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SLV Today
Office closed for training

ALAMOSA— Alamosa County Treasurer & Public Trustee, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101, sincerely apologizes for any inconvenience, but its office will be closed for training on Tuesday Jan. 28 from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. for Software Training. Our normal hours are M-F 8-4:30 and we don't close for lunch.

SLV Electric meets Jan. 28

MONTE VISTA — The regular board of directors meeting for San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 28 at the office located at 3625 U.S. Highway 160 W. Monte Vista, CO 81144. This meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. with a SLV Energy Foundation and Ciello board meeting immediately following.

Get taxes done free

ALAMOSA — Free tax preparation for households with an income of less than \$56,000 in 2019. Valley Campus of Trinidad State, 1011 Main Street, Alamosa, CO 81101. Thursdays, 4-8 p.m., Jan. 30-March 19. In-person assistance. Get help in-person, Drop-off, or DIY with help! Schedule an appointment by calling 719-589-7135.

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Rio Frio returns for 11th straight year

Pond curling to replace popular ice carousel

By KEITH R. CERNY
Courier Publisher

ALAMOSA— Forecasted high and low temperatures and minimal chances for snow should make for ideal conditions this weekend for the Rio Frio Ice Fest unfolding Jan. 24-26 in the “coldest place in the nation.”

“Beach Party” is the theme for the 11th annual event which features the Rio Frio 5k on ice with runners traversing the frozen surface of the Rio Grande. The entire weekend is sponsored by the City of Alamosa, Visit Alamosa and the Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce with a host of local business sponsors as well.

The river ice is said to be plenty thick for Saturday’s run/walk but at the nearby Blanca Vista Park the ice is around 16-inches thick and will make a popular event impossible to pull off; the ice carousel. With that much ice it would be difficult to saw the oval in the ice and be able to move it with a boat motor as has been done the last few years.

Instead, a new event has been added “pond curling,” a knock-off of the Winter Olympics event, which will precede the ever-popular polar plunge — both on Sunday — which also features the fat bike races for the second year running.

Festivities kick-off Friday night with

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Alamosa Police Chief Kenny Anderson prepares to launch into the polar plunge at the 2019 Rio Frio Ice Fest. The event will again unfold Sunday at 12 noon at Sierra Blanca Park just north of town.

Courier photo by Keith R. Cerny

Johnson tosses hat into ring

Candidate running for Alamosa County Commissioner seat

ALAMOSA — Russell “Rusty” Johnson, who moved to Alamosa with his family at age 9, said he is running for Alamosa County Commissioner, District 1, as a member of the Republican Party.

Johnson attended Waverly School for two years, attended Ortega Middle School and graduated from Alamosa High School.

“I was raised on a small, family farm in the Waverly area with my seven siblings (3 brothers and 4 sisters),” said Johnson by email. “My parents still reside in Alamosa County.

Johnson said he is a single father of four daughters: Shereen Gonzales (Jason), Stephanie Golightly (Ken), Jordyn Brubacher (Clayton) and Mikyla Johnson and added that he is a “proud grandpa” of four granddaughters; Presley and



Russell “Rusty” Johnson

Kenzie Gonzales, as well as Raven Golightly and Bentley Brubacher.

Johnson said he worked for Alamosa School District as a mechanic for 22 years and after early retirement, he is currently working for CDOT in Alamosa as a heavy equipment mechanic.

He has served as a coach and board member of the Alamosa Youth Wrestling

Club for 36 years, and as a member of the San Luis Valley Youth Wrestling Association for over 20 years. He is currently in his first year as head wrestling coach at Alamosa High School after 27 years as an assistant coach under legendary coach Gary Ramstetter.

Johnson was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2015 and the Colorado Football Officials Association Hall of Fame in 2018.

“My goal is to work hard and excel at everything I do,” he added. “I will carry that with me to Alamosa County if I am elected.

“If elected, I plan to retire and dedicate my time to the county, but I do plan to continue my coaching career.”

He served on Alamosa City Council for six years, Johnson said. During his time with the city, the

boards he served on included, Alamosa County Market and Tourism Board, Historic Preservation Board, Alamosa Tree Board, Alamosa Ranch Board, and he is currently serving on the Recreation Advisory Board.

He also has attended multiple training classes and seminars pertaining to local government, Johnson said. Those include Economic Development, Developing Strong Local Partnerships, Sunshine Law, Ethical Governing, Budget Training, along with many other training classes.

“I have often been referred to as a ‘common-sense’ leader during my time with the City of Alamosa,” he said. “I believe with my training, policy-decision making and leadership I would be a good fit as a County Commissioner.”

So. Colorado farmers reap dividends

COLORADO SPRINGS—The Board of Directors for Farm Credit of Southern Colorado announced Friday that it will distribute a record cash-back dividend to the farmers and ranchers it serves across Southern Colorado.

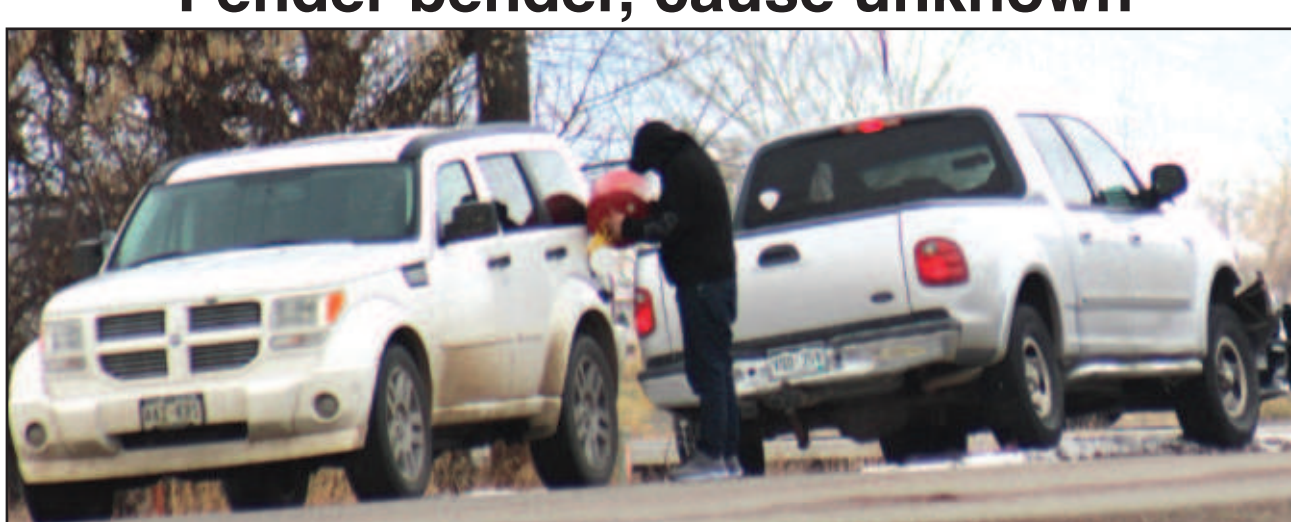
The Board of Directors approved a cash-back dividend of \$6.5 million dollars. This represents over 45% of Farm Credit of Southern Colorado’s net earnings going back to farmers and ranchers to invest in their operations, families and rural communities. Since 2010, Farm Credit of Southern Colorado has returned nearly \$40 million to eligible customer-owners.

“We have worked diligently to remain a reliable and strong source of financing for our customer-owners in rural Colorado,” said Jeremy Anderson, CEO and President of Farm Credit of Southern Colorado. “Cash-back dividends are a benefit of our cooperative business model. During these difficult and uncertain times for agriculture we believe returning a significant portion of our earnings to our customer-owners is very important.”

The 2019 dividend checks will be mailed to eligible customer-owners in April. The Board of Directors has approved a cash-back dividend program for 2020, with the amount of the distribution to be decided in December 2020.

Report courtesy of Farm Credit of Southern Colorado.

Fender bender, cause unknown



A traffic accident occurred on Tuesday morning at the intersection of Highway 285 and Airport Road. The cause of the accident and any injuries are currently unknown.

Courier photo by Helen Smith

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OBITUARIES

Dale Eugene Achatz, 84

ALAMOSA — Long-time Alamosa resident Dale Eugene Achatz, 84, passed away surrounded by family Jan. 16, 2020 at the San Luis Valley Health Regional Medical Center in Alamosa.

Dale was the only child to Albert Frank Achatz and Eunice Olivia Bradley Achatz.

He was born on Sept. 5, 1935 in Alamosa. Dale was united in marriage to Yvonne Jeanette Henson on Oct. 26, 1957 in Alamosa, she preceded him in death on Dec. 14, 2019.

Dale's working career began at an early age as he learned to weld for Alamosa Welding Works. He then entered the United States Army where he served for a couple of years and was honorably discharged. After marrying his wife Yvonne, he took a job with the Colorado Department of Transportation and worked his way up to Senior Shop Foreman and held this position until his retirement.

Dale was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Alamosa Elks Lodge BPOE 1297, the VFW Post 899 and the Last Squad Standing through the VFW, and the Del Monte Gun Club, where he served as a past officer and was currently on the Board of Directors.

Dale was a mechanic and master fabricator and could fix and build just about anything.

He is survived by his children, Mike (Lindsay) Achatz, Lori Achatz-Garcia, Alan (Peggy) Achatz and Russell Achatz; his grand-



children, Kristi (Trevor) Driggs, Tiffany Garcia, Christopher (LaDonna) Achatz and Jessica Achatz; his great grandchildren, Greyson Driggs and Nathan Achatz; as well as his loving dog, "Candy."

He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife Yvonne J. Achatz.

Cremation was chosen and a memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 24, 2020 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Alamosa. Committal services will follow the Mass at the Alamosa Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the San Luis Valley Health Foundation and may be made in care of the funeral home office.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements.

To leave online condolences, tributes and remarks for Dale's family, please visit www.Rogers-Funerals.com

JW (Bill) Pryor, 100

MONTE VISTA — Jones William Pryor passed Jan. 18, 2020 at his home on Adams St. in Monte Vista.

Bill was born April 4, 1919 and was a lifelong resident of Monte Vista. He served in the Army during World War II in the South Pacific where he was wounded and received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

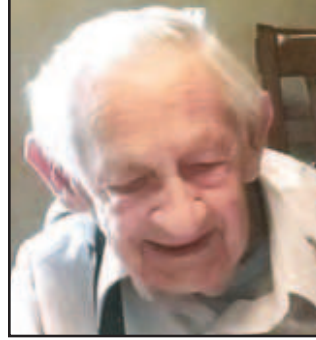
After the service, Bill went to CSU in Fort Collins and earned a degree in Forestry. Bill met his wife at CSU (Helen Imelda Shea) and they were married in 1948.

After graduation, they returned to Monte Vista where Bill worked for Sunrise Cemetery and Sinton Dairy.

Bill is survived by his four children (Pat Griest, Linda Pryor, Bill Pryor, and Michelle Schaefer); eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Bill was preceded in death by parents, Edwin and Edith Pryor; brothers, Wallace and Robert; his wife, Helen of 57 years; daughter-in-law, Patti; a grandchild, Erin; and a nephew, Bobby.

Bill enjoyed the mountains, fishing, and spend-



ing time with family and friends.

Bill was an artist and was a longtime member of the Alpine Artists. Bill very much enjoyed sharing his art in hand-painted Christmas cards and his paintings are scattered across the country with family and friends. Bill celebrated his 100th birthday in 2019.

