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Presidents Day pancake supper

CENTER—The Kiwanis Club of Center will be hosting its 64th annual Presidents Day Pancake Supper from 4:30-7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 17 at the New Center School Cafeteria. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, with those who are 6-under dining for free. Package sausage will be available for \$4 per pound.

Pop-Up Shops will be theme on Main St.

ALAMOSA — "Romantic" Pop-Up Shops will be the theme from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Narrow Gauge Book Co-op. The following vendors will be available in the store and will offer the following: Megan Mercier will have handmade chocolates; Cari Conari will have romantic teas; Trina Council will have handmade cards; and Perla Kopeloff will have handmade paper goods. For more information, call 719-589-3464. The Co-op's location is at 602 Main Street in Alamosa.

Veterans 'n' Homeless
ALAMOSA — There will be a free turkey dinner at the First Christian Church on 518 First Street (on the corner of First and State) between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday.

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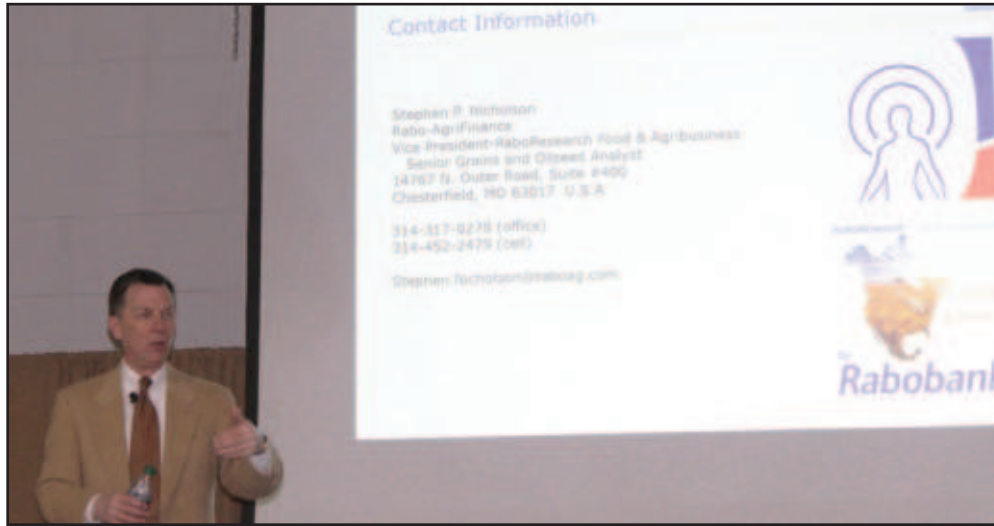
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Nicholson discusses agriculture's realities

By HELEN SMITH
Staff Writer
MONTE VISTA—Some opportunities and challenges lie ahead for the agriculture sector in Colorado, the U.S., and the world.

Stephen Nicholson, Vice President of Rabo Research, Food and Agri-Business, Grains and Oil Seeds, and Rabo Agro Finance of Chesterfield Mo. delivered the keynote address for the Southern Rocky Mountain Ag Conference.

Nicholson began addressing what he considered to be the "elephant in the room," more commonly known as the Coronavirus. He anticipates that the outbreak of the virus will have intermediate and long term effects on food prices, mainly since several major fast-food chains, such as McDonald's have suspended operations in China for the time-being. Next, he pointed out that



Courier photo by Helen Smith
Stephen Nicholson, pictured above, was the keynote speaker for the 2020 Southern Rocky Mountain Ag Conference and Trade Show on Wednesday.

in the San Luis Valley, the potato, hay, malt, and barley markets have shown positive trends in recent months. He went on to note that the new trade deals unveiled by the Trump Administration are likely

to have a significant impact because they employ a bilateral market rather than the post-lateral model that has been used since the end of WWII.

Nicholson also believes that the corn, wheat and

soybean markets could see a 20-year plateau in the number of exports. He considers this possibility to be something that the U.S. markets will need to take into consideration. He reminded the audience that

the Global Gross Domestic Product drives world-wide demand. Interest rates are also expected to be a significant factor heading into the new growing season. He also noted that profitability for U.S. corn and grain producers is expected to be a "challenge for the foreseeable future." Other challenges for producers, include trends similar to what was seen in the 1990s. Those trends include consolidation of farms, low-profit margins, and price plateaus along with a decline in working capital. However, there are opportunities to improve profits in other markets such as hay, too.

Nicholson advised listeners to put aside money for the lean times and concluded that sound decisions and growth rotations are critical ingredients to success when it comes to the future of U.S. agriculture.

Water's importance huge topic



It was another full house for day two of the conference.

Courier photo by Helen Smith

Agriculture's precious resource discussed during day 1

By HELEN SMITH
Staff Writer
MONTE VISTA—Water was a central theme of the first day of the Southern Rocky Mountain Ag Conference.

During the morning session, a panel discussion was held with Pat McDermott and Craig Cotten of the Division of Wa-

ter Resources, Cleave Simpson Amber Pacheco, Chris Ivers and Marissa Fricke of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, Nathan Coombs of the Conejos Water Conservancy District and Dr. Russ Schumacher, State Climatologist for Colorado State University.

Heather Dutton of the San

Luis Valley Water Conservancy District served as the moderator.

McDermott opened the discussion with a review of the water levels recorded in 2019 and the projected 2020 forecast. He noted that 2019 was significantly better, with 900,000-acre feet

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Courier photo by Daniel McKillop
Council member David Broyles taking it all in during Wednesday night's Alamosa City Council meeting at City Hall.

Council passes sales, use tax ordinance

By DANIEL MCKILLOP
Courier Editor
ALAMOSA — Council members passed an ordinance revising sales and use taxes during the Alamosa City Council meeting at City Hall on Wednesday night. Alamosa City Attorney Erich Schwiesow said the city code is a compilation of several ordinances and it says what the sales taxes are.

"And this just brings the new half-cent street tax into the codes," he added. "So, when we list what the sales taxes are, that's included, and we've got some other sales taxes that are dedicated to specific things that are included in the code.

"So, this is just updating that." Schwiesow described the ordinance as a "housekeeping, cleanup" type of thing.

The council also conducted a first reading on an ordinance to add a prohibition on providing marijuana to persons under 21 years of age to the already existing prohibition on providing alcohol to persons under 21.

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Body found in Taos identified

ALAMOSA — On Jan. 30, a body was recovered from the Taos Gorge in New Mexico.

An autopsy performed on Feb. 1 in Albuquerque positively identified the body as Centennial resident Donald Ayon.

Ayon was reported as a missing person to the Alamosa Police Department on Jan. 6, 2020.

Report courtesy of Kelley Baily, Alamosa City Communications & Project Specialist.

Community welcomes Alamosa Toastmasters



Photo courtesy of Erin Keck

Rick Wertz, pictured with scissors in hands, of Sunshine Acupuncture, cuts the ribbon for Alamosa Toastmasters, which is a new member of the Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce at the Bridge on Monday afternoon. Pictured from left to right are: Mary Van Pelt; Ty Coleman, Alamosa Mayor; Tiffany Albert, Alamosa chamber board and SLV Health; Lauren Goar, Alamosa Chamber; Cynthia Stone, Beanflower Studio; Kelley Baily, Alamosa City Communications & Project Specialist; Manuel Villegas, First Insurance Services; Evelyn Spruce-Rowe; Tyler Keck, Edward Jones; Tom Monaco, Rural Opportunity Rep. for OEDIT; Michelle Roepke, Edward Jones; Jason Medina, SLV SBDC; JD Burggraaf, Linda Smith and Kay Crowther; Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce. Erin Keck, Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce executive director, not pictured

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OBITUARIES

Steven Lawrence Gunther 'Gunz'

SAN LUIS — Steven Lawrence Gunther (Gunz) passed away January 29, 2020 in San Acacio surrounded by his loving family.

He was born March 20, 1961 in Chicago to Willard and Anne Weir Gunther.

He was raised in Chicago and then moved to Long Island, New York, where he lived for several years.

In 1969, he and his family moved to Syracuse where his father was employed at Carrier Air Conditioning.

In 1986, he moved to Colorado and began working in construction and starting a family. Steven enjoyed going to the mountains, camping, fishing, working on cars and looking at old cars, cruising the back roads and watching football. He also loved spending time in San Luis with his stepchildren, family and his many friends.

Steven is survived by his children and stepchildren, Marcos Gunther, Jade (Gabe) Muniz, Nicolette (Jacob) Manzanares, Angela (Jeremiah) Benton, Monica Medina, Mechelle Medina and Johnny (Sophia) Chavez; his brothers, John Gunther and Richard Gunther; his sisters, Susan Gunther, Mary (Gunther and Patty) (John) Beaumont, his grandchildren, Donicio Navares, Xzile Navares, Naphaila Manzanares, Zahryan Jacob Manzanares, Marcos Silva-Gunther II, Cyrus Silva-Gunther, Taylor



Benton, Miah Benton, Anaela Benton, Paulina Benton, Felizia Rael, Cecilia Rael, Delfino Rael, Jaleia Chavez, Jalissa Vigil and Ilijah Vigil; as well as many nieces and nephews and family that he loved very much and who loved him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Anne and Willard H. Gunther; his girlfriend, Gail Medina, whom he loved very much.

Cremation was chosen and a recitation of the rosary will be held on Friday Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Iglesia de San Francisco de Assisi Catholic Church, 23587 C Rd. J. 2 El Rito, CO 81152.

A memorial mass will be held the following day at the same church at 12:30 p.m. A reception will follow mass at the San Luis Parish Hall.

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

Wilma Jackson, 96

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Lifetime San Luis Valley resident Wilma Jackson, 96, passed away at home on Monday Feb. 3, 2020.

Wilma was born on Oct. 23, 1923 to Edward and Emily Christensen in Manassa.

Nephi Kelland and Wilma were married on Oct. 1, 1952 and had eight children. She spent her life as a teacher and homemaker. Wilma was never afraid of finding projects and crafts to do.

Wilma was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Emily; husband, Nephi Kelland; her son, Edward Kelland; and her five brothers, Dean, Winslow, Elwin, Alfred, and Donald.

