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

NCSDBOD meets Tues.

**CONEJOS** — A regular board meeting for the North Conejos School District Board of Education will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the District Administration Office in La Jara. Agendas are available at the District Administration Office, 17890 US Highway 285, La Jara, Colorado, or on our web site www.northconejos.com.

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Courtesy photo

Blessing, who is a terrier, relaxing after being rescued at a Cole Park on Feb. 11.

## What a Blessing

### Abused dog rescued at Cole Park

**ALAMOSA** — Diana Cullens, a San Luis Valley resident, was out for a walk in Cole Park on Feb. 11 when she noticed a small terrier dog curled up by a tree.

Cullens was concerned as the temperature was only 15 degrees.

When she inspected the little pup, she found it unresponsive, in fact, she thought it might be dead.

Cullens picked her up and could feel her breathing, so she rushed her to the

Valley Humane League.

Once in her car, Cullens held the little dog against her body, cranked the heat and drove like a greyhound.

Once at the shelter, staff took the dog straight to the vet to find she had been strangled, beaten, suffered from a concussion and someone had put cigarettes out in her ears.

The little dog, named Blessing, was treated and sent home with Director of Valley Humane League Diana Hamilton.

Blessing was still unresponsive and there was little hope that she would survive. She could not lift her head or move her legs. She was given food and water throughout the night with a syringe and survived the first crucial night.

■ See SURVIVES page 4

## MVPD K-9 unit grateful to community

By REBECCA COPLEY  
Valley Publishing

**MONTE VISTA** — The Monte Vista Police Department's K-9 unit is grateful to the community of Monte Vista for all the donations it has received for the program during the past year. Since the program's start, it has raised almost \$40,000 through donations and fundraisers.

The unit is made up of two K-9 teams with Corporal Heath Hart and his black lab, Jake, and Officer Ezekiel Sisneros and his yellow lab, Ruckus. The dogs are highly trained and are an effective part of the police department's efforts to stop illegal narcotic drug trafficking. In February 2019 while conducting a search warrants with federal agents, K-9 Jake located around a kilo of illegal narcotics.

"The K-9 unit is so important to give us an edge on combating the opioid and other drugs of choice issues in the Valley," MVPD Chief John Rosecrans said.

The K-9 unit has received support from local businesses in the city including Big R who provides food for the dogs. "They (Big R) have been doing this for two years now, and we don't know what we would do without their help," Corporal Hart said.

Other big supporters include the Monte Vista Rotary Club, Rio Grande Savings and Loans, Outcalt Foundation, Hart of the Valley, and Monte Vista Kiwanis Club. Individuals who have offered significant support include, Margaret Hurd, Ray and Colette Skeff, Rebecca Rian, Manny and Cindy Hemmerling, and Patrice Wise.



Courtesy photo

Members of the Cooley family display a long string of fish.

## Looking back 100 years

### Pneumonia afflicted SLV a century ago

By BARBARA KRUSE  
Special to the Courier

**ALAMOSA** — One hundred years ago, the Courier was published once per week on Saturdays.

Since it was a weekly publication, it contained a vast amount of information covering the world, nation, Colorado and the various communities of the San Luis Valley.

Most of the articles are paraphrased; however, it is the voice of a century ago and not my own. The Courier newspaper is archived at Adams State University Library on microfiche.

Many farms were bought and sold in February. About 20 people,

from infants, a high school student and adults died from pneumonia in February. Most of the deaths were reported in the community news section; however, there were several obituaries.

**ALAMOSA**

"Alamosa saddened by the sudden death of a popular and much loved citizen" read the headlines on Feb. 7. Townsman M.V. McEnany, manager of the Colorado Power Co., sick only one week, died of double pneumonia. In the hospital report of the same edition, it was reported that he was getting along nicely. It was said that he was a "friend of every boy in town, being intimate with every one of them," and he was a

leader of the Elks. He left behind a wife and five children.

The highest price, \$9,000, ever paid for an Alamosa residence, was made by J.B. Forely of Louisiana for the J.J. Roper residence on the corner of Ross and Third.

"Alamosa Jail Calmly Awaits Trial." "The reportedly 'frail little girl,' a 150-pound woman whose nerve is superior to a she bearcat and whose disposition is equivalent to a frontier gunman," was confined to jail for murder. She claimed that she killed to avenge repeated insults. The paper said that the whole story had not yet been told.

"Fermage Cavanaugh was

■ See DITCHERS page 3

## Singing, dancing, playing music, painting at Adams State Gives Day



Courier photos by Daniel McKillop

Above left, Music of the Americas Project singing, dancing and playing instruments during Adams States Gives Day on Monday night. Stephanie Cotter and the NCAA Division-II 6K women's 2019 cross country championship team were recognized, along with men's team, and their coach Damon Martin. The live talent show and telethon aired coast-to-coast on the web at adams.edu/live.



Above right, Mariachi San Luis entertaining immediately to the left of the door as patrons walk into the Richardson Hall Auditorium, while artist Sarah Ramirez, right, painting away during Adams State Gives Day on Monday night.



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# Record

## Voting instructions for presidential primary

**STATE-WIDE** — A reminder to all Colorado residents, the Presidential Primary is on March 3. In order to vote by mail, one must have been registered by Feb. 14.

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

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

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

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

## SLV food bank serves needy

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** — The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) works to improve the health of low-income persons who are at least 60 years of age by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA Foods. Individuals must be at or below 130% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines.

Food packages include a variety of foods, such as nonfat dry milk, UHT 1% low fat milk, juice, farina, oats, ready-to-eat cereal, rice, pasta, peanut butter, dry beans, canned meat, poultry, or fish, and canned fruits and vegetables.

This food box is free to those who meet the income guidelines.

Costilla County Commodity Program will be in Del Norte on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the Annex Building next to the Courthouse 6th Street, Del Norte from 9am to 10:30 am., and in Monte Vista at the Calvary Baptist Church, 2160 Sherman Avenue, Feb. 19 from 12:30- 3:30 p.m.

## Reserve a table now for ASU's Spring Career Fair

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

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

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

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

For more information, call 719-587-8105 or [civicengagement@adams.edu](mailto:civicengagement@adams.edu).

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

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

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

Any men receiving this email are asked to forward it to a woman veteran or woman provider in your organization.

The team organizing the event has attempted to create a "safe space" for anyone to discuss women's issues, needs and opportunities.

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

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

For more information, please contact, 719-992-4108.

If there is anything the Board of Directors can do to help, please let them know.

## Steamroller Printmaking hits Creede, seeks artists

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

### COURIER POLICY ON OBITUARIES

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

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### San Luis Valley Crimestoppers

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

Call San Luis Valley Crimestoppers at 589-4111.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mkmillermink@aol.com)

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

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

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

### SUNDAY

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

7 p.m. Town Hall at 108 W Galena Ave., Crestone

### MONDAY

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

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

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

**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's 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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 informa-

tion, call 589-2243.

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

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

## AA MEETINGS

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

### TUESDAY

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

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

### WEDNESDAY

12 p.m. First United Methodist Church at 2005 Mullens, Alamosa

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

6 p.m. Amistad of San Luis at 403 Main St., San Luis

7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca

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

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

### THURSDAY

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

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

7 p.m. Community

Church on Main St., Creede

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

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

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

### AL-ANON

### TUESDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. SLV Behavior Health Group at 8745 CR

9S., Alamosa

### THURSDAY

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

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



## School Menu

Tuesday  
Feb. 18, 2020

### BREAKFAST

Cereal  
Juice & Fruit

### ELEMENTARY

Dominos Pizza  
Green Beans  
Vegetable Bar

### SECONDARY

Chicken Fajitas  
Spanish Rice  
Corn  
Vegetable Bar

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# Valley News

## Del Norte Riverfront Project Construction



Del Norte Riverfront Project Construction's new boat ramp services diverse user groups. "We took (a photo) looking across the Rio Grande today while standing on the fishing pier — a surprise user group — no one had thought of horses using the boat ramp," said Bonnie Asplin, from the Del Norte Trails Organization. "We thought it was great!"

