone number and address where the author can be reached. Letters must not be libelous. The Courier will not run letters that are negative to specific businesses. The Courier's editorial board reserves the right to reject a letter for reasons it believes are appropriate. Letters may be subject to editing to fit available space, or exclusion from the Opinion Page. Please, no poetry. Please send signed letters to P.O. Box 1099, Alamosa, CO 81101 or email them to news@alamosanews.com. Letters to staff, not for publication, should be marked "personal."

Drug-using moms hurt kids like me

Why are pregnant women warned

Amarah's

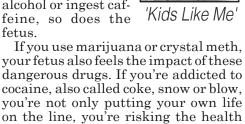
Corner

not to use drugs? According to a report from WebMD,

2019, drug-using mothers often give birth to "drug babies." These children have a host of developmental problems (kids like me).

Studies show that using drugs, legal or illegal, during pregnancy has a direct impact on the fetus. If you smoke, drink alcohol or ingest caffeine, so does the

of your unborn baby.



The consequences of using cocaine, include heart attacks, respiratory failure, strokes and seizures. And these life-threatening health problems can be passed on to an unborn baby.

Drug use during pregnancy increases the chance of birth defects, premature babies, underweight babies and stillborn births. Exposure to drugs such as marijuana, also called weed, ganja, dope or pot, and alcohol before birth has been proven to cause behavior problems in early childhood. These drugs can also affect the child's memory and attentiveness (kids like me).

While cocaine's effects are usually mmediate, the effect it can have on a fetus may last a lifetime (kids like me). Babies born to mothers who smoke crack cocaine during pregnancy, socalled "crack babies," usually have their own set of physical and mental problems. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), exposure to cocaine in the womb can lead to subtle, yet significant, deficits later in children.

These deficits usually show up in ar-

eas of cognitive performance, information processing, and attention to tasks (kids like me). These are areas vital for success not just in school, but in life.

Which drugs have the most serious consequences for the fetus?

Taking almost any drug during pregnancy can have serious consequences for the fetus. For instance, babies who are exposed

to cocaine tend to have smaller heads, which indicates lower IQ. Cocaineexposed babies have a higher risk of birth defects that impact the urinary tract or heart.

Cocaine may also cause a stroke in an unborn fetus, resulting in brain damage or death.

Using cocaine or methamphetamine, also called speed, Tina, crank or ice, increases the risk of miscarriage early in pregnancy.

Later in the pregnancy, these illicit drugs may cause pre-term labor and low birth weight, as well as irritable babies and feeding difficulties. Pregnant women who smoke mari-

juana face a higher risk of premature birth and low birth weight, and smoking pot may cause developmental delays in the child. After delivery, babies who have been

exposed to marijuana seem to undergo withdrawal symptoms with excessive crying and trembling.

What about cigarette smoking during

Cigarette smoking causes serious illness and premature death in the general population. But pregnant women who smoke pass on the nicotine and other carcinogenic chemicals to the growing fetus.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, mothers who smoke early during their pregnancy are more likely to deliver babies that have several different heart defects, including septal defects — essentially a hole in the wall between the heart's left and right chambers.

Sadly, most infants with congenital heart defects die in the first year of life. Those infants who survive often face lengthy hospital stays and numerous surgeries along with a lifetime of disabilities (kids like me).

Women who smoke are also more likely to have placenta problems.

This is a serious concern because the placenta provides nourishment to the baby in the womb.

Smokers also have low birth weight babies, premature deliveries, and babies with cleft palate. Additionally, smoking during preg-

nancy and after delivery is one of the causes associated with sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

Does drinking during pregnancy cause fetal alcohol syndrome?

Fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) and fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) refer to a range of disorders caused by drinking alcohol during pregnancy.

Fetal alcohol syndrome can cause abnormal facial features, growth deficiency and problems with the central nervous system.

Children with fetal alcohol syndrome may also have learning disabilities, attention span disorders and other physical disabilities, including vision and hearing problems (kids like me).

There is no "safe" limit of alcohol consumption during pregnancy. Some studies have found that small amounts of alcohol consumption can have the same adverse effects on the fetus as binge drinking.

Are any drugs safe during pregnancy? Many product labels indicate if they're safe to use during pregnancy. If unsure, call your doctor.

▶ Natural dietary supplements, herbs, amino acids, minerals and mega vitamins might be considered natural, but that doesn't mean they're safe. Talk with your doctor before taking any unproven or "natural" remedy.

• According to the FDA, aspirin and ibuprofen should not be taken during the last three months of pregnancy unless otherwise instructed by your doctor.

Retrieved from https://www.webmd. com/baby/drug-use-and-pregnancy#1

Until next time, remember, Jesus loves you, and Jesus is Lord.

Man's friendship is on his terms only

DEAR HARRIETTE: I have a friend who is very difficult to get close to, but he's very sweet sometimes, too. He is always posting touching images of animals or babies and children doing nice things to and for each other on social media. In person, he is hard to reach. He does not return calls often. He is a flake. That is, until he chooses to spend time with you; then you feel like the most important person in the world. I think I crave the attention that he sometimes shows me, but it hurts my feelings that everything is on his terms. How can I manage my expectations differently? I don't like the downside of how our friendship makes me feel. — Distant Friend

DEAR DISTANT FRIEND: It sounds like you need to accept the reality of this man's friendship. He has shown you how he behaves and how he engages people. You seem to crave more than he is willing to give. That doesn't necessarily make him a bad person. It does say that you have not

accepted the terms of this relationship. You already know that the way that people interact on social media is not necessarily reflective of who they are and how they engage in "real life." Social media is a way for people to posture. It sounds like your friend chooses positive images to share with the world, but they are not of him or about him. Stop trying to read between the lines to find a way to get closer to this man. Instead, either be OK with the time and attention that he affords you, or decide that it is not enough and walk awav.

Postal Service begins 228 years ago

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1792, President George Washington signed into law the Postal Service Act, establishing the U.S. Post Office Deptartment.

In 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth, making three orbits aboard the Mercury

Morgan Neely

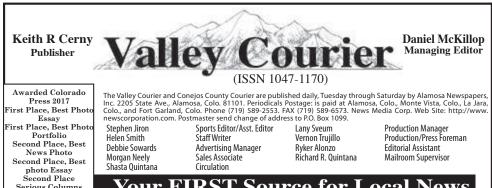
Serious Columns

program's Friendship 7 spacecraft. In 1986, the Soviet Union launched

the core module of the Mir space station.

In 2003, a pyrotechnics display during a Great White concert set fire to the Station nightclub in West Warwick, Rhode Island, killing 100 people.

Mailroom Supervisor



Shasta Ouintana Your FIRST Source for Local News

Write them

■ GOVERNOR

Governor Jared Polis (D), State Capitol Building Room 136, 200 East Colfax, Denver CO 80203; (303) 866-2471; Fax (303) 866-2003.

■ STATE HOUSE

Donald Valdez (D), Colorado State Representative, District 62, 200 E Colfax, Room 307, Denver, CO 80203; phone: 303-866-2916; email:Donald.valdez. house@state.co.us

■ STATE SENATE

Larry Crowder (R), Colorado State Senator, District 35, 200 E Colfax, Denver, CO 80203; phone: 303-866-4875 capitol, 719-850-2459 cell; email: larry.crowder. senate@state.co.us

■ U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-**TIVES**

Scott Tipton (R) Regional Office — 719-587-5105; 719-587-5137 (fax); Washington, DC — 326 Cannon HOB, Washington, DC 20515; 202-225-4761; 202-226-9669 (fax); http://tipton.house.gov

■ U.S. SENATE

Michael Bennet (D) SLV Regional Office, 609 Main Street, Suite 110, Alamosa 81101; Phone: 587-0096; Fax: 587-0098; Washington office — 458 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510; DC Phone: 202-224-5852; bennet.senate.gov Cory Gardner (R), Regional Office, 503

N Main Street, Ste, 426, Pueblo, 719-543-1324, fax: 202-228-7174; Washington office: 354 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510; 202-224-5941

Editor's Note: The views expressed in individual columns on this page do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Valley Courier.

Lifesty

How farmers are using drones

The farmers of yesteryear might not be too familiar with their surroundings if they were to visit a modern farm.

While the men and women who made their livings as farmers decades ago would no doubt still recognize certain farm features that have withstood the test of time, they might not understand the inner workings of the modern farm, particularly in regard to the role technology now plays within the agricultural sector.

 $Technology \, has \, changed \, agriculture \,$

in myriad ways.

The methods farmers employ to produce food and improve the efficiency of their operations has changed as technology has evolved.

One of the more noticeable changes that's hard to miss on modern farms is the use of agricultural drones.

Drones have been around for de-

cades. Sometimes referred to as "unmanned aerial vehicles," or "UAVs," drones can be utilized in ways that can save farmers money and protect the planet.

▶ Monitor crops: According to sense-Fly, the commercial drone subsidiary of Parrot Group, drones can help farmers effectively monitor their crops. With a drone flying overhead, farmers can spot and quickly identify issues affecting their crops before those issues escalate into something larger.

