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Presidential primaries here

ALAMOSA — Hold on, news to me! ... Didn't we get rid of caucuses? Good question — the answer is "No!" In 2016, voters passed Proposition 107 and 108, which re-established Presidential primaries. Therefore, Colorado will have a primary election on Tuesday, March 3, for the presidential race. However, Colorado (both Democrats and Republicans) still holds caucuses to help select what non-presidential candidates will be on the primary ballot. It's the responsibility of political parties to hold caucuses and is not a state function. For more info, www.alamosademocrats.org.

Rural Electric reschedules

SAN LUIS VALLEY — The regular board meeting for San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative was originally scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 25; however, it has been rescheduled for 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 5.

VFW BINGO

ALAMOSA — VFW will host \$1199 must go Bingo at 6 p.m. on Saturday. Doors open at 4 p.m.

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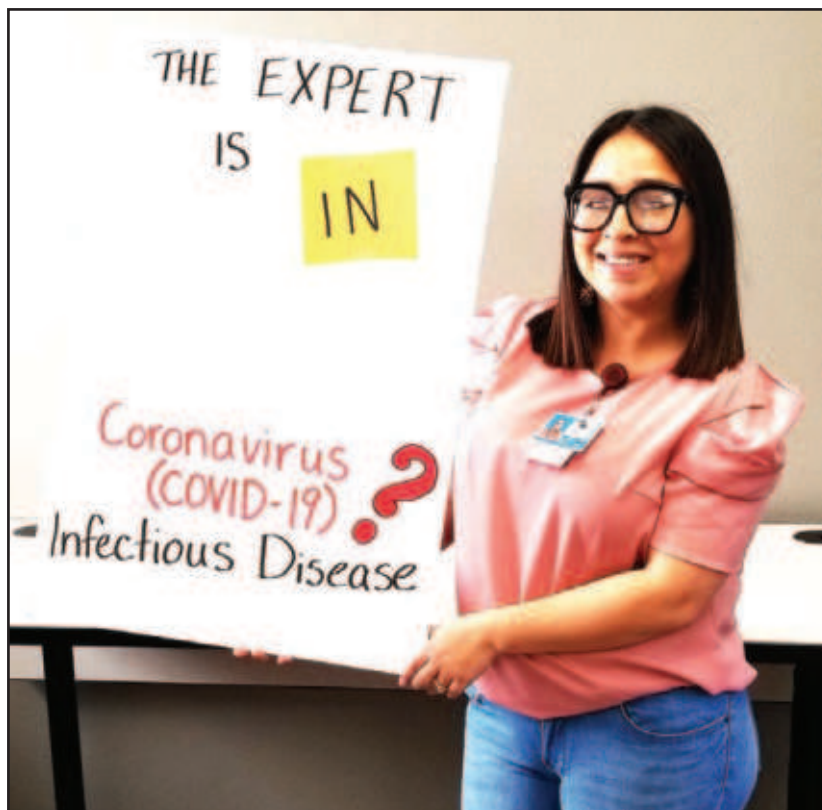
SLV 'prepared' for coronavirus

State officials say risk of contracting virus low

ALAMOSA — People who have been following the news know that an outbreak of novel coronavirus has been circulating in China and is being monitored by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as cases emerge in the United States due to international travel.

According to the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE), the risk to the general public of contracting the 2019 novel coronavirus is low, but with all the media hype, you might be wondering what would happen if such a case reached the San Luis Valley.

First, it is important to know the facts. There are many types of coronavirus. In fact, the virus often labeled "the common cold" is a coronavirus. It is a type of respiratory virus that causes fever, cough and shortness of breath and can be spread through respiratory droplets produced by an infected



Lilian Coll, SLV regional epidemiologist, displays a sign letting everyone know that the "expert is in."

person coughing or sneezing.

Coronaviruses can become serious and involve hospitalization, but most individuals recover on their own. In order to contract the

2019 novel coronavirus, someone needs to have been at a high risk of exposure. That means either someone has traveled to mainland China within the last two weeks or has been in close contact with someone who was confirmed to have had the virus.

What happens if a person presents with symptoms at a health care provider or clinic? According to Lilian Coll, SLV Regional Epidemiologist, the provider would conduct a travel assessment. If the person has confirmed risk factors, the next step for the provider would be to contact Coll, who would then coordinate with CDPHE to submit lab samples to the CDC. Meanwhile, the person would be under observation and cautioned to stay home and away from other people. Alternately, Public Health can also conduct a travel assessment if CDC notifies Coll of someone returning from China that resides in the Valley.

It may be comforting to know the San Luis Valley has resources to deal with a potential outbreak, whether it be coronavirus or the pandemic flu. Both the regional epidemiologist, and the medical provider in the scenario above are

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Del Norte Bank steps up



Del Norte Bank presents a \$25,000 check to the Friends of Ski Hi Park during the monthly Upper Rio Grande Development meeting in February. Del Norte President Mike Hurst, "This is a truly a Valley project, and Del Norte Bank is very pleased and proud to be a partner in this much needed project."

Let's get sustainable

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

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Mosca-Hooper Conservation District will meet March 9-10

ALAMOSA — Calling all Alamosa County Landowners & Livestock Owners — The Mosca-Hooper Conservation District will hold its annual meeting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11 from 11 a.m.-noon and hold a special Workshop "Educated Livestock Eat Weeds" on Thursday, March 12 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m..

Both events will be held at Alamosa County Meeting Room, 8900 Independence Way, Building A&B.

Day one — March 11 features refreshments by the Sweet Peas; Rio Grande Watershed Education Initiative Poster Winners; Mosca Hooper Conservation District Current and Future Project Updates; NRCS Report and Local Workgroup Survey and a special sneak preview of day two's special weed workshop.

Day two — March 12 features a full day workshop, "Educated Livestock Eat Weeds" with Kathy



Kathy Voth

Voth, BLM Educator & Public Information Officer and Author.

Voth is the founder and owner of Livestock for Landscapes a coaching program, and On Pasture an online magazine for grazers.

Participants will learn how to use livestock to manage brush; the benefits of making peace with weeds and how to think outside the box to develop unusual solutions to old problems.

Those attending will develop individual livestock training plans so that "when the weeds start coming up, you will know what to do." The day includes lunch provided by the Sweet Peas.

Both days begin at 9 a.m. at 8900 Independence Way, Building A&B. There is no charge, however, registration is required by March 6.

The workshop is sponsored by NW Weed, Colorado Association of Conservation Districts and Alamosa County. To register, moscahoopercd1@gmail.com

Mosca-Hooper Conservation District is a special district within the state of Colorado responsible for facilitating natural resource conservation opportunities for landowners within Alamosa County.

The District's efforts at incentivizing soil and water conservation and soil health building practices are long-standing. The

District also works alongside farmers and ranchers in the region to implement voluntary conservation efforts and regenerative farming practices. Mosca-Hooper Conservation District is a member of the Rio Grande Watershed Association of Conservation Districts, and financially supports the educational work of the Rio Grande Watershed Conservation and Education Initiative (RGWCEI), and the advocacy and education work of the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts (CACD) and the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) around soil health and watershed stewardship.

Each of the above organizations assists the District to inform a broader audience of landowners, policy makers, and members of the general public about our soil health and watershed stewardship efforts.



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OBITUARIES

Walter Andrew Pacheco, 59

ALAMOSA — Born April 19, 1959 in Alamosa to Jose (Joe) Edumenio II and Benita Margarita (Romero) Pacheco, the world was gifted with a unique soul named Walter Andrew Pacheco.

He was a strong man who served his country in the United States Air Force from 1981 to 1989, being honorably discharged.

Walter enjoyed intellectually challenging conversation but with minimal chit-chat. Devising contraptions with his brothers, oftentimes trying them out, whether it worked or blew up, was another source of entertainment for him.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and being in the mountains.

We have been blessed to have learned many valuable life lessons from a man who couldn't help but make you think and question the world around you.

He transported 57-meter wind generator blades throughout the United States and Canada.

Walter, 59, left this world behind on Feb. 17, 2019 after being in a trucking accident with a vehicle that hit his truck in Oklahoma.

Ever the softhearted soul, he took evasive action to avoid injuring the other driver but, unfortunately, his truck rolled onto its cab and he was killed. Always



observant, he could track a ground squirrel back when he was a kid, which is probably why he was one of the top drivers in his field.

He is survived by son, Joshua (Michelle) Pacheco; and his granddaughters, Oakley and Willow.

He is also survived by sister, Catherine Montano; brothers, David, John (Evelyn), Paul and Ray Pacheco; sisters-in-law Carol, Linda and Pat.

Preceded in death by both parents; grandparents, Jose Edumenio I and Maria Eduvijen Pacheco (Gallegos); brothers, Christopher Daniel and Eugene Michael Pacheco.

Cremation was chosen. Memorial service will be at a later date.

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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 slyphotosteph@gmail.com

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

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

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

1466 or Alice Robinson at 589-0543.

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

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

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

MONTE VISTA — Valley Fiber Art Guild — VFA is a group for anyone interested in fiber arts: knitting, crocheting, weaving and spinning. We work on our individual projects, sometimes do projects together and learn from each other. We meet the fourth Saturday of every month from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at 757 County Rd. 29, Monte Vista. Call or email Wanda Couzens-Smith for more information at (719) 852-5000 or wcouzenssmith@gmail.com

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

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

ALAMOSA — Alamosa Toastmasters meets on

Mondays at noon at The Bridge in Alamosa at 3407 Carroll Street. Participants will find a supportive learning-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.

