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SLV Today Ice Fest correction

ALAMOSA — There was an error in the Friday Valley Courier concerning the Rio Frio Ice Fest, which will be held from Friday-Sunday. The time of the Fire and Ice Bonfire was incorrectly reported to be on Friday night, as the correct time will be at 7 p.m. Saturday.

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

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

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Ice artists at work



President of Colorado Ice Works Mike Bickelhaupt kneels down with chainsaw in both hands while starting a new masterpiece after completing an ice octopus, right, as a decorative element on the 600 block of Main Street for this weekend's 11th annual Rio Frio Ice Fest on Friday afternoon.

Company has been crafting sculptures for 11 years at Fest

By DANIEL MCKILLOP
Courier Editor
 ALAMOSA — Colorado Ice Works ice sculptors spruced up Main Street on Friday afternoon, as the City of Alamosa prepared to host its 11 annual Rio Frio Ice Fest this weekend.

Alamosa Parks and Recreation's Jeremy Arellano, who has been working Ice Fest for 11 years, said an ice octopus was near completion on the 600 block of Main. President of Colorado Ice Works Mike Bickelhaupt was working on the octopus, and there were other ice projects going on, as well, such as a WaveRunner, a surfboard and a palm tree. Walter Ross, production manager for Colorado Ice Works, was sculpting two mermaids on the 500 block of Main. The weather was warmer than it had been in recent years, Ross said. "Warm is good for people, but it's not the easiest to stick ice together," Ross said.



Walter Ross, production manager for Colorado Ice Works, left, and Thomas Barlow, also with Colorado Ice Works prepare to craft two mermaids on the 500 block of Main Street.

Barlow said they do their handiwork in the shade because it keeps the ice from melting. "Yeah, that's our protection," said Barlow about working in the shade.

Sand Dunes offering business opportunities

Selling firewood, other services attainable at park

Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve has announced business opportunities for firewood sales and incidental visitor services within the park. Incidental visitor services include the sale of sunscreen, insect repellent, limited camping supplies and vended beverages. This operation is seasonal in nature with the season beginning mid-May and ending mid-October. The services are to be provided for a minimum of three hours per day, five evenings a

week. The hours of operation may be extended, but the schedule of operation must be consistent with the hours that the operator is required to display to the public. The schedule must include Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday evenings. The stocking and sale of beverages in the vending machines located in designated areas on a consistent basis is desired year round. A Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) permit is required to provide these services at Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve. The fee for a CUA permit is \$200. A small building located near the campground may be assigned to the CUA permit

holder. The CUA permit holder will be charged a building use fee of \$100 and must provide the Park with proof of commercial general and automobile liability insurance. For the sale of vended beverages, the annual gross receipts over the past three years averaged more than \$9,000. For the sale of firewood and incidental visitor items, the annual gross receipts over the past three years averaged more than \$40,000. Based on attention to operational management, the potential may exist for an increase of future revenue. The National Park Service intends to issue up to one CUA

permit for vended beverage service and up to one CUA permit for the sale of firewood and limited camping supplies. The completed applications must be returned to the park no later than 4 p.m. on March 13. For more information including proposal package requirements, contact Dale Culver at 719-378-6321 or via e-mail at dale_culver@nps.gov. Mail the application to: Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, 11500 Highway 150, Mosca, CO 81146-9798. Additional CUA information including approved business opportunities within Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve can be found on the Park's website, www.nps.gov/grsa.

ASU's Nurses' Association will be hosting blood drive

ALAMOSA — The Adams State Student Nurses' Association (ASNA) will be hosting a blood drive in coordination with Vitalant (formerly known as Bonfils Blood Center) from noon-4 p.m. on Thursday, in the Student Union Building (located on the corner of First St. and Monterey Ave.),

located on the Adams State University campus. Individuals who are in good health and meet the general eligibility criteria can donate. Even if someone was deferred in the past, one may be able to donate now. The basic requirements for blood donation, include being at least 18 years

old, weighing at least 110 pounds, and having a valid form of identification (driver's license, work badge, school ID, etc.). If someone recently got a new tattoo or piercing, one can still donate if the tattoo was applied in a state-regulated shop and the piercing was performed using single-use

equipment. If anybody has any questions or would like to schedule an appointment, please contact Lilliana Chavez at chavezlm4@grizzlies.adams.edu. Please remember to eat a well-balanced meal within 2 hours of donation and be well hydrated. Walk-ins are welcome. Please help

spread the word about this opportunity, and encourage friends, family, co-workers, etc., to donate to this cause. Post-donation snacks will be provided. Report courtesy of a press release by Lilliana Chavez, ASSNA president.

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OBITUARIES

Edward Soylo Duane Martinez, 75

ALAMOSA—Edward Soylo Duane Martinez passed away peacefully on Jan. 18, 2020 at the age of 75.

He was a father, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Duane Martinez was born in the town of Alamosa to Meliton Martinez and Rose Martinez.

Enlisting in the United States Air Force at the age of 20, he served his country for a term of four years in the specialty of Air Force Medical Services, having completed several commendable courses to include medical helper, medical service, and emergency medical care.

After serving in the Armed Forces and being honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant, Duane went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Adam State University.

Upon graduation, Duane began a very successful career as one of the most influential bankers in Colorado Springs. He went on to open a local business, The Walkabout Bar and Grill with his best friend, Jonell Gillis.

Duane loved serving his community, being of service to his family and friends and living life his way.

Edward is survived by his best friend, Jonell Gillis; sons, Victor Duane (Angie) Martinez and Scott Alan Martinez; his



daughter, Lisa Whitlock; grandchildren, Alicia Ann Nguyen, Devin, Daunte and Aaron; grandson-in-law, Lam Nguyen; great-grandson, Raphael Nguyen; brothers, Donald Martinez and Robert E. (Janice) Martinez; sister, Ann (Benjamin) Gallegos; and his dear friend, Tawnya Scott.

He is preceded in death by the mother of his children, Cynthia Ann Martinez; his parents; his brothers, Dr. JA "Doc" Martinez and Oswald Martinez; and his sister, Marcia Martinez.

Services were held. Inurnment, Alamosa Cemetery, 2200 State Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado 81101.

Arrangements by The Springs Funeral Services, tsfs.co

Alfonso (Al/Honcho) Romero, 77

ALAMOSA—Alamosa resident, Alfonso (Al/Honcho) Romero, 77, passed away Jan. 20, 2020 at Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs.

Alfonso was born on Oct. 27, 1942 in Placitas, N.M., the son of Mary Josephine Leyba Romero and Preciliano G. Romero. In his youth, Alfonso was united in marriage to Theresa Patsy Velasquez. The two shared a short life together as his loving wife passed only five years into their marriage.

Alfonso was a loving son, husband, brother, uncle and friend.

He enjoyed his daily lunches out with his brother-in-law and cousin.

Survivors include his sisters, Mary Ann (Gary) Millsap of Colorado Springs, Linda (Dannny) Romero of Colorado Springs; sister-in-law, Dolly Romero of Monte Vista; step-granddaughter, Tammy Colby; and step-great granddaughter, Amanda Colby. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Alfonso was preceded in death by his wife, Theresa



Patsy Velasquez Romero; parents, Preciliano and Josephine Romero; sister Elaine Romero; and brothers Lowell and Christopher Romero.

A vigil service with recitation of the rosary will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Mass of the Resurrection will also be held on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020 at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Interment will follow at the Alamosa Cemetery. Cremation was requested by Alfonso. Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa have been trusted with the care of arrangements.

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALAMOSA—The San Luis Valley Photography Club meets the first Wednesday at the Alamosa Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Contact Stephen Jensen at 379-0001 or slvphotostephen@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

MONDAY

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

5 p.m. Women's Meet-

ing at Masonic Hall, 598 Spruce St., Del Norte

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

AL-ANON

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

PENDING OBITUARY

Norma Jean Martinez, 69

CENTER — Center resident Norma Jean Martinez, 69, passed away Jan. 24, 2020.

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

Beatrice Marquez

LOS SAUCES — Los Saucos resident Beatrice Marquez, passed away Jan. 16, 2020.

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

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San Luis Valley Crimestoppers

If you have information about an unreported or unsolved crime in the San Luis Valley, Crimestoppers pays for information that leads to the arrest of criminal offenders. Citizens may report crimes anonymously and remain eligible for rewards.

Call San Luis Valley Crimestoppers at 589-4111.



School Menu - Monday Jan. 27, 2020

BREAKFAST

Cereal Juice & Fruit

ELEMENTARY

Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Tator Tots Vegetable Bar

SECONDARY

Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Tator Tots Vegetable Bar

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

To sponsor the School Menu call 589-2553

Valley News

Alamosa Fire Department at work



Courier photo by Helen Smith

The Alamosa Fire Department responded to a structure fire at 595 9th St. on Friday morning. There has been no word on damage or injuries as of Friday night's deadline.

Veterans get housing vouchers

DENVER — The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded \$1.4M in Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) funding to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs' (DOLA) Division of Housing (DOH) in December 2019 to house homeless veterans.

In January, DOH awarded \$4.25M to address Colorado's affordable housing needs at the State Housing Board meeting - \$1.75M for the new rental developments and \$2.5M for homeownership revolving loan assistance programs.

DOH awarded a \$772K grant for Maxfield Heights, a 50-unit senior housing development in Rifle. Rentals are for people 55 or older making 30 – 60% of the AMI, with 13 units reserved for people with disabilities. The building is within a mile of the Garfield County Public Library, Rifle Senior Center, a grocery store, and other retail.

In addition, DOH awarded Douglas County Housing Partnership (DCHP) funding to support 23 Down Payment Assistance (DPA) loans, and Chaffee County funding for their DPA program to assist six households below 80% of the AMI in becoming first-time homebuyers.