▶ Soil analysis: Another potential benefit of agricultural drones highlights their role in analyzing soil. Agricultural drones utilize complex mapping functions to gather data about the soil, including areas where it might be stressed. That enables farmers to develop accurate soil samples that can be used to guide decisions in

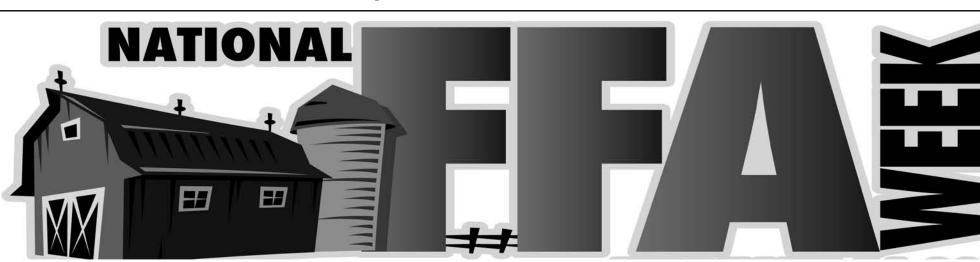
regard to irrigation and fertilization. ▶ Reduce waste: SenseFly notes that data gathered by drones can help

farmers determine the vigor of their crops at various stages of growth. Such information can prevent overfertiliza $tion\, and\, overwatering, the reby \, reduc$ ing waste and runoff, benefitting the planet as a result. ▶ Planning: Drones can be used

to collect data on crop growth and health at various times throughout the growing season. That can help farmers develop accurate predictions regarding harvest quality and crop yield, making it easier for them to plan ahead.

Agricultural drones are one of the many examples that illustrate how technology has changed and will continue to change the ways modern farmers conduct business. TF203780





February **22 – 29, 2020**

Congratulations San Luis Valley FFA Members!

Goehl & Higel Auction 588-1812 • 589-2116

Seed Money

To all Future Farmers — we're here to help you grow.

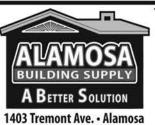


CERTIFIED CDF 866-641-FSWB Member FDIC • An Equal Housing Lender

GASES, WELDING & SAFETY PRODUCTS www.airgas.com 6685 Hwy. 160 West • Alamosa • 719-589-5810

Mountain & River Frontage Properties • Farms & Ranches Small Acreage • Residential • Commercial

1424 Main Street, Alamosa • (719) 589-0770 www.colo-realty.com • email: colorealty@gmail.com



TRADING POST LUMBER & BUILDING MATERIALS 719-274-5857 16555 State Hwy. 136 • La Jara 719-274-5857

719-587-0338 alamosabuildingsupply.com lajaratradingpost.com Come See Us for All Your Alfalfa Needs!



701 West Ave Alamosa, CO 81101 Off: (719) 589-4962

TF: (800) 241-4962

1984 Hwy. 6 & 50 Fruita, CO 81521 Off: (970) 639-5287 TF: (855) 256-5566



www.ustractor.com

1345 North Hwy 285 Monte Vista, CO 81144 Off: (719) 852-5928 TF: (800) 952-5928



Craig, CO 81625 Off: (970) 824-61 63 TF: (800) 254-4020

4766 N Townsend Montrose, CO 81401 Off: (970) 249-4990 TF: (800) 638-4774



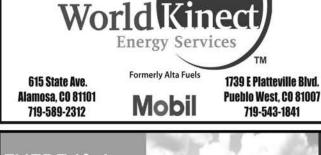
Skyview
Cooling Co. Salutes our Future Farmers!

55 Torres, • Center, CO 81125 Office: 719-754-2681 • Fax: 719-754-2140



Proud Supporters of the FFA!







Sorum Tractor Company

7727 US Hwy. 160 Alamosa 9-589-2822



W



Wenta Nip & Sanitizing, LLC

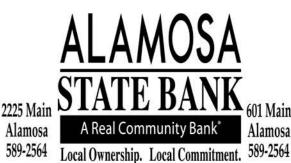
All lines of CIPC, DMN, EC, **BIOX** and Sanitizers

Consultants and QS's (State Certified in Stored Commodities) "Sprouts Wenta-Away"



(719) 852-0353 Monte Vista, Colorado





589-2564 FDIC www.alamosastatebank.com

Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Showcase

ALAMOSA—Adams State University Athletics is proud to announce its spot on the RMAC Showcase for the month of February.

The feature show, which highlights achievements, news, and other intriguing and noteworthy stories happening around Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference athletic programs made a stop at Adams State in January and has provided tremendous positive exposure for Grizzly Athletics.

Stories and topics highlighted in the 30-minute feature include news and achievements surrounding the Women's Cross Country, Men's Swimming, Women's Basketball, Men's Lacrosse, Men's Swimming, Wrestling, and Football teams, as well as a story honoring



and highlighting the legacy of retiring

Recognition and thanks not abuse — needed for high school officials

DR. KARISSA NIEHOFF NFHS Feature

While the behavior of parents and other fans at high school games is still a work in progress, there is some good news on the officiating front.

Last fall, we reported on a growing shortage of officials nationwide - even reaching a crisis stage in some areas as games were being cancelled. Through a nationwide recruitment effort, progress is being made in attracting more people to the high school officiating avocation.

Thanks to the NFHS' #BecomeAnOfficial campaign that was launched in the spring of 2017, more than 4,000 men and women across the country have registered and become certified officials. Many of these individuals are former high school athletes who want to remain involved in sports, earn some extra income and stay in shape, including first responders such as police officers, firefighters and EMTs.

Individuals interested in becoming an official can sign up through the HighSchoolOfficials.com website, and most state associations respond within 24 hours to continue the registration process.

On the flip side, however, is the fear that any gains in new officials coming in the front door are being offset by other officials heading out the back door because of the continued boorish behavior on the part of parents and other fans.

Rickey Neaves, associate director of the Mississippi High School Activities Association, is struggling to cover all basketball games in his state in his role as officials'

"Fans and coaches alike feel freer to downgrade officials, and holler and scream at them, as opposed to the way it was 10 years ago," Neaves said. "You can see where it is getting worse and worse with parents and coaches blaming officials or staying on an official to the point where they're just

not going to take it, so they just get out." Unfortunately, we continue to hear reports like this from across the country. A recent survey conducted by Officially Human: Behind the Stripes that was completed by about 19,000 respondents in 14 states indicated that the problem persists, with fans who do not know the

rules being the main culprit. If efforts by the NFHS at the national level – and others at state and local levels to attract more people to officiating are to be successful, unsportsmanlike behavior on the part of parents and other fans must cease or we will lose some of these new

officials within two years. While we recognize the task of improv-



ing the culture at high school events is challenging and is one more item on the busy plates of school administrators, it is essential if we are to retain officials.

Brenda Hilton, founder of Officially Human: Beyond the Stripes, said "The time is now for all of us to realize that officials are human and their existence and hard work at sporting events allows all of us to enjoy the games that we love. We must start to humanize officials now before the whistles fall silent."

Recognition and thanks should also be a part of the game plan. We must regularly share our appreciation for the men and women who officiate high school sports.

Dana Pappas, commissioner of officials for the New Mexico Officials Association, shared the following with officials in her state during a special appreciation week:

"Never think that what you do as an official doesn't matter because it does. Never let one contest where the fans are exceedingly brutal and the scrutiny is overly intense derail your love for what you do. Never think that you are not making a difference because you most definitely are. You are educators, role models and guardians of the integrity of the sport you officiate. You officiate because you care about kids, you care about your chosen sport and you care about your community.

Instead of viewing these officiating issues as a crisis, let's see them as an opportunity to impact lives through education-based athletics.

Ways to Watch:

The RMAC Showcase will air through the rest of the month of February the first of which having taken place on Wednesday Feb. 19 on Altitude Sports, which is available through Directv.

Air Times for RMAC Showcase on

Altitude throughoout the month: Monday, February 24th-7:30 AMMS Wednesday, February 26th -4 PM MS'

ASUGrizzlies.com will also embed al four segments into the website, which will be available to watch after norma airing commences.

ASU Signing day



Adams State takes on Fort Lewis College at Rex Field Sept. 29, 2018. Adams State would win a 48-42 overtime thiller.

ALAMOSA — Adams State Grizzlies Football is proud to announce its highly-touted signees of the 2020 class. New additions come from a multitude of various states, schools, and athletic backgrounds, but all have the same goal in mind, which is to help bring

Adams State Football back to national prominence. The class is the third class of the Josh Blankenship era, and is perhaps the best that Blankenship and his staff have brought in during that time frame. The new signees are listed below:

2020 Adams State Grizzlies Football Signees:

Alec Drake - LB 6'1 230 - Snow College

Bridger Hansen - DL 6'3 285 - Fremont High School (UT)

Bryce Hampton - DB 6'0 180 - Snow College

Les Hampton - DB 6'4 215 - Snow College

Colter Hansen - DL 6'2 235 - Fremont High School (UT)

Denzel Gaston - OL 6'3 335 - Hutchinson Community College

Devon Traylor - OL 6'4 250 - San Diego Mesa Community College

Elijah Harper - WR 6'4 190 - San Mateo Community College

Eric Williams - DB 6'2 200 - Snow College

Gamon Howard - DB 6'2 200 - Univ. of Nevada Las Vegas/Community College of San Francisco

Hezekiah Po-Ching - OL 6'3 300 - New Mexico Military Institute

Kalakaua Timoteo - WR 6'1 190 - University of Hawaii

Shammah Luani - RB 6'0 225 - Snow College

Lincoln Labrum- QB 6'2 190 - Roosevelt High School (UT)

Talaun Patton - RB 6'2 235 - Long Beach Community College

Tracey Reynolds - WR 6'5 195 - Idaho State

Walter Blackmore - OL 6'3 270 - Holy Family High School (CO)

Will Maples - LB 6'0 215 - Santa Rosa Junior College

Nick Ricks - LB 6'2 225 - Central Missouri

Kane Boyer - OL 6'3 295 - Roy High School (UT)/Snow College

Gilbert Hornberger - OL 6'2 340 - Hutchinson Community Community College

Results

Adams State Baseball

ASU 7, Univ. of the Southwest 5 Univ. of the Southwest 14, ASU 3

Feb. 15

ASU 12, Univ. of the Southwest 9 ASU 9, Univ. of the Southwest 5

Adams State Basketball Feb. 14

Dixie State 59, ASU 53 (W) Dixie State 102, ASU 81 (M)