**ABOUT THE PROJECT**  
 The purpose of the DNRFP is to foster connectivity between the communities and visitors of the San Luis Valley and the Rio Grande through improved recreation opportunities. When complete, the project will include:

- ▶ A boating playwave
- ▶ A boat ramp and parking area
- ▶ Pedestrian river access points
- ▶ Instream fish habitat improvements
- ▶ Riparian revegetation
- ▶ A new sheltered picnic area
- ▶ Educational signage

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE RIVER?**  
 Project Partners for the DNRFP have hired Robins Construction to complete the boating playwave, pedestrian river access, and aquatic habitat elements of the project. Construction began November 2019 and is expected to be completed March 2020 and will be overseen by Riverbend Engineering. While the sight of construction in the riverbed can seem alarming, the end result will be a healthier, more accessible, and more fun stretch of river.

Report courtesy of a news release from Bonnie Asplin, Del Norte Trails Organization, PO Box 309, Del Norte, CO 81132, 719-657-2827.

Photo courtesy of Bonnie Asplin, from Del Norte Trails Organization

**SKI-HI 6 SHOWTIMES**  
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 Time is the enemy R

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**JUMANI**  
 Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart PG-13

## SLV Tourism Association will host 20th annual conference

**ALAMOSA** — The San Luis Valley Tourism Association will host its 20th annual conference on March 4. This year's theme is "Let's Get Sustainable!" Speakers will include Addison Phillips with Charge Ahead Colorado, Steve Coffin with NoCo PLACES 2050, and Dr. Nick Parker, teaching Sustainability 101.

The Colorado Energy Office (CEO) and Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) jointly administer the Charge Ahead Colorado electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure grant program.

Grants are available for community-based Level II and DC fast-charging stations. Program objectives include improving air quality, encouraging deployment of EVs across the state, and supporting implementation of the Colorado Electric Vehicle Plan. Since its inception in 2013, the Charge Ahead Colorado program has made awards for more than 930 EV charging stations across the state.

NoCo PLACES 2050 is a collaborative effort formed in May of 2018 to manage the impact of population growth on

Colorado's mountains, with an initial focus on local, state and federal lands in the Arapaho Roosevelt Forest region. The group includes leaders from the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Boulder, Clear Creek, Gilpin, Jefferson and Larimer counties, and other key stakeholders. Throughout his career, Steve Coffin has specialized in developing and implementing strategies to help businesses, governmental entities and non-profits align themselves around strat-

egy and vision and more effectively communicate and position themselves and their initiatives.

Dr. Nick Parker spent most of his career with U.S. Fish & Wildlife at Texas Tech University. He is on the leading edge of sustainable development including building a hydrogen fueled car.

The mission of the San Luis Valley Tourism Association is to preserve our environmental and cultural resources by unifying our marketing efforts to promote the Mystic San Luis Valley as a tourism destination

and thereby developing responsible economic growth for the seven counties of the Valley.

The conference will be held March 4th at the Alamosa Elks Lodge at 406 Hunt Avenue from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. The conference will include, as always, the popular "What's New" session. You may register online at [sanluisvalley.org](http://sanluisvalley.org) or at the door.

Mystic San Luis Valley, P.O. Box 35, Alamosa, CO 81101, [www.sanluisvalley.org](http://www.sanluisvalley.org).

## Ditchers

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sporting a moustache, which is almost noticeable, to give him more prestige and age ... with a certain girl of this locality ... we wish him success ... which we doubt."

The Alamosa School Board was having trouble raising the extra sum for the new school building. The bond had passed for \$80,000; however, the cost of building materials had increased by 40%.

A one-page feature from the mayor of Alamosa, A.F. Bethmer, asked residents to "Clean up and Stay Cleaned Up." We must clean up if we expect people to accept our invitation to come into our city:

- ▶ Don't throw rubbish in alleys
- ▶ Don't spit on sidewalks
- ▶ Don't allow paper to be thrown in the street
- ▶ Don't throw junk in vacant lots
- ▶ Don't allow weeds to accumulate
- ▶ Don't allow wells to overflow
- ▶ Don't leave garbage uncovered
- ▶ It takes every man, woman and child to make Alamosa a better place.

The night train between Alamosa and Pueblo was overtaxed and it was impossible to get "seating." The paper said the daylight passenger train needed to get boosted.

The schedule for both boys and girls basketball games between Alamosa, Manassa and Antonito was published.

Both strayed and estrayed animals were posted in the paper. [Strayed is when a known animal has left the property and

estrayed is an unknown animal on the property.]

**FARMS**  
 The Headlees bought the 4,080-acre North Farm Ranch for \$100,000. North Farm included a slaughterhouse that provided meat to the SLV.

The vast Colorado Valley Land Co. had sold off much of its land; the Meadow Ranch, north of Center had been sold in 1919 to I. Silbersusen of Omaha.

There was a public auction scheduled for the Harvey Ranch west of La Jara on the Capulin road.

Valley Farm Bureau News said the dairy project was in good shape. The county agent purchased a carload of Holsteins from Wisconsin.

"Two committee women demonstrated what a real farm project is." They ordered 2,500 pounds of a balanced grain mixture chicken feed that will show the highest egg production. The feed was available to those who have paid up their money.

A dissolution sale of the J.A. Garcia ranch, 3 miles northeast of Antonito was scheduled in February.

New Martin ditchers were for sale at Hooper Lumber.

Celtrac, a tank-type tractor that could plow, harrow, drag, disc, plant, dig potatoes and cut grain, was demonstrated at the Monte Vista Celtrac Sales.

Valentine cards were available at Warners Variety Store for one to 15 cents.

"The Monte Vista people went to considerable trouble to find out why Alamosa permitted some of the unpopular dances, which are considered indecent," at the Colorado Hall Jazz Band performance.

The Valentine's Day Masquerade in Hooper was a

success, financially and socially. "Masked ladies were sold instead of boxes" for a total of \$98. Many of the men were masked, as well.

**HOOPER**  
 Sam Cooley caught his sweater in an alfalfa cutter, pulling him into the knives. His stomach was cut open in the shape of a 10-inch horseshoe. He required many stitches and was reported to be getting along splendidly.

Hooper had its very first parent/teacher association meeting. Deaths, visitors and ranch sales were reported. Twenty-seven carloads of people arrived to visit the "oil camp" that was "getting the coal on the ground."

**MONTE VISTA**  
 Several Monte Vista businessmen received bogus checks for purchases, including a suit of clothing and other wearing apparel, a perfectly good rifle, ammunition and other stuff, and a fine saddle and bridle. The checks were presented after banking hours and the customers disappeared immediately after purchasing. There was no trace that could lead to the apprehension of the scoundrels.

**WAVERLY**  
 Folks on vacation were noted in the paper. Hog purchases were documented. Doctor visits were given. School was out for a week so the teacher could visit her mother who had a serious operation in Salida.

**NEWSOM**  
 Several people were sick in Newsom, others were receiving visitors and some were reported to be moving.

**SAN LUIS**  
 A turkey dinner was given by H.G. Wetherell in celebration of the new bank.

**SALIDA**  
 "Salida Bad Man Strikes

a Dry Well." A fellow made the mistake of entering the home of the editor of the Salida paper and came near to being perforated with a bullet. The lady of the house heard him at about 2:30 a.m., but she had to wake her spouse who was "sleeping that sleep of a man who has a good cook and a free conscience." With gun in hand, he discovered that the burglar had escaped with a pocketbook containing 50 cents. Luckily, the burglar did not go into the basement where he would have found several baskets of coal.

**CHAMA**  
 A very large, shaggy, naked man, who only uttered guttural sounds, was reported living in a cave near the Chama oil fields. They called him the "Wild Man of the San Luis Basin." He was reported to be seen around the area clasping a piece of paper that was the lease for 1 acre of land.