Funeral services are being handled by Romero Funeral Home. Memorial Mass will be held at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Monte Vista at 2 p.m. On Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020. Reception and eulogy to follow.

PENDING OBITUARY

Alfonso Romero, 78

ALAMOSA — Alamosa resident Alfonso Romero, 78, passed away Jan. 20, 2020.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Ronald Jay Nielson, 64

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Longtime Valley resident Ronald Jay Nielson, 64, passed away on Jan. 20, 2020.

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

John R. Burt, 87

ALAMOSA — Alamosa resident John R. Burt, 87, died Jan. 21, 2020 at the Colorado State Veterans Center at Homelake.

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

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at 757 County Rd. 29, Monte Vista. Call or email Wanda Couzens-Smith for more information at (719) 852-5000 or wcouzenssmith@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca

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

8 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 607 4th St., Alamosa.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

For schedule changes, please contact your group

service representative (GSR)

AL-ANON

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

School Menu

Wednesday Jan. 22, 2020

BREAKFAST

Ultimate Breakfast Round
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ELEMENTARY

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Spanish Rice
Pinto Beans
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SECONDARY

Baked Chicken
Spanish Rice
Pinto Beans
Vegetable Bar

To sponsor the School Menu call 589-2553

ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

APD hands out citations

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa police report from Jan. 17-19 is as follows:

Jan. 17

Amanda Aragon 33, was cited with theft at 143 Craft Dr.

Jan. 18

Kevin Suazo, 24, was

cited with theft at 800 La Due Ave.

Corey Frank, 23, was cited with assault at 327 10th St.

Jamie Sanchez, 26, was cited with theft at 3333 Clark St.

Terrel Luna, 24, was cited with displaying

expired temporary tags at 3200 Main.

Jan. 19

David Gutierrez, 30, was cited with displaying expired plates, no registration card in vehicle, driving an uninsured vehicle, and driving under suspension at 800 8th St.



Valley News

Fat bike

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race packet pick up and registration at Milagros Coffee House with music, games and refreshments from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Participants may also register or pick up race packets from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Alamosa Senior Center in Cole Park prior to the 10 a.m. start of the 5K on the frozen Rio.

Luminaria cross country skiing is planned for Friday evening, as well (6-8 p.m.) at Cattails Golf Course if snow conditions permit, sponsored by the San Juan Nordic Club. Participants must provide their own equipment.

TAKE A RUN ON THE FROZEN RIO

The sixth annual Rio Frio 5K on Ice starts at 10 a.m. Saturday with the uniqueness of running on the frozen river with spectacular mountain views in all directions.

A highlight of each year's ice fest kicks off at noon Saturday with live ice sculpting on the south side of Main Street between Hunt and Edison avenues.

Award-winning artists from Colorado Ice Sculptures return and will be creating beach party themed sculptures. The featured attractions will be built throughout the day but will be given final touches between noon and 3 p.m.

The beach party continues downtown during that same time frame with a variety of interactive activities for the whole family at San Juan and Main, highlighted by the annual Kiwanis costume contest at 2 p.m. and character



Courier photo by Keith R. Cerny

More than 140 runners and walkers participated in the fifth annual Rio Frio 5k in 2019 traversing the frozen Rio Grande. The race will see its sixth start on Saturday at 10 a.m. in Cole Park.

"meet and greet" to follow at the SLV Brew Pub.

Children are encouraged to dress in their best beach or fantasy-themed costume. There is no fee to participate, but parents must sign a liability waiver with registration beginning at 1:30 p.m. on site. The first 50 children are guaranteed a participation award and prizes will be awarded to the top winners in each age division.

GRUB 'N' PUB, FIRE-IN-ICE RETURN

The annual "Grub 'n' Pub" event will run from 3-7 p.m. Saturday at various downtown restaurants. A limited number

of tickets are available for the Alamosa Convention and Visitors Bureau sponsored event and may be purchased at the Depot welcome center or by calling 589-9386. Tickets are good for food sample and/or beverage at each participating restaurant.

A spectacular annual Ice Fest highlight will come to life at 7 p.m. with the fire and ice bonfire on San Juan Avenue.

"Witness these two elements battle it out as the Alamosa Fire Department oversees the burning of a large chimney made of ice," according to a news release from the city. "Do not miss this spectacular and unique event that

celebrates the glory of the day."

POLAR PLUNGE MARKS SUNDAY

Sunday's festivities kick off with the second annual Kristi Mountain Sports Fat Bike Races at Blanca Vista Park just north of town at 10 a.m. Participants should bring their fat bike to the park, or rent one on site, to take part in the timed event over a course of snow and ice.

Style points are available for dressing "for a day at the beach." Sign up at www.alamosarec.org.

New this year, pond curling will be featured at 11 a.m. at Blanca Vista Park. "Stones" will be provided, but participants

need to bring their own brooms to try out this new, free event for all ages.

Last, but certainly not least, is the annual polar plunge at high noon Sunday, again at Blanca Vista Park. Watch some local celebrities take a dip in the icy waters or come prepared to try it yourself as it is open to the public. Clothing-changing facilities will be available on site.

SPONSORS

The Rio Frio Ice Fest is sponsored by the City of Alamosa, Visit Alamosa, the Alamosa Chamber of Commerce, First Southwest Bank, SLV Health, Valley Courier, Valley-Wide Health Systems,

Body Tune-Up, First Insurance Services, SLV Federal Bank, SLVREC/CIELLO, Valley Publishing, Viaero Wireless, Adams State Adventure Program, the Alamosa Senior Center, Alcon Construction, Arby's, Comfort Inn & Suites, Fairfield Inn & Suites, Great Sand Dunes Lodge, Hampton Inn, IHOP, Kristi Mountain Sports, Milagros Coffee House, Rio Grande Savings & Loan, Skiball's Running World, and SLV Sports & Wellness.

For more information, contact Alamosa Parks & Recreation at 719-589-2105 or find us online at www.riofrioice.com or Rio Frio on Ice on Facebook.



Courtesy photo

St. Thomas Episcopal Church and the parish hall (pictured above), 607 Fourth Street, Alamosa, will be where community members meet on Monday to determine the fate of the building.

Meeting to discuss fate of St. Thomas buildings

ERIN SMITH

Special to the Courier
ALAMOSA—The Canon to the Ordinary of the Episcopal Church in Colorado, Alex Dyer, will host a public meeting from 6-7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 27, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church parish hall, 607 Fourth Street, Alamosa, to obtain community input on what should be done with the church buildings.

The church was consecrated on Dec. 13 and no longer serves the community.

The Rev. Dyer said: "We would like to gather as many community leaders and residents as possible to learn more about Alamosa and help discern how the Episcopal Church in Colorado can be the best stewards of these properties. I have asked the regional missionary, the Rev. Leigh Waggoner, to attend and also Paul Alexander, who is the Missioner for Development & Financial Stewardship in the Office of the Bishop.

"More importantly, Paul

has a residence in the Valley and is familiar with Alamosa."

There are three buildings at the site: the church and parish hall, which are connected, and an adjacent, stand-alone building to the east of the church, which has been used by La Puente for almost three decades.

Episcopal churches belong to the diocese but are financially maintained by local congregations. While St. Thomas was financially viable, congregants

felt they lacked spiritual direction since the small budget could not afford a priest on a regular basis. Most members of the congregation were over age 70 and were just "tired." With the service on Dec. 13, the church buildings were turned over to the Office of the Bishop.

The current church building is not the first St. Thomas but is in almost the same location at Fourth and State. The present church was consecrated and dedicated

on Oct. 5, 1930, almost 90 years ago.

St. Thomas' history began on Dec. 21, 1881, when the Rev. Melvin Honeyman arrived in Alamosa at the request of Bishop John F. Spalding to take charge of a newly established congregation. Bishop Spalding had been to Alamosa on several occasions for services since 1874 when he sent Honeyman.

Anyone interested is invited to attend and bring ideas.

DMV data upgrade prompts one office closure

DENVER — The Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles announced Tuesday that it will experience some service disruption related to the implementation of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators' State-to-State program.

The service disruption will happen when the DMV performs the upgrade on Saturday and Sunday with the program expected to be fully implemented on Monday.

During the upgrade process, some of the DMV's 35 online services at www.mydmv.colorado.gov will be unavailable. This includes driver license and identification card renewals and downgrades.

Other services are expected to remain accessible.

Additionally, the Union Town Center branch of the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder, which is generally open for limited hours on Saturdays, will be closed on Saturday.

The DMV apologizes for any inconvenience the upgrade causes, but is excited to have an additional tool to help protect against

identity theft.

Implementation of the S2S information sharing program will allow Colorado to receive relevant information about driver license or ID card applicants, making Colorado credentials safer and more secure for all who use them.

The information exchanged between S2S states is only enough to point inquiring states to the jurisdiction with the applicant's record.

This information includes name, birthdate, customer identification

number and the last five digits of an applicant's Social Security number.

Additionally, the federal government does not have access to the S2S service and the law that funded the development of S2S prohibits the creation of new means of access for federal agencies.

The Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles offers 35 online services at mydmv.colorado.gov.

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Correction:

In the Tuesday, Jan. 21 issue of the Valley Courier in the story "SLV Women's March succeeds," which appeared on pages 1 and 3, Margrett Geist was misquoted when the story said, "But we weren't even a state at that time," in reference to Colorado. Colorado became a state in 1876 and in 1893 it granted women the right to vote. It ended up taking the rest of the United States more than 25 years to pass the 19th Amendment.

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Opinion

God bless America ...

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

President Trump's impeachment trial begins in the Senate Tuesday with Chief Justice Roberts presiding and 100 senators as jurors. Trump's defense lawyer Alan Dershowitz has also defended Harvey Weinstein, Jeffrey Epstein and O.J. Simpson.

Mr. Chief Justice, the prosecutions rests.

Congressman Adam Schiff will lead the prosecution of Trump in the Senate trial.

Democrats have drawn up two articles of impeachment.

The first article is, Donald Trump beat them three years ago and the second article is, if they don't remove him from office, he'll beat them again in November.

Business Insider published an article chronicling the rise and fall of Bed, Bath and Beyond on Friday as the retailer announced the closure of 44 outlets nationwide.

Last weekend I got kicked out of one of their stores in Westwood. In my defense the sign clearly said, Throw Pillows.

National Geographic reported a busy week in unearthing antiquities as archaeologists found an ancient aqueduct in Turkey and a pre-Spanish suburb in Mexico.

In addition, archaeologists discovered a huge cache of fossils in Los Angeles. Apparently they stumbled onto the set of The View.

The Porn Hub website released a nationwide survey it conducted Tuesday to find out in which United States city do people watch the most porn.

To no one's surprise, it found the people who view the most porn are the people who reside in Washington, D.C. Their other hand is in your pocket.

Nancy Pelosi declared Friday if Senate Republicans refuse to allow more witnesses they'll be aiding and abetting Trump in a cover-up. She never blinked once.

Whenever I see Nancy on TV, I am so grateful Botox was not around in the '60s and '70s, because I really liked "Bewitched."

The GAO issued an opinion that Trump's delay of armed aid to Ukraine was illegal.

The GAO also said in 2016 that Obama broke the law when he traded five Taliban prisoners for U.S. hostage Bo Bergdahl without consulting Congress. Obama offered to throw in Biden, but the Taliban said no.

Elizabeth Warren charged up to Bernie Sanders after the Iowa debate and angrily demanded to know if he'd called her a liar on TV.