Feb. 15

Westminster 65, ASU 44 (W) Westminster 90, ASU 62 (M)

Prep Basketball Feb. 14

Sanford 49, Center 20 (G) Cotopaxi 38, Antonito 31 (G) Cotopaxi 48, Antonito 35 (B) Del Norte 55, Sargent 19 (G) Sargent 53, Del Norte 50 (B) Centennial 52, Sierra Grande 47 (G) Centennial 67, Sierra Grande 48 (B) Bayfield 53, Monte Vista 18 (G) Bayfield 53, Monte Vista 37 (B) Centauri 60, Montezuma-Cortez 40 (G) Centauri 71, Montezuma-Cortez 65 (B) 2OT Alamosa 33, Pagosa Springs 29 (G) Alamosa 57, Pagosa Springs 49 (B)

Feb. 15

Feb. 18

Manzanola 38, Creede 29 (G) Manzanola 55, Creede 35 (B) Moffat-Mt.-Valley 39, La Veta 23 (G) La Veta 61, Moffat-Mt.-Valley 41 (B) Crested Butte 51, Center 49 (B) Montezuma-Cortez 66, Monte Vista 51 (B) Centennial 43, Antonito 42 (G) Antonito 61, Centennial 44 (B) Swink 34, Sargent 17 (G/B) Sargent 48, Swink 42 (G/B) Sangre de Cristo 59, Lake City 5 (G) Sangre de Cristo 68, Salida 63 (B) Centauri 51, Alamosa 44 (G) Alamosa 56, Centauri 50 (B) South Baca 43, Del Norte 37 (G)

Sports Bulletin

Adams State Softball

Okla. Panhandle State 11, ASU 10 Okla. Panhandle State 11, ASU 1

ASU 3, Okla. Panhandle State 0

Feb. 16 ASU 8, Okla. Panhandle State 7

Prep Wrestling Feb. 14-15

CHSAA 3A, Region 1 2. Alamosa- 210

CHSAA 2A, Region 2 2. Centauri 215, 5. Monte Vista-99, 7. Sierra Grande/Centennial-80.5, 8. Del Norte-38, 9.Center-29, 10. Mtn Valley- 20, 14.

Upcoming Events

Adams State Basketball Feb. 21

5:30/7:30 p.m. Western Colorado at ASU (W/M)

5:30/7:30 p.m. Colorado Mesa at ASU (W/M)

Prep Basketball

1 p.m. Aguilar at Antonito (G) 4:30 p.m. Sierra Grande at La Veta (G/B) 6 p.m. Monte Vista at Custer County (G/B) 6 p.m. Moffat-Mt.-Valley at Sangre de Cristo (G/B) Feb. 21

TBA Sangre de Cristo at Kim-Branson (G/B) 3 p.m. Hoehne at Center (G/B) 4 p.m. Primero at Centennial (G) 5 p.m. Ignacio at Sierra Grande (B) 5 p.m. Sargent at Sanford (G/B) 5 p.m. Lake City at Moffat-Mt.Valley (G/B) 5 p.m. South Park at Del Norte (G/B)

Feb. 22

12:30 p.m. Custer County at Center (G/B)

Centauri 74, Monte Vista 18 (G) Centauri 70, Monte Vista 51 (B) Sierra Grande 67, Creede 52 (B)

Adams State Lacrosse Feb. 21

6 p.m. ASU at Colorado Mesa (M) Feb. 23 12 p.m. ASU at Westminster (M)

Adams State Softball

Feb. 22 12/2 p.m. ASU at Regis (DH)

Feb. 23 11 a.m./ 1 p.m. ASU at Regis (DH)

Adams State Wrestling Feb. 29

West Regional All Day ASU at Nebraska-Kearney

Prep Wrestling Feb. 20-22 State Championships
Alamosa, Centauri, Center, Del Norte, Monte Vista, Mountain
Valley, Sierra Grande-Centennial at Pepsi Center, Denver, CO.

3 p.m. Caprock at Moffat-Mt.Valley (B) 5 p.m. Sanford at Del Norte (G/B)

Schedules subject to change

SLV Special Olympics Showcase

ALAMOSA — Come show your support for the SLV Dust Devils by bringing your friends and teammates for an unforgettable and unique experience.

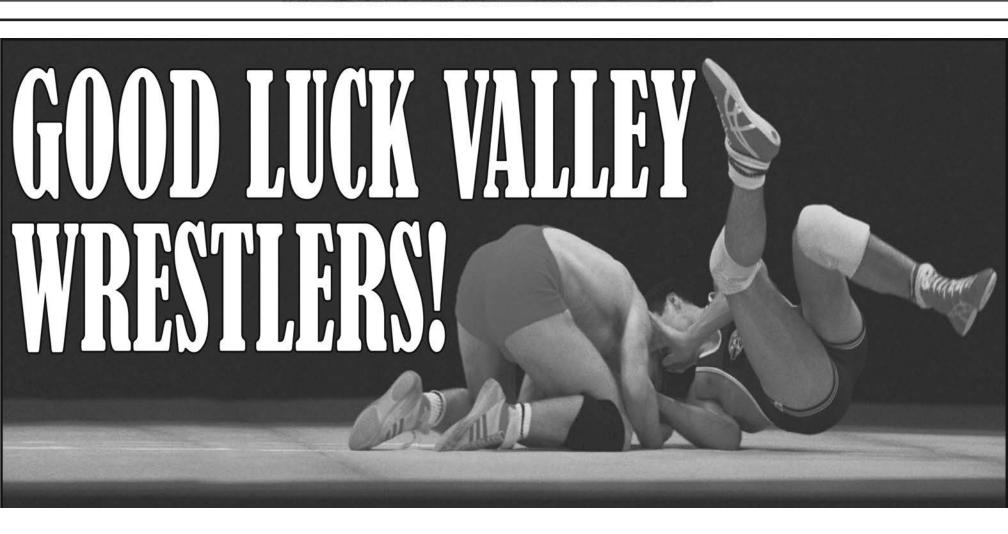
There will be a silent auction, concessions, and a great game at Plachy Hall on Feb. 23rd at 2 p.m. Admission is free but donations are always appreciated.

For more information or if you're interested in volunteering contact: pvjohnson@adams.edu

AP&R Youth Soccer

ALAMOSA — The 2020 Alamosa Parks & Recreation coed youth spring soccer registration is now open. You may register your child online at www.AlamosaRec.org, or drop by the AFRC located at 2222 Old Sanford Rd. For more information, contact the AFRC at (719) 589-2105.

State Wrestling



State Wrestling First Round Draws

3A106 Kyler Liddell Alamosa, 37-11, Fr. Vs. Caleb Rigsby Lamar, 22-7, Jr. 113

120

126

132

170

182

195

220

285

Davion Chavez Alamosa, 44-4, Jr. Vs. Zach Courtright Classical Academy, 27-15, So.

Brandon Reveles Alamosa 31-10, Jr. Vs. Noah Linares Mullins, 24-7, So.

Trevor Maestas Alamosa, 23-10, So. Vs. Dalton Williams Berthoud, 23-11, Sr.

Colton Liddell Alamosa, 36-7, Sr. Vs.

Drew Johnson Salida, 29-9, Fr. Hunter Smith Alamosa, 41-6, Sr. Vs.

Zeke Rangel Alamosa, 26-20, Sr. Vs. Dakota Powell Eaton, 32-10, Sr.

Blake Coombs Strasburg, 15-7, Jr.

Austin Trujillo Alamosa, 45-8, Sr. Vs. Zayne Stam, Weld Central, 35-12, So.

Logan Garcia Alamosa, 13-8, So. Vs. Jimmy Hustoles James Irwin, 40-3, Jr.

Zaq Bernal Alamosa, 27-12, Jr. Vs. Hunter Gilpin Manitou Springs, 25-7, Sr. <u>2A</u>

106 Mario Vigil Centauri, 25-11, So. Vs. Jack Bornhoft Sedgwick-Fleming, 25-12, Fr.

> Dominic Lopez Monte Vista, 27-12, Jr. Vs. Brady Collins Wray, 47-1, Fr.

Malachi Gallegos Del Norte, 37-7, So. Vs.

Elais Garcia Highland, 18-17, Jr

DeAngelo Archuleta Monte Vista, 27-15, Fr. Vs. Robert Cochran Hotchkiss, 36-13, Jr.

Wyatt Gardner Mountain Valley, 26-13, Jr. Vs. Oran Huff Lyons, 42-1, Jr.

Richard Atencio Sierra Grande-Centennial, 31-6, Jr. Vs. Blaze Brophy Yuma, 24-9, Jr.

Eyan Chavez Centauri, 39-3, So Vs.

Jesus Hernandez Burlington, 28-10, Sr. 138 Ivan Lopez Centauri, 16-26, Fr. Vs.

Clint Brown Peyton, 35-1, Jr. 145 Jordan Martin Centauri, 26-15, Jr. Vs.

152 Erik Mestas Centauri, 27-18, Fr. Vs. Colton Murray Peyton, 40-11, Sr.

> Zach Buhr Centauri, 31-14, So. Vs. Bradyn Tacha Limon, 19-8, Sr.

Michael Gutierrez Burlington, 31-13, Jr.

Brady Kuhns Sierra Grande-Centennial, 26-18, Sr. Vs. Pepper Rusher Wiggins, 31-12, Fr.

> Pablo Valencia Center, 8-15, Sr. Vs. Emmanuel Huerta Wray, 40-5, Sr.

