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SLV Today Property taxes are due soon

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

TEFAP offers free food RIO GRANDE COUNTY — The TEFAP program will be distributing commodities in Rio Grande County today, Feb. 26 at the Ski-Hi Park starting at approximately 10 a.m. until the food is gone. Eligible TEFAP recipients are able to receive each month in Monte Vista as long as they are Rio Grande County residents.

Conservation District meeting ALAMOSA — The Mosca-Hooper Conservation District will hold its annual meeting from 9 a.m.-noon on March 11 and from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. March 12, at the Alamosa County Meeting Room, 8900 Independence Way, Building A&B.

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## Valley Water districts clear the air

### Local leaders dispute survey's false claims

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Many San Luis Valley residents recently received a phone survey inquiring about support for a proposal to export 20,000 acre-feet annually from the Valley to the Front Range.

The project proponents, Renewable Water Resources (RWR), have stated their intent to pump deep groundwater from the confined aquifer over Poncha Pass and Trout Creek Pass to the South Platte River.

RWR's website is fraught with misinformation regarding the water supplies, hydrology, and legal obligations of the Valley.

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The Rio Grande, as well as farmland are in full view near Del Norte.

Courtesy photo by Heather Dutton

## Baca Grande POA recognized

### Community completes Firewise USA® program

ALAMOSA — The Baca Grande Property Owners Association has received an official designation as a Firewise USA® site after completing the criteria required by the national Firewise USA® Recognition Program.

The Baca Grande community initially was a pilot Firewise USA® site in 2002. It gained recognition on Jan. 30 under the leadership of the newly formed Baca Firewise Committee, in partnership with Baca Emergency Services.

"The Firewise USA recognition of local efforts to reduce wildfire risks can benefit homeowners when seeking property insurance coverage, as well as protecting their homes and natural surroundings," said Supervisory Forester Adam Moore of the Colorado State Forest Service's Alamosa Field Office. He added that federal and state grant opportunities often give weight to a Firewise USA® designation when determining who gets competitive funding.

The CSFS works with the National Fire Protection Association to implement the Firewise USA® Recognition Program in Colorado and provides technical assistance and education to landowners and communities to help them take action in preparing their homes against the threat of wildfire.

Steps required for a community to receive the national designation include, obtaining a wildfire risk assessment, forming a Firewise USA® committee, investing in reducing the community's wildfire risk and creating an action plan based on the wildfire risk assessment. For Baca Grande, the assessment was also an update to its Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Foresters with the CSFS Alamosa Field Office worked with Baca Emergency Services to conduct a wildfire risk assessment and create a CWPP for the community. This plan identifies effective and realistic actions that will reduce the community's wildfire risk and improve readiness.

Examples from the plan include creating defensible space around homes, participating in educational events and commu-



Adam Moore (left) presents Firewise accolades to Jim Vanderpool.

Courtesy photo

nity work days, and obtaining and implementing wildfire risk reduction grants.

**NEW BACA FIREWISE COMMITTEE LEADS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**  
Baca Grande POA's board of directors formed a Firewise Committee made up of Baca Grande residents last summer to assist in implementing the action plan.

The committee's mission is to educate, motivate and assist Baca Grande residents to take action to reduce risks and prepare for emergencies.

Committee Chair Carolina Brown encourages residents to attend educational meetings and events and create defensible space around their homes.

She also encourages residents to report the time or money they spend reducing wildfire

risk, since this supports annual Firewise reporting.

"The Alamosa Field Office has worked closely with the Baca Grande community over the last two decades on fuels mitigation efforts, and becoming a Firewise USA® site was the next logical step to increase community participation," Moore said.

The Baca Grande POA and CSFS expressed appreciation of residents for their active part in creating defensible spaces around their homes and getting better prepared for an emergency situation.

Baca Grande residents can communicate their ideas and concerns to the Baca Firewise Committee by email at [bacafirewise@gmail.com](mailto:bacafirewise@gmail.com), or by attending a monthly committee meeting or participating in a community

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## BLM will conduct prescribed burn in Blanca

BLANCA — The Bureau of Land Management Front Range Fire and Aviation Management Unit is tentatively planning on conducting the Blanca Wetlands Prescribed Burn on Thursday and Friday later this week, Feb. 27-28.

Depending on progress that crews make Thursday-Friday, operations may continue on Saturday, if necessary.

If conditions change and are not right to conduct the burn this week, the operation will be delayed and will occur when conditions are more favorable.

Blanca Wetlands is located approximately 11 miles northeast of Alamosa. This prescribed burn will improve habitat for nesting and migratory waterfowl in the wetlands. As many as 184 acres surrounding six ponds will be burned as part of this operation.

Smoke from the burn will be visible throughout the day of the burn, mostly during the warmest part of the day. With cooler temperatures in the evening, smoke may linger and accumulate in low-lying areas.

Information on the Blanca Wetlands prescribed burn will be available on Inciweb or on Facebook at [@BLMColoradoFire](https://www.facebook.com/BLMColoradoFire). A fire information officer can be reached at 719-315-0690.

## Alamosa County Republicans will hold '20 Caucuses on March 7

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa County Republicans will conduct their 2020 Caucuses on March 7 for electing delegates to the coming County Assembly later in March.

The caucus process is critical in the election cycle for some 13 states including Colorado, which will use both the caucuses and a presidential primary this year. This process allows electors to be involved in a grass-root effort.

All Colorado Republican Caucuses will be held statewide on March 7th at 10 a.m.

Its Saturday caucus meeting will also give an opportunity to hear from local, state and national candidates representing elective offices in Colorado.

The Alamosa County Republican Caucus for all eight precincts will be conducted at Ortega Middle School, at 401 Victoria

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# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Sam Burris, 84

**ALAMOSA** — Sam Burris, 84, passed away at home on Monday Feb. 24.

He was born on Dec. 12, 1935 to George and Helen (White) Burris. Sam was a beloved man.

He was fond of all things that went fast, if it had wheels and a motor, he had a talent for it.

Sam is survived by his significant other Shirley; children, Kenda Burris of Colorado Springs; Charlie Burris of Phoenix, Brenda (Steve) Ehrhardt of Colorado Springs; stepchildren, Bryan (Jill) Sims of Denver, and Jim (Sylvia) Evans of Alamosa; sisters, Phyllis Worden of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Shirley June Josephs of Alamosa; nephew, Steve (Donna) Burris of Mosca; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, other nephews, nieces and extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Helen; his



brother, Kenneth; and his former wives, Carol and Virginia.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, Feb. 28 at the Alamosa Cemetery at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family would ask you to make contributions to Hospice Del Valle, which can be sent to the Funeral Home.

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

To leave online condolences or words of strength for the family, please visit [www.rogersfunerals.com](http://www.rogersfunerals.com).

### Dennis Arthur Martinez, 77

**MONTE VISTA** — Dennis Arthur Martinez, 77, passed away on Feb. 19, in Aurora.

He was born in Monte Vista on Aug. 24, 1942 to Jose Benito (Ben) and Casilda Esther Marquez Martinez.

Dennis graduated from La Jara High School in 1961. After high school, he briefly attended Adams State College and gained valuable experience as a machinist and an equipment operator in heavy civil construction.

In 1964, Dennis was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he proudly served in Vietnam with the 62nd Engineers. His company built air strips in Cam Ranh Bay and Phang Rang.

He was honorably discharged in 1967 after achieving the rank of Specialist E5.

Following a few years as an over-the-road truck driver, Dennis discovered his true passion in the mining industry, working his own mine and fabricating mining equipment.

Dennis never married, but was blessed with many very good friends.

He is survived by his siblings, Ben, Carolyn (Larry Gallegos), Elizabeth (Ralph Lambert), Rebecca (Dan Mercier-deceased), Pauline (John Young-deceased), David (Norma) and Kenneth and Janet.

Also surviving are 19 nieces and nephews, and numerous extended family members.

Dennis was preceded in death by his father,



mother, sister Cora, and brothers, Raymond, Richard and Robert; and by his maternal grandparents Savino and Sophia Marquez, and paternal grandparents Rueben and Ermalinda Martinez.

Cremation was selected and a memorial mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 4 at the Church of All Saints, 2559 S. Federal Blvd, Denver, 80219.

The burial will be held at Fort Logan National Cemetery, 4400 W. Kenyon Ave., in Denver, where he will receive military funeral honors.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Disabled American Veterans.

Newcomer Mortuary in Lakewood is assisting with funeral arrangements.

Online condolences may be made by visiting the website [www.newcomerdenver.com](http://www.newcomerdenver.com).

## ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

**ALAMOSA** —The Alamosa Rotary Club meets every Monday at noon at Juanitos in Alamosa. Contact Dean Swift, 589-3499 or [dean@deanswiftseed.com](mailto:dean@deanswiftseed.com)

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

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

**MONTE VISTA** — The

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ALAMOSA** — A Caregivers Support Group meets at First United Methodist Church, 2005 Mullins, Alamosa, on the first Monday of every month. For more 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](mailto:womancitizenshipclub@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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

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

## AA MEETINGS

**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 Meet-

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

Alamosa

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

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

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

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

Vista

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

**AL-ANON**  
**TUESDAY**  
8 p.m. 15 Country Club Dr. Monte Vista

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

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

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

## PENDING OBITUARY

### Russell Brown, 75

**ALAMOSA** — Former Alamosa resident James Russell Brown, 75, passed away on Feb. 23, in Lubbock, Texas.

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

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Call San Luis Valley Crimestoppers at 589-4111.

## Steamroller Printmaking hits Creede, seeks artists

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



**School Menu - Wednesday - Feb. 26, 2020**

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Juice & Fruit

**ELEMENTARY**  
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# Valley News

## Survey

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The phone survey was no different. The call included approximately 20 questions, many with insignificant factual inaccuracies. It is important that community members have an understanding of the truth about their water resources.

The proponents would not provide a list of the survey questions. Therefore, the following account of key questions may not be exact.

**Survey Question:** "Did you know there are 2 billion acre-feet of water within the Valley aquifer system?"

**Fact:** This figure is false and has long been quoted by tycoons looking to get rich by exploiting the Valley's water resources. The origin of the claim that there are 2 billion acre-feet stored in the deposits underlying the Valley is a USGS report from 1971 where geologist Phil Emery took a stab at estimating the contents of the aquifers. During the trial for the American Water Development Incorporated (AWDI) water export proposal, another ill-advised effort to take water from the Valley, Emery noted he had miscalculated his estimate. Further court decisions, studies, and the State of Colorado's groundwater model, the Rio Grande Decision Support System, have shown there is no unappropriated water in the basin. Mean-



The sunset glows over a barley field near Center.

Courtesy photo by Julie Messick

ing, all of the surface and groundwater has been spoken for by existing water users. In fact, there are more claims to water than can be satisfied and the Valley's water supplies are over appropriated.

**Survey Question:** "Do you realize this proposal will withdraw water from 3,000 feet below the surface and will have no environmental impacts?"

**Fact:** Pumping from 3,000 feet impacts the confined aquifer, which is the deeper of the Valley's two aquifers. The confined aquifer is connected to

the unconfined (shallow) aquifer and surface flows to some degree. RWR has expressed intent to pump from a series of deep wells in the north end of the Valley. Extensive pumping in this area could have great impacts to surface and groundwater, which supply the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, Baca National Wildlife Refuge, and numerous important ecosystems on public and privately owned lands.

**Survey Question:** "Are you aware of the pending action by the State Engi-

neer to shut off irrigation wells in Subdistrict 1 with no compensation?"

