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**Property taxes due**

**ALAMOSA** — This is a reminder that the first half of property taxes are due to the Alamosa County Treasurer's Office by Feb. 29. The office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and does not close for lunch. The phone number is 719-589-3626 and the office accepts phone payments with credit card or ECheck. One can also visit [www.alamosacounty.org](http://www.alamosacounty.org) and make an online payment. If one prefers to stop by the office it is located at 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa.

**Trustee office closing Tues.**

**ALAMOSA** — The Alamosa County Treasurer and Public Trustee Office will be closed from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3. The office apologizes for the inconvenience, but it will be having software training.

**Council meeting**

**SAGUACHE** — Saguache County Commissioners Preliminary Agenda Tuesday at 9 a.m.

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## Mobile health unit is rolling into town

**SLVBHG announces vehicle will function as a health clinic**

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** — The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health (OBH), received federal grants from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to help increase access to treatment for opioid use disorder.

OBH partnered with Managed Service Organizations (MSO) Signal Behavioral Health Network and West Slope Casa to manage the mobile health unit project regionally and work closely with the providers who will own and operate each unit.

The San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group is excited to announce that they were the recipients of a mobile health unit to service the San Luis Valley. The unit will visit the following communities weekly: Del Norte, South



Courtesy photo

**The San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group's new Mobile Health Unit. Pictured left to right are Jennifer Silva, chief clinical officer, and Fernando Martinez, chief executive officer.**

Fork, Center, Saguache, Antonito, La Jara and San Luis.

The mobile health units resemble a large recreational vehicle on the outside and a typical health clinic on the inside. Each unit will have four dedicated staff members: a licensed practical nurse (LPN), a licensed clinician with a strong background in addictions coun-

seling (LPC/LAC), a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP) and a peer recovery coach. The state-of-the-art mobile clinic was explicitly designed to administer treatment for opioid-use disorders or Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT).

MAT is the use of FDA-approved medications, in combination with

counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a "whole-patient" approach to the treatment of substance use disorders.

The San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group uses two main medications, Suboxone and Vivitrol.

Suboxone is used to help the client through the withdrawal process and break the psychological link between taking a drug and immediately feeling high.

Vivitrol is a monthly injection that blocks opioids from reaching the brain and stopping an individual from feeling "high." Vivitrol also reduces cravings for opioid drugs and alcohol, letting the client focus on their counseling and recovery.

Clients must be opioid-free before starting Vivitrol, using opioids while on Vivitrol can increase the risk of overdose.

Support services offered on the mobile health units, include peer support, brief intervention, a prescription for medication-assisted

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## ASU to host National History Day

**ALAMOSA** — Adams State University will host a National History Day training for area students preparing for state competition in partnership with the History Department at the University of Colorado-Boulder on Monday at Nielsen Library.

The Nielsen Library has been a participant of the National History Day by hosting research clinics for schools and teacher training clinics.

On March 2, students from San Luis Valley schools who advanced to the state competition will be participating with Adams State and CU history faculty and Ph.D. students to receive coaching and support in preparation for the state competition May 2 at the CU-Denver Auraria Campus.

National History Day in Colorado is a social studies and literacy program that equips students in elementary, middle, and high school with the skills necessary to succeed in college.

Students participate in a project-based learning curriculum that emphasizes critical reading and thinking, research, analysis, and the drawing of meaningful conclusions.

## Democrat caucuses on March 7

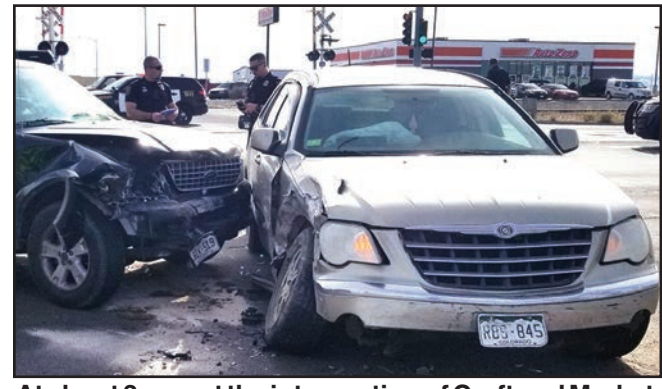
**ALAMOSA** — 2020 Colorado Caucuses will be held on Saturday, March 7 at 2 p.m.

Doors open at 1 p.m., meeting room 128, Alamosa Family Recreation Center for all Alamosa County precincts.

For more info, contact [admin@alamosademocrats.org](mailto:admin@alamosademocrats.org).

Info [www.alamosademocrats.org](http://www.alamosademocrats.org) or Ron Brink, chairman Alamosa County Dems at 719-480-3265.

## Tough day to be on the road



Courier photos by Daniel McKillop

**At about 3 p.m. at the intersection of Craft and Market, a black Cherokee Explorer and a gray Chrysler sedan collided. The investigating officer had no comment when asked if anyone suffered any injuries.**



**At about 1 p.m. at 2061 Main Street, a white, Dodge van and purple, Chrysler sedan collided. Three children were "transported to the hospital," said Alamosa Corporal Tate Kindschuh. The cause of the accident had not been determined. "We're investigating the case," Kindschuh said.**

## Jaramillo tosses hat into ring

**ALAMOSA** — Nicole Jaramillo is announcing that she is running for the Alamosa county clerk position.

"I am pleased to announce my candidacy for Alamosa county clerk and Recorder," Nicole Jaramillo said. "I am a Valley native and graduated from Alamosa High School."

For the last 22 years, Jaramillo has devoted her career to public service in the Alamosa County Clerk and Recorder's office.

Other than current County Clerk Dixie Heiman, Jaramillo has worked there longer than any other employee.

"I have worked in every part of the department from recordings to elections to vital statistics and I have been the motor vehicle supervisor for the last 10 years," Jaramillo said. "It

was a great honor to work for Melanie Woodward during her time as county clerk.

"She always had a positive attitude and was passionate about serving the people of Alamosa County."

"She leaves some big shoes to fill, but she trained me in every aspect of the department."

"I feel I learned from the best and that is what makes me the most qualified candidate for the job."

She added: "I am running for Alamosa county clerk because I want to give back to the county that has been so good to me and my family."

Jaramillo is a mother to three children and has always felt so thankful to live in such a supportive community.

"I am excited about the upcoming campaign and (am) looking forward to



Nicole Jaramillo

meeting new people along the way," Jaramillo said. "I am passionate about our community and consider this my life's work."

"Please think of my experience and dedication when you make your choice for Alamosa County's next clerk and recorder."

Report courtesy of Jaramillo.

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## OBITUARIES

### Aleida De Boer, 90

**ALAMOSA** — Aleida De Boer was born Aug. 6, 1929, to Hendrik Johan and Grada (Bulten) Heersink, in Laren, Gelderland, Netherlands.

She passed away Feb. 27, at The Cottages in Pella.

Aleida grew up in the Netherlands and attended school there.

She came to the United States when she was 18, with her family and settled in Alamosa.

On Nov. 25, 1950, she was united in marriage to Gerben Heersink. Following his death, she married Albert De Boer on April 12, 1984 and resided in Jenison.

She came to Pella after the death of Albert to live by family.

Aleida loved gardening and flowers, cooking and cats.

She crocheted around hangers and made booties for many family members.

She was a member of Baldwin Street Christian Reformed Church in Jenison.

Aleida is survived by two sons, Harry (Madeline) Heersink of Ontario and Stanley (Cindy) Heersink of Pella; two



stepsons, William (Carol) De Boer of Wayland and Raymond De Boer of Grand Rapids; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brother, Adolf (Florence) Heersink of Ontario; sister, Johanna Senti of Ontario; and two sisters-in-law, Geraldine Heersink of Chicago and Mary Byl of Jenison; and several nieces and nephews.

Aleida was preceded in death by her first husband Gerben Heersink, their son Wesley, and her second husband, Albert De Boer.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 2, at the Garden Chapel Funeral Home in Pella.

Memorials may be given to Resonate Global Mission.

### John "Jack" Kreiner, 72

**ALAMOSA** — Jack was many things, but above all he was unfailingly kind. A smile came easily and gently to his face, and his eyes twinkled when he smiled. Jack's smile and laughter were charmingly infectious.

Jack was born on Nov. 16, 1947 in Tryon and died on Feb. 17, 2020.

He spent the first years of his life in Raleigh, N.C.