PENDING OBITUARY

George Robert Merkey, 90

MONTEVISTA — Monte Vista resident George Robert Merkey, 90, passed away on Feb. 20, 2020.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista.

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

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Reserve a table now for ASU's Spring Career Fair

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

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

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

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

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

Steamroller Printmaking hits Creede, seeks artists

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

For more information contact creedearts@outlook.com.

AA MEETINGS

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

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

MONDAY
12 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Hall at 607 4th St., Alamosa
5 p.m. Women's Meeting at Masonic Hall, 598 Spruce St., Del Norte
7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede
7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara

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

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

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12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa
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School Menu - Monday - Feb. 24, 2020

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Vegetable Bar

SECONDARY
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ASU hosts arts workshop on Chicano history, activism

ALAMOSA — The Adams State University Art Department welcomes artist Jasmine Baetz to campus on March 2-3 for a series of workshops and lectures on Chicano history and activism.

Baetz recently facilitated a sculpture project for Los Seis de Boulder on the University of Colorado-Boulder campus.

She invites the SLV community to contribute to her next project by participating in a workshop at Adams State. The workshop will include a conversation about the Boulder sculpture project and important history around Los Seis, which extends to the San Luis Valley and all across the country.

BOULDER LOS SEIS, COMMEMORATIVE SCULPTURE

According to the Boulder Daily Camera: On May 27, 1974, Alamosa attorney and University of Colorado Law graduate Reyes Martinez, 26, University of Colorado Boulder junior Neva Romero, 21, and CU Boulder double major graduate Una Jaakola, 24, were killed in a bombed car at Chautauqua Park.

On May 29, 1974, another car bomb near the Burger King on 28th Street, killed Florencio Granado, 31, who once attended CU Boulder, former student Heriberto Teran, 24, and Francisco Dougherty, 20, a pre-med student from



Photo courtesy of Jasmine Baetz

Pictured, Jasmine Baetz facilitated the sculpture project for Los Seis de Boulder on the Colorado University-Boulder campus. She invites the SLV community to contribute to her next project by participating in a workshop at Adams State.

Texas.

Another student was badly injured, losing a leg and suffering severe burns.

The workshops' discussion topics will focus on historical and present-day activ-

ism in Colorado, as well as where and how activist work is represented and celebrated in public spaces.

In addition to conversation, workshop participants will make ceramic tiles that

will be brought back to Boulder for the second phase of the sculpture project for Los Seis: a mosaic sculpture to mark the second bombing site in Boulder at 28th and Canyon, and an interior mosaic for CU Boulder's School of Education.

The workshops will be held from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. Monday, March 2, and 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, in the Adams State Visual Art Building Room 169. The workshops are free and open to the public of all ages. Participants are not required to attend both workshops.

For more information regarding the workshops, contact Assistant Professor of Art Leslie Macklin at lesliemacklin@adams.edu or 719-587-7822.

Baetz's sculpture is a temporary installation honoring Los Seis.

The concrete, clay and gout monument stands a few feet tall and depicts the visages of the Los Seis in mosaics, with each one facing the direction in which they died, Baetz said. She made the sculpture with more than 100 people through community work days and received funding primarily from the Arts in Society organization, as well as the Boulder Arts Commission, Office for Outreach and Engagement, The Archive Transformed, and a Beverly Sears Graduate Student grant.

Seven students earn scholarships



Courtesy photo

ALAMOSA — Through the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative Adams State University partnered with Costilla County and Trinidad State Junior College Educational Foundation to provide scholarships for seven students from Costilla County. Adams State staff and students attended the Regular Board of Costilla County Commissioners meeting on February 18, in San Luis to express appreciation for the continued support. Pictured, left to right are: Commissioner to Convey Michael V. Gallegos, Adams State Director of Alumni Relations Lori Laske, Tomas Agustin, Commissioner Chair Steven Romero, Jessica Gamboa, Vice Chair Commissioner Lawrence Pacheco, Annahy Quezada and Adams State President Cheryl Lovell, Ph.D.

Flu

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active participants in the SLV Healthcare Coalition (SLVHCC). This group's purpose is to coordinate emergency preparedness, response, and recovery activities related to health and medical disaster operations in the SLV region.

"SLVHCC partners, such as Public Health, hospitals, EMS, and county emergency managers, come together quarterly to network, train, coordinate planning, and exercise ; in order to be ready to respond to disasters in a coordinated fashion as a community healthcare system," says Emily Brown, SLVHCC Co-chair.

In the case of a local outbreak, the SLVHCC

would respond by sharing information among partners, tracking cases, sharing staff and supplies, implementing any actions recommended by the health and medical lead, and supporting the regional emergency response by helping staff the Regional Emergency Operations Center, if activated.

Later this month, the SLVHCC partners will have a chance to practice activating this process in an exercise scenario in which a new flu virus reaches the Valley.

"It's exactly how we would respond in the case of a coronavirus outbreak," said Coll.

What can you do to protect yourself from respiratory illnesses?

"Cover your cough with your arm, wash your hands and avoid contact

with sick people," said Coll, "these actions go a long way towards preventing transmission of contagious illnesses."

If an individual does not have a high risk of exposure, it is very unlikely that the person has the 2019 novel coronavirus, but if individuals are ill and concerned, they should contact a healthcare provider or their local public health agency to conduct a risk assessment.

"People are at a much greater risk of getting the seasonal flu than the 2019 novel coronavirus," said Coll, "It's not too late to get the flu vaccine."

For more information on the 2019 novel coronavirus, go to the State public health web page: Colorado.gov/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus, or the CDC web page: cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov.

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themselves around strategy 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 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The conference will include, as always, the popular "What's New" session. You may register online at sanluisvalley.org or at the door.

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Valley-Wide Welcomes

Kalee Chavez-Miller FNP-BC

to our

Sierra Blanca Medical Center
106 Blanca Avenue #300, Alamosa

Kalee was born in the San Luis Valley and began practicing here in 2016. She has previous experience as a Registered Nurse and Nutrition Educator. Her special interests include preventive care, women's health and mental health. In her free time Kalee enjoys exploring the outdoors with her family, appreciating the vast experiences each season has to offer.

Call to set up an appointment with Kalee today!
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Opinion

Reading skills poor

If you think you've heard enough about reading and you're OK with the fact that only 40% of our third-graders are reading at grade level stop reading right now.

If, on the other hand, you're concerned that so many children cannot read at grade level and you're bothered that 70% of those incarcerated in our prisons are reading at a fourth-grade level read on.

Before we get into remedying the reading problem let me summarize what is happening in the legislature and State Board meetings.

First, the legislature has already dropped 62 bills that relate specifically to education. These bills include: Behavior Analysts in Public School (HB-1058); Sixteen year olds Voting in Local School District Elections (HB-1149); Safe and Healthy Learning Environments for Students (HB-1238); Administration of Inhalers for Respiratory Distress (HB-1283); and Excused Absences in Public School for Behavioral Health (SB-014).

These bills come before the State Board for a vote of support. We can either vote for, against or continue to monitor the bills.

At this point most of the bills are being monitored because they haven't passed through their committees or are lacking a fiscal note.

Another activity of the board is to evaluate and make decisions on schools that had been on priority improvement or turn-around status. Two Denver high schools, Manual and Abraham Lincoln, were voted by the Board to become innovation schools where, hopefully, with more flexibility, they will improve. HOPE Online Learning Academy Elementary schools were voted to be closed.

Now, back to reading, which I believe to be the most important subject taught in elementary school. A short explanation for teaching reading is found in the Simple View of Reading (SVR). Reading comprehension is the desired outcome of decoding words and language comprehension.

DECODING X LANGUAGE COMPREHENSION = READING COMPREHENSION

If students cannot decode printed English, they cannot understand it. If students cannot comprehend spoken English, they cannot know written English. Recognizing a word quickly and accurately is essential for comprehension. If you're spending too much time trying to figure out a word, the understanding of the text will be challenging.

Learning how to teach the evidence-based science of reading in the classroom is not easy. It takes time and dedication by district and school leaders with an earnest desire to ensure that every student can read proficiently by the third grade.

Teacher education courses are currently being evaluated by the department of education.

Next month I'll introduce you to the Reading Wars or why we haven't been teaching, according to the READ Act. Meanwhile, keep your eye on House Bill-1288, amending the READ Act so that districts will post their reading curriculum on their school website.

How is reading being taught at your school?

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Spain sells Florida to USA 201 years ago

Today is the 53rd day of 2020 and the 64th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1819, Spain signed the Adams-Onis Treaty, ceding Florida to the United States and redefining the boundary between U.S. and Spanish territories from Louisiana to the Pacific Ocean.

In 1935, new regulations outlawed aircraft flying over the White House.

In 1980, the U.S. Olympic hockey team upset the Soviet Union 4-3 in Lake Placid, New York, a victory popularly known as the "Miracle on Ice."

In 1993, the U.N. Security Council approved the creation of a war crimes tribunal to address atrocities committed during the former Yugoslavia's civil war.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1959, Lee Petty won the first Daytona 500.

Across The Street



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Reader wants to be sensitive to gender identity

DEAR HARRIETTE: I am finding myself at a loss for how to be politically correct when it comes to talking about gender identity. My neighbor's child — who was born female — says that she now identifies as "they." I do my best to remember, but it doesn't come natural to me yet.