She is survived by seven children, Bryant (Shuko) Jackson, of Rock Hill, S.C., Emmalee (Steve) Sorensen of La Jara, Lou Jane (Chester) Rodgers of Bountiful, Utah, David (Glenda) of La Jara, William (Renee) Jackson of Saratoga Springs, Utah, Lannette (Wayne) Nielson of Manti, Utah, and



Gayle (Jeanne) Jackson of Greenwood, Ind.; along with 36 grandchildren and 40 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday Feb. 8, 2020 at 11 a.m. at the Manassa Stake Center with a visitation before, from 10 to 10:45. A visitation will be held on Friday Feb. 7, 2020 from 6-9 p.m. at the Manassa Stake Center. Burial will follow at the Manassa Cemetery.

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

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BIRTHS

Maddeck Edward Sowards

ANTONITO — Maddeck Edward Sowards was born on Jan. 29, 2020 at San Luis Valley Health to Mark and Tori Sowards.

He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Maddeck is welcomed

home by siblings, Rylie, Mckayla and Kinsley. Maternal grandparents are Tim and Debra King. Paternal grandparents are Ed and Dana Sowards. Great Grandmothers are Lynette DePriest and Lorna Sowards.

Kevin Anthony Brown, 63

MOSCA — Kevin Anthony Brown, 63 years old of Mosca, passed away on Feb. 1, 2020 after a short, yet valiant battle with lung cancer.

Throughout his life he had more hobbies and interests that one should ever list in an obituary, and when asked what was most important to be said after he passed, he only wanted people to know about Jesus.

His hope is that everyone would have the opportunity to know Jesus' love for them and the sacrifice He made for their freedom and redemption.

The love he operated out of was not his own, but the overflow of the love the Lord had for him.

It is what fueled his desire to treat everyone with love, kindness and respect, and what made him stand out from the crowd.

Brown is survived by his wife, Renee Brown; mother Betty Brown; three siblings; five children, numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Carl Brown; and his wife of 23 years, Mary Magnuson Brown.

There will be a memorial service in Alamosa, on Thursday, Feb. 6 from 1-4 p.m. at The Barn at La Manzanilla 6491 Hwy. 17 Alamosa, CO 81101.

There will be another memorial service in Greeley on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 2-5 p.m. at The State Armory Event Center, 614 8th Avenue Greeley, CO 80634.

To express condolences, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com

Rogers Family mortuary in Alamosa is in care of the arrangements.

AA MEETINGS

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

AL-ANON

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)

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

ALAMOSA —The Alamosa Rotary Club meets every Monday at noon at Juanitos in Alamosa. Contact Dean Swift, 589-3499 or dean@deanswiftseed.com

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

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

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

ALAMOSA — TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) CO 568, Alamosa, a non-profit weight loss organization, meets every Tuesday evening at the College Heights Baptist Church at 2035 Church Avenue in Alamosa. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. with an informative meeting at 6:15. Anyone interested in

having weight loss support is welcome to attend a free meeting or call Doris at 589-6396 for more information.

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

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Photography Club meets the first Wednesday at the Alamosa Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Contact Stephen Jensen at 379-0001 or 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 & Lamp-lighting School. Contact Martin at 575-758-5876 or talentolocal@live.com

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

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

MONTE VISTA—Valley Fiber Art Guild—VFA is a group for anyone interested in fiber arts:

knitting, crocheting, weaving and spinning. We work on our individual projects, sometimes do projects together and learn from each other. We meet the fourth Saturday of every month from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at 757 County Rd. 29, Monte Vista. Call or email Wanda Couzens-Smith for more information at (719) 852-5000 or wcouzens-smith@gmail.com

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

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

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: womancitizenshipclub@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 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.

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Valley News

Travelers to, through mountains prepare for delays

STATEWIDE — Travelers planning to head into the high country can expect heavy traffic and treacherous conditions beginning Thursday, and lasting through the weekend.

Drivers will encounter and should be prepared for significant snow accumulations, blowing and drifting snow, as well as closures due to likely avalanche mitigation. Motorists should make sure their vehicles are properly equipped with good tread and chains, as traction and chain laws will likely be put into effect. CDOT also anticipates heavier ski traffic than previous weekends.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

Another storm takes aim at Colorado over the next several days, bringing a prolonged period of snowfall beginning today through Saturday. Snowfall will be steady throughout both today and Friday. Heavy snowfall is likely in the northern mountains, south-central mountains, southern mountains and along the I-70 mountain corridor. Mountain winds will be strong at times, leading to areas of blowing and drifting snow. While the plains and foothills may see light accumulation, conditions can change in an instant as motorists enter the mountains. The National Weather Service

is forecasting mountain snow totals of more than 12 inches to as much as nearly 2 feet in certain areas.

I-70 MOUNTAIN CORRIDOR, NORTHWEST COLORADO

Travel today, Friday and Saturday from the Front Range to ski areas will likely take longer than usual. Motorists traveling along the I-70 Mountain Corridor and across northwest Colorado must plan for extended delays due to heavy snowfall today-Friday, including blowing and drifting snow. Travelers should anticipate closures due to avalanche control; CDOT will share details of any planned closures for avalanche mitigation whenever possible. Roads will likely be icy and snow-packed, with a strong chance of Traction and Chain Laws being put in place. Commercial vehicles should not travel into the mountains without chains.

Expected accumulations are 10-18 inches for Vail Pass and the Eisenhower-Johnson Memorial Tunnels, 12-20 inches for Berthoud Pass (US 40), 16-24 inches for Rabbit Ears Pass (US 40) and 6-10 inches for Grand Mesa (CO 65). Snow will continue through Saturday morning. Motorists should not plan to detour onto CO 9 and US 285, as both highways are expected

to receive significant snowfall and wind.

FRONT RANGE, PLAINS

Areas of snowfall are forecasted to spill out onto portions of the foothills and plains between tonight and Friday afternoon. While forecasts do not yet have more precise predictions for these weather effects, travel conditions will likely become challenging.

CHAIN, TRACTION LAWS

CDOT urges travelers to be aware of chain and traction law codes before heading out on the roadway.

Code 18/Commercial Chain Law: Commercial vehicles and trucks must have chains. Vehicles without chains can often lose traction, causing traffic delays and sometimes road closures. For the safety of the traveling public, it's critical to use chains to be in compliance with Colorado's chain law.

Code 15/Passenger Traction Law: All passenger vehicles must have appropriate all-weather tires with 3/16-inch depth. Vehicles must have one of the following: winter tires, tires with mud/snow (M+S) designation, chains or alternative traction devices such as an autosock. 4WD and AWD vehicles must have winter tires or all weather tires.

Code 16/Passenger Chain Law: All passenger vehicles need chains, except for 4WD and AWD vehicles with all-weather tires with 3/16 inch tread depth.

SNOWSTANG

As an alternative to driving in the mountains this weekend and for greater peace of mind, motorists will be able to take advantage of CDOT's recently introduced Snowstang. Snowstang will provide Saturday-Sunday roundtrip bus service between Denver and the Loveland Ski Area, Arapahoe Basin, Steamboat Resort, and Howelsen Hill in Steamboat Springs.

For all three lines, passengers can board at Denver Union Station or the Denver Federal Center. Roundtrip tickets for Loveland Ski Area and Arapahoe Basin start at \$25. A roundtrip to Steamboat Springs (Steamboat Resort and Howelsen Hill) is \$40. Additional discounts will be available for seniors and children. To purchase tickets, visit www.ridebustang.com or download the Bustang® mobile app. JustRide Bustang, for iOS or Android.

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Ski-Hi in need of funds

By **CHELSEA McNERNEY-MARTINEZ**
Special to the Courier

MONTE VISTA—The Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce met Jan. 30 for their monthly meeting, and the board heard an update on the status of the Friends of Ski-Hi's efforts to renovate Ski-Hi Park and discussed upcoming events.

Wanda Hawman presented an update on the penny jar project for Ski-Hi, stating stickers would be printed soon for the jars, which will be brought to community organization meetings for change and cash donations and the jars will soon be at various businesses in town as well.

The jars have also been at the Ag Conference for donations, which all board members agreed was essential because attendees can observe the condition of the building and will benefit directly from its renovation.

Gary Wilkinson presented an update from the Friends of Ski-Hi organization, which has been spearheading the efforts to renovate the park through grants and fundraising. Wilkinson reported the organization recently received another \$150,000 commitment from Rio Grande County in addition to \$50,000 each from Rio Grande Savings and Loan and SLV Federal Bank. In addition to the \$2 million pledge from the Outcalt Foundation and the numerous other commitments and donations, the Friends of Ski Hi currently have \$2,390,271.

They are planning to apply for a Gates Foundation grant, which Wilkinson believes may provide a significant portion of the funds necessary, but the organization can't apply for the grant until they have 30% of the full \$8.75 million that the full project is expected to cost. They are currently at 27.3 % and are thus in dire need for an additional \$235,000 within the next month to make the grant application deadline. The Chamber voted to donate \$1,000, and Wilkinson stated Mineral County also recently committed to donating \$1,500 and they are waiting on answers from other neighboring counties.

Wilkinson encouraged donations of all sizes, citing previously successful com-



munity projects that raised thousands of dollars through mostly small donations of \$5 or \$10. He stated the website, www.friends-of-skihi.org, is set up to accept PayPal donations. Wilkinson also answered other inquiries about how the donations are divided, stating there are two accounts at Rio Grande Savings and Loan.

The first is for enterprise funds, which require a minimum \$100 donation but allow 25% of that as a state tax credit.

The other is set up under the Monte Vista Community Fund for all other donations. Wilkinson reminded the attendees that numerous studies have been done on the building's structure and it has "...two years before it's gone," potentially meaning the loss of events like the Ski-Hi Stampede, Ag Conference and the Crane Festival's Craft Fair to further illustrate the urgency of the need for donations. Chamber member Ramona Archuleta also volunteered to contact local retail businesses like Safeway and Top Value to inquire about the possibility of soliciting donations at their checkouts. For more information about the Ski-Hi park project see these articles:

<https://montevistajournal.com/article/city-shares-information-on-ski-hi-project>

<https://montevistajournal.com/article/ski-hi-project-awarded-funding>

<https://montevistajournal.com/article/friends-of-ski-hi-present-building-design>

The Chamber also discussed their appreciation for Jerene Wilkinson, who has been donating her bookkeeping services to the Chamber.

