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Narrow Gauge
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ALAMOSA — The Narrow Gauge Book Coop annual meeting will be held at 7 p.m. today at the Alamosa Presbyterian Church, 330 San Juan Ave. in Alamosa. A potluck dinner will be held at 6 p.m.

Office closed
today

ALAMOSA — Alamosa County Treasurer & Public Trustee, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa, office will be closed from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Its normal hours are M-F 8-4:30.

SLV Electric
meets today

MONTE VISTA — The regular board of directors meeting for San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. is scheduled for today 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.

Spud Summit
Wednesday

MONTE VISTA — The 2020 SLV Potato Business Summit will be held Wednesday, from 1-4:30 p.m. at the Vall 3 Theater in Monte Vista. Topics include water management, insurance, finance, economics, supply and business management. The event is open to all potato growers and industry professionals.

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Zaragoza all in



La Jara Mayor Larry Zaragoza was the only SLV mayor to accept the challenge from Alamosa's own Ty Coleman to participate in Sunday's Rio Frio 5K event at Blanca Vista Park. More than 20 people took the plunge and were assisted out of the frigid water by volunteers from the Alamosa Fire Department.

Mayor walks on water?



Known for his many attributes, Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman displayed another on Sunday at the annual Rio Frio Ice Fest polar plunge held at Blanca Vista Park just north of town. And no, he really can't walk on water.

Courier photos by Keith R. Cerny

Roberts wins men's Fat Tire

Moore cruises to victory in women's race

DANIEL MCKILLOP
Courier Editor

ALAMOSA — Cameron Roberts edged Daniel Boyes in a photo finish to win the men's Kristi Mountain Sports Fat Bike Race to start the third day of the Rio Frio Ice Fest at Blanca Vista Park on Sunday morning.

Roberts, who is a Monte Vista native, recorded a time of 6 minutes, 09:88 seconds, which barely topped Boyes' time of 6:10.23.

Roberts said he led the whole way. "Not by much, but I did," he added.

The 16-year-old, who is home schooled, said even though Boyes was right in back of him the whole race, he tried not to look back.

Roberts said Moyes began to close in on him during the second half of the competition.

As the race came down to the final turn, not much separated the top two competitors.

"We were probably just a couple of inches apart, said Roberts about how close it was from the final turn to the finish line. "I could hear his tires rumbling and he was right behind me and everybody was yelling, 'Get him.'"

Roberts said the Ice Fest race was his first time racing in a Fat Tire competition; however, he competes as a cross country mountain biker for the San Luis Rattlers.

Alamosa native Erin Moore came from behind to win the women's 2.5-mile race.

Her first-place time was 9:08.36. Moore said she trailed during the first half- to quarter-mile of



Courier photos by Daniel McKillop
Cameron Roberts (left) barely beats Daniel Boyes for first place in the men's Fat Bike Race at Blanca Park during the Ice Fest on Sunday morning.

the competition.

Emma Reesor, who led Moore in the beginning of the race, placed second at 9:26.80.

Moore, who competed and was the runner-up in last season's Rio Frio Fat Tire race, explained how she pulled away at the end of the course.

"You just have to be aware of your gears," she said. "This is a tough course because there's surface changes, which makes a difference, and there's short, really steep hills.

"But then the last bit is flat, so you just have to try to stay in it mentally."



Erin Moore crosses the finish line without another soul in sight to cruise to victory in the women's race.

Alamosa KOA looks to expand

By HELEN SMITH
Staff Writer

ALAMOSA — A Special Use Permit has been issued to the Alamosa KOA Campground by the Alamosa County Land Use Office.

Owners Leslie Petersen and Debora Hankinson presented a plan to expand their franchise/property to the Board of County Commissioners meeting during its Jan. 22 gathering.

The KOA site has been in existence for 50 years. With the recent uptick in visitors to the Valley over the past several years, the need for more space at the Campground is becoming increasingly necessary to keep up with demand and demographic shifts.

The proposed expansion is mapped out over five to seven years and includes the installation of additional utilities, improved amenities, additional cabins and RV sites, and equine accommodations.

The Land Use Office will require the Campground to have written documentation and approval from the Division of Water Resources. The well on the property is deemed adequate to meet possible future demands.

Hankinson expressed to the board that she sees the expansion as a needed step because the Campground has turned away numerous requests due to limited space, particularly when it comes to special events and holiday travelers.

The biggest challenge for the proposal is access to Juniper Lane

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OBITUARIES

Orlando T. 'Shad' Mondragon, 95

ALAMOSA — Orlando T. "Shad" Mondragon, 95 years old, and a resident of Alamosa, passed away on the 24th of January, 2020 at the San Luis Valley Health Regional Medical Center. He was born Oct. 9, 1924 in Taos, N.M., to Alejandro and Maria Mondragon.

He served his country for a term of four years in the United States Navy during World War II. His position in the Navy was a Machinist's Mate Third Class, Construction Battalion (CB) USN-1.

He worked for McIntyre and Cody Construction Company for many years.

His hobbies and interests included camping, fishing, hunting, woodworking, boxing, wrestling, traveling, listening to music and numerous other activities.

Orlando's primary focus and the love of his life was his wife of 73 years, Benita, and their children, Alex, June, Nancy, Orlanda, Connie and Marilyn.

Orlando is survived by his daughters, June Encinias Fuqua, Nancy Mondragon, Connie Lee and Marilyn Mondragon; as well as 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, one great-great granddaughter and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his spouse, Benita A. Mondragon; his father, and mother; Alejandro and Maria Mondragon;



his son, Alex Mondragon; his daughter, Orlanda D. Ruybal (Mondragon); his granddaughter, Kanda Toogood; and his sister, Isabel Medina.

A vigil with recitation of the rosary will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Alamosa. A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31, also at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Alamosa, with Father Sergio Robles, C.R. officiating. Interment will follow services with military honors in the Alamosa Cemetery.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements.

To leave online condolences and remarks for Orlando's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com

Alexander Hill, 75

ALAMOSA — Alexander Hill, known to friends and family as "Sandy" or "Alex," passed away Jan. 23, 2020, at the age of 75 years.

Sandy was born in Trenton, N.J., to Col. Raymond Hill and Dorothy Elizabeth (nee Alexander). It wasn't long before he enlisted in the family military tradition and joined the United States Marine Corps. While he was active, his duties included deployment on the carrier USS Wasp, Casualty Assistance and funeral detail for his fallen brothers returning from Vietnam.

While serving six years and rising to the rank of Sergeant in the Marine Corps, he found the Love of His Life, JoAnn, and they married in 1967 in Trenton. When Sandy separated from the Marines in 1968, he and JoAnn made their way to colorful Colorado and settled in Alamosa. They enrolled at Adams State College and he pursued degrees in science and education, graduating in 1972.

He taught earth sciences and algebra in both the Sargent (1973-78) and Alamosa School districts (1981-1995) when he retired from public education.

During his years in the San Luis Valley, he discovered another passion in aviation. He quickly gained his pilot's license and continued his studies all the way to flight instructor. His wife shared this passion and she joined him in these adventures. Side



by side, they taught students and gained expertise, culminating in their life's work, the Master Instructor Program (1997-present). This program, recognized by the FAA, was built on professionalism and continuing education for flight instructors worldwide.

Beyond all of this, Sandy was a family man and a Colorado boy at heart. He loved nothing more than his family, his dogs, the Colorado mountains and all the adventures they contained. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, JoAnn (nee Kish); two children, Jennifer and Matthew; and grandson Rowen.

Memorial service will be held Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 11 a.m. at the Ahlberg Funeral Chapel in Longmont.

Memorial donations in Sandy's name may be made to the Semper Fi Fund (<https://semperfi-fund.org/donate/>).

Rebecca Thompson, 71

SANTA FE, N.M. — Rebecca Thompson, 71, died Jan. 22, 2020 at her home in Santa Fe, NM.

She was born in Del Norte to Robert Thropp and Ruth Brownell Thropp on April 13, 1948.

She held many different jobs. Her favorite was when she created her own clothing line in Seattle, Wash., Her last passion was learning to ride dressage. She had a beautiful horse and she was riding him competitively, doing

very well until she was to sick to continue riding.