Beyond that, I see that the language is changing a lot, and I am totally lost. It used to be that people were gay or straight. Now it's LGBTQ. Or non-binary conforming — but what does that mean? I don't want to sound dumb or outdated, but I honestly don't understand the new realm of gender identity, let alone how to talk about it. Can you help? — Gender Confusion

DEAR GENDER CONFUSION: At least part of the culture in which we live today is making a concerted effort to be more welcoming of all people, and that includes people who do not conform to the standard definitions of gender identity. For many, this occurs when family members or friends present themselves in ways that do not follow the traditional definitions of "male" or "female." When loved ones actively claim other ways of defining themselves, those they love often make an effort to support them. This is true even for conservative people who may grapple with their own value systems when it

comes to gender identity.

How one defines oneself when the language has been limited to male and female can be a daunting task. It is one that folks have struggled with for generations. I am no expert, but I do know that there is a lot of literature out there that can be supportive. To the point of non-binary, my understanding is that if someone is not comfortable with being singularly either male or female, the person is considered non-binary. The next choices are broadening.

LGBTQ is an acronym that helps some. It means lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer, and it serves as a general category outside of the male/female, straight/homosexual buckets. There is also a movement for people to claim their pronouns — he, she or they — in an effort to further define how one identifies.

You should read up on this topic. But if you approach people with respect and openness, you are off to a good start. If you get the label wrong but your intention is good, chances are, you will be able to expand your vocabulary simply by asking for clarification.

For more details, visit bit.ly/2v9ADFh or bit.ly/2S4cn0o. Activist Jodie Patterson, a mother of five with a trans child, wrote

a book, "The Bold World: A Memoir of Family and Transformation" that can be very helpful.

DEAR HARRIETTE: My girlfriend loves to wear makeup, and she usually wears bright red lipstick. It looks great on her, and I appreciate the fact that she likes to dress up. What I don't like is when her lipstick gets on my clothes. It makes me crazy. How can I get her to lay off the red lipstick? She has destroyed several of my favorite shirts just by reaching up to give me a kiss. I don't want to hurt her feelings, but something's got to give. — No More Lipstick Stains

DEAR NO MORE LIPSTICK STAINS: Surprise your girlfriend and go to the makeup store and buy her some 24-hour matte red lipstick. Believe it or not, she will still be able to wear red literally all day long, but it won't wipe off. You should tell her why you bought it so that she herself will make the switch to the 18- or 24-hour variety.

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Valley Gardening

BY RUTHIE BROWN

And other good stuff RIP John Kreiner

Life is good and life is short, and there are no guarantees for any of us to be around tomorrow ... so give 'em (@#%&) today! That's my motto, and I'm sticking with it — too old to change, right?

Alamosa, and the world, lost a kind soul this week, when John Kreiner passed away on Monday. I try and remember when I met John, aka Jack, but have no idea. It's like I always knew him, always.

I do know that he was running Blue Peaks, way back in the Sunshine Festival days, and some of the clients used to help us set up and take down — maybe that's when we met.

John's passing was sudden and family and friends are still coming to grips with the loss. Memorial service details will be announced at a later date.

I do know that the memorial will be held at Society Hall and that certainly makes me proud.

Proud that we have such a facility in Alamosa to serve this purpose. I'm honored that John's memorial will be at the Hall ... as was his wife's Barbara's service on Jan. 28th, 2017. RIP Jack and Barbara, together again.

I keep telling folks, every day, that it is still only February. Our weather

has certainly been wonderful. Now is a great time to lightly rake the lawn or trim back the perennials that you didn't get done last fall.

I participated in the FFA auction on Thursday evening and was fortunate to buy two groups of workers to help me. We got some major cleanup done down at the duplex — around the corner from the store.

I'm almost embarrassed at how overgrown the gardens have become, but that's going to change soon.

Those damn elm seedlings are really bugging me, so we will cut them down, and then pour a tree/stump killer on them. They grow so fast.

I hope to have one of the groups help me rake out Mom's Garden. Those damn kochia weeds that blow in from everywhere. They certainly aren't "born" in Mom's Garden.

My fear is that, with the railroad filing bankruptcy, the weeds along the tracks will be worse than ever and our town will look sadder than ever. How is it that you and I are supposed to keep our weeds under control, but some places don't have to?

Have you ever been to the Crane Show in Monte Vista?

If not, maybe it's about time! A number of folks have been painting/decorating crane cutouts that are being put on the lamp posts downtown. I've seen a few of them on Facebook and I can say: "They are unique and gorgeous and beautiful. Way to go, Monte Vista!"

The actual Crane Festival will be on March sixth and seventh. I'm sure there will be more details in the paper in the next week or so.

Are you a backyard hops grower? I have a list of about 30 varieties I am looking at ordering, but I know nothing about "Alpha Acids and Beta Acids." Come on down to the Green Spot and pick out a variety or two and I will get them ordered in the next couple of weeks.

The rooted cuttings come in a 3.5 inches square x 5 inches pot. My thought is to bump them up into gallon pots

for six to eight weeks and then plant outside. Any takers?

Evelyn Sprouse Rowe brought one of her painted pots in this week and offered to do a class or two for folks — it's really cute. We picked the weekend of April 25th and 26th to do this class. We would love to have children come in and paint pots for Mother's Day presents. We are figuring out times and how many brats we can handle at a time — you know I mean angels, right? My grandchildren included!

Are you tired of the political commercials? Can we even imagine the amount of money spent in not telling the truth? Half-truths is all we will ever know, period. A political candidate should only be allowed to advertise what they will do — not a word about the other person.

I'm so sick of it. And ... we only have another eight months to go — yuck!

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Opinion

Weighing in on wolves

Letter to the Editor: The SIC and other groups are correct in calling for a "Rethink Wolves Campaign." The supporters of this forced wolf reintroduction have unmentioned allies. Most readers know of the basic ecological concept of predator-prey relationship. This is only one of many that emphasize the "balance of nature." This is a well understood principle, more correctly thought of as a "dynamic equilibrium" involving many living organisms. The preceding is basic and well understood.

The unmentioned parties in this ballot initiative involve all the anti-hunting groups along with anti-Second Amendment followers that are supported by the political ambitions of many Democrats.

Predators can eventually reduce prey populations to the point where they announce that hunting is no longer needed for population management. An exact numerical balance will probably never exist, but the system is constantly adjusting toward that goal. They are now ready to announce their real objective.

Hunting is not needed for population management so there is really no need for many firearms and they hope to weaken support for the Second Amendment.

If they are successful, they will have used a basic ecological concept to accomplish a long sought after goal. The Bill of Rights will come under attack

when their test balloon on the Second Amendment was so successful. Their view of the modern world does not allow for the Second Amendment. They will replace The Bill of Rights and the U.S. Constitution with their socialist diatribe that will be the foundation of the USSR, United States of Socialistic Reform.

Millions of people may be duped into supporting this movement. Voters that do not employ the required critical thinking will allow them a victory. Please don't let this happen.

OPINION ON TROUT

I enjoyed the informative article on CPW's research on Whirling Disease in Colorado. The naming of these WD resistant Rainbow Trout is where I was disappointed.

The WD resistant Rainbow Trout was a product of Rainbow Trout from Gunnison River and "Hofers" from a hatchery in Germany. Without the research in Europe and the Hofers from the hatchery in Germany, the CPW would still be struggling with WD like they have been for over 20 years.

The WD resistant Rainbow Trout should be named the "Gunnison-Hofers" Rainbow. This would give credit to all contributors.

Sincerely,
Hugh L. Puchs

Wenzel rescues Blessing

Letter to the Editor: We thank you for publishing the sad story of the little white terrier, now named Blessing, found curled up by a Cole Park tree on Feb. 11. She was very near death.

Bless you, Diana Wenzel, for rescuing her and saving her little life. (Diana's last name is Wenzel, not Cullens). Blessing had been strangled, beaten, suffered from a concussion and someone had put cigarettes out on her ears. She is being taken to a neurologist in Denver.

Diana saw many people in the area but no one stopped to help the little dog. I hope the perpetrator is caught.

People who abuse animals often move on to abusing people and some even move on to murder.

If you hear of neglect or abuse of animals, please call the authorities or call

us so we can refer you to authorities. If you find a stray, please feed it, anything, so he/she will stay in one location and can be rescued.

Abandoned animals are frightened and difficult to catch and help. We frequently need to use a live trap. Please call us if you see an abandoned animal, we will rescue him/her and find a loving home.

Aileen Peek, San Luis Valley Animal Welfare Society, 719-587-WOOF (9663)

In the Tuesday, Feb. 18 issue on page 1 of the Courier in the story "What a Blessing: Abused dog rescued at Cole Park," it was reported that Diana Cullens rescued Blessing when it was Diana Wenzel who rescued to the abused canine.

Diane Mitsch Bush a representative for rural America

Letter to the Editor: Family, friends, and neighbors, I am excited to formally endorse Diane Mitsch Bush in her bid to unseat Scott Tipton in Colorado's 3rd Congressional District.

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Gabrielle Aragon. I am an eighth generation Coloradan from San Luis, the oldest town in Colorado located in Costilla County — "where Colorado began".

The values instilled in me, passed down by my forefathers, are the pillars of Colorado; they are that of land, water (sin agua no hay vida), people, agriculture, and faith.

