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**Republicans will meet at Juanito's**

**ALAMOSA**— For those people who were unable to make it to the Alamosa County Republican November meeting, it was decided to change its meeting days to the first Monday of each month beginning with January, 2020. So, its next meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 6, at noon at Juanito's. "We hope this change might make it a little easier for some of you to attend," Terry Hammond, Chair of the Alamosa County Republicans said. "... Hope to see you there."

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## Kenzlee Martinez is first born in '20

SLV's first baby of year weighs in at 7 pounds, 19-inches long

By DANIEL McKILLOP  
*Courier Editor*

ALAMOSA — Kenzlee Martinez was the first baby born in the San Luis Valley this year.

Martinez, who weighed in at 7 pounds, 19-inches tall, was born at 12:26 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 1, at San Luis Valley Health.

Kenzlee's mom, Erica Martinez, said there were no complications delivering her baby.

"Everybody was great," she added in reference to SLV Health's staff. "It was good."

Kenzlee's dad, Phillip Martinez Jr., complimented SLV Health's staff.

"Everything went smoothly," he said. "It went quickly."

Erica and Phillip are long-time



Courier photo by DANIEL McKILLOP  
**Phillip Martinez Jr. (left) and Erica Martinez (middle), who is holding their new-born daughter, Kenzlee, who was delivered at 12:26 a.m. on Wednesday morning, smile for the camera at San Luis Valley Health.**

Alamosa residents. Phillip is from Center originally and attended Center High

**"Everybody was great. It was good"**

— Erica Martinez

High School. When Kenzlee returns home from SLV Health, she will have three siblings waiting for her.

The new-born Martinez will have one sister, Braelyn, 10; and two brothers, Jerek, 7; and Xzavier, 3; ready to welcome their new sister when she arrives home.

"She was excited to have a sister," said Erica about Braelyn. Phillip added: "I think they all were; the boys were excited."

Kenzlee's maternal grandmother is Debbie Lopez and her paternal grandfather is Jim Kalana, while her paternal grandmother is Kimberlee Duran and her paternal grandfather is Phillip Martinez Sr.

## Third fire in Mobile Century



Courier photo by Keith Cerny

**For the third time in nearly as many weeks, Alamosa firefighters were summoned to Mobile Century Home Park in South Alamosa for a manufactured home on fire Monday morning about 10:30 a.m. It was the first of two calls Monday which became a record 376th call for the AFD in 2019, according to a department spokesperson. Five trucks and 14 firefighters responded to the first blaze, the cause of which is still under investigation. The trailer was occupied but the resident escaped unharmed. This was the second complete loss fire in the park this month. A second call Monday was to 510 8th Street where a grease fire splashed over and damaged the stove hood and ceiling.**

## Vehicle rolls over on Hwy. 17, but no one seriously injured

By DANIEL McKILLOP  
*Courier Editor*

ALAMOSA — It was dark and slippery as an unidentified vehicle went off the road 10 miles north of Alamosa on Wednesday.

Three passengers were traveling north on Highway 17 when the vehicle went off the west side of the road at about 5:30 p.m., State Trooper Mitchell Wilson said. It went down an embankment and

rolled until it stopped more than 100 feet from the road.

"It went for a distance and rolled," State Trooper Mitchell Wilson said. "EMS came on scene. They had to transport one girl to the hospital to check, make sure everything's OK, but it looks like everybody is going to be all right."

"I still have to take measurements to determine what had happened."

## Police need help

**Unidentified suspect at large**

By DANIEL McKILLOP  
*Courier Editor*

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Police Department is requesting the "communities assistance" in the identification of the individual who (photographed top, right) allegedly was involved in an assault at Walmart on Dec. 7.

All individuals with information may contact the Alamosa Police Department at 719-589-2548 or Crime Stoppers at 719-589-4111 and remain anonymous.

"We did take a report of an individual being assaulted in the Walmart parking lot," according to a report released by the Alamosa Police Department Chief Ken Anderson on Dec. 10. "This incident stemmed from the victim rubbing his hand on the trunk of the subject's vehicle."

"The suspect, in this case, has not been located and we are still gathering information to ID."

The victim, Jose Madrid, M.D., said his nose was broken in three places after being attacked at about 4 p.m. on Dec. 7.

"I am a 67-year-old retired physician," Madrid said. "I was brutally attacked; this man is dangerous."



The Alamosa Police Department is requesting the "communities assistance" in the identification of the man, (pictured above).