The next day, Bernie faced reporters who asked about the bandage over the left side of his forehead. Seems when they got backstage Elizabeth tried to scalp him.

The Wall Street Journal reports that the Justice Department is investigating possible criminal conduct by James Comey in the leaking of classified information to the New York Times.

James Comey insists everything he did as FBI Director was strictly by the book. But unfortunately, that book is "1984."

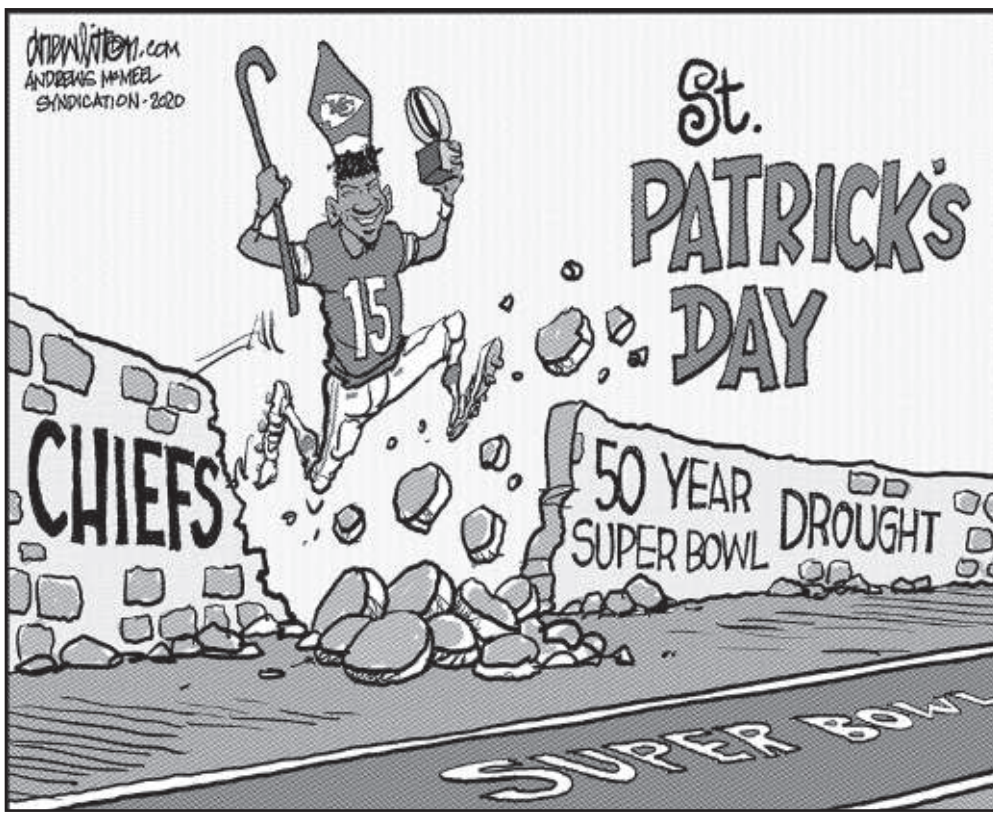
Iowa polls looked uncertain as four candidates must sit as jurors in the impeachment trial and Iowa support for Biden and Buttigieg is tepid at best. They're missing the one issue everyone's angry about.

The Democratic nomination will go to the first candidate who stops demanding we reverse the results of the 2016 election and starts demanding that we reverse the results of the 2017 World Series.

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Argus Hamilton



Despite cold weather, winter flowers flourish

There is still snow on the ground and not much is happening in the garden.

My mind turns to the idea of winter flowers. By this I mean flower names that hark of winter by including words such as snow, ice or icicle and are very cold hardy. I'm only discussing ones that I know grow in the San Luis Valley!

One of my favorites is the showy snowball bush (Viburnum x carlcephalum). It has wonderful large, round white flower clusters in the spring. Its mature size is 4- x 6-foot wide by 6-12 feet high. And I like its foliage after the flowers are spent—it look great until late fall. There is no messy fruit.

We also have a snowberry bush (Symphoricarpos albus). It is less showy, but has small white berries in late summer. It's a North American native that is often used for wind-screens — I think because it suckers easily and forms dense clumps. I have it in a part of the garden that doesn't get much care or water and it does very well. It's known for tolerating poor, alkali soil which we have a lot of in the SLV. The variety we have is only about 4-feet high after 15 years, so I don't think of it as a windbreak. The berries are not generally eaten by people but are browsed by sheep, deer and cattle. Our berries usually drop by late fall, so they don't provide winter color.

Snow in summer (Cerastium tomentosum) is a perennial ground cover with gray foliage

and white blossoms. It's great in rock gardens, spreads gently and needs little water once established. It's known to be deer resistant. I've never had it die off and I love the gray leaves glistening with snow along our walkway to the front gate in winter.

I have a single clump of snow hill salvia (Salvia numberosa "schneehugel") that is about 2-feet wide and 15-inches high when displaying its white flowers in mid-to late-summer. I may look for some more — I'd thought it would spread but hasn't.

Glory of the snow (Chionodoxa forbesii) is a tiny spring-blooming, bright blue bulb—very cheerful. I have to seek it out sometimes as it just pokes its head gingerly above spring snow. Over the years it hasn't spread and some have been overtaken by other plants. The common name is based on the habit of flowering in high alpine zones as spring snows melt. I have it on my list for 2020 fall replanting!

Two varieties of hardy, succulent ice plants do well in our rock gardens. I believe it gets its name from being cold hardy. Yellow ice plant (Delosperma nubigenum) is the hardiest and spreads gently reaching a height of only 3 inches. I also have some magenta ice plant (Delosperma cooperi) that is not as cold hardy so I plant it in the warmest spots in the rock garden. Sometimes folks confuse ice plants with daisies as their petals have a daisy-like appearance, but they are not related. I do regularly water them, but since, as a succulent they store water, I think they do well with brief spells of drought.

I've had white Ice Star Shasta (Leucanthemum x superbum 'Ice Star') daisies that are double fringed and rated at hardiness

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Alamosa Landscapes



Marilyn Loser



Courtesy photo

Pictured is a snowball bush.

zone 4. I love them. Mine died out over one warm, drought year and I've been looking for replacements. Mostly, I do very well with Shasta daisies of all sorts.

Icicle veronica (Veronica spicata icicle) has spiky white blooms in summer. I imagine the spikes reminded the namer of upside-down icicles. In general, I find perennial veronicas of many types to be very reliable as long as they are rated zone 3 or even 4.

You can find more information and locally taken photos of all the above plants at either AlamosaFlowers.net or AlamosaTrees.net.

Reminder: "Seed to Seed Community Seed Exchange" will take place on Saturday from 2-4 p.m. on the floor of Adam State University's Nielsen Library.

"In the depths of winter I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer." — Albert Camus.

Par for the course

Monica hated her golfing ex-husband so much that when she felt it was time to start over, she made it a hard-and-fast rule that she would never date a golfer.

That would be understandable if golf had been the reason their marriage tanked, but it wasn't. His string of flagrant infidelities, his drinking problem and his chronic unemployment probably had a lot more to do with it.

No one could ever figure out why you married him." And even though I said it in the nicest possible way, Monica didn't speak to me for weeks.

Now, she's past all that, and she's told all her friends that she's ready to start dating again. That's the attitude — when you fall down, get back up again. Even though she dreads the thought of dating, she's tough, and she's willing to put up with a lot of disappointment. But even if you say it in the nicest possible way, apparently the last thing a woman over the age of 40 wants to hear is: "You've got about as much chance of finding a man as getting hit by lightning."

Her friends have tried to fix her up with nice guys — sweet, good-looking, decent guys — but Monica always shuts them down with, "Does he play golf?"

"I think he does, occasionally," her friend Sandy said, trying to gloss it over. "Maybe twice a year. But he spends most of his spare time as a Big Brother, working in soup kitchens, mowing his elderly parents' lawn ..."

"Sounds like a golf-playing jerk to me," Monica spit out.

Last week, Anita and Debbie took Monica to lunch to give it another try. "Joe's brother

Al — the one who just won the award for raising all that money to save koalas from the fires in Australia? The one who spent all that time in the Peace Corps? Well, he just got back in town after spending six weeks in an ashram in Bhutan," Anita started.

"You mean Al Tompkins? The guy who was named Handsomest Athlete of the Year back in college?" Debbie chipped in, as planned.

"Yeah, that's the guy. Wasn't he valedictorian, too?" Anita and Debbie were rolling now. Yes, but he couldn't deliver his speech because he was donating a kidney to a homeless person that day.

"That's right. He wanted to donate both kidneys, but the doctors wouldn't let him."

"And the funny thing is, you'd expect him to be a bit of a snob, coming from such a rich family and all, but he's really a down-to-earth guy. Too bad he's never found anyone that pushes all his buttons." They paused to take long pulls on their strawberry daiquiris, waiting for Monica to ask when she could meet him.

"Does he play golf?" "No, he doesn't. Well, there is that one-day-a-year charity tournament his business sponsors to raise money for starving puppies," Anita explained.

And you expect me to go out with a creep like that?! Forget it."

"Maybe it's a little too soon for you to start dating again," Debbie suggested, which apparently was the last thing Monica wanted to hear, even though Debbie said it in the nicest possible way.

"You're all on his side, I can tell," she said as she stomped out of the restaurant. The next day, she apologized to Anita and Debbie. And tonight, she's having dinner with our friend Carl, who follows rock bands around the country, selling their T-shirts and CDs. Even though she might not want to hear it, Anita said, in the nicest possible way, "I like



Jim Mullen

Abortion legalized 47 years ago today

Today is the 22nd day of 2020 and the 33rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1901, Britain's Queen Victoria died at age 81, after a then-record 63-year reign.

In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its landmark ruling in the Roe v. Wade case, legalizing elective abortion nationwide.

In 1997, Madeleine Albright was confirmed as the first female U.S. secretary of state.

In 1998, "Unabomber" Ted Kaczynski pleaded guilty in Sacramento, California, and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

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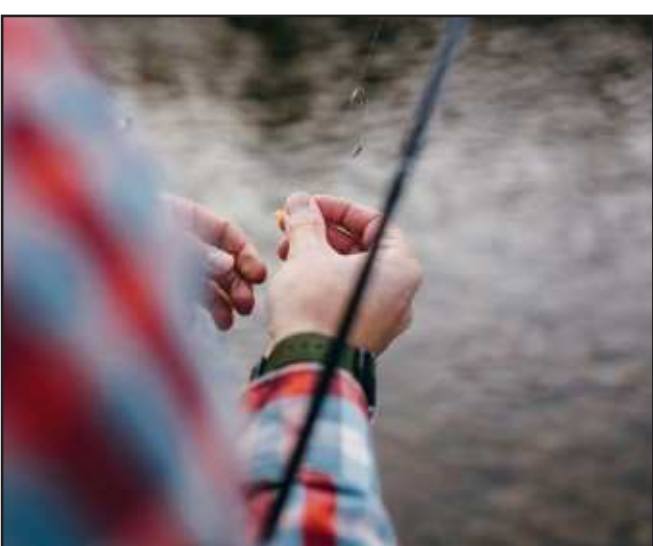
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Lifestyle

Colorado Parks and Wildlife cautions anglers to avoid purchasing fishing licenses on fraudulent websites



DENVER — After being alerted to a fraudulent website claiming to sell Colorado fishing licenses, Colorado Parks and Wildlife urges people to be wary of third-party sites offering deals on CPW products.