I grew up knowing that a person's name and reputation are the most valuable aspects of one's character. I am cautious of those I recommend to others, and I would only endorse someone who will truly represent our values, someone who will listen to our community and work for our people. Diane is that person.

When I first met Diane years ago, she stood out to me because she had an effervescent energy about representing people.

Diane is one of the most approachable, down-to-earth, passionate, and intelligent representatives I know. She takes the time to truly engage with people by listening, asking questions, hearing ideas and concerns, and gaining perspective.

Diane is someone who is eager to roll up her sleeves to find solutions and help out everyday people. She took many of our values to the state capital and reminded Denver that we are part of Colorado too! For these efforts, she was named Legislature of the Year for her work on the House Agriculture

Committee and the Natural Resources Committee.

Rural Colorado and rural America have become neglected in Washington politics. We are not truly represented or respected.

When I became the youngest elected official in Colorado, I encountered dead ends in trying to improve the quality of life for my constituency — I know how difficult it can be.

Diane always works for her people and she will build the bridges over which our community can cross. Diane will fight to provide quality jobs, a world-class education, affordable healthcare and incentives for farmers. She will protect our way of life and the environment.

We are from the greatest and most fertile valley on earth, but just because we are from a valley doesn't mean our voices should be trapped, forgotten or treated like second-class citizens. We are Coloradans, but above all we are Americans and demand the best. That is why Diane Mitsch Bush is the best candidate in this race, on any side, to represent our values and to fight for what everyday people like you and me need. It's long overdue.

Whether you own five cattle or 50,000 cattle, use the water to ski in the winter or to irrigate in the spring for your peaches, potatoes, alfalfa or a small garden, be confident that Diane will always create the best opportunity for everyone. Support Diane so she can remind Washington of our values!

Thank you for your time and consideration! #DMBforCD3, sincerely yours in public service, Hon. Gabrielle V. Aragon, San Luis, "Oldest Town in Colorado."



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- Event must be a potential draw for tourism
- Event must be produced by a not-for-profit organization

Grant applications will be accepted until March 2. The application, including the full list of requirements and guidelines can be downloaded from: alamosa.org/about-the-cvb-a-industry-partners



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Sports

Mean Moose in 6th place entering final day

Chavez earns spot in final for Alamosa, Lucero does likewise for Centauri

By **STEPHEN JIRON**
Courier Sports Editor

DENVER — Wrestlers continued hitting the mat hard for day two of action.

And now the only thing left is championship Saturday. Seven valley schools made the trip up north to Denver to compete at the Pepsi Center.

In 3A, Alamosa is attempting to threeppeat and that is a difficult task for anyone. At the close of day 2, the Mean Moose wrestling team was holding on to the No. 6 spot trailing leader Jefferson by 24 points. Alamosa will need to do it without Brandon Reveles, Trevor Maestas, Zeke Rangel, Logan Garcia and Zaq Bernal as all five wrestlers were eliminated from contention on day two.

Still standing, Kyler Liddell picked up a win in the quarterfinals early in the day, but couldn't get past first-seeded Roberto Estrada of Weld Central falling by a 6-3 decision. Liddell will await an opponent in the consolation bracket Saturday morning.

At 113 pounds, first-seeded junior Davion Chavez continued on the warpath with two more victories — a quarterfinal pin and riding the momentum in the semifinals to a 5-0 decision.

Chavez will meet defending champion Angelo Lozado in Saturday's championship. Colton Liddell started Friday with a win but couldn't keep it going in the semifinals dropping a 10-4 decision to second-seeded Noah Damien of Valley.

Liddell will also await an opponent. The final Alamosa wrestler still active on Saturday is Austin Trujillo at 195 pounds.

A loss early on Friday didn't dampen Trujillo's spirits and the Alamosa senior took down Brian Garcia of Eagle Valley for his first win in the consolation bracket.

Trujillo will face Casey Harvey from Bennet, the winner will go on to meet Eaton's Logan Bean in the consolation quarterfinals.

Despite 16 of the 24 wrestlers from the valley that qualified for the 2A state tournament being eliminated on day 2, the 2A class still has plenty of intrigue. As a team, Centauri also has five wrestlers still active entering the final day of the state tournament. The Falcons as a team were No. 6 in the team standings with 59 points. Wray is the runaway favorite to take state with 129 points.

Still active for the Falcons, Mario Vigil began his Friday facing the No. 1 seed in the 2A 106-pound weight class.

After falling by a 3-1 decision, Vigil went back to work in a valley matchup eliminating Dominic Lopez of Monte Vista. The win sets up a win-or-go-home meeting with Del Norte's Malachi Gallegos on Saturday morning. Gallegos earned his way to the Saturday matchup with a 10-2 major decision over Kody Ingols of Hayden. At 120 pounds, Monte Vista's DeAngelo Archuleta has been a wrecking ball in the consolation bracket with a fall and a decision paving the way for a meeting with Highland's Logan Lewis. Lewis entered the tournament as the second seed.

In the 132-pound class, Centauri's Eyan Chavez picked up a win early on Friday and but couldn't build on it falling behind to Lain Yapoujian of Byers. Yapoujian took a 3-1 decision. Chavez will await an opponent in the consolation semis.

Centauri junior Jordan Martin overcame a tough start to Friday overcoming a loss to Cedaredge's Adrian Nieto to bounce back in the consolation bracket with an 8-5 decision over Aiden Michael of County Line. He will face Reid Brown of Wray for the right to compete in the consolation semifinals.

Centauri's Byron Shawcroft also bounced back from an early Friday loss with a victory over Buena Vista's Seth Moss by fall at 1:17. Shawcroft will start his Saturday against Ty Walck of Cedaredge.

The final wrestler from 2A to make it to championship day was Remi Lucero of Centauri. In the 2A heavyweight class, Lucero stayed undefeated in tournament competition with two more wins by pin on Friday meaning the Centauri senior will be competing for an individual title on Saturday night.

Lucero will face Rocky Ford's Peyton Froman. Lucero has some reasons for optimism. By seed, Lucero is No. 2 and will be favored there and Lucero faced Froman in January and defeated him by a 4-1 decision at the Alamosa Duals. For a complete listing of brackets and results be sure to visit CHSAANow.com.



Photos by Stephen Jiron

Davion Chavez of Alamosa cradles Skyview's Ezra Herrera in the 3A 113 pound semifinals. Chavez will face Angelo Lozado in the championship.



Centauri's Remi Lucero enforces his will against Chance Weining of Trinidad to punch his ticket to the 2A 285 pound championship against Peyton Froman of Rocky Ford.



Alamosa senior Hunter Smith looks to control his opponent Mac Copeland during 3A 170-pound semifinal action at the Pepsi Center on Friday.



Centauri's Eyan Chavez attempts to escape from Lain Yapoujian of Byers during the 2A 132 semifinal matchup.

Results

Adams State Baseball

Feb. 15 ASU 12, Univ. of the Southwest 9
ASU 9, Univ. of the Southwest 5

Adams State Basketball

Feb. 21 Western Colorado at ASU (W)
Western Colorado at ASU (M)

Prep Basketball

Feb. 15 Manzanola 38, Creede 29 (G)
Manzanola 55, Creede 35 (B)
Moffat-Mt.-Valley 39, La Veta 23 (G)
La Veta 61, Moffat-Mt.-Valley 41 (B)
Crested Butte 51, Center 49 (B)
Montezuma-Cortez 66, Monte Vista 51 (B)
Centennial 43, Antonito 42 (G)
Antonito 61, Centennial 44 (B)
Swink 34, Sargent 17 (G/B)
Sargent 48, Swink 42 (G/B)
Sangre de Cristo 59, Lake City 5 (G)
Sangre de Cristo 68, Salida 63 (B)
Centauri 51, Alamosa 44 (G)
Alamosa 56, Centauri 50 (B)
South Baca 43, Del Norte 37 (G)

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

Feb. 20 Antonito FFW, Aguilar FFL (G)
La Veta 50, Sierra Grande 35 (G)
Sierra Grande 51, La Veta 43 (B)
Sangre de Cristo 61, Moffat-Mt.-Valley 17 (G)
Sangre de Cristo 54, Moffat-Mt.-Valley 35 (B)

Feb. 21 Sangre de Cristo 37, Kim-Branson 20 (G)
Kim-Branson 49, Sangre de Cristo 37 (B)
Hohne 36, Center 32 (G)
Center 61, Hoehne 55 (B)
Primero 64, Centennial 56 (B)

Primero at Centennial (G), late

Sports Bulletin

Ignacio 66, Sierra Grande 45 (B)
Ignacio at Sierra Grande, late
Sanford 52, Sargent 33 (G)
Sanford 61, Sargent 25 (B)
Lake City at Moffat-Mt. Valley, late
South Park at Del Norte, late
South Park at Del Norte, late

Adams State Lacrosse

Feb. 21 Colorado Mesa 21 (M), SU 3 Colorado Mesa 21 (M)

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

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. 22 5:30/7:30 p.m. Colorado Mesa at ASU (W/M)

Prep Basketball

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. 23 12 p.m. ASU at Westminster (M)

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Feb. 22 12/ 2 p.m. ASU at Regis (DH)
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For more information or if you're interested in volunteering contact: pvjohnson@adams.edu

AP&R Youth Soccer

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

Sports

Grizzlies fall in season opener vs. Mavericks

Colorado Mesa tops Adams State 21-3

By SOPHEEA VOMUND
ASU Sports Information

GRAND JUNCTION—The Adams State men's lacrosse team opened their season this Friday against one of the tougher competitors in their conference, Colorado Mesa University.