She is survived by her husband, Rob Thompson of Santa Fe; her son, Michaud (Arlene) Ray, Henderson, Nev.; her sisters, Karen Deacon, Monte Vista, and Christina Jesperson (Tom Gray), Redondo Beach, Calif.; her niece, Janine (Andy) White, Austin, Texas; and her nephew, Matthew (Kazie) Deacon, South Fork.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OBITUARIES

Kathryn M. Fox, 90

MONTE VISTA — Kathryn Fox passed away Jan 24, 2020, at the Colorado State Veterans Center at Homelake.

She was born in Lincoln County, Kan., in the late '20s to Charles and Mattie Vokok.

She moved to Denver in the '40s where she met her late husband, retired Senior Master Sergeant Perry Fox. She is survived by her sisters, Ester and Sharon; her daughter, Sheila (Bob) Davie; son, Charles (Danny) Fox; grandchildren, Brian, Stephanie and Gabriela; and many wonderful great-grandchildren.

She was a wife and homemaker that traveled all over the world supporting her late husband Perry with his military career. Upon Perry's retirement, they settled back in Colorado.

She was an avid Denver



Broncos fan and never missed a game. She was even honored by the team as a super fan.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring and announced at a later date. Cremation was chosen and Strohmayr's Funeral Home is making the arrangements.

The family wishes to thank the Colorado State Veterans center and fantastic staff for her amazing care.

PENDING OBITUARY

Linda Sanchez, 39

LA JARA — La Jara resident Linda Sanchez, 39, passed away January 24, 2020. Arrangements are pending have been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Kathryn Marie Valdez, 72

MONTE VISTA — Monte Vista resident Kathryn Marie Valdez, 72, passed away Jan. 27, 2020.

Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

Paul Weaver, 89

ALAMOSA — Longtime Alamosa resident Paul Weaver, 89, passed away on Jan. 25, 2020.

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

AA MEETINGS

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

12 p.m. First United Methodist Church at 2005 Mullins, 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

School Menu

Tuesday
Jan. 28, 2020

BREAKFAST

Breakfast Burrito
Juice & Fruit

ELEMENTARY

Domino's Pizza
Corn
Vegetable Bar

SECONDARY

Mandarin Orange Chicken
Egg Roll
Fried Rice
Vegetable Bar

An assortment of fresh fruit and canned fruit as well as fresh vegetables and canned vegetables will be offered weekly. Menu subject to change.

To sponsor the School Menu call 589-2553

Valley News

Boulder residents enjoy Rio Frio



Courier photo by Daniel McKillop

Karin VanBaak (left), Ed VanBaak and Rudy, who is a 4-year-old greyhound, take in the sounds and sights while sitting outside the SLV Brewery during the Rio Frio Ice Fest's Kiwanis Costume Contest on Saturday afternoon. "We are from Boulder," Ed said. "We came down for the Rio Frio 5K this morning. Ed said a neighbor friend, who was going to the Ice Fest, invited him to come along. "So, we got up this morning, put on some clothes ... and went on a run on the river with spiked shoes. When asked what place he finished in the race, Ed said, "I am No. 1 in having the most fun." Karin said she and Ed ran together. "Jogged is the right answer," she added. "And we're having beers and sitting in the sun; it's great." Karin said Rudy "did not run." Ed said the Rio Frio Ice Fest is a "great event — like this whole weekend is amazing.

New attraction at 2020 Ice Fest



The Alamosa Park and Recreation departments "new friend" drew a lot of attention during the 2020 Rio Frio Ice Fest this past weekend, including these youngsters trying to out-dodge near the corner of Main and San Juan.

Courier photos by Keith R. Cerny

Pond curling popular



With the loss of the "ice carousel" at Blanca Vista Park just north of Alamosa, pond curling made its debut and Kamryn Moeller proved it's a sport for all ages. Milk jugs filled with frozen colored water were slid across the ice at a target some distance away with the goal to outscore the opposing team.

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School Choice Week underway

DENVER — Colorado families and schools are celebrating the state's robust educational opportunities at events and activities attended and planned by all forms of education options.

Schools, organizations, and individuals are planning 690 events and activities, making up some of the 51,300 events planned nationwide to draw attention to K-12 education options. National School Choice Week (Jan. 26-Feb. 1) will be the largest celebration of educational choice in U.S. history, with a record-shattering 13.7 million Americans expected to

participate.

One of the biggest events taking place in Colorado will be a large school fair on Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Space Foundation Center. Around the country, Americans will be celebrating at school open houses, pep rallies, screenings of the movie "Miss Virginia," sports competitions, school fairs, and more. For a preview of local events planned in Colorado, explore the events and updates listed at schoolchoiceweek.com/states/colorado.

Governor Jared Polis issued an official proclamation recognizing Jan. 26 - Feb. 1

as Colorado School Choice Week. In addition, the cities of Thornton and Windsor issued proclamations recognizing National School Choice Week in their communities.

In Colorado, there are a variety of educational options that are free to attend including: traditional public schools, charter schools, magnet schools, private schools, online schools, and home-schooling.

National School Choice Week is an independent public awareness effort celebrated since 2011. The week is non-partisan, nonpolitical, and

not related to any legislative advocacy campaign.

"From outdoor learning programs to magnet schools to Montessori schools and more, there are many education options in Colorado," said Andrew Campanella, president of National School Choice Week. "The state is a national leader in providing a diverse array of educational choices for families, and we encourage parents to use National School Choice Week to consider all their options, while celebrating schools and learning environments that are making a positive difference for children, families,

NPA applauds EPA's decision

WASHINGTON — Leaders of the National Potato Council welcomed yesterday's announcement that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency finalized its proposed rule defining the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule with the Navigable Waters Protection Rule.

EPA's action also defines what waters are not subject to federal control, including most farm and roadside ditches, prior converted cropland, and farm and stock watering ponds.

"Potato farmers are committed to protecting the nation's waters," said Britt Raybould, president of the National Potato Council. "However, the imposition of unnecessary federal burdens, such as regulating ditches on private farms that are generally dry throughout the year, undermines that overall mission by creating

uncertainty and increasing costs.

EPA's newly issued rule avoids those negative outcomes and provides increased clarity regarding the responsibilities of farmers under the Clean Water Act in protecting our nation's surface water resources."

NPC Vice President of Environmental Affairs Dominic LaJoie also welcomed the news.

"NPC appreciates EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers for issuing a final rule defining what waters are subject to the permitting authority under the Clean Water Act. While we are still reviewing the rule, it appears that the federal agencies have adopted a common-sense approach in determining the act's scope. It recognizes the authority of the states to continue to manage their waters while providing the federal government appropriate

authority to protect navigable waters," said LaJoie.

NPC Vice President of Legislative Affairs RJ Andrus and NPC Chief Operating Officer Mike Wenkel joined state and local partners at an event yesterday with Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho) at the Idaho Potato Conference & AG Expo announcing the new rule. The event was one of many that occurred throughout the country held by members of Congress and federal officials welcoming the rule.

The revised WOTUS definition identifies four clear categories of waters that are federally regulated under the Clean Water Act: the territorial seas and traditional navigable waters; perennial and intermittent tributaries; certain lakes, ponds, and impoundments; and wetlands that are adjacent to jurisdictional waters. Importantly, the final action also details what waters are not subject to federal control, including features that only contain water in direct response to rainfall; groundwater; many ditches, including most farm and roadside ditches; prior converted cropland; farm and stock watering ponds; and waste treatment systems.

The National Potato Council represents the interests of U.S. potato growers on federal legislative, regulatory, environmental and trade issues.

The value of U.S. potato production is over \$3.7 billion annually and supports hundreds of thousands of jobs both directly and indirectly.

Report courtesy of press release from Mark Szymanski, Director of Communications, National Potato Council.

Events

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Visitors and neighbors alike have expressed concern about the safety of the turnoff to the property due to a high-speed limit and acceleration challenges. Hankinson and Petersen are currently working with the Colorado Department of Transportation to explore the possibility of moving the increase in speed limit further east of the property. Another option under consideration is the installation of a turn lane.

