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SLV Today Steamroller Printmaking hits Creede

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 (time and place TBA) in Creede. For more information contact creedearts@outlook.com or visit our website https://creedeartscouncil.com/programs to find out more information.

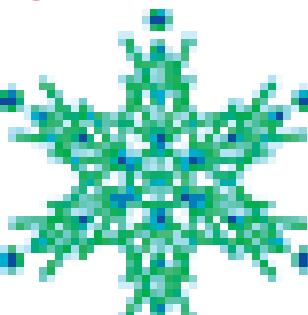
Veterans 'n' Homeless ALAMOSA — There will be a free turkey dinner at the First Christian Church on 518 First Street (on the corner of First and State) between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday.

BINGO in La Jara

LA JARA — At 1 p.m. on Sunday, the La Jara-Knights of Columbus #5512 will host Bingo at the Knights of Columbus Hall in La Jara. There will be an up to \$2000 payout. \$10 entry fee.

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SLV benefits from Hoag Rawlings grants

PUEBLO — In 2019, the Robert Hoag Rawlings Foundation Directors approved 34 grants and awarded nearly 20 college scholarships to various nonprofit organizations and higher education institutions throughout Southeastern Colorado.

Through the Foundation's grant application process, the following organizations were awarded grants:

- SAN LUIS VALLEY
- Girl Scouts of Colorado to expand programs in Saguache, Conejos and Rio Grande counties
- Boys & Girls Club of San Luis Valley (Alamosa) for character,

leadership, sports & rec programs
- Costilla County for fire mitigation

PUEBLO, SO.-CENTRAL COLO. (WALSENBURG, TRINIDAD)

- Huerfano County Historical Society (Walsenburg) for digitizing newspapers and providing tours
- Huerfano County Youth Services (Walsenburg) for children's programming
- Beulah Heritage Commission for relocation of historic cabin and educational programs
- Mount Carmel Center for Wellness (Trinidad) for youth

leadership programs
LOWER ARKANSAS VALLEY

- Southeastern Colorado Creative Partnership for murals in La Junta's Pocket Park
- Friends of the Rocky Ford Museum for exhibit improvement
- La Junta Picketwire Players for community theater workshops
- John W. Rawlings Heritage Center (Las Animas) for exhibit updates
- Crow Luther Cultural Center (Eads) for renovations to their community building
- Bent County Community

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Greenberg set for Monte Vista

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture, Kate Greenberg will be attending the 2020 edition of the Southern Rocky Mountain Ag Conference and Trade Show.

Tonight, the commissioner and her staff will host a private reception at Dos Rios Restaurante in Monte Vista from 4-7 p.m. On Thursday, she will address conference attendees at 3 p.m. at Ski Hi Park.

Greenberg was appointed to serve as Colorado's Commissioner of Agriculture by Governor Jared Polis in December 2018.

As commissioner, Greenberg provides leadership and direction to the Colorado Department of Agriculture and its 300 employees.

Greenberg has worked in agriculture for more than 12 years, from boots-on-the-ground experience to advocating for family farmers through two federal Farm Bills.

Prior to her appointment, Greenberg was the Western Program Director for the National Young Farmers Coalition (NYFC), where she established and grew the organization's presence and membership across the west.

In her role as western director, Greenberg organized farmers and ranchers to advocate for state and federal policies that best serve them.

Her work focused on farmland affordability, ag education, protecting water for agriculture and expanding access to capital and credit for young and beginning producers.

Leading up to her tenure at NYFC, Greenberg farmed on various operations across the west, managed western policy field programs through her alma mater, Whitman College, and worked in natural resource education and restoration from eastern Washington to Mexico's



Photo courtesy of Colorado Department of Agriculture. Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture, Kate Greenberg, pictured above, will be hosting a private reception at Dos Rios Restaurante in Monte Vista tonight.

Colorado River delta. Greenberg was also involved in the development of the Colorado Water Plan and Colorado River Basin water policy, advocating for policies that keep water in agriculture.

Greenberg is the recipient of the Emerging Conservation Leader Award from Western Resource Advocates and an awardee of the 2019 Who's Who In Agriculture recognition from Colorado Farm Bureau and the Denver Business Journal. She graduated from Water Education Colorado's Water Leaders flagship course in 2018 and sits on the board of the Quivira Coalition,

which brings ranchers, scientists and conservationists together to practice land stewardship at the radical center.

As commissioner, Greenberg serves on numerous boards and commissions, including the Colorado Water Conservation Board, Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Colorado State Fair Board. While she currently spends much of her time on Colorado's Front Range and traveling the state, she still calls Durango home.

Report courtesy of a press release from the Colorado Department of Agriculture's website.

CPAC election today-Thurs.

SAN LUIS VALLEY — The Colorado Potato Administrative Committee annual election will be held today-Thursday

If anyone is interested in serving as a member of CPAC, please submit one's name to the CPAC office as a nomination to be placed on the ballot.

USDA and CPAC encourages committee membership that reflects the diversity of the individuals served by its industry.

Diversity includes gender, race, disability, length of service and size and type of operation. Available positions include; one Alamosa County Grower, one Rio Grande County Grower, one Saguache County Grower, one Costilla/Conejos County Grower, two Independent Handlers and one Bulk Shipper and an alternate for each position.

Report courtesy of Linda Weyers, Colorado Potato Administrative Committee, 719-852-3322.

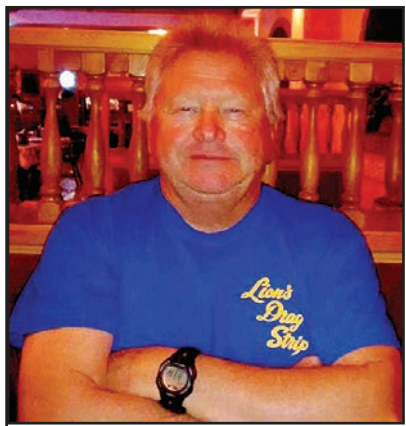
Cordes' scholarship fund going to future farmers

GREELEY — The Colorado FFA Foundation announced the formation of the Edward B. Cordes Scholarship fund at The CoBank Center for Agricultural Education, Fort Collins on Jan. 31.

Ed Cordes, along with his wife Polly Jessen, son Matt Cordes, and daughter Katie Cordes have pledged a transformational gift to the Colorado Future Farmers of America Foundation to create a scholarship fund which will provide full tuition scholarships to Colorado FFA members who are attending college or trade school for at least the next 30 years.

Edward B. Cordes grew up in Roggen on a diversified farm. In high school, his agricultural education instructor and FFA Advisor, Mr. Wayne Ball had a profound impact on his life. Ball played a key role in motivating Roggen to complete his Bachelor's Degree from Colorado State University and a Master's Degree from the University of Nebraska. Roggen eventually

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Courtesy photo. Monte Vista resident Scott Deacon, pictured above, announces that he is running for the Rio Grande County Commissioner's seat.

Deacon running for RGC commissioner

MONTE VISTA — Scott Deacon, a Monte Vista resident, has announced that he is going to run for Rio Grande County Commissioner, District 1, as a member of the Republican Party.

He said, "I am a Rio Grande County native, and have lived and worked here all my life. I have a very strong work ethic: I started working at a very young age at entry level jobs, working my way up to eventually having a successful career at SLV Rural Electric Cooperative where I retired after 35 years."

Deacon said he has developed good communication and listening skills at all of the places he has worked, which are necessities in any leadership position, but especially for a county commissioner.

"I have no personal agenda other than working to better the financial condition of the county, work with municipalities in the county, work with fellow elected officials in all capacities, build upon economic development progress to date, and improve employee morale," Deacon said.

Deacon has a big heart for his community and has served it in many capacities both professionally and civically. He served on the board of the Rocky Mountain Electric Meter Association, serving terms as president and vice president. He has served 23 years as a Monte Vista Fire District firefighter and has been on the Monte Vista Fire Protection District Board for the last 14 years.

Deacon also sees the big Valley picture as he served on San Luis Valley Fire Fighters Association for more than 20 years and a term as president and vice president.

He has been active in the SLV Antique Iron and Tractor Club with a term as president, is a current member of Brothers Keepers Motorcycle Club, serving terms as secretary and treasurer.

"I have had experience working with and managing local government budgets in my role as a Monte Vista Fire District Board member, as that board deals with public funds and mill levies," Deacon said. "Budgeting is crucial, and I understand that there are different funds a board has to manage. I was fortunate to be part of a great budgeting team on the fire district to improve its overall financial condition."

Deacon was a member of the 1986 group called the Monte Vista 1% Sales Tax Committee. He also gained land-use experience when he served on the Mont Vista Planning and Zoning Committee in the early 1990s.

