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2020 SLV Potato Business

Grizzlies tangle with the Rangers over the weekend.



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## **JANUARY 29, 2020**

## **SLV Heath gives advice about flu**

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By JESSICA GARCIA Special to the Courier ALAMOSA — The Center for Disease Control estimates that so far this flu season there have been at least 15 million flu illnesses, 140,000 hospitalizations and 8,200 deaths from flu.

Colorado is amongst 35 states that are experiencing high flu activity levels. Symptoms of the flu can include fever/chills. cough. sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headaches and fatigue. Some may also experience vomiting and diarrhea, but this is more common in children than in adults. Those who have chronic medical conditions/diseases, weakened immune systems, blood disorders, are less than 2 years of age or greater than 65 years of age — and they are all at an increased risk of flu-related complications.

If one, or a person anyone cares for, seek medical care for flu-like symptoms, it is important to inform a care provider of one's personal medical history, one's

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## No major injuries from rollover accident

By DANIEL McKILLOP Courier Editor ALAMOSA — A woman suffered no major injures while walking away from a roll-over accident on West Avenue and Sixth Street in Alamosa on Tuesday night.

At approximately 9 p.m., a two-door, white sedan rested on its wheels after rolling over, just



Courtesy photo A team of volunteers from SLV Health delivered free flu shots to residents of La Puente Shelter in Alamosa in January. L to R: Andrea Cherne, Jessica Garcia, Shawna Glynn-Apodaca, Tamara Valdez, and Rafelita Atencio



## Student had gun at North **Conejos Schools**

CONEJOS — The Conejos County Sheriff's Office received a call Tuesday on a student in possession of hand gun at North Conejos Schools.

There is not a threat to the community at this time.

The Sheriff's Office recovered a facsimile air soft gun at an off-site location from the school.

Sheriff Crowther wants the community to know there is no threat to students or the community at this time.

Summit will be held today, from 1-4:30 p.m. at the Vali 3 Theater in Monte Vista, Topics include water management, seed information, insurance, finance, economics, supply and business management. The event is open to all potato growers and industry professionals.

west of Highway 160.

"The scene still has to be investigated," Alamosa Police Department Sergeant Dordan said. "It's in the very early stages.<sup>2</sup>

Dordan said the vehicle rolled over in a field.

The woman, who was driving the vehicle, "declined any medical treatment," Dordan said. "When asked if she was OK,

Dordan said, "Yeah."

**Follow** Several emergency vehicles were at the scene minutes after the accident occurred. us on

Courier photo by Daniel McKillop

A white sedan rests on its wheels after rolling over in a field after a one-vehicle accident west of Highway 160 in Alamosa on Tuesday night. There were no major injuries suffered from the incident.

The Sheriff's Office is continuing to investigate and the appropriate charges will be filed with the District Attorney's Office.

The Conejos Sheriff's Office will continue to provide safety and security for its county schools.

If anyone has any questions regarding this matter, call the Conejos Sheriff's Office at 7-19-376-2196.

Report courtesy of the Conejos County Sheriff's Office press release.

## SLV clerks weigh in about conference

## Valley Courier **SLV WEATHER**

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## Fri.: Mostly sunny 36/4

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## **Carver, Linares** represent Alamosa

By LYNN BARTELS Special to the Courier COLORADO SPRINGS Running two elections is always a challenge for Colorado's county clerks, but this year they'll operating a third one, the presidential primary.

Trying to find enough people to work for the presidential primary in March, the primary in June and the general in November during a tight job market — was one of the issues discussed at the Colorado County Clerks Association's three-day winter conference in Colorado Springs.

Clerks and their staffers turned out in record numbers for the conference, attending workshops dealing with their varied duties, including motor vehicle registrations and document recording,



Terri Carver and Mario Linares from the Alamosa County Clerk and Recorder's office attended the Colorado County Clerks Association conference.

service.

all requiring delivering customer 2020 puts a lot of stress on all of us statewide, but especially a "Running three elections in small office like Conejos," Clerk

Nathan Ruybal said. "However, I have great staff and experienced election judges and with the support from other counties and, of course, the Secretary of State's office I am confident in running three successful elections."

Mario Linares, who works for Alamosa County Clerk Dixie Heiman, praised the speaker Amy Weitzel, vice president of development of Triad Employee Assistance Program and owner of Impact Development Solutions based in Denver.

Weitzel is a former business communications professor at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, where she taught her students the importance of "crucial conversations."

"It was very important to know how to communicate with our coworkers. Yes, just like any other job we all have some issues in the workplace but we don't get to hear how to deal with it," Linares said. "Communication is key and I am a strong advocate of training

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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-I.

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, Nancey, Orlinda, Connie and Marilyn.

Orlando is survived by his daughters, June Encinias Fuqua, Nancey Mondragon, Connie Lee and Marilyn Mondragon; one brother Joe Mondragon; one sister Eleanor Hernandez; 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, als.com

MONTEVISTA-Mon-

te Vista resident Kathryn

Marie Valdez, 72, passed

away peacefully on Jan.

27, 2020 in her home under

Hospice Care surrounded

Kathryn was welcomed

into the world on Nov. 12,

1947 in Del Norte, the

beloved daughter of Joe

"Repito" Sandoval and

Estella Gallegos Sandoval.

Kathryn was united in

by her loving family.

Kathryn Marie Valdez, 72





and mother; Alejandro and Maria Mondragon; his son, Alex Mondragon; his daughter, Orlinda D. Ruybal (Mondragon); his 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.RogersFuner-

## **OBITUARIES**

## John Royer Burt, 87

ALAMOSA — Longtime Alamosa resident, John Royer Burt peacefully passed away Jan. 21, 2020 at Homelake Veterans Center after living a fulfilling 87 years of life.

He was born St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1932 in Albuquerque, N.M., to Raleigh Orville Burt, and Mabel Eugenia (Hill) (Burt) Hall.

John moved around the country numerous times before calling Alamosa his true home.

He attended Alamosa High School where he was the marching band's drum major as well as a member of the football team that won state in 1950.

He married his high school sweetheart (Eileen) in 1951 in Alamosa and enjoyed 66 years of marriage before her passing in 2017. He served in the U.S. Navy while stationed in San Diego during granddaughter, Kanda the Korean Conflict for four years. During his tour, he served on an LST vessel as an engineman transporting Vietnamese refugees to Japan and Hawaii.

John and Eileen welcomed their two daughters, Jaqueline and Noelle, into the world while living in San Diego.

After his service, he returned to Alamosa to be with his many friends, classmates and family while attending Adams State College.

After returning to Alamosa, John worked at the local hospital in the administration department for Elton Reese while attending college. He then took a job with OK Rubber Welders to work for Norman Afleck as a bookkeeper and tire buster.

John met his soon to be lifetime friend and business partner Art (Shirley) Gilbert while working at the tire store, which eventually was rebranded Big O Tires. In 1964 John and Art decided to purchase Big O Tires and before the ink could dry on the contract, John and Eileen found out they would be welcoming their son Eric into the world before the year ended.

In 1969, with the help of George VanIwarrden they built a new, state-of-the-art, full-service tire store where the business still operates today as Chaparral Tires.





joyed Pueblo/Spanish culture in Taos and Santa Fe, hosted class reunions with his faithful classmates, honky-tonked with his good friend, Mark Helms, and recreated in the outdoors. He discovered his lifelong passion for skiing while being a sponsor/driver for the Alamosa High School Ski Club hauling youngsters up to the Wolf Creek ski area. John was well known for his big, red van full of family and friends heading up to the ski slopes all winter long.

John also discovered mountain biking and rode many miles back and forth to work every day on his yellow Peugeot bicycle as well as explore many of the regional mountain bike trails with his wife, Eileen.

John was a member of Kiwanis club and worked in the lunch car on the Cumbres-Toltec & Silverton Durango line when trips still originated from Alamosa. He was also a lifetime member of BPOE Elks.

Johnny left an indelible legacy of warm friendship, respect, love, honesty and an innate sense of duty to help others. Many charities and notable causes like Mary's Kids and the Alamosa High School gymnastics team felt John's helping hands in years past.

John, Johnny, Dad, Daddy, Grandpa, Johnny B., Papa Burt ... you were one-of-akind and will truly be missed.

Johnny was preceded in death by his wife, Eileen Eleanor (Hansen) Burt; his parents; and his step-mother, Marguerite Gertrude (Massey) Burt; brother, Rich-

## Paul 'Buzz' Weaver

ALAMOSA — Paul "Buzz" Weaver passed away Jan. 25, 2020 at his assisted living residence in Parker.

He was born in Skidmore, Mo., on May 27, 1930; and his family eventually settled in Imogene, Iowa, where he met and married Virginia Margaret Butcher.

Buzz was preceded in death by his son, Paul Jennings Weaver; his sisters, Elaine LeBore and June Stockstill; brother, Gene Weaver; and his wife, Margaret.

He is survived by his two daughters, Karen Roberts and Jennifer Lavery; five grandchildren, Kyra Sharp, Cliff Roberts, Greg Roberts, Brittany Sours and Christopher Lavery; seven great-grandchildren, Alexea Smith, Serenity Sharp, Ben Wright, Olivia Roberts, Aiden Sours, Abigail Sours and one to be announced.

Upon graduating from high school in Farragut, Iowa, Buzz attended business college in Omaha, Neb., and worked for the Wabash Railroad. At the age of 22, he married Margaret and immediately thereafter enlisted in the Army to serve during the Korean War.

Buzz was an accomplished telegraph operator and spent his time in the military working in the Pentagon for the Military Affiliated Radio Service. He was discharged from the military in 1955 and returned to Imogene where he collected his wife and 3-year-old daughter, Karen, and reported to work in Craig as a telegrapher for the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad. In two years time, he was promoted to an agent for the D&RGW, and was moved to the station in Chama. N.M.

Over the next few years, he worked the agencies at stations in Durango and Leadville, before being appointed to the station in Alamosa, where he served as agent before retiring in 1989.





Buzz was a member of the Presbyterian Church and in the past as a member of the Chamber of Commerce in Leadville, a member of the Rotary Club in Alamosa and served as president of the Waverly Drain and as secretary/ treasurer for the SLV Well Owners Association.

Buzz enjoyed telling stories about his time on the railroad and thought and spoke often of his friends from that time.

Buzz's true love, though, was his farms in Waverly and the dear friends he made during his many years in and around Alamosa.

A viewing for Buzz will be held from 5-8 p.m. on Friday Jan. 31, 2020 at the Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa.

A celebration of his life will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday Feb. 1, 2020 at the Living Water Bible Fellowship in Alamosa with a reception to follow.

A second service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday Feb. 8, 2020 at the Nishna Valley Funeral Home in Shenandoah, Iowa, with burial following in the Monroe Township Cemetery in Imogene, with a reception in Sidney, Iowa to be announced.