Hankinson and Petersen expressed their commitment to the Campground's success and the overall success of the Alamosa Community. They are hopeful the plan will move forward, and the property will continue to thrive well into the future.

San Luis Valley author to hold book reading

ALAMOSA — Author Carol Guerrero-Murphy will be holding an author reading for her newly published book of poetry, "Chained Dog Dreams."

The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, at the Narrow Gauge Book Coop in downtown

Alamosa.

Ms. Guerrero-Murphy will be at the bookstore to talk to community members and read from her new book. Many of these poems are set in the San Luis and Huerfano Valleys of southern Colorado where she has lived for

most of her adult life, as well as in Alaska, where she was a child.

She is a professor Emerita, with a Ph.D. in English and Creative Writing from Denver University.

She continues to teach in the College Prison Program of Adams State

University. Ms. Guerrero-Murphy's first book of poetry, "Table Walking at Nighthawk," was named a WILLA poetry finalist.

Narrow Gauge Book Coop is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

For more information

on volunteering or taking part in the owner and member opportunities, stop by the store, go on the Facebook page, email narrowgauge.coop@gmail.com or call 719-589-3464.

The coop is located at 602 Main Street in Alamosa.

La Puente's Legacy Fund hosting community thank you reception

ALAMOSA — La Puente's Legacy Fund is sponsoring a free community thank you reception for all of its supporters, as it builds vision for the future.

"La Puente's Legacy fund is our community's heart beating for a future where the basic human needs of those in crisis are met," according to a La Puente press

release. "We depend on the support of those who believe in our mission and the future of La Puente."

"La Puente's Community Thank You recep-

tion is a chance for us to shower our supporters with love."

This year's event will be held on Feb. 13 at Milagros Coffee House from 5:30-7:30PM.

Join in for mocktails, hors d'oeuvres, chocolate and live music.

For more information, call 719-587-3499 or visit lapuentehome.org/events/.

BLM Taos Field Office plans prescribed burns near Tres Piedras, Cerro

TAOS, N.M. — Beginning Feb. 1 and continuing for up to 30 days, the Bureau of Land Manage-

ment will be conducting prescribed burns in the Río Grande del Norte National Monument on the

Guadalupe Mountains, located 1 mile south of Cerro, N.M. Smoke may be visible from highways NM

522, U.S. 285, and U.S. 64.

The goal of this project is to employ management-ignited prescribed fire to

reduce hazardous fuel loadings that could contribute to high intensity crown fire under the right conditions.

School Menu
Tuesday
Jan. 28, 2020

BREAKFAST
 Breakfast Burrito
 Juice & Fruit

ELEMENTARY
 Domino's Pizza
 Corn
 Vegetable Bar

SECONDARY
 Mandarin Orange Chicken
 Egg Roll
 Fried Rice
 Vegetable Bar

An assortment of fresh fruit and canned fruit as well as fresh vegetables and canned vegetables will be offered weekly. Menu subject to change.

To sponsor the School Menu call 589-2553

Lifestyle



Photos courtesy of Colorado State Forest Service

Adequate precipitation in 2019 bolstered trees' defenses by helping them produce enough sap to resist insects attempting to enter through the bark

Spruce beetle remains state's peskiest insect

Forest managers address diseases

LAKEWOOD — Forest managers are working together to address continued outbreaks of insects and disease on Colorado's forests, including spruce beetle, which remains the most damaging forest pest in the state for the eighth consecutive year, based on a 2019 aerial detection survey led by the USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, and Colorado State Forest Service.

Every year, the agencies aerially monitor forest health conditions on millions of forested acres across the state. Today, the agencies released the results of last year's aerial survey and survey map.

"Healthy, resilient forests are crucial to ensure that the American public continues to have clean water and air, wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities," said Jennifer Eberlien, acting regional forester for the USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region. "This report is a snapshot of year-round proactive efforts to manage forests statewide, promote healthy landscapes and shared stewardship."

IMPACTS FROM NATIVE BARK BEETLES

In 2019, spruce beetle affected 89,000 acres of high-elevation Engelmann spruce across Colorado. Although the number of acres affected by this beetle declined for the fifth year in a row, it continues to expand its footprint by spreading to previously unaffected areas. Last year, it affected 25,000 new acres of forest.

Primary areas impacted by spruce beetle include forestlands in and around Rocky Mountain National Park and portions of the San Juan Mountains, West Elk Mountains and Sawatch Range.

Since 2000, spruce beetle outbreaks caused tree mortality on roughly 1.87 million acres in Colorado, and about 41% of the spruce-fir forests in the state have now been affected. Blowdown events in Engelmann spruce stands, combined with long-term drought stress, warmer temperatures and extensive amounts of older, densely growing trees, contributed to this ongoing epidemic.

Roundheaded pine beetle, along with associated native bark beetles, continued to affect ponderosa pine forests in Dolores County in southwest Colorado. This insect affected 22,000 acres in 2019. While this is a slight decline from 2018, when 26,900 acres were affected, record-low precipitation levels in 2018 in this part of the state have weakened tree defenses, providing an environmental window that continues to favor an increase in beetle populations in southwest Colorado.

FROM DRY AND HOT TO WET AND MILD

The amount of precipitation and daily temperature patterns affect how well

"Colorado's forests are vital to the economic and ecological health of our state."

— Mike Lester
State forester and director of the Colorado State Forest Service

trees in the state's forests can ward off pests to remain healthy and resilient. Colorado experienced near-average temperatures from October 2018 to September 2019. During that same period, precipitation levels rebounded from the prior year, which was the second driest on record since 1895, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

This was good for Colorado's trees impacted by bark beetles. Adequate precipitation in 2019 bolstered their defenses by helping trees produce enough sap to resist insects attempting to enter through the bark. However, this precipitation, coupled with mild temperatures, caused heavy snowpack to persist later than usual, delaying tree symptoms from insect attacks. This made aerial detections difficult, which may explain the decline in acres affected by spruce beetle.

Wet spring conditions in 2019 also created favorable conditions for several species of leaf fungi, which can cause early leaf drop and spotting on leaves of cottonwood, aspen and poplar trees. Defoliating insects may also cause damage. Surveyors detected disturbance on 73,600 acres of aspens in 2019, although these insects and diseases rarely cause significant tree decline unless trees are severely defoliated over multiple years.

Most Widespread Forest Defoliator
The aerial survey also revealed that western spruce budworm continues to be Colorado's most damaging and widespread forest defoliator. The insect affected 147,000 acres of Douglas-fir and spruce trees in 2019, mostly in central and southern areas of the state. This is up from the 131,000 acres impacted by the western spruce budworm in 2018. Defoliation that occurs over several years may weaken a tree to the point where bark beetles can easily overcome the tree and kill it.

In addition, the aerial survey showed the effects on forests from other insects. Douglas-fir beetle affected numerous pockets of forestland covering 7,400 acres, down from 14,000 acres in 2018, and the mountain pine beetle affected only 720 acres statewide. While it remains

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Lifestyle

CPW seeks public input on elk management planning

DURANGO — Colorado Parks and Wildlife is seeking input on elk management planning in southwest Colorado and has scheduled four public meetings in Dolores, Norwood, Pagosa Springs and Durango.

“Elk management plans are revised approximately every 10 years,” said Matt Thorpe, area wildlife manager in Durango. “Public input provides guidance to wildlife managers who attempt to balance the biological capabilities of the herd and its habitat with the public’s demand for wildlife recreation opportunities. These Herd Management Plans drive important decisions, which include the license-setting process as well as strategies and techniques to reach

herd population objectives.”

Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff members will talk about current status of elk herds, history of the herds and the herd management planning process. CPW wants to hear from local hunters and others interested in wildlife about how they’d like to see elk managed.

Here’s the meetings schedule:

- Feb. 4, 6:30-8 p.m. in Dolores, Dolores Community Center. The presentation will include Game Management Units 70, 71, 711, 72 and 73.

- Feb. 6, 6:30-8 p.m., in Pagosa Springs at the Archuleta County Extension office. The presentation will include Game Management Units 75, 751, 77, 78

and 771.

- Feb. 11, 6:30-8 p.m., in Norwood at the Lone Cone library. The presentation will include Game Management Units 70, 71, 72, 73 and 711.