"I want to make Rio Grande County grand again by looking at both the past and current economic development projects in the county to build upon them," Deacon said. "I will bring strong morals, work ethic, integrity and community values to the Board of Rio Grande County Commissioners if I am elected."

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OBITUARIES

Patricia Carmelita Gallegos, 79

TRACK CITY/ANTONITO — Track City/Antonito resident Patricia Carmelita Gallegos, the Cheese Lady, 79, passed away on Jan. 31, 2020 at home with her loving family by her side.



Patricia loved reading, making cheese and bread, farming and ranching, cooking, sewing, playing wordsearch and especially the time she spent with her loving family.

She will be dearly missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

Patricia is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Rudolph Gallegos; daughters, Christina Gallegos, Seattle, and Candelaria Mancillas, Antonito; her sons, Rudolph Michael Gallegos, Coeur d'Alene, Ind.; Timothy John (Kyle) Gallegos, Estrella; and Lewis Patrick (Audrea) Gallegos, Conejos; brothers David Gallegos, Tempe, Ariz., Richard (Lorraine) Gallegos, La Jara, and Joseph (Erma) Gallegos, Westminster; brother-in-law, and Gordon Matthies, Canon City.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, Bartello Gallegos and Candelaria Chavez Gallegos; sister, Carla Matthies; and brother, Paul Gallegos;

and granddaughter, Zantia Gallegos.

A viewing and visitation will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020 at Romero Funeral Chapel in Antonito. A vigil service with recitation of the rosary will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Conejos.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 5, 2020 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Conejos. Inurnment will be held at a later date.

To leave online condolences, please visit romerofuneralhomes.com.

The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Gary D. Pettigrew

FORT GARLAND — Gary D. Pettigrew loved his family, his dogs and his yard and, on Jan. 30, 2020, he unexpectedly left them when God called him home.



Born Sept. 8, 1957 in California, Mo., to Harold Greenwood and Helen Coleen Scott Pettigrew (Hoit), he moved to the San Luis Valley as a young adult and became part of the community of Fort Garland, marrying Debbie Medina there on May 8, 1976, joining the area's pioneer families.

Skilled with his hands and mind, he completed 16 years of education as a mechanic, becoming an employee of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

As his family grew, he and Debbie built a home high in the hills east of Fort Garland and Gary joined the Costilla County Fire Protection District as a firefighter and board member, doing whatever was necessary to keep the area safe, including tireless efforts battling the Spring Fire.

In retirement, he helped his community, his family and his neighbors, serving the protection district and becoming active with Friends of The Fort.

He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, being with his dogs and especially spending time with his children and grandchildren, often preparing special meals.

When his son, Lucas, enlisted in the U.S. Army, Gary watched and supported him and his family as he spent 20 years in the military, traveling to visit him whenever he could. To him, each member of the family was deeply loved and individually excellent.

People near and dear to him were mentioned on his Facebook page, which shows his caring nature, patriotism and love for the mountains

that cradled him at the end.

Surviving and missing him dearly are Debbie, his wife of 43 years and his life partner, Fort Garland; daughter, Larissa Pettigrew, Pueblo; son, Lucas (Mandi), Fort Garland; sister, Carol Niland, Broomfield; brother, Robert (Wendy) Hoit, Brighton; grandchildren, Chase Pettigrew, Aurora, Deja Pettigrew, Fort Garland, Garrick Pettigrew, Fort Garland, Danee Cowles, Pueblo and Darin Lucero, also of Pueblo.

His German Shepherds, Kona and Ruger, also mourn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Helen Pettigrew; and stepfather, Donald J. Hoit.

Cremation was chosen. A rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Fort Garland.

The funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 in the same church with inurnment in the old Fort Garland Cemetery on the Trinchera Ranch.

Escorts will be his children, Larissa and Lucas Pettigrew. Honorary pallbearers and escorts will be members of the Costilla County Fire Protection District.

To leave online condolences or words of thought, please go to romerofuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to Romero Funeral Home in Alamosa.

Rosemary F. Gingerich

ANTONITO — Rosemary F. Gingerich was born on Dec. 3, 2017 in Antonito to Freeman and Elma Mae (Mast) Gingerich and passed away Saturday Feb. 1, 2020 at the age of 2 years, 1 month and 29 days.

She is survived by her parents; three sisters; her grandparents, Miriam (Yoder) Gingerich, Samuel and Sylvia (Yoder) Mast; her

great grandfather, Jonas Yoder, as well as 12 uncles, seven aunts and 62 cousins.

Rosemary was preceded in death by her sister, Marie Gingerich; and her grandpa, Fred Gingerich.

Services will be held at 9 a.m. on Tuesday Feb. 4, 2020 at the La Jara Amish Cemetery near Antonito. Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa is in care of the arrangements.

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALAMOSA — TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) CO 568, Alamosa, a non-profit weight loss organization, meets every Tuesday evening at the Colleege 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 slvphotostephen@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

MONTE VISTA — Valley Fiber Art Guild — VFA is a group for anyone interested in fiber arts: knitting, crocheting, weaving and spinning. We work on our individual projects, sometimes do projects together and learn from each other. We meet the fourth Saturday of every month from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at 757

County Rd. 29, Monte Vista. Call or email Wanda Couzens-Smith for more information at (719) 852-5000 or wcouzenssmith@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AA MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito
6 p.m. Amistad of San Luis at 403 Main St., San Luis
7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca
7:30 p.m. Masonic Hall at 598 Spruce, Del Norte
8 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 607 4th St., Alamosa.

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

12 p.m. Crestone Baptist Church, County Rd. T, Crestone
7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede
7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara.
7:30 p.m. Ables/Disables, Baptist Church at 751 Lincoln St., Monte Vista

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

SATURDAY
5:30 p.m. at 929 State Ave., Alamosa
6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito.
8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte

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

AL-ANON

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

WEDNESDAY
5:30 p.m. SLV Behavior Health Group at 8745 CR 9S., Alamosa

THURSDAY
5:30 p.m. First Christian Church at 518 1st St., Alamosa
7 p.m. Crestone Town Hall, downtown Crestone (second and fourth Thursdays)

PENDING OBITUARY

Innocent Angel Sisneros

CENTER — Center resident Innocent Angel Sisneros, 2 months, passed away February 2, 2020. Arrangements are pending with Romero Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

Joseph Aguilar, 57

ALAMOSA — Alamosa resident Joseph Aguilar, 57, passed away Feb. 1, 2020. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

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School Menu
--- Tuesday ---
Feb. 4, 2020

BREAKFAST
Egg Patty
Roll
Juice & Fruit

ELEMENTARY
Domino's Pizza
Carrots
Vegetable Bar

SECONDARY
Chicken Pot Pie
Peas
Garlic Bread
Vegetable Bar

To sponsor the School Menu call 589-2553

Valley News

ASU announces District History Fair winners

ALAMOSA — Middle and high school students competed in the annual District History Fair, part of the National History Day competition on Jan. 25.

The fair was hosted by the Adams State University Department of History, Anthropology, Philosophy, Political Science and Spanish (HAPPSS), and the event's theme, "Breaking Barriers in History," included individual and group entries.

According to Ed Crowther, Ph.D. Adams State emeritus professor of history and event organizer, 144 contestants from 11 schools participated.

The winners will proceed to National History Day in Colorado on May 2.

"The entries were especially good this year, a tribute to the students, parents and teachers. I am confident the winners will do well at the state competition."

Crowther appreciated the many volunteers who make the contest possible. "Thanks to the judges and especially Mike Marchildon, who oversees their training," he said.

The following students received award certificates:

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARY

First place: Nigel Cortright, Sargent High School; second place, Karen Holguin, Sargent High School

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL EXHIBIT

First place: Katherine Sewell, Sargent High School; second place, Keaton Gregg, Monte Vista High School; third place: Jerry Chiquito, Monte Vista High School

SENIOR GROUP EXHIBITS

First place: Mallory Carbutt, Montana Younkerman, Sargent High School; second place, Jennifer Johnson, Clay Kimberling, Sargent High School; third place, Dominic Dominguez, Alenna Ortega, Alyssa Ortega, Lindsey Ortiz, Monte Vista High School.

SENIOR PAPERS

First place: Whitney Brimhall, Sargent High School; second place: Lauren Deacon, Sargent High School; third place, Kylee Wilson, Monte Vista High School.

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE

First Place: Jocelyn Lopez-Duran, Monte Vista High School.

SENIOR GROUP PERFORMANCE

First Place, Isai Lemus, Will Lipke, Seanna Mackey, Derek Rodriguez, Alamosa High School.

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL WEBSITES



Courtesy photo by Chris Burtschi

History Day, hosted by Adams State, included many individual and group exhibits on Jan. 25.

WEBSITES

First place: Amada Quintana, Monte Vista High School; second place, Chinmay Jayanty, Sargent High School; third place, Ashlyn Rockey, Sargent High School.