**Fact:** There is no pending action by the State Engineer to shut off irrigation wells in Subdistrict 1. In response to the recognition by local water users and State officials that groundwater use in certain parts of the basin is unsustainable, local leaders worked to pass legislation that allows communities within the Valley to create plans to balance water use and supply. The Rio Grande Water Conservation District (RGWCD)

then formed Groundwater Management Subdistricts (Subdistricts) to create and implement plans of water management. These actions allow the Valley water users to work together to recover aquifers themselves, rather than facing sweeping orders from the State Engineer to shut down or curtail wells. Subdistrict 1 has been in operation for ten years and has until 2030 to recover the groundwater to levels identified as the sustainability targets in the legislation that enabled Subdistricts. The

State Engineer and staff of the Colorado Division of Water Resources have provided critical support and are working closely with local water managers to ensure implementation of the plans of water management is successful.

**Survey Question:** Did you know there have been pipelines exporting water out of the San Luis Valley for the last 100 years?

**Fact:** There are no existing pipelines out of the Valley. There are two ditches that take water across the Sangre de Cristo mountains from Medano Creek to a ranch in the Wet Mountain Valley. These diversions occur pursuant to a 1914 court ruling and divert a combined total of 15 cfs from May 15-July 15 of each year. The cumulative diversions total an average of 1,063 acre-feet per year, a far cry from the 20,000 acre-feet proposed by RWR.

The RGWCD, San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District, and Conejos Water Conservancy District urge residents to take action by seeking out the facts of the Valley's water resources and advocating for the truth. Please see [www.rgwcd.org](http://www.rgwcd.org) for information about current aquifer levels and the Subdistricts' efforts to manage our groundwater.

*Report courtesy of a press release from Heather Dutton, manager, San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District, 623 Fourth Street, Alamosa, CO 81101, 719-589-2230 ext. 11, [www.slwcd.org](http://www.slwcd.org).*

## Women's Veterans Forum set for today

**ALAMOSA** — The third VCSLV Women Veterans Forum (WVF) will be held from 9 a.m.-noon today at Adams State University's Student Union Building, 3rd Floor (Above the cafeteria), accessible by elevator.

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

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

All women veterans, women

caring for family members dealing with MST and women Health Care Providers are welcome. Yes, women only.

VA representatives will be present to 'Roll-Out' the new VA Tele-Mental-Health System and to discuss MST (Military Sexual Trauma). Meet the Clinic's new LCSW (a woman).

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

The Veterans Coalition Board

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

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

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

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

## Caucuses

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Avenue, with registration beginning at 9 a.m. and the caucus following at 10 a.m.

All participants must have a driver's license or other proof of identity and must be a registered voter in Alamosa county.

Pre-registration can easily be done at ColoGOP.org.

Then each of Alamosa's eight precincts will conduct their individual meetings to elect delegates and alternates to the County Assembly to be held March 21 at 5 p.m. in the Alamosa County Office Building.

Resolutions can also be introduced at the precinct meetings and passed on to the County Assembly as well as the State Assembly.

Terry Hammond, Chairperson of the Alamosa County Republican Central Committee urges all county Republicans to join in the political process in helping determine support for Republican candidates in various offices.

## Miranda Canyon Seasonal Closure starts March 1

**TAOS, N.M.** — A seasonal closure of Miranda Canyon will go into effect beginning March 1 and will last until May 1.

The seasonal closure applies to all motorized recreation, except snowmobiles.

The seasonal closure is based on a recommendation from the Miranda Canyon Commission and is intended to help prevent further damage to roads and trails during wet conditions.

The closure will also provide protection to wildlife, as well as water and cultural resources in the area.

While motorized use will be restricted, Miranda Canyon will

remain open to snowmobiling, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking.

The Carson National Forest purchased the 5,000 acres of land in Miranda Canyon from the Trust for Public Land in 2015 using land and water conservation funds.

The area is south of Taos, just west of Picuris Peak and south of McGaffey Ridge.

The Miranda Canyon Commission was formed in order to help develop a management plan with the ultimate goal of offering a clean, safe place for community members to visit, enjoy and take pride in.

The Commission is made up of local residents and diverse stakeholders, who have worked with community members over the past several months to gather feedback on the future management of Miranda Canyon.

The seasonal closure is in alignment with closures on other parts of the Camino Real Ranger District of the Carson National Forest.

*For more information, please contact Sean Ferrell, Camino Real District Ranger at 575-587-2255 or Amy Simms at the Carson National Forest Supervisor's Office, 575-758-6200.*

## Voting instructions for presidential primary

**STATE-WIDE** — A reminder to all Colorado residents, the Presidential Primary is on March 3.

In order to vote by mail, one must have been registered by Feb. 14.

One can register online at [govotecolorado.com](http://govotecolorado.com), or text "CO" to "2VOTE," or in person at your country clerk's office on election day.

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

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

All forms of valid ID are listed and answers to other questions can be found on [govotecolorado.com](http://govotecolorado.com).

## Reserve for ASU's Spring Career Fair

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

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

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

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

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

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Firewise USA® event.

Other communities or municipalities in the San Luis Valley interested in pursuing the Firewise USA® designation should contact Moore at 719-587-0915.

The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) is a service and outreach agency of the Warner College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University and provides staffing for the Division of Forestry within the Colorado Department of Natural Resources. The CSFS provides professional for-

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Reading the newspaper is a great way to get the family together. You'll find fun and informative news and features on a wide range of topics. Plus, reading the newspaper with your children helps them understand what's happening in the world and how it affects them.

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UPCOMING GRIZZLY ATHLETIC EVENTS

**Friday, February 28th**  
Track vs Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference  
Colorado Springs, CO  
Women's Basketball vs Fort Lewis College  
Alamosa, CO • 5:30 p.m.  
Men's Basketball vs Fort Lewis College  
Alamosa, CO • 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, February 29th**  
Track vs Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference  
Colorado Springs, CO  
Wrestling at West Regional  
Keamey, NE • All Day  
Softball vs Colorado Christian University  
Alamosa, CO • Noon & 2 p.m.  
Baseball at Colorado State University - Pueblo  
Pueblo, CO • 1:00 p.m.

**Sunday, March 1st**  
Softball vs Colorado Christian University  
Alamosa, CO • 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.  
Baseball at Colorado State University - Pueblo  
Pueblo, CO • 1:00 p.m.

# Opinion

## God bless America ...

**HOLLYWOOD** — President Trump flew to India for an official state visit Monday where he addressed 100,000 Indians in the world's largest cricket stadium.

American presidents love the security of giving speeches in India.

If the Teleprompter malfunctions, tech support is just a local call.

Mad Mike Hughes plummeted to his death in his steam-powered rocket Saturday while trying to prove the Earth is flat, after the parachute deployed without Mad Mike in it.

The tragic mishap was still a teaching moment. Flat Earth Society members are now fully confirmed believers in gravity.

South Carolina's debate pits Bernie, who's a "Democratic Socialist," as the leading Democrat, challenged by the Democrat Bloomberg, who's a Republican.

It's to see who'll take on the Republican Trump, who's a Democrat.

Today, Magic Mushrooms can't compete with Reality for quality of hallucinations.

The Democratic National Committee changed its donor rules thus allowing Mike Bloomberg to participate in tonight's debate. I like his voter outreach effort.

I gassed up my car last night, and before I could pay for it with my credit card, it spit out a receipt that read Paid for by Bloomberg 2020.

South Carolina was the site of Tuesday night's 10th Democratic presidential candidates' debate airing live on CBS. The debate in Vegas was a hoot.

Mike Bloomberg continued pouring campaign commercials onto broadcast TV network prime time shows. It could make up for how he looked in last week's debate.

Mike Bloomberg's problem is that the Constitution requires a president to be 35, born in the U.S., and able to ride Space Mountain.

The Wall Street Journal cited the number of homes owned by Democratic candidates brought up during the Las Vegas debate. I guess you have to sleep somewhere.

It turns out Bloomberg owns 11 homes, Bernie three homes, while Elizabeth Warren has two tee-pees and a summer Wig-Wam.

Bernie Sanders' Nevada win sparked comment on the prospect of a Trump vs. Sanders contest this fall.

It would be a showdown between ideologies.

If Bernie is elected, geography classes would teach children that the capital of the United States is in the offshore bank accounts of the one-percent.

The Royal Family posted photos of Prince Andrew Friday, congratulating him on his 16th birthday, heedless of the sex scandal still swirling around him.

The Queen is just realizing she shipped the wrong relative off to Canada. Prince Andrew is 60, but says he likes to feel 17.

California lawmakers proposed a bill that would force porn actors, strippers and camera girls to acquire state licenses to be sex workers. At least it's honest.

Until now, porn actresses identified themselves to the IRS as Chicken Farmers, for all the little peckers they'd raised in the previous year.

Harvey Weinstein's case went to the jury after he was humiliated by naked medical photos of him revealing male and female genitalia.

Just put him down for mercy's sake. Any guy who's had to watch as a female witness said she could not tell if he had a penis or not has suffered enough.

Marijuana Business Daily reports most California licensed pot operators are having to do part of their business on the black market. The number of pot products is growing.

Our grocery store in West Hollywood is now selling cannabis-infused butter margarine, it's called I Can't Believe It's Legal.

The Wall Street Journal cultural critic James Panero urged the U.S. to reject the metric system, born of the French Revolution, and stick to the U.S.-British imperial standard of measurements and weights.

He's right. If God had wanted us to use the metric system Jesus would have had ten disciples.

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## Driving miss crazy

After a thousand-plus weekly columns, I am going to hang up my columnist spurs and do what I was born to do: Wash dishes in a fast-food restaurant.

Every column I ever wrote was made immeasurably better by my editors, so I want to leave you with one of their best efforts. My thanks for all your kind words. — Jim

My car is my office, my filing cabinet, my spare bedroom, my art collection, my summer home, my beach cabana, my sauna, my think tank, my den, my gym locker, my golf locker, my tool chest, my media center, my breakfast nook, my easy chair, my laundry basket and my command center.

It is from my car that I manage my far-flung media empire and vast fortune. I also use it now and then to run errands and get around town.

It is my domain, my castle, my Fortress of Solitude, my isolation booth, my Chamber of Secrets, my — well, you get the picture.

Yesterday, Sue borrowed it because hers is getting an oil change or a state inspection or a tire rotation or something.

Today, when I climbed in, the seat was too far forward, the rearview mirror was aimed at the trunk, the radio was on the wrong station, the cup holder

was clean, my change dish had been emptied out and the money replaced with crisp, new dollar bills.

The passenger seat/mobile office/soda dispenser was empty, all the CDs were back in their cases and the steering wheel didn't have its familiar, comforting stickiness. The dust from the dashboard was gone, and the car smelled different — the way it did the day I drove it off the used car lot.

Sue had taken it to a car wash and had it detailed. There's no telling how long it will take me to get everything back to normal. Weeks. Months, maybe.

"I had everything just the way I like it," I told her. "That car was a work of art. Taking it to a car wash is like putting the 'Mona Lisa' in the washing machine!"

"What would you think if I went to your office and threw away all the fast-food wrappers and pizza boxes, then vacuumed the papers off your desktop and sprayed air freshener all over everything?"

Sue was surprisingly unmoved. "There are no pizza boxes in my office. You could eat off the floor. And you probably would, if I let you. This was an intervention. You're a menace to yourself and others. You're a serial slob."

"Am not."  
"I found mail in your car from last year."

"I was going to open it."  
"That's wonderful. Except you were supposed to send it."

Now I know why we got so few Christmas cards this year.  
"I don't think I can get past this with-

out years of long, difficult, expensive therapy."

"Or you could just suck it up and say 'thank you.' I'm sorry, but it had to be done."

But she wasn't really sorry. I heard her telling one of her friends on the phone that she'd had "his beater sprayed with antiseptic, and it still smells like dirty socks and old sponges. You'd swear someone was living in there. The floor was stickier than a movie theater's."