Photo (above) courtesy of Alamosa Police Department; Madrid's photo by Courier's Daniel McKillop



Joe Madrid

## RGC approves funds for Ski-Hi Project

BY HELEN SMITH  
*Staff Writer*

DEL NORTE — After numerous conversations and much debate, the Rio Grande County Commissioners approved \$150,000 in Conservation Trust Funds for the revitalization of Ski Hi Park on Tuesday morning.

The matter was once again brought forward for consideration by the board following a decision to delay the approval to obtain more information in mid-December.

Commissioner John Noffsger once again voiced his concern over his lack of certainty regarding the project. However, Forest

Neuerburg, city manager for Monte Vista, and Kathy Woods of Friends of Ski Hi Park, were both quick to stress the urgency of the project. "We've talked time and time again about the overall benefit of the facility even in its current distressed state," said Woods.

Neuerburg reminded the commissioners that the city's revenues for the long-term maintenance of the facility are expected to remain steady and perhaps see a gradual increase thanks to the passage of the one-cent fund in November.

Following a lively discussion, Noffsger proposed support for the

project contingent upon the funds being earmarked for a specific portion of the project.

He also requested the formation of a commission to oversee the continuing development of the project. Woods and all of the other supporters who were present found the idea to be acceptable.

Finally, Commissioner Gene Glover made the motion to approve the request. Before putting forth a second, Commissioner Suzanne Bothell observed that she finds it to be sad when historic buildings get torn down because they are not adequately maintained or no longer pretty. However, she went on to note that

when it comes to Ski Hi Park, "This is where the building is." She conceded that she believes it is time to move forward with the project for the benefit of all who use the facility.

Commissioner Noffsger wanted to amend the motion to include a provision for the county should the project not move forward. Glover noted that the provision was already included, and the motion passed unanimously.

Rio Grande County will allocate the funds to the City of Monte Vista to further the Friends of Ski Hi initiative. The entities will coordinate the details of the transaction in the days to come.

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# Valley News

## SLV directors earn accreditation



Angie Werner, Director of Provider Support Services and Mandy Crockett, Director of Human Resources at San Luis Valley Health (SLVH), recently completed a week-long course to become accredited as Insights Discovery Practitioners. Based on the work of Carl Jung and Jolande Jacobi, Insights uses psychometric models to develop awareness of self and others that can be used to make practical improvements in the workplace and in relationships. Using an outside consultant, the Insights Program has been used in the past by SLVH with members of the leadership and provider teams. With their accreditations, Werner and Crockett will have access to Insights resources and training material and be able to deliver the training to various SLVH team members on a consistent basis. The coursework contained of pre-workshop homework, 32 hours of intense classroom training, and a post-workshop confirmation of learning quiz. For the week of classroom training, Werner and Crockett were surrounded by a wealth of professional leaders representing a diverse network of industries and expertise. Crockett said, "This work provides a fascinating and engaging approach to personal and professional development. I look forward to working with our teams on the program this coming year."

Author is Mandy Crockett, Director of Human Resources at SLV Health/Courtesy photo

## Werner 'n' Crockett



Angie Werner (left) and Mandy Crockett will be able to deliver the Insights Program to the workforce at SLV Health.

## Action taken against Robocalls

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO) released the below statement following S. 151, the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement Deterrence (TRACED) Act, becoming law this week. Gardner is a cosponsor of this legislation that requires phone companies to implement a system that would authenticate and verify phone calls to ensure that they are legitimate.

Additionally, the TRACED Act increases fines on individuals who are found to have knowingly attempted or succeeded in spoofing phone calls. Spoofing is a tactic that fraudulent callers sometimes utilize to show a different telephone number and disguise their identity.

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**UPCOMING GRIZZLY ATHLETIC EVENTS**

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Women's Basketball vs Chadron State College  
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Men's Basketball vs Chadron State College  
Alamosa, CO • 7:30 pm

**Saturday, January 4th**  
Women's Basketball vs Metropolitan State University of Denver  
Alamosa, CO • 5:30 pm  
Men's Basketball vs Metropolitan State University of Denver  
Alamosa, CO • 7:30 pm

**Friday, January 10th**  
Wrestling at San Francisco State University  
San Francisco, CA • 10:00 am  
Wrestling vs Simon Fraser University  
San Francisco, CA • Noon  
Wrestling vs Minnesota State - Mankato  
San Francisco, CA • 4:00 pm  
Women's Basketball at Colorado School of Mines  
Golden, CO • 6:00 pm  
Men's Basketball at Colorado School of Mines  
Golden, CO • 8 pm



# Lifestyle

## CPW issues reminder about shed-antler collection restrictions

DURANGO—To protect wintering big-game animals and sage grouse species, collection of shed antlers on all public lands west of I-25 is prohibited from Jan. 1 through April 30.