Contributions are suggested to the Valley Humane League and may be made in care of the funeral home office. To express condolences to the family, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com. Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa is in care of local arrangements.

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marriage to the love of her life, Rudy Valdez, on Feb. 22, 1969, the two shared a long and loving union of 50 years until her passing.

A loving wife, mother, grandmother, greatgrandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend, Kathryn enjoyed crocheting, doing puzzles, going to bingo, and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She will be dearly missed.

Kathryn will live on through her loving husband, Rudy Valdez of Monte Vista; daughters Amanda Velasquez of Del Norte; Clara (Rodney) Allen of Denver; Rebecca (Raymond Adrian) Hurtado of Monte Vista: nine grandchildren, Neal (Jordan Stewart) Valdez, Quinton Velasquez, Deidra (Jeremiah) Gonzales, Destiny (Josue) Garcia, Desiree (Carlos) Rivera, Danessa Allen, Devon Allen, Andrea (Tito) Bliesner and Adrianna (Chris) Pacheco; and nine greatgrandchildren, Brian, Amberleigh and Bella Valdez, Adam Valdez, Roman Allen, Rose Rivera, Elias Garcia, as well as Ian and Owen Pacheco; sister, Mary Giron of Grand Junction; brothers, Horace Sandoval, David Sandoval, Clarence Sandoval and

George (Michelle) San-

doval, all of Del Norte; Rodney's children, Angel (Jose) Vargas; and her children, Damian, Giselle and Gian Carlo and Ashlee (JesseRay) Allen-Salazar; and their child Azariyah Salazar. She was also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Kathryn was preceded in death by her parents, Joe "Repito" and Estella Sandoval; and one sister, Beverly Ann Sandoval.

Viewing will be held on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020 from 1-5 p.m. at the Romero Funeral Chapelin Alamosa.

A Prayer Service will be held on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020 at 7 p.m. at the Romero Funeral Chapel in Alamosa.

A funeral service will be held on Friday Jan. 31, 2020 at 10 a.m. at the Monte Vista Assembly of God Church, located at 881 N. Hwy 285 in Monte Vista. I

Interment will follow at the San Luis Valley Cemetery.

To leave online condolences, please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements have been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

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At Chaparral Tires, John Burt and Art Gilbert were respected for their friendly service, extreme honesty, and dedicated loyalty to their customers and employees for over 40 years. John was known for his quiet smile, wit, sense of humor, warm demeanor, kindness and his famous hug cards (which he would cash in on a regular basis).

Not having enough to do and feeling the calling to bring another business to the community, John (with Art's help) decided to open a Baskin Robbins ice cream store in the coldest place in the nation.

John and his co-manager, (wife) Eileen, taught many young "super scoopers" how to work hard and give great customer service while fulfilling people's cravings for Pralines-n-Cream, Daiquiri Ice, Matterhorn sundaes, Turtle Pies and many more frozen culinary delights.

Baskin Robbins became a cornerstone in Alamosa providing community members with a friendly place to build friendships while enjoying a frozen treat, and for many youngsters — their first job.

After Art's passing in 2006, John sold Chaparral Tires to long-time employee, Ernie Medina. He then joined his kids, Eric and Lisa Burt, at Kristi Mountain Sports to assist with bookkeeping chores, as well as making sure all the customers received a warm welcome and one of his trademark hugs/winks/ kisses when they came in the store. He didn't quite understand the term retirement and continued to assist at Kristi Mountain Sports until 2016.

When John wasn't taking care of business matters, he loved to square dance at Fun Valley, Jazzercise with his numerous girlfriends, en-

ard Burt; and four grandchildren, Timothy Smith, Ramon Vigil, Kayleigh Mae Burt and Gwendolyn Vigil.

Dad was a wonderful father to Jacqueline North (James), of Livingston, Texas; Noelle Vigil (Albert), of Buena Vista; and Eric Burt (Lisa) of Alamosa. He is also survived by two brothers, Blaine Burt (Karen), of South Fork; and Nolen Burt (Dee) of Colorado Springs; and is also survived by two sistersin-law, Norma Hansen of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Marie Burt Peoria, Ariz.

Grandpa was his name and calling to Amy (Smith) Kagy (Kevin) Richmond, Texas; Tiffany (Smith)Svatek (Troy), Needville, Texas; Damon Smith (Trina) Katy, Texas; Genevieve (Vigil) Bonsall, Denver; Sophia Vigil (Brooks Larson), St. Paul Minn.; Erika (North) DuBose (Craig), Houston, Texas; Raleigh Burt, Alamosa; and Leighton Burt Bozeman, Mont. His legacy continues with 12 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren; and a plethora of nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of life for friends and family to share stories and memories in his honor is being planned for May 2 with details to be announced publicly in the Valley Courier at a later date.

Please contact Kristi  $Mountain\,Sports\,to\,be\,added$ to the notification/invite list.

John's ashes will be scattered alongside Eileen's throughout memorable places in the San Luis Valley they will forever watch over us from the tops of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and slopes of their favorite ski areas.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements.

To leave words of comfort, tributes and remarks for John's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

In addition to working for the railroad in 1964, Buzz bought a farm in the Waverly District, south of Alamosa, and began his secondary career, from which he never retired, as a farmer.

## **ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT** Police respond to variety of calls

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa police report from Jan. 24-27 is:

#### **Jan. 24**

Timothy Sanchez, 35, was cited with theft at 718 10th St.

Amanda Martinez, 34, was cited with following too closely at 1600 Main.

Freddie Allen, 56, was cited with violation of a restraining order at 913 State Ave.

Gabriel Sandoval was cited with theft and unlawful possession of a controlled substance at 1203 Main.

#### Jan. 25

A minor was cited with unsafe backing and failure to give information/aid following vehicle damage at 805 Craft Dr.

Garylee Mattox, 44, was cited with violation of bicycle rules at 500 State Ave.

#### Jan. 26

Veronica Rose, 35, was cited with violation of a restraining order at 1024 La Due Ave.

Brandon Navares was cited with domestic violence, third-degree assault, criminal mischief, false imprisonment, kidnapping, felony menacing, disorderly conduct and possession of a weapon by a previous offender at 505 Pikes Peak Ave.

#### Jan. 27

Vanessa Esquibel was cited with driving under restraint and an improper turn at 400 Edison Ave.

Randy Gonzales, 27, was cited with operating an uninsured vehicle, exceeding safe speed for conditions and failure to drive in the designated lane at 1700 W. 10th St.

Alanna Goins, 18, was cited with exceeding safe speed for conditions at 800 3rd St.



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Beef Nachos **Refried Beans** Corn bread Vegetable Bar

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## Flu

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medical conditions, any medications one takes, and any contact one has had with a sick person.

Additionally, be prepared to inform a provider of the symptoms one is experiencing and how long one has had those symptoms.

Testing for the flu, includes a swab in the nose to collect nasal secretions; this may be uncomfortable, but should not be harmful. If one is experiencing difficulty breathing, a fever that does not respond to treatment or are unable to drink/hold down fluids, it may be necessary to seek emergency care.

Less severe symptoms such as runny nose, cough and mild body aches can be equally managed in a clinic where there may be less wait time. There is no specific medicine that can completely get rid of the flu, but there are certain antiviral medicines that can help limit the length and severity of illness.

Although antivirals are recommended, their use depends on factors such as the length of symptoms and other health complications that may be present, so they will be prescribed at the discretion of the provider one sees. General treatment for the flu is based on controlling symptoms with the use of anti-fever medications, fluids and rest, but it is always best to follow your provider's recommendations.

If one seeks emergency care, please remember that the Emergency Department is continuously managing multiple patients with varying ailments. The order of being seen is not based on the order of arrival, but is based on the most life-threatening conditions being seen first. Due to the unpredictability of the Emergency Department it is not possible to determine how long someone's visit will take or where one will be placed in terms of rooming. However, staff genuinely care about one's concerns and are highly trained in prompt identification of life- threatening conditions. Also, note that staff may wear masks and/or other personal protective equipment in attempt to isolate the illness and prevent it from spreading to others.

According to a hospital administrator, during the month of January, 2020, the SLV Health Regional Medical Center (RMC) Emergency Department in Alamosa experienced record high numbers, with many very sick patients from all walks of life with a variety of symptoms. The RMC is a certified Trauma Level III regional hospital and is able to care for a wide range of patients, such as multiple trauma accidents, a premature baby delivered safely, pneumonia, RSV and other emergency surgeries. Over a dozen patients were admitted with severe flulike symptoms in January.

If everyone does their part, we can all work together to keep the SLV as healthy of a community as possible, especially during flu season.

• Wash hands often and use soap or alcohol based hand rubs.

Stay away from people who are sick. If someone is sick, please try to stay away

from unhealthy people or use a mask when in the public.

• Cough or sneeze into your elbow. Wash hands after using a tissue. Disinfect high touch objects.

▶ Get a flu vaccine; it's not too late! The effectiveness of the flu vaccine varies depending on multiple factors such as age, overall health of the recipient, the types of influenza circulating and the degree of similarity between the vaccine and circulating influenza strains. Even though the results may vary, vaccination provides important protection against influenza and its potential complications.

As of Jan 18, in Colorado there have been 1,082 hospitalizations from the flu with 20 of those reported in the San Luis Valley. It's not too late to get a flu shot. Vaccines are still available at locations across the San Luis Valley, including at the clinics at San Luis Valley Health where no appointment is needed.

Article submitted by Garcia, who is RN, BSN, Infection Prevention Practitioner, SLV Health.

## Training

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and learning new methods to learn how to make it a better work environment. We are all a team."

Archuleta County Clerk Kristy Archuleta said the state's Motor Vehicle Division offered a helpful class on sales tax and leases.

"It made it beneficial to have the Colorado Department of Revenue's Sales Tax Division there to explain what we should require to accept paperwork," she said. "We are not policing the dealerships. It is up to the state to do more training and make sure the dealerships are clear how to process their paperwork."

Archuleta also attended classes on recording documents.

"There have been some struggles between clerks and their assessor's office due to redacting too much information and it makes it difficult for the assessor to be certain they are removing the correct name from ownership," she said. "Statewide changes can help consistency and less rejections of documents."

The conference ended Jan. 22 with a day-long election security exercise, Election Preparedness for Infrastructure and Cybersecurity or EPIC. It was hosted by Secretary of State Jena Griswold, and intended to prepare county clerks and other election officials with various worst-case scenarios that could potentially impact the election process.

"This seminar is fast, furious and a bit stressful but it gives you the confidence to handle worst-case scenarios when dealing with inside and outside interferences that can arise when running an election," Conejos County's Rubal said.

"This seminar was helpful to have us think quick and make good decisions to keep our elections safe and secure." Also at the conference, La Plata County Clerk Tiffany Parker took over



Conejos County Clerk Nathan Ruybal attended Colorado County Clerks Association winter conference in Colorado Springs.

the CCCA presidency from Pitkin County Clerk Janice Vos Caudill.