The Chamber voted to donate \$500 to the Couour Animal Shelter, a nonprofit she also works hard for, to show their gratitude.

Chamber President Linda Burnett announced the annual Hot Rod Dirt Drags event in June has been relocated out of Monte Vista for 2020 and will be held at Pikes Peak International Raceway near Colorado Springs instead.

The owner of Nick's Hot Rod Garage, who helped coordinate the events previously held at the Movie Manor, felt the new venue would provide better attendance and relayed he faced issues in 2019 with the venue.

Although the attendees sadly acknowledged this loss means a significant loss of revenue to local hotels and other businesses, the Chamber will look at better promoting the Thunder in the Valley motorcycle rally June 12 and 13 and building other events up in order to help compensate.

Council

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After bouncing the marijuana issue around amongst themselves, council carried the motion and decided that there will be a second reading during its Feb. 19 meeting on the marijuana ordinance.

Councilor Liz Hensley complimented the Alamosa Public Library and Kelley Bailey, as she said that the library saves the people in the community \$1.5 million by providing them with books that they would ordinarily have to purchase themselves.

Councilor David Broyles complimented the Alamosa Senior Citizens Center for the numerous activities that they provide for those in the community.

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Robert Downey Jr., Arden Randolph PG

Sand Dunes seeks artists proposals

MOSCA — Great Sand Dunes is accepting artist proposals to lead a free public program or workshop in their chosen medium: painting, photography, sculpture, music, dance, writing, etc. on Saturday, Oct. 3.

This is an opportunity for an artist to gain exposure for their work and share their work with participants and national park visitors in a workshop or program.

The selected artist may also be selected to exhibit one or two pieces of their work or conduct a performance at the visitor center in a future year. The workshop

and information about the artist's work will also be featured in a press release and the park's social media and website. Great Sand Dunes will reimburse the artist for some expenses.

To apply to this opportunity, artists should submit a one-page proposal outlining the workshop or program along with samples or a web link to their work by March 6 to patrick_myers@nps.gov or at 11999 Hwy. 150, Mosca, CO 81146.

Great Sand Dunes will notify the selected artist no later than March 14.

For more information, contact Patrick Myers at 719-378-6343.

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Water

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recorded overall for the Rio Grande Basin.

As precipitation decreased going into the second half of the year, curtailment was reduced considerably, with 39% of the flows going to meet the obligations of the Rio Grande Compact. McDermott further noted that Colorado would also have a very slight debt under the terms of the going into the new water season. The 2020 forecast is from the National Weather Service is predicting a dry spring for the entire Southwest

Region up to July. How the forecast will affect the irrigation season remains to be seen.

Cotten focused his comments on reminding the audience about the need to comply with the newly adopted rules for non-exempt wells. He also acknowledged that Judge Michael Gonzales would be taking over water-related cases as the new Chief Judge for the 12th Judicial District.

Fricke noted that the RGWCD is pleased to see that data is showing that pumping has seen a reduction in Subdistrict number one. She further observed that while the

trend seems to be heading in the right direction, "We've still got a ways to go," she said. She also thanked producers who have voluntarily reduced their consumption. Also, RGWCD is continuing to explore the viability of the Alternative Transfer Method Program for ag use.

Simpson presented the final portion of the discussion by noting that the Renewable Water Resources Export proposal remains the most significant challenge to the Rio Grande Basin. He expressed his belief that the Basin faces enormous obstacles. He went on to note that

the solution "shouldn't come at the expense of a permanent water supply." While RWR has not yet filed its application, Simpson warned that the proponents of the measure are serious about what they are doing. He reminded the audience that the Basin is under no legal obligation to retire wells or stream flows, concluding that the situation is expected to further unfold within the next few months or the year. He encouraged the audience to stay informed and involved and be a voice for the way of life that the San Luis Valley has come to know and love.

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Opinion

God bless America ...

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

President Trump delivered his State of the Union speech in the House Chamber before a joint session of Congress in the U.S. Capitol on Tuesday.

Trump began by declaring that the state of our Union is strong. It's always best to start with a good joke to get the crowd on your side.

Nancy Pelosi upstaged President Trump's closing applause after his State of the Union speech by ripping her copy of his speech right behind his back. Their public display of mutual loathing is starting to play like a 1939 screwball comedy.

At what point do they realize they're hopelessly in love?

President Trump received bipartisan applause in his State of the Union speech calling for an infrastructure bill to improve our roads and bridges. It would also fund badly needed upgrades in communication.

It's 2020 and the people of Iowa are still waiting for the results of the Super Bowl.

The Iowa Caucus suffered a communications disaster Monday when caucuses across the state were unable to report their tallies.

No one knew the vote totals for 18 hours because the app didn't work and the phone lines jammed. Guess which presidential candidate suggested smoke signals.

Iowa election officials were as mortified as the candidates by the delay in reporting the caucus results until Tuesday afternoon. However with 72% of the votes tallied, Mayor Pete upset Bernie Sanders. These are the times we live in, Iowans chose homosexuality over socialism.

Mayor Pete, Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders spoke to their Iowa victory rallies Monday exuding feelings of both jubilation and relief. They're such fun to watch. For his part, Joe Biden stood onstage and issued a statement congratulating the Kansas City Chiefs for winning Best Picture.

Mayor Pete was reported to be an investor in the app that malfunctioned in Iowa and delayed the vote tally. No one's suggesting he cheated, but Mayor Pete was just invited to throw out the first pitch at the Houston Astros season opener. Here in West Hollywood we always took him for a catcher.

Bernie Sanders voters in Iowa were furious Monday as hours passed without any reporting of Bernie's anticipated win, fueling rumors he'd been robbed again by the DNC.

The socialist senator has one consolation. His surplus of votes got distributed equally among the less fortunate candidates.

The Super Bowl halftime show starring Shakira and Jennifer Lopez drew rave reviews for the sensational dancing. It also drew cries of outrage over the crotch shots and raunchy moves. As for me, it was refreshing for a change to see the halftime performers on their knees instead of the players.

The Wall Street Journal notes that Monday was the 16th anniversary of Mark Zuckerberg launching Facebook, creating social media as a way for his Harvard classmates to connect together online. It's hard to believe it's 16 years old. Facebook is now officially too old for Prince Andrew.

Mike Bloomberg came right out Friday and stated that legalizing marijuana was the stupidest thing the country ever did. Last week in Tennessee, a man was arrested for smoking pot in the courtroom, while he was in court on a marijuana charge. Ironically, he was then thrown in the joint.

Al Qaeda leader Jabba the Jihaddist, named for his appearance similar to Star Wars character Jabba the Hut, was captured in Iraq. At 560 pounds, he's more than a terrorist to Americans, he's a role model. Jabba the Jihaddist is the only enemy who chants Death to America by Type-2 Diabetes!

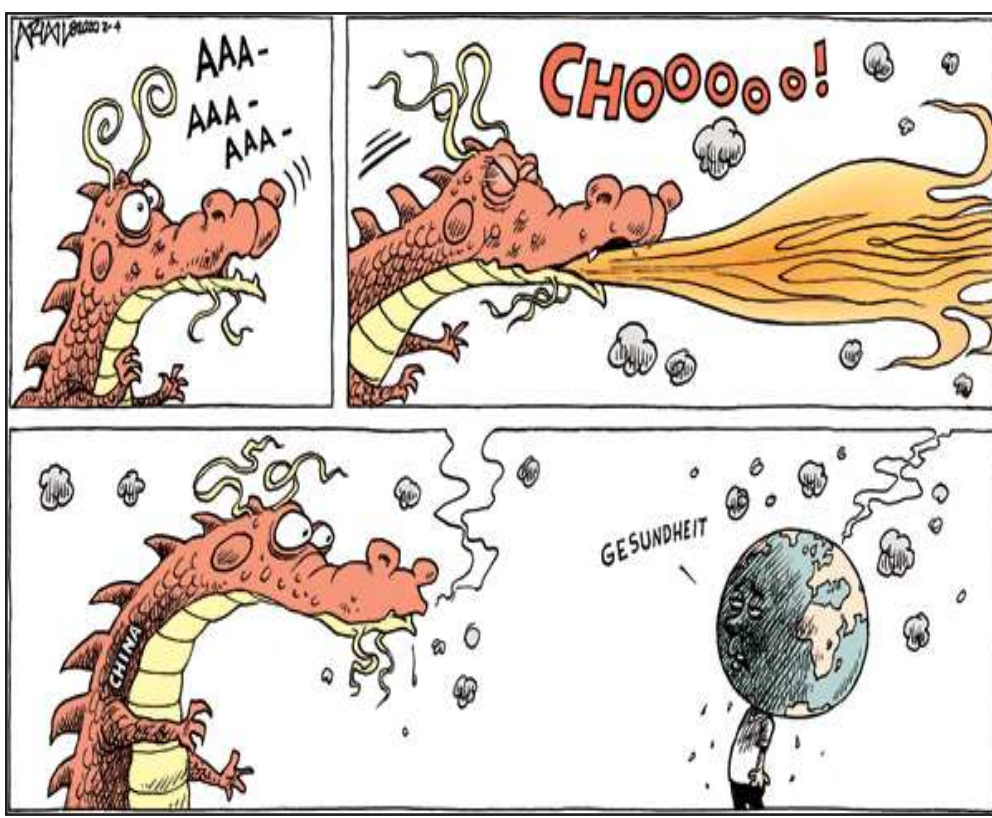
The Times of India says a Sri Lankan man was arrested by customs in the New Delhi airport for trying to smuggle into the country hundreds of thousands of dollars in gold and diamonds.

He had the gold and jewels stashed inside his rectum. His doctor said he'll walk, but his doctor's not so sure.