170 Anthony Balderas Del Norte, 23-17, Sr. Vs. Adam Schulz Crowley County, 38-0, Jr.

> Byron Shawcroft Centauri, 34-14, So. Vs. Jackson Firebaugh Peyton, 30-16, Sr.

182 Elezar Aguilar Center, 14-13, Sr. Vs. Hunter Planansky Hayden, 40-6, Sr.

195

Justin Mattison Hotchkiss, 25-13, So. Jownes Archuleta Centauri, 19-18, So. Vs.

Adam Chacon Centauri, 22-8, Sr. Vs.

Brooks Jones County Line, 13-19, Fr. Preston Terrell Del Norte, 18-11, Sr. Vs. Jaden Harris Crowley County, 26-3, Sr.

Ryan Tijerina Sierra Grande-Centennial, 9-10, Jr. Vs.

Ethan Hotz Monte Vista, 28-9, Jr. Vs.

Karson Bean Lyons, 32-3, Sr. 220

Wyatt Vermeer Byers, 11-24, Sr. Joseph Moreno Centauri, 22-20, Jr. Vs. Jose Molina Wray, 39-8, Jr.

285 Jason Duran Monte Vista, 5-6, Sr. Vs. Chance Wiening Trinidad, 15-3, Sr.

> Remi Lucero Centauri, 35-5, Sr. Vs. Chase Stolzenberger County Line, 27-15, So.

State Farm 5 4 1 State Farm Insurance Companies

FALCONS

Home Offices: Bloomington, Illinois Jay Meyer 410 Ross • Alamosa • (719) 589-2258

neighborhood State Farm Agent

av-Wa Restaurant

588-5618

274-5174

Good Luck Falcons!

589-9559 • 620 Main St. • Alamosa

North Conejos School District

Cottonwood Dental

Good Luck Valley Teams! 2405 Mullins Ave • Alamosa • 589-5272

6685 W Hwy 160 • Alamosa

589-5810



160

H & R Block

409 Main St. • Alamosa • 589-6594

San Luis Valley slvfed.com **Federal Bank**

Good Luck Wrestlers!

589-9690 • Alamosa

705 Grand, Del Norte • 657-3376 106 S. Main St., Creede • 658-0126



)FDIC

FDIG

Jim's Tire Store Good Luck and Win!

DEL NORTE BANK TRUE - LOCAL - BANK

Good Luck y'all!

508 Spruce • La Jara • 274-4520 RMS Utilities, Inc. Call Us - We're Here to Help!

> Alamosa, CO • 719-589-4263 www.rmsutilities.com

LA JARA HEALTH MART PHARMACY

274-5109

Good Luck Wrestlers



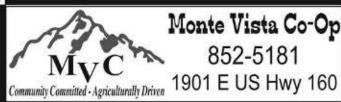
(719) 379-3675

Chavez Plumbing 16365 Co Rd BB • Alamosa • 580-3056 Good Luck Mean Moose!



Centry Property Management & Sales, LLC 823 Main St. • Alamosa

589-5744



Monte Vista Co-Op 852-5181

Absmeier Landscaping 1424 21st St. • Alamosa 589-6994

Sierra Grande School District R-30

Congratulations - Go Panthers

Beiriger & Sons Irrigation Go Del Norte Tigers!

(719) 754-3555 • 676 E. Hwy. 112 • P.O. Box 368 • Center

A Real Community Bank Local Ownership. Local Commitment.

Alamosa School

587-1600

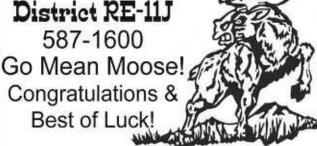
Best of Luck!

Alamosa 589-2564











SANFORD

SCHOOL DISTRICT

GOOD LUCK AT STATE

BRADY KUHNS

6836 Hwy 17 Alamosa 589-4388

Good Luck Panthers! • Ft Garland • 379-3518

Commissaru

Lifestyle



The Homelake Harmonizers shared their talent and sang several beautiful love songs. (left to right back row): Krystal Manzanares, Evelyn Espinola, Melanie Squire and Pam Self. (Front Row): Shirleen Smith, and Cindy Boyd



The puppet show was a huge success.

Love fills Homelake on Valentine's Day

By REBECCA COPLEY Valley Publishing

MONTE VISTA — Hearts, laughter and love songs filled Homelake on Valentine's Day during their annual Valentine's program.

Homelake has been participating with Valentine's for Veterans for over 15 years. Anne Launders started the program 31 years ago as a way to honor, remember, and thank veterans especially veterans in hospitals and care communities.

Every year the community and schools throughout the San Luis Valley, and veteran organizations throughout the state, send Valentines to the residents

at Homelake. This year was no exception with boxes stuffed full of red and pink packages for this country's heroes.

The annual Homelake Valentine's program was a great success. This year they had a new addition to the show with two puppet show performances. One was a humorous telling of Romeo and Juliet and had a unique twist with Romeo turning into a beaver halfway through. The other puppet show was a modern tragedy of Lady and the Tramp.

There was also several song performances by the Homelake Harmonizers.

The singing group sang classic love songs, including "Let Me Call you Sweetheart," and "Love Me Tender." There was also two harmonica solos by the talented Ken Vaugh. Evelyn Espinola read a love letter that she wrote when her husband was serving overseas. Debbie Upton was the writer and the director for the program. This is the second program Upton has coordinated at Homelake. The first program she put on was during Christmas.

The program concluded with the 2020 crowning of the Homelake King and Queen. There were two Kings and two Queens crowned. Steven Graf was crowned domiciliary King and Barbara Cousineau was crowned domiciliary Queen. Madalyn Clark was crowned nursing home Queen, and Charles Reeder was crowned nursing home King. After they were crowned, the program ended with all of the valentines being handed out.

"Seeing the smiles and joy that the valentines bring our residents is priceless. The support that our community gives to Homelake shows our veterans that we have not forgotten their service to our nation," commented Pam Self who is the admissions and marketing director





Homelake residents receiving valentines from people all over the community and Colorado.

TEST YOUR HOMEBUYING KNOWLEDGE

take the quiz at www.slvfb.com/quiz



*TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY



San Luis Valley Federal Bank

- Experienced Loan Officers
- Competitive Interest Rates
- 121 years of Serving the Community

NMLS # 403374





slvfed.com



Up to 3 Months FREE When You Subscribe or Renew This Month!

3 Months + 1 Month FREE • 42

O Months + 2 Month FREE • 460

12 Months + 3 Month PREE • \$120

MELLIDES DIGITAL ACCESS TO alamosangus.com



P.O. Box 1099 2205 State Ave. Alamosa Ph. 589-2553

www.alamosanews.com

Lifestyle

Sanford's smallest dancers shine

SANFORD — Sanford had 40 new dance team members last week. Sanford Elementary students have the opportunity every year to join the Sanford dance team for one week, as they learn a routine to perform at a halftime show.

They practiced for an hour every day after school to ensure they are polished and ready for their big performance.

The senior dance team members choreographed the routine that they taught the elemen-

tary youngsters. The program provided shirts that the students wear with pride. Dance team member Meredith Anderson said: "It's nice to see the girls enjoy dancing as much as we do. We enjoy teaching them.

Shauntre Mortensen, dance team coach said "It is great to see the older girls serve the younger girls and teach them something they are passionate about." and Carla Miller, dance team assistant coach said. "The elementary dance week is the highlight of the year for the dance team.

It's a fundraiser for the Sanford dance team to help pay for uniforms and travel costs.

The Sanford elementary dance team performed their routine on Jan. 3 during the half time show at the Sanford boys basketball game.





Courtesy photos

Wintertime can be 'snow' much fun to discover

Winter storms are on the wav.

While many people are anxious to see landscapes covered in white, others already are counting down the days to spring blooms. Weather can be aweinspiring and interesting and learning the secrets about snow is no exception.

Snow forms when water vapor in the atmosphere freezes into ice crystals. Snow falls as snowflakes, which come in a variety of shapes. However, according to Mental Floss, snow also can precipitate as graupel or sleet. Graupel are pellets of opaque ice particles that fall through freezing cloud droplets. They are not the same as sleet, which are drops of rain that freeze into small, translucent balls of ice.

Snowflakes are gener-

to form visible snow coverings. However, snowflakes can be large.

The largest snowflake on record was reported to be 15 inches across and eight inches thick.

According to "The Guinness Book of World Records," this giant snowflake was discovered at Fort Keogh, Mont., on Jan. 28, 1887.

Although it appears white, snow is actually clear and colorless. The National Snow and Ice Data Center says the complex structure and many facets of snow crystals results in visible light being reflected. Light is absorbed uniformly over the wavelengths of visible light, which gives snow its white appearance.

Even though snow is

ally small and accumulate more common in northern elevations and cold regions, snowfall is not exclusive to frigid climates. In the United States, snow has fallen in cities most often associated with sun and warmth, such as San Diego, Miami and Hawaii. The southern Italy town of Capracotta received 100 inches of snow in 18 hours on March 5, 2015. In spite of its location, Capracotta has been known to receive enormous one-day snowfalls.

> While snow can fall even in warm climates, the

world record holder for the most snow belongs to a northern area. Mt. Baker ski resort in Washington state experienced 1,140 inches in the 1998-1999 winter season.

Snow can fall at temperatures well above freezing. According to ScienceBits. com, snow can still fall at temperatures as warm as 46 degrees. For snow to fall when temperatures are warm, humidity has to be very low.

Even though there's a common perception that no two snowflakes are alike, this isn't completely accurate. A scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research found two identical snow crystals in 1988.

Also, similar results have been produced in laboratories.