Each clerks conference has a theme and this time it was "Back to the Future." During the banquet, when clerks and their staffs finally have a chance to let loose, a number dressed in '80s garb. Scrunchies held up their hair. They donned leg warmers.

Alamosa's Linares said he loved the dance with its '80s' music.

The '80s were a different time. Colorado's population at the start of the decade was 2.9 million. Eligible voters participated on Election Day at polling places. Colorado now has 5.7 million people. Neighborhood polling places are gone, replaced by a mail-ballot system and vote centers.

Voters can start voting 22 days before an election, and they can also register to vote on Election Day.

One thing hasn't changed. The path to democracy still leads right to your county clerk's door.

Bartels was a reporter for 35 years, including for The Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News, before serving as the spokeswoman for Secretary of State Wayne Williams. She now does communications consulting; one of her clients is the Colorado County Clerks Association. She also writes a weekly column for Colorado Politics, and some of the material in this story also appeared in her column.



Thurs: 5:25, 8:10

## **CORRECTIONS:**

In the Tuesday issue on page 1 of the Valley Courier in the stand-alone photo's headline "Zaragoza goes all in," La Jara Mayor Larry Zaragoza's name was spelled improperly. In the same issue on page 1 in the story "Roberts wins men's Fat Tire," Sidney Crowder was not given credit for placing second during the women's Fat Tire Race at Blanca Park during the Rio Frio Ice Fest on Sunday morning.

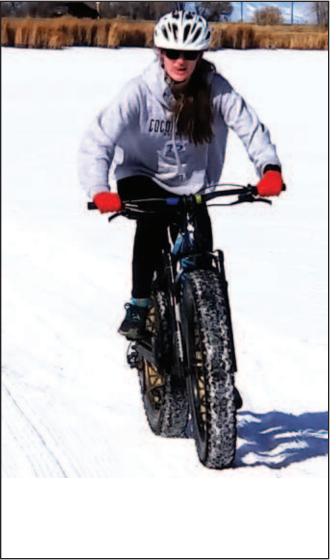
## Zaragoza all in

## **Runner-up**



Courier photo by Keith R. Cerny

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.



Courier photo by Daniel McKillop

Sidney Crowder, 16, (pictured above) of Monte Vista crosses the finish line in 8 minutes, 35.66 seconds to place second in the women's Fat Bike Race at Blanca Park during the Rio Frio Ice Fest on Sunday morning. Crowder is an SLV Rattlers cross country mountain bike team member.



## God bless America

HOLLYWOOD — Science Live issued a study on India's waste management crisis due to its growing population and old sewage treatment plants.

It's not a problem in the U.S. The study said the average American produces 12 tons of poop during their lifetime, one 120 tons if they live in Washington.

The White Privilege Conference will

be held this April at Mesa College, where the values of the English-speaking world are annually shredded by socialist academics and their Cancel Culture acolytes. White Privilege destroyed my life. Well, it was cocaine, but it was white and it was a privilege.

Bureau of Atomic Scientists said the

Doomsday Clock is the closest to midnight in the 70 years it's measured the risk of world catastrophe.

Argus

Hamilton

Bring it on. Looking at everything that's going on in Washington, am I the only one who thinks that Doomsday might be a relaxing change of pace?

President Trump on Friday became the first president ever to attend the pro-life March for Life rally, which drew thousands of supporters to the National Mall in Washington, D.C. In his speech, Trump declared that every child is a gift from God. I'm pretty sure he was referring to Hunter Biden.

Bernie Sanders got good news in Iowa presidential polls over the weekend. They showed him leading the other candidates by a 12-point margin. When Bernie was asked if, as a socialist, he should share the 12 points equally with his six rivals for the nomination, he turned Republican.

CBS, NBC and ABC reported low ratings for the Senate impeachment trial of President Trump despite Nancy Pelosi's claim the trial would help heal the country.

Yes, it's healing like no televangelist ever could. It's so boring that quadriplegics are getting up to change the TV channel.

House impeachment manager Adam Schiffled a three-day partisan assault against President Trump in the Senate last week. I think he may need to go to recovery meetings at On and On and On and On. Adam Schiff's performance kept Iran's promise to retaliate against Frump with a drone. Adam Schiff led the House Democrat managers in a three-day attack on President Trump and his policies. Their invoking the Founders was hilarious. Democrats declared that the Founding Fathers would have impeached Trump, while neglecting to mention that they would have sold Obama. China Eastern Airlines began offering a new pre-flight option for its business travelers. All passengers can now select their pandemic 24 hours ahead of flight time. I think it's time China stopped beating around the bush about the Corona Virus and call it what it really is, Kung Flu. Los Angeles International Airport doctors detained an arriving Chinese citizen diagnosed with Corona Virus. People in L.A. are clueless about it. However, as a retired drunk in good standing I would say that people with Corona Virus should also get Lyme Disease, and make the best of a bad situation. The Hollywood Reporter said religious broadcasters are thriving in today's cable TV era with hundreds of channels available. So it was news when Doomsday prophet Jack Van Impe died Saturday at the age of eighty-eight. Survivors say they are saddened, but it's not the end of the world. The Oakland Raiders officially changed the team's iconic name to the Las Vegas Raiders on Saturday. Speaking of name changes, protest groups are demanding the Washington Redskins change their name, saying it signifies genocide and imperialism. They want it changed to the Redskins.



## Iowa could make Dems' Bernie issue much worse

Just days before the 2008 Democratic presidential caucuses in Iowa, Hillary Clinton led Barack Obama by four points in the RealClearPolitics average of polls.

Obama took the lead, by a few tenths of one percentage point, literally 24 hours before the caucuses. And then he won by nearly eight points.

In retrospect, things were moving very fast in Iowa in those final days before the voting. And now, we are again days away from the Iowa Democratic caucuses. Things might be moving in ways we don't know.

Four candidates have held the lead at various times in the Iowa race. Joe Biden led from the start until the third week in September last year. Then Elizabeth Warren took over and led until mid-November. Then it was Pete Buttigieg's turn; he led until the first week in January.

The new year brought new volatility. First Bernie Sanders led until mid-January. Then Biden led again until Jan. 24. And since then, Sanders has jumped back into the lead.

In the last few days, two candidates Sanders and Biden — seem to be headed up, while the other two — Warren and Buttigieg seem to be headed down. In any event, this seems to be an Iowa caucus in which there is great possibility for last-minute shifts in voter choices. So predictions are useless.

What is undeniable is Democratic establishment nervousness about Sanders. The basic worry is that he is so far to the left that the party might end up nominating the only candidate President Donald Trump can beat. Look at some of the headlines:

"Dems tormented over how to stop Bernie" (Politico)

"Oh my God, Sanders can win': Demo-

crats grapple with Bernie surge in Iowa" (NBC News)

"Worried Democratic operatives scramble to fund a network to take down Bernie Sanders" (Daily Beast)

"Fear of Sanders win growing among Democratic establishment" (Associated Press)

"Stop Sanders' Democrats are agonizing over his momentum" (The New York Times)

That last headline, from the Times, was from April 2019. Democrats were agonizing then, and they're still agonizing now.

It is hard to imagine two more different men than Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump, but establishment Democrats fear that something could be happening in their party that echoes the events of 2016 for Republicans: A candidate with popular appeal who is dismissed by party leaders yet manages to build so much support that the establishment cannot deny him the nomination.

It might seem a little odd that Democrats are so worried by a Trump 2016 scenario. After all, Trump won. But it was, of course, a rocky road, and more than a little unpleasant for GOP bigwigs.

So now Democrats listen when the loser of that race, Hillary Clinton, expresses her apparently undying disdain for Sanders. In an admiring — aren't they all? — new documentary on her losing campaign, Clinton says of Sanders: "He was in Congress for years. He had one senator support him. Nobody likes him, nobody wants to work with him, he got nothing done. He was a career politician. It's all just baloney, and I feel so bad that people got sucked into it."

In a promotional interview, the Hollywood Reporter asked Clinton if that assessment dent for The Washington Examiner.

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still holds. "Yes, it does," she answered.

The only problem for establishment figures like Clinton is that Sanders is leading in Iowa. He is leading in New Hampshire. He is in second place in South Carolina. And then, looking down the road a bit, he is leading in the biggest state of all, California.

The establishment has reason to be worried. Of course Sanders is far to the left. But there is no doubt the entire Democratic party has moved in his direction in the last four years. There's no indication that movement will stop. The party has come to Bernie, not the other way around. Party leaders might have to come to Bernie, too.

One argument the party establishment would have against Sanders is that he is simply too old to be president. He will be 79 years old on Inauguration Day 2021 and will turn 80 that same year. That is unprecedented in American history. And, of course, Sanders suffered a heart attack last October.

Trump, the nation's oldest president ever, could serve four more years, and at the end of two full terms still be younger than Sanders would be on the first day of his presidency.

All that would be an effective argument, except that the establishment's preferred candidate, by the same measure, is also too old to be president. Biden will be 78 on Inauguration Day, and to some observers' eyes looks less energetic and resilient than Sanders.

The Democratic establishment has no good strategy for dealing with its Sanders problem. In a week, the Iowa caucuses will be over, and the problem could be much worse.

Byron York is chief political correspon-

Nat Geo was applauded by the Education Department as a valuable resource for student home learning.

Last week, Nat Geo revealed a male porcupine urinates on the female to let her know it's time to mate.

In a related story, R. Kelly's lawyer disclosed they're going with the Porcupine Defense.

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mey pay their taxes in different countries.

In Russia, two big burly guys probably knock on your door and say, "Give to us all

the money you haven't hidden yet." Then they pocket some of it and give the rest to some apparatchik, who pockets some of it and then passes it along to some other official, who takes a cut. On and on and on it goes until, at the end of a long road, it goes to the government. The Russian government then takes that money and uses it to pay for



Jim Mullen

 $things \, like \, snow plows \, and \, secret \, prisons.$ 

Of course, that is not true. The Russian process of collecting taxes is probably very similar to our own. With similar results. Well, their penalties for not paying may be stiffer; as far as I know, the IRS doesn't employ a firing squad. Yet.

If there's one thing almost everyone can agree on, it's that they don't like the way the government spends their hard-earned tax dollars. Or even their inherited tax dollars. The other thing almost all people agree on is that they don't like all the hoops they have to jump through just to file their taxes.

Whenever someone claims that the government never created a job, I always say, "Not true — they created H&R Block." Not to mention the tens of thousands of accounting firms across the country, and entire departments within large corporations that do nothing but "tax compliance."

Some people say this puts our country

countries. Those people have never been to France, Germany or any of 60 other countries that make our complex tax  $system \, look \, like \, a \, game \, of \, Go \, Fish. \, Their$ systems are more like 3D chess. Their total corporate taxes may end up being lower than ours, but that doesn't mean they're simpler to calculate.