He was the oldest of four siblings: two sisters, Betty Kay and Kristine and a brother, Karlos.

At the age of 13, he moved to Glendale, where he completed high school.

In 1968, Jack was drafted into the army. He subsequently served as a medic in Vietnam.

After returning from Vietnam, Jack trained seeing-eye dogs in California.

In 1973, Jack moved from Topanga Canyon, Calif., to Colorado Springs and then to Alamosa. He attended Adams State College where he trained to become a special education teacher.

After graduation from Adams State, Jack secured a job as a special education teacher in Alamosa. It was during this time as a teacher that he met the love of his life, Barb Bettinger.

They were married in 1983. She died in 2017, leaving him with a big hole in his heart and life.

In 1978, Jack, a tireless advocate for people with disabilities, began to work for Blue Peaks Developmental Services; an organization that serves individuals with intellectual disabilities in the San Luis Valley.

In time, he became the executive director of Blue Peaks and served in this role until he retired in 2014.

Jack and his wife, Barb, never had children, but there were children in the community to whom Jack



served as a father figure. They would come to his home where he would entertain them and at times give advice.

In many instances, Jack also served as a father figure to some of his friends.

One of his dearest friends considered Jack to be the big brother that he never had.

Jack's arms were wide open to everyone. He accepted everyone as is — regardless of who they were. He was ready to be a friend to all and was always available. Jack was "the definition of a best friend."

Jack's love and kindness touched and changed many people. Jack is remembered by those who knew him as kind, gentle, caring, compassionate, loving and ready to help others, especially those less advantaged.

Muhammed Ali said, "Serving others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth." Jack paid his rent many times over.

Jack's memorial service will be held at Society Hall, 400 Ross Avenue in Alamosa, on March 29 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, Jack's family asks that donations be made to Blue Peaks Developmental Services in Alamosa.

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

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

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

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

**ALAMOSA**—The Optimist Club of Alamosa meets at Nino's Restaurant in Alamosa the first and third Tuesdays at noon. Contact the club at alamosaoptimistclub@gmail.com or President Dawn Melgares at 719-580-0178. Visitors and new members are welcome.

**ALAMOSA**—The Alamosa Rotary Club meets every Monday at noon at Juanitos in Alamosa. Con-

## ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

tact 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 kmmiller@mink@aol.com

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

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

**ALAMOSA** — Search and Rescue meetings are the fourth Tuesday at the Alamosa County Sheriff Office, 1315 17th St., at

6 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer is welcome. Call Suzi at 719-588-9236.

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

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

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

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

**ALAMOSA** — Open drop-in meditation for health, stress management and spiritual growth, is held at 10:45 a.m. the second Sunday of the month at St. Thomas Episcopal Parish Hall,

607 Fourth St., Alamosa, with Mountain Institute, A Kriya, Meditation & 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 or wcouzenssmith@gmail.com

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

## ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

### Alamosa Police Department continue to remain vigilant

**ALAMOSA**—The Alamosa police report from Feb. 14-19.

#### Feb. 14

CJ W. Dominguez, 26, was cited with criminal mischief at 2065 1st St.

Jessica A. Arellano, 25, was cited with shoplifting/theft at 3333 Clark St.

Ismael M. Garcia, 17, was cited for failure to produce proof of insurance and limitations on/unsafe backing, at 720 Del Sol Dr.

Lizzie S. Rodriguez, 80, was cited with unlawful

dumping of trash at 8437 County Rd. 11 S.

#### Feb. 15

Valorie R. Tafoya, 32, was cited with shoplifting/theft at 3333 Clark St.

Brodrick J. Geiser, 33, was cited with expired temporary tags, at the intersection of State Ave. and 6th St.

#### Feb. 17

Jordan D. Kruszka, 30, was cited with criminal mischief, criminal trespassing and cruelty to an animal at 502 8th St.

Nicole Archuleta, 32,

was cited with trespassing at 3333 Clark St.

Vanessa Medina, 35, was cited with shoplifting/theft at 148 Craft Dr.

Roslyn Garcia, 35, was cited with theft from a building at 148 Craft Dr.

#### Feb. 18

Veronica R. Avila, was cited with violation of bail/bond at 1024 La Due Ave.

#### Feb. 19

Michael J. Earhart, 27, was cited with criminal mischief/ injury to property, disturbing the peace/ disorderly conduct, obstructing a peace officer and resisting arrest at 2221 Vigil Way.

## OBITUARY

### Jake Valdez, 29

**LA JARA**—Jake Valdez, 29, passed away at the Conejos County Hospital, while surrounded by his loving family on Friday, Feb. 28.

He was born on Jan. 16, 1991 in Alamosa, to Russell and Beverly Valdez of rural La Jara.

He is survived by his parents; his sister, Lisa of Boise, Idaho; grandfather, Alex Valdez of Lakewood, and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Paul; maternal grandparents, Joe T. and Priscilla Medina; as well as paternal grandmother, Ann Valdez.

He was born with a condition called "vanishing white matter disease" (VWM), a progressive and degenerative genetic disease that affected his brain. His brother, Paul, died from the same disease 14 years ago.

Jake enjoyed art projects and would spend countless hours drawing and painting articulate pictures. He was an avid sports fan, especially of the Denver Broncos and Colorado Rockies.

His favorite pastime was spending quality time joking with his family, playing cards and board games.

He attended school in Sanford up until the 11th grade. He was quite the charmer. Most days he would sing to the class his favorite song "You are my sunshine."



He would draw pictures all day and would distribute them to his classmates. Jake cherished the friends he made during the time he attended school in Sanford.

Jake had a quick wit, an exceptional work ethic, and was loved by all who knew him. A young man with a Golden Soul is no longer suffering on this earth.

Arosary and wake service will be held on Sunday, March 1, at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish in Capulin.

A mass of the resurrection will be held on Monday, March 2, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Parish with final interment at the Capulin Cemetery after the mass.

In lieu of flowers, the family would ask you to make a contribution to Hospice Del Valle at 514 Main Street, Alamosa.

Romero's Funeral Home in Alamosa is in care of the arrangements.

## School Menu

Monday  
Mar. 2, 2020

### BREAKFAST

Cereal  
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Juice & Fruit

### ELEMENTARY

Ham & Cheese Sandwich  
Tator Tots  
Vegetable Bar

### SECONDARY

Ham & Cheese Sandwich  
Tator Tots  
Vegetable Bar

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

To sponsor the School Menu call 589-2553

### 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.

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# Valley News

## Colorado fishing license available, valid on March 1

**DENVER** — Colorado Parks and Wildlife reminds anglers the upcoming 2020-2021 fishing season is upon us. This year, fishing licenses are available and valid on Sunday, March 1.

New this year, the 2020-2021 fishing license is valid March 1-March 31, 2021. Regulations and pricing for annual, daily and multi-day fishing licenses can be found in the 2020 Colorado Fishing Brochure.

For individuals ages 18 through 64, a \$10 Habitat Stamp is required with the first license purchase for the year. Youth under age 16 can fish for free, and CPW provides opportunities throughout the season to learn how to fish.

Coloradans and non-resident visitors can purchase fishing licenses online, by phone at 1-800-244-5613, at your local CPW office or at any of our hundreds of authorized sales agents state wide. CPW does not receive general tax dollars and fishing license fees support all state wide hatchery and fish-stocking operations.



Courtesy photo

Whether you enjoy line fishing, ice fishing or fly fishing, Colorado provides 6,000 miles of streams and more than 1,300 lakes and reservoirs.

CPW stocks 90 million fish annually into waters

throughout Colorado in order to ensure quality angling opportunities. Waters of Colorado are

open to taking fish, amphibians, mollusks and crustaceans both day and night, year-round — ex-

cept as otherwise provided in the Fishing Regulations Brochure.

“CPW crews will soon be spawning walleyes to replenish our walleye and saugeye fisheries,” said CPW Aquatic Section Manager Matt Nicholl. “They will also be stocking front range waters with trout while water temperatures remain cool for added angling opportunities.”

Whether you enjoy line fishing, ice fishing or fly fishing, Colorado provides 6,000 miles of streams and more than 1,300 lakes and reservoirs. Fishing in Colorado opens the prospect to catch 35 species of warm-water and cold-water fish.

Fishing is a great activity to share with family and friends, and the perfect chance to get outside and enjoy Colorado’s natural resources.