- Feb. 13, 6:30-8 p.m., in Durango, La Plata County Fairgrounds extension building. The presentation will include Game Management Units 74 and 741.

At the meetings, wildlife managers will also discuss the new regulation that limits archery elk hunting licenses in this area of southwest Colorado.

CPW is also asking those interested in elk management in southwest Colorado to take an online survey that will be available Feb. 4 on CPW’s web site at <https://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/>

Pages/HerdManagement-Plans.aspx

For more information about the meetings, call the Durango CPW office at 970-247-0855.

CPW is an enterprise agency, relying primarily

on license sales, state parks fees and registration fees to support its operations, including: 41 state parks and more than 350 wildlife areas covering approximately 900,000 acres, management of fishing and hunting, wild-

life watching, camping, motorized and non-motorized trails, boating and outdoor education. CPW’s work contributes approximately \$6 billion in total economic impact annually throughout Colorado.



Courtesy photo



Photos courtesy of Colorado State Forest Service

This past year for the aerial survey, pilots use a tailored, web-based application that allows the USDA Forest Service to share data during flights in real time with partners and the public.

Beetle

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at natural, endemic levels, the aerial survey found a slight uptick in mountain pine beetle activity in the Taylor River drainage in Gunnison County.

“Colorado’s forests are vital to the economic and ecological health of our state,” said Mike Lester, state forester and director of the Colorado State Forest Service. “Our partnership with the U.S. Forest Service on the aerial survey offers another great example of how working together, we can effectively address forest health issues that span property boundaries, like bark beetle outbreaks. With information from the survey, we better understand the health of our forests and can focus our efforts where they’ll make the biggest impact.”

The aerial survey exemplifies the agencies’ continued support for shared stewardship and the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding, which establishes a framework for federal and state agencies to collaborate bet-

ter, focus on accomplishing mutual goals and respond to ecological, natural resource and recreational challenges and concerns for our 24.4 million acres of forestlands in Colorado.

This past year for the aerial survey, pilots use a tailored, web-based application that allows the USDA Forest Service to share data during flights in real time with partners and the public.

By capitalizing on this technology, the agency can proactively and quickly respond to outbreaks that surveyors detect on forestlands, share data more collaboratively and cover more area efficiently.

For more results from 2019 aerial survey, please visit <https://bit.ly/38xkk3y>.

For more information on the insects and diseases of Colorado’s forests, and support for landowners seeking to achieve healthier forests, contact your local CSFS field office or visit csfs.colostate.edu.

Report courtesy of a press release from Teddy Parker-Renga, Associate Director of Communications and Communities, Colorado State Forest Service.

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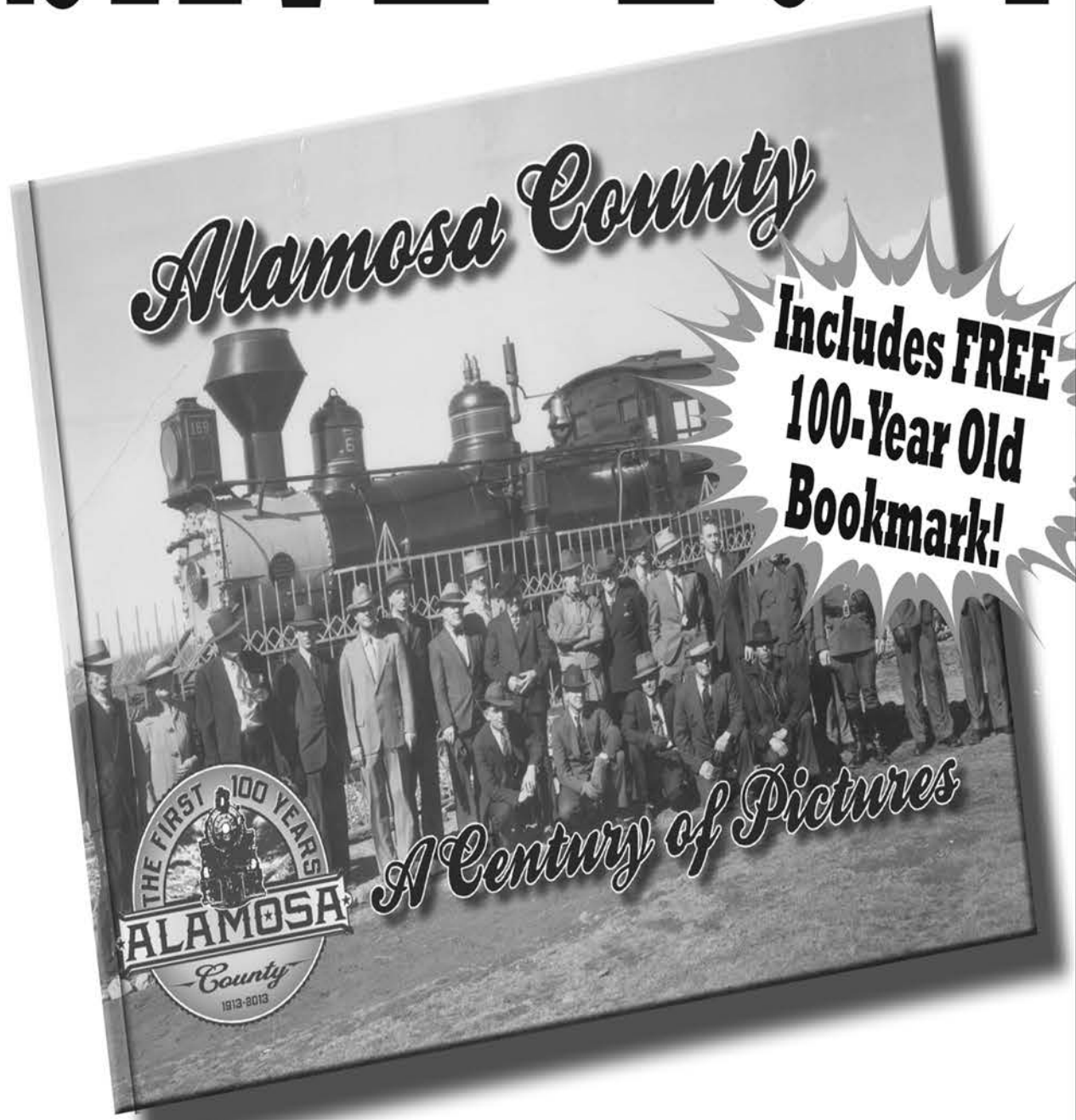
CDC continues to regularly update its information and most recently announced five cases with 110 patients under investigation across the country.

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To speak with an emergency physician, please contact Steve Arnoff sarnoff@acep.org | Twitter: @emergencydocs

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Sports

Alamosa takes on Pagosa Springs

Moose can't overcome Pirate defense

By **STEPHEN JIRON**
Courier Sports Editor

ALAMOSA — Saturday wasn't going to be easy, Alamosa girls basketball faced the defending Intermountain League (IML) district champion Pagosa Springs and lost 35-24.

Alamosa (11-2, 3-1 IML) suffered their first loss of the year during the Glenwood Springs Demon Invite basketball tournament against Montrose. Since then the Moose have been solid, picking up 6 straight wins, 3 of which in league games entering Saturday's meeting with Pagosa Springs (10-2, 4-0 IML).

The Pirates' defense has been a staple of Pagosa Springs' success for as they haven't allowed 40 points or more to an opponent thus far this season.

While Pagosa's defense performed well as expected, Alamosa's defense matched suit and kept the Pirates to their second-lowest score total of the year. Only No. 1 St. Mary's has stymied the Pirates more, keeping Pagosa Springs to just 31 points on Dec. 13.

Neither team was very productive in the early going. Alamosa was led in the first half by Lily Lavier with 6 points. Lavier picked up four of her points on two trips to the free-throw line. Pagosa wasn't much more dominant as first-half leader Hailey Griego had 8 points. But the Pirates went to the break with a 16-10 lead.