"It's amazing that he doesn't get a ticket for littering every time he parks it. You've heard of those guys who get buried in their cars? That may be the only way to get rid of it. Of course, I'd probably have to get a toxic waste exemption."

I tried one more time to get through to her.

"Haven't you ever heard that a man's car is his castle?" I said.

"No, of course not. You just made that up. Anyway, your car is not a castle. It's a mobile landfill. I'm surprised you haven't been arrested for hauling trash without a license."

"There's just no pleasing some people. If I bought a little red sports car, you'd complain about it."

"No, I wouldn't. I'd take it, and you could have my car. But don't worry — I'd throw some garbage in it, roll up the windows and leave it in the sun for a week or two, so you'd feel right at home in there."

Contact Jim Mullen at mullen.jim@gmail.com.

### THE VILLAGE IDIOT



Jim Mullen

## Reader stuck in the middle of friends

DEAR HARRIETTE: I have two amazing friends. They both are cool, funny and understanding. However, one of them does not like the other. My friend, friend No. 1, does not like friend No. 2. So whenever I talk to or hang out with friend No. 2, I am unable to tell friend No. 1 because I know it will upset her.

I love friend No. 1 to pieces; she is basically a sister to me. I tell her everything, but when it comes to friend No. 2, I can't let her know when we hang out. Friend No. 1 once told me if I ever spoke to friend No. 2 again, she would never talk to me.

Friend No. 1 talks badly about friend No. 2, and I don't like hearing all the negative things she says about her. I want to tell friend No. 1 that I still hang out with friend No. 2 and we should all just put this aside. Should I tell her? — Stuck in the Middle

DEAR STUCK IN THE MIDDLE: This is a tough situation that is not uncommon. The issue is how should you handle this. My vote is to make it clear to both friends that you will remain friends with each of them. While you are willing to keep your friendships separate, you are uncomfortable with the ways in which they talk about each other.

You may want to give each friend one more chance to explain why they do not like the other person. Listen carefully to see if you believe that any of their complaints are valid. If so, you can bring up those points to the person in question.

After considering your friends' positions, if you decide to remain friends with

both of them, make that crystal-clear to all, and let them know that you are unwilling to continue to listen to them spouting negativity about the other.

If you lose a friend in the process, so be it. But you should not have to endure vitriol about people you love. Stand your ground.

DEAR HARRIETTE: I have a passion for writing. I love to create short stories and share them with others.

Whenever I write, it takes me into a whole new world. It is a way to delve into my creativity. Sometimes I go back to my stories and swap my old ideas for something new or better.

However, lately I feel like everything I write is awful. I have this sense that people are lying to me whenever I ask if my stories are OK. A majority of the stuff I write is a bit out of the norm.

I want to be able to write something different than every other writer, but I keep finding my stories generic, boring and unoriginal. I have run out of ideas and been left with writer's block.

My dream is to publish my short stories, but I want to know how to better my writing and gain more confidence. Any suggestions? — Writer's Block

DEAR WRITER'S BLOCK: Join a writing workshop where you and the other writers share your work and critique one another with the intention of refining your work.

Take a short story writing class at your local community college. Find a professional environment where you can strengthen your skills and gain the

confidence you desire.

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# Lifestyle



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Sargent Junior/Senior High School January 2020 Students of the Month brandish their awards; from left to right, are Josiah Yocom, 7<sup>th</sup>; Giovanni Aguilar 8<sup>th</sup>; Juan Robles 9<sup>th</sup>; Montana Younkerman 10<sup>th</sup>; McKenzie Tolliver 11<sup>th</sup> and Akya Ross 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Board Highlights

### Sargent School District RE-33J Feb. 24 meeting

#### REPORTS: STUDENT-LED PROJECT

**SARGENT** — Elementary teacher, Kari Christoferson's students provided the board with an update on their student-led project.

They explained after reading a book by Lynne Cox, a world-class distance swimmer they were inspired to learn more. They have researched the possibility of having Ms. Cox, a motivational speaker come to Sargent. They are currently raising funds by seeking donations from area businesses and patrons to provide the program to all students in April. Donations may be made to the project through the Sargent Elementary School.

#### SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR FOR 2020-21 APPROVED

Approval was given to the proposed calendar for the upcoming school year. The calendar provides 147 student days and 157 teacher days. First day of classes will be Aug. 19, last day May 27.

Breaks include Thanksgiving week, Dec. 21-Jan. 1 for Christmas, and Spring Break will be the week of March 15.

#### EMPLOYMENT ITEMS

Resignation of secondary teacher Maurice Hirsch and activities director Clint Mondragon were approved. The 2020-21 superintendent contract for Brian Crowther was approved, as was employment of substitute teacher Rachael Ringler, pending receipt of a substitute authorization.

Extra pay position agreements were also approved for junior high track coach

James Holmes and coordinator and fiscal managers for the Make it Happen (school wellness) Grant.

#### EXCEL LIGHTING PROJECT PROPOSAL APPROVED

The Board approved a district-wide energy efficient lighting project. The project will convert lighting to LED and is designed to generate savings exceeding the district's cost for the project; the projected savings is guaranteed by Excel.

#### BOARD POLICY REVISIONS

Approval was given, following a second reading on a list of policy revisions. The policy revisions are a result of changes in law and will update the board policies to current requirements. One policy was tabled for further study and consideration — IHEDA, Concurrent Enrollment will be reviewed again next month.

#### OTHER ITEMS

Also approved were financial reports for January and minutes of the previous meeting. In addition, a student work study agreement and a Friday school teacher application was approved. The board also gave approval to a subdistrict contract with Rio Grande Water Conservation District pertaining to wells.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the board will be on Monday, March 23 in the high school library.

*Report and photo courtesy of a press release from Lynda Foster, executive administrative assistant, superintendent's office, Sargent School District RE-33J, 719 852-4023, option 6.*

## The Creede Historical Society presents: From the Photo Files

By JAN JACOBS AND BOB SEAGO  
**CREEDE** – The Creede Historical Society has thousands of photos in its photo files. Unfortunately, most are not identified in any way.

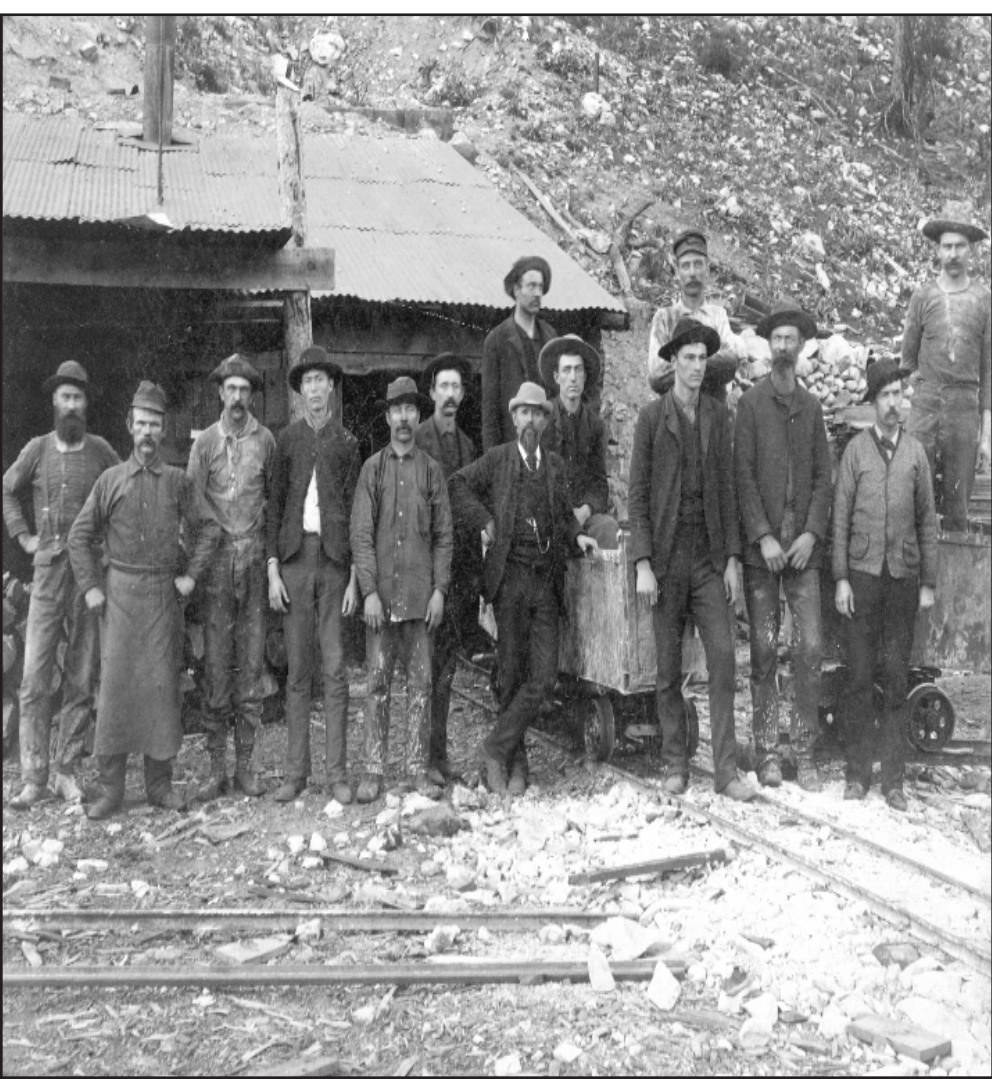
Often the Society does not know the people, the locations in the pictures, the photographer, or the date that the photo was taken. It needs your help. If anyone can identify anything in this week's photo, please call or write:

Jan Jacobs, Creede Historical Society, P.O. Box 608, Creede, CO 81130,

telephone: 719-658-2394, email: [info@creedehistoricalsociety.com](mailto:info@creedehistoricalsociety.com).

Copies of our photographs are available for a small fee.

The location of this mine is possibly the Last Chance Mine Complex. Although there is nothing identified on this photograph, a relative of the family who donated the photograph was superintendent of the Last Chance Mine in the 1890s. Fred J. Bishop Collection, Creede Historical Society Archives, Catalogue #3005-SBU-25. Photo Article #593



## Colorado Nonprofit Week

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

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

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## Colorado Nonprofit Week



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- 9 Local shops value you more:** Local businesses survive by their reputation & repeat business which means you get a higher standard of service.



# Basketball gets down to business

With the regular season settled for all the teams in the valley across the different classes, it's time for district tournaments to kick off. Valley prep basketball fans have plenty to rejoice as all three of the different class tournaments are scheduled within the cozy confines of the San Luis Valley. Bracket play is scheduled for Tuesday the 25th for the first round, Friday the 28th for the semifinals and Saturday the 29th for championship and third-place games.



County.  
**1A – Southern Peaks League**  
Quarterfinals at home sites of higher seeds, all others Del Norte High School

**3A – Intermountain League**  
Quarterfinals at home sites of higher seeds, all others Monte Vista High School

**Girls Bracket**  
In a district that always heats up with league play, the 2019/20 season was no different. For the girls, some uncharacteristic late-season losses from Pagosa Springs (15-4) didn't stop the Pirates from qualifying as a No. 1 seed. Behind them, the Falcons (17-2) would take the No. 2 seed.

With both byes claimed that means fellow hopefuls Bayfield and Alamosa will need to earn their way to the top of the bracket. Bayfield will face Montezuma Cortez and Alamosa will take on host Monte Vista in the first round of tournament play.

**Boys Bracket**  
Things don't get any easier from here on out for the IML. Rivalries may have to be settled this weekend otherwise they may have to hold their peace since there is no guarantee they will meet come state tournament time.

The Mean Moose (15-4) stampeded through their league schedule staying undefeated and taking the No.1 seed for district play, rival Centauri (17-2) picked up the two seed and both will get a first-round bye. Pagosa (9-10) will need to best host Monte Vista in order

to make their way to the semifinals. Montezuma Cortez will get the easier task of Bayfield (3-16).