Spring is around the corner and so is the opportunity to get out and enjoy the Colorado lifestyle by going fishing,” said CPW Angler Education Coordi-

nator Howard Horton. “If you are new to fishing there are many classes offered around the state. Classes are available for new anglers, families, or seasoned anglers that want to learn a new way to fish.”

CPW fishing classes, events, seminars and tournaments are posted on the Fishing News and Events web page.

When planning your next fishing trip, download our free fishing apps, available on the AppStore or Google Play.

The CPW Fishing App allows anglers to research fishing locations and species availability, check water conditions, track catches and read the latest regulations.

Our new Match a Hatch App is designed to help fly anglers identify the flies that are hatching in Colorado each month and find an appropriate artificial fly to use to fish.

For more information about fishing in Colorado, visit the CPW website.

## Vehicle Park Pass price increases



Courtesy photo.

A scenic view at Vega State Park.

**DENVER** — Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) announces the Daily Vehicle Park Pass fee for each of Colorado’s 41 state parks will increase by \$1 effective March 1.

A Daily Vehicle Park Pass is now \$9 for most parks, \$10 for Chatfield, Boyd Lake and Eldorado Canyon state parks, and \$11 for Cherry Creek — due to the Cherry Creek Water Basin Authority fee. Annual Park Pass and Commercial Park Pass entrance fees will remain unchanged in 2020.

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Commission approved the daily vehicle pass fee increase in Jan. of this year to help CPW manage the rise in property maintenance needs and operational costs associated with the growing number of park visitors.

As per the Future Generations Act, additional money from park license sales, passes and permits will go towards improving Colorado parks, lands and recreation. The bill also requires annual reporting of how fee increases are used; the 2019 Future Generations Act

Report is available on the CPW website.

As the state’s population grows, so does the pressure on our natural resources.

The vehicle fee increase is a helpful step to protect our natural resources for future generations, and ensure appropriate funding and programming for the conservation of our park lands.

For more information on choosing the right parks pass for you and your family, visit CPW’s Park Entrance Pass Information page.

## Make an impact with tax refund

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** — Make this tax season something powerful for the community. ReFUND CO allows residents of Colorado to donate to La Puente and other Colorado nonprofits using their state tax return. It’s simple to do. If one would like to donate to La Puente, use their registration code 20033003547 in the section of the state tax return that allows one to donate to nonprofits.

For any additional information, go to [www.lapuentehome.org/refundco](http://www.lapuentehome.org/refundco).

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Time is the enemy R

## ASU now showing new productions

**ALAMOSA** — The Adams State University Theatre productions, “The Twilight Zone” and “The Myths and Bricks Project,” will open March 10 and continues nightly through March 13.

Tickets go on sale Monday, March 2. The Theatre

Box Office is open from 2:30 p.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. For tickets and information call 719-587-8499.

The two performances are directed and produced by theatre majors Brandon Billings and Kaleb Gideon Burris. Billings

said “The Twilight Zone” will include 3 classic shows adapted for the stage including: “Time Enough at Last,” “Nightmare at 20,000 Feet” and “Eye of the Beholder.”

“The play adaptations include lots of twists and turns, making it more

entertaining for the audience to watch on stage,” Billings said.

Burris directed and stars in his one-person show. He describes his 25-minute one-act as “really weird,” and pairs well with the “Twilight Zone” acts.

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treatment if needed, and linkage to wraparound services, as well as referrals to ongoing therapy. One-on-one counseling and group-therapy use techniques to help reverse the substance’s adverse effects on the brain.

However, using these

substances for an extended amount of time, the effects may not be reversible. Counseling then focuses on how to cope with these changes by establishing game plans to avoid relapsing and, most importantly, how to feel pleasure again without the use of substances.

MAT has proven to be clinically effective and to significantly reduce the need for inpatient detoxi-

fication services for these individuals. MAT provides a more comprehensive, individually tailored program of medication and behavioral therapy. SLVBHG has been providing MAT services form its brick and mortar sites since 2015. MAT is proven to help people stay drug-free and progress in their recovery. Expanding this much-needed service to our SLV communities will

increase accessibility and help remove the transportation barrier.

SLVBHG will be hosting a series of red ribbon cuttings and will allow the public to tour the unit. Please follows on Facebook at facebook.com/slvbhg and our website at [slvbhg.org/mobile](http://slvbhg.org/mobile) for more information, the unit schedule, and red cutting event announcements.

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# Opinion

## Move adults, not children

From my own experience, I am wondering if a new approach for family courts is in order.

I would like to stop forcing families where domestic violence reigns to share or split custody of the children.

Something is wrong with our system that uproots babies, toddlers, elementary, middle-school age and teenagers to spend every other weekend and holidays and the whole summer with the abusive party.

They say goodbye and cry when pulled from their mothers' arms.

What does this kind of change in caregivers do to the little ones? Some domestic violence survivors report: "My ex was controlling and brutal to me. He nearly killed me when he injured my cervical spine. I wonder what our children lived through while at their father's?"

One episode a mother shared was over a weekend visit.

When the 3-year-old returned to the apartment, his mom stooped down to welcome and hug him.

The mother exclaims, "Oh, I love you!"

Then, pouting, the 3 year old shoved her away, and cried, "Only my Daddy loves me. You don't love me!"

She hugged him and explained that many people love him.

Using a blackboard by his bed, the mom drew stick figures of all the people who loved him: his mom, his dad, grandma from mom's side, grandma from dad's side, his aunts, his other aunt and uncles, cousins, neighbors, his friends, and his friend's mom and his family dog. She reminded him often of who all loved him.

Another woman's 5 year old returned from a stay with his father with a deadly mission.

When she held him in her lap, he slammed against her repeatedly as hard as he could. He carried a knife and declared he would kill her.

Before the divorce, the husband chased the naked woman around the yard so that she hid in culverts while he aimed and shot guns at her.

One mother shared how her daughter was always scared to go to her father's because of verbal abuse by her father and her brother.

Still another story: a child would cry whenever he would have to go to his father's.

When he returned, his behavior was violent with kicking, and punching. He returned in disheveled clothing, dirty face and body. Still the courts required the child go with his neglectful father.

These men were alcoholics who didn't remember their violence after waking from abuse of alcohol, and then were manipulating their sons despite the court orders not to alienate the other parent.

What becomes of adults when as children they were exposed every two weeks to sociopaths?

As school children to young adult, do they face a mental health issues when they leave the comfort of their schools, activities, friends, and mothers?

How are children growing into civic-minded and caring individuals when they are chastised that their music is of the devil, or their guitar was the devil's instrument — as some parents were reported to do?

It's not fair or right to subject children to uprooting them and forcing two pajama sets, two bedrooms at different locations, or two sets of toys on them.

Most of all, I think it is wrong when children are forced to live with a psychopath or sociopath who ridicules them.

Instead, what if courts ordered that children stayed in the home where they knew friends, family, and their bedroom and the adults moved in and out like Isabella Rossellini's divorced family did? (Finding Your Roots, Season 6 Episode 1, PBS)

What if parenting classes were ordered?

Would these changes reduce the call of opioids and drunkenness that afflict our teens?

Would these changes give them inner strengths to navigate this confusing and changing world?

Children need consistency. What if courts ordered: Move adults between homes, not children.

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Nelda Curtiss



Movin' On With Nellie



## Reader explodes in anger over small slight

DEAR HARRIETTE: About a week ago, I invited a friend of mine to hang out with me. We planned the day out and everything. Then, completely last-minute, my friend canceled on me. At that point, I don't know what became of me; I exploded. I was so angry for no apparent reason and said some nasty stuff to my friend. I realized my mistake and apologized immediately. Luckily, we are still good friends, but I don't know why I would get so angry over nothing. I am scared that I might not be able to control my anger in the future. What can I do so that I won't explode again? — Super Angry

DEAR SUPER ANGRY: Before you beat yourself up, take a moment to review what happened. You and your friend planned a day together. It's not like you planned something and forced it on the person. What was your friend's reason for canceling? Did it sound valid to you? Or do you feel that your friend blew you off?

Clearly you were looking forward to getting together with this person. It hurt your feelings that your special day

was dashed. Perhaps it was extreme to go off on your friend, but it sounds like it is not without some cause. You were disappointed.

Yes, it is good to control your emotions, but I wouldn't be so fast to convince yourself that you got angry "for nothing." Being dumped for the day is something. Acknowledge that and accept that it is natural for you to be disappointed, if not also upset. In the future, you can decide not to retaliate in the moment with venomous words. But it is OK to let a person know that you don't appreciate the change in plans at the last minute, especially if the reason doesn't seem legitimate.