DOH awarded a \$975K loan to The Overland Property Group for a 114-unit, six-building property called The Reserves at Green Valley Ranch for renters making 30-80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). The project will include a community garden, fitness center and resides near trails and public transportation.

As part of the expansion of the DOH DPA program that serves households making up to 100% of AMI in rural areas, DOH awarded funds to Summit County for 15 households. Additional awards were made to the San Luis Valley Housing Coalition (SLVHC) for six families across Alamosa, Costilla, Conejos, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache counties; and, La Plata County for 22 families across Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata and Montezuma counties.

Assessors office closed half-day

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa County Assessor's Office, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa will be closed from noon-4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, for staff training. The office will resume regular hours on Wednesday.

Rotary Club presents Carver at Juanito's this Monday

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Rotary Club is pleased to announce that Alamosa County Clerk and Recorder office Election Supervisor Terri Carver will speak on Monday at noon at Juanito's Restaurant, 1019 6th Street.

Carver will present information on the upcoming election cycle, including the presidential primary election, caucuses and the general election.

For more information,

see <https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/FAQs/primaryElectionsFAQ.html>

To find out more about Rotary International, visit www.rotary.org.

For more information about the Alamosa Rotary Club, visit our Facebook page or contact club president Chris Quintana at chris.quintana@slvfd.com. The club meets Mondays at noon at Juanito's in Alamosa and everyone is welcome to attend.

CPAC election approaching

SAN LUIS VALLEY — The Colorado Potato Administrative Committee annual election will be Feb. 4-6.

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

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

Diversity includes gender,

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

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

Sheriff

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office and detention center. In addition, the county built a new courthouse, road and bridge office and human services office. But Besecker also related some interesting cases during his tenure there.

One of his outstanding cases involved a missing person report that eventually became a murder investigation.

The missing man was

found buried on the family ranch two years later. A woman confessed to the murder, admitting she had shot her son while he slept.

The murder was reportedly the result of a family feud that escalated out of control.

The mother of the victim insisted she had acted alone, but several other family members were arrested in the case. Besecker said the woman was too frail to have buried the body by herself. She plead guilty but died

of cancer before serving her sentence.

On a lighter note, one of the highlights of Besecker's career was a case that easily could have ended tragically but thankfully ended well.

A man had purchased a cheap raft to raft the Gunnison River with his two sons, ages 6 and 4.

While courting down the river he encountered a fallen tree that snagged the raft and catapulted his 10 year-old-son into the water.

He did not see where the

boy landed and could not leave the 6 year old to go after him. It was a hard decision, Besecker said, but he stayed with the raft and headed for dry land.

Later the sheriff's office received a report that about a mile downstream from where the boy went into the water, a fisherman had rescued a young boy. The boy told the fisherman he had been thrown into the water further upstream and his dad and brother were still in the raft. An ambulance re-

sponded to the location and found the boy had no injuries but just needed warming up.

Soon the father and brother arrived on the scene and thought the worst — that the boy had not survived. "The father was in pieces," Besecker said, "angry with himself and blaming himself." But then he saw his son was alive. "To present the son he thought he had lost back to him is a moment I'll treasure forever," Besecker recalled with emotion.

In addition to his part-time

duties in Saguache County, Besecker continues to write adventure novels based on his law enforcement experience and knowledge of the area he knows so well. His first novel, *The Devil's Pin Cushion*, is available on Amazon.

ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

Alamosa police wrote lots of citations Thursday

The Alamosa police report from Jan. 17-23 is:

Jan. 17
A minor was cited with exceeding safe speed for conditions at 800 Maroon Dr.

Jan. 19
Rachel Jones, 48, was cited with theft at 3333 Clark St.

Meghann Reynolds, 24, was cited with theft at 3333 Clark St.

Jan. 20
Raymond Garcia, 59, was cited with operating an uninsured vehicle at

Washington Ave. and Stockton St.

Jan. 21
Stephanie Reid, 21, was cited with failure to present insurance at 1st St. and Victoria St.

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

Annetta Sutter, 34, was cited with disorderly conduct and obstructing an officer, and obstruction of emergency personnel at 800 State Ave.

Jan. 22

Roslyn Garcia, 35, was cited with theft at 157 Craft Dr.

Weylen Vigil, 25, was cited with trespassing at 1203 Main.

Marco Tello Velasco, 62, was cited with failure to stop at a stop sign at 700 Craft Dr.

Joshua Bembry, 24, was cited with speeding at 1400 6th St.

Delfino Armenta, 53, was cited with speeding and a seat belt at 1400 6th St.

Rossanaldo Pena, 57,

was cited with speeding at 1300 6th St.

Hannah Coburn, 20, was cited with speeding at 1300 6th St.

A minor was cited with underage consumption of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia at 401 Victoria St.

Jan. 23
Alfredo Rascon, 39, was cited with failure to yield at Main and San Juan Ave.

Vonetta Behrens, 53, was cited with trespassing at 1203 Main.

Robert Valdez, 68, was

cited with false reporting to authorities at 2221 Thomas Ave.

Wanetta Tipsweed, 38, was cited with driving under restraint at 1300 Main.

Guadalupe Aguilar, 41, was cited with driving under restraint, operating an uninsured vehicle and displaying fictitious plates at 1429 Ross Ave.

William Morales was cited with felony escape at 2017 Lava Ln.

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BAD BOYS FOR LIFE
Will Smith, Martin Lawrence R

Sat & Sun. 1:30, 5:30, 8:10
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Robert Downey Jr., Antonio Banderas PG

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Opinion

God bless America ...

HOLLYWOOD — Fox News switched to regular programming Wednesday with updates on the Senate trial after terrible ratings during the first day of full coverage.

House Democrats just introduced their own brand of Russian vodka to celebrate their impeachment case against President Trump. It's zero proof.

Democrat candidate Tulsi Gabbard filed a lawsuit against Hillary Clinton in federal court for defamation of character Tuesday for calling her a Russian agent in an interview.

The legal brief in Tulsi's lawsuit against Hillary is 20 pages long. It could be the longest suicide note ever written.

President Trump addressed the World Economic Forum meeting in Switzerland on Tuesday. The president gave his commitment to the environment by promising to plant 1 trillion trees. He's already started by planting Jeb Bush and Al Gore, maybe Elizabeth Warren can be the first Sequoia.

The London Daily Mail reported Queen Elizabeth is considering stripping Harry and Meghan of the Duke and Duchess titles she bestowed on them and reduce him to an Earl. That's not too special. You see more Earls in the House of Lords than you'll see in the beer line at the Daytona 500.

China quarantined cities where the fast-spreading Corona virus originated Tuesday as the U.S. began screening Chinese arrivals. Little is known of the Corona virus.

I've been out of the game for a long time but I am advising young people to switch to American beer right away until this thing blows over.

L.A. Dodgers fans are furious they lost two World Series in 2017-18 to the Red Sox and Astros who admitted they cheated to steal their catcher's signs. The Dodgers play in a beautiful ravine in a Los Angeles neighborhood where many street artists live. They don't steal signs, they spray-paint them.

The Hard Rock Hotel in Las Vegas will host the AVN Awards on Saturday, giving out porn acting and production awards.

An industry survey said Jenna Jameson is the world's top earning porn star who made \$30 million. Only Jeff Bezos made more money handling packages last year.

House Democrat impeachment managers dragged the opening night of the trial deep into the night on Tuesday holding senator-jurors hostage inside. The store shelves near the Capitol sold out of Depends. It's no exaggeration to say the senators were really pissed as they exited the Chamber.

The U.S. Senate sat in session Tuesday with everyone required to sit at rapt attention for 12 long hours. The younger senators couldn't go on social media and the older senators couldn't get up to go pee. Just 12 years ago we were denouncing Dick Cheney for torturing people like this.

The Senate impeachment trial proceeded Tuesday as Americans became educated on Senate Chamber rules. We learned that senators are only allowed to drink water or milk when they're in the chamber. After years, this finally explains Senator Teddy Kennedy's high rate of absenteeism.

President Trump surprised critics at his press conference Wednesday by cheerfully offering to attend his Senate impeachment trial. The gesture is totally in character. Congress impeached Trump for abuse of power, obstruction of Congress and for shaking his hips on the Ed Sullivan Show.

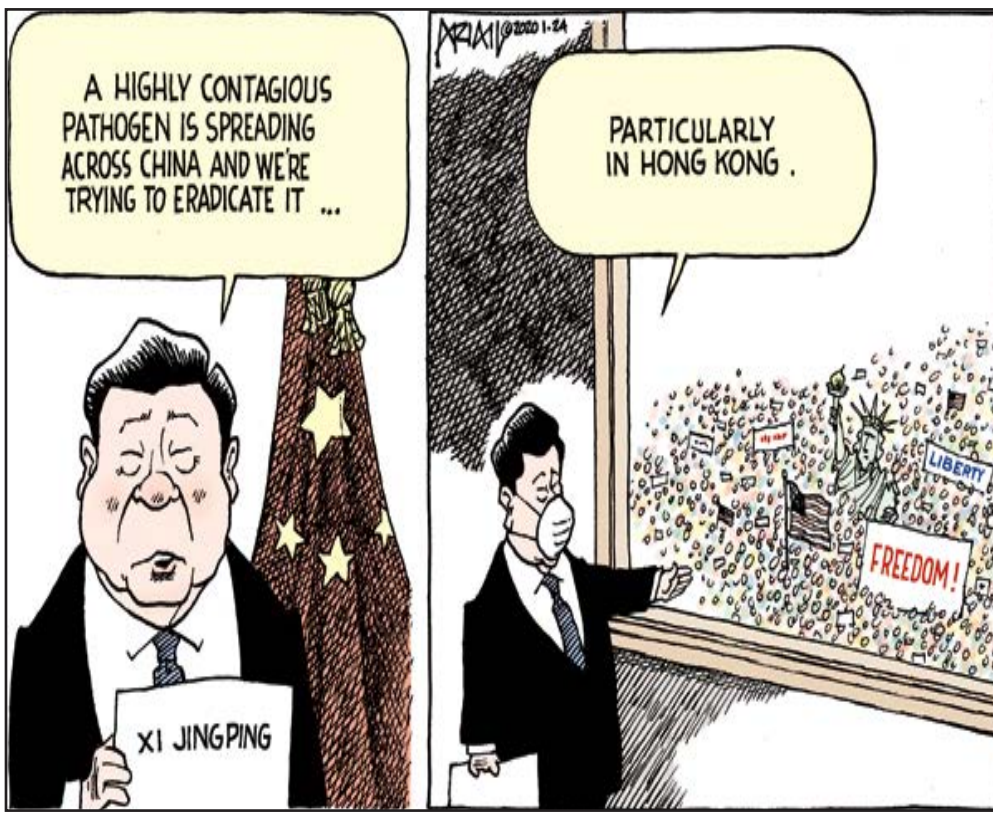
Joe Biden's brother and daughter and son's business government deals were exposed in a new book Sunday. Mayor Pete told a black crowd he prefers Popeye's chicken. The near-hate tension between Elizabeth Warren and Bernie is so high their Secret Service code names are Bill and Hillary.