**2A – Southern Peaks League**  
Quarterfinals at home sites of higher seeds, all others Alamosa High School

**Girls Bracket**  
The Tigers (16-3) did not find their equal in the SPL this season rolling to a 6-0 league record. As a reward, they earned the top seed where they will await the winner of Center (8-11) and Custer County (8-11). Del Norte owns an average 30.3-point margin of victory in their games with the Vikings and Bobcats.

On the other side of the bracket, Sanford will be holding the second bye. Sanford will face the winner of Sargent (8-11) and South Park (4-13). Neither team was able to clear Sanford during

the regular season.

**Boys Bracket**

After going a meager 1-5 in the class a season ago, Crested Butte (16-3) has surged to the top of the SPL sweeping the league with a perfect 6-0 record. The Titans will await the winner of Sargent and Del Norte.

The Titans seem to play a different game when the stakes are raised. In non-league games against Sargent, Del Norte and Sanford Crested Butte is 2-1 with a 3.5-point average margin of victory. In league games against those opponents, the Titans are 3-0 with a 22-point average margin of victory. Expect to see their more grisly half come tournament time. With an odd number of teams, the Titans are the lone bye and Sanford will need to clear South Park while Center will look to eliminate Custer

**Girls Bracket**

The first games of the SPL got underway on Saturday with Manzanola eliminating Creede in the pigtail game 67-37, Sierra Grande picked up a forfeit from Lake City. Top seed Sangre de Cristo (16-3) will welcome Manzanola to the district bracket in the first round. As far as opening draws go, Sangre is not what you hope for. Sangre is undefeated in league games and their last meeting with Manzanola resulted in a 59-33 thumping.

Along with the T-Birds, Cotopaxi (16-3) is favored to make it to the championship game entering as the No. 2 seed. At 9-1 Cotopaxi's only league loss came to Sangre de Cristo in a 34-27 game. The Pirates will take on Sierra Grande in the first round of tournament play.

**Boys Bracket**

Pigtail games are out of the way in the Southern Peaks League Creede eliminated Antonito to advance in a 47-39 game. La Veta downed Moffat 45-41 to keep their season alive. No. 1 seed Sangre de Cristo will (17-2) will be Creede's first tournament game. The T-Birds had a dominant run through the SPL picking up nine wins and no losses. The last meeting between Sangre and Creede was a 79-31 game in Sangre's favor.

In the other quadrant, second-seeded Primero will look to advance to the SPL championship game. Primero was involved in one of Sangre's closest league games losing 53-34. But they've also shown promise in the league besting quadrant mate Cotopaxi 64-60 in their last meeting.

# Continental Divide Freeride team to Monarch

Continental Divide Freeride Team skiers and riders competed at the International Freeskiers & Snowboarders Association 2020 Monarch Junior Regional Freeride Comp February 22nd & 23rd. This two day event included runs on High Anxiety and Mirkwood Bowl for each skier or snowboarder. Continental Divide Freeride (CDF) brought four snowboarders and five skiers to the event from Del Norte, Center/Hooper and Pagosa Springs. CDF team members placed as follows:



Courtesy photo by Desiree Smith.

**Snowboard Female U12**

- Landry Neufeld (Center/Hooper) 1st Place
- Audrina Smith (Pagosa Springs) 2nd Place

**Snowboard Male U12**

- Kife Mashburn (Del Norte) 5th Place
- Eric Smith (Pagosa Springs) 7th Place

**Ski Male U12**

- Noah Bellina (Pagosa Springs) 18th Place
- Ryan Rich (Pagosa Springs) 25th Place

**Ski Male 12-14**

- Corbin Horrocks (Del Norte) 3rd Place
- Summit Mashburn (Del Norte) 4th Place
- Aiden Mashburn (Del Norte) 6th Place

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**CDF snowboarders wait to drop in at the top of High Anxiety. Left to right, Eric Smith, Audrina Smith, Coach Brian Neufeld, Kife Mashburn, and Landry Neufeld.**



Courtesy photo by Nikki Horrocks

**Skiers Noah Bellina (middle) and Ryan Rich (right) talk with their coach before they drop in for their Mirkwood Bowl run at Monarch.**



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**Skiers (left to right) Aiden Mashburn, Summit Mashburn, and Corbin Horrocks wait with their coaches for their turn to drop into Mirkwood Bowl.**

## 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 62, ASU 43 (W)  
Western Colorado 83, ASU 58 (M)

**Feb. 22**  
Colorado Mesa 63, ASU 51 (W)  
Colorado Mesa 94, ASU 91 (M)

**Prep Basketball**  
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)  
Ignacio 66, Sierra Grande 45 (B)  
Sanford 52, Sargent 25 (G)  
Sanford 61, Sargent 35 (B)

**Feb. 22**  
Del Norte 62, South Park 14 (B)  
Del Norte 65, South Park 37 (B)

**1A District 6 Play-ins**  
Creede 47, Antonito 39 (B)  
La Veta 45, Moffat-Mtn.Valley 41 (B)  
Manzanola 67, Creede 37 (G)  
Sierra Grande FFW, Lake City FFL (G)

## Sports Bulletin

**Adams State Lacrosse**  
Feb. 21 Colorado Mesa 21, ASU 3 (M)

**Feb. 23**  
Westminster 22, ASU 9 (M)

**Adams State Softball**  
Feb. 22 Regis 11, ASU 2  
Regis 10, ASU 4  
Regis 11, ASU 1  
ASU at Regis (DH)-Cancelled

**Prep Wrestling**  
Feb. 20-22  
**State Championships**  
3A - 5.Alamosa- 91

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

**Upcoming Events**

**Adams State Baseball**  
Feb. 29 1 p.m. ASU at CSU-P

**March 1**  
1 p.m. ASU at CSU-P

**Adams State Basketball**  
Feb. 28 5:30/7:30 p.m. Fort Lewis at ASU (W/M)

**Prep Basketball**  
Feb. 25  
**3A Intermountain League**  
TBA Monte Vista at Pagosa Springs (B)  
5:30 p.m. Monte Vista at Alamosa (G)

**2A District 1**  
5 p.m. South Park at Sargent (G)  
5 p.m. Custer County at Center (G)  
6 p.m. South Park at Sanford (B)

6:30 p.m. Del Norte at Sargent (B)  
6:30 p.m. Custer County at Center (B)

**1A District 1**  
TBA Manzanola at Sangre de Cristo (G)  
TBA Creede at Sangre de Cristo (B)  
TBA Manzanola at Sierra Grande (B)  
TBA Centennial at Cotopaxi (B)  
5 p.m. La Veta at Antonito (G)  
5 p.m. Sierra Grande at Cotopaxi (G)  
5 p.m. Centennial at Moffat-Mtn. Valley (G)

**Feb. 28**  
**3A Intermountain League at Monte Vista H.S.**  
TBA Alamosa vs. TBA (B)  
TBA Centauri vs TBA (B)  
TBA Centauri vs TBA (G)

**2A District 1 at Alamosa H.S.**  
TBA Del Norte vs TBA (G)  
TBA Sanford vs TBA (G)

**Adams State Lacrosse**  
March 2 3 p.m. Otterbein Univeristy at ASU (M)

**Adams State Softball**  
Feb. 29 12/ 2 p.m. Colorado Christian at ASU (DH)

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

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

*Schedules subject to change*

## AP&R Youth Soccer

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

# Lifestyle



Photo courtesy of CPW  
A bear sniffs around a trash can it knocked over in Boulder on July 2.

## Colo.'s '19 human-bear interactions

**Encounters illustrate need for people to change behavior to keep bears wild**

**DENVER** — In 2019, Colorado Parks and Wildlife documented 517 reports of bears entering dwellings, 303 vehicle break-ins and 5,369 total bear calls from April-Dec. 31.

Thanks to a modernized tracking system these numbers provide a tremendous amount of insight on human-bear interactions. It is the agency's hope that the release of this data serves as a wake-up call to Colorado residents. Concentrated, community-wide efforts must be made to live appropriately with bears in mind.

While the public and media tend to focus on the number of bears CPW has to put down, that number is only part of the overall story. In 2019, 92 bears were euthanized, or 1.7% of the year's reported bear conflicts. While these numbers vary year over year, this data sheds a new light on the overall picture and how simple steps can be made throughout our communities to keep Colorado's bears wild and alive.

The agency's wildlife conflict data tracking system launched on April 1. It allows CPW to comprehensively track statewide reports ranging from simple sightings, to food source attractants provided, to property damage done by a bear, livestock depredation, aggressive behavior and more.

As our ability to more efficiently and effectively track conflict data grows, CPW is committed to sharing this information to help all Coloradans understand their role in living with bears.

The data outlines a major problem and potentially documents only half of what actually takes place. CPW recognizes that among the 5,369 bear reports from April 1-Dec. 31, there are likely an equal number of human-bear interactions that go unreported.

The following sections break down the types of reports into categories and what each can mean to the well-being of Colorado's bears, whose population is estimated between 17,000-20,000 (black bear is the only species in Colorado).

**TRASH: 1,728**

One-third of all bear reports CPW received in 2019 involved trash. Trash is by far the leading cause of bear habituation, and open dumpsters or trash cans provide an all-you-can-eat buffet when left unsecured. Bears are highly intelligent and resourceful animals. Bears that find food around someone's home or in a community often lose their natural wariness of people. Once they find garbage, the next place they may look to for more food is inside someone's home.

Communities or HOA's can help reduce human-bear conflicts and avoid attracting bears to your neighborhood or property by enacting a trash ordinance. If people must leave trash outside, buy a bear-proof container/dumpster, build a bear-proof enclosure or install an electric fence. To avoid attracting bears, clean containers regularly with ammonia or bleach.

**BIRDFEEDERS: 397**

A 7-pound bag of bird seed equates to 12,180 calories for a bear. A 50-pound bag of bird seed has over 87,000 calories — a reward well worth the effort of breaking into a person's garage to get.

Bears want to get the most energy they can with the least amount of effort. Any type of bird feeder (hummingbird, suet and seed) someone has out on their property, including those on upper levels, is about as easy of a meal that a bear can get.

Birdfeeders should not be placed outside from March through the end of November for any reason. Letting one's bird feeders turn into bear feeders teaches bears that it's safe to come close to people and homes looking for food. And for bears that can become a deadly lesson. Other ways to attract birds to a per-

son's property include placing a nesting box out, creating a bird garden, hanging flower pots or having a bird bath. Add brightly colored, trumpet shaped flowers around your home to attract hummingbirds, butterflies and a variety of beneficial insects. Water, especially running water, actually does a better job of attracting a wider variety of birds year-round than a bird feeder. Just keep one's water sources smaller. Bears don't sweat, so larger ponds and uncovered hot tubs can actually attract bears looking for a place to cool off.

Be responsible about attracting birds and you'll be doing one's part to keep bears wild.

**OTHER FOOD ATTRACTANTS: 1,171**

Black bears are omnivores and will eat just about anything. Other major food sources found around homes that attract bears include, fruit trees, beehives, chicken coops and livestock.

While fruit may be a part of a bears natural diet, that does not mean a bear should be gorging itself on an apple tree mere feet from where children play outside.

Additional food sources include pet food, BBQ grills, compost, livestock feed and fridges/freezers in people's outer buildings. These items must always be cleaned up and/or properly secured.

**VEHICLE BREAK-INS: 303**

That equals 303 preventable occurrences if people had only kept anything with a scent out of their cars. Imagine the damage a bear would do inside a person's car and the unwanted "present" it could leave behind.

Keep car doors and windows closed and locked if one is parked outside. Make sure there's nothing with an odor in one's vehicle, including candy, gum, air fresheners, trash, sunscreen, lotions and lip balms.