Unfortunately, the Grizzlies couldn't take the win to open their season but will look to shake it off and continue playing the game they know.

The first quarter of the game started with Grizzlies going into the defensive and fending off the lethal Mavericks attack unit for the first few minutes.

Colorado Mesa would eventually get on the board in the third minute of the game, going on a short run to put them ahead 0-3.

Senior attackman Johnny Rosas made his presence known and slowed the Mavericks momentum with a shot from the circle off an assist from Jacob Austin.

The two earned their first points of the season, pulling through on the offensive end as expected.

Unfortunately, Mesa's ride and faceoff men were strong, and they maintained possession for a good portion of the rest of the quarter.

With possession, the Mavericks were able to pull ahead and end the quarter with a 1-7 lead.

Fifteen seconds into the second quarter, the Mavericks tallied another goal to add to their lead.

The Mavericks kept a tight ride on the Grizzlies any time they tried to clear, making it difficult for a transition.

The tough ride allowed the Mavericks to keep the Grizzlies offense relatively quiet for the quarter. Ending the second quarter, the Mavericks still held the lead now at 1-13.

In the third, the Grizzlies offense got a few more looks.

Rosas put the Mavericks goalie to the test, firing a few hotshots, but the Mavericks goalie stood strong.

Not only Rosas but also the other members of the offensive unit put Mesa's defense under pressure.

Eventually, the Grizzlies offense was able to score after putting so much pressure on Mesa.

Hot off a save from Brendan William, Donnie Simon helped to clear the ball out and give Rosas a decent feed.

Rosas was quick to put it in the cage, scoring his second for the game and season. Coming out of the third quarter, the score was 2-18 with the Mavericks still leading.

For the fourth quarter, the Grizzlies defense held the Mavericks offense to only three goals.

Defenders blocked the balls as they could, helping their goalie as best possible.

Able to draw another penalty, the Grizzlies offense was given another man-up opportunity. Austin, who assisted Rosas earlier in the game, put one in the back of the net himself off of an Alexander Kelly assist.

It was the only goal the offense was able to put on in the quarter, the score of the game ending up as 3-21 with the Mavericks taking the win.

Adams put 32 shots in, 14 of those shots being shots on goal.

Colorado Mesa outshot the Grizzlies with 66 shots, 38 of the shots being on goal. The Grizzlies went 1 for 8 in man-up situations, only capitalizing once.

Defensively, both Williams and Michael Navarro stood tall in the cage and did the best they could for their team. The two combined for 17 saves, Williams accounting for 14 of them.

The two led relatively effective and efficient clears, going 17 for 24 in terms of success of clearing the ball.

Despite the game not going exactly as the men's team might have hoped, there were flashes of greatness.

The offense produced quite a few shots and the expected contributors from last year pulled through.

The defense stood strong against a lethal unit of offense, facing some of the best attackers in their conference.

The unit combined for about 18 ground balls and for caused turnovers, blocking a few shots along the way.

The Grizzlies will look to shake off the loss as they travel to Utah for a Sunday afternoon matchup.

They will face off against Westminster College, another conference competitor, and they will look to split the weekend with a win over the Griffins.

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Lifestyle

Beware when parking in avalanche prone areas

COLORADO—The Colorado Department of Transportation urges outdoor enthusiasts heading to the backcountry to: Watch where you park!

CDOT recognizes and appreciates that the public uses and enjoys Colorado's backcountry, but when searching for areas to park vehicles or trailers, the public is reminded to do so safely and lawfully.

Anyone leaving a vehicle unattended on the side of the road, runs the risk of breaking the law, being fined, and having their vehicle towed away by law enforcement.

Backcountry users should be aware of avalanche conditions, as well as known slide path areas along the highway, which are clearly signed.

These snow slide areas are often at locations where avalanche control operations may be planned.

"Never leave vehicles near or adjacent to snow slide areas," said CDOT maintenance supervisor, Tyler Carlson. "Just this week, we were forced to cancel an avalanche control mission on US 50 Monarch Pass, because a vehicle was parked in the snow slide path area."

"This absolutely hinders our winter maintenance operations, plus it is extremely dangerous because your car or truck could be covered with snow by a natural slide."

Carlson went on to explain that it was apparent the occupants of the vehicle were back-country skiing. It was decided not to tow the vehicle because the crew could not continue with the avalanche control mission without knowing the whereabouts of the skier(s).

Carlson also added that the section of US 50 is safe for the traveling public. The mission has been rescheduled for early next week. Travelers who frequently drive Monarch Pass should visit COtrip.org for information about possible highway closures.

Back-country users should park only in clearly marked and designated parking areas, typically found at the summit of mountain passes and at some trailheads. While some areas along the highway may provide ample room to park several feet away and off the asphalt, CDOT warns vehicle owners that they run the risk of being trapped with snow pushed by the plow. Vehicles

left on the side of the road also make the plowing job difficult for road maintenance crews.

OBEY THE LAW: Back-country users are also advised that when leaving vehicles on the shoulder of the road, they are at risk of being fined and their vehicle being towed away.

Owners who leave vehicles unattended on the side of the road are at risk of obstructing avalanche-control missions and the operation of heavy equipment. Obstructing highway operations is in violation of state law.

Colorado Statute: Title 42. Vehicles and Traffic Article 4. Regulation of Vehicles and Traffic Part 18. Vehicles Abandoned on Public Property § 42-4-1803. Abandonment of motor vehicles-public property

(2) Whenever any... (law enforcement) or agency employee finds a motor vehicle... attended or unattended, standing upon any portion of a highway right of way in such a manner as to constitute an obstruction to traffic or proper highway maintenance, such officer or agency employee is authorized to cause the motor vehicle, vehicle, cargo or debris to be moved to eliminate any such obstruction.

For more information or to read the Colorado law in its entirety, visit: <https://law.justia.com/codes/colorado/2016/title-42/regulation-of-vehicles-and-traffic/article-4/part-18/section-42-4-1803/>



Courtesy photo

This caution sign indicates an avalanche area and advises that there is no stopping or standing at the location. Backcountry users are urged to watch for these signs and never park vehicles or trailers on the side of the road at these sites.

How to make driving in inclement weather less dangerous

Impaired visibility can be a safety hazard while driving.

Everything from sun glare to hail can affect a driver's ability to see the road and navigate it effectively. Before drivers get behind the wheel, they should make note of their local forecast and make a plan for what to do if rain, snow or other conditions make it challenging to drive.

The International Association of Traffic and Safety Sciences indicates that, based on an examination of crash test data conducted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the "likelihood of a crash increases during periods of low visibility, despite the tendency for less traffic and for lower speeds to prevail during these times."

Drivers can take several steps to improve their visibility when driving in poor weather conditions.

- Inspect and change windshield wiper blades. Wipers are instrumental in clearing precipitation away from the windshield. If they're not functioning properly, wipers cannot do their jobs. Drivers should replace their wipers at the first indication that they are no longer effective. In some conditions, wipers can freeze or stick. Drivers should then pull over and clean the wipers manually.

- Clear obstructions. Always make sure the windshield is clear before driving. This can include removing ice and snow in the winter and cleaning off mud or bug splatter in the spring and summer. Use the front and rear defrost if condensation fogs up windshields and windows.

- Slow down. Foul weather can reduce drivers' ability to see far into the distance. Drivers should always drive slower in inclement weather in order to improve reaction time.

- Top off fluids. Always keep the windshield washer reservoir full and keep extra fluid in the trunk. In addition, look for a fluid that does not freeze in very cold temperatures.

- Learn how to drive in fog. Each year, more than 38,700 vehicle crashes occur in fog, states the Federal Highway Administration. Travelers Insurance recommends slowing down, staying focused and using regular headlights and not high beams when driving in fog.

- Go out only if necessary. In snowy or icy conditions, drive only if it's absolutely necessary, as snow and ice can impair visibility and make roads slick, says AAA.

- Avoid driving at dusk and dawn. The human eye can have trouble adjusting to rapidly changing light and darkness conditions, which are common at dusk and dawn. If possible, drivers should make trips during the heart of the day, especially if poor lighting conditions typically make it difficult for them to drive.

Drivers can take steps to improve visibility when inclement weather makes roadways hard to navigate. FC19A304

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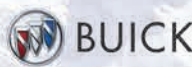
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Lifestyle



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Conditions remain excellent at Wolf Creek Ski Resort as the season works its way into the spring months. Crowds continue to flock to the area to enjoy short lines and epic skiing. Wolf Creek Ski Resort is reporting a total of 261 inches for the season.

Wolf Creek Ski Resort begins spring with excellent conditions

By LYNDISIE FERRELL
Valley Publishing

WOLF CREEK — According to reports from Wolf Creek Ski Resort owner Roseanne Haidorfer-Pitcher the skiing is great, the powder just keeps coming and the spring season will be one for the record books.

The resort recorded 261 inches for the season with a constant 71-inch base for skiers of all ages to enjoy.

Snow has fallen steadily on the San Juan Mountain Range throughout the year, with 1 to 10 inches falling at any given time on any given day keeping the resort at a steady pace for the season. Though totals are only about half of what they were this time last year, Haidorfer-Pitcher said that conditions are better than good for avid skiers.