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Part I of The Light: Recognize it

"Kids like me" are kids whose parents are drug addicts, and alcoholics, kids who have suffered, or who are suffering, abuse and neglect on multiple levels (trauma), and kids who are victims of bullying.

The Light. Part 1.

You need to learn how to recognize kids like me. If you were to compare, side-by-side, a kid who is blessed to know he or she is loved by a parent(s), grandparent, etc., next to a kid like me (see definition of kids like me above), there is a stark difference.

Most people who look at kids like me see a dirty, unkempt, little yuck; they have no clue about the despair and grief before them. And, sometimes, depending on the age of the child, the little yuck is ill-behaved (we'll talk about that next week), makes your blood pressure soar, and all you want is to escape him or her ASAP.

But before you turn away there's something you should do; it only takes a moment. Look closer at his or her face and eyes.

Do you see the light in the face and eyes of that child, or just a blank face with dirt on it? I'm talking about the light. There is no light inside kids like me. I'm talking about the precious light of Hope, the light of confidence knowing he or she is loved, safe and secure; The light that comes from learning about

Jesus and the knowledge that He loves them. I'm talking about the light that every child is supposed to have, and has the right to have, burning bright inside them. The light that shines through the child's eyes, face, and heart — The light of hope.

Reality for kids like me is darkness full of fear, torment, tears, anguish and prayers that someone or something will save them before they die. But I know personally, death is preferable over the reality of life for kids like me, which includes the lack of food (I was so hungry I ate my hair and fingernails. I scrapped for food out of trash cans and off the floor at school, and at the Boys and Girls Club, after school, and put the best food scraps in my pocket for my baby sister).

Reality for kids like me is the never-ending verbal, emotional, mental, physical and sexual abuse by the addict parent(s), other addicts and sexual perverts to whom the child is subjected, and the bullying of other adults, such as the child's school teacher (who is supposed to be a safe person for the child), who bullies, berates, and humiliates the child in front of the class (I can tell you all about it because it happened to me in OMS 6th grade).

Kids like me are everywhere. We're easy to recognize once you note we are void of the light.

You see us in stores with our abuser(s), at school, in your neighborhood, and even at church. And, some kids like me live in nice houses and have parents who are considered "trusted professionals" and drive nice cars. Sarah was a registered nurse (RN) and we lived in a very nice house (not home — there's a difference).

It's OK to use social media sparingly

DEAR HARRIETTE: I swore off social media about a year ago because I found it to be a distraction, and I really needed to get some work done. I gave myself a year, and now that I am there, I don't know if I want to go back. I like being disengaged from the chatter, much of which doesn't seem real. At the same time, I have a new project I'm working on, and social media can be very helpful in getting the word out. Any recommendations for how to balance if I go back in? — Off Social Media

DEAR OFF SOCIAL MEDIA: You have the ability to choose how to use social media. It makes sense to engage your public for business purposes. Since you have not used social media for a year, your followers will be happy to hear from you, and you can set the parameters for engagement. You can state that you intend to use social media infrequently. You want to keep the peacefulness that you have established in your life, but you also want to keep in touch with them occasionally. Let your people know that you will pop up from time to time to share news about things that you think they may be interested in. Ask for their blessing for your new terms of engagement.

The reason you do this so graciously is that you want your people to support your upcoming project. You cannot come off as selfish, or you will lose people. To use social media, you will need to interact a bit with your people, beyond simply announcing your efforts. But you can limit it. Decide how often per week or month you intend to engage, and stick to it.

DEAR HARRIETTE: I have a weak

immune system. Whenever my son gets a cold, I get sick. Same for my husband. I have always been like this. In fact, my doctor recommended that I get the flu shot when my son got the flu earlier this year, because the chances were likely that I would get it. When I told my husband about this, he was outraged. He thinks doctors are just trying to pump people up with vaccinations. He thinks it's ridiculous that I would take that approach.

I'm not exaggerating. I actually do get sick very easily. I think I should follow my doctor's advice. How can I get my husband to understand? I worry that if I ever do get very ill, he won't respond in the way that my doctor recommends. — Health Advocate

DEAR HEALTH ADVOCATE: You must take care of yourself. Following your doctor's directions is smart. You can also continue to educate your husband about your unique health concerns. Meanwhile, you may want to identify someone else in your life who would be willing to serve as your advocate if you ever need someone to be by your side speaking for you in an emergency situation. If your husband is not in alignment with you about your health challenges, he probably cannot adequately support you if you ever do have a health crisis or emergency.

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Today is the 37th day of 2020 and the 48th day of winter. TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1985, President Ronald Reagan defined the key concepts of his foreign policy, which the media dubbed "The Reagan Doctrine," during his State of the Union Address.

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Lifestyle

Sargent schools look to provide security on their buses

By REBECCA COPLEY
Valley Publishing

SARGENT — Sargent schools' transportation director Rebecca Sykes came before the school board at its last meeting to share about the need for security cameras on the schools' buses. Both for the safety of the students and for the districts. Sykes told the board that the buses would be outfitted with four cameras and a stop bar camera.

"As soon as a stop bar comes out, it activates a camera which helps keep our kiddos safe because it's monitoring the roadsides front and back, alerting the bus driver of anything that he/she may not have seen," explained Sykes adding, "If there's a fast approaching vehicle from

the back it'll beep. It will also take a picture."

Sykes shared how the Colorado State Patrol stated in order for them to be able to report a vehicle driving recklessly around a school bus, they need to have as much description as possible including the entire license plate. Otherwise the CSP has no evidence to pull the cars over if they come across them.

"They have to honk their horn, stop the kid, and it will activate that action. If someone is driving down 160 and somebody flies past them going 90 miles mph, they can press an emergency button and it tags the footage so we can go back and review. If there's an incident in the bus — same sort of thing — they can push the button and we can go back and review

that footage. We don't have to scroll through 24 hours worth of video," Sykes said.

Sykes also shared how one of the cameras would be positioned above the bus driver. "While I'm going to say we have some amazing drivers, I'm not going to say they don't make mistakes. And occasionally those accusations can be true so let's make sure we are in every sense of the word protecting our district. If that means we have to remove a driver from a safety sensitive position we have the means to do so."

The camera system will also monitor the buses' security when they are away at games. The system is also constantly running when the bus is in motion to monitor students. "We're not trying to be Big Brother or anything," said

Sykes. "But we are trying to maintain everybody's safety."

Sykes shared that if an incident between children breaks out on the bus, every other child's face will be blurred except for the students in the altercation. "If there is a two- kid altercation, we can blur out everybody but those two children so we are not breaching anyone's privacy or confidentiality," Sykes explained. If an incident did occur, Sykes shared that this footage would not be part of their student record but would treat the incident the same as a student's teacher taking a note.

After some discussion it was moved to approve installing the camera systems in the school's route buses which passed.

Practice school bus safety all of the time

Millions of students rely on public transportation to get them to and from school each and every day.

The National Safety Council says 25 million students in the United States begin and end their school days on school buses.

The NCS adds that riding a bus to school is 13 times safer than riding in a family vehicle and 10 times safer than walking.

Although buses are designed for safety, student riders can do a lot to make their bus trips even safer.

► Stand only in the designated school bus stop. Always stand on the sidewalk, lawn or curb where the school bus stop is located. Stay away from the street because traffic in the morning and the afternoon can be very busy and hectic.

► Arrive at the stop early. Rushing to the bus stop may cause you to make errors in judgment, including running in traffic to catch the bus. Leave early so there is ample time to catch the bus and obey all traffic laws.

► Only board and exit the bus when it is safe. Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before boarding or exiting. The driver will engage the

stop sign and put on the flashing red lights. Move around the bus only when it is stopped.

► Keep the aisles clear. Stay out of the aisle when the bus is in motion and store backpacks on one's lap or under a seat so they are not tripping hazards.

► Use seat restraints. Use seat restraints when available on the school bus. While not every school bus has seatbelts, many now do.

► Stay in one's seat. Remain in that seat while the bus is in motion. Keep one's hands inside of the windows. Do not get up to engage with other riders.

► Keep a good distance between oneself and the bus. Exit the bus and cross in front. If one cannot see the driver, he or she cannot see you. Check for safety signals from the driver to proceed when traffic has stopped. Always walk, never run, around a bus.

► Do not goof off. When on the bus, always behave so that one can hear any safety instructions and be aware of the surroundings. Behaving also means one less distraction for drivers.

School bus passengers can make their rides to school even safer by playing it smart. BS167239



More safety tips for students

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says that school buses are the safest way for children to travel to and from school. The majority of school bus-related injuries occur while students are boarding and getting off the bus. Over the last 10 years, the NHTSA says nearly two-thirds of school-age pedestrians who were fatally injured by school buses or other vehicles were hurt after being struck while entering or exiting the bus.

While at the bus stop, children must remember to stay at least five large steps away from the road and wait to board until the driver says so. When leaving the bus, students should make sure there is no oncoming traffic and wait for a signal from the bus driver before crossing busy streets.

While on the bus, observe the rules and stay seated at all times. Keep the center aisle clear of backpacks.

WALKING/BIKING SAFETY

Students may walk or bike to school if the school permits. School tends to begin during the morning rush hour, so students must exercise extreme caution when walking or biking to school. Stick to sidewalks whenever possible when walking. Walking one mile to and from school each day can fulfill around two-thirds of the 60 minutes of the recommended physical activity for children each day. Considering that recess times are being

cut and kids are spending more time indoors or on devices instead of playing outside with friends, walking to school provides much-needed exercise.

Young children should be accompanied by an adult chaperone when walking to school. Older children are urged to walk in pairs or groups to increase safety in numbers. Students should heed traffic signals and stick to routes with access to crosswalks and crossing guards. Cyclists should follow the rules of the road, including riding in the same direction as traffic. Choose the safest route as a family and practice it before the first day of school, advises the security company.

Bicycling is another great physical activity and an efficient way to get to school. The Wisconsin Department of Health states that, when kids cycle at a moderate effort for one mile, they can burn between 20 and 30 calories depending on the weight of the child.

When biking to school, students should follow the rules of the road and wear the appropriate safety gear, such as helmets.