SENIOR GROUP WEBSITES

First place: Taylor Rockey, Mary Willis, Sargent High School; second place, Analsia Perea, Josiah Perea, Monte Vista High School.

SENIOR GROUP DOCUMENTARY

First place, Clint Blackmon, Antonito Martinez, Sargent High School.

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARY

First place, Diego Hernandez, Centauri Middle School; second place, Tayden Montoya, Centauri Middle School; third place, Santiago Martinez, Centauri Middle School.

JUNIOR GROUP DOCUMENTARY

First place, Paradise Archuleta, Neviah Castro, Centauri Middle School; second place, Braelyn Tucker, Deja Valdez, Centauri Middle School.

JUNIOR GROUP EXHIBIT

First place, Chesney Alexander, Julian Pacheco, Dylan Fair, Monte Vista High School; second place, Danee Cowles, Garrick Pettigrew, Sierra Grande Middle School; third place, Athena Slive, Camry Miller, Centauri Middle School.

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL EXHIBIT

First place, Braxton Getz, Sangre de Cristo Junior High School; second place, Sydney Mason, Sangre de Cristo Junior High School; third place, Rye Howsmon, Centauri Middle School.

JUNIOR PAPERS

First Place, Tiernan King, Creede Junior High School; second place, Lindsey Robins, Centauri Junior High School; third place, Parker Buhr, Centauri Junior High School.

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE

First Place, Ada Pence, Centauri Junior High School.

JUNIOR GROUP PERFORMANCE

First place, Lilyan Cody, Mia Garcia, Kaitlynn Roberts, Claire Seger, St. Peter's Lutheran School.

JUNIOR GROUP WEBSITE

First Place, Jackson Oberick, Owen Stults, St. Peter's Lutheran School; second place, Carson Bagwell, Todd Broyles, Troy Sowards, Centauri Junior High School.

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL WEBSITE

First Place, Jace Haslett, Centauri Middle School; second place, Ben Tibbits, Centauri Middle School; third place, Kira Taylor, Centauri Middle School.

Report courtesy of a press release from Linda Relyea, assistant director of communications Adams State University | public relations.

Students look toward future endeavors



More than 500 students from Centauri High School and Centauri Middle School, as well as Sanford High School are at the second annual Centauri CTE Career Conference 2020 on Jan. 30. Students had the chance to select pathways, meet with industry professionals and attend career and college readiness workshops. Pictured to the right is the Rio Grande National Forest Service's stand; above is the Trinidad State Junior College stand. Not pictured is the home business—"Sewing Something Special" and the WyoTech stands.



Courtesy photos

ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

Alamosa police hand out a variety of citations

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa police report from Jan. 31-Feb. 2.

Jan. 31

Richard Young, 43, was cited with theft at 720 Del Sol Dr.

Tavin Conway, 22, was cited with theft at 720 Del Sol Dr.

Tanya Gutierrez, 36, was cited with trespassing at 139 Main.

Demarr Leatimola, 22,

was cited with criminal mischief at 2065 1st St.

Natisha Martinez, 27, was cited with theft at 3333 Clark St.

David Clark, 30, was cited with violation of a

restraining order at 300 Denver Ave.

Feb. 1

Three minors were cited with disorderly conduct at 502 Bell Ct.

Feb. 2

Isabele Meteo Baltazar, 19, was cited with speeding at 1600 Main.

Carolyn Boynton, 51, was cited with operating a vehicle with a defective headlamp at 900 Main.

SLV

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Center (Las Animas) for after-school programs, computer programs for math, literacy and physical activity equipment

Bent County Early Learning (Las Animas) to provide affordable childcare

Bent County Development Foundation (Las Animas) for art programs at

the Fort Lyon Supportive Residential Community

Southeast Colorado Hospital for building improvements and generators

UPPER ARKANSAS VALLEY

Canon City Golden Age Council Senior Center for a route management system to transport seniors

Boys & Girls Club of Chaffee County (Buena Vista) to increase STEM based programs for youth

Boys & Girls Club of

Fremont County (Canon City) for character, leadership, sports & rec programs

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Rawlings Foundation gives yearly scholarships to the following institutions to help students residing in the 18-county area. The following institutions receive scholarships for qualifying students:

- Lamar Junior College
- Trinidad State College
- Adams State Univer-

sity

The Robert Hoag Rawlings Foundation is a private family foundation with a mission to enhance Southeastern Colorado and the San Luis Valley through arts, education and culture. The Rawlings Foundation was created in 1988 to find ways to give help in the communities in Southeastern Colorado whose citizens were loyal subscribers to The Pueblo Chieftain/Star-Journal Publishing Corporation,

which was owned by the family for over 100 years.

Nonprofits that are in the following counties are eligible for funding: Pueblo, Mineral, Chaffee, Saguache, Rio Grande, Conejos, Fremont, Custer, Alamosa, Costilla, Huerfano, Las Animas, Crowley, Otero, Kiowa, Bent, Prowers and Baca. The next available grant cycle deadline is March 19, 2020. For more information, please visit www.RHRfoundation.org.

FFA

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started his own successful business — Cordes and Company, and became the

chairman of the Board of Guaranty Bank and Trust, and served on a number of public and charitable boards.

Through all of his travels and business experiences, Roggen remembered how

impactful Ball, and his experiences in FFA, were on his life and how much they contributed to his success. Over the last six years Roggen has served on the Colorado FFA Foundation board of directors (several

as Chairman) and has assisted to raise funds to positively impact FFA members all across the state

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time on the board and we did incredible things for FFA and ag education in

Colorado, but this one is very personal. This scholarship is for students that have drive and ambition, but might not be able to attend college or a trade school because of financial constraints," said Cordes.

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Robert Downey Jr., Antonio Banderas PG

Lifestyle

CPW sets elk, lion management planning meeting



Courtesy photo

Discussion about managing habitat set for Feb. 11

STATE-WIDE—Colorado Parks and Wildlife is seeking input on new plans for elk management and mountain lion management in southwest Colorado.

A meeting to discuss these issues is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Feb. 11 in Norwood at the Lone Cone Library.

Big game management plans are rewritten about every 10 years.

Public input provides guidance to wildlife managers who attempt to balance the biological capabilities of animals, their habitat and public requests for wildlife recreation opportunities.

The management plans drive important decisions, which include the license-setting process, as well as strategies and techniques to reach population and harvest objectives.

For elk, CPW staff will talk about current status of elk, history of the herds and the herd management planning process. CPW wants to hear from local hunters and others interested in wildlife about how they'd like to see elk managed. The presentation will include Game Management Units 70, 71, 72, 73 and 711.

CPW wildlife managers also will discuss a new mountain lion management plan being developed for southwest Colorado.

Biologists have been reviewing research on mountain lions from Colorado, Wyoming and Montana that is helping

them evaluate populations and harvest objectives to better meet public desires. The plan could be put in place for the lion hunting season that starts in November.

CPW is an enterprise agency, relying primarily on license sales, state parks fees and registration fees to support its operations, including: 41 state parks and more than 350 wildlife areas covering approximately 900,000 acres, management of fishing and hunting, wildlife watching, camping, motorized and non-motorized trails, boating and outdoor education. CPW's work contributes approximately \$6 billion in total economic impact annually throughout Colorado.

Woof Creek Sled Dog & Skijor Races in South Fork

SOUTH FORK — Come get your doggy fix at the Second Annual Woof Creek Dog Sled & Skijor, slated for Valentine's Day weekend in South Fork.

This year's four-legged athletic competition is ISDA sanctioned and could have 20 or more sled dog and skijor teams battling it out for cash prizes on a picturesque snow track at the Rio Grande Club & Resort.

The competitions run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 15-16.

This year's competition is being organized by the Friends of South Fork, Rocky Mountain Sled Dog Club (RMSDC) and Rio Grande Club & Resort.

The races include four and six sled-dog teams that will run from 4 to 6 miles and include two participation levels — seasoned and recreational mushers. The skijor races will have cross country skiers being pulled by either one or two pooches.

Though Siberian Huskies are traditionally used in dog sledding, Woof Creek spectators could see everything from hounds and Rottweilers to pointers, poodles and boxers.

Racing is typically weight related, said RMSDC race organizer Mike Sullivan, with the variance between 30- to 70-pound dogs. "But, really, any dog who likes to pull and run can be used."

In addition to sled dog and skijor races, there will be fun indoor activities, as well as free coffee, cocoa and snacks in the Rio Grande Club & Resort's clubhouse.

On Saturday, the club's chef will cook up a warming, chili lunch using his award-winning recipe. Saturday evening, there will be a Musher's Dinner & Dance with music from the popular Saguache-based band, the Roadrunners.

The races continue on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Rio Grande Club's Big River Grille & Timbers Restaurant will be open for food service from 10

a.m.-3 p.m.