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Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets were recommended for young girls entering womanhood and for scrofula trouble. [Scrofula is a condition in which the tuberculum bacteria causes symptoms outside the lungs, such as inflamed lymph nodes in the neck.]

Warner's Variety Store was selling Pyrex custard cups for 35 cents, percolator for \$2.65 and toilet paper at two for 15 cents.

**NATIONAL**  
 The 1920 census was to be conducted using many modes of transportation, such as aeroplanes, snowshoes, yachts, mule teams and flivvers. [A flivver is an old, beat-up vehicle.]

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# Lifestyle

## Best ages to spay or neuter pets

Animal overpopulation is a concern that affects the well-being of pets.

The ASPCA says letting animals reproduce unchecked can lead to pet homelessness that results in millions of healthy cats and dogs being euthanized in the United States and Canada each year.

In addition to helping to control homelessness, spaying and neutering companion animals may have medical and behavioral benefits. As valuable as spaying and neutering can be, the procedures are not without potential complications. Responsible pet owners must weight the pros and cons of spaying and neutering with a qualified animal professional.

Many veterinarians now recommend female and male dogs be spayed or neutered between the ages of 6 to 9 months. Some vets say puppies can be neutered

as young as 8 weeks old as long as they are healthy. In fact, it has become the norm for rescue puppies to be neutered prior to being placed with adoptive families. Those who would like to follow the American Animal Hospital Association Canine Life Stage Guidelines should have small-breed dogs (under 45 pounds projected adult body weight) neutered or spayed at 6 months of age or prior to the first heat. Large-breed dogs should be sterilized after growth stops, which is usually between 9 and 15 months of age.

The ASPCA says it is generally considered safe for kittens as young as 8 weeks old to be spayed or neutered. Doing so can help avoid the start of urine spraying and eliminate the chances for cats to go into heat and become pregnant.

Spaying and neutering has been shown to reduce risk for testicular cancer and some prostate problems. Sterilization

also can protect against uterine infections and breast tumors in many female pets. These procedures may also help prevent animals from roaming to find mates or reduce aggression problems.

Some research has pointed out that early neutering may lead to certain medical conditions that may be preventable by waiting until a pup or kitten is a little older before having him or her go under the knife. Researchers at the University

of California, Davis, conducted a study on golden retrievers in 2013 that found early neutering and spaying appeared to increase the risk of diseases, such as cranial cruciate ligament rupture, hemangiosarcoma, mast cell tumors, lymphosarcoma, and hip dysplasia.

Working with a veterinarian can help pet owners make informed decisions about the appropriate age for a pet's sterilization. TF202693



## Survives

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The past two U.S. presidents have put laws in place to punish people who abuse animals during the past decade.

In a rare display of political unity, President Trump in November signed a bipartisan bill that, for the first time, makes acts of animal cruelty a federal crime punishable with fines and up to seven years in prison, according to the New York Times. The bill, called the Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture Act, was introduced in the House in 2019 by two Florida lawmakers — Representative

Vern Buchanan, a Republican, and Representative Ted Deutch, a Democrat. It expands a 2010 law signed by President Barack Obama that banned videos that show animals being crushed, burned, drowned, suffocated, impaled or subjected to other forms of torture.

The Valley Humane League is eager to prosecute Blessing's abuser. They are therefore offering a reward for any information that would lead to the arrest of the perpetrator.

Meanwhile, Blessing's medical bills are accumulating.

Anyone interested in helping with her medical bills can make a donation to the Valley Humane League

by: dropping money or a check off at the shelter, 6414 Co Rd 107 South, Alamosa, Colorado, 81140, or go to either the Valley Humane League's Facebook page or to alamosavalleyhumaneleague.org and hit the donate button.

Any and all contributions are tax deductible. We will send a receipt.

The Valley Humane League is a non-profit organization and runs off of donations from kind people.

Thank you in advance if you are able to help with "Blessing's" cause. We will keep everyone posted as to her progress through Facebook.

Report courtesy of Hamilton.

## Spanish Peaks HealthCare Foundation to host Wine Tasting & Auction

WALSENBURG — The Spanish Peaks HealthCare Foundation will hold its much-anticipated annual Wine Tasting & Auction, 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29 at the Spanish Peaks Veterans Community Living Center, located at 23500 US Highway 160 in Walsenburg.

The fundraising event will feature a variety of fine wines expertly paired with heavy hors d'oeuvres prepared by critically acclaimed local chef and restaurateur, Alys Romer.

Sommeliers Ed Donovan of Deerprint Wine in La Veta, Shannon Speaks of Synergy Fine Wines in Denver and Ann Altemeier will provide guests with expert wine education and guidance.

Following the tasting, the event will feature a lively auction, allowing guests to purchase bottles of the exceptional wines sampled during the tasting.

All proceeds from the event support the charitable and educational mission of the Spanish Peaks HealthCare Foundation, which proudly provides scholarships for Huerfano County residents pursuing education in a health-related field.

Alyssa Sandoval, a John Mall graduate pursuing a career in pharmacy, will speak about the impact this scholarship program has made in her life.

Tasting wines will feature a cabernet, shiraz, two rosés and a madeira. Guests will enjoy a wide variety of hors d'oeuvres,

including lamb kabobs, gluten-free cheese and vegetable enchiladas, a crab and shrimp selection and Anich's famous whiskey pudding, among others.

Ms. Romer serves as president of the Spanish Peaks HealthCare Foundation and is looking forward to another successful event.

"Along with our annual golf tournament, the Wine Tasting & Auction is our other significant fundraising event of the year. If you appreciate good wine and delicious food, you will love this event. We look forward to seeing our community come out and support this worthwhile cause that impacts the lives of so many who have the heart and desire to work in healthcare," said Romer.

Tickets are \$50 and are available for purchase by contacting Lynette Omer at 719-738-5144. All donations are tax deductible.

About Spanish Peaks HealthCare Foundation The Spanish Peaks HealthCare Foundation (SPHCF) is a Colorado non-profit organization focused on health-related education and supporting and enhancing services the Health Center in Huerfano County. Its board is comprised of citizens from all walks of life who are interested in supporting the foundation's programs and its vital role in the community. The Foundation has no formal office and no paid staff, as it uses its resources for programs only. Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center (SPRHC) provides administrative and clerical support to assist the Foundation.





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# Sports

## Adams State wins home opening series

By **CORRI ZAIGER**  
*ASU Sports Information Assistant*

**ALAMOSA** — Adams State Baseball closed their home-opening series with two big wins in their doubleheader February 15 against University of the Southwest. The Grizzlies dominated the Mustangs 12-9 in game one and 9-5 in game two. Adams State won three of four in their two-day doubleheader with University of the Southwest.

### Game One

The Mustangs opened the first inning finding a way to mark a tally on the board. With a one-out single, the runner advanced to second on a passed ball to get into scoring position. Hitting a single to right-center, the Mustangs brought in their first run. The Grizzlies opened the bottom of the first with baserunners in an attempt to respond. Jace Wytulka reached on a one-out single to center field. Cedrick Reynaud and Nico Nintze joined Wytulka on board after getting hit by a pitch, then walked. The Mustangs defense ended the inning with Adams State trailing 0-1.

After a quick second inning, both the Mustangs and Grizzlies had big third innings. University of the Southwest scored four runs on four hits. The Mustangs got the inning started with back to back singles followed by a walk to load the bases. University of the Southwest then doubled to deep right to bring in three runs. The Mustangs tacked on one more with a single to left, ending the top of the third leading 0-5.

The Grizzlies responded in the second half of the inning scoring four runs on five hits. Chase Dixon lead the inning off with a single to center. After advancing on a balk and a passed ball, Reynaud was walked. Nintze brought the Grizzlies back into the game with a three-run homer to right field. Kolton Bleggi joined in on the fun and followed with a homer to left. The Grizzlies ended the third inning trailing 4-5.