Snow is an interesting form of precipitation. It can be scarce or plentiful, form in the north or the south, and may feature tiny snowflakes or extremely large ones. Snow also may take on the color of its surrounding environment. TF17C585



Satisfy your curiosity by reading the newspaper every day. You'll find something interesting in the

newspaper.

In fact, the paper is such a reliable source for the information you want, it can even be used by students as a homework and school research tool. research tool.

Valley Courier

Cornerstone Christian Academy goes skiing



Cornerstone Christian Academy's Ski Club has begun. The sport counts as physical education for the students as they learn to ski at Wolf Creek Ski Resort. Each student receives classes from instructors for the skill level for which they have been evaluated. The students love the class and the free ski at the end of the day. Classes such as skiing, rock climbing, outdoor school and other things are on the curriculum at the school. If anyone is interested in this alternative school choice, please call 719-589-2772 and speak with Kathy Goley, the head teacher. Report courtesy of press release from Sue Kanen, 719-480-1629. su-





To enter, upload your photo on the link on our facebook or website (alamosanews.com), mail below or e-mail (Isveum@alamosanews.com) by 12 pm Feb. 29, 2020. A photo album of the photographs will appear on website & facebook links every day, and in The Valley Courier newspaper every Tuesday edition. Don't forget to visit the website or facebook link and

> Valley Courier PO Box 1099 Alamosa CO, 81101

vote for your favorite by 12 pm Feb. 29, 2020!

Nam	e:
Addı	ess:
Phor	e Number:
3	NI photos must be of ages 1 and under. If you would like your photo returned, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.











Sell your household items for FREE. Classified L Total value of item must be \$200 or less. FREE ads include 20 words or less and run 5 times Marketnlac

SERVING: ALAMOSA • RIO GRANDE • CONEJOS • COSTILLA • SAGUACHE • MINERAL COUNTIES

Public Notices

Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. would like to inform the public that

inactive patients' medical records will be destroyed on February 24, 2020. A patient is considered inactive if he/she has not had a visit or contact in the last 10 years. If a patient was younger than 18 at the last visit or contact in the last visit or contact the patient will be considered inactive10 years after their 18th birthday. If a patient wishes to obtain their records he/she may call Valley-Wide Health Systems at 719-587-1165.

No. 1289

Published in the Valley Courier on February 20, 2020

Legal Notice for Waverly Drainage District:

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Waverly Drainage District #1
will hold its Annual Meeting for the purpose of adopting the 2020

Budget, and any other business that comes before the Board.

The Meeting will be held on February 22, 2020 10:00 A.M. at the Waverly Youth Community Ctr, 1869 Cty. Rd 10 South Alamosa, CO.

Waverly Trainage District #1

221

HELP WANTED

NEEDED at La Puente

Home. Need Mature,

dynamic, compassion-

ate person, able to deal

with all types of people.

Must be able to work

weekend and graveyard

shifts. (21+). Bilingual

preferred. Looking for

the unique applicant

who will be a part of

an awesome team of

individuals helping oth-

ers. Join our staff of dedicated professionals

and learn the joys and satisfaction of helping

others. Send resume to:

hr@lapuente.net (3/5)

WORKING TO-GETHER FAMILY

Advocate – The Adelante Family Services Pro-

gram is hiring a grant funded case manager

to provide outreach, as-

sessment, and financial

literacy to WT fami-

lies living in Alamosa, Costilla and Saguache counties. The cm will

coordinate educational

and vocational goals for

families and monitor

their progress, includ-

ing home visits. CM will work as part of a

team to help alleviate barriers to family suc-

cess. Requirements: 4

year college degree or

equivalent work experi-

ence, prefer prior case

manager experience,

ability to work with

diverse populations, driver's license. Bi-

lingual preferred. Send

cover letter, resume and references to: hr@lapu-

ente.net. 719-589-5909.

City of Monte Vista em-

ployment application at

www.cityofmontevista. colorado.gov. Please

submit your completed

job application (resume

optional) and a cover

letter to the Human Re-

sources office, 95 W. 1st Ave., Monte Vista, CO

81144 or e-mail your

application to hrman-

ager@ci.monte-vista. co.us. All applications

must be received not lat-

er than Monday, March

16, 2020.(3/14)

Waverly Tourn Community Cit, 16
Waverly Drainage District #1
Sharilyn Blais, Asst. Secty/Treas.

Published in the Valley Courier on February 20, and 21, 2020

099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

NOTICE OF RE-QUEST FOR BIDS The East Alamosa Water and Sanitation District is accepting bids for a lease on an 80-acre parcel of farm ground located at 2251 South Road 8, Alamosa, CO, along with 2 shares of Common Wealth Water. If a multi-year lease is proposed, please state proposed terms of lease. Bids should be a minimum of \$5,000 per year together with payment of water assessments. Sealed bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on March 9, 2020. Bids can be mailed to P.O. Box 1092, Alamosa, CO 81101 or hand delivered to 10 Costilla Blvd. Alamosa, CO. Bids will be opened at the Board's regular meeting on March 12, at 6:00 p.m. at 10 Costilla Blvd. The District reserves the t any and all

bids.(2/22) ANYONE KNOW-**ING THE** woman who managed curves in Alamosa please contact me 719-580-2290. Wanting info about your previous business, equipment, etc. (2/20)

112 - BUSINESS **OPPORTUNITIES**

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

221 **HELP WANTED**

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

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)

MONTE VISTA **SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for a HS Girls Golf Coach. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/ employment-opportunities.html or call 719-852-5996.(3/5)

221 **HELP WANTED**

ALAMOSA COUN-TY TREASURER and Public Trustee, job opening for Accounting Technician. Please visit alamosacounty.org for job application and details. 37.5 hours per week (full time with benefits) \$14-\$14.50 per hour. Must have experience with Treasurer's Deeds, releases, foreclosures and banking and cash management. Deadline to apply is 2/21/2020. (2/21)

THE CITY OF Alamosa is seeking a Full-time Maintenance Worker I for the Streets Department with a starting salary of \$14.42 - \$15.86 per hour DOQ. For more information and to apply visit www.cityofalamosa.org or City Hall at 300 Hunt Avenue. Protected by the EOE law. Closing date February 24, 2020 at 4:30 pm.(2/27)

221 **HELP WANTED**

COUNTY ADMIN-ISTRATOR-- HINS-**DALE** County is seeking to hire a County Administrator. This position directs the day-to-day operations of Hinsdale County in accordance with policies and other direction provided by the Hinsdale Board of County Commissioners. full job description, please contact administrator@hinsdalecountycolorado.us or 970-944-2225 or check the County website at: https://www.colorado. gov/hinsdalecounty. Applications are due March 6th at 5:00 p.m. MST.(2/22)

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

HELP WANTED

SANGRE DE CRIS-**TO** School District is looking for highly motivated Middle School Science Teacher that has a desire to teach and the ability to pass their passion of learning onto students. For more information please contact Mr. Stagner at 719-378-2310 or bstagner@sangreschools.org. Teaching applications may be downloaded from sdc.schooldesk. net or picked up at school office. Positions open until filled. (2/21) SARGENT SCHOOL

DISTRICT is accepting applications for a Current Secondary English Teacher position. Please visit our website for additional information and application: www.sargent. k12.co.us or call 719 852-4023. Applications accepted until position filled. EOE (2/27)

221 **HELP WANTED**

JANITORIAL FULL **AND** Part-Time positions available. Call anytime Clean as a Whistle 719-587-2222. (2/21)

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. Appliions available at County Human Resources/Administration Office 6683 County Rd. 13, Conejos CO. or via email upon request at cricci@co.conejos. co.us. Deadline is Thursday, February 20, 2020. Inquiries call (719) 376-6799.(2/20)

Make a difference, not just a living! Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc. Accepting applications for the following positions DENTAL HYGIENIST – Center Dental Clinic

Please visit our website for more details: https://wwhs.org/careers/

Immediate opening in multi-media sales. Experience appreciated.

Send resume to: KCerny@alamosanews.com

Valley Courier

Colorado

Can anything beat 1.1 million Colorado tourists every week? How about 2 million newspaper readers.

> Yes, people love our state. On average, we've got more than 1.1 million people roaming around who don't live here. After all, **Colorado** is the #1 destination in the whole U.S. for outdoor and adventure, according to Trip Advisor. Pretty impressive! Until you remember that twice as many people are reading Colorado's daily and weekly newspapers every week. That's 2 million people who not only live here, but shop here.



If you're already a newspaper reader, you're in good company. And if you're a business trying to reach new customers, discover Colorado newspapers.