Why can't we make the ordeal of paying taxes simpler? Most of us don't mind paying for necessities like roads, schools, police, firefighters, EMTs and the military — what we mind is making it so difficult. Just let us write a check and stop making us fill out forms.

We have created a system that reminds me of getting a letter with a 50-cent stamp on it that tells me that I owe someone 13 cents. Not only is it a waste of money, it's a waste of time and paper. And this is in the age of computers, when it should just take a simple click to avoid this kind of nonsensical book-balancing. We're not alone, either: "Fill this out in triplicate" is the motto of governments the world over.

If the government spent \$10 to collect \$9, they would (one can only hope) stop it. The trouble is, they aren't spending that \$10. You are. It is costing you, the taxpayer, time and money to file your taxes-not the government. What's their incentive to stop doing business as usual? Maybe a law that makes members of Congress prepare their own taxes would do the trick. Do you remember voting for something called "Schedule C"? Do you know what a 1099 is? My accountant does. I don't. And this, they tell me, is just the basic stuff. Yet somehow this Byzantine system has endured, and even changes each year.

And here's the strangest thing of all:



I should be paying before I fill out the forms. I know because for the past few weeks, I've been getting tax documents in the mail. If I make a mistake, they'll know. After all, they get the same documents I get.

So why not just send me a bill every year? If it looks OK, I'll send them a check. If not, I'll call the accountant.

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Lifestyle

## **High Plains Snow Goose Festival**

During their annual migration, thousands of snow geese find respite on the lakes and riparian habitats of Lamar and the city's neighboring towns. These beautiful birds land, blanketing fields and bodies of water with white as if snow has fallen, and when they take off in tandem, the sound echoes and shakes the earth.

Witnessing the snow goose migration is jawdropping, even to the most novice birdwatcher or naturalist, and there is no better time to see it than during the Annual High Plains Snow Goose Festival, Feb. 6-9.

Each year, nature lovers congregate in Lamar to witness the great snow goose migration and to participate in tours, programs, a trade show, and more.

While the High Plains Snow Goose Festival offers tours to see these magnificent white birds, there are also tours to nearby canyons, gems of southeastern Colorado offering an outdoor and wildlife viewing experience unique to this corner of Colorado, and Two Buttes Reservoir, one of the region's favorite birding spots.

This year's presentations include the natural wonders of southeastern Colorado, local history, such as the Sand Creek Massacre and the WWII Camp Amache Japanese Internment Camp, and live raptors from the Pueblo Raptor Center.

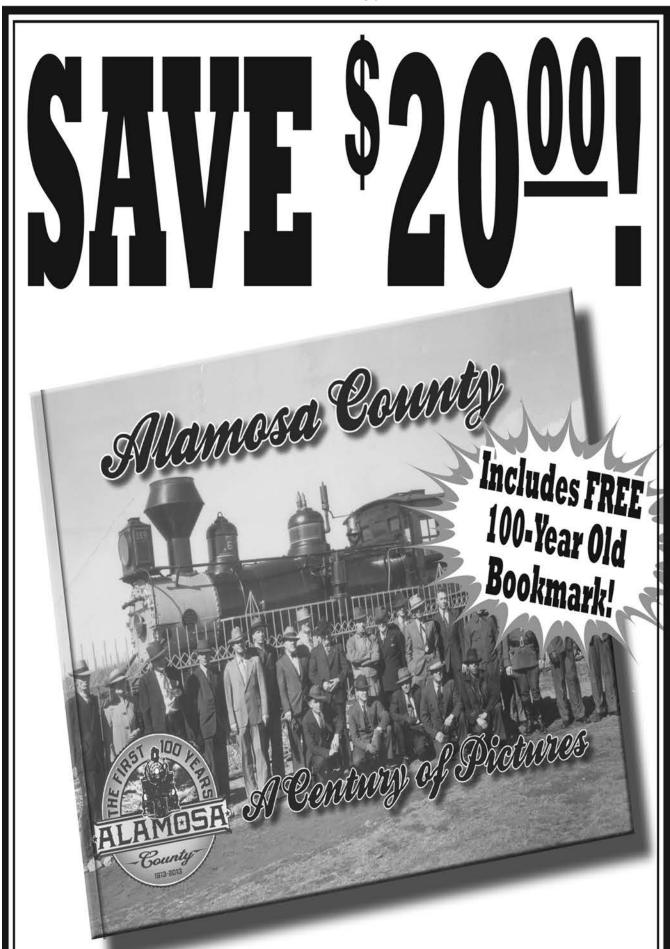
The keynote speakers for this year's High Plains Snow Goose Festival are Marc Kramer and Eliana Ardila Ardila, who documented their recent journey from Florida to Alaska in a 1978 VW Bus in their blog, "Birding by Bus." Come hear about their journey and the incredible species of birds they discovered along the way. If you're feeling a bit less adventurous but still want to partake in birdwatching, you can join an organized walk along the Willow Creek Nature Trail, a mile-long trail behind Lamar Community College. This small tract of land, filled with trees, streams, and ponds, has one of the highest concentrations of bird species in the entire state!

Event registration is free. However, field trips range from price depending on the length of the program and if meals are provided. Numerous programs are also offered at no charge. To learn more, visit <u>HighPlainsSnow-Goose.com</u>.

Report courtesy of a press release from <u>Think-</u> <u>Colorado.com</u> PO Box 5236



A very special natural phenomenon occurs on the plains of eastern Colorado each winter, and it's something you have to see to believe.



## Bennet, Neguse laud anniversary of CORE Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On the one-year anniversary of the introduction of the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy ("CORE") Act, Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet and Congressman Joe Neguse (D-CO-2) released the following statements celebrating the significant progress made to protect over 400,000 acres of public land in Colorado, safeguard existing outdoor recreation opportunities, and boost the state's economy:

"The success we've had over the past year, including House passage in October, is the direct result of over a decade of tireless commitment and hard work by Coloradans to craft legislation that both protects our public lands and boosts our economy — two things that go hand in hand in Colorado, said Bennet. "At this milestone, I'm inspired by the breadth of support behind the CORE Act and look forward to advancing this bill in the Senate. "There's no reason we can't send the CORE Act to the president's desk — Colorado has waited long enough." "I'm incredibly pleased with the momentum we have seen for this legislation, it is a true testament to Colorado's commitment to investing in our treasured public lands and outdoor recreation economy," said Neguse. "As representatives in Washington, we should be following the lead of our constituents

and local communities, and that is exactly what the CORE Act proposes. This legislation is the culmination of over a decade of work from Coloradans to preserve precious public lands across our state and designate the firstever National Historic Landscape at Camp Hale to honor the legacy of the Army's 10th Mountain Division. I was honored to lead passage out of the U.S. House of Representatives earlier this year, and look forward to continued momentum in the Senate."

In September, Bennet sent a letter to Chairman Lisa Murkowski and Ranking Member Joe Manchin requesting the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources hold a hearing on the CORE Act.

Following introduction of the CORE Act on January 28, 2019 with broadbased support from affected counties, many cities and towns, local leaders, conservation groups, and a wide range of outdoor industry representatives, the bill quickly gained momentum with a House Natural Resources Committee hearing in April. The bill passed through committee in June, and passed the full House of Representatives in October

#### RESOURCES

House and Senate Bill text, a fact sheet, frequently asked questions, updated maps, letters of support, and more are available at www.bennet. senate.gov/COREAct.

## Forest bathing can enhance one's health

The mood-boosting feeling of rejuvenation many people experience while spending time in nature is not in their heads.

In fact, researchers in parts of Asia have long since studied and documented the benefits of spending time in nature.

Developed in Japan in the 1980s, the practice of Shinrin-yoku, often referred to as "forest bathing," has become a part of Japanese medicine.

According to Shinrinyoku.org, the premise behind forest bathing is that spending time in nature via a relaxing walk can prove calming, rejuvenating and restorative.

The benefits of spending time in nature have long been suspected, but only recently has scientific research begun to indicate just how beneficial such time can be. In 2018, researchers from the University of East Anglia released a report indicating some eye-opening benefits of living close to nature and spending time outside.

In the report, researchers linked exposure to greenspace with a lower risk of type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, premature death, preterm birth, stress, and high blood pressure.

In addition to those benefits, Shinrin-yoku.org notes that research indicates forest bathing can improve mood; increase one's ability to focus, even among children diagnosed with ADHD; accelerate recovery from injury or illness; and improve sleep.

The approach to forest bathing promoted by Shinrin-yoku.org combines leisurely walks on paths under a forest canopy with guided activities. Such activities are designed to open the senses, help people hone their intuition and experience the forest as they never had before. Mindfulness meditation practices also may be included in a forest bathing session. EL196003

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# **Grizzlies take on Rangers in Plachy Hall**

## Grizzlies downed late at home 94-99

#### By AARON KINNISCHTZKE Sports Information Director

ALAMOSA — For the second straight Saturday, the Adams State Grizzlies Men's Basketball team was able to claw their way back into a game against a tough conference opponent late, and for the second straight Saturday, their valiant effort would come up just short, as they fell to the Regis Rangers at home 99-94. The loss was the Grizzlies' second at home in the 2019-20 season and now drops them to 4-9 in conference play.

The Grizzlies fell behind early, playing what was a mostly inconsistent first half, as they fell behind by as many as 17 early on. The lead did not intimidate, nor would it get the Grizzlies out of their comfort zone, as they forced the issue and scrapped their way back into the ball game. This was due in part to their terrific shooting night, as the Grizzly offense shot a lights-out percentage of 66.67% from three-point range in the first half to dig into the Regis lead in a hurry. They went to the half trailing by 6, and it became a brand-new game heading into the second half.

The Grizzlies kept the pressure on the Regis offense, who also had a big night with Toni Rocak (30 points) and Chris Little (21 points) leading the way. The Grizzlies maintained their foot on the gas pedal, going for broke from outside, and shooting nearly 58% from the field in the second half. They tied the score late, and it was anyone's game in a back and forth shootout. Unfortunately, Regis made just a few more plays in the ball game on offense and prevailed for the five-point victory.

The Grizzly offense featured four players in double figures on the night, with shooters Rylan O'Brien who finished with 29, and Logan Longo who ended up with 17 points, putting the Grizzlies on their back and shooting the lights out of the gym which got the Grizzlies back into the game. O'Brien hit a career-high 9 three-pointers on the evening and was the offensive star of the night, with Longo alongside him draining 5 from deep. In total, the Grizzlies went 15-27 from three, which was by far their best night of the season. Regis was a worthy opponent in this area, as the trigger-happy Rangers hit 12 threes of their own to stay in front the majority of the way.

Guards Juwan Green and Szymon Walczak were the enforcers inside, each playing tough minutes to help the Grizzlies mount their near-comeback. Green

had a stellar night, with 23 points on 8-12 shooting as well as going a perfect 7-7 from the free-throw line. Walczak put together an impressive double-double with 18 points and 12 boards, also dishing out6assists.