The University of the Southwest went three up, three down at the top of the fourth and ASU continued heating up their bats in the bottom half of the inning. Making it back around to the top of their lineup, Dixon hit a lead-off single through the left side, followed by Wytulka's double to left field. Dixon scored the Grizzly's tying run after a wild pitch, advancing Wytulka to third. Reynaud was hit by a pitch for the second time of the game, giving Adams State runners on the corners. Nintze singled to right, scoring Wytulka and advanced Reynaud to third. Zach Thomas loaded the bases from a walk and advanced to third on an error by the Mustang infield to score both Reynaud and Nintze. The Grizzlies ended the inning leading the Mustangs 9-5.

The scoring did not stop there, with each team added two more runs in the fifth. At the top of the fifth, the Mustangs loaded the bases, bring in one from an RBI 6-3 and a single through the left side. The Grizzlies responded with a lead-off walk to Dixon and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Wytulka reached on an error in the outfield and moved Dixon to third. Reynaud followed up reached on an error at third, scoring Dixon. With the bases

loaded, Bleggi hit into an RBI double play, scoring Wytulka to put the Grizzlies up 11-7.

The reliever, Orlando Romero gave the Grizzlies a three-strikeout inning to close the top of the sixth. The Grizzlies led off the bottom of the sixths with back-to-back walks from Mike Bathauer and Jake Angelopoulos. Brody Bettis hit a SAC grounder to the pitcher to score the Grizzly's 12th run.

The Mustangs battled back in the top of the seventh, leading off with two walks. After advances on a wild pitch, the Mustangs singled one to left-center scoring one. The University of the Southwest hit a SAC fly to give the Mustangs their final run of the game.

Adams State took down the Mustangs 12-9 in game one. The Grizzlies were led by Dixon and Nintze each going 2-3. Nintze ended the game with 4 RBIs followed by Bleggi and Mi. Bathauer each adding 2 RBIs. Cutter Smith got the win for the Grizzlies on the mound, making it through 4 innings with 3 strikeouts. Romero led the Grizzlies on the hill with 5 strikeouts and completing 2 innings. Chance Strand closed the game for the Grizzlies, facing 4 batters, with one strikeout and only giving up 1 hit.

### Game Two

The Grizzlies opened game two with three scoreless innings. Adams State opened the game defensively with a three up, three down top of the first. Dixon got the Grizzlies started with a lead-off double to right field. Nintze singled to right, scoring Dixon to earn the first run of the game.

The Grizzlies tacked on three more runs in the bottom of the second. With two outs and the bases loaded, Wytulka singled to center field to score Thomas and Bettis. Reynaud followed up with a single to left to score Dixon. Adams State ended the inning leading the Mustangs 4-0.

After a one, two three, top and bottom of the third, The Mustang bats woke up in the top of the fourth. The University of the Southwest hit a lead-off single to center, followed by a double to right. The Mustangs concluded the inning with two RBI groundouts, getting on the board trailing 4-2.

Adams State responded in the bottom of the fourth with three runs. Mike Bathauer led the inning off with a single to center field. Dixon and Wytulka joined Bathauer on the bags from two walks. Reynaud hit a single to center field to score two runs. The Grizzlies added their third run of the inning from a single by Bleggi to score Wytulka.

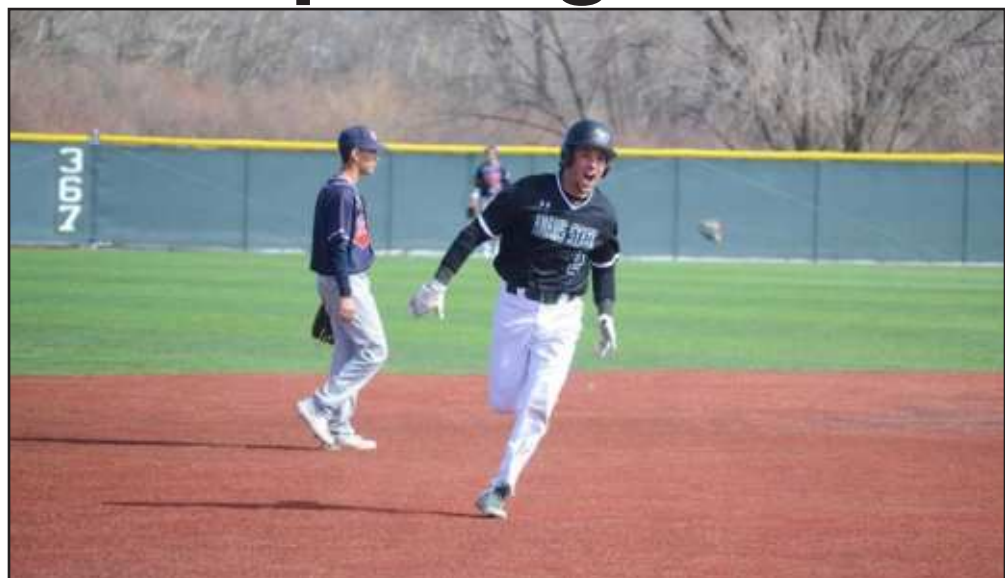
The Grizzlies put up one more in the bottom of the fifth, extending their lead 8-2. Paul Giglio reached on an error at first and worked his way around the diamond from a walk to Mike Bathauer and a wild pitch. Giglio scored on a fielder's choice to put the Grizzlies up by 6 runs.

The Mustangs battled back in the sixth hitting a two-run jack to right-center. Nico Nintze responded hitting a lead-off homer at the bottom of the sixth, maintaining a 9-4 lead. The University of the Southwest continued to fight in the top of the seventh, scoring one run

on one hit.

The Grizzlies took down the Mustangs 9-5 in game two of the doubleheader. Reynaud led the Grizzlies in game two, going 2-3 with 3 RBIs. Wytulka also completed the second game with 3 RBIs, going 1-3. Nintze was also a big contributor going 2-4 with 2 RBIs. Troy Gutbub led the Grizzlies on the hill, completing 6 innings, facing 23 batters. Jamison Fuentes closed the game for Adams State facing four batters with 3 strikeouts.