The event closes Sunday afternoon with the Woof Creek Awards Ceremony at 3 p.m. in the Big River Grill.

In the event snow does not permit the race route on the Rio Grande Club's property, the races will move to the Willow Creek trail by Tiny Timbers Resort at 28422 Hwy. 160 in South Fork.

If the races are moved, the Rio Grande Club will cancel Saturday's daytime events — such as the indoor activities and chili lunch. The Musher's Dinner & Dance and the Sunday Brunch and Woof Creek Awards Ceremony will remain as scheduled.

Woof Creek Sled Dog & Skijor Race Schedule at the Rio Grande Club & Resort (please note that the race route may be relocated to Willow Creek adjacent to Tiny Timbers, depending on snow conditions):

► Feb 14 from 6-8 p.m.: "Meet the Mushers" Buffet Dinner at Mountain Pizza, \$15 per person. Call 719-873-9801 for RSVP.

► Feb. 15 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.: Sled Dog & Skijor races

► 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Big River Grille, award-winning chili lunch at the Rio Grande Club plus indoor activities (the Rio Grande Club will not hold these events if the race route is relocated to Tiny Timbers Resort).

► 6-9 p.m.: Musher's Dinner & Dance with music from the Roadrunners, \$20 per person. Call 719-873-1995 to RSVP.

► Feb 16 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.: Sled Dog & Skijor races

10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Musher's Brunch at Timber's Restaurant & Big River Grille

3-4 p.m.: Woof Creek Awards Ceremony in the Big River Grille

Report courtesy of press release from Ruthanne Johnson, freelance journalist and media outreach specialist. Contact her at www.ruthanneisaacjohnson.com or at ruthanneisaacjohnson@gmail.com or at 720-940-7561 (mobile).

Safeguard fragile roofs against snow damage

Snow may delight young children itching for a day off from school. But for many homeowners, the sight of snow means their time will soon be spent clearing paths and plowing driveways rather than building snowmen and sledding with friends.

The sight of falling snow also may inspire some homeowners to think about the roofs of their homes.

The Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety warns that it is important to understand the risk of roof collapse due to the weight of snow on the roof. Roof structures that are in good condition can support roughly 20 pounds per square foot.

IIBHS said this equates to around 4 feet of new snow before a roof will become stressed. Total snowfall is not the only factor to consider. Homeowners also must check the type of snow that has fallen. According to House Logic, 6 inches of wet snow is equal to the weight of about 38 inches of dry snow.

That means it may take much less sodden snow to weigh down a roof.

Roof condition and the shape of the roof bear consideration, as well.

Popular Mechanics said the ideal pitched roof is smooth and steep so that the snow slides off.

Closely spaced rafters improve the strength of the roof. A flat or slightly pitched roof may accumulate snow more readily.

Homeowners are urged to inspect roof rafters to see if they are cracked from previous snowstorms or damaged from insects or rot.

Snapping or popping sounds while snow is on the roof is not a good sign.

House Logic also said that homeowners can tell if the snow load on the roof is too much by paying attention to interior doors.

If such doors begin to stick, that may be a signal that there's enough weight on the center of the house to distort the door frames.

Houses that had improper renovations or homes in which load-bearing walls were removed may be more susceptible to this problem.

Removing snow from a roof is not an easy job — and may be a task best left to professionals.

The safest way to remove snow from the roof is to use a snow rake with an extension arm that enables users to push and pull off the snow while standing on the ground.

One should not climb onto a snowy or icy roof to remove snow. Shovels, which can damage roof shingles, should never be used.

IIBHS says that hiring a professional roof contractor is one way to safely remove snow from the roof.

Licensed and insured contractors will have the experience to get the job done correctly and safely.

Homeowners can expect to pay between \$250 and \$500 for this job.

Roof snow removal is a priority for those who live in mountainous or extremely snowy areas.

If unsafe amounts of snow are left on rooftops, leaks, damage and collapse may result. TF17C578

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Sports

Vikings host annual Valley Classic

By **STEPHEN JIRON**
Courier Sports Editor

CENTER — It's that time of the year again. The majority of valley wrestlers flocked up north for the Valley Classic in Center. Centauri finished in second place as a team with a combined score of 199. First place went to Piedra Vista who took it with 221 points.

The Falcons had a great weekend with plenty of wrestlers earning podiums. Eyan Chavez and Remi Lucero both earned first-place finishes for the red and black. Chavez beat out Dylan Zimmerman of Hayden with an 8-3 Decision to top the podium at 132 pounds. Lucero earned another Centauri first place finish with a Fall over Chance Weining in the 285-pound weight class.

Behind them fellow Falcons Mario Vig-

il and Jownes Archuleta also advanced to championship matches. Vigil and Archuleta would settle for second-place finishes. Also placing for the Falcons were Zach Buhr and Byron Shawcroft with third-place finishes as well as Joseph Moreno with a fourth, Jordan Martin taking fifth and Adam Chacon earning a sixth-place finish.

As a team, Monte Vista would take 15th place with 54 team points. Monte Vista had some good competition with three wrestlers making the podium. Damian Lopez finished in fourth place in the 113-pound class. Lopez would fall out of the semifinals with loss by fall but earned his way into the third-place match with a 7-6 decision over Crowley County's Dillon Buford. Also placing for Monte Vista were Ethan Hotz and Jason

Duran. Both Hotz and Duran would finish with fifth-place finishes in their respective weight classes.

Sierra Grande-Centennial also got a podium and would take 17th place with 32 team points. Richard Atencio was the lone Panther wrestler to place and would settle for fourth place after relenting a Tech Fall to Drew Johnson of Salida. SG-Centennial were without two of their wrestlers at the Valley Classic. Isabella Durgan and Bobbie Maes took part in girls wrestling regionals in Castle Rock. Both girls would advance to the state finals slated for Feb. 9th, Durgan with a second place and Maes with a 5th place finish.

Also placing one wrestler was Sargent. The Farmers finished in 19th place with 23 team points. For Sargent, it was

Parker Ford picking up a fifth-place finish by way of Forfeit.

For Mountain Valley Wyatt Gardner placed sixth earning all 15 of his team's 15 points placing Mountain Valley 22nd. Also in attendance were Del Norte and Center who posted 20.5 and 2 points respectively as teams.

Most squads will clean up with some late season duals and tournaments as they prepare for regionals. According to Track Wrestling, Sierra Grande will host their Regional 2A tournament this year with valley teams Centauri, Center, Del Norte, Monte Vista and Sargent in attendance along with others. In 3A Alamosa will head north to Montrose where they'll compete in regional tournament play at the Montrose Event Center. Both tournaments will take place on Feb. 15th.



1. Center's Elezar Aguilar takes Sierra Grande-Centennial's CJ Nix's legs out from underneath him. 2. Richard Atencio of Sierra Grande-Centennial upends Gage Schaap of Rye. 3. Centauri senior Remi Lucero contorts Christian Matus for a pin. 4. Monte Vista's Damian Lopez shoots for a leg during his match with Devin Gomez of Gunnison.

Courier photos by Stephen Jiron

Grizzlies take first series loss in New Mexico

By **SOPHEEA VOMUND**
ASU Sports Information

SILVER CITY, N.M. — The Adams State Softball team met with Western New Mexico University for the third game of the away series this past weekend. Unfortunately, the Grizzlies took a tough loss in the afternoon bout that resulted in them walking away from the weekend 0-3.

The Grizzlies got onto the bases early in the 1st inning off of two consecutive errors by the Mustangs fielding. Tyler Hays came up to the plate with two runners on base and she delivered, homering and scoring 3 runs off the homerun. Following, many of the Grizzlies bats fell silent outside of Sydney Muniz who singled but was unfortunately left on base. Exiting



the 1st inning, the Grizzlies were leading 3-1, with New Mexico scoring one in the bottom of the 1st.

Bats were silent for the Grizzlies in the 2nd inning, but the Mustangs cut the lead Adams had even more to 3-2, scoring off smart base-running and hits. In the 3rd inning, Tyler Hays struck again by hitting a solo home run that extended the Grizzlies lead to 4-2.

The score remained until the bottom of the 4th inning where a Mustang hit a 3-run homerun to come on top of the Grizzlies, 4-5. The Mustangs continued to add on to their lead in the 5th and 6th inning, eventually tripling the Grizzlies score and defeating the Grizzlies 4-12 in only 6 innings.

Leading the Grizzlies offensively speaking was Tyler Hays. Hays went 3 for 3 with 2 home runs and a single, scoring 2 runs, and notching 4 RBI's under her belt.