DEAR HARRIETTE: One of my best friends may be into me and I don't know what to do. I have been friends with him for over a year and we are pretty close. We have a lot in common, and whenever you see us, chances are we are dying laughing in a corner. He is a great friend. He always offers to pay whenever we go out. He is the person I go to whenever I have a problem. He is my best friend and I want it to stay

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## Valley Gardening

BY RUTHIE BROWN

## And other good stuff Monte Vista cranes impressive

Wow... I had to go through Monte Vista yesterday, and my, oh, my, the cranes on the lamp posts are fabulous!

I'm not sure whose idea it was, or who the artists all are, but the idea certainly was a great one. Just seeing them while driving by (going very slow), makes me want to go back to MV and walk the entire downtown.

The cranes were put out in preparation for the Crane Festival, which happens next weekend at the SkiHi Facility in MV. Have you ever taken the time to go? It's a really great craft/art show, tours, food, etc. Plus ... it will be one of the last big events to be held at SkiHi, before demolition. Another \$25,000 donation came in this week from the Del Norte Bank — how great is that? Thanks to Mike Hurst and all involved.

Larry and I took a couple of days off — Monday and Tuesday — this week. Please understand that we have rarely ever closed the store — in 20 years. We have discovered in the past couple of years how important family is and so ... we closed. We left for Midland, Texas, on Saturday evening, and came back Tuesday evening.

It was a "working vacation," as we helped our daughter with a move and we

were also able to take SLV Hemp CBD products to the garden center Megan works at. We set up a really nice display and hopefully it will mean more business for our Valley connections.

It wasn't warm in Texas, and I heard we picked a couple of days to be gone from here.

The great thing about being from a small town, is that I had freight come in on Tuesday, not planned.

Customers were calling and texting and letting me know. I even had a call from Highway Dispatch about the pallets in front of the store.

Luckily we have a son-in-law that pulled the pallets in and all ended with pallets intact. I love that folks were watching out for us. You would not get this in a big city.

I need to thank Roger Escherman for helping me get a pair of shoes for Leo. And also Eric Burt at Kristi Mountain Sports for the discount. Watching Leo try on shoes was an adventure all by itself.

When I write about Leo and Maria, I want you all to know that it isn't a perfect situation.

We go through trials and tribulations on a regular basis. But they are good people and they deserve my (our) help. Leo came to the store a few days ago and he asked about a skin transplant off his arm. He had seen someone at the library with an arm all bandaged up and figured they had 3rd- and 4th-degree burns — he wanted to donate skin. I don't know if this person had a broken arm or what, but I was kind of blown away at his innocent and sincere offer of a skin donation. And that is why I help.

The service for John, aka Jack, Kreiner will be on Sunday, March 29th at 11 a.m. The service will be at Society Hall. An obituary will be in the Valley Courier soon.

I'm curious and looking for input. If you were driving through the Valley and you went through Alamosa, would you stop? What would make you stop? This is a sincere question. I know that I get down in the dumps about our town, so maybe I am looking for inspiration. I am only seeing dirt and no pride right now. Maybe, I am living too much in the past,

I don't know. Help me out ... would you stop in Alamosa, if you weren't from the San Luis Valley?

Did you know that Square Peg Brewerks is opening a tap house in Creede? It's always great when local companies can expand. Get ready Creede, this is happening soon.

Do you remember that I told you about a class on hanging baskets?

Well ... Lori Catlin is going to teach all of us on Sunday, April 5th at 2 p.m.

There will be a minimal charge for the class, I'm thinking \$5.

If you actually want to buy a hanging basket and soil, plus plugs, that will be extra.

Class size will be limited to 15 participants so give me a call if you want to be included in the session. Call 719-580-7838, or just stop by the Green Spot and get added to the list. P.S., Lori and her family will be moving to Oregon in the near future, so this would be a great time to say goodbye.

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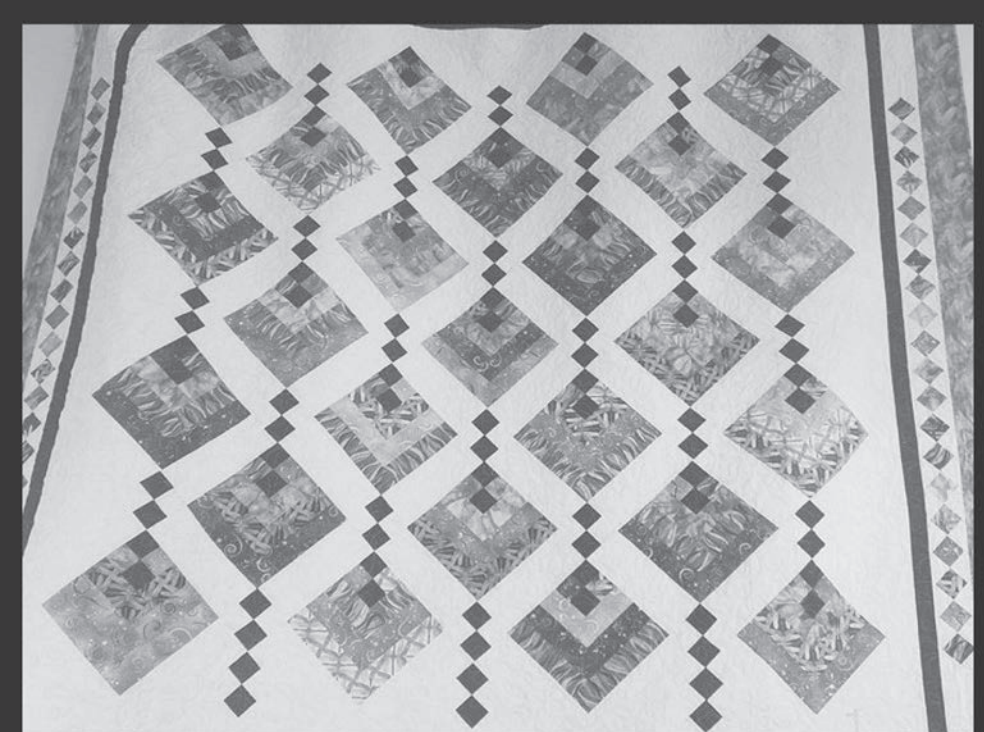
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# Sports

## Pictures from district basketball action



Antonito's Patricia Silvas (24) defends Sangre de Cristo sophomore Ashley Mortensen (11) during 1A semifinal action in Del Norte. Sangre de Cristo will move on to meet Cotopaxi in the 1A district finals on Saturday at 3 p.m.



Sangre de Cristo's Kevin Enriquez (3) pulls up for a jump shot in front of opponent Blake Williams (3) of Manzanola. Friday's win sends Sangre de Cristo to the district finals at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.



Sanford's Ruben Chavez (14) fades away from defenders Habran DeLaCruz (24) and Diego Velez (23). Sanford will take on first seeded Crested Butte for first place in the district at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.



Sanford's Mackenzie Peterson (2) looks to find a way around Sargent's Jeni Johnson (12) and McKenzie Tolliver (15). The win sets up a rematch between Sanford and Del Norte for the district championship at 6 p.m.