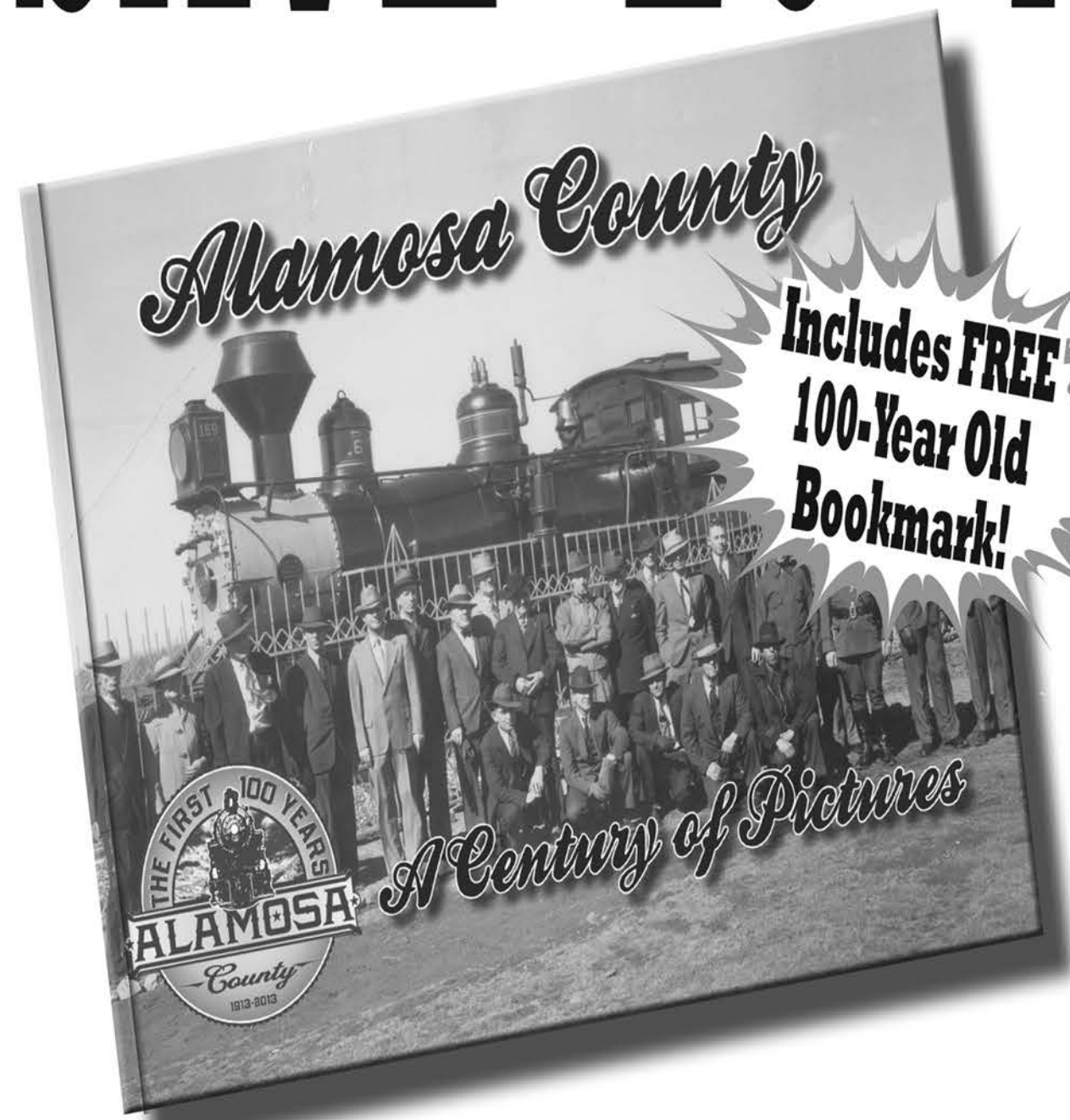
The Grizzlies will hit the road to take on CSU-Pueblo Saturday, Feb. 29 and Sunday, March 1.



Courtesy photo by Ashlynn Crossland

Adams State's Jace Wytulka (2) gets excited while rounding the bases during ASU's double header against The University of the Southwest on Saturday.

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# Sports

## Alamosa, Centauri each place second at regionals

It was an eventful weekend for regional wrestling. Sierra Grande High School hosted the 2A Region 2 tournament while the 3A Region 1 wrestling tournament was held at the Montrose Event Center in Montrose. Two talented programs, Alamosa and Centauri would each take second place at their respective tournaments. Pagosa Springs finished in first place ahead of Alamosa in Montrose while John Mall took first in Sierra Grande ahead of Centauri. Despite that both squads finished well, each qualifying at least ten wrestlers to the State Tournament this weekend.

Alamosa got down to business in 3A regional competition in Montrose sending two wrestlers to the top of the podium when all was said and done. Not only that, of thirteen competing wrestlers Alamosa would send 10 to the state tournament. Davion Chavez and Hunter Smith each earned first-place finishes in regional action over the weekend. Chavez picked up two pins and a technical fall on a campaign that saw the Alamosa junior dispatch the No. 7 wrestler in the state in Caden Call (OnTheMat – Week 11). Smith was equally dominant going 3-0 picking up two pins before taking down

No. 5 Rueben Samuelson of Basalt by a 6-0 decision. Also punching their tickets to the Pepsi Center were Kyler Liddell, Brandon Reveles, Trevor Maestas, Colton Liddell, Austin Trujillo and Zaq Bernal with third-place finishes as well as Zeke Rangel and Logan Garcia with fourth-place finishes.

Centauri did equally well at 2A regional competition in Blanca. Five Falcon wrestlers would work their way to the top of the podium on the second day of competition. Eyan Chavez breezed his way to a first-place finish getting two pins to make it to the championship round and finishing off Richard Atencio of Sierra Grande-Centennial by a 17-0 technical fall to take first place. Byron Shawcroft also went a perfect 3-0 in regional action taking out Kaleb Rehm of John Mall with a 14-8 decision to take first place. Adam Chacon's first-place finish came over Jim Gabriel of Buena Vista who he pinned at 3:06. Jownes Archuleta bested Tyler Martin of John Mall to take first at regionals while Remi Lucero got a fall over the No. 4 heavyweight Scott Torres of Lotus for his top placing. Zach Buhr and Jordan Martin also qualified for state

with second-place finishes. Along with teammates Mario Vigil and Eric Mestas finishing in third and Joseph Moreno and Ivan Lopez in fourth.

Monte Vista qualified four wrestlers for the state tournament. Ethan Hotz made it to the top of the podium in the 220-pound class going 3-0 at the tournament all three wins coming by fall. The championship came over Josiah Trujillo of Dolores Huerta. Fellow state qualifiers from Monte Vista included Dominic Lopez, DeAngelo Archuleta and Jason Duran who all earned fourth-place finishes at regionals.

The Del Norte Tigers will be sending three wrestlers to the Pepsi Center this weekend. At 106 pounds Malachi Gallegos was Del Norte's top placer finishing in second place, falling in the first-place match to Chris Hutchings of Buena Vista. Hutchings was ranked second overall in the Week-11 On The Mat Rankings. Fellow Tigers going to state will be Preston Terrell and Anthony Balderas who finished with third and fourth placings respectively.

The host Panthers also had success and will be sending three wrestlers to the state tournament. The Sierra Grande-

Centennial wrestling team had Richard Atencio earn top placing at regional competition finishing in second place. Atencio earned a fall and a technical fall en route to the first-place match with Eyan Chavez. On the Mat's first ranked 2A 132 pounder. Also qualified for state competition under the Sierra Grande-Centennial banner were Brady Kuhns and Ryan Tijerina who earned third and fourth place finishes respectively.

Center sent two wrestlers to regional competition over the weekend. The Vikings qualified both for the state tournament. Pablo Valencia couldn't get past Brady Kuhns in the third-place match and would qualify for state with a no contest in the fourth-place match. Elezar Aguilar went undefeated in the consolation bracket with a major decision and a fall before taking down CJ Nix by way of fall in the fourth-place match.

Mountain Valley also qualified for state tournament competition. Wyatt Gardner battled to a fourth-place finish picking up a victory by fall over Zander Ross in the third-place match before earning a no contest over Nathaniel Juarez of Monte Vista in the fourth-place match.



Wyatt Gardner cranks on his Buena Vista opponent, David Arellano, during regional tournament competition in Blanca over the weekend.



Sierra Grande-Centennial's Richie Atencio arches defensively during the 132 pound first place match against Centauri's Eyan Chavez. Chavez went on to win by technical fall.

## Centauri hosts Alamosa for league rematch

**Centauri 51, Alamosa 44 (G)**  
 CEN 12 17 12 10 - 51  
 ALA 4 10 11 19 - 44  
**Centauri** - B.McDaniel 4 4-6 14, C.Hamilton 4 3-4 11, M.Garcia 3 1-2 9, A.Robins 3 0-0 6, M.Bagwell 2 0-0 5, A.Haslett 2 0-3 4, B.Sowards 1 0-1 2. Totals 19 8-16 51. 3-point goals: B.McDaniel 2, M.Garcia 2, M.Bagwell. Fouls: 17. Fouled out: none. Technicals: none.  
**Alamosa** - L.Lavier 6 3-6 15, T.Chavez 3 3-4 11, T.Motz 2 4-6 10, K.Castillo 1 0-0 3, D.Mitchell 1 0-0 2, M.Martin 0 2-2 2, E.Lavier 0 1-2 1. Totals 13 13-20 44. 3-point goals: T.Chavez 2, K.Castillo. Fouls: 16. Fouled out: none. Technicals: none

**Alamosa 56, Centauri 50 (B)**  
 ALA 16 14 12 14 - 56  
 CEN 19 8 5 18 - 50  
**Alamosa** - B.Crowther 6 6-6 21, I.Harrell 7 3-4 17, I.Jackson 3 2-3 9, L.Tuioiti-Mariner 2 0-0 4, S.Clark 1 0-0 3, D.Ramirez 1 0-2 2. Totals 20 11-15 56. 3-point goals: B.Crowther 3, I.Jackson, S.Clark. Fouls: 13. Fouled out: none. Technicals: none  
**Centauri** - M.Claunch 6 2-4 16, B.Holman 6 1-1 13, T.Crowther 5 0-0 12, O.Richardson 2 2-2 7, C.Bagwell 1 0-0 2. Totals 20 5-7 50. 3-point goals: M.Claunch 2, T.Crowther 2, O.Richardson. Fouls: 16. Fouled out: none. Technicals: none.