“The purpose of the closures is to reduce disturbance of wintering wildlife during the time of year they are most vulnerable,” said Scott Wait, senior terrestrial biologist for the Southwest Region of Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Big game and sage grouse species live in a basic survival mode during the winter when food is scarce. If forced to move and burn calories unnecessarily, wildlife can lose the energy they need to make it through the winter.

In addition to the statewide restrictions, additional special regulations are also in place for the Gunnison Basin. In Game Management Units 54, 55, 66, 67 and 551, it is illegal to search for or possess antlers and horns on public lands between legal sunset and 10 a.m. from May 1 through May 15.

Shed antler collecting has become very popular over the last decade. Commercial collectors, which sell sheds for decorations, have led to a substantial increase of people searching for antlers and horns in sensitive wildlife areas.

The seasonal prohibition applies to both commercial and recreational collectors

Anyone witnessing violations of the closure regulations should call the nearest CPW office or Operation Game Thief at 877-265-6648.

CPW is an enterprise agency, relying primarily on license sales, state parks fees and registration fees to support its operations, including: 41 state parks and more than 350 wildlife areas covering approximately 900,000 acres, management of fishing and hunting, wildlife watching, camping, motorized and non-motorized trails, boating and outdoor education. CPW’s work contributes approximately \$6 billion in total economic impact annually throughout Colorado.

Report courtesy of Joe Lewandowski, CPW SW Region PIO

## New Colorado marijuana rules went into effect

DENVER — Marijuana rules stemming from the General Assembly’s 2019 legislative session went into effect on Wednesday for all regulated marijuana businesses across Colorado, most notably allowing, for the first time, state licensing of hospitality establishments and the issuance of permits for residential delivery of medical marijuana.

Final rules were adopted by the State Licensing Authority on Nov. 5 after a summer of extensive stakeholder engagement led by the Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED).

“Feedback from our stakeholders through work groups and public comment has always been a MED priority,” said Jim Burack, MED Director. “But this year, we encouraged an even more collaborative approach to rule development where work group participants utilized their experience and expertise within stakeholder teams to engage more directly in the drafting of rule language.”

Highlights of notable key rules that go into effect on January 1 include:

Marijuana Hospitality Businesses (HB19-1230): Creation of two marijuana hospitality business licenses, subject to local jurisdiction approval, including 1) “Marijuana Hospitality Business” license (may be mobile), allowing consumption of marijuana on the licensed premises, and 2) “Retail Marijuana Hospitality and Sales Business” license (cannot be mobile) allowing for the sale and consumption of retail marijuana on the licensed premises.

MED will maintain a list of approved hospitality businesses on the Division’s website.

Regulated Marijuana Delivery (HB19-1234):

Creation of a permit to allow delivery of regulated marijuana to private residences from medical marijuana stores, subject to local jurisdiction approval.

Delivery to private residences from retail marijuana stores begins on Jan. 1, 2021, also subject to local jurisdiction approval.

Sunset Regulated Marijuana (SB19-224):

The Retail Code and Medical Code are integrated to create a single code, which will streamline operations for both regulators and businesses.

Criminal history disqualification provisions are amended so that felony convictions within the past three years will typically preclude licensing as an owner or employee.

Industrial hemp can be used in the manufacture of marijuana products and sold in retail marijuana stores. Prior to this legislation, the sale of industrial hemp products by licensed marijuana businesses was limited to medical marijuana stores.

Beginning July 1, 2020, industrial hemp used by medical and retail marijuana manufacturers and sold in medical and retail stores will be subject to testing and can only be sourced from persons registered with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Retail and medical marijuana stores and hospitality establishments can collect marijuana consumer waste for purposes of reuse and recycling. This includes containers, packages, and cartridges, among other waste components left after the marijuana is consumed.

Other notable rule changes:

Vitamin E Acetate, Polyethylene glycol (PEG) and Medium Chain Triglycerides (MCT Oil) are expressly prohibited for use in the manufacture of regulated marijuana concentrate or regulated marijuana products intended for inhalation. Read more here.

In an effort to further simplify the licensing process, there are now only two (instead of three) license categories for individuals working in the regulated marijuana industry: 1) owner and 2) employee.

To view the Colorado Marijuana Rules, 1 CCR 212-3, in its entirety, please visit: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/enforcement/med-rules>.