CPW's online shop and hundreds of license sales agents across the state are the easiest, most secure and best-priced methods of purchasing fishing licenses.

There is no guarantee that licenses purchased through third-party sites will be

legitimate products recognized by CPW or that they will ever be delivered to the purchaser.

Additionally, fraudulent sites often sell licenses at a significantly marked-up price. Fraudulent sites have sold a resident Colorado fishing license for as much as \$134, which is nearly \$100 more than a valid resident license actually costs.

The agency's official product purchasing website is cpwshop.com, which is a secure method of purchasing

all CPW products online, including fishing licenses. Fraudulent third-party sites may use or sell personal information from the purchaser, including social security or credit card information. The best way to ensure that private data is not maliciously collected from a third-party site is to avoid such sites altogether.

Starting March 1, CPW will be selling 2020 13-month fishing licenses. Customers can purchase these valid licenses at cpwshop.com, at a CPW park or office, or from an

authorized Colorado sales agent in person.

For more information, call 303-297-1192, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., MST. (except state holidays). To find an authorized sales agent, visit www.cpwshop.com/issuerlist.page.

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Give them an opinion of forest

TAOS, N.M. — The Carson National Forest is looking for public input on proposed changes to the management of the developed recreation program.

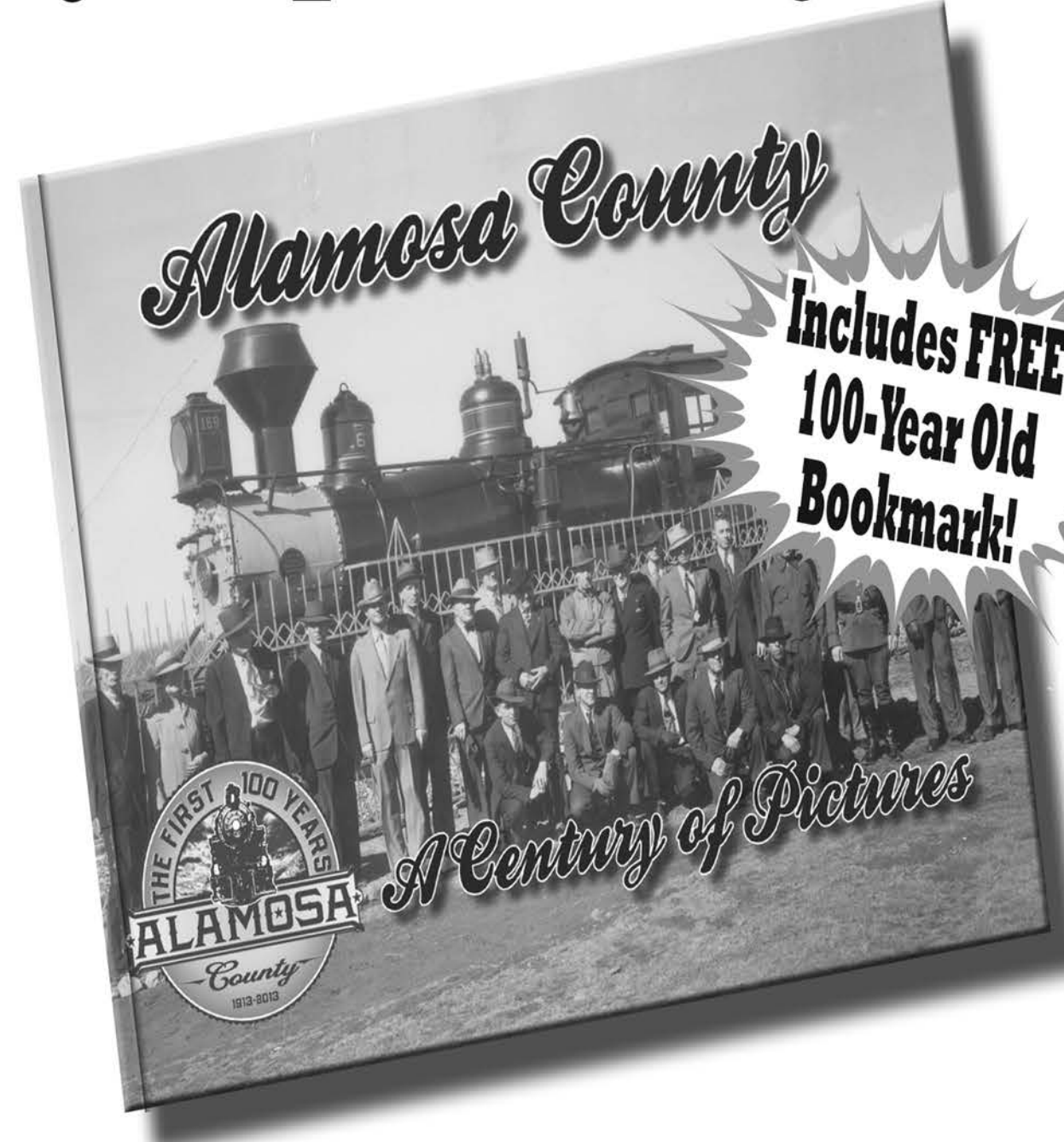
These changes will impact campgrounds and day-use sites on the Carson, Gila, Lincoln and Santa Fe National Forests, as well as the Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands. Several different management options are being considered, including adding new recreation fees, increasing recreation fees, eliminating or repurposing some developed recreation sites, and collaborating on management of some sites with volunteers, partners or concessionaires. "To offer quality recreation experiences and serve our public better, we need public input and ideas on other methods that may help cut costs and leverage resources for managing developed recreation facilities," said Jeremy Golston, recreation fee program manager for the USDA Forest Service Southwestern Region. "Public participation will give us the opportunity to hear from all forest users; visitors, partners, tribes, elected officials and community members."

"The Carson National Forest offers diverse recreational opportunities to over 700,000 visitors annually. They get an opportunity to experience the waters of Rio Grande and the snowcapped peaks of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. During this public input opportunity, we want to hear some valuable input. Our facilities will continue to decline without financially viable options and sustainable solutions to maintain them, and our visitors and communities deserve better," said Forest Supervisor James Duran. National forests and grasslands operate and maintain a variety of campgrounds and day-use areas. Some of these recreation sites offer limited amenities

and visitors services, but are free of charge. Other sites charge a recreation fee, in exchange, these recreation areas offer visitor services and amenities such as restroom facilities, trash collection, visitor security and interpretive services. Developed recreation sites offer visitor convenience, are often gateways to recreation opportunities, and can play an important role in economic growth tourism for local communities. It has become increasingly expensive to maintain and improve recreation sites due to aging facilities, increases in visitation and limited resources. The recreation fees charged at Forest Service managed sites contribute to the stewardship and improvement of these special places. Since 2004, under the authority of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, 95% of the revenue from recreation fees and passes remains on the forests. This funding is used to operate, maintain and improve facilities. However, the resources needed to address the maintenance backlog and improve recreation sites still exceed the revenues generated from recreation fees and congressionally-appropriated dollars. The public is invited to comment on the proposed changes until Dec. 31, 2020. Public meetings on this will be scheduled. For meeting dates and locations, or to submit a comment online visit www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r3/SusRec. Comments may also be submitted through comment cards at local USDA Forest Service offices, by mail to the Southwestern Regional Office, Attention: Recreation Fees, 333 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, N.M., 87102, or by email to SM.FS.R3FeeProComm@usda.gov.

Report courtesy of Erin Fryer, acting public affairs officer, Forest Service, Carson National Forest.

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Friday, January 24th
Women's Basketball vs Colorado Christian University
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Men's Basketball vs Colorado Christian University
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Saturday, January 25th
Track vs The Power 5
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Women's Swimming at Western Colorado
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Women's Basketball vs Regis University
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Men's Basketball vs Regis University
Alamosa, CO • 7:30 pm



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Sports

Adams State grapplers are back in action this week

GEORGE A GALAVIZ-ORTIZ

ASU Sports Information

ALAMOSA — The Adams State Wrestling team looks to take on the New Mexico Highlands Cowboys tomorrow night for a second week of Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) action at home. The dual is set to begin at 6 P.M. in the Plachy Hall gym with the 125-pound bout, featuring Adams State's Isiah De La Cerda. Grizzly fans are encouraged to come cheer on their Adams State grapplers as admission for students is free with ID, and regular admission will be \$1 to celebrate Adams State University's Dollar Night.

Keeping Up With the Grizzlies
Adams State comes into the second week of conference action 2-2 on the season, and ranked No. 11 in the NWCA Coaches Poll. Grizzlies faced a heartbreaking upset last week to No. 23



Western State Colorado, falling to the Mountaineers at home 31-12.

133 Pounder Jonathan Andreatta would put up the first points for the Grizzlies, winning his bout by decision, 8-2. Noah Hermosillo would follow up with another three points, also earning a decision victory over Jason Hanenburg.

Josiah Rider would also continue to show out last week, keeping his opponent scoreless and earning a 6-0 decision victory. Rider comes in ranked No. 7 in the 149-pound weight class.

Cole Gustavson would earn the last victory for the Grizzlies, holding Western State's Espen Weber to six points to his 12 in the 197-pound bout.

Scouting the Cowboys
New Mexico Highlands competed in two conference bouts last week, sending two separate squads to San Francisco State to put up a 27-20 victory against the Gators and to Golden, Colorado to fall to the No. 18 Orediggers 31-16.

141-Pounder Jonathan Trujillo would put up a victory by pinfall against Colo. School of Mine's Taylor Gambil to give the Cowboys the first six points of the dual. Logan Pine would earn another three points for the Cowboys, earning a 10-5

decision victory in the 149 -pound bout.

Over on the West Coast, Isaac Garcia would earn the first five points for the Cowboys, earning a victory by technical fall in the 133-pound bout. Highlands grapplers saw two more victories by pinfall before claiming a 27-20 victory over the Gators.

Adams State Projected Lineup

125 Isaiah De La Cerda
133 Jonathan Andreatta
141 Noah Hermosillo
149 Josiah Rider
157 Ryan Rochford
165 Gavin Davy
174 Isaac Lopez
184 Will Tyler
197 Cole Gustavson
285 Sylvester Montgomery

Tough week drops valley teams in rankings

By STEPHEN JIRON

Courier Sports Editor

The Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) released the new girls basketball rankings for the week. This week was a difficult one for valley teams and multiple top ten squads played difficult games in their schedule and saw their rankings suffer for it.

3A – Intermountain League (IML)

4. Centauri (10-1) – 69



It was an up and down weekend for Centauri. The Falcons rode a high getting a road win against Monte Vista with a score of 69-22. The Falcons followed that by suffering their first loss of the season in a 49-35 tilt with perineal 3A heavyweight Pagosa Springs (8-2, 2-0 IML).

As a result, the CHSAA coaches poll saw the Pirates leapfrog Centauri and take their No. 3 spot bumping Centauri to No. 4.

It's back to the grind for the Falcons. The Falcons are in the heart of their league schedule and will be careful not to overlook the likes of Bayfield (3-4, 0-1 IML) and Montezuma-Cortez (3-6, 1-1 IML) this weekend for a meeting with rival Alamosa (9-1, 1-0 IML) on Jan. 31st.

5. Alamosa (9-1) – 68



The second-place finish at the Glenwood Springs Demon Invite in December still stands as Alamosa's only loss of the season. As far as the first loss of the season goes the Moose could do worse than Montrose who was formerly top-ten ranked in the 4A class.