Centauri's Brenna McDaniel (14) works against Emily Lavier (3) of Alamosa during league play in La Jara on Saturday.



Alamosa's Lincoln Tuioiti-Mariner (3) refuses to allow McKay Russell (30) to slow him down as he drives to the net during a league meeting on Saturday.

### Results

**Adams State Baseball**  
**Feb. 14** ASU 7, Univ. of the Southwest 5  
 Univ. of the Southwest 14, ASU 3  
**Feb. 15** ASU 12, Univ. of the Southwest 9  
 ASU 9, Univ. of the Southwest 5

**Adams State Basketball**  
**Feb. 14** Dixie State 59, ASU 53 (W)  
 Dixie State 102, ASU 81 (M)  
**Feb. 15** Westminster 65, ASU 44 (W)  
 Westminster 90, ASU 62 (M)

**Prep Basketball**  
**Feb. 14** Sanford 49, Center 20 (G)  
 Cotopaxi 38, Antonito 31 (G)  
 Cotopaxi 48, Antonito 35 (B)  
 Del Norte 55, Sargent 19 (G)  
 Sargent 53, Del Norte 50 (B)  
 Centennial 52, Sierra Grande 47 (G)  
 Centennial 67, Sierra Grande 48 (B)  
 Bayfield 53, Monte Vista 18 (G)  
 Bayfield 53, Monte Vista 37 (B)  
 Centauri 60, Montezuma-Cortez 40 (G)  
 Centauri 71, Montezuma-Cortez 65 (B) 2OT  
 Alamosa 33, Pagosa Springs 29 (G)  
 Alamosa 57, Pagosa Springs 49 (B)  
**Feb. 15** Manzanola 38, Creede 25 (G)  
 Manzanola 55, Creede 35 (B)  
 Moffat-Mt.-Valley 39, La Veta 23 (G)  
 La Veta 61, Moffat-Mt.-Valley 41 (B)  
 Crested Butte 51, Center 49 (B)  
 Montezuma-Cortez 66, Monte Vista 51 (B)  
 Centennial 43, Antonito 42 (G)  
 Antonito 61, Centennial 44 (B)  
 Swink 34, Sargent 17 (G/B)

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Sargent 48, Swink 42 (G/B)  
 Sangre de Cristo 59, Lake City 5 (G)  
 Sangre de Cristo 68, Salida 63 (B)  
 Centauri 51, Alamosa 44 (G)  
 Alamosa 56, Centauri 50 (B)  
 South Baca 43, Del Norte 37 (G)

**Adams State Softball**  
**Feb. 15** Okla. Panhandle State 11, ASU 10  
 Okla. Panhandle State 11, ASU 1  
**Feb. 16** ASU 8, Okla. Panhandle State 7  
 ASU 3, Okla. Panhandle State 0

**Adams State Wrestling**  
**Prep Wrestling**  
**Feb. 14-15** CHSAA 3A, Region 1  
 2. Alamosa - 210  
 CHSAA 2A, Region 2  
 2. Centauri 215, 5. Monte Vista-99, 7. Sierra Grande/Centennial- 80.5, 8. Del Norte-38, 9. Center-29, 10. Mtn Valley- 20, 14. Sargent- 3

**Upcoming Events**  
**Adams State Basketball**  
**Feb. 21** 5:30/7:30 p.m. Western Colorado at ASU (W/M)  
**Feb. 22** 5:30/7:30 p.m. Colorado Mesa at ASU (W/M)  
**Prep Basketball**  
**Feb. 18** 5:30/ 7 p.m. Monte Vista at Centauri (G/B)  
 6 p.m. Creede at Sierra Grande (B)  
**Feb. 19** 3 p.m. Hoehne at Center (G/B)

### Feb. 20

1 p.m. Aguilar at Antonito (G)  
 4:30 p.m. Sierra Grande at La Veta (G/B)  
 6 p.m. Monte Vista at Custer County (G/B)  
 6 p.m. Moffat-Mt.-Valley at Sangre de Cristo (G/B)  
**Feb. 21** TBA Sangre de Cristo at Kim-Branson (G/B)  
 4 p.m. Primero at Centennial (G)  
 5 p.m. Ignacio at Sierra Grande (B)  
 5 p.m. Sargent at Sanford (G/B)  
 5 p.m. Lake City at Moffat-Mt.Valley (G/B)  
 5 p.m. South Park at Del Norte (G/B)

**Feb. 22** 12:30 p.m. Custer County at Center (G/B)  
 3 p.m. Caprock at Moffat-Mt.Valley (B)  
 5 p.m. Sanford at Del Norte (G/B)

**Adams State Lacrosse**  
**Feb. 21** 6 p.m. ASU at Colorado Mesa (M)  
**Feb. 23** 12 p.m. ASU at Westminster (M)

**Adams State Softball**  
**Feb. 22** 12/ 2 p.m. ASU at Regis (DH)  
**Feb. 23** 11 a.m./ 1 p.m. ASU at Regis (DH)

**Adams State Wrestling**  
**Feb. 29** West Regional  
 All Day ASU at Nebraska-Kearney

**Prep Wrestling**  
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## Public Notices

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing before the Conejos County Planning Commission will be on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM and a hearing before the Conejos Board of County Commissioners will be on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 10:30 AM for the purpose of considering an application for a Special Use Permit to expand their mining permit from a 110 permit to a 112 permit. The application was submitted by Robins Construction, LLC. The property is legally described as 40 acres located in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 33 North, Range 8 East, NMPM Conejos County Colorado. Physical address 9501 County Rd H, Antonito. County Parcel #598515400048. Details regarding this application are available for public inspection in the Conejos County Land Use Office at the Conejos County Courthouse during regular office hours. Any interested person may appear to be heard at the public meeting. Linda DeHerrera, Conejos County Land Use Administrator NO. 1286 Published in the Valley Courier on February 01 and 18, 2020

### District Court Alamosa County, Colorado

Court Address: 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101 In the Matter of the Petition of: Parent/Petitioner: SHELLY JO RODMAN For Minor Child: RAYDEN MICHAEL PRICE For a Change of Name to: RAYDEN MICHAEL RODMAN Case Number: 19CV13 PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Public Notice is given on January 31, 2020, that a Petition for a Change of Name of a Minor child has been filed with the District Court. The Petition requests that the name of RAYDEN MICHAEL PRICE be changed to RAYDEN MICHAEL RODMAN. JENNIFER PACHECO, CLERK OF COURTS Mary L. Parker Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk No. 1288 Published in the Valley Courier on February 04, 11, and 18, 2020

### District Court

ALAMOSA County, Colorado Court Address: 8955 Independence Way Alamosa, CO 81101 (719) 589-4996 In the Matter of the Estate of ARNOLD WILBERT CORDOVA a/k/a ARNOLD CORDOVA a/k/a ARNOLD W. CORDOVA, Deceased COURT USE ONLY LAW OFFICE OF KARL KUENHOLD, LLC Karl Kuenhold 808 3rd Street P.O. Box 30 Alamosa, CO 81101 Attorney Registration: 40164 Email: karl@kuenholdlaw.com Phone: (719) 589-3688 Case Number: 2019PR30041 Division Courtroom