BACKPACK SAFETY

Choose an ergonomically designed backpack to enhance safety and comfort. Backpacks should weigh no more than 5 to 10 percent of the child's body weight, advises the National Safety Council. Rolling backpacks should be avoided since they are a tripping hazard. TF199267

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TO THE ELECTORS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1-4-101, as amended, Colorado Revised Statutes 1992, of the Election Law of the State of Colorado, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Presidential Primary Election will be held by Mail Ballot Election process, in the County of Alamosa, in the State of Colorado, to be held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of March, A.D. 2020 between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm.

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Unaffiliated voters whom have a political party preference will receive that party ballot. Unaffiliated voters whom does not have a political party preference will receive both party ballots, but should return only one voted ballot.

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Grizzlies on the road to meet Chadron State

By **GEORGE A GALAVIZ-ORTIZ**
ASU Sports Information

CHADRON, NE — The Adams State Wrestling squad looks to increase their win streak to three duals this Thursday, visiting the Midwest once again for another Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference showdown. Grizzlies come in with an overall record of 4-2 (2-1 RMAC) and are ranked No. 13 in NCAA Division II.



Courtesy photo by Alexis Wellong
Adams State's Cole Gustavson overpowers his opponent during a home meet against Western State.

Keeping Up With the Grizzlies

Getting a late start in the 2019-20 season in terms of duals, Adams State currently holds a spot in the top 15 teams throughout NCAA Division II, tied with Ashland University and Newberry College for No. 13. Grizzlies shine bright in the lightweight classes, holding three nationally ranked grapplers in their lineup, including #5 Jonathan Andreatta in the 133-pound weight class, #4 Noah Hermosillo in the 141-pound weight class, and #9 Josiah Rider in the 149-pound weight class.

Grizzly grapplers last saw the mats just last Thursday, going head to head with the Thunderwolves of CSU-Pueblo to take the cake and earn a 26-19 victory over the Pack on the road. Grizzlies would earn victories in six out of the ten bouts that night, including a 6:55 victory by pin-fall by R-So. William Tyler in the 184-pound bout. Ryan Rochford (165) and Noah Hermosillo (141) would feature victories by major decision in their respected bouts.

Scouting the Eagles

Chadron State last saw the mats last week as they hit the road for Colorful Colorado, visiting Sterling to go head-to-head with Northeastern Junior College. The

Eagles' would go on to defeat the Plainsmen, putting up 31 points while

allowing only 12. Chadron comes into this week's competition at 7-10 on the season, including a 1-4 record within the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

Eagle grapplers made waves throughout the 133, 165, and 285-pound bouts as Brandon Kile, Tate Allison, and Mason Watt would put up 18 of the 31 team points with victories by pinfall.

#10 Wade French (197) would also put up a win by Major Decision as well.

History vs. Chadron State Grizzlies and Eagles last clashed in early January of 2019 and it would be Adams State to walk away with the victory, keeping Chadron State to 12 team-points while putting up 28. Grizzly grapplers have earned victories in the last three meetings with the Eagles, including two at home in Plachy Hall and one on the road.

Thursday marks the first time Adams State visits the Eagles' nest since the 2017-18 season.

Grizzlies look to keep the tradition going and add to their win streak Thursday night in Nebraska.

Adams State Projected Lineup

- 125 Isaiah DeLaCerde
- 133 Jonathan Andreatta
- 141 Noah Hermosillo
- 149 Josiah Rider
- 157 Natrelle Demison
- 165 Ryan Rochford
- 174 Isaac Lopez
- 184 Will Tyler
- 197 Cole Gustavson
- 285 Sylvester Montgomery

Grizzlies travel to Arizona to continue preseason

By **CORRI ZAIGER**

ASU Sports Information Assistant

ALAMOSA — Adams State Baseball continues their preseason battle to challenge Midland University and Arizona Christian in a pod series in Glendale, Arizona.

Opponents: Midland Warriors and Arizona Christian Firestorm

When: Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020 - 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 7, 2020 - 9 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020 - 9 a.m.

Where: Glendale, Ariz. — Glendale Community College

First Pitch

Adams State continues their preseason on the road in Arizona. The Grizzlies are coming off a tough opening weekend in Texas, where the Grizzlies went 0-4.

Though the scores did not favor the Grizzlies, Adams State showed signs of a positive offense, outhitting the Pioneers of Wayland Baptist in game two and scoring 9 runs in game four.

The Grizzlies were picked to finish 10th in the 2020 RMAC Preseason Coaches Poll. The team totaled 9 points in the poll.

Quick Hits

Adams State Baseball History

Grizzlies Baseball begins its eighth season as an NCAA sport. The program was re-instituted prior to the 2013 season after a 35-year hiatus.

Prior to the 2013 season, Adams State last sponsored baseball in 1976 season when the program was still a member of the NAIA.

Adams State enjoyed quite a bit of success winning back-to-back RMAC championships in 1973 and 1974.

The Grizzlies posted the best overall



record in the conference in each of the last four years (1973-76) while sponsoring the sport before it was discontinued.

Last Time Out

The Grizzlies went 0-4 against Wayland Baptist in their season opener. Adams State fell 8-1 in game one, and 5-3 in game two.

Adams State dropped game three 11-0, allowing the Pioneers to score at least one run in the first six innings.

Game four started in Adams State's favor, grabbing a quick 8-3 lead through three innings. Wayland Baptist responded in the eighth, scoring five runs to put them past the Grizzlies, 11-9.

Batter Up!

The Grizzlies are opening the season with a .218 batting average, led by freshman Matt Bathauer. He tops the Grizzlies with a .444 average, followed by Will Morely, batting a .417.

Kolton Bleggi is also one of the Grizzlies top batters, with a .384 average.

Both Morely and Bleggi are leading Adams State, each with 2 RBIs apiece.

On the Mound

Chase Strand is leading the Grizzlies on the hill with a 0.00 ERA through three complete innings.

Dalton Carelo is also a leader on the hill completing five innings with a 5.4 ERA.

Alfredo Villa is leading Adams State with 9 strikeouts, followed by Strand with 6, Troy Gutbub with 5, and Carelo with 4.

Scouting Midland

The Warriors are opening their season this weekend in Glendale, Arizona.

Midland University finished their 2019 campaign ranking 5th in the NAIA Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC). The Warriors ended their season 16-12 in the GPAC and 24-25 overall.

In the 2020 GPAC Preseason Coaches Poll, the Warriors were picked to finish 3rd, sporting 67 points.

Last season, the Warriors were led by senior Austin Hamilton. Hamilton led the Midland offense with a .350 batting average, a .599 slugging percentage, and collecting 34 RBIs.

Senior, Matt Abdelnour was also a big influence in the Warrior's 2019 campaign. Abdelnour led Midland with 9 home runs holding a .305 average and a .567 slugging percentage.

Leading the Warriors on the bump were senior Brandon Jones and junior James Scurto. Jones carried a 1.06 ERA in his 17 innings pitched. Scurto held a 3.56 ERA throughout his 15 starts ad 60.2 innings pitched.

As a unit, Midland University bats an average of .288 and holds a 6.28 ERA.

Scouting Arizona Christian

Arizona Christian enters the 2020

season from a strong 2019 campaign. The Firestorm finished 2nd in the NAIA Golden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) rankings and made it to the first round of the GSAC tournament.

The Firestorm ending their 2019 season 39-21 overall and 15-8 in GSAC.

Arizona Christian is entering the weekend with a 6-2 record. So far this season the Firestorm have held a four-game win streak. The Firestorm are coming into the pod series off a 5-4 loss to Benedictine University at Mesa.

In their first eight games, the Firestorm are batting .330 being led by Kurtis Roberts, holding a .556 batting average and .556 slugging percentage. Arizona Christian also has four men batting over .400: Justin Ramirez with a .467, Zach Baptist with a .429, D'Marcus Guillory with a .417. The Firestorm are also being led by Ramon Miranda, who is carrying a .386 average with 8 RBIs.

Leading Arizona Christian on the hill is junior, Sergio Heguerty. Heguerty has started two-game and made it through 10 innings with a 0.90 ERA and 12 strikeouts.

As a team, Arizona Christian bats a .330 average and carries a 4.99 ERA.

Up Next

Adams State Baseball will host their home opener against the University of the Southwest. The four-game series will span across two days, February 14 and 15.

Both days will feature doubleheaders with the first pitch set to be thrown at 12 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Results

Adams State Basketball

Jan. 31 Westminster 63, ASU 47 (W)
Westminster 71, ASU 67 (M)

Feb. 1 Dixie State 65, ASU 39 (W)
ASU 82, Dixie State 75 (M)

Prep Basketball

Jan. 28 Crested Butte 48, Center 43 (B)
Florence 43, Monte Vista 27 (G)

Jan. 30 Cotopaxi 44, Moffat-Mtn Valley 26 (G)
Cotopaxi 52, Moffat-Mtn Valley 31 (B)

Jan. 31 Primero 72, Creede 37 (B)
Sierra Grande 59, Center 40 (G)
Center 54, Sierra Grande 41 (B)
Sargent 47, South Park 12 (G)
Sargent 63, South Park 29 (G)
Sanford 55, Custer County 8 (G)
Sanford 67, Custer County 18 (B)
Centennial FFW, Aguilar FFL (G)
Sangre de Cristo 72, La Veta 20 (G)
Sangre de Cristo 69, La Veta 33 (B)
Monte Vista 80, Cortez 67 (B)
Centauri 44, Alamosa 40 (G)
Alamosa 59, Centauri 43 (B)

Feb. 1 Alamosa 57, Bayfield 48 (G)
Alamosa 61, Bayfield 49 (B)
Sangre de Cristo 39, Swink 32 (G)
Sangre de Cristo 56, Swink 30 (B)
Center 41, South Park 20 (G)
Center 56, South Park 51 (B)
Del Norte 48, Sanford 45 (G)
Sanford 61, Del Norte 29 (B)
Sierra Grande 46, Antonito 41 (G)
Sierra Grande 58, Antonito 20 (B)

Feb. 1 Sanford 61, Sierra Grande 14 (G)

Adams State Swimming

Jan. 25 Western Colorado 155, ASU 50 (W)

Sports Bulletin

Adams State Wrestling

Jan. 30 ASU 26, CSU-P 19

Prep Wrestling

Jan. 30 Pagosa Springs 42, Alamosa 36
Bayfield 42, Monte Vista 29
Centauri 67, Montezuma-Cortez 11

Feb. 1 Valley Classic
2. Centauri - 199, 15. Monte Vista-54, 17. Sierra Grande/Centennial- 32, 19. Sargent-23, 20. Del Norte-20.5, 22. Mountain Valley-15, 24. Center-2.