With no true big men on the roster, the Grizzlies relied heavily on their guard play that the evening and they delivered as best as they could. Unfortunately for them, they would fall short of the victory despite big games from key players.

The Grizzlies who now sit at 4-9 in RMAC play, have shown signs of massive improvement, particularly in the shooting category. The question remains, is it too late to make a playoff run? With the Grizzlies back at home next weekend against Westminster and Dixie State, they now get into the most crucial part of their schedule and will have to begin to string together wins in order to reach their goal of a playoff berth.

## Grizzlies upset Rangers, 73-56.

## By CORRI ZAIGER

Sports Information Assistant ALAMOSA—Adams State Women's Basketball takes a huge win against the Regis Rangers. The Grizzlies came out ready to play and took down the Rangers. The Grizzlies now move to 3-10 in conference, and 3-3 at home.

The Grizzlies and Rangers opened with a close first quarter. Regis won the tip and quickly added three points to the board. Adams State respond-

ed with a Fastbreak layup off of a steal from Zakiya Beckles. A d ams State gained the lead with a threepointe r from Danielle Jimenez with the assist from Paiton

Demps. The

Grizzlies went on a 9-3 run, to give them their largest lead of eight in the quarter. The Rangers added 5 points to cut the deficit, but Kassie Schell went 2-2 from the line at the end of the quarter to put the Grizzlies up, 16-11.

Adams State began the second quarter with a good three from Marshell Hollins. After a responding three-pointer from Regis, Jimenez made the and-one to put the Grizzlies up, 22-14. Adams State extended their lead to 12 from three-pointers from Demps and Beckles. The Rangers battled back hitting shots from the field and going 2-2 from

the line. Schell and Laura Gutierrez each added to the Grizzlies first-half total, leading 37-23.

The Grizzlies came out in the third quarter with momentum, getting up and down the court quickly. The Grizzlies added their first two points of the quarter with a layup from Maddie Dorris. Hollins got hot draining two quick three's within a minute of each other. Hollins added 10 points to the Grizzlies third-quarter total, assisting the Adams State advantage to 16 at the end of the third.

Adams State opened the fourth with a layup from Gutierrez and a three from Beckles. The Grizzlies outscored the Rangers in every quarter of the game and gained their largest lead of 20 in the fourth -quarter. The Grizzlies continued to battle through the last buzzer, getting the big win 73-56.

All around, the Grizzlies played a good game. On the scoreboard, Adams State was led by Beckles and Hollins. each scoring 18 points on the night Beckles also lead the Grizzlies with 3 steals. Gutierrez and Demps were also big assets to the Adams State offense with Gutierrez scoring 12 and Demps scoring 11. Jimenez and Hollins were the big playmakers, each totaling a assists. Demps also lead the Grizzlies on the boards, grabbing 7 rebounds. 2 offensive and 5 defensive. Jimenez totaled 6 defensive rebounds, and Gutierrez and Hollins each finished the night with 5, 1 offensive and 4 defensive. Attacking the basket and leading from the line were Demps, going 4-4 and Schell going 4-5.

Adams State hopes to continue with the momentum from Saturday's game this weekend, where they will take or both Westminster College and Dixie State at home.

#### **Jokic helps Nuggets** 117-110 beat Rockets

#### By PAT GRAHAM AP Writer

DENVER (AP) — Colorado was the epicenter of Kobe Bryant's worst moment, but even in Denver, in a building where he was frequently booed, there were tears and stunned silence.

It started with a moment of silence for the NBA great, who was killed in a helicopter crash about an hour before the game, and led to chants of "Kobe! Kobe! Kobe!'

The game became secondary on this melancholy Sunday at Pepsi Center as the Denver Nuggets held off the Houston Rockets 117-110.

with lusty boos from fans who heard more about Bryant's case than those in other NBA towns.

All afternoon, the mood was somber. A few of the Denver players sat at their lockers before the game, staring at their phones in disbelief with the details of

Bryant's death starting to emerge. The 41-year-old Bryant and his 13-year-old daughter, Gianna, were among the nine people killed in the crash near Calabasas, California, about 30 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles.

Houston players Tyson Chandler and P.J. Tucker were visibly upset during the tribute, while Rivers covered his eyes with his arm. Rivers also had a tribute to Bryant on his shoes. So did Tucker, who wrote, "There will never be another.' "This is beyond tough. I don't have the words," Tucker said. "There will never be another person like him. Still trying to process it. ... I don't even really remember much from the game. I'm sorry. Just didn't mean a whole lot now.'

a huge person, a role model. It's a huge loss for everybody.'

Jokic gave everything in honor of the player nicknamed Black Mamba.

'When you think about Kobe it's, 'No excuse. Nothing can put your mind off what you love to do," Jokic said. "It's the Mamba mentality, for sure.'

Like many around the league, Jerami Grant called Bryant his favorite player growing up.

"Watching everything he did on the court, off the court, the way he carried himself," said Grant, who scored a season-high 25 points. "It's extremely

tough.

"It's devastating. This one hurt to the core," Gordon said. "To hear news like that before the game, it was tough to stay focused. It's tough to hear news like that before the game — a guy you admire, a guy you looked up to.'

**TIP-INS** 

Rockets: Westbrook had 10 turnovers. ... Clint Capela grabbed 12 rebounds.

Nuggets: It was Jokic's 37th career triple-double. ... Morris finished with 17. ... The Nuggets were without Jamal Murray (left ankle sprain), Paul Millsap (bruised left knee) and Mason Plumlee (right foot).

DIFFERENT STORY

"I've got to be honest, it wasn't on my mind when we lost, us losing the game,' Rockets guard Austin Rivers said. "This pain is not going to go away anytime soon. You don't even have to be a basketball fan to feel this.'

In 2003, Bryant was charged with sexually assaulting a 19-year-old employee at a Colorado resort. He had said the two had consensual sex, and the charge was eventually dropped. The woman later filed a civil suit against Bryant that was settled out of court. Bryant's adulation remained strong in Los Angeles even amid the allegations.

But not so much in Denver, where, for years, his every appearance was met

Nikola Jokic said he got goosebumps when he heard of Bryant's death.

"I couldn't believe it," said Jokic, who finished with 24 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists for his ninth triple-double of the season. "He's not just a legend here, he's a legend across the world. We lost

 $The first half remained a \, complete \, blur$ for Michael Porter Jr. as he processed his feelings. He remembered meeting Bryant at a Nike camp, when the superstar offered him encouragement.

"We all look up to him," said Porter, who scored 17 points to help the Nuggets even the season series with Houston at two apiece. "I didn't think it was real."

Russell Westbrook scored 22 of his 32 points in the second half. Eric Gordon added 19 points and Ben McLemore scored 15 in the absence of leading scorer James Harden, who sat out with a bruised left thigh.

Once the final horn sounded, reality of Bryant's death set back in.

Rockies All-Star shortstop Trevor Story drained the pregame free throw while wearing a pair of Kobe Bryant shoes. Story has always been a big fan of Bryant.

"The way he played the game was so inspiring to me," Story said. "The Mamba mentality, you try to mimic that. The intensity he played with was so special." UP NEXT

Rockets: At Utah on Monday. Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni listed Harden as doubtful for the game against the Jazz and added that Westbrook will sit it out.

Nuggets: At Memphis on Tuesday. The Nuggets are 2-0 against the Grizzlies this season

## 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) 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) Pagoea Springs 35, Alamosa 24 (G) 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

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**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. 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. Creede at Frimero (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) eh 1

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) **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, Moun-tain 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 Season: mid - Feb to late - April (min. 10 season games + tourney) For more information, contact the AFRC · (719) 589-2105; Website: www.AlamosaRec.org

Valley News

# Sanford School Board helps students excel

members of the Sanford School Board of Education are dedicated to making Sanford School the most successful it can be.

The Sanford School Board is committed to helping its students have the best possible environment in which to learn and progress. The current school board is comprised of Tom Stewart, Marleen Canty, Jessica Willet, Logan Larsen and Ausdedicated school board members. Tom Stewart is the current president.

School board members oversee numerous responsibilities, such as helping choose curriculum, making, approving, and managing budgets, making policy, hiring employees, along with a number of other demands.

These are often difficult and complex matters that bear a lot of responsibly

community for years.

The first Sanford school house was erected in the late 1800s. For the last 124 years, Sanford School District has been steadfast in providing excellent education for the students and a positive work environment for the staff. The school has been awarded many excellence in educations awards and continues to be a leader in the Valley when it comes

a direct reflection of the leadership provided by the school board and staff.

The school board is often overlooked when it comes to the work and time it The students and staff at Sanford School would like to express appreciation for the positive impact the school board members have made on

you to the board members for the hours they spend ensuring that the school is supporting its students' and staff's needs in order to have a successful life.



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Courtesy Photo

Sanford School Board members pose for a photo, from left to right are: Marlene Crowther, Austin Miller, Cole Larsen, Tom Stewart and Jessica Willet

## Blue Mesa Trout tourney starts Feb. 1

GUNNISON—A six-month-long fishing tournament with \$10,000 in prize money sponsored by Colorado Parks and Wildlife starts Feb. 1 at Blue Mesa Reservoir near Gunnison in western Colorado.

The tournament, which continues through July 31, is aimed at maintaining adequate kokanee fry survival by limiting predation from lake trout. Anglers are asked to target smaller-sized lake trout, those that are 24 inches in length or smaller.

"By sponsoring this tournament, Colorado Parks and Wildlife is asking anglers to be our partners in helping to manage the renowned Blue Mesa Reservoir fishery," said Dan Brauch, aquatic biologist for CPW in Gunnison. "We know we can have an excellent kokanee fishery and a trophy lake trout fishery, but we need to continue our work for both species and we need the help of Colorado's anglers."

Here's how the tournament works: Anglers who catch lake trout 24 inches or smaller will remove the heads and place them in a plastic bag provided at one of three boat ramps at the reservoir: lola. Elk Creek and Lake Fork. Heads can also be turned in at CPW's offices in Gunnison (300 W. New York Ave.) or Montrose (2300 S. Townsend Ave., U.S. Highway 550). There is no fee to participate in the tournament.

categories at the conclusion of the tournament: 1) CPW has tagged 23 fish in the res-

ervoir but anglers won't know if they've caught one. CPW will scan the heads later to check for tags and those who caught them will receive \$250 for each.

2) Anglers catching the most fish: first place, \$1,000; second place, \$500; third place, \$250.

3) Anglers will be entered in a raffle for every lake trout head turned in. A total of 20 winners will be selected and each winner will receive \$200.

Kokanee provide the greatest draw for overall catch and harvest while lake trout provide the greatest draw for their trophy potential. Lake trout require plentiful kokanee as prey to achieve trophy size.