**DWELLING BREAK-INS (HOUSES, CABINS, GARAGES): 517**

This number is certainly conservative as it does not include the many incidences where a bear was reported in a garage after the owner left it open, nor sheds that bears got into to get food. It only accounted for bears in homes, cabins or garages where there was forcible entry.

These numbers should highlight the elementary principles of locking the doors to one's home, keeping the garage door and windows closed and locked. Build bear unwelcome mats, as a deterrent to place in areas a bear may want to access, replace exterior lever-style door handles with good quality round door knobs that bears can't pull or push open, install sturdy gates or bars on lower-level windows to help keep bears out. Screens don't keep bears out.

**LOCATIONS**

Suitable bear habitat in Colorado can be anywhere west of I-25, but bears are found each year on the eastern side of I-25. There were over 150 reports of bears on the eastern side of I-25 in 2019. Bears were reported as far east as Morgan County in the northeast, the town of Pritchett in the southeast, near Las Animas and Limon.

**NOTES**

► Once someone's property has been visited by a bear and it has been rewarded with a human-provided food source, that homeowner is legally obligated to remove that attractant. If they do not, they could be issued a citation for feeding or attracting wildlife, a misdemeanor charge.

► If one does not have a food source at his or her property, one will not experience issues with bears. If people do not have a food source at their property, but a neighbor does, then it is possible to have a bear come too close for comfort. It takes a community-wide effort to reduce human-bear conflicts.

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# Lifestyle



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## Reading helps children prepare for school

It is common for children to backslide during summer vacations as they get further away from their daily school year routines.

The rigors of schoolwork may come as a shock as children return to school and must reacquaint themselves with studying and doing their homework.

But there are some steps students can take to keep their minds sharp as they ease back into school.

One of the most effective ways for students to stay sharp over summer is to continue reading.

Pearson Education says evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better on reading tests than those who don't,

but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

Reading for pleasure also bears more influence on a child's academic performance than his or her social or economic background.

Summer reading assignments may not be mandated, but children can take it upon themselves to continually push themselves through recreational reading and language arts pursuits. Here are ways that parents can facilitate that process.

Set up a reading time. Children should have a set time each day that they devote to reading. Many

find a regular reading time later in the evening before bed or as a precursor to other activities, such as watching television or playing video games, can help make reading a priority.

Keep fresh reading materials. Stock the house with new books, magazines, newspapers, and even graphic novels. The more reading materials children have access to, the more likely they are to become habitual readers.

Parents can lead by example. Parents should read, as well. Choose books and periodicals over time spent on digital devices.

Read in the world around you. Stop and read

signs, menus, cereal boxes, billboards, and anything with the written word. Jot down difficult words and look them up together and discuss the definitions.

Consult with the teacher. Educators have tools they use to assess reading levels and abilities. Knowing a child's reading level and choosing the appropriate reading materials for that level can set kids up for success.

Reading is an important part of getting into the back-to-school groove. Make sure students set aside ample time for reading throughout the day, even during extended breaks from school. TF199268

## Narrow Gauge Book Co-Op raises money through Round-Up

ALAMOSA — The winter months were busy for Narrow Gauge Book Co-Op, as the store honored two organizations selected for the Round-Up program in December and January with a total of \$219.70 in donations.

The store is a community-run book cooperative in downtown Alamosa that opened its doors during the summer of 2018.

The money donated to the organizations came from a program the members of the book co-op began called Round Up.

Every month, a local non-profit is chosen to be the recipient, and during that month customers can "round up" the total of their purchase to the next dollar amount, with the excess going to the non-profit.

In December, the non-profit Tu Casa was chosen. After the monthly sales, the organization benefited from a Round-Up total of \$131.48. Tu Casa's mission is to support healthy, violence-free lives and relationships for all children and adults in the San Luis Valley.

It provides crisis intervention, shelter services and advocacy to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence. For more information about Tu Casa, go to slvtucasa.net.

In January, the organization Center for Restorative Programs was chosen, and received \$88.22. Center for restorative programs is a restorative justice-based organization that offers programs and intervention services for youth of the San Luis Valley and their families.

For more information about the Center for Restorative Programs, go to restorativeprograms.org.

Narrow Gauge Book Co-Op, located at 602 Main Street in Alamosa, will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information on volunteering or taking part in the owner and member opportunities, stop by the store, go on the Facebook page, email narrowgauge.coop@gmail.com or call 719-589-3464.



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Alycia Chavez-Martinez reads from her Messages from the Hidden Lake contribution, My Chicago Horror Story.

## Messages from the Hidden Lake

ALAMOSA — On Friday, Friends of the Alamosa Public Library hosted a reception to celebrate the publication of the 11th volume of its literary and art collection, Messages from the Hidden Lake.

The event was held at City Hall. 170-plus written word enthusiasts attended the event and \$815 was awarded to 35 place-winning authors and photographers.

The reception included reading, signings, awards and refreshments provided by the GFWC Woman's Citizenship Club of Alamosa.

Dawn Krebs, master of ceremony, led the event. Several young students contributed to the book this year.

"We had a great time, and the kids feel so proud and accomplished," said attending ASD school teacher Ms. Christoferson. "It was definitely worth the work everyone on this project

put in. I am confident the experience will have lasting effects."

Copies of the book are available for purchase at the Library for \$12.

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# Lifestyle

## Tips when planting shade trees

Beautiful landscaping can add instant curb appeal to a property. But beauty isn't the only thing that makes idyllic landscaping attractive to homeowners. Some landscaping features, such as shade trees, save homeowners money while adding aesthetic appeal.

The U.S. Department of Energy notes that shading is the most cost-effective way to reduce solar heat gain in a home. Shading also cuts air conditioning costs, which tend to be expensive in areas with warm, humid climates. In fact, the DOE notes that well-planned landscapes can reduce unshaded homes' air conditioning costs by anywhere from 15 to 50 percent.

When planting shade trees, one of the first decisions homeowners will need to make is which type of tree, deciduous or evergreen, they want to plant. Deciduous trees are those that seasonally shed their leaves, while evergreens are trees that keep their leaves throughout the year. Deciduous trees can help keep homes cool in the summer by blocking sun, and those same trees can be beneficial in winter after they shed their leaves by letting the sun in and keeping homes warm. But evergreens also can be beneficial in winter by blocking wind, potentially preventing cold air from making its way into a home through cracks in walls or around windows.

When planting shade trees, techniques vary depending on which type of tree homeowners ultimately choose to plant.

### PLANTING DECIDUOUS TREES

The DOE says that deciduous trees that are between six and eight feet tall when planted will begin shading the windows of a home within a year of being planted. Depending on the species of the plant and the home, those same deciduous trees may begin shading the roof within five to 10 years of being planted. When planting deciduous trees, homeowners should keep these tips in mind.

Plant trees to the south of the home. When planted to the south of the home, deciduous trees can screen between 70 and 90 percent of the summer sun while still allowing residents to feel summer breezes.

Consider sun angles. Homeowners who want to shade their homes from low afternoon sun angles should plant trees with crowns that are lower to the ground on the west side of their homes.

Cool air before it reaches your home. Shrubs and groundcover plants can be planted to cool air before it reaches a home.

### EVERGREEN TREES

Planting evergreens to block wind is known as "windbreaking," which lowers the wind chill near a home. Wind also can be used to cool a home in summer. But these benefits can only be realized when evergreens are strategically planted.

Location, location, location: The DOE advises planting evergreen trees to the north and northwest of the home to stop wind. In addition, to get the most bang for your windbreaking buck, the distance between the home and windbreak should be two to five times the height of the mature tree.

Plant trees on either side of the house. Planting trees on either side of the house will direct cooling winds toward the home in the summer.

Shade trees can help homeowners reduce their energy bills, making them valuable and attractive additions to any landscape. SH202660

## Deadline March 30 for landowners to order seedling trees

**SOUTHEAST** — The Colorado State Forest Service is selling affordable seedling trees, grown by its Seedling Tree Nursery, to residents of southeast Colorado.

The Seedling Tree Program enables landowners, including those impacted by wildfire or flood events, to obtain seedling trees at a low cost for conservation or land rehabilitation purposes.

Seedling trees are ideal for accomplishing almost any planting project, whether residents are looking to create natural windbreaks, rehabilitate fire-scarred areas or simply want to enhance the landscape of their property in time for spring. Fire-burned areas, for example, suffer a great deal of damage in terms of soil erosion, water retention and loss of wildlife habitat, but landowners can mitigate this damage by planting new vegetation.

Steve Rudolph, a forester in the CSFS Woodland Park Field Office and the lead for seedling tree sales in the southeast area of Colorado, said

that he hopes the Seedling Tree Program will help landowners make a personal commitment to their properties through tree planting, while also meeting conservation goals.

When tackling a tree-planting project, it is a good idea to understand which tree species are the best to use for accomplishing certain goals. CSFS foresters recommend that landowners consider factors such as elevation, aspect and soil type.

For example, some of the most successful species in the southeast area of the state are native plum, ponderosa pine, Colorado blue spruce and Rocky Mountain juniper.

The deadline to order low-cost seedling trees is March 30, so please do not hesitate to contact the CSFS with questions. Download the order form at [csfs.colostate.edu/southeast/](http://csfs.colostate.edu/southeast/).

*For questions or more information, please contact the Woodland Park Field Office at (719) 687-2951 or [csfs\\_woodland\\_park@mail.colostate.edu](mailto:csfs_woodland_park@mail.colostate.edu).*



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- 5 Shopping Local retains our community:** Without the support in the local community, restaurants, shops and services are forced to close.
- 6 Shopping Local retains our distinctiveness:** Local businesses respond quicker to the needs of the customers and stock products to meet the core community's needs.
- 7 Shopping Local encourages community growth.** By choosing to do business locally you help maintain Alamosa's diversity, charm & appeal. Which in turn, attracts new community members.
- 8 Shopping Local invests in community services and city economy.** Your dollars spent in locally-owned businesses have three times the impact on your community as dollars spent outside of Alamosa.
- 9 Local shops value you more:** Local businesses survive by their reputation & repeat business which means you get a higher standard of service.

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# Calendar

## San Luis Valley calendar of events

**VALLEY** — The Sagua-che County Veteran Service Office is pleased to announce that homeless veterans and other veterans in financial need can receive help thanks to a five-county grant administered by the Chaffee County Veteran Service Office. Contact Jim Sheeran at (719) 655-2680. Office hours are Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**MONTE VISTA** — The San Luis Valley 4-H Robotics is looking for used laptop donations to help with expansion of their youth robotics program. Donated laptops should run Microsoft Windows XP or later or Mac OS 10.6 or later and have 1 GB of ram and at least a 1 GHz processor. Those interested in donating to support this program can call (719) 852-7381 or drop laptops off at the SLV Area Extension office at 1899 E. Hwy 160 in Monte Vista.

**ALAMOSA** — Alamosa Elks Lodge 1297 hosts BINGO at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the lodge room. Food is available.

**MONTE VISTA** — Tri County Seniors, 311 Washington St. in Monte Vista, are hosting line dance classes every Tuesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. for only \$1 per class. New students are welcome. These are for all ages.

**ALAMOSA** — La Puente Home is requesting hygiene kits to assist the less fortunate of the San Luis Valley. Often, guests arrive at the homeless shelter without even the most basic of necessities. For this reason, La Puente provides kits full of hygiene products such as soap, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, toothbrush and paste, deodorant and a washcloth. At this time, La Puente is running very low on all hygiene supplies. Call (719) 589-5909 or stop by La Puente Home at 913 State Ave., Alamosa.

**CENTER** — Veterans are welcome to learn about the range of benefits they have earned at the Center Public Health building on the third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or call (719) 655-2680.