Source: Colorado Tourism Office; Scarborough Research 2013 (Denver DMA)

Classifieds

221 **HELP WANTED**

DEL NORTE ELE-MENTARY School is seeking an energetic, caring candidate to serve as a PARA-ED-UCATOR. Applicants must have a high school diploma. Please submit your application to Amy Duda, DNES Principal at 950 French Street, Del Norte, CO 81132; aduda@urtigers.co; or call 719-657-4030. The position will be opened until filled. Please pick up an application at the District Office or on-line at dncsd.org.(2/27)

SOUTH CONEJOS **SCHOOL** District is currently seeking to hire a Health and Wellness Coordinator. This is a .5 position. This position will start immediately and will run through the duration of the grant 2022. Interested parties must have a minimum of an LPN license and must have experience working in public schools. The position calls for coordinating activities of service providers with other services in the school district, create systems and processes to track the schools' progress in attaining a culture of wellness. If interested, please apply to apply@southconejos. com. Applications will be accepted through, Tuesday, February 20,

OFFICE ADMIN-ISTRATOR, FULL-TIME The Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust is hiring a full-time Office Administrator to work in our Del Norte office. Find the job announcement at http://www.riograndelandtrust.org/job-opportunities or email Joelle Marier at joellem@riograndelandtrust.org for more information.(2/27) EXPERIENCED

2020. (2/20)

DENTAL HYGIEN-IST 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)

HELP WANTED

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

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a High School Head Volleyball Coach (with possible teaching positions available). Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website http:// ww2.monte.k12.co.us/ employment-opportunities.html or call 719-852-5996. (2/25)

THE ALAMOSA PO-LICE Department is seeking a FT Police Officer, \$19.86 per hour to join the Alamosa Police Department. Some duties include, protecting the lives, health, welfare, and property of individuals within the city limits by enforcing municipal, state, and federal statutes, ordinances, and laws. For a full job description and to apply please visit the cityofalamosa.org. Open until filled. (3/3 #1)

SIERRA GRANDE **SCHOOL** District is currently accepting applications for a High School Spanish Teacher/ ELL Director. Applicants must have a current state certification/ license or in the process of receiving a certification/license and enrolled in an educational program for completion or endorsement. Application forms are available at the district office located at 17523 E. Hwy 160 Blanca, CO 81123 or on the District's website at www.sierragrandeschool.net Applications may be submitted to Mr. Brandon Mizokami at bmizokami@sierragrandeschool.net For more information please contact Mrs. DeAnn Arellano at 719-379-

3257.(2/22)

QuickBooks Pro

Advisors

Business

Valuation

Tax Compliance

Litigation

Support

221 **HELP WANTED**

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

324 - FEED & SEED

PREMIUM TARPED **AND** shedded grass hay 3x3 Bales 750 lbs. near Monte, CO. 719-588-8506. Discounts for larger amounts.(2/25)

PREMIUM ALFALFA

AND grass/alfalfa, small bales \$7.00 in hay shed (719) 580-2509. (03/18) HORSE AND COW hav:

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

345 WOOD

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

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

351 LIVESTOCK

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

360 - MISCELLANEOUS **FOR SALE**

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

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

369 - PETS & **SUPPLIES**

ALL DOGS ADOPTED FROM THE VALLEY HUMANE LEAGUE HAVE TO BE SPAYED OR NEUTERED BE-FORE GOING TO THEIR NEW HOME.

Cleaning

Electrical

Lumber

Residential & Commercial

Carpet Cleaning & Auto Detailing

Plus... Construction Cleanup

82 CONEJOS

ALAMOSA

Lumber · Steel

Engineered Trusses

1301 West Ave. · Alamosa

'719) *58*9-3254

19-589-9144

369 - PETS & **SUPPLIES**

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

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

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

387 - WANTED TO BUY

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

409 FARM & **RANCH LAND**

FOR LEASE: 126 acres under pivot for hemp, near Moffat, CO. Please Call (719) 942-3286 or email kckennedy163@gmail.com(3/3)

415 - HOMES FOR SALE

* Note Land ORTER REALTY, N **Excellent Service, Expert Advice** 719-589-5899 503 Main Street . Alamosa www.PorterRealty.com A 100 "" " \$311,500 · Three bedroom four bathroom, plus office! Home on north side of Monte Vista, CO. Backyard adjoins golf course. Excellent layout with plenty of living spaces. Nice kitchen, huge master bedroom with walk-out 2nd story patio with views. Oversized two-car garage, mature landscaping,



and so much more! You must

see this home. 62 Pioneer Road

Monte Vista MLS # 766361

manufactured home on 35 acres with 1 share of Commonwealth irrigation water This 5 bedroom home is in excellent condition and has 3 full bathrooms and over 2100 square feet of total living pace. The detached shop on the property has all the room you need. Additional outbuildings with storage. Immaculate yard and more than enough irrigation water for the property. This is a rare opportunity to buy a home between Alamosa and Monte Vista at this price ooint. Call today for your showing! 5799 E County Road 2, Monte Vista MLS # 765673



THE TOTAL



Located off a paved road and close to

town. Call today for more details. 9205

Stanley Road, Álamosa MLS # 763069

home or investment property north of Main street in Alamosa, CO. This 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 1 car garage home, has updated floors, paint, boiler, and hot water heater. A must-see at this price point! 211 Alamosa Ave, Alamosa MLS #766364

415 - HOMES FOR SALE

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

one bath, double care garage, single care garage on just under an acre. Half-mile outside of Alamosa \$125,000. Call 719-580-2935.(2/26) 1 BEDROOM

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

HOUSE IN ALA-MOSA For Sale. Bedrooms 2.5 Bathrooms call or text 719-496-6795 or 719-480-0960.

420 - LOTS & ACREAGE

25 ACRES AT Sangre de Cristo Ranches, with Elec. 200' water well, Sangre de Cristo creek runs through it. 80 acres 2 ½ miles west of San Acacio call Al Lopez 719-588-2930 / 719-843-0930.(2/25)

525 **GUNS**

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

601 APARTMENTS **FOR RENT**

Century Property Management & Sales, uc Alamosa • 589-5744 **PROPERTY**

MANAGEMENT SERVICE For all your rental needs please call 719-589-5744 or stop

by 823 Main St. Alamosa, CO 81101 www. alamosarentals .com

Attorney

ATENCIO LAW

719.589.6005

Civil Litigation

· Real Estate · Water Law

Business Law

Wills & Probate

(call for more information)

Unbundled Legal Services steve@atenciolaw.net

PROUDLY SERVING CLIENTS

THROUGHOUT THE SAN LUIS VALLEY

STEVE ATENCIO

www.atenciolaw.net

601 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

AFFORDABLE 1 BEDROOM apartment for rent in Alamosa and a studio apartment for rent in Monte Vista. Call (719)850-2069.

611 - HOMES **FOR RENT**

2 BEDROOM/ 1 bathroom 3 miles east of Alamosa passive solar. Closed carport- gas and elect incl. \$950/Mo \$800 deposit 719-580-1446. (2/25) 3 BEDROOM 1 Bath-

room propane and wood heat fenced yard room for livestock. 970-640-9562.(3/20) **BEAUTIFUL NEW-**

LY RENOVATED home for rent, great views of Mt. Blanca and The Sand Dunes. Attached garage, \$1,150/ Mo. 9 miles east of Alamosa, No smoking. 719-588-0304. (2/19)

634 - ROOMMATE WANTED

MATURE WOM-EN LIKING for a female roommate to share a 3 bedroom house. For information call 719-589-6921 or 719-588-0813.(2/19)

702 - AUTOS FOR SALE

1958 CHEVY 2 door Vin # 174047. Southside Salvage and Towing (2/21)

FOR SALE TWO Trucks 1995 and 1990 F150's 4X4 both run \$800.00 a truck please call 719-274-3188 or 719-849-8877(2/22)

717 **WATER SHARES**

AUGMENTATION WATER SHARE of Middlemist water for sale 719-588-3224.



You'll find it all in the **Business & Service Directory**

• Affordable • Seen 5 Days a Week To Place Your Ad Call (719) 589-2553

FREE ESTIMATES

Concrete

Accounting

Small Business Accounting

Financial Statement Audits

Wall Other Assurance Services

Smith Bateman Inc Certified Public Accountants

700 Main St. • Alamosa • 589-3619 15 Washington St. • Monte Vista • 852-5103 · Celebrating 40 Years of Service ·

Earth Moving

Earthworks of Southern Colorado w Troy Geringer 719-480-1756 Trenching · Dirt Work · Ditch Cleaning Demolition

Driveway Construction & Grading Landscaping House Pads Stream Bank Restoration Irrigation Welding & Fabrication





Advertise Your Business in this Only \$99 per month*

*3 month commitment



Looking to Buy or Sell? Let us help you with your real estate needs and see real results!



(719) 589-6977 • www.slvproperties.com

DemolitionRemodels

Additions

Earth Moving

Handyman

- Roofing
- - Tree Trimming
- & Much More! 719-580-8918 Backhoe
- Lori 719-298-2502 joshshandymanoncall@yahoo.com

Gardening

Alamosa Garden Supply and Grow Store 0711 W. Highway 160, Suite C, Alamosa, CO 81101 719-206-3336

Monday - Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Get ready for spring gardening now! Fall is the best time to amend your soil

after you've put the garden to bed. We carry a wide variety of soil, trace minerals, soil conditioners, mycorrhizae mixes, bio-char and so much more. HAPPY FROG SOIL SPECIAL! 2 FOR \$36 + TAX 25% OFF FISH SH*T SOIL PROBIOTICS * 25% OFF ALL DOWN TO EARTH PRODUCTS

We will meet or beat any local competitor's price!

Real Estate



Tires



Excellent Service

Jim's Tire

Store

711 1/2 State Ave. • Alamosa

719-589-9690

NEW • USED • RECAPPED

Great Service!