In the third quarter, Alamosa came out with back to back baskets from Taylor Motz and Terese Chavez and had closed the distance to 2 points trailing

16-14. Pagosa answered with a 10-2 run that saw Adelyn Dozier hit 3-pointers on consecutive possessions and the visiting Pirates entered the final quarter with a 26-18 lead.

The Moose were unable to close the distance again and Pagosa Springs escaped with a 35-24 win. Lilly Lavier led Alamosa in scoring with 9 points, followed by Terese Chavez with 4.

The loss didn't hurt Alamosa's position in the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) Coaches Poll. The Moose still occupy the No. 5 spot in the rankings.

Alamosa will have another tough league meeting this week when they welcome Centauri (12-1, 3-1 IML) to town then they will wrap the weekend with a home game



Courier photo by Stephen Jiron

Alamosa's Devyn Mitchell (5) gets inside on Pagosa's Hailey Griego (10) during Saturday's game at Alamosa High.

against Bayfield (4-6, 1-3 IML) on Saturday.

Moose win shootout over Pagosa Springs

By **STEPHEN JIRON**
Courier Sports Editor

ALAMOSA — Neither Alamosa or Pagosa Springs boys basketball teams were willing to back down in a Saturday Intermountain League (IML) game. Host Alamosa (9-4, 4-0 IML) outlasted the visiting Pirates by a score of 57-49.

Alamosa has since bounced back from a tough loss to 4A Pueblo East rattling off three straight league wins before meeting Pagosa Springs (6-7, 1-3 IML) on Saturday night.

From the way, the first quarter unfolded it's a pretty good guess that both coaches were preaching the importance of a fast start beforehand. Neither team wasted any time scoring points early.

Alamosa got the first scoring streak in the first chapter with Isaiah Harrell banking back-to-back buckets to claim a 4-0 lead for the home team.

Later Pagosa's Mason Snarr went back-to-back for 4 points.

From there, no points went unanswered. Alamosa's Lincoln Tuioti-Mariner got the final word of the first quarter to put



Courier photos by Stephen Jiron

Alamosa senior Ian Jackson (24) fades away from the defense during a 57-49 home league win on Saturday night.

the Moose ahead 16-14. The Alamosa senior finished with 6 points in the win.

The second quarter was where Alamosa separated themselves. Alamosa's Sam Clark pioneered

two separate rallies for the Moose with three-pointers. Clark drained a three and teammates Ian Jackson and Tuioti-Mariner each chipped in a basket for a 7-point run

to the home team. Later Clark hit another from downtown and teammate Kane Absmeier followed with a basket of his own to send the home squad to the break with a 31-23 lead.

At the break, Alamosa honored former coach Ken Niven. Niven along with alumni members from a run of four consecutive Alamosa basketball titles from 1989-92 over Classes 2A and 4A were recognized at center court.

Boasting a seven-point lead entering the second half, Alamosa played well with the advantage. Alamosa's Brenden Crowther came alive in the third frame posting 7 of team-leading 14 points hitting his second three-pointer of the game. Crowther and the Moose bettered their position scoring a game-high 17 points in the third quarter to secure a 48-34 lead with 8 minutes to play.

The Moose paced the visitors through the final chapter to claim their fourth win in a row all within the IML.

Alamosa will try to keep the streak alive when Centauri (13-0, 4-0 IML) comes to town this Friday. The Falcons have built



Honoree, former Alamosa basketball coach Ken Niven, addresses the Mean Moose faithful during halftime of Alamosa's win over Pagosa Springs on Saturday night.

a considerable winning streak in their own right, and are ranked 6th by the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) Coaches Poll.

Alamosa will follow that with another home game on Saturday where they'll look to sweep the season series against downtrodden Bayfield (1-12, 0-4 IML).

Mystery runner tops Rio Frio 5k field

By **KEITH R. CERNY**
Courier Publisher

ALAMOSA — An unknown teenager was the unofficial winner of the sixth annual Rio Frio 5k on Ice Saturday kicking off the annual Ice Fest and he was well ahead of the official winners.

Prizes went to the top three in both male and female divisions. Some participants didn't register and race sponsors estimated that around 150 people participated. Sixty-six male times were recorded while 68 female times were scored.

Jacob Lucero took first place honors in a time of 19:49.47 followed closely by Josh Lopez in 20:09.54 and Jordan Wehe in 20:57.27.

The female division was won by Shannon Jones in 22:32.22 that placed her tenth overall. Stephanie Riggerbach came in second (22:52.08) and Carmile

Garcia was third (23:16.32).

Many family members participated in the run and walk on the frozen Rio Grande including the father-daughter team of Scott and Bailey Graber. Scott finished ninth in the male group in spite of running in his 'keg' costume while 11-year-old Bailey was sixth in the female division.

Rounding out the male top 10 were: 4. Marco Dewey, 5. Gabriel Miranda, 6. Nicholas How, 7. Nathan Kirkland, 8. Manuel Montano, 9. Graber, 10. Mario Villalba.

On the female side, the rest of the top 10 were: 4. Lauren Sonderegger, 5. Sydney Wiedeman, 6. Graber, 7. Makayla Huffman, 8. Anna Williams, 9. Rena Kirkland, 10. Elizabeth Weeks.

The Rio Frio 5k is believe to be one of if not the only race run entirely on the frozen surface of a river.



Results

Adams State Basketball
Jan. 24 Colorado Christian 77, ASU 51 (W)
 ASU 101, Colorado Christian 82 (M)

Jan. 25 ASU 73, Regis 65 (W)
 Regis 99, ASU 94 (M)

Prep Basketball
Jan. 21 Alamosa 50, Bayfield 35 (G)
 Sargent at Bayfield - Postponed to 2/18

Jan. 23 Sargent 53, Creede 43 (B)

Jan. 24 Sanford 41, Center 28 (G)
 Sanford 49, Center 38 (B)
 Del Norte 43, Sargent 19 (G)
 Moffat-MV 53, Sierra Grande 46 (G)
 Sierra Grande 56, Moffat-MV 47 (B)
 Pagosa Springs 75, Monte Vista 19 (G)
 Centauri 65, Bayfield 46 (B)
 Alamosa 68, Montezuma-Cortez 48 (B)

Jan. 25 Primero 57, Moffat-MV 47 (B)
 Centennial 63, Manzanola 52 (G)
 Manzanola 50, Centennial 29 (B)
 Del Norte 62, Custer County 24 (G)
 Del Norte 63, Custer County 47 (B)
 Sanford 36, Sargent 18 (G)
 Sanford 73, Sargent 31 (G)
 Sangre de Cristo 72, Antonito 29 (G)
 Sangre de Cristo 69, Antonito 14 (B)
 Bayfield 46, Monte Vista 24 (G)
 Monte Vista 49, Bayfield 32 (B)
 Centauri 57, Montezuma-Cortez 28 (G)
 Centauri 69, Montezuma-Cortez 55 (B)
 Pagosa Springs 35, Alamosa 24 (G)
 Alamosa 57, Pagosa Springs 49 (B)

Adams State Swimming
Jan. 25 Western Colorado 155, ASU 50 (W)

Adams State Wrestling
Jan. 22 ASU 36, New Mexico Highlands 9

Sports Bulletin

Prep Wrestling
Jan. 23 Del Norte 30, Sargent 24
 Sierra Grande- Centennial 48, Del Norte 28
 Sierra Grande- Centennial 53, Sargent 11

Jan. 25 **Platte Valley Duals**
 Monte Vista 40, Arvada West 36
 Platte Valley 58, Monte Vista 18

2020 Screaming Eagle
 18. Center - 30

Bobcat Invite
 2.SG-Centennial- 102, 6. Del Norte-41, 8.Sargent - 34.5, 9. Mountain Valley - 33

Upcoming Events

Adams State Basketball
Jan. 31 5:30/7:30 p.m. Westminster at ASU (W/M)
Feb. 1 5:30/7:30 p.m. Dixie State at ASU (W/M)

Prep Basketball
Jan. 28 7:30 p.m. Crested Butte at Center (B)
Jan. 30 5 p.m. Cotopaxi at Moffat-Mtn Valley (G/B)
 5 p.m. Creede at Centennial (G/B)