The British Medical Journal Lancet reported that doctors in Britain want an expanded fertility procedure okayed by the Ministry of Health. It would allow men to donate their sperm after they are dead. And you women thought it was bad when your partner rolls over and goes to sleep after sex.

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Argus Hamilton



Lita benefits from dog sitter

I recently volunteered to dog sit a young border collie named Lita. Her owner said that she was trained and wouldn't bother the community clowder of cats but if she did, I could drop her off at a pet boarding outfit.

Her human was a little reluctant because she didn't really know if she would get along with my own dog Schroeder, a cocker spaniel. We had met several times with the dogs to build a rapport so we could be pretty sure they would be tame together.

It turns out my cats and cockers taught Lita a few things. The cats taught her not to follow too closely or she'd get a swipe of her nose. Having herded her owner's goats, nothing much deterred her from the crouching, guarding and bringing the clowder of cats from room to room and couch to love seat. I now think there should be an agility trial around canines herding felines. Quite a spectacle.

Her owner told me that she really doesn't bark much; and that, after she first brought her home, it was a good week or two before she actually heard Lita bark. Nevertheless,

at my house in town, it took one teenager walking by on the way to school before I heard Lita's yelp. Then the neighbors on either side got in or out of their car. Then the mail delivery truck. Then the train a block away. Then the vans at the local shops a block away. Then a Magpie in the tree. Then the neighbor's dogs warranted a battle at the fence line. Thank goodness for fences.

Her owner included not only a dog bed, but dog bones and treats when I picked her up. Straight away in the backyard when I didn't stay and watch her, Lita chewed up a water bowl, then all the soft cat bowls and outdoor chair pads. The next day, I caught her acting like a raccoon and devouring tuna fish at the cat-feeding station on the deck. So, I've been trying to correct her behavior. When I run an errand, I steer Lita into the front yard, away from all the cat food.

Most enjoyable has been watching how Schroeder and Lita play. I came home from an errand last week and pulled up to Lita flying from the back to the front like she was a greyhound on a racecourse. The dirt was swirling, and Schroeder was close behind her dust cloud. The scene looked like the Wile E. Coyote and the Roadrunner cartoon.

Inside, they continue recess by dashing

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Nelda Curtiss
Movin' On With Nellie

Valley Gardening

BY RUTHIE BROWN

And other good stuff Shrubs, Leo, Maria, swimming

What a beautiful week! Every day for the next week is going to be above freezing and then, the first week of February it is going to be in the 40s. I know it seems like spring, but don't start planting your tomato seeds yet ... unless you have a greenhouse. It sure feels wonderful to go outside without a coat. Actually, being from Minnesota, I very seldom wear a winter jacket. A turtleneck and another shirt over is usually enough — it's the blood kompon we were raised on.

Here's a question for you ... if you had a nice size piece of property, and you had a beautiful evergreen shrub growing on one boundary line, why would you ever cut it down? This shrub is (was) at least 40 years old, didn't take hardly any maintenance, and probably next to no water. Maybe a little bit of trash blew under it once in a while — like it does everywhere. The shrub was at least 10 x 10 feet, with not a broken branch in sight. I just happened to take a picture of it, the day before it was destroyed, having no idea that it was going to be taken out. No idea.

I was told that the homeless slept under the shrub, and they also parked themselves

on the bench by it. I was told that it was in the way of the new drip irrigation that was put in — for new landscaping. I was told that "now there is a clearer view of City Hall!"

In my humble opinion, the bench should have been taken out, before the shrub. The homeless should have been asked to move on ... not sure how you do that. The drip irrigation could easily have been taken around the shrub or run along the front of the railroad ties. And, I, did not need to have a clearer view of City Hall.

I have seen many landscaping projects over the past 10-20 years. I have watched as plants were planted, wait 3-4 years — with no water or care — and then we put in new landscaping. Yet, no one is hired to truly maintain existing landscapes. Take a look at the landscaping across from the bowling alley. Again, no maintenance or watering going on. We can blame it on construction, but there is water in that park. The plant material could have been watered manually — it's really easy to drag a hose and put on a timer. How can we plant three Blue Spruce trees and then let them die? My personal opinion is that this is stealing from the citizens of Alamosa. How do we let shrubs and perennials just die? When's it going to stop? It's going to stop when someone is hired who knows plants and landscaping — and not a minute sooner. Again, my opinion.

Oh ... the shrub was located in front of the train. It was planted way before I did landscaping for the City of Alamosa, which is a long time ago. To me, there is no price that could be put on this shrub — it's priceless. How do you replace a beautiful 40-year-old shrub?

I am humbled at the number of folks who have donated to my friends Leo and Maria. They have moved into their new apartment. They are warm and have running water. We will be mucking out their old trailer this Sunday. I wish I had money to have their old trailer hauled to the dump. Hopefully, no one has to live in it ever again. Thank you, thank you!

I will take in blankets and towels for the Valley Humane League. I will only have my puppies for another week or two — come by and help socialize them if you want.

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after each other from the back porch to the front room. She crouches and rolls over and Schroeder growls and holds his mouth open and then she does. She paws his shoulder after he taps hers. I think it is much like a doggie love affair.

At first, she wouldn't eat when I placed her food down, dry or wet. Finally, I remembered that she was often fed outside by her owner; so, I decided to feed her outside with Schroeder. That was a win-win because she ate all her supper and so did Schroeder. Now, I alternate how I serve their dry food — sometimes with water or not, sometimes with canned food, or not. Last night, when I had a bathroom break, I noticed something on the rug by the back door. I was scared it was a Mourning Dove but when I looked closely, it turned out that Lita had killed a cat-food box. In fact, she shredded it.

On top of it all, I have been reinforcing her sit, down, no, come commands. Besides curbing her incessant cat herding, we need to work a little more on "leave it" and "drop it" and "Lita, stop!"

—Nelda Curtiss is a former substance-prevention media specialist, journalist, and retired college professor who enjoys writing and fine arts. Contact her at columnsbynellie@gmail.com.

I have been talking to John Bradshaw this past week. In 1953, John's 6-year-old twin brothers drowned in the river. Parents Dr. John and Madeline Bradshaw donated the Bradshaw Youth Memorial Building in Cole Park to the youth of Alamosa in honor of the boys, Terry and Jeffery. John (me too) is looking for original pictures or newspaper articles of what the building looked like when it was donated. John would like to see pictures of the original sign and is hoping the sign might be in a shed somewhere. Can anyone help him? It was at this time that Lloyd Jones decided to build Splashland. After helping to find the bodies of these young boys, Lloyd decided that all children in Alamosa/Valley should know how to swim (this is how John remembers it). Thank you Lloyd and Margaret and the Jones family, and all who helped in the original building of our pool.

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Lifestyle



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Wolf ballot initiative preys on elk, hunting, taxpayers

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Colorado's economy, elk population, conservation funding, hunting industry and resident taxpayer dollars are in the crosshairs.

An environmental extremist-driven ballot initiative aims to force an introduction of wolves onto the Colorado landscape even though Colorado Parks and Wildlife confirmed a natural migrating, active pack in the northwest part of the state.

"Ballot box biology is reckless. In this particular case, it totally undermines the authority of Colorado's wildlife professionals who have said time and time again over several decades that a forced wolf introduction is a bad idea," said Kyle Weaver, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation president and CEO. "As an

organization, RMEF pledges to do all in our power to educate voters about the significant, real-life, detrimental impacts of such an effort."

RMEF first warned about the initiative proposal three years ago. Since then, environmental extremists have raised more than \$1 million, the lion's share of it from out-of-state donors, to gather and deliver 215,000 (of nearly 6 million residents) petition signatures to the Colorado secretary of state. Staffers later deemed 76,037 or 35.3% of projected signatures as invalid but approved the measure for the 2020 ballot by a projected margin of 1.8%.

Colorado is home to the largest elk herd in North America, yet researchers in the southwest part of the state are trying to figure out why elk recruitment is ailing.

RMEF has a long history in Colorado. Since 1987, RMEF and its partners completed 782 conservation and hunting heritage outreach projects with a combined value of more than \$177.7 million. These projects protected or enhanced

468,068 acres of habitat and opened or improved public access to 122,107 acres. There are also more than 17,000 RMEF members and 28 chapters in the state.