Expert Advice

Tractor Repair



Auctioneering AUCTION Brady Stagner

(719)588-2573 SERVICES LLC Email: aandbauctions@gmail.com

For All Your Auction Needs

*Farm *Ranch *Benefit *Household *Fundraising www.aandbauctionservices.com

Home Maintenance

Marty's Maintenance CINE



Marty_Husmann@yahoo.com 719.480.3375

Real Estate

RIBAUDO 719-580-2541 Serving All Your Real Estate & Auction Needs



Independent Broker Auctioneer www.ribaudorealty.com

joe@ribaudoreality.com





8425 Rd. 8 South · Alamosa 589-9205

EXPERT SERVICE 60+ years experience VALLEY TRACTOR REPAIR

719-852-0200

GREG GOODWIN

Greg@PorterRealty.com

Exceptional Results

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS 1 Record 4 Pod vegetable 7 Belfry dweller 10 Tall bird **11 WWW** addresses

13 Rounded roof 14 Court evidence, maybe

15 Sir's companion 16 Omigosh! 17 Stalemate 19 Building extensions

20 Tempe inst. 21 Stand up 23 Mr. Uris of "Topaz" 26 Second showing 28 Moon,

in verse 29 Princess Di's niece 30 Snow shelter 34 Arrogance 36 Guitarist

- Wood

38 Zippy the Pinhead's cry 39 State Farm

competitor 41 D.C. figures 42 Rustle 44 Sorority

letter 46 Full extent 47 Relieved 51 Indianapolis gridder

52 Midday 53 Hearty laugh 55 Bohemian 56 Karate move

57 Sports "zebra" 58 Yves' nose 59 Aurora locale 60 List ender

DOWN

1 Was ahead 2 All, in combos 3 Largest of Marianas 4 Mountain lions

5 Deletion

A|M|U|S|E| PORED FATCAT GALORE ORDEAL I E R R A L|E|T I B M L C D OMAHA PERON ROI BUS URN EWE B|R|A K|E| ELLS MAN STETTABMARS E V E ATE SETTEE AUNAS OFFERS HERAL D PROXY MOMMY

6 Sad cry 7 Fixes potatoes 8 Plenty 9 Golf pegs 12 Campaign tactic 13 Tinting 18 Poor review 22 Make

a mess 23 Prune 24 Mess up 25 Osaka sash 27 Merit 29 Hive occupants 31 Drain

33 Startled cries 35 Delicate 37 Rowboat device 40 Part of TGIF 41 Trigger's rider

42 Mushroom-

to-be 43 Ballroom dance 45 Sneezer's need 46 Survey 48 "- & Clark"

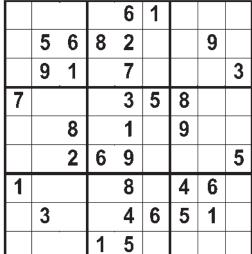
49 Fictional governess 50 Two voices 54 Col. Sanders³

place

32 Alley

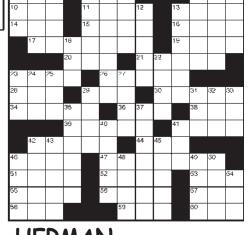
cleaner

SUDOKU DIFFICULTY RATING: 食食食会会



HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must conain the numbers through repetition. 9 without

	5	2	4	8	3	7	6	9	1
	9	1	3	2	4	6	8	5	7
п 3	6	7	8	9	1	5	4	3	2
ა ⊩ 1	8	4	1	5	6	3	7	2	9
it	2	9	6	7	8	1	3	4	5
	7	3	5	4	2	9	1	6	8
	3	5	7	1	9	4	2	8	6
	1	6	2	3	5	8	9	7	4
	4	8	9	6	7	2	5	1	3





'i guess i'il plead not guilty just to get the old ball rolling."

ALLEY OOP



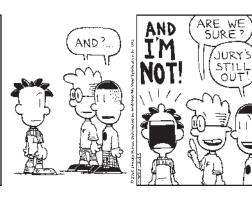
ARLO & JANIS



BIG NATE

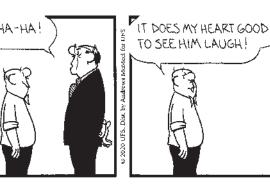






THE BORN LOSER





FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE









Wife says friend living upstairs should move on

DEAR ABBY: My hus- his ex under your roof, it is band and I have a friend, 'George," who rents our upstairs. Our home is large, and the second floor has all the amenities of a 2,500-square-foot house. He has his separate entrance and never has to come

In the beginning, I agreed to the arrangement because he was going through a divorce and needed a place to live. Now, for the past several months, his ex has been spending nights upstairs. We just celebrated the holidays, and his family was here together.

through our living space.

I'm feeling very confused and uncomfortable having them both up there. Now that George seems to have worked through his marital problems, I feel it's time he moves out. My husband doesn't understand why I feel this way and can't understand why I want my house back! Please give me some insight on how to handle this. Or am I overreacting? Please tell me I'm not being selfish. -- BEING USED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR BEING USED: You are not selfish, and vou're not overreacting. Refresh your husband's memory about how the arrangement began. It was a safe refuge for a friend

going through a traumatic

life change. Those circum-

with George entertaining in-laws, this is what you

understandable. Communal living is not for everyone.

DEAR ABBY: Recently, my husband booked me and our infant son on a trip to visit some of his family in California. I didn't want to go in the first place because I was, and still am, struggling with postpartum depression, anxiety and stress in our relationship.

I had one request: Do not put me and our infant son in the head-of-the-household's car. My husband's father drives recklessly and shows no regard for human life. Well, of course my husband didn't speak up about it, and we ended up in Mr. Reckless' car. Now I look like "the difficult wife" because I'd rather catch a rideshare or fly back home. Am I being dramatic or overly concerned with safety? --SAFE OR SORRY IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR SAFE OR SOR-RY: Overly concerned? It's your job to be concerned with safety. Because your husband failed to speak up didn't mean that YOU shouldn't have.

As a mother, you are responsible for your baby's safety. You should have expressed that if you and your little one -- in a child seat, I presume -- couldn't travel in someone else's vehicle, you would be taking stances no longer apply, and other transportation. In the if you are not comfortable future, when visiting your



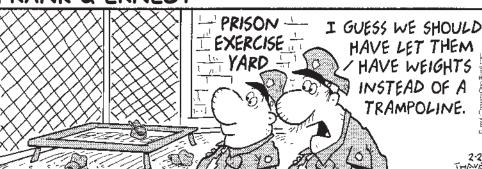
ABIGAIL Van Buren

should do.

DEAR ABBY: Today was warm, so my friend and I went for a walk with my dog at a neighborhood park. We decided to rest on a park bench that was shaded by trees. A man was sitting there, and I asked if he would mind if we shared the bench with him. The man said he was waiting for a personal call. I told him we wouldn't listen and sat down. The man stood up and said angrily that we should have respected the fact he was there first and stalked off! Were we wrong to sit down? -- BAFFLED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR BAFFLED: No, you were not wrong. It's a public park. If the man was uncomfortable talking in front of you, he should have taken his phone and talked elsewhere -- which he did.

FRANK & ERNEST



GARFIELD





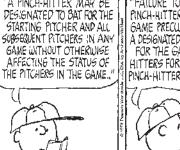


THE GRIZZWELLS



PEANUTS

"A PINCH-HITTER MAY BE









Valley Courier

This is a leash. And it helps

keep the wilds, wild. We hate to be the bearers of bad news, but your best friend might just be nature's worst enemy. All the little

critters of the forest spend months stocking up for the winter. They plan diligently, nibbling on twigs, buds, leaves and bark. And all this preparation becomes moot the minute you let Scout off-leash to disrupt nature's delicate balance. Hey, why not try being the earth's best friend? Good human.

Conservation starts small.



CPW entering its second phase of Live Life Outside

DENVER - Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is entering the second phase of the Live Life Outside campaign it started in 2019, designed to help the public better understand and engage with the conservation mission of the agency. The second phase of the campaign is Conservation Starts Small, an attempt to bring conservation down to a smaller and more relatable scale for people to more easily participate in.

The campaign includes a series of print, outdoor and online ads. Conservation Starts Small highlights the little things anyone can do to help with conservation while living life outside.

The new ads point to things like

keeping dogs leashed, staying on marked trails, not feeding your snacks to wildlife and cleaning up used fishing line as small things individuals can do that make a big difference. "It's a message to start small and live life outside responsibly," said Tony Gurzick, marketing and creative services manager for CPW. "It helps us reach people where they are in their everyday lives and ties into the larger Live Life Outside campaign by creating opportunities to talk about the deep connection between recreation and conservation." "Whether you enjoy hiking, hunting, bird watching, rock climbing or any activity in between, we all need to work together to conserve the resources that make Colorado home," said Gurzick. For more than 120 years, CPW employees have been entrusted to protect the natural resources of Colorado. The agency's mission charges staff with handling the large scale, ongoing conservation efforts around the state; such as preventing the spread of nuisance plants and animals; managing threatened and endangered species reintroductions and recoveries; maintaining and improving fish and wildlife habitat; conserving Colorado's 960 species and managing 41 state parks and hundreds of state wildlife areas across the state. Colorado Parks and Wildlife is selffunded by the fees received from hunters, anglers, recreational vehicle registrations and state park visitors. Those groups financially support the

along with the Colorado Lottery, Great Outdoors Colorado and federal grants. As the state's population grows, so does the pressure on its natural resources. This growth also brings social issues like crowding on trails and unsafe encounters with wildlife. The time is right to start asking Coloradans to take simple steps to help protect their natural resources for future generations. The campaign messages are easy things individuals can do on their own, be it backyard or backcountry. Or they can join the agency in their efforts by volunteering, staying informed through CPW social media or practicing the Care for Colorado principles developed by Leave No Trace and the Colorado tourism office. About the Live Life Outside Campaign In 2019, the need for a tagline and strategic campaign arose as CPW sought avenues $to \, remind \, Coloradans \, of \, the \, importance \, of \,$ conservation and responsible recreation as a part of enjoying the Colorado outdoors. CPW's tagline, Live Life Outside highlights the passion and lifestyle of the agency and the Colorado outdoor community, while creating an opportunity to talk about the deep connection between recreation and conservation. A recent report from CPW and Southwick Associates shows the \$62.5 billion economic impact of outdoor recreation in our state, with 92% of residents claiming to recreate outdoors. These numbers make it clear that the wildlife and wild spaces of our state are the reason why so many of us choose Colorado as a place to work and play. However, Coloradans' shared appreciation for the outdoors also comes with a responsibility to conserve their natural resources. Colorado provides so many opportunities to Live Life Outside. To learn more about volunteering with CPW and supporting conservation through outdoor recreation, visit livelifeoutside.co. Or show how you "Live Life Outside" when you post on social media by using the hashtag #livelifeoutsideCO.