**ANTONITO** — The Antonito Senior Center is hosting Free Nutrition Classes as long as there is an interest. They are held Tuesday evenings from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Antonito Senior Center, 701 Main St., Antonito. Call Alicia Wagar at (719) 852-7382 or (719) 376-2294.

**ALAMOSA** — Want to learn how to reduce stress, manage chronic pain, manage chronic illness and improve quality of life? Join "Let Go Of The Stress" every Tuesday from 5:15-5:45 p.m. in the Grizzly Education Center Board Room at 1919 Main St. in Alamosa. There is no cost. Call (719) 589-8008.

**VALLEY** — The horses on Wild Horse Mesa are in need of hay. Spirit of the Wild Horse Foundation feeds as many horses as possible to keep them on top of the mesa, off the highway and away from the ranches. Call Spirit of the Wild Horse (719) 206-2749, message number (575) 586-0784, email at spirit.of.the.wild.horse@gmail.com or address mail to P.O. Box 100, Costilla, NM, 87524.

**ALAMOSA** — A Course in Miracles study group meets at 2 p.m. every Sunday at St. Thomas Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 607 Fourth St., Alamosa. This is not a religion but is a self-study program of relinquishing a thought system based on fear and accepting a thought system based on forgiveness. Contact darr.friend@gmail.com or (719) 486-6326.

**ALAMOSA** — The Alamosa Rotary Club meets every Monday at noon in Juanitos in Alamosa. Contact Chris Quintana at chris.quintana@slvfed.com

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** — Sit for 30 minutes every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 607 Fourth St., Alamosa, for a slightly guided meditation promoting inner peace and awareness. Contact 719-486-6326.

**ALAMOSA** — Alamosa Public Library is carrying the online language-learning software by Mango Languages free of charge to patrons. Call Alamosa Public Library, 589-6592.

**DEL NORTE** — Free video workshops presenting a unique perspective on peace by world renowned speaker Prem Rawat are shared at Wildwood Sounds 850 Grande Ave. Del Norte. Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. Call Sue at (720) 989-4747 or visit trpf.org.

**ALAMOSA** — Habitat Store is open Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 507 Main Street, Alamosa. Habitat offers gently used building supplies and home furnishings for deeply discounted prices. All proceeds go into Habitat's building program. Habitat will be picking up the first Wednesday of every month in South Fork, Del Norte and Monte Vista and in the La Jara and Antonito area the second Wednesday of every month. To donate, call Rhonda at 588-3689; for information call 589-8688; or check out www.slvhabitat.org

**VALLEY** — Generous donations from the Valley community have helped to feed more than 1,000 cats and kittens in the San Luis Valley, both feral and pet owned cats whose owners have limited means. To donate cat food please call

Donna Ditmore at 589-5952 or 580-9078 or drop donations off at 3095 County Road 108 South, Alamosa. Ongoing donations are much appreciated.

**ALAMOSA** — Mindful Meditation for Medical Management is every Tuesday, from 12:15-12:45 p.m. at the SLV Regional Medical Center Education and Conference Center at 1921 Main St. Mindful meditation helps with chronic pain, heart disease, diabetes, tinnitus, and other chronic medical conditions. Contact 589-8008.

**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.

**VALLEY** — Parents, grandparents and members of the community: Girl Scouts of Colorado invites you to become a mentor by volunteering with us. Please contact cheryl.martinez@gscolorado.org or 588-3825.

**VALLEY** — Those who are expecting or already parents of multiples are invited Mothers of Twins Clubs, Inc. Call or text Christina Beiriger at 849-1253.

**VALLEY** — Bountiful Baskets Food Co-op, a volunteer-run food cooperative featuring fresh, high quality produce at wholesale pricing, is currently on a two-week rotation. Contribution is \$18 for first time participants and \$15 for returning participants. Sites are currently at the High Valley Community

**Center in Del Norte, Marsh Elementary School in Monte Vista and at the Gyllings' property in La Jara. Visit www.BountifulBaskets.org or call or email Vilate Thacker 719-659-9174, vilatekthacker@gmail.com**

**SOUTH FORK** — Kiwanis meets every Thursday at 8 a.m. in South Fork. Contact: Karen Miller, 719-873-5466 or email mk-millermink@aol.com

**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

**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.

**DEL NORTE** — Every second Saturday of each month the Rio Grande Sportsman Club shooting range will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost will be \$5 per person; children under 13 are free. Shooters must provide and wear their own hearing and eye protection. The range is located 1.3 miles west of the Regional Landfill turn-off. Turn south off US 160

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**kids' corner**

**FOOD FACT**

THIS METHOD OF COOKING INVOLVES DRY HEAT, USUALLY IN AN OVEN.

ANSWER: BAKING

*How they SAY that in...*

**ENGLISH:** Cookie  
**SPANISH:** Galleta  
**ITALIAN:** Dolcetto  
**FRENCH:** Biscuit  
**GERMAN:** Kek

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**What's the Difference?**

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

**A**

**B**

Answers: 1. Extra stick of butter 2. Measuring spoon order changed 3. Missing egg 4. Sugar is brown sugar

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**28**

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# Calendar

## CALENDAR

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onto Rifle Range Road, at about mile marker 207.5. Please contact Dave Pote 580-0738.

**VALLEY** — For those who would like to connect with other artists in the San Luis Valley, announce their work or are just interested in getting email announcements about the arts in the Valley, the SLVArt's announcements group is available for them. Email slvartsannouncements-subscribe@yahoo.com, or if for those who have a Yahoo account go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/slvartsannouncements/

**ALAMOSA** — Alamosa County Public Health Department encourages young adults to seek reliable information about pregnancy, birth control and sexually transmitted infections at www.Beforeplay.org. Beforeplay.org is a website that encourages young adults to take responsibility for their sexual health by having conversations with their partners, friends, family members and medical providers. Call Alamosa County Public Health Department at 589-6639.

**ALAMOSA** — The City of Alamosa has vacancies on some of its advisory boards. Applicants must be city residents, verified through voter registration. For more information and application forms, go to www.cityofalamosa.org or call the Alamosa City Clerk's office at 589-2593 ext. 8.

**CREEDE** — The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW in Creede is seeking donations of cell phones, computers and other electronics. The items will be recycled, and proceeds will be donated to veterans' projects including Homelake and VFW sponsored organizations. Contact Betsy Strawn at 580-5983.

**MONTE VISTA** — The Monte Vista Historical Society has commemorative playing cards for sale, depicting various buildings and events in Monte Vista's history, available at the MV Coop, MV City Hall, and the MV Information Center for \$10 per deck.

**ALAMOSA** — School groups, birthday parties, scout troops, or clubs are welcome for a day of challenge and fun at the Adams State College Adventure Program Indoor Rock-Climbing Wall. Groups of six or more can reserve the wall for private climbing experiences. Contact Levi Wilner at 587-7813, or leviwilner@adams.edu or visit asap.adams.edu

**ALAMOSA** — Colorado State Patrol Office offers a Car Seat Fitting Station at the Colorado State Patrol Office, 3110 First Street in Alamosa, on the first and third Friday of each month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by appointment, 589-2503. Nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will inspect, install or replace car seats. Up to 90 percent of all car seats are installed INCORRECTLY. If a car seat is replaced, a cash donation will be requested.

**ALAMOSA** — The San Luis Valley Military Family Support Group meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in Alamosa. For more info call Vicki Jones at 852-3123.

**MONTE VISTA** — Do you have a talent or hobby you enjoy sharing with others? Why not consider teaching a Community Education Class through the Byron Syring DELTA Center. Instructors typically charge fees to offset their costs. Call Jenny at 852-2212.

**VALLEY** — Habitat for Humanity works with volunteers and applicants to build simple, affordable homes. Call 589-8678.

**VALLEY** — The San Luis Valley Housing Coalition offers affordable low interest loans to make

home repairs with funding available on first come, first served basis. Call 587-9807 or pick up an application at 529 Main St. #6, Alamosa.

**VALLEY** — If you or someone you know is or has been a victim of domestic violence, contact Tu Casa's 24-hour hotline at 589-2465 or visit their website www.slvtucase.net.

**MONTE VISTA** — The Monte Vista Food Bank needs several items to help assist those in need in the San Luis Valley including lotions, towels, coffee, boxed goods, jelly, sandwich bread, feminine hygiene products, and shaving cream. Please deliver donations to the Monte Vista Food Bank on Tuesday or Friday from 2-4 p.m. or call Sarah Elsey at 587-3499.

**ALAMOSA** — Biggles' Battle Mountain Animal Shelter and Sanctuary is in need of blankets, towels, Igloo doghouses and dog and cat food and financial donations. The shelter is a "no-kill" shelter. Donations may be left at/mailed to 76 El Rio in Alamosa. For more information call the SLV Animal Welfare Society at (719) 587-WOOF (9663.)

**VALLEY** — Residents of the SLV now have access to low cost HIV screening and testing through grant funding. The cost of the test is \$5 each, though no one will be denied services if unable to pay. Please contact Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains in Alamosa at 589-4906 for confidential information and appointment times.

**ALAMOSA** — La Leche League of the San Luis Valley holds its monthly meetings on the fourth Saturday of each month 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** — A support group for neurological diseases meets from 4-5 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the old restaurant part of the Grizzly Inn in Alamosa. Both patients and caregivers are welcome.

**ALAMOSA** — Alamosa County Public Health is offering vaccine against cervical cancer. Girls 9 to 18 years of age qualify for this vaccine and are invited to special HPV clinics on Tuesday afternoons. Call 589-6639.

**ALAMOSA** — Adams State College Community Partnerships offers a recycling option for plastic caps. Bring them to the Community Partnerships Center, corner of Hwy 160 and Edgemont on the Adams State campus (former art building) from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Call 587-8227.

**ALAMOSA** — Partner with Habitat for Humanity and drop off empty, bagged cans at one of the following official recycling locations.

Alamosa: City Market, Safeway and Villa Mall parking lots

Monte Vista: Jack's Market & Safeway

La Jara: Jack's Market  
Del Norte: Jack's Market  
Antonito: Main and Third  
Manassa: Donald's Service on Main Street

Center: South Broadway and East Fifth

Contact 589-8678 for more information about hosting a bin at homes, businesses, or events.

**MONTE VISTA** — The Monte Vista Band Parents' Association would like to help efforts to recycle and earn cash at the same time. Recycle empty inkjet cartridges, empty laser cartridges, used cell phones, digital cameras, laptops, iPods, PDAs/Palm Pilots, video games, and video game consoles. This is a year-round fund-raiser. Drop off items at Southern Colorado Computer Services, 157 Adams Street, Monte Vista or call Myrna at 852-2209.