In the circle for the Grizzlies were a few different pitchers. Starting the game was Kely Key, who pitched 2 innings and eventually had to be taken out due to hitting batters. Kaitlyn Jackson pitched to only a few batters in the 3rd before

Taylor Sandoval came in and pitched for a few innings. Sandoval gave up 4 earned runs, 3 of them being from a 3-run homerun. Jade Garbiso finished off the game but gave up 5 earned runs in the process.

The game started strong for the Grizzlies, but the Mustangs bats came back and overpowered the Adams State pitching. Although it was a tough loss and weekend, there were still individual highlights that stretched over the weekend that included a few home runs and freshmen Grizzlies making a splash.

Adams State Softball will look to rest up the next two weeks and prepare for a four-game homestand against Oklahoma Panhandle State University starting Saturday, February 15th.

Results

- Adams State Basketball**
Jan. 31 Westminster 63, ASU 47 (W)
 Westminster 71, ASU 67 (M)
- Feb. 1**
 Dixie State 65, ASU 39 (W)
 ASU 82, Dixie State 75 (M)
- Prep Basketball**
Jan. 28 Crested Butte 48, Center 43 (B)
 Florence 43, Monte Vista 27 (G)
- Jan. 30**
 Cotopaxi 44, Moffat-Mtn Valley 26 (G)
 Cotopaxi 52, Moffat-Mtn Valley 31 (B)
- Jan. 31**
 Primero 72, Creede 37 (B)
 Sierra Grande 59, Center 40 (G)
 Center 54, Sierra Grande 41 (B)
 Sargent 47, South Park 12 (G)
 Sargent 63, South Park 29 (G)
 Sanford 55, Custer County 8 (G)
 Sanford 67, Custer County 18 (B)
 Centennial FFW, Aguilar FFL (G)
 Sangre de Cristo 72, La Veta 20 (G)
 Sangre de Cristo 69, La Veta 33 (B)
 Monte Vista 80, Cortez 67 (B)
 Centauri 44, Alamosa 40 (G)
 Alamosa 59, Centauri 43 (B)
- Feb. 1**
 Alamosa 57, Bayfield 48 (G)
 Alamosa 61, Bayfield 49 (B)
 Sangre de Cristo 39, Swink 32 (G)
 Sangre de Cristo 56, Swink 30 (B)
 Center 41, South Park 20 (G)
 Center 56, South Park 51 (B)
 Del Norte 48, Sanford 45 (G)
 Sanford 61, Del Norte 29 (B)
 Sierra Grande 46, Antonito 41 (G)
 Sierra Grande 58, Antonito 20 (B)
- Adams State Swimming**

Sports Bulletin

- Jan. 25**
 Western Colorado 155, ASU 50 (W)
- Adams State Wrestling**
Jan. 30 ASU 26, CSU-P 19
- Prep Wrestling**
Jan. 30 Pagosa Springs 42, Alamosa 36
 Bayfield 42, Monte Vista 29
 Centauri 67, Montezuma-Cortez 11
- Feb. 1**
Valley Classic
 2. Centauri - 199, 15. Monte Vista-54, 17. Sierra Grande/Centennial- 32, 19. Sargent-23, 20. Del Norte-20.5, 22. Mountain Valley-15, 24. Center-2.
- Upcoming Events**
- Adams State Basketball**
Feb. 7 5/7 p.m. ASU at Regis (W/M)
Feb. 8 5/7 p.m. ASU at Colorado Christian (W/M)
- Prep Basketball**
Feb. 4 3 p.m. Hoehne at Center (G/B)
 4 p.m. Crested Butte at Del Norte (B)
 5 p.m. Sierra Grande at Sanford (G/B)
- Feb. 6** 3 p.m. Center at Sargent (G/B)
 6:30 p.m. Center at Antonito (B) at Sargent
- Feb. 7** 3 p.m. Cotopaxi at Sierra Grande (G/B)
 3 p.m. Moffat-Mt. Valley at Manzanola (G/B)
 3 p.m. La Veta at Creede (G/B)
 4 p.m. Lake City at Antonito (G)

- 4 p.m. Del Norte at Gunnison (G/B)
 5:30/ 7 p.m. Pagosa Springs at Centauri (G/B)
 5:30/ 7 p.m. Alamosa at Monte Vista (G/B)
 6 p.m. Sangre de Cristo at Centennial (G/B)
- Feb. 8**
 1 p.m. Primero at Antonito (B)
 1:30/ 3 p.m. Centauri at Bayfield (G/B)
 2 p.m. Sanford at Crested Butte (G/B)
 1 p.m. Sierra Grande at Sargent (G)
 2 p.m. Del Norte at Center (G/B)
 4 p.m. Centennial at Moffat-Mt.-Valley (G)
 4/7 p.m. Alamosa at Montezuma-Cortez (B)
 5:30/ 7 p.m. Pagosa Springs at Monte Vista (G/B)
- Feb. 10**
 4:30 p.m. Lake City at Sierra Grande (G)
- Prep Swimming (G)**
- ASU Wrestling**
Feb. 6 6 p.m. ASU at Chadron State
Feb. 7 6 p.m. ASU at Colorado School of Mines
- Prep Wrestling**
Feb. 6 6 p.m. Centauri at Monte Vista
Feb. 7 5 p.m. Dolores Huerta at Center
 Monte Vista at Alamosa
Feb. 8 6 p.m. Centauri at Pagosa Springs
- Charger Invite**
 TBA Center, Mountain Valley, Sargent, Sierra Grande-Centennial at Crowley County
- Feb. 9**
Girls State Championship
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Cottonwoods Phase II LLC
PO BOX 2097
Durango, CO 81302

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2012, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 1 COTTONWOODS BLK 8 RESUB POR BLKS 4, 7, 8 & 9
424AC WD REC #324625 12-07-05
Parcel Number: 541303002002
Certificate Number: 133

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano.

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2011;

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Cottonwoods Phase II LLC for said year 2011;

That said David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 8th day of October 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 12th day of May 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on January 21, 2020, January 28, 2020 and February 4, 2020.

Witness my hand this 13th day of January 2020

Jurice Montoya, Chief Deputy of Alamosa County, Colorado
No. 1242

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF CRESTONE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020 1:00P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM, 11S. ALDER STREET, CRESTONE, CO

PURPOSE: Public comment on a Planned Unit Development proposal for Tract 3, which consists of 4.62 acres of E. Lime Ave. within the Town of Crestone and Zoned Rural Residential.

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

PUBLISHED AND POSTED: As per the Zoning Regulations of the Town of Crestone Section IX-10, Ordinance 2006-013, Crestone Board of Trustees: Mayor Kairina Danforth and Trustee Diane Birstow, Terry Goergen, Adam Kinney, Kizzen Laki, Sam Pace and Bob Prather.

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Marlene Walls
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Sugar Grove, OH 43155-9513
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7133 Tent Church Rd. NE
Lancaster, OH 43130-9326

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MT BLANCA VALLEY RANCHES LOT 5 BLK 1 UNIT 1 5.00AC PRD REC #355721 02-19-14
Parcel Number: 528136101005
Certificate Number: 484

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to Alamosa County.

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2014;

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Marlene Walls for said year 2014;

That on the 12th day of November 2015, said Alamosa County assigned said certificate of purchase to LandDiscounts LLC;

That said LandDiscounts LLC on the 7th day of October 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to LandDiscounts LLC on the 5th day of May 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on January 14, 2020, January 21, 2020 and January 28, 2020.

Witness my hand this 8th day of January 2020

Jurice Montoya, Chief Deputy of Alamosa County, Colorado
No. 1263

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LOT 2 COTTONWOODS BLK 8 RESUB POR BLKS 4, 7, 8 & 9
320AC WD REC #324625 12-07-05
Parcel Number: 541303002003
Certificate Number: 134

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano.

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That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Cottonwoods Phase II LLC for said year 2011;

That said David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 8th day of October 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property; That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 12th day of May 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

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Witness my hand this 13th day of January 2020

Jurice Montoya, Chief Deputy of Alamosa County, Colorado
1243

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District Court Alamosa County, Colorado
Court Address: 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101

In the Matter of the Petition of:
Parent/Petitioner: SHELLY JO RODMAN
For Minor Child: RAYDEN MICHAEL PRICE
For a Change of Name to: RAYDEN MICHAEL RODMAN
Case Number: 19CV13

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Public Notice is given on January 31, 2020, that a Petition for a Change of Name of a Minor child has been filed with the District Court.

The Petition requests that the name of RAYDEN MICHAEL PRICE be changed to RAYDEN MICHAEL RODMAN.
JENNIFER PACHECO, CLERK OF COURTS
Mary L. Parker
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
No. 1288

Published in the Valley Courier on February 04, 11, and 18, 2020

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

Cottonwoods Phase II LLC
PO BOX 2097
Durango, CO 81302

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2012, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:

LOT 3 COTTONWOODS BLK 8 RESUB POR BLKS 4, 7, 8 & 9
422AC WD REC #324625 12-07-05
Parcel Number: 541303002004
Certificate Number: 135

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano.