"Proponents are offering zero funding for wolf management, livestock or pet depredation, deterrent measures, research or other costs. Yet they expect Colorado taxpayers and hunters to foot a bill that will be millions upon millions of dollars. As outdoorsmen and women who care about wildlife and our wild landscapes, we must unite and fight

against this measure," added Weaver.

About the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation: Founded more than 35 years ago, fueled by hunters and a membership of nearly 235,000 strong, RMEF has conserved more than 7.9 million acres for elk and other wildlife. RMEF also works to open and improve public access, fund and advocate for science-based resource management, and ensure the future of America's hunting heritage. Discover why "Hunting Is Conservation™" at rmeff.org or 800-CALL ELK.

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Hunters pursue elk, deer

Big game hunting is the most popular form of hunting, according to the 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation. Sponsored by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

The survey found there were 9.2 million hunters who pursued big game such as deer and elk in 2016.

That makes big game hunting big business, as well, as the survey found that big

game-related expenditures for trips and equipment totaled \$14.9 billion in 2016.

As big as big game hunting is, 3.5 million hunters took time to hunt small game, which includes squirrels and rabbits. The third most popular type of hunting in the United States in 2016 was migratory bird hunting, which attracted 2.4 million hunters and generated \$2.3 billion in bird-related trip and equipment revenue. TF19B513

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Sports

ASU Lacross programs receive boost

Grizzlies Announce Garrett Chitwood as Head Women's Lacrosse Coach

By **CORRI ZAIGER**
ASU Sports Information Assistant

ALAMOSA — The Adams State Athletic Department is excited to welcome Garrett Chitwood as the head coach of the Grizzlies Women's Lacrosse team. Chitwood graduated from Adams State in 2018, earning a degree in Sociology with an emphasis in Criminology. The Santa Clara, California native comes to the Grizzlies with a long lacrosse history, playing throughout his youth and four years at the Division II level. With the love of the game, Chitwood also loves to

share his knowledge of the game with others.

Chitwood is in his second year assisting head coach, Jerome Austin with the Men's Lacrosse team here at Adams State, and is eager to enter his first season as a head coach. Chitwood will be assisted by Cheyenne Siemering. Siemering is also an alumna of Adams State, earning her degree in Secondary Education with an emphasis in English.

Both coaches are excited to start a new season and build a strong foundation for Women's Lacrosse at Adams State. The Griz-



Photo Courtesy of Adams State
Garrett Chitwood

zies look forward to the thrilling opportunities the new season will bring.

Top 2020 Recruit Roush Looks to Provide Big Splash for Grizzlies

By **AARON KINNISCHTZKE**
ASU Sports Information Director

ALAMOSA — Highly sought-after lacrosse recruit Chase Roush from Brush Prairie, WA is set to join Adams State Men's Lacrosse in 2020. The attack/midfielder also has intentions of playing football in the future and comes to Alamosa in the Fall of 2020 ready to roll for Head Coach Jerome Austin's squad.

As to why he chose Adams State over the many other schools vying for his talent, Roush said, "I chose Adams State because it gave me an opportunity to play football and lacrosse at a high level. Also, the price of the school is very affordable. Coach Austin, the head lacrosse coach, is a great guy and truly cares about his players. We developed a strong relationship very quickly. He is a very strong recruiter and he cared about getting

me to campus enough that he went in and talked to the football coach about me because I told him I wanted to play both and that's what was going to sell me on. Adams State is also a great level in being Division 2 and only 18 hours from home by car along with our away games typically being in California and Colorado so my family can consistently watch me play!"

Going into his senior season back in Washington, Roush was listed as one of the top 2020 players to watch in the country. He brings his talents to the Grizzlies after turning down 12 NCAA Division III, two Division II, one NAIA, and one MCLA program before eventually deciding on Adams State.

Roush will take the field for the Grizzlies next Spring, and is expected to make a big splash in his first season in the program.

The momentum pendulum swings in Center

Sanford too much for Center

By **STEPHEN JIRON**
Courier Sports Editor

CENTER — It was a non-league meeting of two Southern Peaks League (SPL) teams. Sanford met Center girls basketball on Friday night. Sanford took the win by a score of 41-28.

Sanford (6-4, 1-0 SPL) entered their league schedule with a splash last week knocking off South Park 60-6. Center entered the league schedule with two straight games against the strength of the SPL. Last week they took on Del Norte (9-1) and Friday they met Sanford.

Sanford got off to a great start on the road against Center. After creating a 10-6 lead in the first quarter, the visiting Sanford girls kept building with 13 more unanswered points that continued into the second quarter. Sanford sophomore Haley Faucette chipped in 5 points during the run. A free throw from Center's Elexus Trujillo got Center on the board in the second quarter. Sanford's Asia Caldon sank the final basket of the half and Sanford went to the break with a 25-7 lead.

One can only speculate what kind of motivational speech Center's head coach

Jan Vigil gave in the locker room but the Vikings came out with some fire in their belly.

Center's Brandi Almeida and Alexis Varela combined for 5 points coming back from the break. Two treys from Sanford's Cheyenne Caldon and Mackenzie Peterson got Sanford on the board in the third and Center kept pushing the pace with a 9-point run to close the third quarter.

A productive quarter helped Center close the distance to a 31-21 deficit. But the second-quarter lull was too much to overcome.

Sanford stayed hot from beyond the arc with Asia Caldon and Faucette chipping in threes in the fourth to help cement their lead, both teams combined for four trips to the free-throw line late and Sanford got out of Center with a 41-28 win.

Alexis Varela led Center in scoring with 11 points. For Sanford, it was Asia Caldon who posted 14 points in the win.

The win puts Sanford on their second streak of the year, they will take that momentum with them for the second road contest of the weekend against



Courier photo by Stephen Jiron
Sanford's Mackenzie Peterson (2) drives as Center's Alexis Varela (22) and Elexus Trujillo (23) defend during Friday's game.

Sargent (5-5, 1-0 SPL) on Saturday. Center will get a week off and will take the court next against Sierra Grande

(3-6) on Jan. 31. The league designated game between Center and Sanford is slated for Valentine's Day in Sanford.

Early rush carries Sanford to win over Center

By **STEPHEN JIRON**
Courier Sports Editor

CENTER — The first meeting between Southern Peaks (SPL) teams went to visiting Sanford by a score of 49-38.

The Sanford boys basketball team (8-3, 1-0 SPL) has been performing well thus far this season. Despite playing a large portion of their early schedule in the 3A class, they enter their league schedule bearing only three losses. Center (6-4, 1-1 SPL) entered Friday's game on a high after some nifty perimeter shooting gave them the win over Del Norte on the road.

A game of swings went to Center early. With Sanford struggling with turnovers, Center pounced and ran out to an 8-0 lead thanks to three-pointers from Devin Porres and Habran DeLaCruz. Sanford made some adjustments and halted Center's first-quarter run.

With Center silenced, Sanford rattled off 11 points to close the first quarter and finished the rally with 8 more in the second quarter for 19 unanswered points between quarters. Sanford's Trent Koenig contributed a team-leading 10 points to Sanford's first-half burst. Four points from Center

closed the half with the visitors leading 19-12. Having grabbed the lead, Sanford played well down the stretch not to let Center back in the game. Sanford senior Thomas Faucette got better as the game went on hitting 12 points in the second half to lead his team in scoring on the night with 17 points.

The two traded shots in the third quarter and Center was able to outscore Sanford 16-15 but it wasn't near enough to dig Center out of the hole. The fourth quarter was occupied by a number of fouls and the two teams combined for seven visits to the charity stripe Sanford getting the better of the final quarter by a 15-10 margin giving the visitors a 49-38 win.

Center senior Devin Porres led the Vikings in scoring with 17 points 9 coming off 3 pointers.

The win marked a two-win streak for Sanford and notched their first league win of the season. Sanford will visit rival Sargent on Saturday for a league meeting. Center will get a chance to bounce back from this loss going on the road to meet Crested Butte on Saturday. Sanford and Center will meet for another league designated game on Feb. 14th.



Courier photo by Stephen Jiron
Sanford junior Trent Koenig (3) gets vertical as Center's Carlos Almeida (22) and Victor Almeida (10) look on.

Results

Adams State Basketball

Jan. 24
Colorado Christian 77, ASU 51 (W)
ASU 101, Colorado Christian 82 (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)

Adams State Wrestling

Jan. 22
ASU 36, New Mexico Highlands 9

Prep Wrestling

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

Upcoming Events

Sports Bulletin

Adams State Basketball

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

Prep Basketball

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

Adams State Swimming

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

Prep Wrestling

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

Platte Valley Duals

TBA Monte Vista at Platte Valley

2020 Screaming Eagle

TBA Center at Paonia

Bobcat Invite

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

Custer County

Schedules subject to change

Adult Volleyball League

ALAMOSA — Alamosa Parks and Recreation Adult Volleyball registration is open.

Team Registration: Jan 8 - Feb 5, 2020

Team Fee: \$100 Player Fee: \$30/Division

Player Registration: Opens Jan 8, 2020

Season: mid - Feb to late - April (min. 10 season games + tourney)

For more information, contact the AFRC - (719) 589-2105; Website: www.AlamosaRec.org

AHS Basketball Reunion

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



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SLV Chapter of Trout Unlimited set to meet

ALAMOSA — Please join the San Luis Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Alamosa Senior Center, 92 Colorado Avenue, for a presentation by Professor Dan Gibson-Reinemer of Adams State University titled “A Fish Biologist’s Perspective on Trout Conservation (and a Few Reasons for Hope)”.

Gibson-Reinemer is a fish biologist and an assistant professor of biology at Adams State University. His research includes work on invasive species, climate change, and quantitative approaches to studying fish ecology.

Gibson-Reinemer talk will cover some areas of ongoing research, which will include a discussion of some of the most globally important trends for fish, as well as a discussion of how national policies have improved fish populations. He also promises to show some nice fish pictures.