“We started with a slow, dry fall but by the time the holidays hit, we were up and running at full capacity. Things are going really well for the season and we are in for more snow in the coming weeks. Everyone loves powder after all,” laughed Haidorfer-Pitcher.

Haidorfer-Pitcher also stated that skier numbers have been great this year, as well. Crowds of all ages have flocked to the resort from all walks of life and have ventured to the small resort from all over the nation.

“When I work the ski shops I am always surprised to talk with people and hear about why they came to Wolf Creek and from where,” she said. “We had one family here all the way from Florida and when I inquired why they chose this resort, they simply replied that ‘it was because the crowds are small, and the snow is better.’”

After having such an epic winter last season, the resort still sits at about 13% less people than the spring of 2019, but Haidorfer-Pitcher holds out hope that those numbers will change with the arrival of more snow and Spring Break.

“We are still gathering steam and we had a great President’s Day weekend turnout,” she said. “The shuttles are running nonstop and people are still lining up at the lifts for a chance to shred some powder.”

As far as avalanches go, Haidorfer-Pitcher said that conditions remain in their favor.

“We have had several small storms, which has kept the snow relatively soft and fresh,” she said. “Of course, it is always better to have constant snow, to keep the base from hardening, but we have had just enough to keep danger at bay. Our Ski Patrol and Avalanche Hazard Team are constantly working and mitigating snow conditions.”

Though many storm systems that have found their way to southwestern Colorado have been blown away by high winds, the resort received small amounts during each storm.

“With Spring Break coming, conditions are great,” Haidorfer-Pitcher said. “Some of the storms barely hit us, while others simply passed us by, which is strange this time of year.”

Those who have ventured to the resort have had the opportunity to enjoy some of their newer runs like the Orion’s Beltway and Feather Duster.

The solar-power program is up and fully functional and Haidorfer-Pitcher said the system is working out great.

“We are very happy to have the opportunity to be a solar energy business leader with the sustainable energy through our partnership with the coop,” she added. “All and all, it has worked out.”

For more information, current mountain snow conditions or to purchase tickets, please visit www.wolfcreekski.com.

Four ways to save money on ski trips

1. Book an all-inclusive trip.

Lift tickets and equipment rentals can be expensive. Lift tickets are typically valid only for the day of purchase, so such expenses can quickly add up for skiers who want to spend several days on their favorite mountains. Before booking a trip, shop around for all-inclusive offerings that include rentals and lift tickets for the duration of the trip. Skiers who plan to spend several days on the mountain may find it more economical to purchase all-inclusive packages than to pay daily charges for lift tickets and equipment rentals.

2. Book in advance.

If all-inclusive packages are impractical or too expensive, skiers can explore paying for equipment rentals and lift tickets in advance. Resorts may offer discounted rental and lift ticket prices to guests who purchase these

items online in advance of their stays.

3. Ski local.

Skiing locally can save skiers money while allowing them to enjoy the slopes. By choosing to visit local mountains, skiers can save on overnight lodging costs. And since resorts are close, skiers won’t need to purchase potentially expensive flights. In addition, skiers with their own equipment can save on rentals by bringing their own skis. It’s possible to do so when flying to a resort, but that can result in additional baggage and/or packaging fees.

4. Make it a group effort.

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San Luis Valley calendar of events

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

MONTE VISTA — Valley Fiber Art Guild (VFA) is a group for anyone interested in fiber arts: knitting, crocheting, weaving and spinning. We work on our individual projects, sometimes do projects together and learn from each other. We meet the fourth Saturday of every month, from 1-4:30 p.m. at 757 County Rd. 29, Monte Vista. Call or email Wanda Couzens-Smith for more information at (719) 719-852-5000 or wcouzens-smith@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jennifer McCoy-Hanna at Tu Casa, Inc. at (719) 589-2465.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALAMOSA — Can't make it to Storytime at the Alamosa Public Library? That's OK, check out the Storytime to Go Kits designed to bring Storytime into your home! Come into the Alamosa Public Library today, 300 Hunt Ave., Alamosa.

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

LA JARA — MOPS-La Jara provides a reenergized program Thursday, with new crafts, discussions, snacks and learning at the United Church of La Jara, a safe place for the older kids to play and learn

with a great staff to lead all activities. The great times begin at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays. Call Debbie at (719) 580-6721.

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

CONEJOS COUNTY — The Conejos Library District has received a grant from the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation titled Growing Readers

Together. The purpose of the grant is to provide early literacy reading materials, reading related toys, and educational activities for home day care providers. The library will provide kits in the form of books, educational toys, music and activities to anyone doing home day care in Conejos County. Those who are interested in participating in this program contact the library at (719) 274-5858.

ALAMOSA — Valley-Wide Pharmacy is a registered drop-off location for the Colorado Household Medication Take-Back Program. There is a drop-off receptacle located at

the pharmacy for the collection of household medications, including both prescription and over-the-counter medications. Drop off any unwanted household medications for free at the Valley-Wide Pharmacy. The Valley-Wide Pharmacy is inside the Alamosa Family Medical Center clinic at 1710 First St, Alamosa.

VALLEY — La Puente Outreach is currently accepting medical applications. Those who are in need of help paying for prescription glasses, hearing aids, medical equipment or dental procedures, please come to 929 State Ave., Alamosa

or call (719) 587-3781.

VALLEY — The San Luis Valley Naloxone Education Empowerment Distribution (SLV N.E.E.D.) project came to an end. Free Narcan Nasal kits are still available at any of the local participating pharmacies while supplies last. Those pharmacies are: La Jara Health Mart Pharmacy, Alamosa Pharmacy, Valley Wide Health Systems Pharmacy (for Valley Wide Health Systems patients only), Jacks Market Pharmacy in Monte Vista and Rio Grande Pharmacy in Del Norte. Residents may need

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The Los Sauces Ditch Company NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Los Sauces Ditch Company is called for and will be held at the Conejos County Nursing Building in La Jara, CO on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting business that may come before the ditch company and for the election of officers and three directors for the upcoming year, and the transaction of such other business as may come before such a meeting. Alonzo Salazar, Secretary #1307 Published in the Valley Courier on February 22, and 27, 2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing before the Alamosa Board of County Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 8:30 AM, Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado for the purpose of considering an application for a Minor Subdivision submitted by Jeff Johnson. The applicant is proposing to subdivide to make two lots. The legal description of the property is: A tract of land located in the SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 11, Township 37 North, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., described as follows: Commencing at the SW corner of said Section 11; thence North 200 feet along the centerline of a county road which is also the West line of said Section 11; thence South 89°46'37" East 29.80 feet to the East right of way line of said county road, which is the point of beginning of the tract herein described; thence North 318 feet along the East right of way line of said county road; thence South 70°30' East 100.65 feet to the Southwesterly right of way line of a county road; thence South 42°56'59" East 664.87 feet along said right of way line to a point on the South line of said Section 11; thence North 89° 46'37" West 379.05 feet along the South line of said Section 11; thence North 200.00 feet; thence North 89° 46'37" West 168.84 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, in Alamosa County, Colorado. Details regarding this application are available for public inspection in the Alamosa County Land Use Office at 8999 Independence Way Suite 100 during regular office hours. BOARD OF ALAMOSA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MICHAEL YOHN, CHAIRMAN ATTEST: MELANIE WOODWARD CLERK OF THE BOARD No. 1309 Published in the Valley Courier on February 22, 2020

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NOTICE OF PASSAGE Ordinance No. 3-2020

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at a regular meeting of the Alamosa City Council duly called, Council finally passed and adopted Ordinance No. 3-2020, an ordinance amending Section 11-51 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alamosa to add a prohibition on providing marijuana to persons under 21 years of age to the existing prohibition on providing alcohol to persons under 21 years of age. Further notice is hereby given that the full text thereof is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the Office of the City Clerk. Alamosa City Council Holly C. Martinez City Clerk No. 1311 Published in the Valley Courier on February 22, 2020

NOTICE OF PASSAGE Ordinance No. 4-2020

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at a regular meeting of the Alamosa City Council duly called, Council finally passed and adopted Ordinance No. 4-2020, an ordinance providing a mechanism for developers required to provide street, water, sewer, and storm sewer infrastructure that benefits other property to receive partial reimbursement when such benefited property subsequently is developed. Further notice is hereby given that the full text thereof is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the Office of the City Clerk. Alamosa City Council Holly C. Martinez City Clerk No. 1312 Published in the Valley Courier on February 22, 2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING On Ordinance No. 5-2020

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 5-2020, an Ordinance amending Chapter 21 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alamosa (The Uniform Development Code) to update use restrictions consistent with the downtown design plan; to change the sign provisions to address maintenance and obsolescence and encourage signs of exceptional design; and to clean up various small inconsistencies in the code and amend allowed uses in the CB zone to allow for some mixed residential use. This ordinance was accepted on first reading on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, and a Public Hearing thereon set for Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. This hearing will be held in Alamosa Council Chambers, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado. Further notice is given that any and all persons of interest may appear at said hearing and be heard in this matter, and that the full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the office of the City Clerk. Alamosa City Council Holly C. Martinez, City Clerk No. 1313 Published in the Valley Courier on February 22, 2020

Request For Bids

Alamosa Public Schools is seeking bids from qualified Asbestos Abatement Contractors for Asbestos Abatement at Ortega Middle School located at, 401 Victoria Street in Alamosa, Colorado. The following is a list of the work required but not limited to: 1) Asbestos Abatement of 7 rooms 2) Ceiling tiles, floor tiles and transite panels 3) Work must start May 26, 2020 4) Estimate of time required to complete work required 5) Coordinate with District Environmental Engineer 6) Contractor required to provide State Permit 7) Contractor to provide restroom facilities 8) Electrical and water will be available at NO cost to contractor 9) Written minimum 2 year warranty for all work 10) Worker Compensation Certificate required (All certificates required before work starts) 11) Minimum \$1,000,000 Liability, vehicle coverage required with school district endorsement 12) Successful contractor must submit Back ground checks for all ON-SITE employees All interested contractors must attend the MANDATORY pre-bid meeting to be held at the District Administration Office located at 209 Victoria Street on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Alamosa Public Schools reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and according to BOE policies is not required to accept the lowest bid. The deadline for sealed bids will be Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. and must be addressed to Alamosa School District, Ortega Middle School Asbestos Abatement, 209 Victoria Street, Alamosa, Colorado 81101. No late bids will be accepted or opened. Questions can be directed to Charlie Jackson, Director of Maintenance at (719)-588-2093. NO. 1314 Published in the Valley Courier on February 22, 25, 26, 27, and 28, 2020.