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2011;

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175 WEDDINGS

BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN RANCH WEDDING/REUNION SITE. Lodge w/kitchen, dining, sleeping; 9 guest cabins. 719-580-2486. (2/13)

221 HELP WANTED

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY seeks applicants for a General Labor I position in the Facilities Services Department. For application or more information, please see <https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/> Deadline is February 9, 2020. AA/EOE. (2/8)

221 HELP WANTED

TRUCK DRIVER WANTED part time Saturday and Monday's Retired preferred. Wolf Creek pass. Call 719-480-9937 (2/11)

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

SEEKING A PART-TIME Family Advocate,

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

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LOT 4 COTTONWOODS BLK 8 RESUB POR BLKS 4, 7, 8 & 9
320AC WD REC #324625 12-07-05
Parcel Number: 541303002005
Certificate Number: 136

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221 HELP WANTED

RN CASE MANAGER Hospice del Valle is a non-profit agency located in Alamosa and the only hospice that serves the San Luis Valley. We offer competitive Pay & Benefits, ongoing education, mentoring and support as well as a Holistic & team-centered approach to home-based care. RN Case Manager Responsibilities: Nursing care to diverse patients of all ages in conjunction with an Interdisciplinary Team. Compassionate end of life care to patients and families, promoting quality and comfort-focused care. Qualifications: RN with current Colorado License in good standing and a graduate from an accredited school of nursing. Current CPR certificate, or ability to obtain upon hire. One year of experience minimum, 2-5 years preferred. Valid Colorado driver's license and unlimited access to reliable transportation. Ability to make home visits, travel and drive in all areas of the San Luis Valley year-round. Excellent time management skills and ability to work independently as well as be part of a team. Ability to participate in the on-call, holiday, weekends and after-hours program. Comfortable with basic computer use such as word processing, emails and internet searches; can manage cell phone messages and texting. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a part of the Hospice del Valle team, stop in at 514 Main in Alamosa for an application and meet our executive director, Laura Lewis, or call 719-589-9019. We look forward to hearing from you! Hospice del Valle is an equal opportunity employer. We will not discriminate and will take affirmative action measures to ensure against discrimination in employment, recruitment, advertisements for employment, compensation, termination, upgrading, promotions, and other conditions of employment against any employee or job applicant on the bases of race, color, gender, national origin, age, religion, creed, disability, veteran's status, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.(2/11)

221 HELP WANTED

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

221 HELP WANTED

THE NORTH CONEJOS School District is accepting applications for a head Centauri Middle School Wrestling coach. Applications are available at the Administration office, 17890 US Hwy 285 La Jara, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. Application deadline is until position is filled. Submit application to Mr. Curt Wilson, Superintendent. EOE (2/5)

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

221 HELP WANTED

THE CITY OF Alamosa is seeking a Full-Time Maintenance Worker II in the Streets Department to perform semi-skilled and skilled work in the construction, modification, maintenance and repair of streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, storm drains, graffiti removal, and traffic signs; and performs related work as assigned. The candidate must possess a High School Diploma or equivalent, a valid Colorado Class B Commercial Driver License with an acceptable driving record, and the ability to frequently lift and carry equipment weighing over 50 lbs. Starting salary is \$15.25 - \$16.78 per hour (DOQ), including a comprehensive health benefits package, CO PERA retirement, and vacation, personal, and sick leave. Applications can be found online at www.cityofalamosa.org under Employment or at the Human Resources Department, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado. Closing date is February 10, 2020 at 4:30 pm.(2/12)

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SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL

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

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COMMUNITY BANKS OF Colorado is seeking a candidate to fill a Universal Banker position in our La Jara Banking Center. If you have client service, sales and cash handling experience, we'd like to speak with you. For position details and to apply, please visit www.nbhbank.com. NBH Bank is an equal opportunity employer. (2/7)

221 HELP WANTED

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)

324 - FEED & SEED

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

369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

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

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MONTE VISTA SCHOOL

District is accepting applications for a Middle School Math Teacher for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience may be viewed on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. **Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website** <http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html> or call 719-852-5996. (2/7)

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

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THE TOWN OF ANTONITO

is accepting applications for full/part time police officers. Must be 21 years of age, have a valid driver's license, and must be Colorado POST certified. Part time officers must have a minimum of one-year experience. Starting salary is \$35,360 per year for full time officers and \$17 per hour for part time officers. Applications may be picked up at the Antonito Town Hall located at 515 River St. and will be accepted until position(s) are filled. (2/5)

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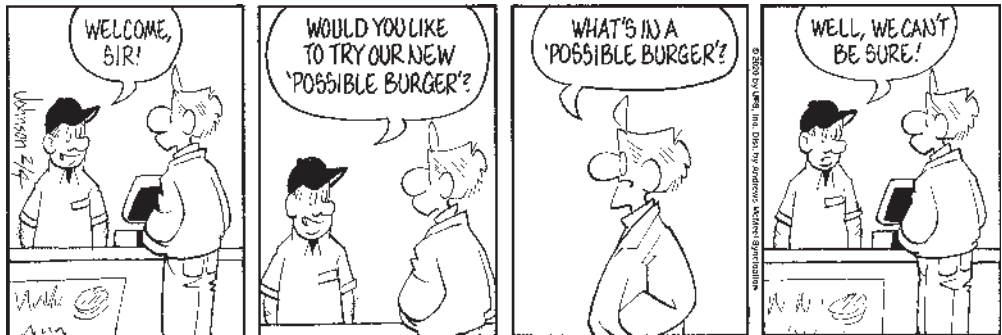


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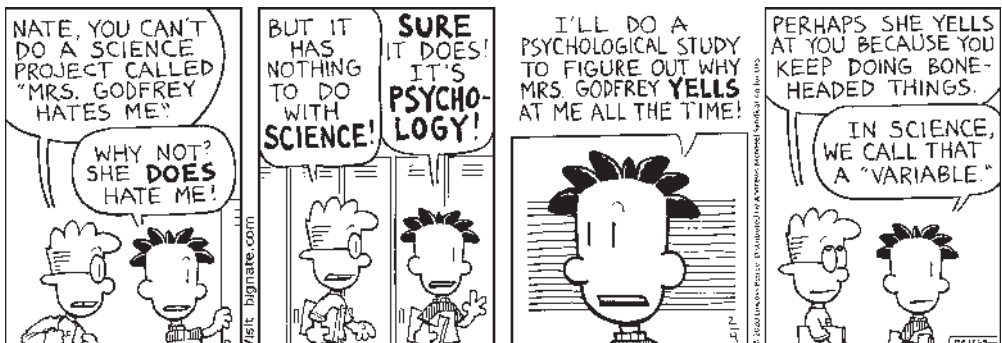
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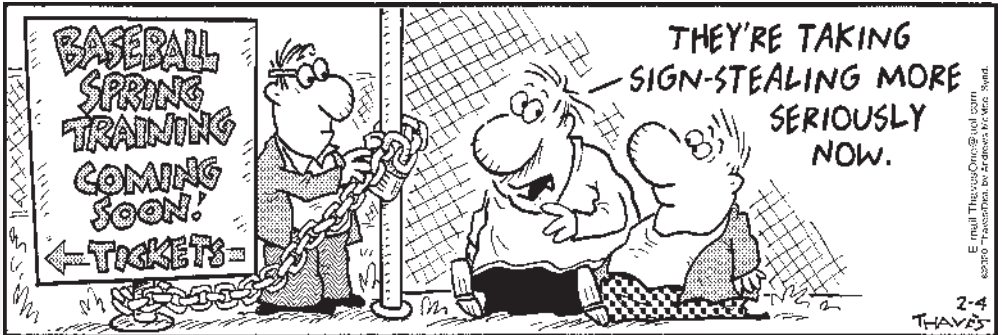
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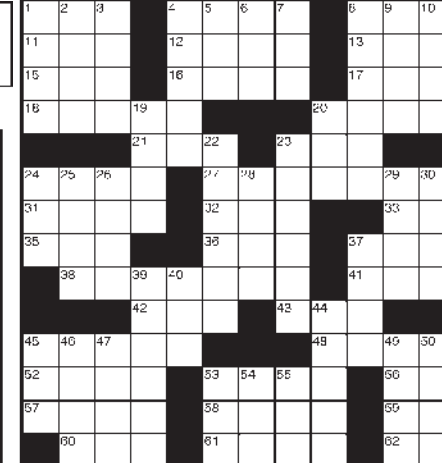


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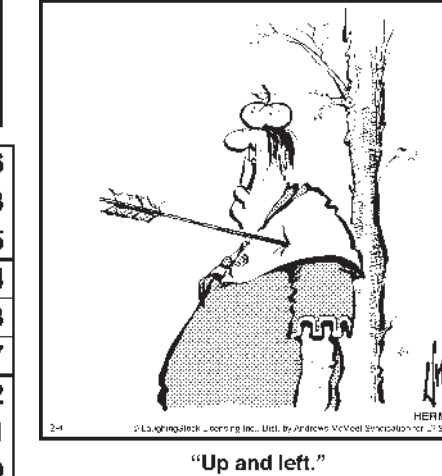
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Fear keeps jittery driver from getting a license

DEAR ABBY: I am trying hard to let go of my paralyzing fear of driving, which has prevented me from getting a license. I am not sure why I get so nervous and afraid when I get behind the wheel. I really need a car to get my family and myself around. I just wish I knew what was causing this. Could you please help me figure it out? -- FEAR OF DRIVING

DEAR F.O.D.: Gladly. The quickest way to get to the bottom of what's causing your fear of driving would be to discuss it with a licensed mental health professional -- if possible, one who specializes in treating patients with phobias. Your physician or your health insurance company should be able to refer you to someone who is qualified.