As always the meeting is open to the public. Refreshments will be provided and a prize drawing will be held at the end of the meeting.

Trout Unlimited is dedicated to the conservation, preservation, and restoration of North America’s Coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

BLM N.M. accepting comments for May oil and gas lease sale

SANTA FE, N.M. — The Bureau of Land Management New Mexico is announcing a two-week public comment period on the environmental analysis for its May 21, 2020 oil and gas lease sale.

There are 102 parcels (46,365.76 acres) of Federal minerals proposed for lease. The parcels are located in Eddy, Lea, Rio Arriba and Chaves counties, New Mexico, and Wise County, Texas. The comment period will run from Jan. 27-Feb. 7.

Revenues from onshore oil and gas production on Federal lands directly fund the U.S. Treasury and state budgets, and support public education, infrastructure improvements, and other state-determined priorities.

Forty-eight percent of lease sale revenue goes to the state while the rest goes to the U.S. Treasury. The state also receives half of the revenue from royalties if oil and gas are developed on the lease.

“Oil and gas production from public lands is an important economic driver for communities across Texas, New Mexico and the West. Consistent with our mandate to promote sustainable multiple-use activities on BLM-managed lands, we’re proud to offer these parcels for lease at our upcoming May lease sale,” said BLM New Mexico State Office Director Tim Spisak.

The BLM is a key contributor to the Trump Administration’s America-First Energy Plan, an all-of-the-above strategy that includes oil and gas, coal, strategic minerals, and renewable sources such as wind, geothermal, and solar — all of which can be produced on public lands.

BACKGROUND

By statute, the BLM is required to offer quarterly oil and gas lease sales of available Federal lands. These lease sales represent parcels that have been through environmental review and public comment.

The BLM issues both competitive and noncompetitive leases for a 10-year period.

A lease is a contract to explore and develop any potential oil and gas. A lease may earn an extension if the lessee establishes production; otherwise the lessee pays an annual rental fee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments will be accepted electronically via the BLM Land Use Planning and National Environmental

Policy Act (NEPA) Register (ePlanning). Comments received by other methods will not be accepted.

Additional information, including spatial data and exhibits, can be obtained online at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/energy-and-minerals/oil-and-gas/leasing/regional-lease-sales/new-mexico>. This website will link to ePlanning, where interested individuals and parties can provide written comments.

Please note that the most useful public comments are substantive and identify issues relevant to the proposed action. These may question, with reasonable basis, the accuracy of information, methodology or assumptions, and present reasonable alternatives other than those analyzed.

Comments that contain only opinions or preferences, or comments that are essentially identical to other comments, will not be specifically addressed in the environmental review process.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your public scoping comment, you should be aware that your entire comment — including your personal identifying information — may be made publicly available at any time.

While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

For more information, please contact BLM Land Law Examiner Lourdes Ortiz at 505-954-2136.

BLM

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 western states, including Alaska.

The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation.

In fiscal year 2018, the diverse activities authorized on BLM-managed lands generated \$105 billion in economic output across the country. This economic activity supported 471,000 jobs and contributed substantial revenue to the U.S. Treasury and state governments, mostly through royalties on minerals.

Report courtesy of press release from Allison Sandoval, public affairs specialist, New Mexico State Office | Bureau of Land Management.

Traffic jams waste gasoline

In 2012, the U.S. Department of the Treasury studied the effect that getting stuck in traffic has on fuel consumption.

Researchers discovered that Americans were wasting 1.9 billion gallons of gas each year due to congested roads and inadequate transportation infrastructure.

Although that study was conducted in 2012, it’s reasonable to conclude that wasted fuel remains a big and

potentially dangerous issue.

One way to cut down on the environmental and financial toll of traffic is to find different routes that help drivers avoid traffic jams.

Even if such routes are more circuitous, they may end up helping commuters save time and money in the long run. Popular GPS-based traffic apps can guide drivers to less congested roadways by allowing users to set filters to avoid traffic. FC19A293

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Lifestyle



Courtesy photo

Construction continues on the Del Norte River Park regardless of freezing temperatures. The project is scheduled to be completed by March.

River park project halts until after runoff

LYNDSIE FERRELL

Valley Publishing

DEL NORTE — While visiting the Rio Grande River in Del Norte, guests and residents can see firsthand the work that is being done to create the River Park project and play wave, which is scheduled to be completed by the end of March before the spring runoff.

According to project manager Marty Asplin, "Per the Army Corps of Engineers 404 permit, all the work in the river has to be done by mid-March, which is before the spring runoff and the start of irrigation season. Working during the winter low-water season carries its own set of challenges. Most days the high is below freezing. Anything that is wet around the river (dirt and standing/moving water) is frozen by morning. The water is very cold and, even at low flow, the Rio Grande is still a force to be reckoned with."

Construction crews have worked through the adverse weather this winter to complete the play wave and continue to work on the fish habitat that was included in the plans for the park. Next, crews will focus their attention on the next phase of the project, which includes a picnic shelter and a fence that will separate the park from the neighboring ranch and access road to the play wave and boat ramp.

"The only surprises construction crews have run into while digging are a few really big boulders. They have a skill set that allows them to overcome any other surprises in short order. Once the river work is done, they will put in a fence between the park and the farm to the north, complete the improvements to the access road, build a covered picnic area where people can sit and watch the activities at the play wave and install informational signage about the river habitat and its usage," Asplin said.

Plans to improve North Park are still underway and will include a playground area, as well as a walking trail and other improvements to the existing park. "Looking forward, there have been a plethora of ideas for North Park, which is on the south side of the river that include improvements along the river corridor. Grant funders have been identified, but we will finish the task at hand before starting another phase," he added.

The River Park project will be complete by March and in use by the time summer arrives in Del Norte.

Colorado Language Access Summit seeks '20 presentation proposals

DENVER — The Colorado Language Access Summit (CLAS) Planning Committee is accepting proposals for one plenary presentation and several breakout sessions for the inaugural Colorado Language Access Summit on Oct. 2, 2020.

The goal of the summit, to be held at the Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center in Denver, is to bring together judicial officers, court and probation staff, attorneys, and others who work with interpreters to promote a better understanding of working with an interpreter.

At the 2020 Colorado Language Access Summit, individuals will participate in language access training, learn best practices, learn about the history of language access, understand the interpreters' code of ethics, participate in statewide discussions on working with interpreters, practice using an interpreter to communicate, and learn from a panel of language access experts.

The committee is seeking presentation proposals for 75-minute breakout sessions and one 90-minute plenary presentation/session that provide basic and high-level concepts and practical applications in a variety of topics.

Proposals should focus on why language access is important, how to best work with interpreters for clear records, interpreters' ethical guidelines, remote interpreting, and translations. Priority will be given to proposals that show relevance to language access, have clear and focused learning objectives, exhibit knowledge, apply adult learning styles in session design, and can qualify for continuing legal education credits.

Deadline for Proposals: To be evaluated by the Planning Committee, proposals must be submitted by March 13, 2020, through the web link below.

Acceptance of Proposals: The Planning Committee will select presentations for the conference by April 10, 2020. The conference agenda will be finalized by May 1, 2020.

Submission Guidelines: Proposals must be submitted through <http://www.event.com/c/abstracts/216c68df-de7f-4328-8549-7b9d9e36c72d>

Information on the Colorado Language Access Summit can be found here: <https://www.courts.state.co.us/Administration/Section.cfm?Section=languageaccesssummit>

Questions may be sent to beth.angel@judicial.state.co.us

Report courtesy of press release sent from Robert McCallum or Jon Sarché, who can be reached at 720-625-5815 or at 720-625-5811; email robert.mccallum@judicial.state.co.us or jon.sarche@judicial.state.co.us.

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San Luis Valley calendar of events

ALAMOSA — Plans continue for the 2020 Rio Frio Ice Fest as the deadline for sponsors draws near.

“Beach Party — in the coldest place in the nation” is the theme of this year’s event set for Jan. 24-26. For sponsor details, go to www.riofrioice.com.

ALAMOSA — The SLV STEAM Shop makerspace is open to the public most Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m. south of Richardson Hall and west of the theater building on the Adams State University campus in Alamosa. The SLV STEAM Shop provides access to 3D printers, machine knitting, small-scale casting, electronics fabrication, a laser cutter and much more.

VALLEY — Energy assistance is provided through La Puente’s Outreach homeless prevention program. To qualify you must be directly responsible for an energy bill, your bill must be past due, and you must meet income qualifications. Call (719) 587-3781.

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

CAPULIN — Free tutoring is available in the Capulin Library from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Friday for students first grade through twelfth grades in all subjects.

ALAMOSA — Cats Alive is in need of dry cat food to help volunteers feed cats throughout the San Luis Valley. Also goat milk is appreciated for the kittens. To donate cat food call Marge at (719) 298-7028 (willing to pick up donated food) or send monetary donations to help with the cat food to Cats Alive, P.O. Box 84 Alamosa, CO 81101 or online at catsaliveslv.com.

CONEJOS COUNTY — Conejos Library District is in need of volunteers in Antonito, La Jara and Capulin. The library is a great place to volunteer. Please contact Maria De-Herrera at (719) 274-5858.

MONTE VISTA — The Monte Vista Assembly of God Church, God’s Closet, located at 881 N. Hwy 285, across from Mountain King is in need of clothing donations. Bring them to the white shed.

VALLEY — Cat food is needed to distribute to all the volunteers that are feeding the cats. Cat food donations may be left with Abie Roybal, 225 10th St., Alamosa, and monetary donations may be made to Donna K. Ditmore, manager for cat welfare for Alpha Humane, a nonprofit tax-exempt organization, and sent to 3095 County Road 108 South, Alamosa, CO 81101.