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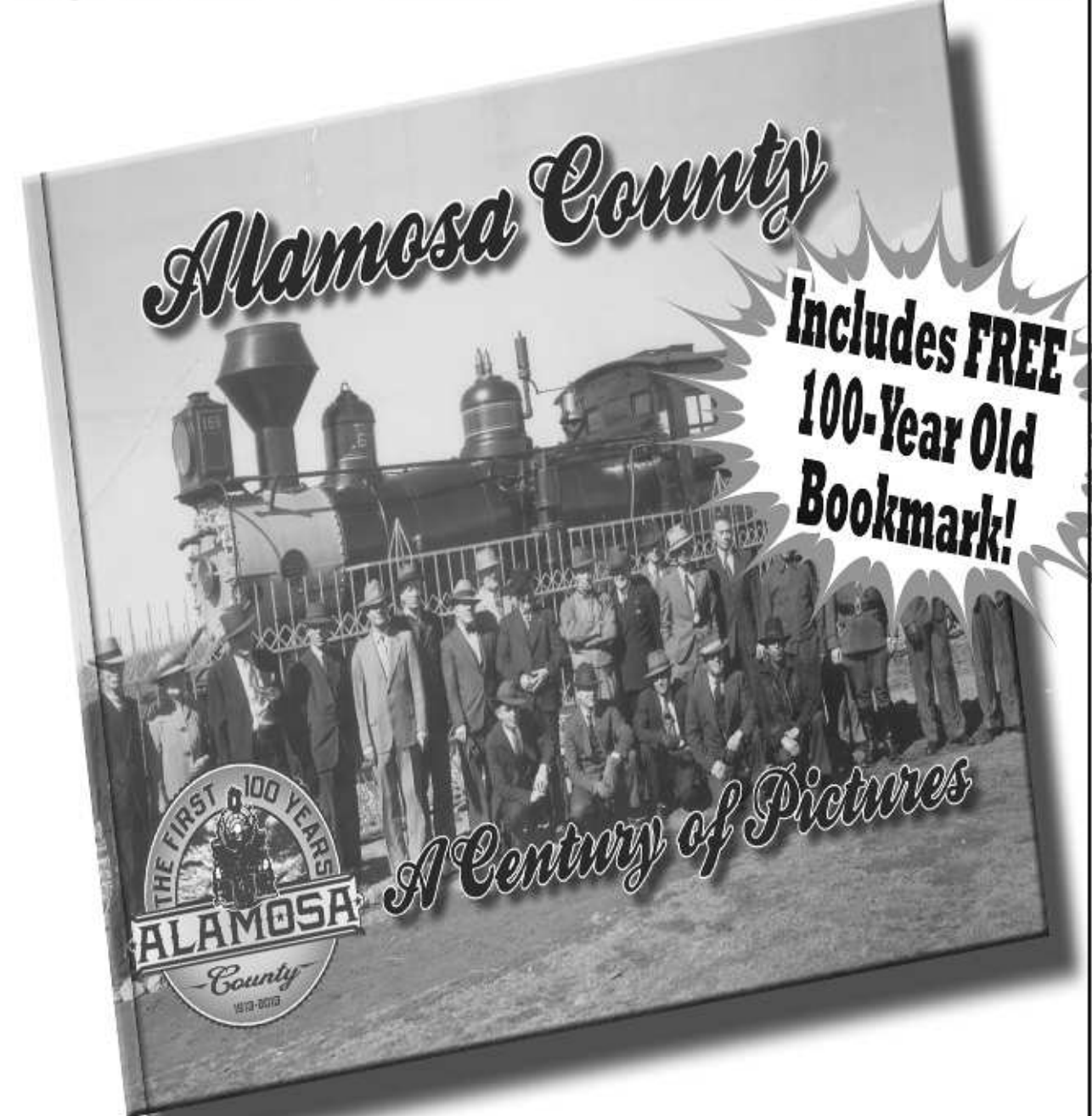
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## Public Notices

**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION**  
**CRS 338-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 907-19**  
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
 On December 2, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.  
 Original Grantor(s)  
 Angela M. Lucero and Joaquin Lucero  
 Original Beneficiary(ies)  
 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network Inc., its successors and assigns  
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt  
 US Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of Cabana Series III Trust  
 Date of Deed of Trust  
 May 04, 2006  
 County of Recording  
 Alamosa  
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust  
 May 10, 2006  
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)  
 326343  
 Original Principal Amount  
 \$306,000.00  
 Outstanding Principal Balance  
 \$310,687.22  
 Pursuant to CRS 338-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
 Lot 26, Block 6, The Cottonwoods Subdivision, the plat of which was filed July 20, 1978 under Reception No. 198640, County of Alamosa, State of Colorado

\*\*\*This loan has been modified by a Modification Agreement dated Sept. 26, 2018.

Also known by street and number as: 700 Cottonwood Circle, Alamosa, CO 81101.

**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

**THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 04/01/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.**  
 First Publication 2/5/2020  
 Last Publication 3/4/2020  
 Name of Publication Valley Courier  
**IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;**  
 DATE: 12/02/2019  
 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado

**By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee**  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

Toni M. Owan #30580  
Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. 355 Union Blvd., Ste 250, Lakewood, CO 80228 (303) 274-0155  
Attorney File # 81015-BSI

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

No. 1283  
Published in the Valley Courier on February 05, 12, 19, 26, and March 04, 2020.

**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION**  
**CRS 338-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 908-19**  
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
 On December 11, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.  
 Original Grantor(s)  
 F. Ray Heck AND Maxine H. Heck  
 Original Beneficiary(ies)  
 FINANCIAL FREEDOM SENIOR FUNDING CORPORATION, A SUBSIDIARY OF INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B.  
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt  
 SEATTLE BANK  
 Date of Deed of Trust  
 December 29, 2005  
 County of Recording  
 Alamosa  
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust  
 January 13, 2006  
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)  
 324928  
 Original Principal Amount  
 \$192,000.00  
 Outstanding Principal Balance  
 \$134,536.43  
 Pursuant to CRS 338-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
 LOT 12, BLOCK 1, CARROLL SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF ALAMOSA, ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO.  
 Also known by street and number as: 708 Berkeley Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101.  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

**THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 04/08/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.**  
 First Publication 2/12/2020  
 Last Publication 3/11/2020  
 Name of Publication Valley Courier  
**IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;**  
 DATE: 12/11/2019  
 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado

**By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee**  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

Janeway Law Firm, P.C. 9800 S. Meridian Blvd., Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80112 (303) 706-9990  
Attorney File # 19-022985

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

No. 1302  
Published in the Valley Courier on February 12, 19, 26, March 04, and 11, 2020

**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION**  
**CRS 338-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 909-19**  
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
 On December 12, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.  
 Original Grantor(s)  
 Teoxiull G Greer  
 Original Beneficiary(ies)  
 JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association  
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt  
 JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association  
 Date of Deed of Trust  
 September 04, 2008  
 County of Recording  
 Alamosa  
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust  
 September 05, 2008  
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)  
 336150  
 Original Principal Amount  
 \$64,000.00  
 Outstanding Principal Balance  
 \$45,766.53  
 Pursuant to CRS 338-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
 THE WEST 110 FEET OF LOT 1, BLOCK 95, COLT'S SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF ALAMOSA, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO.  
 Also known by street and number as: 1002 State Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101.  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

**THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 04/15/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.**  
 First Publication 2/19/2020  
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**IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;**  
 DATE: 12/12/2019  
 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado

**By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee**  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

McCarthy & Holthus, LLP 7700 E. Arapahoe Road, Suite 230, Centennial, CO 80112 (877) 369-6122  
Attorney File # CO-19-874278-LL

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

No. 1305  
Published in the Valley Courier on February 19, 26, March 04, 11, and 18, 2020

**COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION**  
**CRS 338-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 910-19**  
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
 On December 17, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.  
 Original Grantor(s)  
 Mary C. Trullio  
 Original Beneficiary(ies)  
 Modern Exteriors  
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt  
 CTF Asset Management, LLC  
 Date of Deed of Trust  
 October 13, 1999  
 County of Recording  
 Alamosa  
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust  
 November 10, 1999  
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)  
 295489  
 Original Principal Amount  
 \$20,124.50  
 Outstanding Principal Balance  
 \$13,602.92  
 Pursuant to CRS 338-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.  
**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**  
 SITUATED IN ALAMOSA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO; LOT 17, BLOCK 10, REPEAT OF BLOCKS 10 AND 11, CARROLLS SUBDIVISION-ADDITION NO. 1, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO  
 Also known by street and number as: 708 Graf Drive, Alamosa, CO 81101.  
**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

**THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 04/15/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.**  
 First Publication 2/19/2020  
 Last Publication 3/18/2020  
 Name of Publication Valley Courier  
**IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;**  
 DATE: 12/17/2019  
 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado

**By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee**  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

Arant Law, LLC 11020 S. Pikes Peak Dr., Suite 220, Parker, CO 80138 (720) 541-7903  
Attorney File # 15256

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

No. 1306  
Published in the Valley Courier on February 19, 26, March 04, 11, and 18, 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.  
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 NO. 1316  
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## 099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS** The East Alamosa Water and Sanitation District is accepting bids for a lease on an 80-acre parcel of farm ground located on Road 12 South, Alamosa, CO, along with 2 shares of Common Wealth Water. If a multi-year lease is proposed, please state proposed terms of lease. Bids should be a minimum of \$5,000 per year together with payment of water assessments. Sealed bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on March 9, 2020. Bids can be mailed to P.O. Box 1092, Alamosa, CO 81101 or hand delivered to 10 Costilla Blvd. Alamosa, CO. Bids will be opened at the Board's regular meeting on March 12, at 6:00 p.m. at 10 Costilla Blvd. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. (2/29)

## 112 - BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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

## 221 HELP WANTED

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

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

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

**CONEJOS COUNTY DEPARTMENT** of Social Services is seeking a Case Manager (CM). Responsibilities include: Determines eligibility for Food Stamps, Adult programs, Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF), and Medicaid. Ability to apply critical thinking to a wide range of situations. Must have strong computer and interviewing skills. A broad knowledge of community services a plus. High School Diploma or equivalent required, two years of education and customer service experience preferred. County Application Form Required. Applications are available at Conejos County Administration Office 6683 County Rd. 13, Conejos, CO 81129, or via email upon request at criccj@co.conejos.co.us. Deadline is Tuesday, March 3, 2019. Inquiries call 719-376-6799 EEOE 20. (3/3)

**MONTE VISTA AREA** Ditch Companies seeking a ditch rider, experience preferred. Must have a valid CDL, reliable transportation, welding capabilities, able to run and maintain heavy equipment. Salary based on experience. Send resume to 147 Washington St., Monte Vista, CO 81144. (3/10)

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

**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.slvallocalfoods.org. Please submit Resume and Cover Letter to opportunity.slvallocalfoods@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)

**NEED A SECOND IN-COME?** child support? Car Repairs? Taxes Due? Earn up to \$800/month delivering the Valley Courier. Contact Keith at 589-2553. (2/26-TFN)

## 221 HELP WANTED

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

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

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

**THE NORTH CONEJOS** School District is accepting applications for (1) full time custodian offering a competitive benefit package with up to \$915 towards health insurance. Applications are available at the Administration Office, 17890 US Hwy 285, La Jara, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. Please call 719-274-5174 with questions. Application deadline is until positions are filled. Submit application to Mr. Curt Wilson, Superintendent. EOE (2/28)

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

**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 #1)

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

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# Classifieds

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

**221 HELP WANTED**  
**WORKING TOGETHER FAMILY** Advocate - The Adelante Family Services Program is hiring a grant funded case manager to provide outreach, assessment, and financial literacy to WT families living in Alamosa, Costilla and Saguache counties. The cm will coordinate educational and vocational goals for families and monitor their progress, including home visits. CM will work as part of a team to help alleviate barriers to family success. Requirements: 4 year college degree or equivalent work experience, prefer prior case manager experience, ability to work with diverse populations, driver's license. Bi-lingual preferred. Send cover letter, resume and references to: hr@lapuente.net. 719-589-5909. www.lapuente.net (3/5)

**221 HELP WANTED**  
**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR, FULL-TIME**  
 The Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust is hiring a full-time Office Administrator to work in our Del Norte office. Find the job announcement at http://www.riograndelandtrust.org/job-opportunities or email Joelle Marier at joellem@riograndelandtrust.org for more information. (2/27)

**360- MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE**  
**RAMSEY 12 VOLT** Pro 8000R Series #817508 wench 93 ft. 5/16 cable. Remote switch, roller fairlead. 719-852-2285 (10/22-TFN)

**387 - WANTED TO BUY**  
**LOOKING FOR A 2 or 3 bedroom** mobile home 1981 or higher for \$15,000 or under. Call or text 719-580-9525(TFN-E)