Request For Bids

Alamosa Public Schools is seeking bids from qualified Concrete Contractors for pouring Concrete Slabs at the Alamosa K-2 Elementary School located at 1707 West 10th Street, in Alamosa, Colorado. The following is a list of the work required but not limited to: 1) Removal and stock piling of landscape rock and boulders 2) Removal of sod, trees, shrubs and misc. plants is required 3) Compact sub grade for new concrete 4) Provide material and labor for approx. 3,050 sq. ft. of concrete slab work 5) Concrete to be 4500 psi with wire and fiber mesh and air 6) Control joints are to be included 7) Broom finished with curing compound 8) Protection of existing concrete is required 9) Colored concrete is part of this project 10) Contractor to provide restroom facilities 11) Electrical and water will be available at NO cost to contractor 12) Written minimum 2 year warranty for all work. 13) Worker Compensation Certificate required (All certificates required before work starts) 14) Minimum \$1,000,000 Liability, vehicle coverage required with school district endorsement 15) Successful contractor must submit Back ground checks for all ON-SITE employees 16) All interested contractors must attend the MANDATORY pre-bid meeting to be held at the District Administration Office located at 209 Victoria Street on Friday, February 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Alamosa Public Schools reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and according to BOE policies is not required to accept the lowest bid. The deadline for sealed bids will be Friday, March 6, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. and must be addressed to Alamosa School District, Alamosa K-2 Elementary School Concrete Bid, 209 Victoria Street, Alamosa, Colorado 81101. No late bids will be accepted or opened. Questions can be directed to Charlie Jackson, Director of Maintenance at (719)-588-2093. NO. 1316 Published in the Valley Courier on February 22, 25, 26, 27, and 28, 2020

ELECTION RESOLUTION FOR 2020 REGULAR DISTRICT ELECTION RIO GRANDE CONSERVATION DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2-0-20.

321-804, 1-1-111, C.R.S. WHEREAS, the terms of office of Directors Cory Off. Mike Schaefer and Tyler Neely shall expire after their successors are elected at the regular special District election to be held on May 5, 2020 ("Election") and take office; and WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Special District Act ("Act") and the Uniform Election Code of 1992 ("Code"), and the Election must be conducted to elect _1. Directors to serve for a term of 3 (3) years NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Conservation District in the County of Rio Grande - State of Colorado that: 1. The regular election of the eligible electors of the District shall be held on May 5, 2020 between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. pursuant to and in accordance with the Act, Code, and other applicable laws. At the time, three Directors will be elected to serve a three year term 2. There shall be one election precinct for the convenience of the eligible electors of the District, the boundaries of which shall be identical to the boundaries of the District, and there shall be 1 polling place(s) at the following location(s): USDA Service Center 0048 W County Road 10 N Center, CO 81125 situated in the County of _.,R-io=an=de' _., State of Colorado. 2. Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms are available at the Designated Election Official's office located at the above address. All candidates must file a Self? Nomination and Acceptance form with the Designated Election Official no later than the close of business (time: 4:00 p.m.) on Friday, February 28th - 2020. 3. If the only matter before the electors is the election of Directors of the District and if, at the close of business on March 2, 2020, there are not more candidates than offices to be filled at the Election, including candidates timely filing affidavits of intent no later than February 28, 2020 the Designated Election Official shall cancel the Election and declare the candidates elec . Notice of such cancellation shall be published and posted in accordance with the Code. 4. If any part or provision of this Resolution is adjudged to be unenforceable or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remaining provisions of this Resolution, it being the Board's intention that the various provisions hereof are severable. 5. Any and all actions previously taken by the Designated Election Official or the Secretary of the Board of Directors or any other persons acting on their behalf pursuant to the Act, the Code or other applicable laws, are hereby ratified and confirmed. 6. All acts, orders, and resolutions, or parts thereof, of the Board which are inconsistent or in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency or conflict. 7. The provisions of this Resolution shall take effect immediately. ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 12th day of Feb=bruary -- ' 2020 Rio Grande Conservation DISTRICT ATTEST: Mike Schaefer, Secretary Treasurer NO. 1317 Published in the Valley Courier on February 22, 2020

A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS CONEJOS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and particularly to the electors of the Conejos County Conservation District of Conejos County. A NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 4th day of May, 2020 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At this time three directors will be elected to serve 4 year terms. Eligible electors of the Conejos County Conservation District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO) by email. Please email Kristi at khuffaker@yahoo.com and request a self-nomination and acceptance form. When completed please send back through email or mail to P.O.Box 255 La Jara, CO 81140. The deadline to submit the Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is non-sufficient; the eligible elector who submitted the form may amend the form once. Affidavit of Intent to Be Write-In Candidate forms must be submitted by email or P.O. Box by March 5, 2020 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for an absentee ballot shall be filed with the designated election, official no later than April 25, 2020 No. 1318 Published in the Valley Courier on February 22, 2020

099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS The East Alamosa Water and Sanitation District is accepting bids for a lease on an 80-acre parcel of farm ground located 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)

112 - BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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

221 HELP WANTED

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

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

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THE SAN LUIS Valley Local Foods Coalition is excited to announce it is hiring for the Rio Grande Farm Park Farm Manager Position. Job description available at www.slvlocalfoods.org. Please submit Resume and Cover Letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com Open until filled. Questions call 719-937-2319.(3/5)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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)

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 - 12 Cathedral part
 - 13 Toolbox item
 - 14 — out (relax)
 - 15 Harness gear
 - 16 Matted wool
 - 17 Bills
 - 19 Symbol of peace
 - 20 Prepare to fire
 - 21 Debussy subject
 - 22 Lawful
 - 25 Stout
 - 28 Jackie's second
 - 29 Frizzy coif
 - 31 Monsieur's affirmative
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 - 34 Mounted
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ALLEY OOP

IS EVERYONE READY?

ARE YOU SURE WE SHOULD DUMP ALL THIS TEA OVERBOARD? IT SEEMS LIKE A WASTE.

GOOD POINT...

MAYBE OUR FREEDOM FROM THE TYBANNY OF THE CROWN IS A 'WASTE.' MAYBE IT'S A 'WASTE' FOR MAN TO WANT TO HAVE CONTROL OVER HIS OWN DESTINY. MAYBE...

YESH. MAYBE I'LL THROW MYSELF OVERBOARD.

ARLO & JANIS

OH, LOOK! JOE AND DEBORAH ARE IN MIAMI!

AREN'T THEY CUTE?

LAST POST I SAW, JOE HAD SHINGLES!

OH, I THINK HE'S OVER THAT!

WE'RE THE NEW MIDDLE CLASS—NOTHING FACEBOOK-WORTHY HAPPENS TO US!

BIG NATE

HONESTLY, NATE, WHY ARE YOU SO BUMMED OUT OVER THE WAYS YOU AND MRS. GODFREY ARE ALIKE? WHAT ABOUT THE WAYS YOU'RE NOT ALIKE?

UH... LIKE WHAT?

WELL... SHE LOVES SOCIAL STUDIES...

...AND YOU HATE SOCIAL STUDIES!

HEY!... HEY, THAT'S RIGHT!

GOOD OL' DEE DEE!

PLUS, SHE'S REALLY SMART.

THE BORN LOSER

SO GEORGE WASHINGTON SAID, "I CANNOT TELL A LIE, I CHOPPED DOWN THE CHERRY TREE," WHICH PLEASED HIS FATHER!

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE MORAL OF THIS STORY?

YOU WANT ME TO CHOP DOWN ONE OF OUR TREES?

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

MARCH 26 IS MY DUE DATE. I HOPE I CAN HOLD UP UNTIL THEN.

WELL, YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON CAROL AND ANNIE AND ME IF YOU NEED ANYTHING ELSE—AND YOUR MOM IS JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY.

I KNOW!

WE MOTHERS HAVE TO STICK TOGETHER!

YEAH...

WERE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE.

FRANK & ERNEST

ERNIE, JUST SAY THAT WE'RE NOW IN CONTACT WITH THE CONTROL TOWER AT OUR DESTINATION— IT SCARES THE PASSENGERS WHEN YOU SAY "I'M HEARING VOICES AGAIN."

GARFIELD

JON DOESN'T TRUST ME

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO NOW?!