Jan. 31 1 p.m. Creede at Primero (B)
 3 p.m. Center at Sierra Grande (G/B)
 5 p.m. South Park at Sargent (G/B)
 5 p.m. Custer County at Sanford (G/B)
 5 p.m. Centennial at Aguilar (G)
 5:30/ 7 p.m. La Veta at Sangre de Cristo (G/B)
 5:30/ 7 p.m. Monte Vista at Cortez (G/B)
 5:30/ 7 p.m. Centauri at Alamosa (G/B)

Feb. 1 1:30/ 3 p.m. Bayfield at Alamosa (G/B)
 2 p.m. Sangre de Cristo at Swink (G/B)

3 p.m. Center at South Park (G/B)
 5:30 p.m. Del Norte at Sanford (G/B)
 5/6 p.m. Antonito at Sierra Grande (G/B)

Prep Swimming (G)
Jan. 28 4 p.m. Pueblo West vs. Sargent (at ASU)
Feb. 1 9 a.m. La Junta, Salida vs Sargent (at ASU)

ASU Wrestling
Jan. 30 6 p.m. ASU at CSU-P

Prep Wrestling
Jan. 30 9 a.m. Alamosa at Pagosa Springs
 6 p.m. Del Norte, Sargent, Custer County at Sierra Grande-Centennial QUAD
 6 p.m. Monte Vista at Bayfield
 6 p.m. Montezuma-Cortez at Centauri

Jan. 31 **Kourtney Lake Duals**
 Centauri, Del Norte, Monte Vista, Sargent, Sierra Grande-Centennial at Center

Feb. 1 **Dual State Tournament**
 Alamosa at Pueblo West

Valley Classic
 9 a.m. Centauri, Del Norte, Monte Vista, Mountain Valley, Sargent, Sierra Grande-Centennial at Center

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
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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 Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

1. Juana Tiu, whose last known address was, 1700 State Ave #158, Alamosa, CO 81101

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You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 14th day of November A.D. 2014, the then County Treasurer of the County of Alamosa, in the State of Colorado, offered for sale at a public tax lien sale the above described real estate situated in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the year 2013.

That said real estate was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Juana Tiu, for the said year 2013.

That said on the 22nd day of November, 2019, said Alamosa County assigned said Certificate of Purchase to San Juan Vista LLC, whose address is 1700 State, #116, Alamosa, CO 81101 and the Treasurer's Certificate of Purchase was issued therefore to San Juan Vista LLC, and as present holder of said certificate, he/she has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said real estate.

A Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said real estate to the said San Juan Vista LLC, at 3:00 p.m. on the 3RD day of February AD. 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 6th day of January A.D. 2020.

Amy McKinley
Alamosa County Treasurer
NO. 1230

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

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Savers Trust
1727 East Lawn Ave
Durango, CO 81301

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 12th day of November 2015, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Alamosa County the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:

MT BLANCA VALLEY RANCHES LOT 5 BLK 5 UNIT 1 5.00AC TD REC #324094 11-08-05
Parcel Number: 528136105005
Certificate Number: 407

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Witness my hand this 8th day of January 2020

Jurice Montoya, Chief Deputy of Alamosa County, Colorado
NO. 1238

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

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Cottonwoods Phase II LLC
PO BOX 2097
Durango, CO 81302

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

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

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

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

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

That said David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 8th day of October 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 12th day of May 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;

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

This Notice of Purchase has also been published in Valley Courier on January 14, 2020, January 28, 2020 and February 4, 2020.

Witness my hand this 13th day of January 2020

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

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

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the 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 Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

James D Hill & Zuleika S Hill
2915 West 6075 South
Roy, UT 84607-1033

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 18th day of November 2010, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Alamosa County the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:

S2N2N4W 25-39-10 40AC M/L EXC 1/2 INT M/RTS JWD REC #314183 10-9-03
Parcel Number: 513725200188
Certificate Number: 112

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

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2009;

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of James D Hill & Zuleika S Hill for said year 2009;

That on the 18th day of November 2010, said Alamosa County assigned said certificate of purchase to Clinton Kerrick;

That said Clinton Kerrick on the 9th day of October 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

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

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

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

Witness my hand this 8th day of January 2020

Jurice Montoya, Chief Deputy of Alamosa County, Colorado
NO. 1234

Published in the Valley Courier on January 14, 21, and 28, 2020

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

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the 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 Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

Cottonwoods Phase II LLC
PO BOX 2097
Durango, CO 81302

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

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

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

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

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

That said David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 8th day of October 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 12th day of May 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;

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

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

Witness my hand this 13th day of January 2020

Jurice Montoya, Chief Deputy of Alamosa County, Colorado
1243

Published in the Valley Courier on January 21, 28, and February 04, 2020

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

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the 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 Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

Cottonwoods Phase II LLC
PO BOX 2097
Durango, CO 81302

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

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

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

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

That said David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 10th day of October 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 12th day of May 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;

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

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

Witness my hand this 13th day of January 2020

Jurice Montoya, Chief Deputy of Alamosa County, Colorado
NO. 1245

Published in the Valley Courier on January 21, 28, and February 04, 2020

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

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the 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 Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

Home Base Properties LLC
935 Oak Timber Drive
Onalaska, WI 54650

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 12th day of November 2015, the then County Treasurer of Alamosa County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to Alamosa County the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, to-wit:

MT BLANCA VALLEY RANCHES LOT 15 BLK 3 UNIT 1 5.00AC DC REC #365404 12-28-07 WD REC #365405 02-09-17
Parcel Number: 528136103015
Certificate Number: 138

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

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

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Home Base Properties LLC for said year 2014;

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

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

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

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

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

Witness my hand this 8th day of January 2020

Jurice Montoya, Chief Deputy of Alamosa County, Colorado
NO. 1235

Published in the Valley Courier on January 14, 21, and 28, 2020

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

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the 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 Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

Cottonwoods Phase II LLC
PO BOX 2097
Durango, CO 81302

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

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

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

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

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

That said David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 8th day of October 2019, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to David J Villano and Sonya M Villano on the 12th day of May 2020, unless the same has been redeemed;

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

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Witness my hand this 13th day of January 2020

Jurice Montoya, Chief Deputy of Alamosa County, Colorado
No. 1244

Published in the Valley Courier on January 21, 28, and February 04, 2020

A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the East Alamosa Water & Sanitation District of Alamosa County, Colorado.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the 5th day of May, 2020, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 2 directors will be elected to serve 3-year terms and 1 director will be elected to serve a 2-year term. Eligible electors of the East Alamosa Water & Sanitation District interested in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO):

Jamie Greeman
10 Costilla Blvd
Alamosa, CO 81101
719-589-2649

The Office of the DEO is open the following days: Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The deadline to submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance is close of business on February 28, 2020 (not less than 67 days before the election).

Affidavit of Intent to Be a Write-In-Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on Monday, March 2, 2020 (the sixty-fourth day before the election).

NOTICE IF FURTHER GIVEN, an application for an absentee ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on Tuesday preceding the election, April 28, 2020.

Jamie Greeman
Designated Election Official Signature
No. 1271

Published in the Valley Courier on January 28, 2020.

NATIONAL FOREST TIMBER FOR SALE RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST

The Willow Beetle Salvage Sale is located within the Divide Ranger District of the Rio Grande National Forest in Rio Grande County, Colorado. The legal description is: New Mexico Principal Meridian, T.39N., R.3E., sec 25 and 36; T.39N., R.4E., sec 30, 31, and 32; T.38N., R.4E., sec 4-9, 16 and 17. The Forest Service will receive sealed bids in public at GM-UNC-GUNN NF Supervisor's Office at 2:00 PM local time on 02/27/2020 for an estimated volume of 17861 CCF of Engelmann Spruce sawtimber marked or otherwise designated for cutting. The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Interested parties may obtain a prospectus from the office listed below. A prospectus, bid form, and complete information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale, and submission of bids is available to the public from the Divide Ranger District, Rio Grande National Forest, 13308 W. Hwy 160 Del Norte, CO 81132. Phone Number: (719) 657-3321 or at http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/South_Zone_Timber_Sales. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

No. 1272

Published in Valley Courier, January 28, 2020.