### Results

#### Prep Basketball Feb. 22

Center 45, Custer County 42 (G)  
Center 57, Custer County 37 (B)  
3 p.m. Caprock at Moffat-Mtn.Valley (B)  
Del Norte 45, Sanford 27 (G)  
Sanford 69, Del Norte 30 (B)

#### 1A District 6 Play-ins

Creede 47, Antonito 39 (B)  
La Veta 45, Moffat-Mtn.Valley 41 (B)  
Manzanola 67, Creede 37 (G)  
Sierra Grande FFW, Lake City FFL (G)

#### Feb. 25

#### 3A Intermountain League

Pagosa Springs 58, Monte Vista 53 (B)  
Alamosa 54, Monte Vista (G)

#### 2A District 1

Sargent 50, South Park 21 (G)  
Center 43, Custer County 39 (G)  
Sanford 80, South Park 33 (B)  
Del Norte 53, Sargent 44 (B)  
Center 67, Custer County 56 (B)

#### 1A District 1

Sangre de Cristo 73, Manzanola 12 (G)  
Sangre de Cristo 78, Creede 37 (B)  
Cotopaxi 60, Centennial 28 (B)  
Antonito 60, La Veta 36 (G)  
Cotopaxi 63, Sierra Grande 29 (G)

#### Feb. 26

#### 1A District 1

Manzanola 52, Sierra Grande 38 (B)

#### Feb. 27

#### 3A Intermountain League at Monte Vista H.S.

Alamosa 45, Pagosa Springs 34 (B)  
Centauri 61, Bayfield 31 (B)

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#### Feb. 28

#### 3A Intermountain League at Monte Vista H.S.

Centauri 45, Alamosa 30 (G)

#### 2A District 1 at Alamosa H.S.

Del Norte 57, Center 11 (G)  
Crested Butte 58, Del Norte 44 (B)  
Sanford 54, Sargent 11 (G)  
Sanford 50, Center 29 (B)

#### 1A District 1 at Del Norte H.S.

Sangre de Cristo 52, Antonito 20 (G)  
Sangre de Cristo 62, Manzanola 22 (B)  
Cotopaxi 53, Moffat-Mtn Valley 32 (G)

#### Prep Wrestling

#### Feb. 20-22

#### State Championships

3A - 5.Alamosa- 91

2A. 5. Centauri- 91, 32. Monte Vista - 11, 33. Del Norte- 10, 40. Sierra Grande/Centennial - 3

### Upcoming Events

#### Adams State Baseball

#### Feb. 29

1 p.m. ASU at CSU-P

#### March 1

1 p.m. ASU at CSU-P

#### Adams State Basketball

#### Feb. 28

5:30/7:30 p.m. Fort Lewis at ASU (W/M)

#### Prep Basketball

#### Feb. 29

#### 3A Intermountain League at Monte Vista H.S.

3 p.m. 3. Alamosa vs. 4. Bayfield (B)-3rd place game  
6 p.m. 1. Pagosa Springs vs. 2. Centauri (G)-1st place game  
7:30 p.m. 1. Alamosa vs. 2. Centauri (B)-1st place game

#### 2A District 1 at Alamosa H.S.

3 p.m. 3. Sargent vs. 4. Center (G)-3rd place game  
4:30 p.m. 3. Center vs. 5.Del Norte 29 (B)-3rd place game  
6 p.m. 1. Del Norte vs. 2. Sanford (G)-1st place game  
7:30 p.m. 1. Crested Butte vs. 2. Sanford (B)-1st place game

#### 1A District 1 at Del Norte H.S.

TBD 4. Antonito vs. 3.Moffat-Mtn Valley 32 (G)-3rd place game  
3 p.m. 1. Sangre de Cristo vs 2. Cotopaxi (G)-1st place game  
4:30 p.m. 1. Sangre de Cristo vs TBD (B)-1st place game

#### Adams State Lacrosse

#### March 2

3 p.m. Otterbein University at ASU (M)

#### Adams State Softball

#### Feb. 29

12/ 2 p.m. Colorado Christian at ASU (DH)

#### March 1

11 a.m./ 1 p.m. Colorado Christian at ASU (DH)

#### Adams State Wrestling

#### Feb. 29

#### West Regional

All Day ASU at Nebraska-Kearney

*Schedules subject to change*

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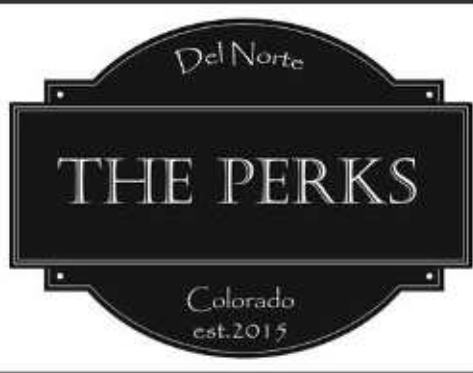
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# Sports

## Grizzlies Close Out Preseason in Pueblo

By CORRI ZAIGER

**ASU Sports Information Assistant**  
**ALAMOSA**—Adams State Baseball heads to Pueblo, Colorado to take on CSU-Pueblo for a two-game series to close out the preseason.

**Opponent**  
 Colorado State University-Pueblo (6-4 overall)

**When**  
 Saturday, Feb. 29 – 12 p.m.  
 Sunday, March 1 – 12 p.m.

**Where**  
 Pueblo, Colo. – Rawlings Field

**First Pitch**  
 Adams State is set to close their preseason in Pueblo, Colorado. The Grizzlies are coming out of a bye weekend with fresh arms and bats.

The Grizzlies hosted their home opener against the University of the Southwest Feb. 14 and 15.

Adams State took the four-game series 3-1, winning game one 7-5, game three 12-9, and game four 9-5.

The Grizzlies head into the weekend 4-8 overall.

**Last Time Out**

The Grizzlies got their first series win of the season against the University of the Southwest, winning the four-game series 3-1.

Adams State won the first game in walk-off fashion 7-5 from a three-run bomb by Cedrick Reynaud to get the Grizzlies first win at home.

The Grizzlies won out day two with big three-run homers from Nico Nintze in game one and nine powerful hits in game two.

**Batter Up!**

Kolton Bleggi in leading the Grizzlies with a .400 batting average with 10 hits on 25 at-bats. Bleggi leads the team with 4 doubles and 1 home run.

Cedrick Reynaud holds a 3.68 average and leads Adams State with 8 RBIs with 7 hits.

Chase Dixon has scored 9 runs for Adams State and holds a .364 average.

**On the Hill**

Leading the Grizzlies with 11 innings pitched is Alfredo Villa, with



a 1-1 record and leads the team with 14 strikeouts. Villa holds a 6.55 ERA. Chance Strand holds the Grizzlies lowest ERA of 0.00 in 4 innings pitched facing 14 at-bats.

Troy Gutbub has completed 10 innings, facing 45 batters. Gutbub holds a 7.20 ERA and also has a 1-1 record with 7 strikeouts.

**Scouting the Thunderwolves**

CSU-Pueblo heads into the weekend 6-4 overall with a three-game win streak.

Last season the Thunderwolves finished sixth among RMAC competitors. In the RMAC Preseason Coaches Poll, CSU-Pueblo was picked to finish sixth again.

The Thunderwolves just finished up a four-game series against Fort Hays State, going 3-1, winning 4-0, 6-2, and 11-4.

The top batter for CSU-Pueblo is Aiden Welch, batting .400 with 14 hits in 35 at-bats. Welch has 5 RBIs with 1 homerun and 1 triple.

Other top batters for the Thunderwolves are Cody Beck and Mike Gonzalez. Beck holds a .375 average with 4 RBIs and Gonzalez has a .367 average and 5 RBIs.

As a unit, the Thunderwolves are batting .263 and hold a 4.20 ERA.

Leading CSU-Pueblo on the mound is Johnathan Ramirez, holding a 0.00 ERA through 7.2 innings, giving up 4 hits with 8 strikeouts.

Gunner Pickett has pitched 15.1 innings for the Thunderwolves, holding a 2.35 ERA with a 1-1 record. Pickett leads the team with 20 strikeouts fac-

ing 62 at-bats.

to St. George, Utah.

**On Deck**

Adams State will dive into the con-

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# Calendar

## SLV calendar of events

**ALAMOSA** — The SLV STEAM Shop makerspace is open to the public most Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m. south of Richardson Hall and west of the theater building on the Adams State University campus in Alamosa. The SLV STEAM Shop provides access to 3D printers, machine knitting, small-scale casting, electronics fabrication, a laser cutter and much more.

**VALLEY** — Energy assistance is provided through La Puente's Outreach homeless prevention program. To qualify you must be directly responsible for an energy bill, your bill must be past due, and you must meet income qualifications. Call (719) 587-3781.

**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 1-4:30 p.m. at 757 County Rd. 29, Monte Vista. Call or email Wanda Couzens-Smith for more information at (719) 719-852-5000 or wcouzens-smith@gmail.com

**CAPULIN** — Free tutoring is available in the Capulin Library from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Friday for students first grade through twelfth grades in all subjects.

**ALAMOSA** — Cats Alive is in need of dry cat food to help volunteers feed cats throughout the San Luis Valley. Also goat milk is appreciated for the kittens. To donate cat food call Marge at (719) 298-7028 (willing to pick up donated food) or send monetary donations to help with the cat food to Cats Alive, P.O. Box 84 Alamosa, CO 81101 or online at catsaliveslv.com.