Since then the Moose have been handling their business with three straight wins entering Saturday's contest with Monte Vista. Saturday night Alamosa junior Emily Lavier re-broke the girls single-game 3-point record dropping 12 shots from long distance to raise the bar from 11, set the night before by Carly Dilworth of Denver South.

That said the Moose still saw their ranking fall from the week before, going from the No. 4 team to the No. 5 largely because of Pagosa Springs' win over Centauri. Alamosa took on Bayfield on Tuesday night in a game postponed from last Saturday and earned a 50-35 win.

This weekend the Moose will get their shot at last year's IML Champion Pagosa Springs. Alamosa will face Montezuma-Cortez (3-6, 1-1 IML) on Friday the 24th as a precursor to their meeting with Pagosa Springs

(8-2, 2-0 IML) on Saturday. Alamosa will have homecourt advantage for both games.

2A – Southern Peaks League (SPL)

5. Del Norte (8-1) – 80



The Tigers have kept their nose to the grindstone and done a good job building a 4-game winning streak.

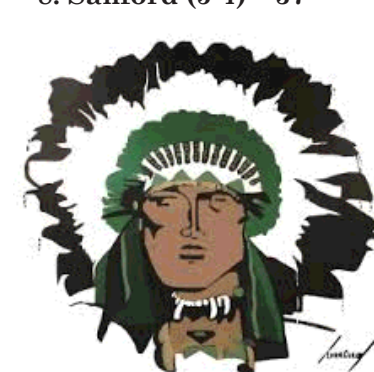
Despite keeping their win streak alive the Tigers haven't had much in the way of ranked teams on the schedule since their game with Centauri at La Junta. For that the Tigers didn't see their rankings drop by their own hand, rather a shakeup at the top of the rankings is what moved the Tigers from the No. 4 spot.

Limon (8-1) upset the formerly top-ranked Holyoke Dragons (9-1) 34-31 and as a result, the Badgers went from the fifth to the second spot in the rankings, pushing everyone else out.

Del Norte's biggest challenge through their league schedule will be rival Sanford (5-4, 1-0 SPL) who are stronger than their record shows. Del Norte and Sanford played for third place at the 2019 state tournament with the Tigers taking the trophy. This week Del Norte will take on Sargent (5-4, 1-0 SPL)

on Friday the 24th and Custer County (4-5, 0-1 SPL) Saturday the 25th

8. Sanford (5-4) – 37



Sanford has lasted through the most difficult part of their schedule and have done it with a winning record to boot. Of the 9 games that began Sanford's schedule, they've played six 3A class opponents and of those, four are still ranked in the top ten. Those four games account for all of Sanford's losses this season.

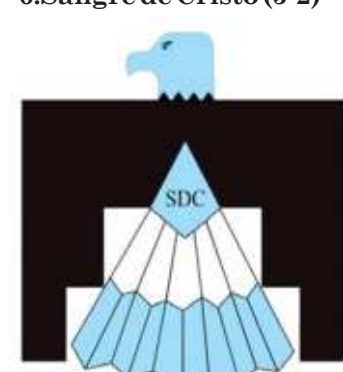
The CHSAA coaches poll seems to show the potential for Sanford as they transition into their league schedule. Sanford is the lone team with less than 6 wins in the rankings and currently sits at No. 8 with 37 points in the polls.

Now that Sanford will be playing all of their games closer to home everyone will get a better idea of what they're capable of within the 2A class. Sanford gave a sample of that capability with a 60-6 show of force over South Park on Friday the 17th.

Look for Sanford to begin their ascent through the rankings as they work their way to a highly anticipated rivalry game with Del Norte (8-1) on Feb. 1.

1A – Southern Peaks League (SPL)

6. Sangre de Cristo (5-2) – 77



The T-Birds have played three games since Christmas break and they find themselves in a bit of a rough patch. It started Jan. 10 against the upstart Watermeloners. Rocky Ford (11-0) has been on the warpath and currently holds the No. 1 spot in girls 2A basketball according to the CHSAA Coaches Poll. Rocky Ford dispatched Sangre de Cristo handily 40-23.

Then the Thunderbirds hosted the competitive Del Norte Tigers the following night. Del Norte followed suit, downing Sangre by a 48-44 score. Despite both losses happening up a class to top ten opponents Sangre de Cristo still took a hit in the rankings. Sangre de Cristo dropped from the No. 3 spot last week and now holds the sixth spot in 1A basketball.

Sangre de Cristo has a chance to get back on track now that they begin their league schedule. The T-Bird's first chance to correct course will be against Cotopaxi on Jan. 24 then they're on the road against Antonito on the 25th.

Boys Basketball rankings in Jan. 23 Thursday's edition

Results

Adams State Basketball

Jan. 17 Colorado Mesa 67, ASU 42 (W)
Colorado Mesa 88, ASU 76 (M)

Jan. 18 Western Colorado 61, ASU 44 (W)
Western Colorado 88, ASU 85 (M)

Prep Basketball

Jan. 16 Center 42, South Park 17 (G)
Del Norte 53, Ignacio 50 (G)
Mancos 61, Sargent 33 (B)

Jan. 17 Sanford 60, South Park 6 (G)
Crested Butte 47, Del Norte 41 (B)
Sierra Grande 60, Creede 27 (G)
Antonito 65, Manzanola 38 (B)
Alamosa 61, Bayfield 40 (B)
Centauri 69, Monte Vista 22 (G)
Centauri 55, Monte Vista 38 (B)

Jan. 18 Sierra Grande 69, Aguilar 10 (G)
Sanford 50, Crested Butte 28 (B)
Moffat-Mtn. Valley 51, Cripple Creek-Victor 22 (G)
Moffat-Mtn. Valley 60, Cripple Creek-Victor 29 (B)
Del Norte 57, Center 36 (G)
Center 55, Del Norte 38 (B)
Sargent 34, Custer County 26 (G)
Sargent 63, Custer County 33 (B)
Antonito 63, Creede 37 (G)
Creede 54, Antonito 49 (B)
Pagosa Springs 49, Centauri 35 (G)
Centauri 52, Pagosa Springs 42 (B)
Alamosa 61, Monte Vista 12 (G)
Alamosa 58, Monte Vista 34 (B)

Jan. 21 Alamosa 50, Bayfield 35 (G)

Adams State Wrestling

Jan. 16 Western Colorado 31, ASU 12

Prep Wrestling

Jan. 16 Del Norte 36, Gunnison 36
Monarch 38, Alamosa 35

Jan. 18 Mel Smith Invite
12. Centauri - 82, 26. Monte Vista - 30,
31. Del Norte - 6

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18. Center - 20

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Upcoming Events

Adams State Basketball

Jan. 24 5:30/7:30 p.m. Colorado Christian at ASU (W/M)
Jan. 25 5:30/7:30 p.m. Regis at ASU (W/M)

Prep Basketball

Jan. 23 5 p.m. Sargent at Creede (B)
Jan. 24 TBA Cotopaxi at Sangre de Cristo
1 p.m. Creede at Aguilar (G)
3 p.m. Sanford at Center (G/B)
5 p.m. Sargent at Del Norte (G/B)
5 p.m. Sierra Grande at Moffat-MV (G/B)
5/8 p.m. Antonito at Centennial (G/B)
5:30/ 7 p.m. Monte Vista at Pagosa Springs (G/B)
5:30/ 7 p.m. Bayfield at Centauri (G/B)
5:30/ 7 p.m. Montezuma-Cortez at Alamosa (G/B)
Jan. 25 1 p.m. Moffat-MV at Primero (B)
1 p.m. Centennial at Manzanola (G/B)
1 p.m. Center at Crested Butte (G/B)
3 p.m. Del Norte at Custer County (G/B)
5 p.m. Sanford at Sargent (G/B)
5 p.m. Sangre de Cristo at Antonito (G)
5:30/ 7 p.m. Bayfield at Monte Vista (G/B)
5:30/ 7 p.m. Montezuma-Cortez at Centauri (G/B)
5:30/ 7 p.m. Pagosa Springs at Alamosa (G/B)

Adams State Swimming

Jan. 25 12 p.m. ASU at Western Colorado (W)

Prep Wrestling

Jan. 23 6 p.m. Sanford, Sargent at Del Norte TRI
6 p.m. Pagosa Springs at Monte Vista
6 p.m. Bayfield at Centauri

Jan. 25 8 a.m. Alamosa at Brighton Tournament

Platte Valley Duals

TBA Monte Vista at Platte Valley

2020 Screaming Eagle

TBA Center at Paonia

Bobcat Invite

Alamosa, Centauri, Del Norte, Sierra Grande-Centennial, MV-Moffat, Sanford, Sargent, SG-Centennial at Custer County

Adams State Wrestling

Jan. 22 6 p.m. New Mexico Highlands at ASU

Schedules subject to change

Adult Volleyball League

ALAMOSA — Alamosa Parks and Recreation Adult Volleyball registration is open.
Team Registration: Jan 8 - Feb 5, 2020
Team Fee: \$100 Player Fee: \$30/Division
Player Registration: Opens Jan 8, 2020
Season: mid - Feb to late - April (min. 10 season games + tourney)
For more information, contact the AFRC - (719) 589-2105; Website: www.AlamosaRec.org

AHS Basketball Reunion

ALAMOSA — Alamosa High School is hosting a reunion for former coach Ken Niven. While at Alamosa, Niven oversaw a Mean Moose run of four consecutive titles from 1989-92 over Classes AA and 4A. He also had four Division I signees. The reunion will take place Friday and Saturday of Jan. 24th and 25th. Friday will be the home games against Montezuma-Cortez at 5:30/7 p.m. followed by a social at the Bankshot. Saturday will be a mid-morning shoot around at AHS then the home games against Pagosa Springs at 5:30/7 p.m. Niven and Alumni players will be recognized at halftime. Saturday's social will take place at the Purple Pig Pizzeria following the games.

ASU Volleyball open tryouts

ALAMOSA — Saturday, January 25th the ASU Grizzlies Volleyball team will be holding tryouts. The event is open to any 2020/2021 high school students and/or Junior College players. For the registration form email alimiller@adams.edu. Participants are asked to bring or email in a completed registration form, a current sports physical and a proof of insurance (company and policy information). For questions or to email in a form, physical, insurance package be sure to contact Coach Miller at alimiller@adams.edu or at (720) 879- 2803

Valley News



Wildwood Sounds will host Blue Sky

DEL NORTE — The Blue Sky Band has been around the southern Colorado area for 20 years and running.

They have been rocking the San Luis Valley, playing an eclectic sort of well-known and lesser-known classic rock songs. From Eric Clapton to Warren Zevon, the band will have one enjoying the hits of the past, as well as some one may not have heard in a long while.

Bob Phillips, on lead guitar, grinds out some wicked lead solos, that brings the proper feeling and attitude to each song. Vocally, he has a smooth

and velvety tone, somewhat reminiscent of Eric Clapton. He is the owner of Lightshine Music in Alamosa.

Bill Linam, plays acoustic guitar and is a vocalist who brings his own color to each song.

Don Garcia is bass player and a vocalist and always brings humor to the gig.