ALL OF THE FUN WITHOUT THE EFFORT

THE GRIZZWELLS

YO, BRO, WOULD YOU SAY YOU'RE ADDICTED TO GARBAGE?

I CAN TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

AS LONG AS I LEAVE IT WHERE I CAN FIND IT

PEANUTS

FORGET IT!

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

HERMAN

"I want you to take one of these with water every four years."

Woman is trapped by guilt in an accidental friendship

DEAR ABBY: Years ago, I was friendly with a man from work who was very close to his mom. She came along with us once for lunch and ended up really liking me. From that point on, whenever he and I would get together for lunch, she would tag along. At one point, without my permission, he gave her my phone number, and she began calling me. A little has turned into a lot. She contacts me every day via text or phone, almost always to complain about something in her life. She always wants to get together for lunch and is constantly asking me for favors, including rides to work (we do not have the same job or the same hours) or taking care of her dogs and cats while she's away on her various work trips. I no longer speak to the man, but I speak to his mother every single day. She considers me a dear friend and is a very sensitive person with obvious abandonment issues. My problem is, I have zero desire to be this woman's friend. We are very different in pretty much every way imaginable. I get together with her, respond to her messages, answer her calls and do favors for her out of guilt, not wanting to be yet another person who kicks her to the curb. How do I handle this?

Should I continue to allow her to use me for favors and as a sounding board for all her various complaints, or is there a way to gracefully bow out without breaking this woman's heart? -- WALKING A FINE LINE IN ILLINOIS

DEAR WALKING: A way to bow out would be to start weaning her. Do not make yourself available to the extent that you have. Screen your calls and resist the impulse to be so helpful. It's all right to have other plans you need to attend to instead of being at her beck and call every day. This is how people distance themselves gently. The alternative would be to stop responding at all, which would be cruel. While you are no longer close to her son, contact him, tell him what has been going on and ask if he can help with this.

DEAR ABBY: In the past three weeks or so, a man has placed a flower blossom in a small cup on the edge of my patio. This has happened 18 times. The flowers are, seemingly, from surrounding yards. I live in a golfing community, and many golfers pass by daily. Once, he left a golf ball as well. As I was looking out one day, I saw a man wearing a red shirt, tan cap and shorts. His cap was pulled low, so I couldn't



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

see his face. He looked to be middle-aged, and he walked away quickly. He has never tried to make contact with me. My partner is not happy about this, and I'm afraid if he catches the man in action, he may cause a scene. I don't know if I should be flattered or afraid. Also, the man might be shocked to learn that I'm 85. (Well, yes, I am kind of flattered.) What to do, Abby? -- SECRETLY ADMIRER IN FLORIDA

DEAR ADMIRER: Here's what I'd do. I would accept the compliment, but I would also leave a note on the edge of the patio addressed to "Secret Admirer." In it I would say that I'm 85 years old and, while flattered, I'm not available -- so please stop leaving "gifts" on my patio.

Calendar

Need

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a prescription to pick up a kit.

DEL NORTE — The Rio Grande County Museum Board is looking for pictures of the construction of the "new" courthouse. The second courthouse was built in the late 1930's as a WPA project. Individuals can either donate the photos to the museum or a board member will make copies of them and return them. Contact Louise at the museum at (719) 657-2847.

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.

MONTEVISTA — Valley Fiber Art Guild welcomes anyone interested in spinning, crocheting, knitting, weaving or other portable fiber activities to come to VFA gatherings. The group meets the fourth Saturday of every month starting at 1 p.m. at 757 County Rd. 29, Monte Vista. Email wwcouzenssmith@gmail or call (719) 852-5000.

VALLEY — Those concerned about their children's development are welcome to contact the free service SLV BOCES Child Find at (719) 589-5851. Child Find's job is to locate, identify and screen/evaluate children for whom there is a suspicion of a delay in speech, language, motor, social, self-help or cognitive skills. If a significant delay is identified, families are connected with appropriate free services to address delays.

ALAMOSA — Free breastfeeding 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.

ALAMOSA — La Puente's Outreach Services now has energy assistance funding in place. The qualifying fuels are: natural gas, electricity, propane, oil, kerosene, firewood, solid fuel pellets and coal. Please contact (719) 587-3781 with any questions or stop by 929 State St. in Alamosa to complete an application. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday from 1-5 p.m.

VALLEY — La Puente's Outreach Services Program is looking to assist veterans in the San Luis Valley with services including rental assistance, medical and nonmedical gas vouchers, household provisions, interview or work clothing, tuition assistance and job training. Call (719) 587-3781, ext. 213 or email director.outreach@lapuente.net.

VALLEY — The Senior Community Service Employment Program is seeking low-income unemployed seniors 55 years and older to participate in its paid job training program throughout southwest Colorado. Call (970) 385-3995.

VALLEY — San Luis Valley Animal Welfare Society is seeking donations of used Little Tikes playground equipment for their seven doggie parks: pools, houses, slides and such. Please call Aileen at (719) 587-WOOF (9663) to donate or email at woof@slvaws.org.

VALLEY — Valley children are often sent to the Front Range because there are not enough foster homes here in the San Luis Valley. Needs include foster homes, respite homes and support for foster homes. Call Mary Morin at (719) 580-6234 to hear more or (719) 589-2581 for an application packet.

ALAMOSA — Open drop-in meditation for health, stress management and spiritual growth, is held

at 10:45 a.m. the second Sunday of the month at St. Thomas Episcopal Parish Hall, 607 Fourth St., Alamosa, with Mountain Institute, A Kriya, Meditation & Lamplighting School. Contact Martin at (575) 758-5876 or talentolo-cal@live.com

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Police Department offers a bicycle registration program. Owners wishing to register their bicycles can bring them to the Alamosa Police Department at 425 Fourth St. during normal business hours between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. This service is free of charge to all residents of Alamosa, Alamosa County and students of Adams State University or Trinidad State Junior College. Contact (719) 589-2548.

ALAMOSA — The Veterans Affairs Office is looking for volunteer drivers to transport veterans for medical care in Pueblo, Colorado Springs and Denver. Call Frank Muniz at (719) 589-1109.

ALAMOSA — La Puente's homeless shelter serves three meals per day, 365 days a year, to guests and community members. That's more than 45,000 meals per year. La Puente needs cans of vegetables, fruit and tomato sauce as well as pasta, dairy products and pasta sauces. Blankets of all sizes are also welcome. Those who have anything to spare may please bring it to the shelter at 913 State Ave. in Alamosa (between Ninth and 10th streets). For more information or to find out other ways to help, please call (719) 589-5909 or come by the shelter any time.

ALAMOSA — Peace Meditation at the Campus Ministry Office, Adams State University, Alamosa, is held on Thursday evenings at 5:15 p.m. Everyone is invited. Contact Candace Knowlan (05) 886-6959.

DEL NORTE — Weekly yoga will be held at the Ruth Marie Center, 575 Columbia Ave. in Del Norte, with Milcah Hawk from 5:30-7 p.m. every Thursday. Come stretch, breathe and relax for just a donation. Bring your mat or use ours. Call (719) 850-1672.

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.

LA JARA — The United Church is beginning MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), which will be meeting the second and fourth Friday of each month from 10-11:30 a.m. at the La Jara United Church, Main and Fifth streets, with refreshments, babysitting and timely topics just for moms. Call Debbie Vance at (19) 580-6721.

ALAMOSA — Adams State University offers the expertise of its faculty to assist communities and local governments in a number of realms, from agribusiness and government internships, to dropout prevention and strategic planning. The guide was produced in cooperation with the Colorado Municipal League. It is available online at www.adams.edu/community/asuresource-guide.pdf.

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.

ANTONITO — Free Zumba classes for all ages are held at Guadalupe Elementary in Antonito Monday through Thursday from 6:15-7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Senior Citizens sell Safeway and City Market Gift cards and receive 5 percent of the sales to make a little money for the

center. Stop at the center at 92 Colorado Ave. (north end of Cole Park, Alamosa) and purchase one. The cards are great for groceries, prescriptions or gas as well as gifts.

DEL NORTE — Want to help preserve the history of Rio Grande County? That opportunity is available through the Rio Grande County Museum and Cultural Center in Del Norte, which needs volunteers to help with greeting visitors, doing exhibits, inventory and computer work. Also, the Rio Grande County Museum, Inc. is looking for board members to help with fundraising, grant writing and other activities. Contact the museum at (719) 657-2847. The museum is located at 580 Oak St. in Del Norte.

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Photography Club meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Alamosa Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Contact Stephen Jensen at (719) 379-0001 or slvphotostephen@gmail.com

ALAMOSA — TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) CO 568, Alamosa, a nonprofit weight loss organization, meets every Tuesday evening at the College Heights Baptist Church at 2035 Church Ave. in Alamosa. Weighin 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 (719) 589-6396 for more information.

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Police Department

will now provide citizens with dog licenses on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-10 a.m. The cost is \$2 for spayed and neutered dogs and \$10 for unaltered. A current proof of rabies vaccination is required.

LA JARA — Toddler Time will be at The Conejos Library in La Jara on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. It is beneficial for parents to read to their children and this provides an excellent opportunity to get started. It is free.

ALAMOSA — Search and Rescue meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month 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 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 — A newly established confidential support group for people struggling with change will take place the first and third Monday of the month in Room 1 of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Center at 6 p.m. Changing from the Inside Out, facilitated by Luis Murrillo, will provide topics that will lead to conversations about individual struggles with change. Contact Lisa at (719) 588-5363.

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