**CONEJOS COUNTY** — Conejos Library District is in need of volunteers in Antonito, La Jara and Capulin. The library is a great place to volunteer. Please contact Maria DeHerrera at (719) 274-5858.

**MONTE VISTA** — The Monte Vista Assembly of God Church, God's Closet, located at 881 N. Hwy 285, across from Mountain King is in need of clothing donations. Bring them to the white shed.

**VALLEY** — Cat food is needed to distribute to all the volunteers that are feeding the cats. Cat food donations may be left with Abie Roybal, 225 10th St., Alamosa, and monetary donations may be made to Donna K. Ditmore, manager for cat welfare for Alpha Humane, a nonprofit tax-exempt organization, and sent to 3095 County Road 108 South, Alamosa, CO 81101.

**ALAMOSA** — Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications for homeownership in Alamosa. Applicants contribute 500 hours of "sweat equity," time and labor. Construction is done with the help of hundreds of volunteers. When a house is completed, applicant families purchase the homes from Habitat for Humanity with a nonprofit mortgage. Call Habitat at (719) 589-8678 or go to www.slvhabitat.org

**ALAMOSA** — Grief support group meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Alamosa 1st United Methodist Church from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Call Liz Hood at (719) 580-3697.

**ALAMOSA** — VFW in Alamosa hosts BINGO every Tuesday at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. Packs are \$5.

**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. at (719)-589-2465.

**VALLEY** — Keep drivers safe in your community. Become an AARP Driver Safety Volunteer Instructor today. Do you have a passion for helping others and want to make your community safer? AARP needs dedicated volunteers as instructors to grow this leading educational program. Sign up today at www.aarp.org/driversafetyvolunteer

**VALLEY** — La Puente is in need of volunteers split wood to bring relief to local families. Volunteers with chainsaw skills are most needed, but anyone is invited. To volunteer, call Shanae at (719) 587-3499 or email volunteers@lapuente.net

**ALAMOSA** — Circle of Parents in Recovery provides a safe, supporting, confidential, nonjudgmental environment where parents can openly discuss the successes and challenges of parenting in recovery. The group meets every first and third Tuesday from 4-5:30 p.m. at Living Water Bible Fellowship 2019 Clark St., Alamosa. Contact Mary Lambert at (719) 587-6965 or mlambert@slvbhg.org

**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, Sixth 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.

**ALAMOSA** — "Planting Seeds for Kindergarten" is the Alamosa Public Library program that encourages all families and caregivers to read 1,000 books with their young children before they enter kindergarten. Participants will be rewarded for every 100 books they read. Register at the Alamosa Public Library today, 300 Hunt Ave., Alamosa.

**CONEJOS COUNTY** — The Conejos County Library is looking for volunteers to read aloud to young children. Volunteers can join in visiting homes around Conejos County and talking to parents and caregivers about the value of instilling a love for reading. Please contact Margie Wagoner at the Conejos County Library at (719) 274-5858.

**ALAMOSA** — Alamosa Toastmasters meets on Mondays at noon at The Bridge in Alamosa at 3407 Carroll St. 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** — Can't make it to Storytime at the Alamosa Public Library? That's OK, check out the Storytime to Go Kits designed to bring Storytime into your home! Come into the Alamosa Public Library today, 300 Hunt Ave., Alamosa.

**ALAMOSA** — MOPS, (Mothers of Preschoolers), a gathering place for moms with young children (birth through kindergarten) that offers connections, community, resources and support to meet the needs of every mom meets every first and third Wednesday at Living Water Bible Fellowship Church, 2910 Clark St., Alamosa, from 9-11 a.m. See facebook.com/mopsalamosa or mopsalamosa.com.

**LA JARA** — MOPS-La Jara provides a reenergized program Thursday, with new crafts, discussions, snacks and learning at the United Church of La Jara, a safe place for the older kids to play and learn with a great staff to lead all activities. The great times begin at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays. Call Debbie at (719) 580-6721.

**VALLEY** — Rio Grande County Tourism Board is looking for high quality photographs that photographers would be willing to let the tourism board use for advertising purposes. Contact Ruth Carapella at ruth@pencraftco.com or president@riograndetourism.com

**CONEJOS COUNTY** — The Conejos Library District has received a grant from the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation titled Growing Readers Together. The purpose of the grant is to provide early literacy reading materials, reading related toys, and educational activities for home day care providers. The library will provide kits in the form of books, educational toys, music and activities to anyone doing home day care in Conejos County. Those who are interested in participating in this program contact the library at (719) 274-5858.

**ALAMOSA** — Valley-Wide Pharmacy is a registered drop-off location for the Colorado Household Medication Take-Back Program. There is a drop-off receptacle located at the pharmacy for the collection of household medications, including both prescription and over-the-counter medications. Drop off any unwanted household medications for free at the Valley-Wide Pharmacy. The Valley-Wide Pharmacy is inside the Alamosa Family Medical Center clinic at 1710 First St, Alamosa.

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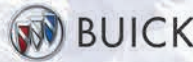
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# Lifestyle

## CRT makes way for 55<sup>th</sup> season packed with fun

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**  
Valley Publishing

**CREEDE**—With spring just on the horizon and longer days gracing the San Luis Valley, Creede like many other communities are getting ready for the coming year and all the fun this summer will hold. The Creede Repertory Theatre (CRT) is no exception as they prepare for their 55<sup>th</sup> season as a world-renowned repertory theatre.

This season boasts a wide variety of fun, family friendly and comic plays that theatre lovers have come to enjoy at CRT. This season focuses on grand adventures and each of the productions highlights the need to belong, community togetherness and lots of fun along the way.

According to descriptions provided through the theatre, this season will kick off with *Fully Committed* by Becky Mode, directed by Steven Cole Hughes and serves of laughs one plateful at a time.

"This laugh-out-loud comedy follows a day in the life of Sam, an out-of-work actor who manages the red-hot reservation line at the number-one restaurant in town. A cast of desperate callers will stop at nothing to land a prime reservation: impatient socialites, celebrity assistants, top restaurant reviewers and even a mobster; interrupted only by demands from a hot-headed chef, Sam's father, agent, boss and oh so many more. Graham Ward returns to the CRT stage tackling 40 different characters in this comedic tour-de-force!"

Next in the lineup is *The Roommate* by Jen Silverman, directed by Christy Montour-Larson. "In her sprawling Iowa farmhouse, newly divorced empty-nester Sharon seeks a roommate. Her ad is answered by Robyn, a woman with a past looking to start over. As Robyn's secrets are revealed, Sharon takes control of her own life in ways she never expected. Part *The Odd Couple*, part *Thelma & Louise*, this beautiful and deeply funny play stars Christy Brandt and Annie Butler."

For those that want to

step away from comedy and enjoy a deep drama, *Grounded* by George Brant and directed by John DiAntonio dives into motherhood, marriage and military. "A hotshot fighter pilot with a passion for the sky has her life forever changed by an unexpected pregnancy. Once the fearless pilot of an F-16, she now spends her days flying a military drone from a windowless trailer in the Nevada desert."

Caitlin Wise stars in this gripping one-woman show that explores parenthood, military life, PTSD, and how one copes when the lines begin to blur between the horrors of war, and the safety of home."

The theatre is well-known for its ability to whisk audiences away, taking them from their seats to another world entirely through their onstage talents and it will be no exception with this year's rendition of a family friendly, well-known play *Annie*. The Book by Thomas Meehan with music by Charles Strouse and Lyrics by Martin Charnin and directed by Brittni Shambaugh Addison. "One of the world's most beloved musicals reaches the Creede stage! Join us for the adventures of Little Orphan Annie and her band of waifs and strays, featuring some amazing local talent. As Annie attempts to find her real parents, she enchants the rich and famous Oliver Warbucks while escaping the clutches of the devious Miss Hannigan, played by Kate Berry."

Rounding out an excellent season will be *Oklahoma!* With music by Richard Rodgers, Book and Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II which is based on the play "Green Grow the Lilacs" by Lynn Riggs and directed by Maurice LaMee. "The place is Oklahoma territory at the turn of the 20th century, a time when ranchers and cowboys are squaring off over land and water rights and love is in the air. Curly loves Laurey, though Laurey isn't quite sure about Curly. Will Parker loves Ado Annie, though Ado loves, well, everybody! This 1943 Broadway hit was the first modern musical to weave catchy songs with vivid storytelling. Join us for this classic story about

## Live theater can be a memorable gift experience

The experience of live theater is unlike any other. Watching actors perform live on stage can be a wonder to behold, and many people even vividly recall the first play or musical they attended.