John "JR" Rawinski, motors on the drums, and strongly believes in the musicality of drums in his playing. He has played jazz and rock drums with bands such as Community Jazz Band, Brian Flynn, Sneakers, Robin

James and Ahgadaze. The band will definitely get one energized for the new year ahead. The price to watch the show is \$20 at door. Reserve a ticket by calling 719-657-4757 or email wshcv7@gmail.com. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the music starts around 7. This is a sweet, snacky potluck. Bring your favorite treat to share with coffee and tea on the house. Wildwood Sounds is located at 850 Grande Ave. in Del Norte, on Highway 160.

The venue provides a perfect listening room with space for dancing.

Groundhog Day fun, facts

Groundhog Day offers a touch of whimsy during the often bleak midwinter chill. Across the country, eager celebrants await a rascally rodent to determine if there will be six more weeks of winter or if the nation will receive an early reprieve from the cold.

It is fun to guess if an early spring is coming, and even more so to rely on a large ground squirrel to play meteorologist. To further enhance the Groundhog Day experience, burrow into these interesting facts about the holiday and the animal itself.

The world can thank the Germans for the Groundhog Day tradition. The see-thru shadow concept was adapted from a German Candlemas Day tradition in which clergymen would bless the candles they needed for the cold season. If the candles brought a sunny day, there would be six more weeks of winter. However, clouds and rain signified that winter would end soon. Germans who settled in Pennsylvania in the 1700s brought the custom to America.

Germans once used a hedgehog as their animal forecaster. When relocating to Pennsylvania, groundhogs were used because they were more common than hedgehogs.

Punxsutawney Phil is perhaps most revered for his forecasting abilities. However, more than a dozen states have their own prognosticating groundhogs. These include Buckeye Chuck in Ohio, Birmingham Bill in Alabama and General Beauregard Lee in Georgia.

Phil has been predicting the weather at Gobbler's Knob for more than 130 years. This is quite a feat considering groundhogs typically live between six and eight years. Folklore indicates Phil sips a magical drink that will prolong his life for seven more years.

Phil's full name is Punxsutawney Phil, Seer of Seers, Sage of Sages, Prognosticator of Prognosticators, and Weather-Prophet Extraordinary.

Groundhogs also are called woodchucks and are a species of rodent known as marmots. They typically weigh between 12 and 15 pounds. Woodchucks really have nothing to do with wood or chucking. The name stems from an Algonquian name wuchak.

The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration says Phil has seen his shadow more times than not between 1887 and 2019. Statistically speaking, six more weeks of winter is often the norm.

Groundhogs prefer to live in open country or at woodland edges. They are never far from a burrow made in well-drained soil. Most have summer and winter dens.

Groundhogs are adept at predicting the arrival of spring, just not in the way people have come to know from Groundhog Day. Since they hibernate, when groundhogs emerge from their burrows, it's a sure sign spring is on its way.

The 1993 movie "Groundhog Day" starring Bill Murray helped solidify Punxsutawney Phil as a national hero and household name. Since

then, crowds numbering as high as 30,000 have made the pilgrimage to see Phil in person.

Groundhog Day brings some levity to an otherwise uneventful time of year. TF202700



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Saturday
8-9:30 AM Race Packet Pick Up/Registration
10 AM Rio Frio 5K on the Rio Grande
12 PM Live Ice Sculpting
12-3 PM Beach Party Downtown
2 PM Kiwanis Costume Contest
3-7 PM Grub n' Pub
7 PM Fire and Ice Bonfire

Sunday
10 AM Kristi Mountain Sports Fat Bike Races
11 AM Pond Ice Curling
12 PM Polar Plunge

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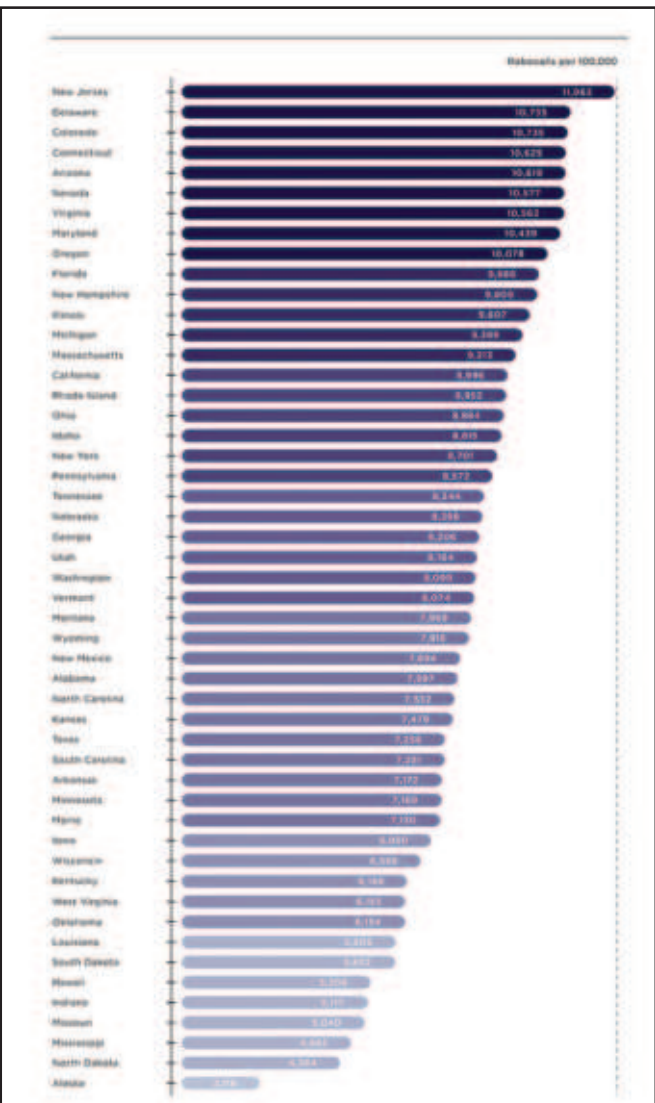


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Robocalls are on the rise across the United States

STATE-WIDE—Nearly half the calls made from U.S. cell phones in 2019 were spam, according to a report from the Federal Communications Commission.

Using data from the FTC's National Do Not Call Registry, Provision Living analyzed robocall complaints in every state to identify where robocalls are happening the most.

In the report it analyzes which states had the most robocalls in 2019, as well as the states with the most robocalls since 2015.

Here's what they found: Colorado was the hardest-hit state in 2019, receiving the most robocalls. Colorado residents filed 130,640 robocall complaints, or 2,403 robocalls per 100,000 residents.

Since 2015, Colorado has received the third most robocalls of any state. 583,588 robocalls or 10,735 per 100,000 residents.

Nationwide, robocalls have increased by an average of 14% since 2015. Colorado saw a similar increase in that time period at 15%.

Neighboring Arizona was No. 2 with 158,549 robocall complaints, or 2,328 per capita.

However, if you're looking for a little solace from robocalls, your best bet might be to move to Alaska. In 2019, the state was home to the fewest robocall complaints with just 4,287, or 580 per capita.

Along with analyzing robocalls in 2019, we also took a look at overall robocalls within the last five years. The East Coast seems to be a magnet for robocalls as New Jersey, Delaware and Connecticut all rank within the

top five. Since 2015, New Jersey received a total of 1,071,918 robocall complaints, which makes it the No. 1 state in the nation for robocalls, according to the FTC. Nearby Delaware, which ranks No. 2, received a staggering 10,735 per capita. Overall, Alaska once again seems to be a somewhat safe haven from robocalls with 15,627 robocall complaints within the last five years, or 2,116 per capita. Surprisingly, this is slightly less than the number of complaints that New Jersey received in 2019 alone.

Regardless of where you live, robocalls have only gone up in the last five years. Nationwide, robocalls have seen an average annual increase of 14% since 2015.

During that same time, Indiana, North Dakota and Washington D.C. have increased more than double the national average. Utah and Louisiana have also been targeted particularly hard and have experienced an average annual increase of 25%.

While tougher fines and restrictions are being put in place to deter robocalls and scams, it's still important to be educated and vigilant on these unwanted phone calls, especially to avoid becoming a victim to a potential scam.

METHODOLOGY

Using data from the Federal Trade Commission's National Do Not Call Registry, we analyzed robocall complaints in every state and visualized the data per capita.

SOURCE

Federal Trade Commission: Do Not Call Registry.

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Public Notices

COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE - PUBLICATION CRS § 38-38-103 Public Trustee Sale No. 8-19

To Whom It May Concern: This notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On August 30, 2019, under Reception No. 19001348, 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 Conejos records.

Original Grantor(s): Anthony D. Sisneros
Original Beneficiary: CitiFinancial Corporation
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company
Date of Deed of Trust: April 23, 2004
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: April 27, 2004
County of Recording: CONEJOS
Reception No.: 4000749
Original Principal Amount: \$47,798.33
Outstanding/Unpaid Principal Balance: \$55,555.91

Pursuant to C.R.S. §38-38-101 (4) (i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Default in payment required by the Deed of Trust.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

The legal description of the Property that is subject to the Notice of Election and Demand in accordance with CRS §38-38-101(4)(g) is: Lots 18 and 19, in Block 22, Sampson's Addition to the Town of Antonito in Conejos County, Colorado.

**Loan Modification Agreement signed by Yvonne Sisneros and Anthony D. Sisneros on February 23, 2018

Also known by street and number as: 407 W 8th Ave., Antonito, CO 81120

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED 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 Herby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at Conejos County Public Trustee's Office, Conejos County Courthouse, 6683 CO RD 13, Conejos, CO, 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 there, 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.

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.

First Publication: January 8, 2020
Last Publication: February 5, 2020
Name of Publication: Valley Courier
Date: January 6, 2020
Mack M. Crowther
Conejos County Public Trustee, State of Colorado.
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Frascona, Joiner, Goodman & Greenstein, P.C.
Karen J. Radakovich, Esq. Reg. No. 11649
4750 Table Mesa Drive, Boulder, CO 80305-5575
Telephone: (303)494-3000 FAX (303) 494-6309
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.
FJGG 7192-13390/Sisneros, Anthony 0001788797
No. 1223
Published in the Valley Courier on January 08, 15, 22, 29, and February 05, 2020.

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 906-19

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On November 15, 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): Glass for Less, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company
Original Beneficiary(ies): San Luis Valley Federal Bank
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: San Luis Valley Federal Bank
Date of Deed of Trust: March 02, 2012
County of Recording: Alamosa
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: March 08, 2012
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 348300
Original Principal Amount: \$287,500.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$181,416.35

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(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.

Lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27, Block 54, in the City of Alamosa, County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, AND A portion of land located in Lot 28, Block 54, of the City of Alamosa, County, State of Colorado, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of said lot 28, a found #5 bar with a yellow plastic cap marked "Summit 14840" being the True Point of Beginning;

Thence S00 11'09" W along the Ease line of said Lot 28 a distance of 150.00 feet to the southeast corner of said Lot 28;

Thence N89 48'51" W along the north right-of-way line of 6th Street a distance of 4.05 feet;

Thence N00 36'00" E a distance of 150.00 feet to a point on the south right-of-way line of the alley located in said Block 54;

Thence S89 48'51" E along said right-of-way line a distance of 2.96 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Also known by street and number as: 221 & 201 6th Street, Alamosa, CO 81011.

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 Herby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 03/18/2020, 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.

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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: 11/15/2019
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:
Jeffrey E. Motz #35972
Paul E. Motz #7740
Motz Law Firm, LLC P.O. Box 779, Alamosa, CO 81011 (719) 589-6676
Attorney File #
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. 1264
Published in the Valley Courier on January 22, 29, 2020, February 05, 12, and 19, 2020.