**601 APARTMENTS FOR RENT**  
**RENT 1 BEDROOM** studio Alamosa some utilities included 800-641-3750 / 719-480-3932 (3/19)

**601 APARTMENTS FOR RENT**  
**ROOM FOR RENT** next to TSJC all utilities included 719-580-4689. (2/29)

**601 APARTMENTS FOR RENT**  
**AFFORDABLE 1 BEDROOM** apartment for rent in Alamosa and a studio apartment for rent in Monte Vista. Call (719)850-2069. (2/27)

**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)

**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.montevista.co.us. All applications must be received not later than Monday, March 16, 2020. (3/14)

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

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

**409 FARM & RANCH LAND**  
**FOR LEASE:** 126 acres under pivot for hemp, near Moffat, CO. Please Call (719) 942-3286 or email kkenedy163@gmail.com (3/3)

**Century Property Management & Sales, LLC**  
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**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICE**  
 For all your rental needs please call 719-589-5744 or stop by 823 Main St. Alamosa, CO 81101  
 www.alamosarentals.com

Accepting Applications for 2 & 3 bedroom family units. Family living at an affordable price. Immediate Availability  
**Valley Grande Apartments**  
 2256 East Drive Monte Vista, CO **852-4302**  
 Rental assistance available to qualified households.  
 TTY 1-800-659-2656  
 This institution is an equal opportunity provider

**611 - HOMES FOR RENT**  
**ONE BEDROOM HOUSE** fenced yard ideal for couple or single person. Deposit and 1st months rent required. Call 719-248-3634. (3/4)  
**2 BEDROOM/ 1 bath-** room 3 miles east of Alamosa passive solar. Closed carpet- gas and elect incl. \$950/Mo \$800 deposit 719-580-1446. (2/25)  
**3 BEDROOM** 1 Bathroom propane and wood heat fenced yard room for livestock. 970-640-9562. (3/20)

**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)

**PREMIUM TARPED AND** shedded grass hay 3x3 Bales 750 lbs. near Monte, CO. 719-588-8506. Discounts for larger amounts. (2/25)

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

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

**2 HOMES/ 5.25 Acres.** Trees! 3 wells! Extra electric system, Corral. \$184,000.00 970-640-9562(3/20)  
**2 TO 3 Bedroom,** one bath, double care garage, single care garage on just under an acre. Half-mile outside of Alamosa \$125,000. Call 719-580-2935. (2/26)

Accepting Applications for 2 & 3 bedroom apartments. Family living at an affordable price. Immediate Availability  
**Casa de Cortez**  
 751 Mussman Lane Center, CO **754-3261**  
 Rental assistance available to qualified households.  
 TTY 1-800-659-2656  
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Accepting Applications for waiting list for 2 & 3 bedroom family units. Handicap accessible units available. Immediate Availability  
**West View Villas**  
 510 Dunham Monte Vista, CO **852-3949**  
 TTY 1-800-659-2656  
 This institution is an equal opportunity provider

**717 WATER SHARES**  
**AUGMENTATION WATER SHARE** of Middlemist water for sale 719-588-3224. (2/28)

**THE ALAMOSA POLICE** Department is seeking a FT Police Officer, \$19.86 per hour to join the Alamosa Police Department. Some duties include, protecting the lives, health, welfare, and property of individuals within the city limits by enforcing municipal, state, and federal statutes, ordinances, and laws. For a full job description and to apply please visit the cityofalamosa.org. Open until filled. (3/3 #1)

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

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

**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)

**420 - LOTS & ACREAGE**  
**25 ACRES AT** Sangre de Cristo Ranches, with Elec. 200' water well, Sangre de Cristo creek runs through it. 80 acres 2 1/2 miles west of San Acacio call Al Lopez 719-588-2930 / 719-843-0930. (2/25)

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

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

**NEED CATS FOR** mousers? Want to adopt kittens? Help trap/neuter/release efforts? Donate food/litter/supplies? Low cost spay/neuter clinic for cats. http://www.catsaliveslv.com 719-298-7028. (TFN)

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**FOR SALE IS** head of 2-3 Year old Limousin bred Heifers. Start calving 3/1/2020. Eddie Orth 719-852-3069. (2/28)

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

**FREE TO GOOD** home. Adults and kittens. NO MOUSERS OR BARN CATS. Spay/ neuter clinics coming to Alamosa in near future. Call Donna K 719-589-5952 or 719-580-9078. (TFN)

**601 APARTMENTS FOR RENT**  
 Accepting Applications for 2 Bedroom Apartments - Handicap Units Available. Rent based on income for qualified households.  
**Gateway Villa Apartments**  
 929 Spruce St. Del Norte, CO **657-3654**  
 TTY 1-800-659-2656  
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# Comics

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mongrel
  - 4 Shirt or blouse
  - 7 Bulrush
  - 11 Novelist — Levin
  - 12 Type of squad
  - 14 Robust
  - 15 Six-pointers
  - 16 "Betsy's Wedding" star
  - 17 Rainbow goddess
  - 18 Affluent person
  - 20 Miniature maple, e.g.
  - 22 Put a stop to
  - 23 "7 Faces of Dr. —"
  - 24 Shows fright
  - 27 Shah's domain
  - 30 Norwegian name
  - 31 "Woe is me!"
  - 32 Goofy
  - 34 Horse command
  - 35 Sweetheart
- DOWN**
- 1 State capital
  - 2 Karachi language
  - 3 Carpenter's tool
  - 4 Gets in shape
  - 5 Stopped a squeak
  - 6 Whale school
  - 7 Zoo heavy-weights
  - 8 Listener's need
  - 9 Lamb's pen name
  - 10 Mr. Arnaz
  - 13 Scene
  - 19 Glance furtively
  - 21 Skiff movers
  - 24 Violin part
  - 25 General vicinity
  - 26 Untruths
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## ALLEY OOP

ALLEY, DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN POTASSIUM COMES IN CONTACT WITH WATER?

OF COURSE I DO.

ONCE THE WATER SEEPS INTO THAT CRATE YOU THREW OVERBOARD, IT WILL CAUSE AN INTENSE EXOTHERMIC REACTION AND...

I MEAN...ER, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I THOUGHT WOULD HAPPEN: AN EXTRAMARITAL REACTION.

## ARLO & JANIS

IT SEEMS AS IF WE GO TO THE SUPERMARKET ALMOST EVERY DAY!

FRIDAY WAS GROCERY SHOPPING DAY WHEN I WAS A KID!

MOM WOULD BUY EVERYTHING WE NEEDED FOR THE COMING WEEK!

OF COURSE, MONDAY WAS SPAGHETTI NIGHT, TUESDAY WAS HOT DOG NIGHT, WEDNESDAY WAS...

## BIG NATE

T'SUP, GUYS?

NATE'S NERVOUS ABOUT THE BIG GAME, WHITEY.

AH! YOU NEED A HUG, MY MAN!

UH...I DON'T THINK SO, WHITEY.

OH, COME ON! HUGS MAKE EVERYTHING BETTER!

YAHH!

## THE BORN LOSER

BOY, DO I NEED TO GO ON A DIET! WOULD YOU BELIEVE I'VE GAINED TWENTY POUNDS IN THE PAST MONTH?

TWENTY POUNDS! WHAT IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU BEEN EATING?

OR SHOULD I SAY, WHAT HAVEN'T YOU BEEN EATING?

## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

OTHER KIDS HAVE THEIR OWN PHONE, WHY CAN'T I?!

I CAN'T HAVE A PHONE, I CAN'T HAVE A MOTOR BIKE, I CAN'T HAVE A SNOWMOBILE - IT'S NO FAIR!!

MY PARENTS WON'T LET ME HAVE ANYTHING!!

## FRANK & ERNEST

THAT GROUP WILL BE VERY DIFFERENT DEPENDING UPON WHETHER A "C" OR "R" JOINS THEM IN THAT SECOND SPOT.

I O N I C

## GARFIELD

GRRR

AAAAAAND... WAIT FOR IT...

BARK!

WAY TO BUILD SUSPENSE

## THE GRIZZWELLS

THAT'S ONE SCARY-LOOKING CRITTER!

HIM? HE'S A BOAR.

YOU KNOW HIM?

YEP, DON'T GET HIM STARTED TALKING ABOUT POLITICS!

## PEANUTS

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DAISY HILL PUPPY CUP, NOMINEE MUST FILL OUT THE ENCLOSED FORM.

Name of Owner \_\_\_\_\_

CHARLIE BROWN!!!

HOW EMBARRASSING.

## HERMAN



"Mrs. Baxter, I don't think things are going to work out."

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

" U O B O D O N K V A , U T V O B V W U I ,  
 K Y O K ' H K Y I I D T V G U K . C V X Y O W I K V  
 A I O F U R I S I O A I P X H K N F V S D H G V A  
 Y U A I . " — F I V D O A T V T U N O L A U V

TODAY'S CLUE: Z r e n b e r

Previous Solution: "Any Australian actor who comes to America is really committed. There are no dabblers — it's all or nothing." — Margot Robbie

# Husband is unsettled by his attraction to another man

DEAR ABBY: I am a 57-year-old married man. I share a house with my wife and daughter. After dinner last month, my wife and I had a big fight. I can't believe the things we said. In 30 years, it has never gone that far.

I left the house and went to a bar. A slightly older man sat down next to me, and we talked for a long time, about the Beatles, hockey, science, evolution and the universe. Conversation just flowed.

I decided to tell him about the fight with my wife. He told me he lived in the building and had a vintage vinyl collection. If I wanted, we could go up and listen to some records. I said yes. We had a few drinks, listened to some great music and talked some more. He was so smart and so cool.

Then I caught myself looking at him with more than just admiration for his intellect, if you know what I mean. It scared me. I didn't know what to do, so I apologized and excused myself, hastily and rudely, I'm sure.

I don't know if he had any intentions other than listening to old records. He didn't say, and I didn't stick around long enough to find out. But I remember that feeling. All day long I remember it.

My wife and I have made up. We both regret the fight. But, Abby, I think about him every day. I've considered going back and knocking on his door, but I can't. I never imagined I'd feel this way at my age. What can I do? -- TWISTED UP IN THE SOUTH

DEAR TWISTED UP: I'll be frank. Sexuality is not necessarily black and white; there are shades of gray. You met this person at a time when you were emotionally vulnerable. The best thing you can do for your marriage would be to talk about this with a licensed mental health professional. The most destructive thing you could do for your marriage would be to knock on that person's door at this time.

DEAR ABBY: My father has always been very careful with money, paying credit cards in full and living within his means. He recently retired with his house paid off and enough savings to maintain a middle-class life for him and my stepmother.

Last month, my sister confided to me that my stepmother, "Lynda," has racked up \$100,000 in credit card debt, mostly from online shopping. She hasn't worked for many years due to health reasons, so she has no way to pay the bills on her own. Everyone in the family knows about this and is hiding it from my father.

I feel Dad has a right to know, as interest charges over time will only make the situation worse. If he finds out sooner rather than later, he will be in a better position to pay the debt. If necessary, he could return to work, at least part time.

However, I'm afraid that both my and my father's relationship with my stepmother will be jeopardized if I tell him the truth. He has a history of not being able to control



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

his temper. While it caused marital problems in the past, he currently has a loving relationship with Lynda.

They recently returned from a cruise, and all I could think about was whether they should have been spending money on a vacation. I'm afraid they could eventually lose their house and the means to support themselves if I don't speak up. What should I do? -- NERVOUS IN NEW ENGLAND

DEARNERVOUS: Rather than aid and abet your father's wife by hiding her (shopping) addiction, your family should have informed your father before the debt reached such large proportions. What you should do is speak up! Let him know you are worried because it doesn't take a crystal ball to see there is serious trouble on the horizon that will only grow worse if something isn't done immediately.