DEAR ABBY: A few months ago, my wife and I invited another couple over for dinner. The husband was on his phone the entire time, showing us YouTube videos he apparently thought were interesting. After dinner, he lamented that he had run out of data and wanted us to provide our Wi-Fi password so he could continue watching his videos. I begrudgedly

ingly gave him access, but was really irked by it. Isn't it rude for a dinner guest to ask to use your Wi-Fi? -- NOT SO INTERESTED

DEAR NOT SO INTERESTED: It was not rude to ask for your Wi-Fi password. In some circles, it's normal. What WAS rude was for one guest to monopolize the conversation the way that dinner guest did. I'll bet it will be a long time before you invite that couple again.

DEAR ABBY: I need help dealing with a neighbor problem. "Diane" and I have been neighbors for five years. We both have daughters in elementary school who ride the bus. At the bus stop, Diane always manages to point out something about my daughter or me that makes me uncomfortable. She'll ask things like, "Are those new shoes?" "I like that jacket. Was it expensive?" "You have a new hairdo; did it cost much?" Or "Wow, how can you afford such nice clothes for your daughter?" "Are those new jeans? How much were they?" I find her prying annoying and quite rude. Most of the other parents avoid her, probably be-



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cause of this behavior. I work to afford the things I have, and I don't feel I need to discuss what I spend for my child or myself with anyone. Other than this, she's a nice neighbor. What's the best way to get her to stop asking these questions? I try to ignore them, but this has been going on for years, and I'm at a loss. -- ANNOYED IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR ANNOYED: The surest way to get your neighbor to stop asking these kinds of questions would be the direct approach. Tell her questions of that nature make you uncomfortable and to please stop asking. If she persists, repeat it until she finally gets the message.

Ag Conference

Teacher wins Colorado Agriculture in Classroom® Award

LOMA — As an educator in a rural, agricultural community, one might think there is not a tremendous need for agricultural literacy education or that the impact on the students and community would be less than in an urban or suburban community.

That scenario couldn't be further from the truth for Cindy Staheli Pearson of Loma, Colorado.

Mrs. Pearson has been a third-grade teacher at Loma Elementary for 12 years and finds creative ways to tie agriculture into everything she teaches. Loma Elementary is part of Mesa County Valley School District 51.



Courtesy photo

Cindy Staheli Pearson

the 2020 Outstanding Agriculture in the Classroom® teacher award. The award is

sponsored by the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture and the Colorado Farm Bu-

reau Women's Leadership Committee.

The purpose of this award is to recognize Colorado's teachers, from preschool through 12th grade, for their creative efforts to integrate agriculture topics into the classroom to increase agricultural literacy.

Integrating agriculture into classroom learning is important to Pearson because she believes that as a society, we are losing touch with where our food and fiber comes from.

"I feel it is important for students to understand that without farmers they will not have food or clothing. My students are from a rural area, many are already involved in

agriculture, but many still do not understand where their food comes from," Pearson said. "I try to give them a glimpse into food production and the rich history of agriculture in our community and our state."

Pearson added that agriculture concepts into units for reading, writing, science, social studies, math and even art. One of the students' favorite activities is a writing project called "Flat Aggies." Students are paired up with farmers, ranchers and agriculture-related businesses all over the United States and Canada.

The students make a paper doll character of themselves

and write letters asking questions about their counterparts' agriculture business. Their counterpart replies back, answering the questions, and including photos of their "Flat Aggie" on various adventures.


The "Flat Aggies" project meets a state content standard for informational writing, a skill that is fast-declining in today's mobile device driven society. Students learn about agriculture products produced across North America and how those products are grown and marketed. They also learn about the wide variety of careers in agriculture.

Mrs. Pearson takes all of the third-graders at Loma ■ See AG page 12

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Tuesday, February 4

- 7-8 a.m. Breakfast — Sponsored by Monte Vista Cooperative
- 8:15 a.m. What Weather to Prepare for in Colorado, Dr. Russ Schumacher, State Climatologist, CSU
- 8:50 a.m. Snotel and Lidar Sensing of Snowpack, Blake Osborn, Regional Water Specialist, CSU
- 9:15 a.m. Doppler Information and Update, Ken Howard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Severe Storms Lab, Norman, OK
- 10 a.m. BREAK — Sponsored by Bayer Crop Science
- 10:15 a.m. Water Roundtable Discussion (With Cleave Simpson, Craig Cotten, Nathan Coombs, Pat McDermott, Russ Schumacher, Chris Ivers, Amber Pacheco, Marisa Fricke), Heather Dutton, Director, SLV Water Conservancy District
- 11:30 a.m. Water Use in Alfalfa, Dr. Joe Brummer, Associate Professor, Extension Forage Specialist, Soil and Crop Sciences, CSU
- Noon LUNCH — Sponsored by Farm Credit
- 1:30 p.m. Hemp Harvester/Equipment Demonstration (McMullen Building), FormationAg, Monte Vista, CO
- 1:30 p.m. Seed Certification: Your Best Option for the Management of Tuber Necrotic Viruses, Dr. Stewart Gray, Virologist, USDA/APHIS, Cornell University
- 1:50 p.m. PVY Grower Panel, Dr. Andrew Houser, Manager, Colorado Potato Certification Service, CSU/SLVRC, Center, CO
- 3 p.m. BREAK — Sponsored by Certis
- 3:20 p.m. Hybrid Potato Breeding, Dr. Dave Douches, Potato Breeder, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 3:30 p.m. Update on Hybrid Potato Breeding at Colorado State University, Dr. David Holm, Professor, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, CSU/SLVRC, Center, CO Factors Affecting San Luis Valley Grower Decision to Produce Specialty Potato Varieties, Sahar Bagheri, CSU Graduate Student
- 4:10 p.m. Does PVY Have an Impact on Certified Seed and Potato Yield/Quality in the San Luis Valley?, Dr. Andrew Houser, Manager, Colorado Potato Certification Service, CSU/SLVRC, Center, CO
- 4:30 p.m. Soil Carbon Sponge, Didi Pershouse, President, Soil Carbon Coalition Social in McMullen Building — Food Sponsored by San Luis Valley Federal Bank Refreshments Sponsored by A&L Coors

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

- 7-8 a.m. Breakfast — Sponsored by San Luis Valley Rural Electric
- 8:15 a.m. Potassium Nitrate: A Soluble Source of Potassium Fertilizer that Improves Production of Premium Size Tubers, Dr. Samuel Essah, Associate Professor, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, Extension Specialist and Physiologist, CSU/SLVRC, Center, CO
- 8:40 a.m. Baleage Demonstration, Stinger Inc., (McMullen Building)
- 8:40 a.m. White Mold Management in Potatoes – a Midwestern Perspective, Dr. Jamie Wilbur, Assistant Professor, Department of Soil and Microbial Sciences, MSU, Lansing, MI
- 9:15 a.m. Production Management Review of the San Luis Valley, Dr. John Jemison, Extension, University of Maine, Orono, ME
- 9:50 a.m. National Potato Council, Kam Quarles, CEO, Washington, D.C.
- 10:20 a.m. BREAK — Sponsored by FMC Corporation of North America
- 10:40 a.m. Nutrition for Developing Heifers and Steers (McMullen Building), Clay Burson, Beef Technical Sales Specialist, Purina Nutritionist, Sponsored by Monte Vista Cooperative
- 10:40 a.m. State of Higher Education in Agriculture, Dr. James Pritchett, Interim Director College of Agriculture Science, Director of Ag Experiment Station, CSU
- 11:05 a.m. Producing Triticale in the San Luis Valley, Eric Wilkey, President, Arizona Grain Inc., Casa Grande, AZ
- 11:30 a.m. Pre and Post Natal Nutrition of Cattle, Eric McPhail, Director, Gunnison County Ext. CSU
- Noon Lunch - Sponsored by: Frontier Bank
- 1:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker: Global View from Home – Bring the Globalization of Agriculture Home for Your Operations Business Strategies, Stephen Nicholson, Vice President, Rabo Research, Food and Agri Business, Grains and Oil Seeds, Rabo Agro Finance, Chesterfield, MO
- 2:45 p.m. Break — Sponsored by Syngenta
- 3 p.m. Seed Cutter/Seed Diseases (McMullen Building), Dr. Chakradhar Mattupalli, Plant Pathologist, Research Professor/Extension Specialist, CSU/SLV Research Center, CO
- 3 p.m. Colorado Ag Commission Report, Kate Greenberg, Commissioner, Colorado Ag Commission, Broomfield, CO
- 3:30 p.m. P, Ca, and Mg for Quality Potatoes, Jimmy Ridgeway, Regional Sales Representative, Yara International, ID
- 3:30 p.m. Managing Calving Difficulties (McMullen Building), Alpine Veterinary Hospital, Monte Vista, CO
- 4 p.m. The Economic Contribution of Irrigated Cropping to the San Luis Valley, Dr. Rebecca L. Hill, Research Scientist, Community and Resource Economics II, CSU Social in McMullen Building – Food Sponsored by Sunflower Bank Refreshments Sponsored by A&L Coors