099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO BID
Location: San Luis Valley Conejos County Hwy 142 near the Rio Grande Bridge. Separate sealed BIDS for the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area/Rio Grande Natural Area Sign Panel (Special)-6 Panel will be received by San Luis Valley Great Outdoors, P.O. Box 300, Alamosa, Colorado 81101, located at 610 State Ave. Alamosa, Colorado 81101, until 2:00 P.M. on January 24th, 2019. The project consists of the following: The Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area/Rio Grande Natural Area is looking for the installation and fabrication of one Sign Panel (Special)-6 Panel Portals, located at Colorado State Highway 142 near the Rio Grande River crossing between Manassa, CO and San Luis, CO. Bid designs will be similar to those of the Portal Signs located in San Luis (Main Street next to the park), Antonito (south of Antonito across from Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad) and Alamosa (Rio Grande Farm Park) along the Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic and Historic Byway. Copies of the Plans may be obtained by emailing San Luis Valley Great Outdoors at slvgreatoutdoors@gmail.com. It is anticipated that the project construction will begin March, 2019.(1/24)

221 HELP WANTED

WANTED: SAGUACHE COUNTY Landfill is Hiring for an additional Full Time Attendant. REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must fill out and submit an application, must be an experienced front end loader operator and possess a valid driver's license. Applicants should have a high school diploma or GED and six months or more of relevant experience. Final candidates applying with Saguache County will be required to submit and pass a pre-employment drug screen and criminal background check. Pay D.O.E. Landfill Attendant is a full time 40 hour per week position - starting at 8:00 A.M. each day Tuesday through Saturday (subject to change) Those applying must be an experienced front end loader operator, have the ability to do strenuous outdoor physical labor in extreme weather conditions and be able to lift and/or move 20 lbs. to 75 lbs. Applications are available at the Saguache County Road and Bridge/Landfill Office 305 3rd Street, PO Box 476, Saguache, CO 81149 719-655-2554 or on the Saguache County website - www.saguachecounty.net under the Landfill Department tab. Completed applications can be hand delivered or mailed to Saguache County Road and Bridge/Landfill Office - at the address listed above, sent by email to mhashbarger@saguachecounty-co.gov or faxed to: 719-655-2543. APPLICATION DEADLINE: Open until a qualified candidate is hired. Saguache County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (01/31)

221 HELP WANTED

ROTECH HEALTHCARE IS currently taking applications for a part-time PPS-RT (Respiratory Clinician Pay Per Service). Applicant can consist of RN, CRT or RRT. If interested in the position apply at https://careers-rotech.icims.com/ (1/28)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a full-time School Nurse. A complete list of duties and desired qualifications may be viewed on the district website ww2.montek12.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 January 30, 2020, or until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website or call 719-852-5996.(2/1)

SIERRA VISTA LUMBER is seeking a full time Yard person 40 -50 hrs per week to load customers, load and unload trucks and keep lumber yard and warehouse organized. Must be dependable, a self starter and be able to pass a drug test. \$12.50/per hour or more, depending on skills and experience. Apply at Sierra Vista Lumber, 1301 West Ave., Alamosa.(1/31)

221 HELP WANTED

CALDON TRUCKING IS looking for CDL driver. Please call 719-274-4464. (1/22-TFN)

CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT is looking to hire a board secretary. Individual must be self-motivated and QuickBooks proficient. Duties include: Payroll, Setting up budgets, taking minutes at monthly meetings, filing state requirements, and some department business. Grant writing experience or desire to learn to write grants a plus. 50-60 hours per month. Pay will be determined from experience. If interested send resume to Center Fire Department P.O. Box 845, Center CO. 81125. (1/29)

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)

ARLAN'S PRO SERVICE looking Drug/Alcohol Technician with computer skills, will train \$13-\$15. Apprentice Electricians \$20-\$25. Apply in person at 6750 Cramer Road, Alamosa CO. or call 719-496-6901. (1/22)

SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for High School Baseball Coach. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools.org Sanford School is an EOE&E. (1/24)

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 905-19

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On November 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): TRACY ARCHULETA
Original Beneficiary(ies): MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS OF COLORADO, LLC
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Date of Deed of Trust: October 28, 2009
County of Recording: Alamosa
Recording Date of Deed of Trust: November 02, 2009
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 340371
Original Principal Amount: \$100,917.00
Outstanding Principal Balance: \$87,598.19

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(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.

LOTS 7 AND 8, BLOCK 29, GODFREY AND BOYD'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ALAMOSA, LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION DEEDED TO VAL DURAN AND VICKIE M. MARTINEZ IN DEED RECORDED APRIL 4, 2002 AT RECEPTION NO. 305958, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO.

Also known by street and number as: 184 RIO GRANDE AVE, 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 Herby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 03/11/2020, 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.

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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: 11/12/2019
Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado
By: Jurice Montoya, Deputy Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
Barrett Frappier & Weisserman, LLP 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711
Attorney File # 8669814
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. 1252
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NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED

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

1) Victor Palinski and Pamela Palinski, whose last known address was 823 Dora Ave, Tavares, FL 32778-2813.

THE W1/2 OF THE SW1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST LOCATED IN CONEJOS COUNTY COLORADO. THERE IS A 25' EASEMENT ALONG ALL PERMETERS FOR ACCESS AND UTILITIES AS STATED IN WARRANTY DEED RECORDED UNDER RECEPTION NO. 10000314 ON MARCH 9, 2010 OF THE CONEJOS COUNTY RECORDS.

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 19th day of November A.D. 2014, the then County Treasurer of the County of Conejos, in the State of Colorado, offered for sale at a public tax lien sale the above described real estate situated in the County of Conejos, State of Colorado, to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the years 2013.

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Victor Palinski and Pamela Palinski for the said year 2013.

That at said sale, said real estate was struck off to Conejos County, whose address is P.O. Box 97, Conejos, CO 81129 and the Treasurer's Certificate of Purchase was issued therefore to Conejos County. And, Whereas, the said Conejos County, whose address is P.O. Box 97, Conejos, CO 81129, County of Conejos and State of Colorado, did on the 2nd day of December A.D. 2019 duly assign the certificate of sale of the tax lien on said property aforesaid and their rights, title and interest in said property to Christopher G. Phillips whose address is 24 S Walnut St, County of El Paso and State of Colorado and as present holder of the certificate he has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate.

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said Christopher G Phillips at 3:00 P.M. on the 22nd day of April A.D. 2020, unless the same has been redeemed.

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

Witness my hand and seal this 15th day of January A.D. 2020.

Mack M. Crowther
Conejos County Treasurer
No. 1246
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173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

LICENSED PLUMBER DOES all types of plumbing repairs and plumbing remodel done at reasonable rate. Call 719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593.(02/01)

221 HELP WANTED

CHIEF OF POLICE-TOWN OF DEL NORTE-Full-time, FLSA Exempt. Working Chief Position, plans, organizes, and directs the activities of the Police Department in law enforcement and crime prevention. The position is expected to carry out the duties of the department in a manner that inspires trust and confidence among our citizens and staff. Any combination of training and experience that provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities is qualifying; typical education, but is not limited to BS/BA in Business Administration, Public Administration, or Criminal Justice. Experience would include 5 years of responsible command/management experience in law enforcement agency. Salary \$55K-\$60K annually. Must possess a POST certificate. Must possess valid Colorado driver's license. Must sign waiver for Town of Del Norte to obtain ALL information from previous employers. Must past background, drug and psychological tests. Applications and job description are available from Del Norte Town Hall 140 Spruce Street, Del Norte, Co or website: delnortecolorado.com. Please send application attention to Del Norte Town Administrator.140 Spruce Street, P.O. Box 249, Del Norte, Colorado 81132 Deadline for applications Jan. 31, 2020. EOE.(2/5)

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

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020 1:00P.M.
AT THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM,
11S. ALDER STREET, CRESTONE, CO
PURPOSE: Public comment on a Planned Unit Development proposal for Tract 3, which consists of 4.62 acres of E. Lime Ave. within the Town of Crestone and Zoned Rural Residential.
PRELIMINARY APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY: Crestone Peak Community Housing, a nonprofit organization, PO BOX 911, Crestone, CO 81131.
PUBLISHED AND POSTED: As per the Zoning Regulations of the Town of Crestone Section IX-10, Ordinance 2006-013, Crestone Board of Trustees: Mayor Kairina Danforth and Trustee Diane Bairstow, Terry Goergen, Adam Kinney, Kizzen Laki, Sam Pace and Bob Prather.
COMMENTS MAY BE SENT IN ADVANCE OF THE HEARING TO: Crestone Clerk, PO BOX 64, Crestone, CO 81131 or crestoneclerk@fairpoint.net
No. 1253
Published in the Valley Courier on January 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, February 01, 04, 05, 06, 07, and 08, 2020.

Request for Proposals

City of Alamosa, Colorado
Craft Tower Exterior Recoating Consultant
January 16, 2020
The City of Alamosa is requesting proposals from qualified agencies to review and modify the current project manual for recoating of the exterior of Craft Tower. The bidder must have experience in the field of developing, overseeing and reconditioning of Municipal Water Tanks. Bidder will also be expected to be the inspector during Project. For full description of request, please visit the City of Alamosa website at: <https://cityofalamosa.org/finditfast/living-in-alamosa/public-bids/>
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221 HELP WANTED

OTERO JUNIOR COLLEGE Child Development Services accepting applications for positions at the Center, Colorado Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Center Full-time Family Advocate Full-time Head Teacher (non-classroom supervisory position) Full-time Bus Driver/Janitor. All positions eligible for health, dental, vision and life benefits. Participate in Public Employees Retirement Association. Earn sick and personal leave. Job descriptions with qualification requirements and applications are available at the CDS website employment page at www.cds-headstart.com Application deadline for the Family Advocate position is January 27, 2020. Applications for Head Teacher and Bus Driver/Janitor position will be accepted until positions filled. For more information contact Michelle Weaver, 719-384-3103 or at michelle.weaver@ojc.edu Otero Junior College is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Title IX/Section 504 employer.(1/27)

THE CITY OF Alamosa is seeking a Full-Time Water/Wastewater Technician I to perform operations, maintenance, and repairs within the water and sewer divisions under the supervisor of senior personnel. This position is responsible to provide on-call service on a rotating basis to cover after-hours repairs and maintenance, as required. Starting salary is \$15.25 - \$16.78 per hour (DOQ), including a comprehensive health benefits package, CO PERA retirement, and vacation, personal, and sick leave. Applications can be found online at www.cityofalamosa.org under Employment or at the HR Department, 3300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado. Closing date is January 24, 2020 at 5 pm. (1/24)

221 HELP WANTED

SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL District is currently accepting applications for the position of school secretary/receptionist. Applicants should have a background in clerical/office work as well as excellent management skills and experience in working with the public. Experience in automated data management skills and electronic web-based platforms is preferred, but not required. Application forms are available at the district office located at 17523 E. Hwy 160 Blanca, CO 81123 or on the District's website at www.sierragrande-school.net Applications may be submitted to Mr. Darren Edgar at dedar@sierragrande-school.net or turned in at the district office. For more information please contact Mrs. DeAnn Arellano at 719-379-3257.(1/24)

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221 HELP WANTED

SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS Association Visitor Information Specialist The San Juan Mountains Association is seeking a full-time Visitor Information Specialist to provide top-notch customer service for the Rio Grande National Forest in Monte Vista and/or Del Norte. Salary range is \$28,000-\$30,000 per year (depending on experience) plus health care stipend, paid vacation, and retirement contribution. For more information please visit sjma.org/jobs-sjma/.(01/23)

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RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing Home now hiring LPN's OR RN's. Come join our team! Must have a current license and CPR. Night shift with differential. Please stop in for an application at 1335 6th St. in Del Norte CO or call 719-657-1105. Ask for Susan or Paula. (RVI is EOE). (1/22 #1)

RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing Home in Del Norte is looking for CNA's to join our Family! Night shift with differential, health benefits/competitive wages. Please stop in for an application at 1335 6th St. in Del Norte Co or call 719-657-1105. Ask for Susan or Paula. (RVI is EOE)(1/22 #2)

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by Luis Campos

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J A Y O I X . " — F U Z X N D U J J X P N A W

TODAY'S CLUE: J's number 5

Previous Solution: "From my hair to my toes to my nails. Everything's fake. Everything! Even my heart is fake." — Adriana Lima

Man with history of cheating is caught on 'hook-up' sites

DEAR ABBY: I just found out my husband of 18 years has been going to "hook-up" websites. He says he was just looking at the pictures, but I don't believe him. I have caught him cheating twice in the past, so it's hard to trust him.