Upcoming Events

Adams State Baseball

Feb. 6 9 a.m. ASU vs Midland
1 p.m. ASU at Arizona Christian

Feb. 7 9 a.m. ASU at Arizona Christian

Feb. 8 9 a.m. ASU vs Midland

Adams State Basketball

Feb. 7 5/7 p.m. ASU at Regis (W/M)

Feb. 8 5/7 p.m. ASU at Colorado Christian (W/M)

Prep Basketball

Feb. 6 3 p.m. Center at Sargent (G/B)
6:30 p.m. Center at Antonito (B) at Sargent

Feb. 7 3 p.m. Cotopaxi at Sierra Grande (G/B)
3 p.m. Moffat-Mt. Valley at Manzanola (G/B)
3 p.m. La Veta at Creede (G/B)
4 p.m. Lake City at Antonito (G)
4 p.m. Del Norte at Gunnison (G/B)
5:30/ 7 p.m. Pagosa Springs at Centauri (G/B)
5:30/ 7 p.m. Alamosa at Monte Vista (G/B)
6 p.m. Sangre de Cristo at Centennial (G/B)

Feb. 8

1 p.m. Primero at Antonito (B)
1:30/ 3 p.m. Centauri at Bayfield (G/B)
2 p.m. Sanford at Crested Butte (G/B)
1 p.m. Sierra Grande at Sargent (G)
2 p.m. Del Norte at Center (G/B)
4 p.m. Centennial at Moffat-Mt.-Valley (G)
4/7 p.m. Alamosa at Montezuma-Cortez (B)
5:30/ 7 p.m. Pagosa Springs at Monte Vista (G/B)

Adams State Softball

Feb. 15 12/ 2 p.m. ASU vs Okla. Panhandle State (DH)

Feb. 16 11 a.m./ 1 p.m. ASU vs Okla. Panhandle State (DH)

Prep Swimming (G)

Feb. 14 State Championships
Sargent at Thornton

ASU Wrestling

Feb. 6 6 p.m. ASU at Chadron State

Feb. 7 6 p.m. ASU at Colorado School of Mines

Prep Wrestling

Feb. 6 6 p.m. Centauri at Monte Vista

Feb. 7 5 p.m. Dolores Huerta at Center
Monte Vista at Alamosa

Feb. 8 6 p.m. Centauri at Pagosa Springs

Charger Invite

TBA Center, Mountain Valley, Sargent, Sierra Grande-Centennial at Crowley County

Feb. 9

Girls State Championship
Sierra Grande-Centennial at Thornton

Schedules subject to change

Lifestyle



Photos courtesy of Marlena Antonucci, education & data specialist, San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center, SLV AHEC

Poster made by Ortega Middle School student



Jimmy, Cesar, and Aubrey at the Department of Human Services annual carnival in 2018

Alamosa VOICES Brings Sources of Strength to Valley youth

ALAMOSA— In 2017, a committee of caring community members composed of Alamosa residents from all walks of life, including youth, small business owners, retirees and professionals came together to better understand and support the mental, emotional, and behavioral health of young people in the San Luis Valley.

The group — who initially called themselves UPSTREAM Together! and is now called Alamosa Valley Opportunities and Innovations in Community Engagement for Students (Alamosa VOICES) — has partnered with the San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center, the Farley Health Policy Center, and the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus in order to create a strategic plan and to mobilize necessary assets in support of youth mental health. Their years of dedicated work has manifested into the implementation of the Sources of Strength program, an evidence-based, strength-based, and youth-led wellness program that focuses on suicide prevention and other social issues such as bullying, substance use and violence. Sources of Strength moves further upstream in prevention and targets areas most prevention programs miss.

Lisa Lucero, an Alamosa VOICES Committee member, describes the upstream approach using a parable, “There was once a town by the edge of a river. One day, a sick child came floating down the river. A townsman jumped into the river and brought the child back to shore. Soon after, another sick child floated by, who was also retrieved. However, when multiple sick children began floating down the river, a group of wise townspeople decided to head upstream to find out what conditions were causing the children to become sick and fall into the river and to correct those conditions.” Sources of Strength aims to make resilience and recovery the norm and to use a wellness model that focuses on the leading causes of hope, health, and positivity. It is an ongoing program that

builds trusted relationships amongst peers and adults through a series of facilitated workshops and events, so when young people face challenges they can confidently rely on their own strengths and seek help from a comrade. Sources of Strength harnesses the power of peer social networks and empowers youth as connectors to health and change agents. Studies of the Sources of Strength model have shown increases in school engagement, higher likelihoods of referring a suicidal friend to an adult, positive perceptions of adult support, and acceptability in seeking help.

Ortega Middle School will be the first school to host Sources of Strength in the San Luis Valley. In reaction to a recent suicide of an Ortega Middle School, Principal Amy Ortega stated, “We want to do everything we can to help keep students from feeling hopeless.”

In addition to the presence at Ortega Middle School, the Sources of Strength program includes community development and civic engagement activities for youth and families during school breaks. Jamie Dominguez, owner of Ef’s restaurant, has been a major community participant since the inception of UPSTREAM Together! and is helping coordinate Sources of Strength community projects. By inviting different community partners to the table, they hope to implement solutions that are supported by and work for the community.

In January 2020, the Alamosa VOICES committee hired Beverly Glynn as the Sources of Strength coordinator. Glynn was born and raised in Alamosa.

She graduated from Adams State University with a bachelor’s and master’s degree. Glynn is highly qualified to be the Sources of Strength coordinator, as she has been a secondary counselor in the San Luis Valley for the past 20 years. She is now recruiting peer leaders and adult advisors who will be trained from the national Sources of Strength program office. Throughout the school

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Western Living

Land, water 'n' people: snowshoeing on RGNF

Winter still has a hold on the San Luis Valley, but that's alright by me.

I've got plenty of adventures ahead that require snow and the outdoors.

One of my favorite winter activities for the past few decades has been snowshoeing.

Since my family arrived here in late November, we've had some great adventures out snowshoeing, many of them right here on the Rio Grande National Forest.

I remember when I first took up the "new" sport of snowshoeing. Thinking that some folks were pretty brilliant to invent a new form of snow travel, I just had to try it. I rented a pair of those funky looking tennis rackets, strapped them to my hiking boots and proceeded to take a walk in some pretty deep snow near my home in Dillon. I did make the mistake of not having gaiters so the tops of my boots immediately filled with snow.

As I pushed on, I felt my ankles getting wet because the melting snow had nowhere else to go but to soak into my socks. I should have turned back to correct my mistake, but I was already hooked after the first quarter-mile and wasn't about to let wet feet slow me down.

When I finally returned home, my feet were frozen, my leg muscles ached and I couldn't stop the warm glow of the great outdoors within me.

I was destined to be a snowshoer (I'm not sure whether or not this is a



Gregg Goodland

real word, but I am one), so I looked into the sport a little deeper. Boy was I wrong about it being a new sport!

While archeologists have been unable to pinpoint exactly when the first skis or snowshoes were used, it has been suggested that the first type of equipment resembling either was used in Central Asia. Italian scientists discovered an example of a snowshoe in the Dolomite Mountains, dating between 3800 and 3700 B.C.

It is thought that early Asians may have used snowshoes to reach North America by crossing the Bering Strait when it is believed that current-day Asia and North America were joined.

While it appears that skis were more popularly used in Europe and Asia, the early native North Americans took more of a liking to snowshoes as their favored form of snow travel.

As they tended to migrate into forested zones, snowshoes were developed out of the need to travel and hunt for food in the winter when the ground was covered in snow. The first snowshoe designs were modeled after the tracks of animals that could easily maneuver in the snow, such as the snowshoe hare.

Out of necessity, snowshoes were further developed by these hearty and innovative peoples who adapted their equipment according to their needs which, obviously, varied by region. The attached photo was taken from the Forest Service's National

web page.

Snowshoes were not only used for personal travel. They played key roles in military conflicts, as well. During the French and Indian war, in the battle between the French and English for North America, the French used tactics they had learned from the natives, including using snowshoes to assist in their raids. An interesting read on this is found by searching "Battle on Snowshoes."

Here in the SLV, we can assume that early nomadic hunters and traders used our portion of the 2,700-mile long Old Spanish Trail for both summer

and winter travel, during which snowshoes would be necessary.

As with much forest recreation, recreational snowshoeing was born in the early 1900s, as people began exploring the wilderness for leisure and exercise.

The earliest recreational snowshoes resembled a tennis racquet. The older styles of wooden and rawhide are mostly appreciated today as objects of craftsmanship and art. You know, the ones you see on the walls.

Today, recreational and sport snowshoeing have drastically increased in popularity.

It is believed that snowshoe participation tripled in the 1990s. I encourage those that can to give it a try. There are so many locations where you can easily leave the roadside or trailhead and be in your own winter wonderland in a matter of minutes. Our website has some suggestions for places to go: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/activity/riogrande/recreation/wintersports> or contact one of our most excellent visitor information specialists.

Gregg Goodland is the Public Affairs Officer for the Rio Grande National Forest.



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\$15,995



#P11084

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\$17,990



#P75772

2017 Dodge Journey

\$17,995



#P28844

2019 Chevy Malibu

\$19,850



#P29722

2016 Buick La Crosse

\$19,990



#P78871

2017 Ford Explorer

\$25,140



#P94212

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\$25,880



#P26943

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\$26,995



#P20425

2019 Jeep Compass

\$27,995



#P20540

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#P77850

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\$34,995



#P47820

2018 GMC Canyon

\$36,440



#P33879

The History of Snow Shoes

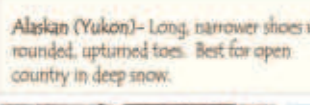
The "shoeski" was invented in 4000 BC in Central Asia. It was a solid piece of wood with a crude binding. The first people that migrated over the Bering Land Bridge into North America used these.