Report courtesy of a press release from Travis Duncan, Statewide public information officer, 720-595-8294 / travis. duncan@state.co.us.

The wilderness is awe-inspiring. The great outdoors is a wonder to behold, and each year millions of people experience the great outdoors firsthand, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

conservation efforts of the agency

The popularity of outdoor activities is perhaps the greatest testament to the beauty of nature. According to the Outdoor Industry Association®, roughly half of the United States population ages six and over participated in at least one outdoor activity in 2017. Statistics Canada notes that the great outdoors is perhaps even more popular just north of the U.S., where nearly seven in 10 Canadians participated in outdoor or wilderness activities in 2016.

As breathtaking as the wilderness can be, it also can be dangerous. Safety is of paramount importance when spending time in the wilderness. Whether one is a seasoned outdoorsman or a novice experiencing the wilderness for the first time, accidents can happen. Preparation can help people avoid potentially life-threatening situations in the wilderness. In fact, the U.S. Forest Service notes that the most effective way to prevent mishaps in the wilderness is to adequately prepare for a trip into the wild. The following tips, courtesy of the USFS, can help make trips

into the wilderness safer.

Never go it alone. The USFS advises against going it alone in the wilderness. Without a travel companion, outdoor enthusiasts may find themselves without any help in the case of emergencies like injuries or accident. The USFS recommends traveling in groups no smaller than four people when visiting remote areas. In such instances, one person can stay behind with an injured friend while the others leave to seek help. In addition, never travel to

a remote area without being accompanied

by someone who's familiar with that area. Share your itinerary. Leave a detailed copy of your itinerary with someone who won't be joining you. Include details like the make, year and license plate number of your vehicle, as well as the equipment one's bringing. List the weather one's anticipating on your itinerary and where one is planning to go, including trail names, if possible. If unexpected and dangerous weather rolls in, the person holding his or her itinerary can alert local forestry

professionals. Be in good physical condition. The wilderness is a challenging place, so only those with the skills and the physical ability to negotiate it should attempt to do so. When planning a trip, design it with the weakest member of one's group in mind. People with medical conditions should discuss their plans with their physicians prior to entering the wilderness.

Stick to developed trails. Footing near cliffs can be difficult, and nearby trees and shrubs might not be reliable sources of support. So stick to developed trails or dry, solid rock areas that provide adequate

Study the forecast. Study the forecast and any predictions that might affect conditions on the day(s) of your trip. Weather can change quickly in the wilderness, so make sure to pack the appropriate attire for any potential weather suggested in the forecast.

Learn basic first aid. Basic first aid can save lives. Learn how to identify and treat injuries and illness. Contact a local parks

department to learn the basics. The wilderness is an awe-inspiring yet sometimes dangerous place. For more tips on wilderness safety, visit the U.S. Forest

Service at www.fs.fed.us. TF199258







Shopping Local Creates Jobs: The jobs created allow spending in the local economy and helps create more jobs.

Local independent businesses invest more in our community: They support local charities, schools and community events which financially impacts our community.

Local businesses sell a wide range of great products at affordable prices and cater to the needs and wants of the community.

Shopping Local saves you money and time! Travel the overall cost of items higher.

expenses and personal time make Shopping Local retains our community: Without

the support in the local

and services are forced to close.

community, restaurants, shops

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

Shopping Local encourages community growth. By choosing to do business locally you help maintain Alamosa's diversity, charm & appeal. Which in turn, attracts new community members.

Shopping Local invests in community services and city economy. Your dollars spent in locally-owned businesses have three times the impact on your community as dollars spent outside of Alamosa.

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

Senior Center proud of its artists



Cotton

What a lovely time we enjoyed last Saturday

First at the Art show reception on the second floor of the hospital and then at the dinner.

Patricia I Morgan-Lloyd is the inspiration behind our inaugural senior art show and the Alamosa Senior Citizens would like to dedicate "Senior Art from the HeArt" to her. Pat was a member of the Senior Citizens for more than a decade, and often suggested that we organize such a show. Unfortunately she passed away during the planning stages of this event, and we are grateful and honored to make her vision a

There are so many people to thank for their time, talent and generosity. Thank you Kendra Lambert, Judy Wiescamp, Billie Kay Chadwell, Weiss Cleaners, Chief Liquors, Nadine and Mark Gurule, Dawn Krebs, Kelly Gurule, SLV Health, all of the participants and the following artists who donated silent auction pieces: Judith Greenwood, Kelley Bellefuil, David Montgomery and John Kurys. Thank you to Mountain View Restaurant for catering the dinner and SLV Health for providing hors d'oeuvres

and the atrium for the show and reception. The show runs through April and if you haven't had a chance to stop by and view the art, please do.

You will be sure to enjoy the gifted senior artists in our communities. Space is rapidly filling for our October Hawaii trip, so give us a call if you are interested in signing up. The Alamosa Senior Citizens, along with Falcon Tours, are planning a fantastic nine day trip to Hawaii on Oct. 27 through Nov. 4. We'll journey to the islands of Maui, Kauai and Oahu.

Dave Hagan, owner of Falcon Tours, will be at the Alamosa Senior Center to conduct an informative presentation on Thursday, March 12 at 11 a.m.

Dave has been to the islands over 100 times and should be able to answer most of your questions. He will also be taking deposits for those who wish to reserve a spot for this fun and exciting trip.

Line dancing takes place each Tuesday at 10 a.m. Karen Stills is available at 9:30 to teach beginners the steps. Come and enjoy the health benefits of line dancing, including improved cardiovascular health, muscular strength, flexibility, blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and high triglyceride levels, as well as high blood sugar levels can all improve; improves lung capacity and bone strength can increase.

The social aspects of taking a class in line dance help to increase your sense of well-being and the camaraderie you have is wonderful for your health.

Chair yoga is cancelled Feb. 24 and will resume

Senior perks,

Growing older may come with some added laugh lines or a few extra aches and pains, but many will attest to the benefits and wisdom earned from a life well-lived.

And if that's not enough, the discounts and other perks

afforded seniors can make reaching one's golden years

Every day the list of companies offering special deals for people of a certain age continues to grow. Individuals willing to do the research or simply ask retailers and other businesses about their senior discount policies can be well on their way to saving serious money. Keep in

mind that the starting points for age-based discounts vary, with some offering deals to those age 50 and up,

discounts

and others kicking in at 55 or 60-plus.

a bit easier to embrace.

on Monday, March 2. No ear acupuncture Tuesday, Feb. 25 and Tuesday March 3. It will pick back up Tuesday, March 10.

Workman Firearms will present a concealed carry workshop Saturday, Feb. 22 from 3 to 7 p.m., here at the Center. The class is free to members of the Alamosa Senior Citizens and \$60 for all others. To register or for further information, please call 719-480-0646 or by email: customtactical45@gmail. com.

The following weekly activities are for all seniors whether you are a member or not. Please stop by and join us. All classes are free unless otherwise noted. If you have suggestions for a new class or group, please let us know and be sure to call with any questions or concerns.

- Billiards play.
- Decomposition Coffee social hour at
- ▶ Puzzle construction.
- M, W, F Strong Bones at 9:30 a.m. Dime Bingo, Monday-
- Thursdays from 1 p.m.-3 pm. Free to members. \$2 fee for non-members. ▶ Bridge play takes place
- on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. Dai Chi with Lyn
- Johnson at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday mornings. ▶ Free 5 point ear acu-
- puncture conducted by Rick Wertz each Tuesday

at 9:30 a.m. for veterans and seniors 50 and over.

- ▶ Sewing Group, including knitting, crocheting, quilting, meets each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and the Mah Jongg group
- Art class with Rosi Myers meets on Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
- Dominoes -Fridays at 12:30 p.m.
- **▶** Daily transportation is available for seniors 60 and over within Alamosa City limits between 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Please call ahead at least 24 hours in advance to schedule a ride for doctor visits, grocery shopping, dining and participating in events at the center, etc

If you are not yet a member, please consider joining us. Seniors age 50 and over are eligible for membership. Regular annual membership is \$30 per person or for an ambassador membership \$100 per person.

Members receive a monthly newsletter with a calendar of events, timely information, challenging activities and a lunch menu.

We are located at 92 Colorado Ave. in Alamosa, adjacent to Cole Park. Hours of operation are: M-Th 8 a.m-3 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

For more information, call 719-589-3277.

101 | TownAndCountryAlamosa.com

8

Pre-Owned Vehicles





























vary, particularly as to what day of the week and for

▶ AARP membership: It is important to note that many companies require enrollment in AARP for people to get senior discounts. AARP also has its own AARP Prescription Discount Card so that members and families can save around 61% on FDA-approved drugs that prescription insurance or Medicare Part D

▶ T-Mobile: This carrier offers two lines with unlim-

ited talk, text and LTE data for \$35 with AutoPay for

seniors age 55-plus. Only the primary account holder

With a little digging, seniors can find scores of discounts to help them save money while enjoying their

what age they kick in.

plans fail to cover.

golden years. LP203745

has to be 55.

NEED TO SELL YOUR VEHICLE?

*Includes GM Financial Trade Assistance. All prices exclude tax, tags, title. Price include delivery and handing fee \$359.99. All prices include Owner loyalty. Payments are with 10% down or trade equity at 3.25% APR for 75 months with all factory incentives applied. See dealer for complete details Artwork used for illustration purposes only. All offers valid on in stock units only. Offers expire 02/29/2020.