ALAMOSA — Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications for homeownership in Alamosa. Applicants contribute 500 hours of “sweat equity,” time and labor. Construction is done with the help of hundreds of volunteers. When a house is completed, applicant families purchase the homes from Habitat for Humanity with a nonprofit mortgage. Call Habitat at (719) 589-8678 or go to www.slvhabitat.org.

ALAMOSA — Grief support group meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Alamosa 1st United Methodist Church from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Call Liz Hood at (719) 580-3697.

ALAMOSA — VFW in Alamosa hosts BINGO every Tuesday at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 4:30

p.m. Packs are \$5.

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

VALLEY — Keep drivers safe in your community. Become an AARP Driver Safety Volunteer Instructor today. Do you have a passion for helping others and want to make your community safer? AARP needs dedicated volunteers as instructors to grow this leading educational program. Sign up today at www.aarp.org/driversafetyvolunteer

VALLEY — La Puente is in need of volunteers split wood to bring relief to local families. Volunteers with chainsaw skills are most needed, but anyone is invited. To volunteer, call Shanae at (719) 587-3499 or email volunteers@lapuente.net

ALAMOSA — Circle of Parents in Recovery provides a safe, supporting, confidential, non-judgmental environment where parents can openly discuss the successes and challenges of parenting in recovery. The group meets every first and third Tuesday from 4-5:30 p.m. at Living Water Bible Fellowship 2019 Clark St., Alamosa. Contact Mary Lambert at (719) 587-6965 or mlambert@slvbhg.org

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

ALAMOSA — “Planting Seeds for Kindergarten” is the Alamosa Public Library program that encourages all families and caregivers to read 1,000 books with their young children before they enter kindergarten. Participants will be rewarded for every 100 books they read. Register at the Alamosa Public Library today, 300 Hunt Ave., Alamosa.

CONEJOS COUNTY — The Conejos County Library is looking for volunteers to read aloud to young children. Volunteers can join in visiting homes around Conejos County and talking to parents and caregivers about the value of instilling a love for reading. Please contact Margie Wagoner at the Conejos County Library at (719) 274-5858.

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

ALAMOSA — Can’t make it to Storytime at the Alamosa Public Library? That’s OK, check out the Storytime to Go Kits designed to bring Storytime into your home! Come into the Alamosa Public Library today, 300 Hunt Ave., Alamosa.

ALAMOSA — MOPS, (Mothers of Preschoolers), a gathering place for moms with young children (birth through kindergarten) that offers connections, community, resources and support to meet the needs of every mom meets every first and third Wednesday at Living Water Bible Fellowship Church, 2910 Clark St., Alamosa, from 9-11 a.m. See facebook.com/mopsalamosa or mopsalamosa.com.

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LA JARA — MOPS — La Jara provides a reenergized program Thursday, with new crafts, discussions, snacks and learning at the United Church of La Jara, a safe place for the older kids to play and learn with a great staff to lead all activities. The great times begin at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays. Call Debbie at (719) 580-6721.

VALLEY — Rio Grande County Tourism Board is looking for high quality photographs that photographers would be willing to let the tourism board use for advertising purposes.

Contact Ruth Carapella at ruth@pencraftco.com or president@riograndetourism.com

CONEJOS COUNTY — The Conejos Library District has applied for and received a grant from the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation titled Growing Readers Together. The purpose of the grant is to provide early literacy reading materials, reading related toys, and educational activities for home day care providers. The library will be able to provide kits in the form of books, educational toys, music and activities to anyone doing home day care in Conejos County.

Those who are interested in participating in this program please contact the library at (719) 274-5858.

ALAMOSA — The Valley-Wide Pharmacy is now a registered drop-off location for the Colorado Household Medication Take-Back Program. There is now a drop-off receptacle located at the pharmacy for the collection of household medications, including both prescription and over-the-counter medications. Drop off any unwanted household medications for free at the Valley-Wide Pharmacy. The Valley-Wide Pharmacy is inside

the Alamosa Family Medical Center clinic at 1710 First St., Alamosa.

VALLEY — La Puente Outreach is currently accepting medical applications. Those who are in need of help paying for prescription glasses, hearing aids, medical equipment or dental procedures, please come to 929 State Ave., Alamosa or call (719) 587-3781.

VALLEY — The San Luis Valley Naloxone Education Empowerment Distribution (SLV N.E.E.D.) project came to an end. Free Narcan Nasal kits are still available at any of the local participating

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I, Mack M. Crowther, Conejos County Treasurer, do hereby certify that the following Fund Balances & Investment Balances to the best of my knowledge and ability are true and correct as they appear from the records in my office December 31, 2019.

Received and examined by the Board of Conejos County Commissioners this 16th day of January 2020.

Signature of Mitchell J. Jarama, Chairperson, Conejos County Clerk & Recorder. Published in the Valley Courier Jan. 25, 2020

Signature of Mack M. Crowther, Conejos County Treasurer. No. 1254 Published in the Valley Courier on January 25, 2020

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Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Excelsior Ditch Company to be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., at the Alamosa Senior Citizens Center, 92 Colorado Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado, 81101, for the purpose of electing TWO (2) board of director for three years, for levying an assessment, and for such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing before the Alamosa Board of County Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 8:30 AM, Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado for the purpose of considering an application for a Minor Subdivision submitted by David and Georgia Cook.

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

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COMMUNITY BANKS OF Colorado is seeking a candidate to fill a Universal Banker position in our La Jara Banking Center. If you have client service, sales and cash handling experience, we'd like to speak with you. For position details and to apply, please visit www.nhb.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 will be picked up at the Antonito Town Hall located at 515 River St. and will be accepted until position(s) are filled. (2/5)

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

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

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

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

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 have 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)