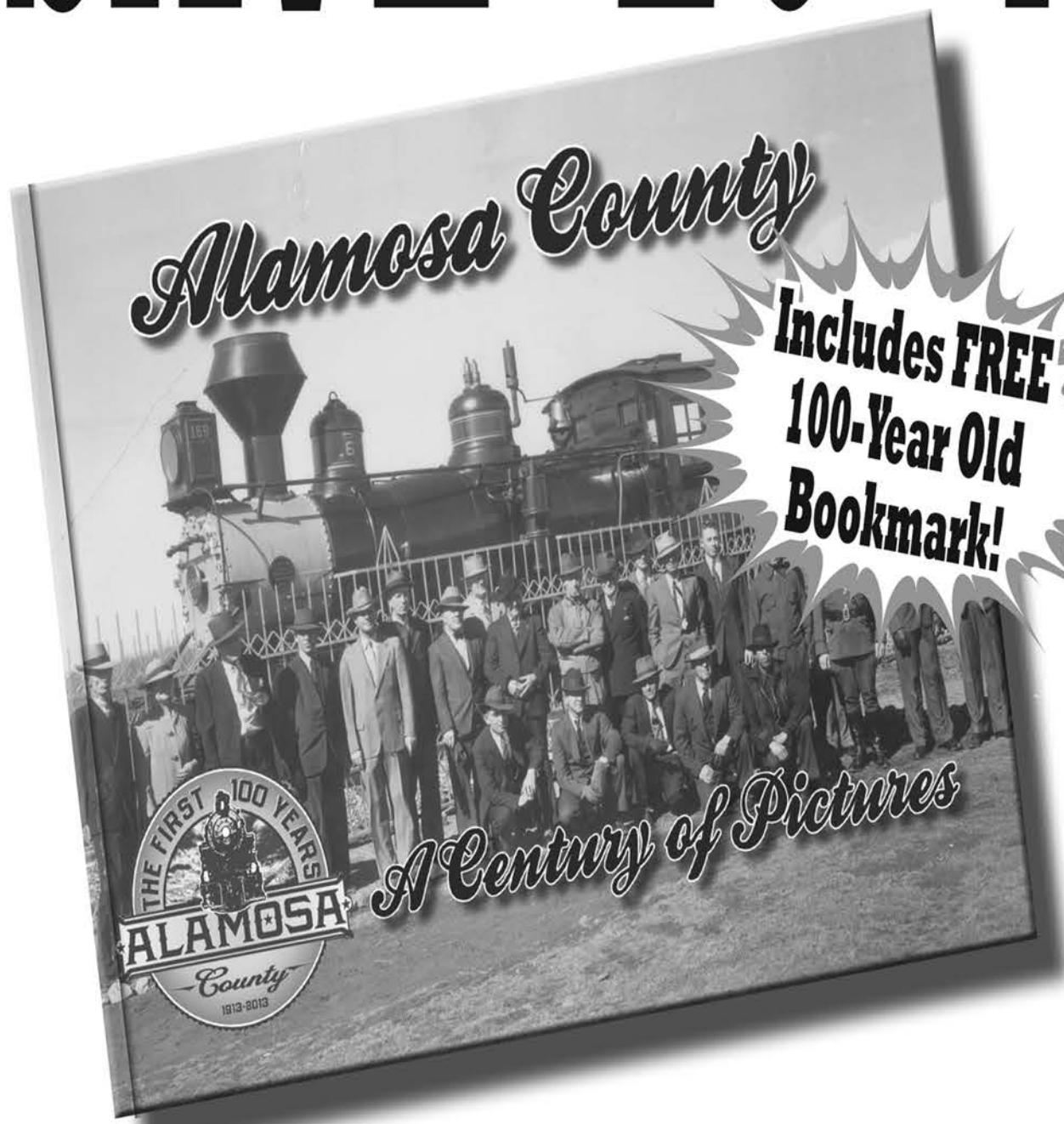
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Collection of shed antlers is prohibited on all public lands west of Interstate 25, Jan. 1 through April 30.

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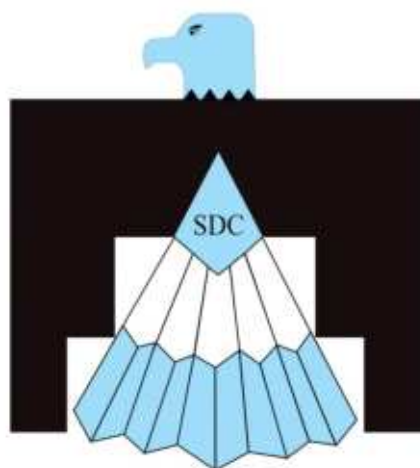
# Sports

## Sangre de Cristo returns from break to host Creede

By STEPHEN JIRON  
*Courier Sports Editor*

ALAMOSA — The Thunderbirds are off to a good start. Sangre de Cristo's boys and girls are both 4-0 to start the season. Saturday, Creede's Miners will be in town for two league games, the first for all four teams. Creede's girls didn't have an impressive showing at the Thunderbird Shootout to start the season. The Miners (0-3) would go to the holiday break without a win.