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

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 BOE OF Center Schools

an innovative individual to fill a full time 9th Grade Paraprofessional position for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. The right candidate will have experience in secondary academic content, with working with families and school, preferably bilingual, and will preferably have a minimum of a high school diploma or equivalency, or such alternative qualifications/experience as the Board may find appropriate and acceptable. This full time position will begin as soon as filled. The position salary will be based on experience. Center Consolidated Schools is an equal-opportunity employer. If you wish to apply, please send a cover letter and resume and completed certified employment application found at <https://www.center.k12.co.us/District/1115-Employment-Opportunities.html> to Mrs. Carrie Zimmerman, Superintendent of Schools, Center School District 26JT, 550 S. Sylvester Avenue, Center, CO 81125. For more information, please contact Katrina Ruggles at kruggles@center.k12.co.us. (1/30)

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.cdsheadstart.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 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)

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)

\$30,000+

Immediate opening in multi-media sales. Experience appreciated.

Send resume to: KCerny@alamosanews.com



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

MONTE VISTA AREA Ditch Companies seeking a ditch rider, experience preferred. Must have a valid CDL reliable transportation, Welding capabilities, able to run and maintain heavy equipment. Salary based on experienced. Send resume to 147 Washington St., Monte Vista Co 81144 (2/8)

221 HELP WANTED

ALAMOSA COUNTY JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- Detention Officer
- Patrol Deputy
- Road & Bridge Maintenance Technician
- DHS Child Welfare Social Worker
- DHS Adult Case Manager

Visit www.alamosacounty.org for details
8900-A Independence Way - Alamosa

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF CRESTONE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020 1:00P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM, 11S. ALDER STREET, CRESTONE, CO

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

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

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

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, 08, and 11, 2020.

Classifieds

221 HELP WANTED

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

SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL District is currently accepting applications for a High School Spanish Teacher/ELL Director. Applicants must have a current state certification/license or in the process of receiving a certification/license and enrolled in an educational program for completion or endorsement. 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.sierragrandeschool.net Applications may be submitted to Mr. Brandon Mizokami at bmizokami@sierragrandeschool.net For more information please contact Mrs. DeAnn Arellano at 719-379-3257.(2/22)

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

221 HELP WANTED

DEL NORTE BANK IS seeking to fill a full time position for Teller in the Del Norte office. Duties will be to accept deposits, loan payments and process withdrawals while maintaining a balanced cash drawer. No experience necessary, but must be personable, pleasant and a "problem solver". Many other duties may be assigned as needed. This position offers a competitive wage and robust benefit package. Application is available at True-LocalBank.com/careers. Inquire at 705 Grand, Del Norte, CO 81132 or call 719-657-3376 and ask for Dawn or Stacy. Submit applications by January 31st, 2020. EOE. (1/31)

LOOKING FOR A career opportunity and being a part of your local community? 1st Southwest Bank is growing and hiring an IT Systems Support Technician, offering a strong benefits package & career growth opportunities. EOE. Go to https://www.fswb.bank/who-we-are/careers/ for more details & to apply.(1/31)

JAY MEYER INSURANCE Agency is now hiring an experienced Customer Service and licensed insurance representative. Applicants must have the ability to be licensed with good interpersonal skills. A current insurance license is preferred but not required. Applications can be dropped off or mailed to Jay Meyer Insurance Agency, 410 Ross Ave, Alamosa, CO or emailed to jay.meyer.18mh@statefarm.com. Please apply no later than 1/30/20 (1/30)

WE ARE SEEKING a responsible, self motivated, "preferably" experienced Dental Assistant to join our team at Harding Dental Group where our patients experience the difference at the premiere dental practice in the San Luis Valley. Must be willing to travel to both office locations, South Fork and Alamosa. Please email resumes to june@hardingdentalgroup.com (2/7)

221 HELP WANTED

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting 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. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website http://ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html. 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)

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY: Counseling, Career and Accessibility Services Adams State University seeks applicants for Counseling Services Coordinator of Accessibility services. AAEOE. For more information visit: https://www.adams.edu/hr/administrative-positions/(2/19)

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

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

THE NORTH CONEJOS School District is accepting applications for (1) assistant CHS Baseball coach and (1) assistant CHS Track coach. Applications can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. or may be picked up at the administration office, 17890 US Hwy 285, La Jara, CO 81140. Submit applications to Mr. Curt Wilson, superintendent. Application deadline is until filled. EOE (1/29)

221 HELP WANTED

ROTECH HEALTH-CARE 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.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, by 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)

CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT is looking to hire a board secretary. Individual must be self-motivated and Quick-Books 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)

221 HELP WANTED

WANTED - RANCH/FARM Hand for cow/calf and hay operation. Need experience with calving, fencing, irrigating, loaders, hay equipment operating and maintenance, light mechanic work and welding. Steady, long term position for honest, reliable, motivated individual. Housing and utilities included with wages based on experience and responsibilities. Please respond with resume, references and salary expectation to fuchsranhinc@gmail.com.(2/5)

JOHNNY'S AUTO TRIM & Rod Shop, Alamosa, looking for experienced mechanic, fabricator, paint/body, upholstery, electrical, detailer and p/t bookkeeper. Quality a must; see FB page. Send resume to johnnysautotrim@msn.com; salary TBD on experience. (01/31)

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

324 - FEED & SEED

PREMIUM ALFALFA AND grass/alfalfa, small bales \$8.00 in shed, \$7.00 outside (719) 582-2509. (02/19)

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

330 FREE

FREE COUCH PLEASE call 719-849-0483 for more information (1/31)

351 LIVESTOCK

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

360 - MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

110V WELL PUMP with 5 gallon pressure tank. \$110.00 OBO please call 719-480-3497. (1/30)

SMALL ANTIQUE TABLE with chairs. New 11 tables and 52 chairs. 719-589-0464/719-580-9648. (2/5)

NEW, MUST SELL Couch & Love Seat. Medium gray in color. 719-580-2332. (1/30)

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

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

369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

FREE KITTENS TO good inside home. Call 719-250-7597.(1/30)

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

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

369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

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

409 FARM & RANCH LAND

HAY GROUND WANTED for share crop or cash lease. Over 20 years experience 719-850-1626. (2/5)

415 - HOMES FOR SALE

FOR SALE IN Alamosa. Nice log home, 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms. Totally remodeled 719-589-0464/719-580-9648. (2/5)

2 HOMES/ 5.25 Acres, Trees!, 3 wells!, Extra electric System, Trees!, Corrals. \$184,000.00 970-640-9562.(2/15)

VERY CLEAN 2 Bed- room Home for sale / With Fireplace. Priced in the \$90's. Call 719-480-9893. (01/22)

525 GUNS

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

601 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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

611 - HOMES FOR RENT

2 BEDROOM 1 Bath, efficiency kitchen, upstairs, garage, \$850/Mo. plus utilities. Del Norte. Call 719-539-7879 Avail. February 01.,(2/01)

AFFORDABLE 2 BEDROOM House for rent in Monte Vista. Call Raymond (719)850-2069.(1/28)

HOUSE FOR RENT in Alamosa, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, \$800 per month, \$800 damage deposit. Price includes all utilities. No pets, nonsmokers. Call 719-480-0108. (1/31)

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 - 4 Not hesitate
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 - 11, to Nero
 - 12 Line on a map
 - 14 Like — of bricks
 - 15 Sorority letter
 - 16 As a result
 - 17 Provide capital
 - 18 Skirtlike garment
 - 20 Teahouse hostess
 - 22 Spring month in Paris
 - 23 Capt.'s heading
 - 24 Military caps
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 - 30 Campus group
 - 31 Code for O'Hare
 - 32 Natural resin
 - 34 Tabby
 - 35 Where seals are fed
- DOWN**
- 1 That girl's
 - 2 — Khan
 - 3 Peaty tract
 - 4 Ice hockey locales
 - 5 Welsh dog
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 - 7 Kits and cubs
 - 8 Depot info

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- 9 Highland lake
- 10 Composer Paul —
- 13 Turn down a page (hyph.)
- 19 Leave out
- 21 Sooner city
- 24 Fast food acronym
- 25 Latin 101 word
- 26 Storm track
- 27 — Aid
- 28 Charles Lamb's pen name
- 29 Heckle
- 33 Third letter
- 35 Type of pasta
- 36 Grizzled veteran (2 wds.)
- 37 Vehicle on runners
- 39 Look-alike
- 40 Like patent leather
- 42 Ancient Mexican
- 43 Cookbook amts.
- 44 College credit
- 45 Indian noblewoman
- 47 Plan of action
- 48 Mom's sis
- 49 Yield
- 52 "The Greatest"

ALLEY OOP

Panel 1: "DID YOU LOCK UP OUR UNIVERSE YET?"