221 HELP WANTED

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

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

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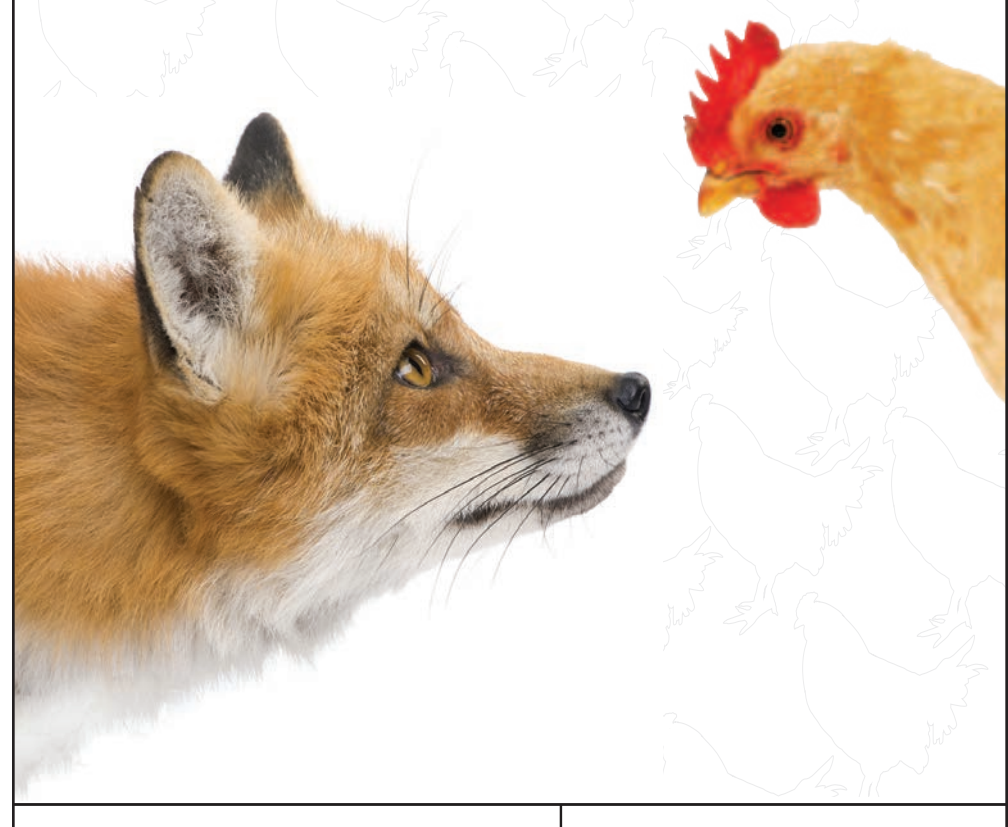
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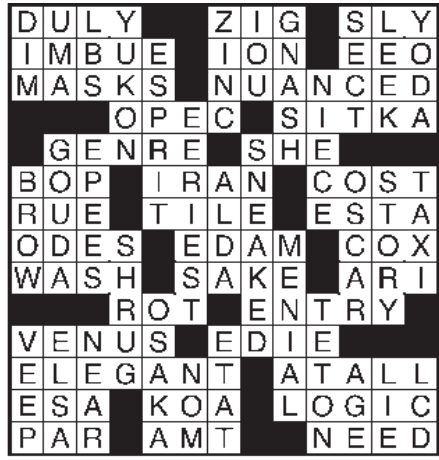
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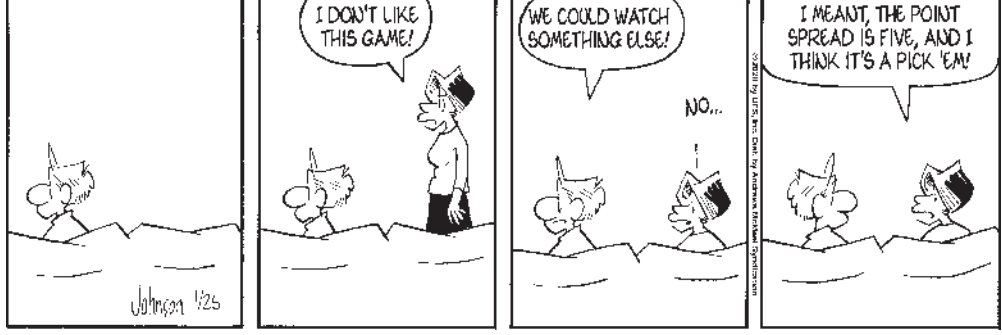
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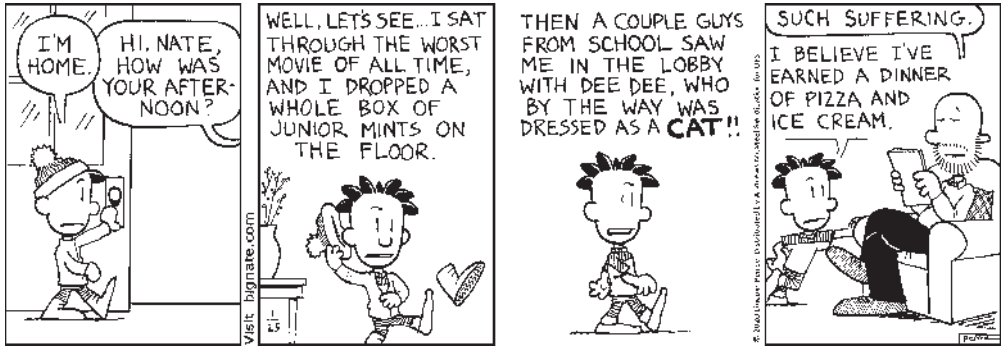
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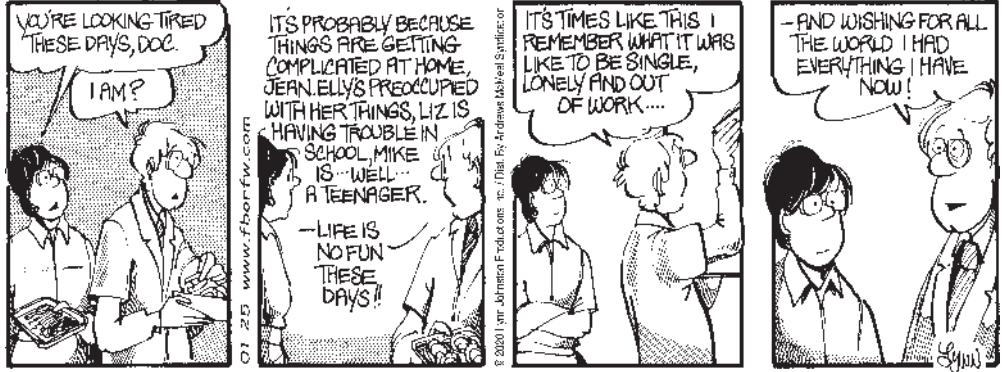
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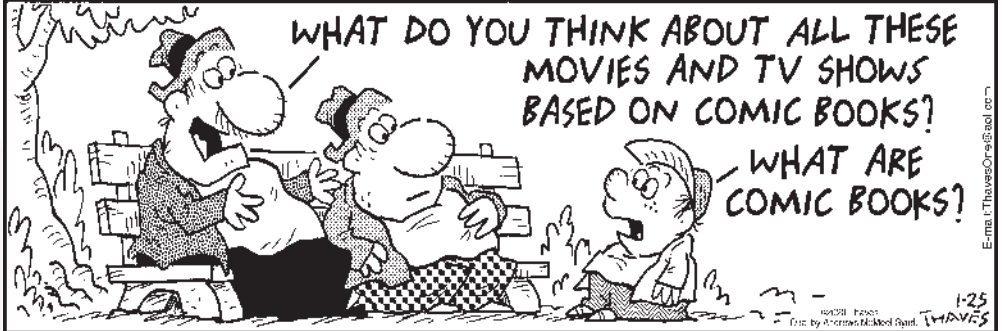
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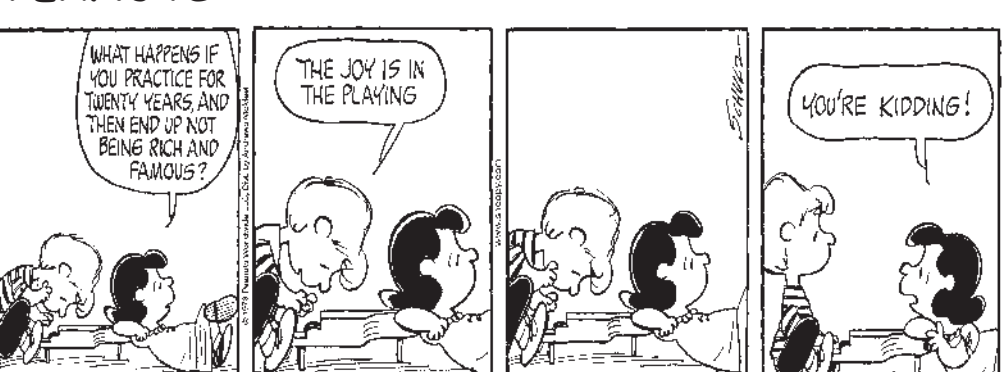
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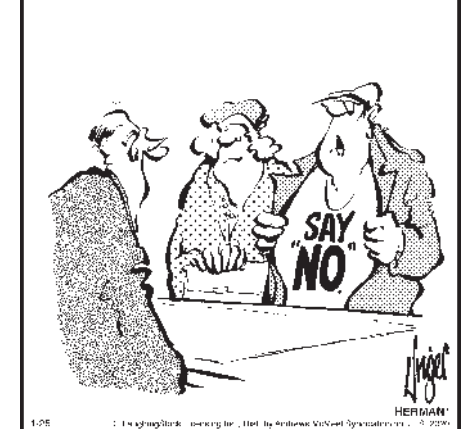
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Wife of a serial philanderer plans ahead for his funeral

DEARABBY: I have been married for 37 years. During that time, my husband has cheated on me and fathered several children. As we have grown older, I have begun to think about final arrangements. If he dies, would I be wrong for not giving him a funeral or memorial service or having one for his sisters and brothers? I feel it would be disrespectful to me if the children that resulted from his affairs, and possibly their mothers, were there. Although my daughters love their father, I believe they would support my decisions. -- ANGRY WIFE IN GEORGIA

DEAR ANGRY WIFE: You are under no obligation to have a funeral or memorial for your cheating husband. If his sisters, brothers, mistresses and their children would like to give him one, they can assume the responsibility. If you still feel the way you do today after his demise, you, your daughters and some close friends of yours can go out for a nice lunch or dinner to acknowledge the occasion.

P.S. Devil's food cake for dessert would be appropriate.

DEAR ABBY: My parents divorced 10 years ago, when I was a freshman in college. My mom didn't want the divorce. My dad initiated it, but they fought constantly when they were

together. Not long afterward, Dad started a relationship with a co-worker, his current wife, whom my mom believes was the reason he left her. I am being married at the end of the year, and I know Mom won't be able to keep her emotions in check if Dad's wife attends. My parents can keep it amicable if it's just them, but I can't see a way to exclude Dad's wife without upsetting him. What's the less-painful option -- my mom getting upset or my dad getting upset? -- WANTS FAMILY HARMONY

DEAR WANTS: Talk to your mother. Explain that you want your wedding to be inclusive, and you don't want this special day to be spoiled. If she feels she won't be able to control her anger, she shouldn't attend. To invite your father and not his wife will be regarded as an insult, and he would likely refuse to be a part of it.

DEAR ABBY: I married a man 24 years ago. At the time, I had a daughter who was 6. My new husband welcomed her, and she considers him to be her father. His parents, however, never considered her as their own. They took several family trips with all their grandkids but excluded my daughter.

Fast-forward to today: My daughter lives in another state. These nieces



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and nephews all have kids, as does my daughter. Every birthday and Christmas, I buy said nieces' and nephews' kids presents, but I assume because my daughter lives in a different state, no one buys her kids anything. Is it wrong that this upsets me? Should I continue buying gifts for all those kids when my daughter's kids are being left out? -- LEFT OUT IN ILLINOIS

DEAR LEFT OUT: You are not wrong. Considering the circumstances, you have been more than generous. Because your nieces and nephews are adults now, send them cards for the holidays. The same is true for their children. And if you are asked why, tell them the truth -- that gift-giving is supposed to be an exchange, and your daughter was seriously shortchanged.

Calendar

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pharmacies while supplies last. Those pharmacies are: La Jara Health Mart Pharmacy, Alamosa Pharmacy, Valley Wide Health Systems Pharmacy (for Valley Wide Health Systems patients only), Jacks Market Pharmacy in Monte Vista and Rio Grande Pharmacy in Del Norte. Residents may need a prescription to pick up a kit.

DEL NORTE — The Rio Grande County Museum Board is looking for pictures of the construction of the "new" courthouse. The second courthouse was built in the late 1930's as a WPA project. Individuals can either donate the photos to the museum or a board member will make copies of them and return them. Contact Louise at the museum at (719) 657-2847.

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

MONTE VISTA — Valley Fiber Art Guild welcomes anyone interested in spinning, crocheting, knitting, weaving or other portable fiber activities to come to VFA gatherings. The group meets the fourth Saturday of every month starting at 1 p.m. at 757 County Rd. 29, Monte Vista. Email wcouzensmith@gmail.com or call (719) 852-5000.

VALLEY — Those concerned about their children's development are welcome to contact the free service SLV BOCES Child Find at (719) 589-5851. Child Find's job is to locate, identify and screen/evaluate children for whom there is a suspicion of a delay in speech, language, motor, social, self-help or cognitive skills. If a significant delay is identified, families are connected with appropriate free services to address delays.