Athapaskan Indians of the northwest coast and the Algonquin Indians of the Great Lakes area perfected the laced-frame snowshoe which later developed into various styles below. Materials were made from wood and animal hide or sinew.



Ojibwa (Cree) - pointed, upturned toes with tail. Great for breaking through crusty snow.



Alaskan (Yukon) - Long, narrower shoes with rounded, upturned toes. Best for open country in deep snow.



Michigan (Beaver tail) - medium surface area with rounded toe and pointed tails. Combination of the above two styles.



Bear Paw - oval in shape, lacking tail for use in thick woods and hilly areas; slow but maneuverable.

Courtesy image

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DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 3, STATE OF COLORADO
TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS
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WATER DIVISION 3.
Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302(3), you are notified that the following is a resume in Water Division 3, containing notice of applications and amended applications or requests for correction filed in the office of the Water Clerk during the month of January 2020 in which the court ordered publication.

The names and addresses of applicants, description of water rights, or conditional water rights involved, and description of ruling sought, are as follows:

2020CW1, Gary V. Seger Trust and Carolyn Jo Seger Trust, 2600 N County Road 1E, Monte Vista, CO 81144. Telephone: 719-852-5279, 719-850-8845. In the Rio Grande River or its Tributaries in Rio Grande County. Application for Change of Water Right. Name of Structure: Well No. 2-A Permit No. 25361-F-R, WVID 2005399. Date of Original and all relevant subsequent decrees: June 20, 1986 Case No. 84CW90; September 29, 1980 Case No. W-3847. Legal Description of structure as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: Center of the NE1/4 of Section 13, Township 40 North, Range 6 East, NMPM at a point which is 1320 feet from the North Section line and 1320 feet from the East Section line in Rio Grande County, Colorado. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer. Appropriation Dates: January 15, 1973 and February 28, 1940. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute (gpm) or cubic feet per second (cfs): 895 gpm being 1.99 cfs. Decreed use: Irrigation of the NE1/4 of Section 13, Township 40 North, Range 6 East, NMPM. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: Entire decreed amount. Detailed description of proposed change: Through this filing, Applicant seeks to change the point of diversion for Well No. 2-A from its presently decreed location to a new replacement well that will be drilled approximately 237 feet South of the existing well. The precise location of the replacement well will be determined if this decree is granted. No additional changes are proposed. The new replacement well will be drilled into the same aquifer as decreed and will be drilled to the same depth, being 197 feet as the existing well has been completed to. Well No. 2-A historically irrigated lands in the NE1/4 of Section 13, Township 40 North, Range 6 East, NMPM and the replacement well will be used to irrigate those same lands. In Case no. 84CW90 Well No. 2-A was made absolute and was made an alternate point of diversion to Well No. 1 (case no. W3325). Well No. 2 (W-3325), and Well No. 1 (case no. W-1231. In case no. 84CW90 Well No. 2-A was restricted to the irrigation of the NE1/4 of Section 13, Twp 40N, Rng. 6E, NMPM. The Applicants will continue to recharge their Rio Grande and Santa Maria shares as required by the terms in case no. W-3847. The existing well will be properly plugged and abandoned if the requested change is granted. A map depicting the location of Well no. 2-A, the historically irrigated land in the NE1/4 of Section 13, Township 40 North, Range 6 East, NMPM as well as the approximate location of the proposed replacement well is attached (to the Application) as Exhibit A. B. Applicant seeks to change the point of diversion for Well No. 2-A from its presently decreed location to replacement well that will be constructed in the NE1/4 of Section 13, Township 40 North, Range 6 East, NMPM approximately 237 feet South of the existing well. The precise location will be determined upon drilling. Approximate Location information in UTM format of Replacement Well: Easting 388594, Northing 4174925, Zone 13. Street Address: 0 W County Road 10N Del Norte, CO 81132. Current location information in UTM format of Existing Well: Northing 4174998, Easting 388595, Zone 13. Street Address: 0 W County Road 10N Del Norte, CO 81132. Name and address of Landowners: Gary Seger and Carolyn Seger 2600 N County Road 1E Monte Vista, CO 81144. You are further notified that you have until the last day of March 2020, to file with the Water Clerk, a verified statement of opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions or a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of opposition or protest must also be served upon the Applicant or the Applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service must be filed with the Water Clerk. A \$192.00 filing fee is required.

PLEASE NOTE: WATER DIVISION 3 HAS MANDATORY E-FILING FOR ALL PARTIES REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY.

You can review the complete applications or requests for correction in the office of the Alamosa Combined Court, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101.

Witness my hand and seal of this Court this 3rd day of February, 2020.

Jennifer Pacheco,
Clerk of the Alamosa Combined Courts
Water Court, Water Division 3
8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF CRESTONE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020 1:00P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM, 11S. ALDER STREET, CRESTONE, CO

PURPOSE: Public comment on a Planned Unit Development proposal for Tract 3, which consists of 4.82 acres of E. Lime Ave. within the Town of Crestone and Zoned Rural Residential.

PRELIMINARY APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY: Crestone Peak Community Housing, a nonprofit organization, PO BOX 911, Crestone, CO 81131.

PUBLISHED AND POSTED: As per the Zoning Regulations of the Town of Crestone Section IX-10, Ordinance 2008-013, Crestone Board of Trustees: Mayor Kairina Danforth and Trustee Diane Bairstow, Terry Goergen, Adam Kinney, Kizzen Laki, Sam Pace and Bob Prather.

COMMENTS MAY BE SENT IN ADVANCE OF THE HEARING TO: Crestone Clerk, PO BOX 64, Crestone, CO 81131 or crestoneclerk@fairpoint.net
No. 1253
Published in the Valley Courier on January 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, February 01, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, and 11, 2020.

221 HELP WANTED

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SEEKING A PART-TIME Family Advocate, with potential for full-time at a later date. The Family Advocate is responsible for the engagement, intake, assessment, internal triage, and case management for families seeking service at Adelante Family Resource Center. The Family Advocate works with families to create positive and long-term growth aimed to improve safety, stability, and self-efficacy by providing trauma-informed, strengths-based, solution focused, and culturally responsive services. Duties include assisting with client goal setting. Service/referral/resource navigation in the community, regular in-person visits at Adelante, in family homes and in the community. Additional responsibilities include collaboration with local community partners and other program staff, data tracking, reporting and adherence to program grant requirements. Bachelor's degree preferred with two years of experience working in the human serve field with direct client contact. Bi-lingual a plus. Please send cover letter and resume to: HR, PO BOX 1235, Alamosa, CO 81101 or email to hr@lapuente.net (2/18)

221 HELP WANTED

HOST/HOESST NEEDED APPLY in person, at 506 State Street. Rubi Slipper must be flexible. No Phone calls. (2/15)

RIO GRANDE COUNTY Department of Social Services is accepting applications for a Child Protection Caseworker. Full time position with County benefits. Full job description and application available at www.riograndecounty.org, or at Human Resources, 925 6th St., Room 200, Del Norte, CO 81132. (2/12)

THE CITY OF Alamosa is seeking a Full Time Maintenance Worker I with a hiring salary of \$14.42 - \$15.86 per hour (DOQ), to provide routine maintenance tasks in and around the City Facilities. Applications can be found online at www.cityofalamosa.org under Employment or at the HR Department, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado. Closing date is February 13, 2020 at 4:30 pm. (2/15 #2)

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221 HELP WANTED

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ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY seeks applicants for a Police Officer I position in the ASU Police Department. For application or more information, please see <https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/> Deadline is February 13, 2020. AA/EOE. (2/6)

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221 HELP WANTED

RIO GRANDE COUNTY Department of Social Services is seeking applicants for a Legal Technician. Background check and pre-employment drug screening required. \$15.36/hr. DOE, full County benefits. Schedule 37.50 hours /week. Job description and application are available on-line at www.riograndecounty.org or pick up and submit to Human Resources: 925 6th St., Rm. 200; Del Norte, CO 81132.(2/6)

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.sierragrande-school.net Applications may be submitted to Mr. Brandon Mizokami at bmizokami@sierragrande-school.net For more information please contact Mrs. DeAnn Arellano at 719-379-3257.(2/22)

221 HELP WANTED

TEMPORARY EXPERIENCED HEAD Cook-Monte Vista - (2+ yrs exp; references); Responsible for food preparation per to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans; must be familiar w/ Colorado Retail Food Establishments Rules and Regs and certification Food Safety and Handling; supervisory skills, cooks in large quantities; 5:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. M-F; For more information call 719-589-4511. Applications and full job description available at South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc., 1116 3rd St. Alamosa CO or call 719-589-4511 for more information. (2/8)

SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL District is currently accepting applications for the 2019-2020 School Year for the following positions: High School Track Coach, Middle School Wrestling Coach, and Middle School Baseball Coach. Applications are available online at www.southconejos.com. Applications can be forwarded to josh@southconejos.com. If you have questions/concerns you may contact the district office at 719.376.7001. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. South Conejos is an equal opportunity employer.(2/8)

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221 HELP WANTED

RIO GRANDE COUNTY is seeking a full-time jail cook. High school diploma or general education degree (GED). Must be 21 years of age, pass background investigation and drug test screening. \$13.95/per hour, 40 hours a week, full County benefits. Pick up and submit applications to Human Resources, 925 6th St., Room 200, Del Norte, CO 81132. Applications and job description available on-line at www.riograndecounty.org. Deadline: Until filled. (2/12)

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ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY: Counseling, Career and Accessibility Services Adams State University seeks applicants for Counseling Services Coordinator of Accessibility services. AAEOE. For more information visit: <https://www.adams.edu/hr/administrative-positions/>(2/19)