Panel 2: "WHY? JUST BECAUSE WE RAN AWAY FROM OUR TRIAL IN TIME COURT AND THEN WERE CHASED OUT OF ANOTHER UNIVERSE BY GIANT MURDEROUS SLUGS?"

Panel 3: "IT SEEMS LIKE A GOOD IDEA TO AVOID OLLIE FOR A WHILE."

Panel 4: "BUT THEN WE WON'T BE ABLE TO TRAVEL THE MULTI-VERSE FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR."

Panel 5: "GIMME THAT!"

Panel 6: "SOMEONE GET ME A CLOTHES HANGER. I THINK I LOCKED MY KEYS IN UNIVERSE 900!"

ARLO & JANIS

Panel 1: Arlo is looking at a box.

Panel 2: Arlo is walking with a box.

Panel 3: Arlo is at a counter.

Panel 4: "I HATE NOT HAVING ANYTHING IN THE PIPELINE!"

BIG NATE

Panel 1: "COACH JOHN! WHERE'S MRS. CZERWICKI?"

Panel 2: "NOT MY CONCERN COWBOY."

Panel 3: "WHAT IS MY CONCERN IS THAT YOU'VE LANDED IN DETENTION FOR WHAT MRS. GODFREY CALLS 'CLASSROOM HIJINKS.'"

Panel 4: "DESCRIBE THE HIJINKS."

Panel 5: "THEY WEREN'T HIJINKS! THEY WERE LOW JINKS! VERY LOW!"

Panel 6: "...OR MEDIUM. THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN MEDIUM JINKS."

Panel 7: "CRIPES."

THE BORN LOSER

Panel 1: "WE'RE ORDERING PIZZAS TONIGHT!"

Panel 2: "YUM! MAKE MINE CHEESE!"

Panel 3: "THE PIZZA PARLOR IS HAVING A SPECIAL—ADD A TOPPING FOR FREE! WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO ADD SOMETHING?"

Panel 4: "OKAY, FOR MY EXTRA TOPPING, I'LL HAVE MORE CHEESE!"

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

Panel 1: A woman is talking to a man.

Panel 2: "COFF!"

Panel 3: "...THE REASON GOD INVENTED FUZZY SOCKS..."

FRANK & ERNEST

Panel 1: "ELECTRONICS"

Panel 2: "IT'S A GREAT IDEA, BUT NOBODY MAKES CAMPAIGN-CANCELING HEADPHONES."

GARFIELD

Panel 1: "EWW! CAT FOOD SMELLS JUST AWFUL!"

Panel 2: "ENJOY"

Panel 3: "WHY WOULDN'T I, WITH A PRESENTATION LIKE THAT?"

THE GRIZZWELLS

Panel 1: "BY THE WAY, I'M GOING TO START WORKING FROM HOME FOR A WHILE"

Panel 2: "FLORA DRAGGED HOME A FILTHY OLD SOFA FROM THE LANDFILL TO SURPRISE ME YESTERDAY"

Panel 3: "YOU'RE ONE LUCKY BEAR, MY BUDDY!"

PEANUTS

Panel 1: "HELLO, LINUS"

Panel 2: "HI, VIOLET"

Panel 3: "I'M TRYING TO ORGANIZE A TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR CHARLIE BROWN..."

Panel 4: "WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN COMING?"

Panel 5: "WHAT'S ON TV THAT NIGHT?"

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HERMAN

Panel 1: Herman is talking to a bird.

Panel 2: "When was this passport photo taken?"

Daughter wishes stepfather would visit mom more often

DEAR ABBY: My mother is in a locked ward of a nursing home because she has Alzheimer's and is a flight risk. My stepfather has begun dating her best friend. He doesn't consider it dating because, at 85, he's no longer capable of having a physical relationship. However, taking someone to dinner, the theater, church or to a movie constitutes a date to me. People in our small town are talking. I don't care about that. It's not their business.

I don't begrudge my stepfather and his lady their relationship, but he no longer visits Mom as often as he used to. He looks for any excuse not to. An example: He will say he doesn't want to drive in the rain, then drive in a downpour to go on a date with "The Other Woman." He says Mom forgets he was there five minutes after he leaves, which, unfortunately, is true. But she lights up when she sees him, and it gives her a moment of joy to visit with him. She knows he's her husband, and the last time we had a family visit, she snuggled up to him and said, "I love you."

Am I wrong to think my stepfather is not fulfilling his vows by neglecting his wife of 25 years? I truly do not mind that he's lonely

and dating, but I feel he should balance his time between the two women in his life. -- FAIR-MINDED IN TEXAS

DEAR FAIR-MINDED: You say you don't begrudge your stepfather having a social life, and yet you call what he's doing neglect. Whether your mother is aware of the fact that he's spending time away from her is debatable. I assume she's receiving excellent care, and that both of you check to ensure it.

Quite frankly, what I think about this is irrelevant. The person with whom you should discuss this is your stepfather. Unless you have walked a mile in his shoes, I do not think you should judge him.

DEAR ABBY: I love my brother, but my sister-in-law, "Daisy," drives me crazy. Luckily, they live in another state.

I want to see my brother, but getting together always involves his wife. When they travel to see us, they stay for about a week. All Daisy wants to do when they are here is shop. My husband and brother have no interest in going, so it's just the two of us.

My problem is, whatever I buy, she buys the same thing. Or, if she sees me wear something she likes, she looks for the same



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

thing to buy. She thinks it's OK because they live in a different state. Daisy does this with her other sister-in-law, too, and they live in the same city. We're both fed up. What should we do? -- COPIED IN FLORIDA

DEAR COPIED: It is said that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Daisy may be insecure about her own fashion choices, which is why she copies yours. Because this bothers you to the degree that it does, the direct way to deal with it would be to tell Daisy it makes you feel encroached upon. Either that or, when you take her shopping, tell her you are going along only to keep her company while SHE shops, and keep your wallet in your purse.

Lifestyle

Ice chimney draws a crowd



Courier photo by Keith R. Cerny

More than 200 spectators lined the sides of San Juan Avenue on Saturday night to witness the popular annual display of "fire in ice," a highlight of the 11th annual Rio Frio Ice Fest in Alamosa.

Sisters go for a spin



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Phoebe Relyea, 4, and Robin Relyea, 2, take a ride on the ice-sculpted jet ski on the 600 block of Main Street on Saturday afternoon.

'Barrel man' makes 5K appearance



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While the Denver Broncos were supported by a "barrel man" for years, the sixth annual Rio Frio 5K had its own when Scott Graber, co-owner of SLV Brewery, ran the race in his keg costume. He finished in a respectable ninth place among the male runners while 11-year-old daughter Bailey finished sixth in the female division.

Six annual Rio Frio 5K well attended



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An estimated 150 runners and walkers participated in the sixth annual Rio Frio 5K on the frozen Rio Grande on Saturday, kicking off the 2020 Rio Frio Ice Fest even though some of them didn't register or record an official time. An unknown teenager hit the finish line well ahead of the pack. Prizes were awarded to the top three in both male and female divisions. The male winners were Jacob Lucero (19:49.47), Josh Lopez and Jordan Wehe. Shannon Jones (22:32.22) topped the female group followed by Stephanie Riggerbach and Carmile Garcia.

Rio Frio's coolest costumes



Above, clockwise: Hendricks Mortensen, 4, displays his dancing technique before taking first place in the 5-under age classification in the Rio Frio Ice Fest costume contest Saturday afternoon; Isabella Mortensen, 9, does the hula dance, as she places second in the costume contest; and James Martinez, 5, came in first place in the 5-10 age class.

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