Some lake trout that weigh over 50 pounds and 44 inches in length have been caught at Blue Mesa Reservoir.

A change in water management in the early 1990s at BMR resulted in improved conditions at lake trout spawning areas in the fall and now they reproduce naturally. As the number of lake trout grew, they feasted on kokanee which resulted in a significant population decline. Recently, through angler harvest and CPW's lake trout suppression work, the number of predatory lake trout has been reduced and kokanee abundance has improved.

Cash prizes will be awarded in three

customers. Gift may not be extended, transferred, or substituted except that Company may substitute a gift of equal or greater value if it deems it necessary. Gift card will be mailed to the participant via first class United States Mail within 10 days of receipt of the promotion form. Not valid in conjunction with any other promotion or discount of any kind. Offer is subject to change without notice prior to reservation. Expires 1/31/20.

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# Did you know

that your hearing health has a direct effect on your overall health and well-being?

## Tinnitus

Up to 90% of people with tinnitus have some level of noise-induced hearing loss.

## Osteoporosis

Osteoporosis can adversely affect the three tiny bones in the middle ear, which can lead to hearing loss

## Hypertension

High blood pressure can be an accelerating factor of hearing loss in adults.

## Obesity

Higher body mass index (BMI) and larger waist circumference are associated with increased risk of hearing loss in women.

## Safety/Balance

People with mild hearing loss are 3x more likely to have a history of falling than people with normal hearing.

## Isolation

Untreated hearing loss can contribute to social isolation, anxiety, depression and cognitive decline.

## **Cognitive Decline**

Adults' with hearing loss experience a 30-40% faster decline in cognitive abilities than their peers with normal hearing. \*75 years and older

## Depression

In a recent survey, adults\* with untreated hearing loss were more likely to report depression, anxiety and paranoia than peers who wore hearing aids. \*50 years and older

## Eye Health

Vision helps you identify where a sound is coming from.

## Heart Health

A healthy cardiovascular system has a positive effect on hearing.

## Smoking

Current smokers have a 70% higher risk of having hearing loss than nonsmokers.

## Diabetes

Hearing loss is twice as common in people with diabetes as their peers without.

## Ototoxicity

Ototoxicity is a common cause of hearing loss.

Starkey

Wednesday, January 29, 2020



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This is Finesse, she is a pitbull mix around 3 years old. She is friendly with people, but doesn>t really care too much for other dogs, she would need to be the only dog in the house.

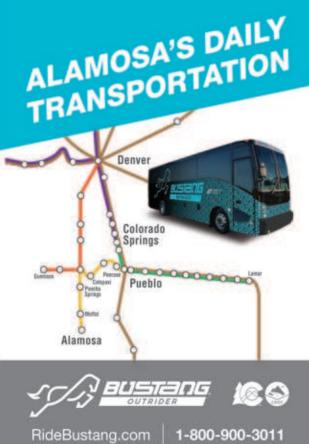


This is Bastian, he is a pitbull mix around 3 months. He is a very loving doggie, he loves to be held and loves to play. He is 90% potty trained and sleeps well in a bed all night. He understands "sit," go to your bed," "lay down," and "up." He does well with children and doesn't let other does bother him. dogs bother him.

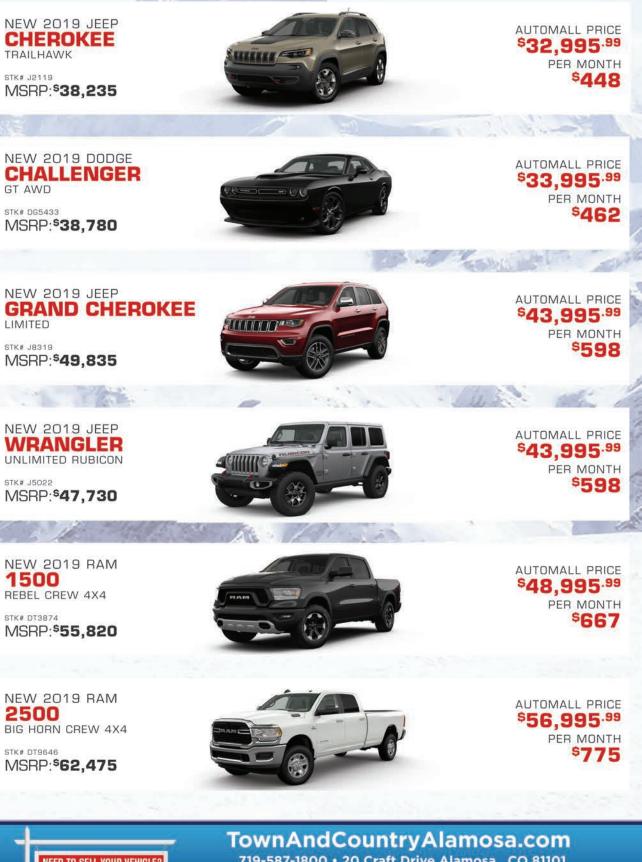




This is Prince, he is a pitbull mix around 2 years old. He is friendly with people and dogs,







This is Roxy, she is a husky mix about 3 years old. She is a little bit shy but very friendly.



This is Wiley, he is a 4 year old medium mix. He can be a little stand-offish at times with new people, but he is a sweet dog and loves attention and belly-rubs.

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Report: annualrpt1 Date: 01/08/20 Rpt #: 1		Fund Report 07/01/19 Th	- Alamosa Count rough 12/31/19	у	23			ø		Page: 1
FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	CURRENT TAX	DELINQUENT TAX & INTEREST	MISCELLANEOUS	CHECKING ACCT. & INVESTMENTS	DISBURSEMENTS	TREASURERS FEES	CHECKING ACCT. & INVESTMENTS		ENDING BALANCE
COUNTY GENERAL ROAD & BRIDGE	5,644,600.65	223,316.40 168,200.07	17,482.57	4,942,767.14	170,063.91	-7,237,877.04	-7,277.22	.00.	.00.	
SOCIAL SERVICES	2,378,267.87	38,694.56	3.083.55	1,804,559.89	.00	-2,022,751.91	.00	.00	.00	2,201,853.96
COUNTY NURSING SERVICE	3,089,337.06 2,378,267.87 1,803,409.47 15,480,75	.00	.00	1,462,340.06	.00	-1,603,211.97	.00	.00	.00	
PUBLIC SAFETY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSARY	15,480.75	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	-00	.00	
MOSCA GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DIST	45,400.25	.00	.00	13,156.00	.00	-30,665.23			.00	
MOSCA WASTEWATER SYSTEM ALAMOSA COUNTY LODGING TAX	1,749.00 214,753.14	.00 .00 .00 7,119.00 .00	.00 1,92 .00 .00 .00	.00 186,958.36		.00 -74,250.00			.00	
ALAMOSA LOCAL MARKETING DISTRI	294,220.42	- 00		393,308.37	.00	-251,300.00	.00	.00	.00	436,228.79
TREASURER'S FEES	214,847.68 643,689.11	.00 570.28	.00	31,766.76 33,233.14			.00		.00	전 이상 방법 가슴 가슴을 걸 때 집에 가지 않는 것이 없다.
CONSERVATION TRUST FUND COUNTY RETIREMENT	233,920.41	10,899.89		13,046,17	.00	-89,619.91	-351.45	.00	.00	168,622.03
COUNTY CONTINGENT	165,273.01	.00		.00 454,205.89					.00	
CAPITAL PROJECTS HEALTH INSURANCE FUND	1,148,013.33 221,744.11	.00 .00		1,038,141.51		-1,050,550.90			.00	
AMBULANCE DISTRICT	91,280.26	31,443.18	2,482.33	37,558.14	.00				.00	
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNDESIRABLE PLANT MANAGEMENT F	3.53 70.65	.00		.00 .00					.00	
STATE TAX CLEARING ACCOUNT	-2,934.17	.00	.00	143,187.00	.00	-143,187.00			.00	
FEDERAL TAX CLEARING ACCOUNT	46,417.04	.00	.00	1,125,063.16 20,045.70		-1,125,063.16 -20,306.24			.00	46,417.04 -143.78
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AFLAC CLEARING FUND	-3,002.06	.00		18,696.86					.00	
VSB CLEARING FUND PREPAID TAXES	7,213.02 3,352.09	.00		24,880.15 325,057.93					.00	
PREPAID TAXES INDIVIDUAL REDEMPTION STATE OF COLORADO	15,951.04	.00	.00	122,189.85	.00				.00	
	3,029.57 1,568.70	.00		2,197.00 996,900.06					.00	
MOTOR VEHICLE COUNTY LIBRARY	1,568.70	.00		.00			.00	.00	• .00	146.96
AIRPORT FUND	-80,804.68	.00		1,337,612.72		-1,240,291.00			.00	
AIRPORT - SAVINGS DOPPLER RADAR FUND	157,872.02 -2,069.50	.00		618.39 432,381.44					.00	
JUSTICE CENTER	2,701,293.83	.00	.00	1,831,668.97	.00	-1,360,410.22	.00		.00	
SCHOOL DISTRICT RE11J - GENERA SCHOOL DIST RE11J - CAPITAL RE		225,128.90		280,441.57					.00	
SCHOOL DIST REIIO - CAPITAL RE SCHOOL DISTRICT REIIJ - B & I		108,430.50		127,233.87	.00	-264,196.35	.00	.00	.00	19,934.28
SCHOOL DIST RE22J - GENERAL	14,042.88	55,237.11		70,708.92					.00	
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SCHOOL DISTRICT RE33J - GENERA	3,069.46	7,531.38	.00	21,758.71	.00	-29,113.74			.00	
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SCHOOL DISTRICT RESSO Y GENERAL	205.69	5,697.66	.00	1,506.66	.00	-7,176.10	-13.63	.00	.00	220.28
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SCHOOL DISTRICT RE6J - CAP RES	.00	.00		.00					.00	
SCHOOL DISTRICT RE6J - B & I SCHOOL DISTRICT RE26J - GENERA	59.88 40.61	158.13	.00	427.15 289.72					.00	
SCHOOL DISTRICT RE26J - CAP RE	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00				.00	
SCHOOL DISTRICT RE26J - B & I MOSQUITO CONTROL	17.20 111,096.65	.00 31,037.41		122.70 37,371.62					.00	
RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION	69,456.82	23,979.73	1,941.35	28,701.58	.00	-118,024.95	-688.83	.00	.00	5,365.70
SLV WATER CONSERVATION DIST.	13,268.33 119.30	4,202.10 37.05		5,327.79 85.28	.00				.00	
ALAMOSA - LA JARA WATER CONS. OTHER INCOME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
EAST ALAMOSA WATER & SANITATIO		10,344.03 3,197.37		5,084.78 .00					.00	
SLV IRRIGATION WAVERLY DRAINAGE	19,540.27 4,639.13	1,696.90					.00	.00	.00	.00
CARMEL DRAINAGE	1.97	1.10	.00						.00	
RIO GRANDE SUBDISTRICT 1 RIO GRANDE SUBDISTRICT 2	69,941.40 195.66	120,461.20 4,032.40		.00 .00	.00				.00	
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ALAMOSA FIRE	60,236.07			2 (1 <sup>-1</sup> ) - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -						7,794.65
CENTER FIRE	534.89	33,277.41 .00 193.99	.00	756-66	.00	-1,179.28	.00			
NORTHWEST CONEJOS FIRE	2,659.35 176,468.67	193.99 509.58	.06	749.65 1,332.71						
ALAMOSA WEED CONTROL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	609,571.29	.00	.00	.00	.00	-48,499.89	.00			
DEER VALLEY MEADOWS IMP TRUST	.00	.00	00	00	00		.00			
ADVERTISING FACILITIES EXPANSION FUND	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
LEASE SERVICING FUND	-427,005.18	.00	.00	197,620.00	.00	229,385.18 -1,692,531.08	.00			
DEBT SERVICE PUBLIC TRUSTEE TRUST & AGENCY	768,103.22	2,179.93	258.46	425, 311.58	.00		.00	.00	.00	17,601.42
	. 6,470.19	.00	.00	-6,533.43	.00	6,533.43	.00	.00	.00 .00	6,470.19
	-69,235.15	.00	.00	92,657.89	.00	-93,287.13	.00	.00	.00	-69,864.39 3,608.46
INTERNAL SERVICES FUND	203,293.00	.00	.00	86,124.55	.00	-45,254.99	.00	.00 .00 .00 .00 .00	.00	244,162.60
TREASURER CLEARING ACCOUNT REDEMPTION CLEARING FUND INTERNAL SERVICES FUND TREASURER DEEDS FUND	5,746.38	.00	.00 .00 .258.46 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00	25,804.31		-17,033.51				14,517.18
Grand Totals	21,275.508.44	1,168,157.50	66,308.38	23,581,685.73	172,064.74	-26,170,933.18	-13,682.82	.00	.00	20,079,108.79