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MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a Middle School Math Teacher for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience may be viewed on the district website. 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, 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.(2/7)

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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 - 12 Readily trained
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 - 14 Egg dish
 - 15 Agreement
 - 16 Winery feature
 - 18 Guitarist — Paul
 - 19 Racetrack near Miami
 - 23 Tank filler
 - 26 Rx givers
 - 27 Cupola
 - 30 Straw hat
 - 32 Licorice flavoring
 - 34 Sea World orca
 - 35 Airline employees
 - 36 Tell imaginative tales
 - 37 Tribute in verse
 - 38 Skip stones
 - 39 Thaw
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- DOWN**
- 1 Kind of bean
 - 2 Severeid of the news
 - 3 Not at all willing
 - 4 Sandbox enjoyer
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 - 6 High card
 - 7 Threshold
 - 8 Swiss painter Paul —
 - 9 Stage backgrounds
 - 10 Navigation aid

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- 12 Lavish attention
- 17 Pacino and Hirt
- 20 Not susceptible
- 21 Truisms
- 22 Make sharper
- 23 Navigation aid
- 24 Contented murmurs
- 25 Parka closer
- 28 Intellect
- 29 This, to Pedro
- 31 Among
- 33 Clairvoyance
- 35 Mud bricks
- 37 Moon or planet
- 40 Yard contents
- 41 Express gratitude
- 42 Haik wearer
- 43 Stood up
- 44 Bay Area valley
- 47 —
- 48 Bracken
- 49 Undertake
- 51 Last mo.
- 52 Fritz, to himself
- 54 Home tel.

ALLEY OOP

ALL RIGHT, TEAM. THIS SHOULD BE QUICK.

WE'VE BEEN HIRED TO BRING BACK SOME TEA BEFORE IT'S DUMPED IN THE HARBOR DURING THE BOSTON TEA PARTY.

WHO WANTS THAT?

A FAMOUS BILLIONAIRE.

WHAT A GREAT USE OF THEIR VAST RESOURCES.

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NO! NO REAL CATS!

I DON'T THINK THEY CAN FIND THE RIGHT DIRECTOR!

BIG NATE

NATE, PUT AWAY THAT CLIPBOARD.

I CAN'T. I'M DOING RESEARCH.

YOU'RE JUST STANDING THERE LOOKING AT ME!

RIGHT.

HOW IS THAT RESEARCH?

IF I TELL YOU THAT, IT MIGHT SKEW THE RESULTS.

RESULTS OF WHAT?

SHE'S GENERATING A LOT OF DATA.

THE BORN LOSER

EXCUSE ME, MOTHER GARGLE.

I COULDN'T HELP BUT NOTICE THAT YOU HAVE A RUN IN YOUR TIGHTS!

I'M NOT WEARING TIGHTS!

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

WHAT'S WITH YOU?

I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO PRESENT A UNITED FRONT ON THIS!

I DON'T WANT MICHAEL TO HAVE A MOTORCYCLE.

HELL, LOOK AT THE COST! THINK OF THE INSURANCE! HE WON'T BE ABLE TO AFFORD ONE!

BESIDES, A BOY HAS TO DREAM. THERE'S A CERTAIN ROMANCE IN WANTING A BIKE... I WANTED ONE!

BUT YOU GOT SMART!

... I GOT MARRIED!

FRANK & ERNEST

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ON SECOND THOUGHT, I THINK YOUR BEST BET IS TO CONTINUE WITH SELF-DECEPTION.

GARFIELD

I'M TELLING YOU, IT'LL NEVER CATCH ON.

CHEESE-FLAVORED GUM

THE GRIZZWELLS

JASMINE, WHAT KIND OF BOYFRIEND ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

AN HONEST ONE WHO WOULD NEVER LIE TO ME

BUT SHE DIDN'T SAY WHAT I SHOULD NEVER LIE ABOUT

THAT RIGHT THERE IS WHY THEY'RE SO HARD TO UNDERSTAND

PEANUTS

OKAY, MARCIE, YOU AND I ARE THE INVITATION COMMITTEE

NOW, HERE'S A LIST OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO ARE TO RECEIVE INVITATIONS TO CHARLIE BROWN'S TESTIMONIAL DINNER... AT THE BOTTOM OF EACH ONE, WE PUT R.S.V.P.

WHAT DOES R.S.V.P. MEAN, SIR?

"REVISED STANDARD VERSION, PLEASE"

I NEVER UNDERSTAND YOUR JOKES, SIR...

STOP CALLING ME "SIR"!

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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HERMAN

"I'll skip the dessert menu. I don't like to run on a full stomach."

Shower guest questions need for giving bride a second gift

DEAR ABBY: My niece on my husband's side was engaged to be married two years ago. There was a bridal shower, and everyone gave gifts or gift cards. Two weeks after the shower, the wedding was canceled because of the groom-to-be's infidelities. The shower gifts and gift cards were never returned nor was anyone reimbursed. The same niece is getting married to someone else now. Another shower is being given for her. Everyone on her side of the family is invited. Are we required to give gifts again? Can we attend the shower and not give a gift? Should we all just not attend? Please help. -- ALREADY GAVE ONCE

DEAR ALREADY GAVE: Any unopened gifts from the first shower should have been returned to the givers. Because they weren't, you are not "obligated" to give the bride another gift. However, if you plan to attend this shower, in my opinion, you should not go empty-handed.

DEAR ABBY: Last week, I was in my college's cafe, minding my own business and studying for a test. I looked toward a group of

guys that hang out there and made eye contact with a guy friend I've known since preschool. He made his way to my table, sat down and we started talking about classes and whatnot. Suddenly, he changed the subject and asked me if I was seeing anyone. I said no, and he blurted out that he's in love with me! He said he has loved me for a very long time, that I am perfect in his eyes, and that I'm too harsh and doubt myself. Then he said he wants me to give him a chance. The thing is, I don't like him that way and never have. He's not the type of guy I'm attracted to. How do I go about rejecting him without losing him as a friend? -- FRIEND ZONE IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR FRIEND ZONE: Tell him the truth -- that you like him, too, but only as a friend, and hope he will find someone soon who can reciprocate his romantic feelings. He may not like the message, but he will respect you for your honesty and for not wasting his time.

DEAR ABBY: I have many older friends, and when we go out for lunch or dinner, all they talk about is their aches and



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

pains and other medical stuff. I will always be their friend and support them, but sometimes it's such a downer, they even get depressed listening to each other. What's the best way to change the conversation to happy subjects while being sensitive at the same time? -- HAPPY SUBJECTS ONLY

DEAR HAPPY: Older people sometimes dwell on their aches, pains and other medical stuff because they have little else to occupy their minds. If you are sensitive, you will listen sympathetically for a period of time, then propose you all change the subject to something more upbeat -- and SUGGEST something.

Lifestyle



Nakkia and Cristalray leading a relationship scenario game at the Color Fest, an 8th grade Ortega Middle School event.

Youth

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peer leaders will lead the development and implementation of interactive, school-wide campaigns to build resilience and help students identify their own strengths to live healthy and full lives.

Sources of Strength progress and information will be included in the Ortega Middle School quarterly newsletter and

social media pages. You can also learn more by visiting their website sourcesofstrength.org. Adult advisors will be made up of a mix of community members and school employees. Please contact Bev Glynn at bev@slvahec.org if you are interested in being an adult advisor or to stay updated on Alamosa VOICES upstream projects. Establishing the Sources of Strength program at Ortega Middle School is just the beginning for the Alamosa VOICES committee.

January Students of the Month



Courtesy photo

Sargent Elementary's January Students of the Month, from front, left to right, are, Cason Mattive, Alaina Buckley and Mason Klecker. Back, Skylar Fremouw, Kaelyn Atencio, Iiona Ruybal, Hayden Graham, Graesyn Coulson, Kyla Davis and Haven Barker. Not pictured are D.J. Sawyer, Izzy Johnston.



Courtesy photo by Dawn Krebs

Senior artists came together to hang their art in the San Luis Valley Health Regional Medical Center ARTrium on Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, showcasing the talented work of seniors living in the San Luis Valley. A handful of the artists stopped for a group photo, and from left is Todd Cotton, Margaret Jones, Yvon Boss, Kelly Bellefui, Scott Malueg, David Roepke, Coni Grant, Frances McAulay Will, David Montgomery and Noel Harlan.

ARTrium's artistic talent of seniors on display

By DAWN KREBS
Special to the Courier
ALAMOSA — The hall of the "ARTrium," located on the second floor of SLV Health Regional Medical Center in Alamosa, was busy on Monday, as more than a dozen artists 50-older from Luis Valley placed their artwork on display for the public to view.

Entitled "Senior Art from the HeART" art show, the display is a collaboration between SLV Health and the Alamosa Senior Center. Eighteen artists are featured, using a variety of mediums from oils and acrylics to photography and metalworks. Contact information for the various artists' work can be found on the Featured Artists sheet, located to the south side of the displays.

"I find it amazing the amount of artistic talent we have here in the San Luis Valley," said Kelly Gurule, director of the San Luis Valley Health Foundation. "We are so excited to partner with the Alamosa Senior Center and showcase these artists' abilities."

In addition to the art display, there will also be a fundraiser benefiting the Alamosa Senior Center on Saturday, Feb. 15, entitled "Senior Art from the HeART Evening."

The event begins with an exclusive VIP art reception at 4:30 p.m. in the ARTrium at SLV Health until 5:45 p.m., then continues at the Alamosa Senior Center at 6 p.m. with dinner and auctions of artwork donated by some of the featured artists. This is a special opportunity for the public to meet the artists while supporting the Alamosa Senior Center.

CALENDAR BRIEF: Senior Art from the HeART Evening, benefit-

ting the Alamosa Senior Center, will take place on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020. The evening will start at 4:30 p.m. with a VIP Art reception at the ARTrium, located on the second floor of the San Luis Valley Health Regional Medical Center. It will continue at 6 p.m. with dinner and art auctions at the Alamosa Senior Center. Tickets are \$50 per person, and seats are limited. For more information, call Lynette Cotton at 719-589-3277 by Monday, Feb. 10.

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