According to a survey conducted by Nielsen Scarborough in spring of 2016, more than 47 million Americans had attended a live theatre event within the past month. No matter if one is a lover of the arts or simply enjoys a night out on the town, live theater can make for the perfect holiday gift. Here's how to make the gift of live theater happen this season.

▶ Enroll in a discount ticket program. Explore the possibilities of discounted tickets through employers, schools or professional organizations. Groups offer perks like enrollment in entertainment plans that are affiliated with theaters across the country. Participation in these clubs can offset the cost of tickets.

▶ Tap into a person's interests. Theater shows range from the gamut of serious dramas to lighthearted musicals. Find a show that you think fits the recipient. Many new musicals are based on pop culture and can entertain just about anyone. For example, "The Cher Show," "Jersey Boys," "Beautiful," and "Rock of Ages" have tapped into

popular music as the crux of the storyline and can appeal to anyone who grew up listening to certain performers.

▶ Look close to home. While London's West End and Broadway in New York City are the most renowned places for live theater, you don't have to stray far from home to find quality performances. Many shows go on tours and visit various big cities. If you live close to a college campus or regional theater company, you can probably find great, budget-friendly performances nearby.

▶ Make it a road trip. If your mantra is "go big or go home," then you can purchase tickets for a show having a run on Broadway. Just be sure to include the travel arrangements and accommodations into the gift to make it worry-free for the recipient. Many Broadway tickets get discounted post-Christmas as a way to boost tourism during winter months. Consider this as a cost-saving measure.

▶ Throw in a bonus. Ensure lasting memories of live theater by including an original cast recording soundtrack, script, book on which the show was based, posters, or another memento of the show. Live theater is a holiday gift that keeps on giving. GG199207



Courtesy photos

Last season, audiences were captivated by plays such as *Little Shop of Horrors* and many more. This year will feature family friendly plays as well as deep dramas that are sure to whisk theatre enthusiasts away.

love and belonging." Last but not least is *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde and directed by Kyle Haden. "It's 1895 and Jack Worthing

is engaged — that is if he can convince his potential mother-in-law to accept him. And that might prove difficult since his fiancé thinks his name is Ernest.

Oh, and he doesn't know who his parents are. Not to mention his ward thinks she's ALSO engaged to Ernest. Oh dear! Mistaken identities and the search

for one's true self frame Oscar Wilde's most famous comedy of manners." For a full schedule and ticket information, please visit [www.creederep.org](http://www.creederep.org).

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### Public Notices

The next quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers for Special Improvement District NO. 1 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District is set for March 03, 2020. The meeting will be held at the Rio Grande Water Conservation District is set for March 3, 2020. The meeting will be held at the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Building located at 8805 Independence Way in Alamosa, CO 81101 and will begin at 1:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. NO. 1321 Published in the Valley Courier on February 29, 2020

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers for Special Improvement District No. 3 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District will be held on March 5, 2020, and will begin at 8:00a.m. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Building located at 8805 Independence Way in Alamosa, CO 81101. This meeting is open to the public. NO. 1322 Published in the Valley Courier on February 29, 2020

The next quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers for Special Improvement District NO. 4 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District is set for March 3, 2020. The meeting will be held at the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Building located at 8805 Independence Way in Alamosa, CO 81101 and will begin at 9:00 a.m. This meeting is open to the public. NO. 1323 Published in the Valley Courier on February 29, 2020

### 099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

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

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS** The East Alamosa Water and Sanitation District is accepting bids for a lease on an 80-acre parcel of farm ground located on Road 12 South, 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 right to reject any and all bids.(2/29)

### 112 - BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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

### 221 HELP WANTED

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**LOOKING FOR A** career opportunity and being a part of your local community? 1st SouthWest Bank is growing and hiring in the following positions, Teller, Loan Assistant, and Loan Processor, offering a strong benefits package & career growth opportunities. EOE. Go to <https://www.fswb.bank/who-we-are/careers/> for more details & to apply.(3/5)

**THE ALAMOSA POLICE** 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](http://cityofalamosa.org). Open until filled. (3/3 #1)

**THE ALAMOSA SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for the following position for the 2020-2021 school year: English Teacher (AHS) Must possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teachers License Applications are available online at <https://alamosa.k12.co.us>. For more information, contact Mindi Van Ry at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE (3/3)

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

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

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

### 221 HELP WANTED

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

**MONTE VISTA SCHOOL** District is seeking dynamic, people oriented candidates for the position of Monte Vista Middle School Principal. Start date will be August 1, 2020, with a competitive salary based on experience, plus an attractive benefit package. Interested individuals should submit application materials electronically in pdf format to [mary@monte.k12.co.us](mailto:mary@monte.k12.co.us) by March 26, 2020. A full description of desired qualifications and experience may be viewed on the district website <https://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. Applications are available to download on the district web site or call (719)852-5996. (3/24)

**MONTE VISTA SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for a Fifth Grade Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. The person in this position will teach both Science and Language Arts. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, by March 23, 2020, or until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website or call 719-852-5996. (3/12)

**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](http://www.slvlocalfoods.org). Please submit Resume and Cover Letter to [opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com](mailto:opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com) Open until filled. Questions call 719-937-2319.(3/5)

### 221 HELP WANTED

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

**THE BOE OF** Center Schools is now accepting applications for Substitutes for Pre-School and Toddler Classrooms for the remaining 2019-2020 School Year. Qualifications: Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent, or, such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. All candidates must be able to pass background checks. Current or former Head Start or Early Head Start parents encouraged to apply. For information and application materials please call (719) 754-3442 or visit the District's website at [www.center.k12.co.us](http://www.center.k12.co.us) and click on the Employment Opportunities and "Non-Certified Staff Application". Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE.(2/29 #1)

### 221 HELP WANTED

**THE BOE OF** Center Schools is now accepting applications for Elementary Teacher Assistant for the remaining 2019-2020 School Year. Qualifications: Highly Qualified according to NCLB or, such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. For information and application materials please call (719) 754-3442 or visit the District's website at [www.center.k12.co.us](http://www.center.k12.co.us) and click on the Employment Opportunities and "Non-Certified Staff Application". Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (2/29 #2)

**THE BOE OF** Center Schools is now accepting applications for Anticipated Elementary Teacher for the 2020-2021 School Year. Qualifications: Must hold a Colorado Teacher's License or, such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. For information and application materials please call (719) 754-3442 or visit the District's website at [www.center.k12.co.us](http://www.center.k12.co.us) and click on the Employment Opportunities and "Certified Staff Application". Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE.(2/29#3)

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

### 221 HELP WANTED

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

**RIVER VALLEY INN** is seeking a Transportation Aide / CNA Must have a current Colorado drivers license with a clean driving record, 25years of age, dependable will float on the floor as needed interviews will be conducted with the Director of Nursing and Administrator. please stop in @ 1335 6th st. for an application. (2/29)

**NIGHT STAFF NEEDED** at La Puente Home. Need Mature, dynamic, compassionate person, able to deal with all types of people. Must be able to work weekend and graveyard shifts. (21+). Bilingual preferred. Looking for the unique applicant who will be a part of an awesome team of individuals helping others. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of helping others. Send resume to: [hr@lapuente.net](mailto:hr@lapuente.net) (3/5)

### 221 HELP WANTED

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

**KRISTI MOUNTAIN SPORTS** is now seeking sales associates to join our team. Please apply online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/KMSAPPLY](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KMSAPPLY) (2/29)

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

## Colorado Nonprofit Week

*Planting Seeds of Community*

# MARCH 2020

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

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

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

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# Classifieds

## 221 HELP WANTED

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

## 324 - FEED & SEED

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

## 345 WOOD

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

## 351 LIVESTOCK

**WE HAVE FIREWOOD!** Allpine lumber 719-274-4381(3/18)

## 353 - FARM & LIVESTOCK SERVICES

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

## 360 - MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

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

## 369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

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

## 369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

**BORDER COLLIE PUPPIES** \$250.00 have first shots and dewormed. One male two females call 719-588-2974. (3/3)

## 369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

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

## 369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

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

## 369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

**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)

## 369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

**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)

## 369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

**387 - WANTED TO BUY**

## 369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

**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)

## 369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

**409 FARM & RANCH LAND**

**FOR LEASE:** 126 acres under pivot for hemp, near Moffat, CO. Please Call (719) 942-3286 or email [kkennedy163@gmail.com](mailto:kkennedy163@gmail.com)(3/3)

## 415 - HOMES FOR SALE

**PORTER REALTY, INC.** Excellent Service, Expert Advice 719-589-5899 503 Main Street • Alamosa [www.PorterRealty.com](http://www.PorterRealty.com)

## 415 - HOMES FOR SALE

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

## 415 - HOMES FOR SALE

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

## 415 - HOMES FOR SALE

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

## 415 - HOMES FOR SALE

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

## 415 - HOMES FOR SALE

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

## 415 - HOMES FOR SALE

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

## 415 - HOMES FOR SALE

**525 GUNS**

## 415 - HOMES FOR SALE

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

## 415 - HOMES FOR SALE

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## 415 - HOMES FOR SALE

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

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**Casa de Cortez** 751 Mussman Lane Center, CO 754-3261 Rental assistance available to qualified households.