I, Amy McKinley, County Treasurer in and for the county of Alamosa in the State of Colorado, hereby certify that the above is a true statement of the condition of the various funds as they appear from the records in my office at the close of business on 12/31/19

amy MKinley

Received and examined by the Board of Alamosa County Commissioners this 22nd day of January, 2020

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Dixie Lee Heiman Interim Alamosa County Clerk & Recorder Filed and held in my office this 22nd day of January, 2020



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1) Victor Palinski and Pamela Palinski, whose last known addres

 Victor Palinski and Pamela Palinski, whose last known address was 823 Dora Ave, Tavares, FL 32778-2813.
 THE W1/2 OF THE SW1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 OF SEC-TION 30, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST LOCATED IN CONEJOS COUNTY COLORADO. THERE IS A 25' EASEMENT ALONG ALL PERMIMETERS FOR ACCESS AND UTITLIEIS AS STATED IN WARRANTY DEED RECORDED UNDER RECEPTION NO. 10000314 ON MARCH 9, 2010 OF THE CONEJOS COUNTY DECORDS RECORDS.

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 19th day of No-vember A.D. 2014, the then County Treasurer of the County of Cone-jos, in the State of Colorado, offered for sale at a public tax lien sale the above described real estate situated in the County of Conejos. State of Colorado, to satisfy the delinquent taxes assessed against said real estate for the years 2013.

That said real estate was laxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Victor Palinski and Pamela Palinski for the said year 2013. That at said sale, said real estate was struck off to Conejos County: whose address is P.O. Box 97, Conejos, CO 81129 and the Treasur-

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

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

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed. Witness my hand and seal this 15th day of January A.D. 2020.

Mack M. Crowther

Conejos County Treasurer No. 1246

## **Public Notices**

A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the

Mineral Rio Grande Health Service District of Mineral and Rio Grande

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. Al that time, 2 directors will be elected to serve 3-year terms. Eligible

electors of the Mineral Rio Grande Health Service District interested

in serving on the board of directors may obtain a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO)

The office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday – Friday

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

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 IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for an absence ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the

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Rio Grande Hospital 310 County Road 14

Del Norte, CO 81132

from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

To Whom It May Concern: This notice is given with regard to the fol-On August 30, 2019, under Reception No. 19001348, the under

signed Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the Country of Conejos records. Anthony D. Sisneros Original Grantor(s): Original Beneficiary CitiFinancial Corporation Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Bayview L Bayview Loan Servicing,

LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company Date of Deed of Trust Recording Date of Deed of Trust April 23, 2004 April 27, 2004

County of Recording Recording information of Deed of Trust Reception No. 4000749 CONEJOS

Original Principal Amount

\$47,798.33 Outstanding/Unpaid Principal Balance \$55,555.91 Pursuant to C.R.S. §38-38-101 (4) (i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Default

The LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. The LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. The legal description of the Property that is subject to the Notice of Election and Demand in accordance with CRS §38-38-101(4)(g) is: Lots 18 and 19, in Block 22, Sampson's Addition to the Town of An-teria in Graving County Collegation tonito in Conejos County, Colorado.

\*\*Loan Modification Agreement signed by Yvonne Sisneros and An-thony D. Sisneros on February 23, 2018 Also known by street and number as: 407 W 8th Ave., Antonito, CO

81120 THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CUR-RENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST. NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed o Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at

10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at Conejos County Pub lic Trustee's Office, Conejos County Courthouse, 6683 CO RD 13, Conejos, CO, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns there, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law. IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE IF IFIE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED. First Publication: January 8, 2020 Last Publication: February 5, 2020 Name of Publication: Valley Courier Date: January 6, 2020

Mack M. Crowther

Conejos County Public Trustee, State of Colorado The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney representing the legal holder of the indebted-ness is:

Frascona, Joiner, Goodman & Greenstein, P.C

Karen J. Radakovich, Esq. Reg. No. 11649 4750 Table Mesa Drive, Boulder, CO 80305-5575

Telephone: (303)494-3000 FAX (303) 494-6309

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

FJGG 7192-13390/Sisneros, Anthony 0001788797 No. 1223

Published in the Valley Courier on January 08, 15, 22, 29, and February 05, 2020

#### NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PRAIRIE DITCH COMPANY SHAREHOLDERS YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED: That the Annual Meeting of the

Shareholders of the Prairie Ditch Company will be held on February 1, 2020 at 9:00 AM., at the Mosca United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, located in Mosca, Colorado.

The purpose of the Meeting will be to: 1) Set the assessment for 2020.

2) Nominate and elect Directors to the Board , for the Central District,

currently held by Steve Van Treese, and one at large member cur-rently held by Lyle Nissen, both are 3 year terms

Any other business that may come legally before the meeting. The board of Directors urges shareholder that do not expect to at

tend the Annual Meeting to sign and designate a proxy; YOUR VOTE CANNOT BE COUNTED WITHOUT A DESIGNATED PROXY AND IT MUST BE SIGNED. Please return to the Prairie Ditch Company, PO, BOX 32, Mosca Colorado 81146, by January 27, 2020.

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST, INFORM THE SECRETARY WHO IS QUALIFIED TO REPRESENT YOU AND YOUR STOCK, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING (Article III Section 4, as per regulations

adopted Feb 4, 2018) Your PROXY WILL NOT BE USED if you later decide to attend the Annual Meeting and desire to vote your shares.

Lunch will be provided. Given by the order of the

Board of Directors of the Prairie Ditch Company

No.1216 ublished in the Valley Courier on December 28, 2019, January 3, 10, 17, 24, and 29, 2020

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On November 12, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records Original Grantor(s) TRĂCY ARCHULÉTA MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., ACT-ING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS OF COLORADO, LLC Current Holder of Evidence of Debt PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION Date of Deed of Trust October 28, 2009 County of Recording Alamosa Recording Date of Deed of Trust November 02, 2009 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 340371 Original Principal Amount \$100,917.00

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 905-19

Outstanding Principal Balance \$87,598.19

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other pay-ments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof. THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

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

Also known by street and number as: 184 RIO GRANDE AVE, ALA-MOSA, CO 81101. MOSA, CO 81101. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROF

ERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for

sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 03/11/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certifi-

cate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication 1/15/2020 Last Publication 2/12/2020

Name of Publication Valley Courier

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE. THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; DATE: 11/12/2019

Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado

By: Jurice Montoya, Deputy Public Trustee The name, address, business telephone number and bar registra

tion number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indehtedness is:

Barrett Frappier & Weisserman, LLP 1199 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711 Attorney File # 8669814

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

pose. No. 1252 Published in the Valley Courier on January 16, 22, 29, February 5, and 12, 2020

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

New Retail Liquor License NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that on the 10th day of January, 2020,

Annette Ostrander-Fenske, and Judah Fenske applied to the County of Alamosa to grant a New Liquor License to Rustic Rook Resort LLC located at 13254 Lane 5 North, Mosca, Colorado 81146. The Board of County Commissioners of Alamosa County, which is the Local Liquor Licensing Authority for the County of Alamosa accepted the application and set a Public Hearing to be held:

Wednesday, February 12th at 9:00 am Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room Alamosa County Services Building

8900 Independence Way Alamosa, CO 81101

At which time and place any party in interest may be allowed to pres ent evidence and cross-examine witnesses, in accordance with the

Procedures of said hearing. Any petitions and remonstrance's pertaining to the granting or denial of said license application may be filed at the Office of the County Clerk and Recorder, Alamosa Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101 during office hours in advance of said hearing, or; may be presented to the Board of County Commission-ers of Alamosa County at said hearing. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY

By Michael Yohn, Chairman

ATTEST: Dixie Lee Heimar

lamosa County Clerk & Recorder and Ex Officio Clerk of the Board No. 1275 Published in the Valley Courier on January 29, 2020

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS \$38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 906-19 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the fol-lowing described Deed of Trust: On November 15, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust de-scribed below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records. Orinipal Crantor(s) Schöed below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa re Original Grantor(s) Glass for Less, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company Original Beneficiary(ies) San Luis Valley Federal Bank Current Holder of Evidence of Debt Sea Luis Valley Federal Bank

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

San Luis Valley Federal Bank

Date of Deed of Trust March 02, 2012

County of Recording Alamosa

Recording Date of Deed of Trust March 08, 2012 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.) 348300

Original Principal Amount \$287,500.00

Vultstanding Principal Balance \$181,416.35 Pursuant to CRS \$38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other pay ments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. Lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27, Block 54, in the City of Alamosa, County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, AND A portion of land located in Lot 28, Block 54, of the City of Alamosa,

Alamosa, County, State of Colorado, being more particularly de scribed as follows

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

Beginning; Thence S00 11'09" W along the Ease line of said Lot 28 a distance of 150.00 feet to the southeast corner of said Lot 28; Thence N89 48'51" W along the north right-of-way line of 6th Street a distance of 4.05 feet;

Thence N00 36'00"E a distance of 150.00 feet to a point on the south right-of-way line of the alley located in said Block 54; Thence S89 48'51'E along said righ-of-way line a distance of 2.96 feet to the Point of Beginning. Also known by street and number as: 221 & 201 6th Street, Alamosa,

CO 81101. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROP-ERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF SALE The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 03/18/2020, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certifi-cate of Purchase, all as provided by law. cate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication 1/22/2020 Last Publication 2/19/2020

Name of Publication Valley Courier IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED; DATE: 11/15/2019

Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado

of Colorado By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee The name, address, business telephone number and bar registra-tion number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Jeffrey E. Motz #35972 Paul E. Motz #3740 Motz Law Firm, LLC P.O. Box 779, Alamosa, CO 81101 (719) 589-6776

05, 12, and 19, 2020.