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of ARNOLD WILBERT CORDOVA a/k/a ARNOLD CORDOVA a/k/a ARNOLD W. CORDOVA, Deceased Case Number: 2019PR30041 All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Alamosa County, Colorado on or before June 18, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred. Personal Representative: Linda Cordova 8577 Road 8 South Alamosa, CO 81101 No. 1304 Co-Personal Representative: Carol Riggenbach 150 Rose Drive Monte Vista, CO 81144

Published in the Valley Courier on February 18, 25, and March 03, 2020

## 099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS

The East Alamosa Water and Sanitation District is accepting bids for a lease on an 80-acre parcel of farm ground located at 2251 South Road 8, Alamosa, CO, along with 2 shares of Common Wealth Water. If a multi-year lease is proposed, please state proposed terms of lease. Bids should be a minimum of \$5,000 per year together with payment of water assessments. Sealed bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on March 9, 2020. Bids can be mailed to P.O. Box 1092, Alamosa, CO 81101 or hand delivered to 10 Costilla Blvd. Alamosa, CO. Bids will be opened at the Board's regular meeting on March 12, at 6:00 p.m. at 10 Costilla Blvd. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. (2/22)

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

## 221 HELP WANTED

### THE CITY OF Monte Vista is seeking a Chief of Police.

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

### EXPERIENCED DENTAL HYGIENIST

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

## 221 HELP WANTED

### ALAMOSA COUNTY TREASURER

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

## 221 HELP WANTED

### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR-- HINSDALE County

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

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available. Call anytime Clean as a Whistle 719-587-2222. (2/21)

### SANGRE DE CRISTO School District

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

### POTATO SEED CUTTERS

Needed! Work in Center starting next week. Please call 719-754-3854 or walk into Ponderosa's office east of Jones Oil.(2/19)

### CONEJOS COUNTY IS

seeking a Heavy Equipment Operator/Driver/Laborer. Applicant must be able to operate a loader, grader, belly dump, and drive a semi, must have a class A Commercial Drivers License, clean driving record and pass a pre-employment drug screen. \$16.25/HR County application form required. Applications available at County Human Resources/Administration Office 6683 County Rd. 13, Conejos CO. or via email upon request at [cricei@co.conejos.co.us](mailto:cricei@co.conejos.co.us). Deadline is Thursday, February 20, 2020. Inquiries call (719) 376-6799.(2/20)

### DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY School

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

### SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL District

is currently seeking to hire a Health and Wellness Coordinator. This is a .5 position. This position will start immediately and will run through the duration of the grant 2022. Interested parties must have a minimum of an LPN license and must have experience working in public schools. The position calls for coordinating activities of service providers with other services in the school district, create systems and processes to track the schools' progress in attaining a culture of wellness. If interested, please apply to [apply@southconejos.com](mailto:apply@southconejos.com). Applications will be accepted through Tuesday, February 20, 2020. (2/20)

## 221 HELP WANTED

### SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

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### OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR, FULL-TIME

The Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust is hiring a full-time Office Administrator to work in our Del Norte office. Find the job announcement at <http://www.riograndelandtrust.org/job-opportunities> or email Joelle Marier at [joellem@riograndelandtrust.org](mailto:joellem@riograndelandtrust.org) for more information.(2/27)

### THE CITY OF Alamosa

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

### FREE CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE COURSE

River Valley Inn Nursing Home in Del Norte Colorado is offering a free Certified Nurse Aide class. Starting March 4, 2020 class will be on Wed/Thurs. Deadline for applicants is February 24th, 2020. Please come in for application, 1335 6th Street, Del Norte CO. 81132. (719)-657-1105 (RVI is an EOE)(2/19)

### LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME

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### CENTER FOR RESTORATIVE Programs

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## 221 HELP WANTED

### MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District

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

## 221 HELP WANTED

### 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](http://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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<b>ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY:</b> 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)	<b>NEED A SECOND IN-COME?</b> Child support? Car Repairs? Taxes Due? Earn up to \$800/month delivering the Valley Courier. Contact Keith at 589-2553. (2/26-TFN)	<b>369 - PETS &amp; SUPPLIES</b> <b>FOR ADOPTION:</b> MIA She is four months old and already very large. She is part pyrenees and part border collie. A wonderful dog! Valley Humane 589-3385(2/14)	<b>FREE TO GOOD HOME.</b> Adults and kittens. NO MOUSERS OR BARN CATS. Spay/neuter clinics coming to Alamosa in near future. Call Donna K 719-589-5952 or 719-580-9078. (TFN)	<b>DEL NORTE COLORADO,</b> Owner Finance, 3 Bedroom 2 Bathroom \$1000/Mo. 719-253-2978.(2/15)	 <b>\$200,000</b> - Country home north of Alamosa that sits on 5 acres. 5 bedroom, 1 3/4 baths, eat-in kitchen, living room with built-in shelves, some updating in kitchen and baths, new carpet and carpeting, handicap accessible shower in downstairs bath, wood deck, stairways from 2nd story bedrooms for fire safety and water filter system. Located off a paved road and close to town. Call today for more details. 9205 Stanley Road, Alamosa, CO 81809. Call 719-589-5899.	<b>Century Property Management &amp; Sales, LLC</b> Alamosa • 589-5744 <b>PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICE</b> For all your rental needs please call 719-589-5744 or stop by 823 Main St. Alamosa, CO 81101 www.alamosarentals.com	<b>702 - AUTOS FOR SALE</b> <b>1958 CHEVY 2</b> door Vin # 174047. Southside Salvage and Towing (2/21)
<b>THE ALAMOSA POLICE</b> Department is seeking a FT Police Officer, \$19.86 per hour to join the Alamosa Police Department. Some duties include, protecting the lives, health, welfare, and property of individuals within the city limits by enforcing municipal, state, and federal statutes, ordinances, and laws. For a full job description and to apply please visit the cityofalamosa.org. Open until filled. (3/3 #1)	<b>NEED A SECOND IN-COME?</b> Child support? Car Repairs? Taxes Due? Earn up to \$800/month delivering the Valley Courier. Contact Keith at 589-2553. (2/26-TFN)	<b>NEED CATS FOR MOUSERS?</b> Want to adopt kittens? Help trap/neuter/release efforts? Donate food/litter/supplies? Low cost spay/neuter clinic for cats. http://www.catsaliveslv.com 719-298-7028. (TFN)	<b>ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY:</b> 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)	<b>DEL NORTE COLORADO,</b> Owner Finance, 3 Bedroom 2 Bathroom \$1000/Mo. 719-253-2978.(2/15)	 <b>\$159,000</b> - Excellent start home or investment property north of Main street in Alamosa, CO. This 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 1 car garage home, has updated floors, paint, boiler, and hot water heater. A must see at this price point! 211 Alamosa Ave, Alamosa, CO 81806. Call 719-589-5899.	<b>CONCRETE SERVICES</b> Concrete Services Foundations - Concrete Site Work Flatwork - Stamped Concrete - Concrete Demo - Excavation Call or Text Ken 970-768-3005	<b>717 WATER SHARES</b> <b>AUGMENTATION WATER SHARE</b> of Middlemist water for sale 719-588-3224. (2/28)
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## ALLEY OOP

PARDON ME, IS THIS THE TEA PARTY? THAT DEPENDS, ARE YOU BRITISH LOYALISTS? NO WAY! IF THERE'S ONE THING WE HATE, IT'S BEING TAXATED WITHOUT BEING REPRESENTED! ALL RIGHT, YOU PASSED. WOW! I THOUGHT THAT SECURITY WOULD BE A LITTLE TIGHTER. NOT SO FAST. PLEASE SELECT ALL SQUARES THAT CONTAIN A SPINNING JENNY. UHHH...