## 415 - HOMES FOR SALE

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

## 415 - HOMES FOR SALE

**Gateway Villa Apartments** 929 Spruce St. Del Norte, CO 657-3654

## 415 - HOMES FOR SALE

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

## 415 - HOMES FOR SALE

**Valley Grande Apartments** 2256 East Drive Monte Vista, CO 852-4302 Rental assistance available to qualified households.

## 415 - HOMES FOR SALE

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

## 415 - HOMES FOR SALE

**West View Villas** 510 Dunham Monte Vista, CO 852-3949

## 415 - HOMES FOR SALE

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**ACROSS**

1 File label  
4 Pickling ingredient  
8 Daddy  
12 Ms. Gabor  
13 Coolidge or Hayworth  
14 Not closed  
15 Vexed  
16 Parent  
17 Stepped on the gas  
18 Racing bird  
20 Sundae topper  
22 Melancholy poem  
23 Bart, to Lisa  
24 "Anyone home?" (hyph.)  
28 Coq au —  
31 Shed tears  
34 Camp-ground initials  
35 Romantic island  
36 Spiciness  
37 Sports "zebra"  
38 Mr. Trebek  
39 Authorizes  
40 Long-eared hound

42 Water-power org.  
44 Courtyards  
48 Watch out!  
51 Being nosy  
52 School near Windsor Castle  
53 Build up  
55 Mink or chinchilla  
56 Nefertiti's god  
57 Writer — Rice  
58 Rail securer  
59 Dramatic intro (hyph.)  
60 Did Easter eggs  
61 Fem. saint

**DOWN**

1 Fiesta Bowl site  
2 Take advantage of  
3 Cop's ID  
4 Dry gully  
5 Claim on property  
6 Actress — Hagen  
7 Chagall or Antony

8 Stumper  
9 Permission  
10 Squint at  
11 Gibb or Rooney  
19 Pharaoh's land  
21 Cinemax rival  
25 Gumbo ingredient  
26 Toolshed items  
27 Ill-mannered ones  
29 Percent ending  
30 Veto  
31 Reporter's query  
32 Startled cry

33 "Dirty Harry" lead  
35 Eccentric  
40 Keep out  
41 Merited  
43 "Wheel of Fortune" name  
45 Fissures  
46 Mukluk wearer  
47 Think alike  
48 Worn out  
49 "Butch Cassidy" role  
50 Victorian oath  
51 Fragrant tree  
54 No matter which

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## ALLEY OOP

WHERE ARE WE NOW?  
IT'S ONE WEEK LATER IN WEST CHARLESBURG, VIRGINIA.  
ARE WE GETTING MORE TEA?  
NOT EXACTLY...  
GREETINGS, FRIENDS! ARE YOU HERE TO JOIN IN THE WEST CHARLESBURG BISCUOTTI PARTY?

## ARLO & JANIS

WHAT'S UP?  
NOTHING! I'M JUST LYING HERE DOING NOTHING!  
OK...  
THINK ABOUT IT! THIS DAY DOESN'T REALLY EXIST!

## BIG NATE

GASP!  
MAN! THESE GUYS ARE GOOD!  
YEAH, BUT WE HUNG IN THERE PRETTY DARN WELL!  
BOYS LOCKER ROOM  
I MEAN, WE HELD 'EM UNDER A HUNDRED POINTS! THAT'S A MORAL VICTORY, AM I RIGHT?  
NO.  
IT'S ONLY HALFTIME, YOU IDIOT!  
OH.

## THE BORN LOSER

FEBRUARY IS THE SHORTEST MONTH OF THE YEAR...  
WHY DOES IT FEEL LIKE THE LONGEST?  
IT'S GOTTA HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE WEATHER!

## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

KNOW WHAT YOUR PROBLEM IS, GORD? YOU GO AFTER GIRLS WHO ARE UNATTAINABLE!  
YOU GOTTA START WITH SOMEONE WHO AT LEAST LIKES YOU, MAN! ISN'T THERE ANYONE WHO LIKES YOU?  
TRACY WELLS LIKES ME.  
SO, ASK HER OUT!!!  
...AND RUIN A PERFECTLY GOOD FRIENDSHIP?!

## FRANK & ERNEST

I STOOD IN LINE FOR AN HOUR ONLY TO FIND OUT THERE'S A HEIGHT REQUIREMENT!  
YOU MUST BE THIS TALL!  
WAITS AND MEASURES!

## GARFIELD

I'M CUTE  
AND YOU... WELL, YOU'RE YOU  
WAS THAT A COMPLIMENT OR AN INSULT?

## THE GRIZZWELLS

JASMINE, DO YOU THINK IT'S POSSIBLE THAT YOU AND I ARE SOUL MATES?  
FAT CHANCE  
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE JASMINE ALREADY HAS A SOUL MATE  
WHAT DID YOU SAY HIS NAME WAS?

## PEANUTS

I would like to recommend my dog for the Daisy Hill Puffery Cup.  
He is brave and loyal and  
SNAP SNAP  
impatient

## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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**HOW TO PLAY:**  
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

## HERMAN

"Arnold, will you please stand away from that on/off switch."

# Daughter finds happiness by ghosting mother, siblings

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my mid-30s and about a year ago I went from limited contact to no contact with two siblings and my mother. No single incident caused this, nor was there any history of childhood abuse, etc. I just find I am much happier without their presence in my life.

I am married, content, take joy in my job and am otherwise fulfilled. I do not miss their general negativity, peevish behavior or critical comments. My question is this: Do I owe them an explanation or a place in my life?

I am generally an un-sentimental person. I try to be fair. After years of not enjoying our contact, is it OK to finally end it once and for all? -- DETACHED IN TEXAS

DEAR DETACHED: I'm glad you asked me to weigh in on this. You do owe your mother and siblings an explanation. Because what has caused you to withdraw is their "negativity, peevish behavior and critical comments," say so. Turning your back on your family with no explanation at all is cruel, punishing behavior and cowardly.

DEAR ABBY: I have a co-worker with a troubling psychosis that has left me afraid to wear certain colors or say certain words around him. He has allowed a college football rivalry to impact his relationship with co-workers.

I would really like to wear my maize and blue sweater, but I'm fearful of his reaction. He's from Ohio and is negatively obsessed with Michigan. I understand rivalries, but when you won't acknowledge another co-worker from that state and require all your co-workers to refer to Michigan as the "M-State" or you storm off in anger, there is an issue. What should I do? Should I recommend counseling? -- AFRAID IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR AFRAID: I agree that your co-worker may be off the deep end. You should not recommend counseling for this obsessive and immature individual, but someone in authority should. Depending upon how large a company your employer is, discuss what has been happening with human resources or your boss. This is a textbook example of bullying and creating a hostile work environment. Your clothing choices should not be dictated by a fellow employee.

DEAR ABBY: I have a wonderful friend who tragically lost her husband 10 years ago. Since then, she and his family have done a balloon launch celebrating his birthday every year. It is sweet and beautiful, and I understand the significance. However, over the years it has become a common knowledge how



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detrimental these massive balloon releases can be to the environment and wildlife.

I would like to suggest trying a different way to celebrate, but I know, even after all these years, she's still mourning and very sensitive about losing her soulmate, so I don't want to upset her. Should I keep my mouth shut, or should I say something? -- REMEMBERING IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR REMEMBERING: You can say something, but when you do, rather than making it a statement, it might be less accusatory and better received to pose it as a question. Example: "Have you considered celebrating his life by doing 'X,' which would have less of an impact on wildlife and the environment?"