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

ALAMOSA — La Puente's Outreach Services now has energy assistance funding in place. The qualifying fuels are: natural gas, electricity, propane, oil, kerosene, firewood, solid fuel pellets and coal. Please contact (719) 587-3781 with any questions or stop by 929 State St. in Alamosa to complete an application. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday from 1-5 p.m.

VALLEY — La Puente's Outreach Services Program is looking to assist veterans in the San Luis Valley with services including rental assistance, medical and nonmedical gas vouchers, household provisions, interview or work clothing, tuition assistance and job training. Call (719) 587-3781, ext. 213 or email director.outreach@lapuente.net.

VALLEY — The Senior Community Service Employment Program is seeking low-income unemployed seniors 55 years and older to participate in its paid job training program throughout southwest Colorado. Call (970) 385-3995.

VALLEY — San Luis Valley Animal Welfare Society is seeking donations of used Little Tikes playground equipment for their seven doggie parks: pools, houses, slides and such. Please call Aileen at (719) 587-WOOF (9663) to donate or email at wwoof@slvaws.org.

VALLEY — Valley children are often sent to the Front Range because there are not enough foster homes here in the San Luis Valley. Needs include foster homes, respite homes and support for foster homes. Call Mary Morin at (719) 580-6234 to hear more or (719) 589-2581 for an application packet.

ALAMOSA — Open drop-in meditation for health, stress management and spir-

itual growth, is held at 10:45 a.m. the second Sunday of the month at St. Thomas Episcopal Parish Hall, 607 Fourth St., Alamosa, with Mountain Institute, A Kriya, Meditation & Lamplighting School. Contact Martin at (575) 758-5876 or talentolocal@live.com

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Police Department offers a bicycle registration program. Owners wishing to register their bicycles can bring them to the Alamosa Police Department at 425 Fourth St. during normal business hours between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. This service is free of charge to all residents of Alamosa, Alamosa County and students of Adams State University or Trinidad State Junior College. Contact (719) 589-2548.

ALAMOSA — The Veterans Affairs Office is looking for volunteer drivers to transport veterans for medical care in Pueblo, Colorado Springs and Denver. Call Frank Muniz at (719) 589-1109.

ALAMOSA — La Puente's homeless shelter serves three meals per day, 365 days a year, to guests and community members. That's more than 45,000 meals per year. La Puente needs cans of vegetables, fruit and tomato sauce as well as pasta, dairy products and pasta sauces. Blankets of all sizes are also welcome. Those who have anything to spare may please bring it to the shelter at 913 State Ave. in Alamosa (between Ninth and 10th streets). For more information or to find out other ways to help, please call (719) 589-5909 or come by the shelter any time.

ALAMOSA — Peace Meditation at the Campus Ministry Office, Adams State University, Alamosa, is held on Thursday evenings at 5:15 p.m. Everyone is invited. Contact Candace Knowlan (05) 886-6959.

DEL NORTE — Weekly yoga will be held at the Ruth Marie Center, 575 Columbia Ave. in Del Norte, with Milcah Hawk from 5:30-7 p.m. every Thursday. Come stretch, breathe and relax for just a donation. Bring your mat or use ours. Call (719) 850-1672.

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

LA JARA — The United Church is beginning MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), which will be meeting the second and fourth Friday of each month from 10-11:30 a.m. at the La Jara United Church, Main and Fifth streets, with refreshments, babysitting and timely topics just for moms. Call Debbie Vance at (19) 580-6721.

ALAMOSA — Adams State University offers the expertise of its faculty to assist communities and local governments in a number of realms, from agribusiness and government internships, to dropout prevention and strategic planning. The guide was produced in cooperation with the Colorado Municipal League. It is available online at www.adams.edu/community/asuresource-guide.pdf.

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

ANTONITO — Free Zumba classes for all ages are held at Guadalupe Elementary in Antonito Monday through Thursday from 6:15-7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Senior Citizens sell Safeway and City Market Gift cards and receive 5 percent of the sales to make a little money for the center. Stop at the center at 92 Colorado Ave. (north end of Cole Park, Alamosa) and purchase one. The cards are great for groceries, prescriptions or gas as well as gifts.

DEL NORTE — Want to help preserve the history of

Rio Grande County? That opportunity is available through the Rio Grande County Museum and Cultural Center in Del Norte, which needs volunteers to help with greeting visitors, doing exhibits, inventory and computer work. Also, the Rio Grande County Museum, Inc. is looking for board members to help with fundraising, grant writing and other activities. Contact the museum at (719) 657-2847. The museum is located at 580 Oak St. in Del Norte.

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Photography Club meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Alamosa Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Contact Stephen Jensen at (719) 379-0001 or slvphotostephen@gmail.com

ALAMOSA — TOPS (Tak-

ing Off Pounds Sensibly) CO 568, Alamosa, a nonprofit weight loss organization, meets every Tuesday evening at the College Heights Baptist Church at 2035 Church Ave. in Alamosa. Weigh in is at 5:30 p.m. with an informative meeting at 6:15. Anyone interested in having weight loss support is welcome to attend a free meeting or call Doris at (719) 589-6396 for more information.

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Police Department will now provide citizens with dog licenses on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-10 a.m. The cost is \$2 for spayed and neutered dogs and \$10 for unaltered. A current proof of rabies vaccination is required.

LA JARA — Toddler Time will be at The Conejos Library in La Jara on

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. It is beneficial for parents to read to their children and this provides an excellent opportunity to get started. It is free.

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

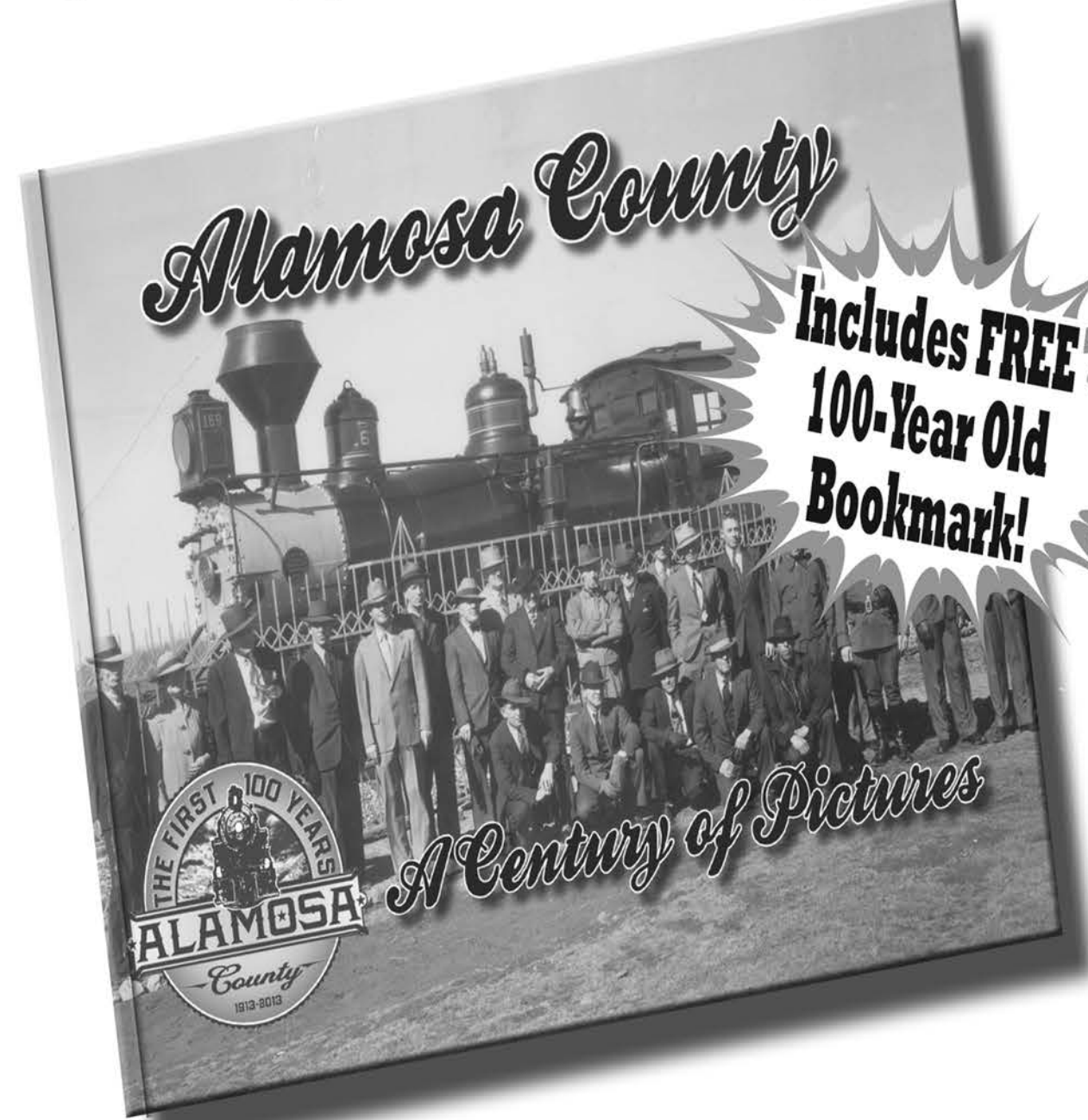
ALAMOSA — The GFWC Woman's Citizenship Club of Alamosa meets on the second Friday at noon from September through May at First United Methodist Church, NW door, 2005 Mullins Ave. For more information, please email womancitizenship-club@gmail.com.

ALAMOSA — A newly established confidential

support group for people struggling with change will take place the first and third Monday of the month in Room 1 of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Center at 6 p.m. Changing from the Inside Out, facilitated by Luis Murrillo, will provide topics that will lead to conversations about individual struggles with change. Contact Lisa at (719) 588-5363.

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

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