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6676 Attorney File # The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that pur-

Published in the Valley Courier on January 22, 29, 2020, February

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 pro-posal 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, Crest-one, CO 81131.

one, 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 Bair-stow, Terry Goergen, Adam Kinney, Kizzen Laki, Sam Pace and Bob

COMMENTS MAY BE SENT IN ADVANCE OF THE HEARING TO: Crestone Clerk, PO BOX 64, Crestone, CO 81131 or crestoneclerk@ fairpoint.net

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#### 221 **HELP WANTED**

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

#### 221 **HELP WANTED**

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

JAY MEYER INSUR-ANCE 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

## 221 **HELP WANTED**

WE ARE SEEKING a responsible, self mo-tivated, "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)

CALDON TRUCK-**ING 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 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)

THE NORTH CONE-JOS 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) **ROTECH HEALTH-**CARE IS currently taking applications for a part-time PPS-RT ( Respiratory Clinician Pay Per Service). Applicant can consist of RN, CRT

#### 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)

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 fuchsranchinc@ gmail.com.(2/5)

WANTED: SAGUA-CHE COUNTY Landfill is Hiring for an additional Full Time

#### 221 **HELP WANTED**

EXPERIENCED DENTAL HYGIEN-IST 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)

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 posi-tion 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@oic. edu Otero Junior College is an Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action/Title IX/Section 504 employer. (1/27)

## 324 - FEED & SEED

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

PREMIUM ALFALFA AND grass/alfalfa, small bales \$8.00 in shed, \$7.00 outside (719) 580-2509. (02/19)

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



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



### 360 - MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

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 AD-**OPTED** FROM THE VALLEY HUMANE LEAGUE HAVE TO BE SPAYED OR NEU-TERED BEFORE GO-ING TO THEIR NEW HOME. (TFN)

**OOPS! GOT PUP-PIES** 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)

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)

FREE TO GOOD home. Adults and kittens. NO MOUSERS LIVESTOCK OR BARN CATS. Spay/ neuter clinics coming to PIGS FOR SALE \$1.00 Alamosa in near future. lb. live weight. 570-395-Call Donna K 719-589-0184 (TFN) 5952 or 719-580-9078. (TFN) 360 - MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE 409 FARM & RANCH LAND **110V WELL PUMP** with 5 gallon pressure tank. \$110.00 OBO **COW PASTURE FOR** rent. South of Manassa Call 719-580-5745 anyplease call 719-480-3497. (1/30)time. (2/5)

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Del Norte, CO

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3 bedroom family units. Family living at an affordable price.

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

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611 - HOMES FOR RENT

**BEAUTIFUL 4 BED-**ROOM Ranch house located near Monte Vista \$1000/mo. call 719-588-8506. (2/13)

**BEAUTIFUL 3 BED-**ROOM, 2 Bathroom Country Home with fireplace will be available February 1, 2020. 1st, Last, Security and Utility Deposit. 1 year Lease, references. Monthly Rent is \$800 plus utilities. Contact Cheryl 719-480-0502. Leave a message. (2/5)

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 BED-ROOM 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)

300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado. Closing date is February 10, 2020 at 4:30 pm.(2/12)

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 TrueLocalBank.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)

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employment-opportunities.html or call 719-852-5996.(2/7)

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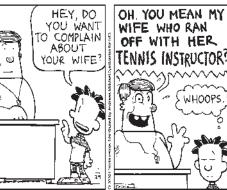
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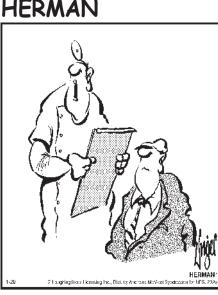




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"Get that lab on the phone. This chest X-ray only shows the top of his head!"



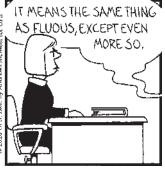
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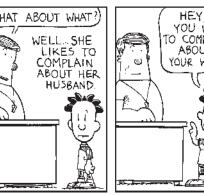








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TODAY'S CLUE: Wistenbaig

Previous Solution: "We meet no ordinary people in our lives. If you give them a chance, everyone has something amazing to offer." - Ryan Seacrest

## In his fiancee's eyes, man's secret life online is cheating

long relationship, "Eric" and I plan on getting mar- if you marry him. ried very soon. My problem keeps his phone right next to him, and before he walks into the house, he sits in his car, clearing his history. I know he looks at porn, and I'm not happy about it, but it's the other things I'm angry and confused about.

He secretly has social media. I know he's been sending pictures of himself to women, and they send pictures to him. Isn't that cheating? I think secret phone and video calls to women is cheating. I saw an image of a woman's private parts on his phone, and he told me lies about it. When I have confronted him about chatting with the other women, he gets angry and withdraws. One woman even sent me their chat history, and he lied about that, too.

Abby, I love my man, but I feel he's cheating. I don't know what else to do as there's a wedding soon. -- DESPERATE FOR AN-SWERS

DEAR DESPERATE: I have sad news for you. Eric go? Is this a real friend? isn't "your" man. From your description, you are sharing him with heaven only You already know he has

DEAR ABBY: After a emotionally abusive. This is what your future will be

I have only three words is, Eric is secretive. He of advice for you, and I sincerely hope you will take them to heart: CANCEL THE WEDDING!

DEAR ABBY: How do you know if a friend is actually a "frenemy"? I think my friend "Gwen" may be one.

I successfully started a second career and was doing well, but Gwen had no interest in hearing about it. She also announced her engagement on my wedding day, which diverted attention away from me on my special day.

I went through a difficult time because several family members passed away, and Gwen was neither supportive nor particularly sympathetic. Her lack of response made things even harder for me. I no longer feel like I can share my successes about saving money or getting raises, because this "friend" would be threatened by it. I almost felt Gwen was happy when I was struggling, because it made her better than I was.

Is it OK to let people FRIEND OR FOE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR F. OR F.: Gwen knows how many others. appears to have neither good judgment nor empathy. a problem with the truth. If those are qualities you When you tried to do some-value in a friend, my advice thing about it, he became is to look elsewhere. Friends

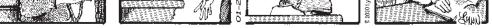


## ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

celebrate their friends' successes and reach out to offer comfort when they suffer losses. It is not only OK to let people like Gwen drift away, but it is also healthy.

DEARABBY: My neighbor has a 17-year-old daughter. Fifteen weekdays a month she and a boy from school come home for 30 to 50 minutes during the noon hour. (Five days a month she comes home by herself.) Her mom and dad are both at work. Do you think her parents should know about the "nooners" at their house? -- NOSY NEIGHBOR IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR NEIGHBOR: Yes, I do think you should casually ask if they are aware of it. However, when you do, make sure not to sound accusatory or judgmental -- just "curious."



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## PEANUTS









The magic of chemistry will be included on Adams State Gives Day on Feb. 17 in Richardson Hall Auditorium.

## A new tradition begins: Adams State Gives Day

**ALAMOSA** — Adams State University is starting a new tradition it calls Adams State Gives Day that will help establish and create a new culture of giving for the local university.

The very first Adams State Gives Day will be held Feb. 17., and it will include a live talent show and telethon that will be a coast-to-coast livestream via the web page at adams.edu/live.

The Adams State Facebook page also will carry the event live.

Community members of Alamosa and the San Luis Valley are invited to be part of the live audience inside Richardson Hall Auditorium.

The Adams State Talent Show and Telethon will run from 5-7 p.m. at Richardson Hall Auditorium. As student and community acts perform on stage, the livestream will encourage viewers to call in pledges to support Adams State University. In addition, Adams State students will be working the phones and calling individuals to encourage support for the university.

Local music legend Don Richmond will stop by and perform on stage in support of Adams State Gives Day. Another 12 student acts, including a comedy skit, musical acts and a magic show by chemistry students will be part of the talent show. Others invited to perform include Las Semillas de la Tierra dance group at Adams State and the Adams State mariachi band. Adams State Gives Day is an effort by the Adams100 Commission to increase support and establish new traditions and new events for Adams State as the university moves into its 100<sup>th</sup> year in 2021.

The Denver alumni chapter is planning a watch party to bring together area graduates of Adams State to support the event. The Denver watch party will be held at the Lowry Park Club House, 8501 E. Alameda, Ave., in Denver. Denver alumni can RSVP by emailing <u>denveralumni@</u> <u>alumni.adams.edu</u>.

Report courtesy of news release from Chris Lopez, who can be contacted at 719-587-7846; <u>chris-</u> <u>lopez@adams.edu</u> or at www.adams.edu/news.



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The Adams State Music of the Americas Project will perform during Adams State Gives Day on February 17 in Richardson Hall Auditorium.

## Curtiss will perform at Wildwood Sounds



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Cousin Curtiss produces root-stomp music at its finest, lyrics with meaning and vocality with power. Guitar with fury, stomp with soul, and the guy plays harmonica like his hair's on fire. Curtiss's finger-picking style is reminiscent of John Butler, his harp playing is on par with John Popper and his loop jams are straight out of Keller Williams handbook. His one-man-band, ceaselesslyenergized performance is designed to move people. Ever practiced. Never the same. Always entertaining. \$15 Door. Reserve by calling 719-657-4757 or email wwshcv7@gmail.com. Doors open at 6:30 and music stars around 7pm. This is a sweety snacky potluck. Bring a favorite treat to share with coffee and tea on the house. Wildwood Sounds is located at 850 Grande Ave. in Del Norte on Hwy 160. A perfect listening room.

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some native species.

and dead woods offer nesting areas for bees.

The Gardener's Supply Company also said that bees find blue, purple and yellow flowers most appealing. Opt for more of these hues when planning gardens.

pesticides in the yard. Even organic ones can be toxic to bees and other pollinators, and they may contribute to colony collapse disorder.

With these techniques in mind, homeowners can attract more bees to their yards and gardens, which can benefit bees and humans alike. TF196043