My problem is, he knows I can't leave him because I have no job, no skills, no money -- nothing. I went right from my parents' house to living with him after our wedding. We have six kids and one on the way. He will continue to go to these websites because he knows I am stuck. What should I do? -- SOON-TO-BE MOTHER OF SEVEN

DEAR SOON-TO-BE MOTHER OF SEVEN: The first thing you should do is see your doctor and be checked for STDs. If you are well, thank your higher power. If you aren't, get treatment, get well and talk to a lawyer. Your situation may not be as hopeless as you think.

Have you any relatives or friends you can stay with when you leave, change your life and become self-supporting? It may require job training and time, but please consider it.

I doubt your husband will have much time for philandering if he has six kids to take care of by himself in addition to his job. I also doubt that few, was cheating, it will accomplish nothing positive,

hooking up with would welcome becoming the instant mother of six. And one more thing, from now on, please use birth control.

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for 30 years. During this time, my ex-wife has rarely spoken to me, and in the last 10 years said not one word to me. There have been many occasions and events at my son's home to celebrate my granddaughter's birthday, etc. My ex and many other people attend, but basically, no one speaks to me. I am totally ignored.

I have a strong hunch that during the divorce my ex told people I hit or abused her. (Not true!) She told my sister something to this effect. I believe it was a ploy to distract from the fact she had been cheating on me. Regardless, this situation is extremely hurtful and unpleasant. Any ideas how to deal with this? -- OSTRACIZED AND PARALYZED

DEAR O. & P.: Have you tried to initiate a conversation? Have you asked these people why they give you the silent treatment? They're fair questions.

After 30 years, it is a little late to correct the mindset your ex may have caused these relatives to have about you. But if at this late date you try to spread the word that she was cheating, it will accomplish nothing positive,



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and I don't advise it. P.S. If the silence continues, then I recommend you bring someone -- a friend or a date -- with you to these gatherings. At least you will have someone to talk to.

DEAR ABBY: I have an acquaintance I see occasionally. He recently told me he is getting married. When I congratulated him, I wanted to ask who the lucky groom is because I have often thought he was gay, but I found out he's marrying a woman. What's the appropriate way to ask this question nowadays since all of us can marry, I am happy to say. -- PONDERING IN NEVADA

DEAR PONDERING: A subtle way to ask that question would be, "Congratulations! What's your lucky fiance's (-ee's) name?"

ALLEY OOP

IT WOULD APPEAR AS THOUGH THIS IS THE 'OOP UNIVERSE.'
OOPIVERSE.
THIS HAS TO BE THE MOST HANDSOME UNIVERSE POSSIBLE!
HEY, COME ON. I'M RIGHT HERE.
EH, I SEE YOU EVERY DAY.

ARLO & JANIS

I'M BEAT! LET'S TAKE A BREAK!
OK!
WHERE ARE THE WATERY SINGAPORE SLINGS?

BIG NATE

OKAY, THANKS ANYWAY.
NATE'S NOT HOME?
NO, HIS DAD SAYS HE WENT TO THE MOVIES...
...WITH DEE DEE.
...AND THAT ONE IS CALLED RUM TUM TUGGER!
I WILL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR THIS.

THE BORN LOSER

I'VE REACHED THE POINT IN MY LIFE WHERE I CAN ACCEPT MY FAULTS AND LIVE WITH MYSELF!
HOW ABOUT YOU, GLADYS?
YES, I HAVE, TOO...
IT'S YOU WHOSE FAULTS I CAN'T ACCEPT!

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
IT'S ELIZABETH DAY!
WE HAVE OFFICIALLY DECLARED THIS ELIZABETH DAY IN HONOR OF OUR OWN LIZZIE PATTERSON WHO IS FULL OF 92 YEARS OLD!
MIKE, YOUR SISTER'S BEEN FEELING LEFT OUT LATELY SO THIS IS A SPECIAL DAY TO LET HER KNOW SHE'S LOVED, SHE'S NEEDED AND SHE'S AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE FAMILY.
BRAAACK!!

FRANK & ERNEST

POLITICAL CONSULTANTS
ELECT
WE'RE SPIN DOCTORS. THAT DO NO HARM OATH DOESN'T APPLY TO US.

GARFIELD

AROOOOOOOOO!!!
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO APPLAUD

THE GRIZZWELLS

WHOA! THIS HALF-EATEN TACO IS LEADED WITH BUGS
THAT'S THE THIRD TIME THIS WEEK THAT'S HAPPENED
YIM! IT'S LIKE WE WERE BORN UNDER A LUCKY STAR OR SOMETHING!
ONE OF US WAS! HAND IT OVER, RIVER

PEANUTS

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WHAT FOR?
TO FRY YOUR COFFEE!



Enjoy time with children

Vacations are short, and parents need to make the most of this quality time with their children.

Thankfully, the following tips and tricks can help parents cut down on their stress so they can enjoy more quality time together as a family.

Create a schedule. Jot down family activities and commitments on a large calendar and keep it on the fridge so everyone can see what's coming up.

This will help give the children a sense of security and routine that's missing during extended vacations, such as summer or winter breaks from school.

Just be flexible, and make sure to schedule plenty of free time to relax and have quiet time with a book.

Cut down on kitchen time. Don't like having to choose between healthy and quick, easy meals? Look for simple, nutritious meal options that take much of the work out of cooking.

For easy lunches and dinners one will feel good about serving the kids, try Mann's Nourish Bowls. Ready in just a couple of minutes in the microwave, the meals were developed by chefs and feature superfood veggies like broccoli, sweet potato and kale. They also work as great side dishes to complete a fast and healthy meal.

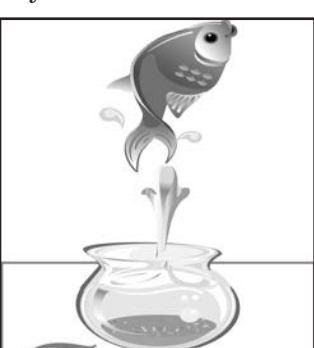
Plan special dates. Getting out of the house regularly doesn't mean having to use up the family travel budget.

Give the children an excuse to use up their energy and get some fresh air by scheduling some fun and free activities.

Try going to the local skating rink or spending some time in the public library.

Keep the children on top of chores and other duties by presenting these activities as rewards for a job well done.

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SPACE JUNK

TRASH THAT'S OUT OF THIS WORLD

Have you noticed that all too often people leave litter behind when they go out and about? That causes problems for our planet and living things.

Since people started exploring space, we have been leaving litter behind. And that space litter is causing problems.

HOW MUCH JUNK IS IN SPACE?

Space junk is a problem. Orbiting junk travels at tremendous speed, causing damage to working satellites and spacecraft like the International Space Station (ISS).

Orbiting Earth there are:

- 34,000 objects larger than 4 inches (10 cm) in diameter
- 900,000 objects ranging from .4 inches (1 cm) to 4 inches (10 cm) in size
- 128 million objects from .04 inches (1 mm) to .4 inches (1 cm)

Identified Flying Objects

Using a ruler, find objects around your classroom or home that are approximately the sizes listed above.

IS THE SKY FALLING?

NASA says that only about one piece of space litter falls to earth each day. Nearly all of this burns up as it enters the atmosphere.

PAINT PROBLEM

There are millions of smaller debris such as nuts, bolts, and even flecks of paint. Many of them are around the planet at 7km per second. At that speed a fleck of paint could have the same impact as a motorcycle traveling at 60 miles per hour (95 km per hour)!*

Draw a line to where each word belongs in this paragraph.

SPEED **BOLTS**

TRAVELING **PIECES**

MILES **IMPACT**

*SOURCE: European Space Agency

Kid Scoop Together Book Scoop

Use the Decoder Ring to discover the name of this fun graphic novel by Drew Brockington, which is available at the library. To fill in the blanks, find the letter on the outer ring, then replace it with the letter below it on the inner ring.

Facing disaster on a global scale, the CatStronauts rally to save the day. Without their chief science officer, and with a broken telescope and a lack of funding, the situation looks dire. Even Pilot Waffles is orbiting Earth in nothing but a space suit. Drew Brockington's third graphic novel in the series follows these daring adventures in space with imagination and much hilarity.

CatStronauts:

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STRANGE SPACE LITTER

Sometimes, astronauts drop things accidentally. And sometimes they leave things in space on purpose. Which of these things are really floating in space? Do the math to find out. Items that add up to an odd number are REAL. Those that add up to even numbers are science fiction!

9 + 4 =

tools

23 + 9 =

camera

24 + 3 =

family portrait

11 + 6 =

astronaut glove

17 + 6 =

LEGOs

18 + 2 =

toaster

29 + 5 =

Christmas ornament

Extra! Extra! Hundred Toss

Count different things in the newspaper! For example, count the numbers of:

- women reporters
- men reporters
- numbers over 100
- dogs
- adjectives in the headlines on one page

Standards Link: Research. Use the newspaper to locate information.

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ROBOT TO THE RESCUE?

Cleaning Up Space: The European Space Agency (ESA) has developed a four-armed robot which will be launched into space to help clean up the trash in 2025. The robot will gather up debris before diving back down to Earth, where both the robot and the junk will burn up in the atmosphere. Circle every other letter to discover the name of this mission.

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PTALCREYOHNWE

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Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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N	D	U	R	T	C	L	E	A	N
I	E	G	N	A	R	T	S	O	P
T	B	F	P	L	S	T	H	R	O
I	R	S	R	I	K	H	O	T	B
B	I	N	E	T	Y	B	O	I	J
R	S	R	A	T	L	B	S	U	E
O	U	L	E	O	N	N	I	C	
V	E	B	M	R	R	K	S	E	T

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: DEBRIS

The noun **debris** means junk or pieces left behind from something broken or destroyed.

The abandoned space ship became **debris** orbiting Earth.

Try to use the word **debris** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Living in the Future

Look through the newspaper to find a science-related article that might have been considered science-fiction 50 years ago. Then find an ad for a product that wasn't available 50 years ago.

Standards Link: History. Compare and contrast everyday life in different times.

Why did the sun go to school?

ANSWER: To get brighter.

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