Thursday, February 6, 2020

- 7-8 a.m. Breakfast — Sponsored by Rio Grande Seed & Grain
- 8 a.m. Water Use in Hemp Production, Brian Mitchell, CSU Graduate Student
- 8:35 a.m. Challenges with Hemp Production, Grower Panel: Monte Robertson, (SLV Hemp); Corbett Hefner, (FormationAg); Shanan Wright, (FormationAg); Andrew Brown, (Powder Hemp, Alamosa); Brian Mitchell, (CSU Graduate Student)
- 9:40 a.m. BREAK
- 10 a.m. San Luis Valley Composting Experiment, Patrick O'Neill, Owner, Soil Health Services, Alamosa, CO
- 10:15 a.m. Bubbler Irrigation Techniques, Wade Henderson, Engineer, Davis Engineering, Alamosa, CO

- 10:40 a.m. Ergot in Barley, Stephen Wyka, CSU Grad Student
- 11 a.m. Potatoes USA, John Lundeen and Ben Harris, Research Director and Research Associate Manager
- 11:30 a.m. Farm Service Agency: Available Programs for SLV Ag Producers, Brandon Terrazas, Executive Officer, USDA, UNM, Albuquerque, NM
- Noon Lunch — Sponsored by First Southwest Bank
- 1 p.m. Commercial and Private Pesticide Applicator Seven Core Credits for Pesticide Application, Don Henderson, Owner/Operator, DP Ag Services, Monte Vista, CO

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DEMONSTRATIONS & Programs (In the McMullen Building)

- Tuesday:
 - 1:30 p.m. Hemp Harvester/Equipment Demonstration, by FormationAg
 - All day Powder River Livestock Handling System, Sponsored by Monte Vista Cooperative

Wednesday:

- 8:40 a.m. Baleage Demonstration, by Stinger Inc.
- 10:40 a.m. Nutrition for Developing Heifers and Steers, Clay Burson, Beef Technical Sales Specialist, Purina Nutritionist, Sponsored by Monte Vista Cooperative
- 3 p.m. Seed Cutter/Seed Disease, by Chakradhar Mattupalli, Plant Pathologist, Research Professor/Extension Specialist, CSU/SLV Research Center, CO
- 3:30 p.m. Managing Calving Difficulties, Alpine Veterinary Hospital, Monte Vista, CO

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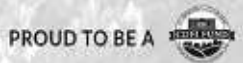
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Ag Conference

Small farms workshop track to be featured

New farmers thankful for opportunity to be lectured by mentors

COLORADO — The Colorado Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association (CFVGA) will feature a small farms workshop track throughout its sixth annual conference Feb. 24-25 at the Renaissance Denver Stapleton Hotel.

The workshop sessions will include produce pricing strategies, developing and implementing a farm food safety plan, farm labor management best practices and recordkeeping and farm management.

“Most who are new to farming will tell you there is so much to learn and that they greatly appreciate opportunities to learn and be mentored,” said Adrian Card, CFVGA founding Board member and chair of the conference committee. “This special track for small farmers provides four and a half hours of training on some fundamental principles for successful farming.”

It also provides an opportunity for small farmers to meet others at a similar place in their careers and continue networking after the conference concludes.”

To emphasize its focus on including beginning growers, CFVGA is offering a free, annual membership to growers who join for the first time and attend conference.

When joining at <https://coloradoproduce.org>, new members may use the code first-timer to claim their free membership, before completing conference registration.

Also featured will be new technologies and products

offered by an expected 50-plus exhibitors and the grower-buyer networking session, which introduces farmers to produce buyers in a fast-paced, “speed-dating” style format.

In addition to the small farm track, conference sessions will include produce marketing trends, agricultural labor, organic rule changes, new market opportunities, biological pest control, produce safety and more.

Also part of the conference is CFVGA’s annual member meeting to be held following lunch Feb. 24.

More information on the small farm workshop track and all CFVGA conference topics is available at: <https://cfvga.org>

Those companies and organizations that want more information on the grower-buyer networking session or on being an exhibitor can find details at this same site or they can contact CFVGA directly at 303.594.3827 or at admin@coloradoproduce.org

The CFVGA is comprised of more than 250 members, including growers of all sizes and types of production throughout the state, as well as representatives of allied industries.

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Let's grow organic barley on '6 square feet'

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Keith R. Cerny

With all due respect to San Luis Valley barley farmers with any connection to Anheuser-Busch (AB), the international beer brewer laid a goose egg during the 2020 Super Bowl commercials.

After years of emotional, multi-million-dollar commercials featuring the Clydesdales, etc., Sunday night's spot promoting the new Michelob Ultra Pure Gold crapped on every organic farmer in America, especially the multitude of respected ones here.

The commercial indicated that AB "will help transition 6 square feet of

land to organic farming for every 6-pack of Michelob Ultra Pure Gold sold." The new beer is promoted as an "organic light lager."

According to their website, www.ultragold.com, the brewer uses organic 2-row barley malt, organic specialty barley malt and organic rice in the brewing of Ultra Pure Gold.

Their plan is to find farmers willing to transition to organic farming and they will pay them a premium for transitional barley, guaranteeing the premium purchase of their organic barley after three years.

Really? Most Americans are thinking what a contribution. What does that really mean?

Let's see ... I'm just a stupid Nebraska farm boy by birth, but I know a little bit about math as it relates to farmland.

One acre of land is 43,560 square feet. So, AB your 6 square feet "transition" would require 7,260 6-packs to be bought to move 1 acre of land to organic farming.

In SLV terms, let's plant a circle. A section is 640 acres, a quarter section or a typical circle is just shy of 160 acres.

That's 6,969,600 square feet. Bring me 1,161,600 6-packs of Michelob Ultra Pure Gold for one-quarter section of land.

What a contribution! I love my beer as much as the next guy, and over the years have probably contributed a lot of money to AB and others, but give me a break.

Those of us in rural America represent only 17% of the nation's population, and many of those probably don't understand how 6 square feet relates to farm land.

Those in urban America don't have a clue.

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Keith R. Cerny is the publisher of the Valley Courier.

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Elementary on a field trip to her family's cow-calf ranch and small feedlot.

They also make a visit to the local sale barn. Pearson uses the scales at the farm and the sale barn to teach math concepts. The students even try their hand at being an auctioneer.

Other classroom activities include the annual incubation, hatching, and care of chickens as part of the students' lesson on life cycles. For the school art show, Pearson's students created a mural they called Agriculture — A Science and an Art.

Last year, the students even wrote and published a book titled "The Important Book of Agriculture."

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Classroom program," said Jennifer Scharpe, executive director for the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture. "She is a graduate of our summer AgriCULTURE Institute, a week-long professional development course for teachers. She regularly utilizes the resources and programs of the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture and the National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization. Most importantly, she shares these resources with her fellow teachers."

For winning the Colorado

Foundation for Agriculture Outstanding Agriculture in the classroom teacher award, Pearson receives a \$500 monetary gift.

She also earns a trip to the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference, which will be held June 22-26, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

"The third-grade students at Loma Elementary greatly benefit from having Mrs. Pearson as their teacher. Through her

creativity and passion for agriculture, she is able to make learning fun for her students," Scharpe added.

For more information about this award or the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture, visit www.GrowingYourFuture.com or contact Jennifer Scharpe, Colorado Foundation for Agriculture executive director at Info@GrowingYourFuture.com or 970-818-3308.

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