## ARLO & JANIS

Rattle Rattle Rattle Q: WHAT MUST YOU KNOW TO TRAIN A CAT? Rattle Rattle Rattle A: IT'S A TRICK QUESTION.

## BIG NATE

THIS IS A HORRIFYING TREND. WHAT IS? A FEW MONTHS AGO I FOUND OUT THAT MRS. GODFREY LOVES "STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION" AS MUCH AS I DO! ...AND NOW I DISCOVER THAT MY FAVORITE DONUT IS ALSO HER FAVORITE DONUT! WHAT DOES IT MEAN? CAN I TELL HIM? YUP, JUST LET ME GET HIS REACTION ON VIDEO!

## THE BORN LOSER

WHAT'S FOR DINNER? A FIELD GREENS AND SPAGHETTI SQUASH WITH MARINARA. AND? AND WHAT? AND WHAT'S THE MAIN COURSE?

## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

WHAT ARE YOU BROODING ABOUT? MICHAEL, WHEN I DROVE HIS FRIENDS HOME TONIGHT, HE ACTUALLY KISSED MARTHA IN FRONT OF ME! HE'S SHAVING MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK, EL, AND HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW TALL HE'S GETTING? HE'S GROWING UP, JOHN. BUT HE STILL HAS TO TAKE ORDERS FROM HIS FATHER. I KNOW... IT'S JUST HARD TO KEEP ONE STEP AHEAD OF SOMEONE WHO CAN RUN FASTER THAN I CAN.

## FRANK & ERNEST

THE FOOD PYRAMID YES, FOOD IS IN GROUPS, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT IT'S CLIQUISH.

## GARFIELD

LET'S SEE... WHICH ONE OF THESE TREES DID I FALL OUT OF YESTERDAY? THIS MIGHT BE IT

## THE GRIZZWELLS

I SWEAR, MERRIPOINT, YOUR MAITH NEVER STOPS YAPPING FROM MORNING TILL QUITTING TIME I KNOW, I KNOW BUT AT QUITTING TIME I HAVE TO TAKE A BREAK BECAUSE MY JAW STARTS HURTING LIKE CRAZY!

## PEANUTS

YOU KNOW WHAT? YESTERDAY I WAS ALMOST HAPPY... FOR ONE BRIEF MOMENT I THOUGHT I WAS WINNING IN THE GAME OF LIFE... BUT THERE WAS A FLAG ON THE PLAY!

## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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## HERMAN

"Let me know immediately if you start feeling the urge to move sideways."

## Woman is pressured to tell friend of husband's flirting

DEAR ABBY: I have been friends with "Caroline" for more than 20 years. Her husband is present when they visit us because they live out of state, and when I visit her, he is there. I have been married for 28 years, and my husband doesn't join me when I visit Caroline.

Caroline travels worldwide for work. Her husband has family near me. One time, when he was in town and she was traveling, I invited him to meet me for dinner. He got the wrong idea and thought it was a date behind his wife's back. She knew we were having dinner, but I never revealed to her that he made a pass at me that evening. I corrected him, explained I wasn't trying to start a romance and emphasized I would never do that to my friend.

When I got home that night, my husband asked how dinner went, and I shared what happened. He took it personally. He felt disrespected and told me to tell Caroline. Others I have spoken to about this said don't say anything. This happened a year or two ago.

My husband and I are now invited to the wedding of Caroline's stepdaughter. My husband refuses to go because of what happened. He insists I should tell Caroline and explain why he isn't coming.

I have no feelings whatsoever for her husband and would never engage in anything with him. Their marriage is already rocky. Both have had extramarital affairs, and he said he planned to divorce her last year but hasn't. Should I tell Caroline what happened? -- COVERING UP

DEAR COVERING: I see nothing positive to be gained by telling Caroline at this late date. It's ancient history. Caroline already knows that her husband has cheated in the past. I do not think it would be helpful to rock the boat.

DEAR ABBY: This is a delicate subject for me, one I've never been faced with before. I have been speaking to a really nice guy I met online, and after many weeks of talking, we decided to meet up. It wasn't anyplace special or expensive; it was a lunch spot. I wore jeans and new shoes, and did my hair to look nice for him. We had a pleasant lunch, which he insisted on paying for.

Abby, in his pictures, he is very handsome. In most of them he was well-dressed and -kept. He showed up in a knit ski hat that covered nearly his whole head, and the rest of his attire was wrinkled and sloppy. It was not what I expected for our first date that we had been talking about for a long time.

I'm thinking I may be disappointed because I may have built up expectations in my head. We are talking about a second date, and I'd like to give him another

chance to crisp himself up, but I would like to handle it delicately so as not to hurt his feelings. I never thought of myself as judgmental. Am I being unreasonable for wishing my new boyfriend wants to look good for me as I do for him? How do I handle this? -- SECOND THOUGHTS

DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS: Here's how. Recognize that he is not your "new boyfriend"; he is only a candidate for the "job." Go out with him a few more times and get to know him well enough that you can have an honest conversation with him. If he doesn't shape up, at that point, tell him what you told me. Leave out the part about blaming yourself for your feelings. They are honest, and you are entitled to them, and frankly, you might be doing him a favor to speak up.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

# Lifestyle



Courtesy photos



## San Luis Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited presents Dr. Benson

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the Alamosa Senior Center, 92 Colorado Avenue for a presentation by Dr. Rob Benson, professor of Geology and Geosciences and director of the Edward M. Ryan Geology Museum at Adams State University for his program Four Days, 3 States and Rivers, and 1 Lodge on a West Yellowstone Bucket List.

Dr. Benson describes his program as “Drifting on the Madison and Henry’s, wading the Lamar, and rowing about on Hegben Lake blurred four days in July and gave us some pearls of wisdom. Excellent guides managed to bring us to the fish, without ever letting us see what secret flies actually brought the fish out. There is an odd usefulness to “God save the Queen” with the Yellowstone

Cutthroat, and two bubbles are better than one.

Bison are more intimidating when they look down at you in the river. Guided fishing takes some getting used to, and having a bear attack drill at the truck makes for an even more interesting day.”

This promises to be a very fun program with some great pictures.

As always, the meeting is open to the public. Refreshments will be provided and a prize drawing will be held at the end of the meeting.

Trout Unlimited is dedicated to the conservation, preservation and restoration of North America’s Coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

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Society Hall will feature Don Richmond (above) and an all-star lineup of musical guests on Saturday.

## Society Hall set for annual ALMA & Friends concert

ALAMOSA — Come out and hear great local music while supporting ALMA’s work in bringing quality live music to the San Luis Valley.

The annual ALMA & Friends concert, co-sponsored by Comfort Inn & Suites of Alamosa, is at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22 at Society Hall, 400 Ross Avenue, in Alamosa. Doors open at 6 p.m. for complimentary light refreshments catered by Calvillo’s Restaurant and a cash bar.

ALMA is pleased to announce that Don Richmond is the performer for this year’s ALMA & Friends concert, with guest performances by many local musicians. Included in this “all-star” lineup are Waverly Road, Rio Trio, O’ Scratch and The Bent Ears. Admission is free for ALMA 2020 members and \$15 for general admission. No advance tickets are for sale, so come early to grab a seat.

Every year, musicians contribute their talents for an ALMA membership drive concert. ALMA memberships help to

make the Sundays at Six concert series in Cole Park a free service to all and help to fund ALMA’s regular programming and other live music events throughout the Valley.

Among ALMA’s 2020 events is the second annual Battle of the Bands to be held on May 9. The winner gets a Sundays at Six gig this summer. Stay tuned for the Sundays at Six 2020 lineup, which will highlight the area’s local and regional talent. And look for details about a very special ALMA event this fall. An announcement will be made at the ALMA & Friends concert on Feb. 22.

ALMA “Builds Community through Quality Live Music.” For more information, like ALMA on Facebook or go to [www.almaonline.org](http://www.almaonline.org).

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