Things don't get much easier for Creede moving forward. In their next two games Creede will take on Sangre de Cristo and Cotopaxi, the first and fourth-ranked teams in 1A basketball according to the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI). On the other hand, Head Coach David Forster has the SDC girls humming through their first four. The T-Birds breezed through the Thunderbird Shootout to take first place and got past Sargent



before the break.

The T-Birds have been getting a full effort from Kylee Christensen who has been cranking out an average of 17 points per game, good enough for fourth

in 1A girls basketball. Christensen also leads the T-Birds with 19 steals. Avery Palmgren has been a nice complement picking up 2 blocks and a team-leading 20 total rebounds.

Creede's boys (0-3) are also ready for some success this year after leaving the Thunderbird Shootout and a road meeting with Ridgeway without a win. Sangre de Cristo's boys (4-0) are on the other end of the spectrum having taken first place at their home tournament and polishing that off with a road win over Sargent before the holiday break. Sangre de Cristo is currently ranked in third place on the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) coaches' poll.

Senior Cole Christensen has collected a team-leading 128 points and 32 assists. Christensen has gotten plenty of help from teammates the Enriquez brothers Mario and Kevin as well as freshman Leighton Curtis. Christensen, Mario Enriquez and Curtis have all registered a double-double thus far in the season. Events are set to kick off Saturday evening at 5 p.m.

## Kyle Connor's hat trick lifts Jets over Avs 7-4

MICHAEL KELLY  
*AP Writer*

DENVER — Kyle Connor put his team in a tough spot with an unfortunate penalty. The young forward redeemed himself soon after to lift the struggling Winnipeg Jets.

Connor had three goals for his second career hat trick and first in the regular season, and the Jets beat the Colorado Avalanche 7-4 on Tuesday night.

Blake Wheeler scored twice and added an assist and Mark Scheifele and Nikolaj Ehlers had empty-net goals for Winnipeg. Scheifele and Jack Roslovic had three assists each and Ehlers had two. Connor Hellebuyck stopped 39 shots.

The Jets had gone 2-5-1 in their last eight but ended 2019 on a high note with a third-period rally led by Connor. His double-minor for a cross check early in the third period led to Colorado's goal that made it 3-all, but he made up for it a few minutes later.

Just seven seconds into Winnipeg's only power play of the game, he tipped in a shot by Neal Pionk to put the Jets



Colorado Avalanche defenseman Erik Johnson, front, fights for control of the puck in the corner with Winnipeg Jets center Mark Scheifele during the second period of an NHL hockey game Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019, in Denver.

Courtesy photo by David Zalubowski

Gabriel Landeskog and Nazem Kadri scored for the Avalanche. Colorado is 1-4-1 in its last six games despite outshooting the Jets 43-26 in addition to hitting the post on a couple of shots. Philipp Grubauer stopped 19 of 24 shots he faced.

"What was it, like two or three posts? So, chances were definitely there," said defenseman Erik Johnson, who had two assists. "It's just going the wrong way for us right now and no one is happy about it, but there's ebbs and flows throughout the season. We're not trying to peak in January, we're trying to peak when it matters."

MacKinnon now has 179 career goals, which is eighth in franchise history and fifth since the team became the Avalanche.

Wheeler's first of the game at 6:25 of the first made it 1-0 and MacKinnon scored at 9:43 of period.

Connor tipped his own rebound over Grubauer midway through the second and MacKinnon's one-timer at 13:47 made it 2-2. Winnipeg took a 3-2 lead into the intermission when Scheifele beat Grubauer with a slap shot.

The Avalanche again tied it when Landeskog scored his 10th of the season on a power play at 7:15 of the third.

NOTES: Sam Girard had two assists for Colorado. ... The Jets are 5-3 on New Year's Eve since relocating to Winnipeg in 2011. The Avalanche are 4-3-2 in Dec. 31 home games since moving to Colorado in 1995. ... Avalanche D Cale Makar is the team's Last Men In candidate to be part of the Central Division team in the All-Star Game. Voting starts Wednesday and goes through Jan. 10.

UP NEXT

Jets: Host the Toronto Maple Leafs on Thursday night.

Avalanche: Host the St. Louis Blues on Thursday night.

"It's just going the wrong way for us right now and no one is happy about it, but there's ebbs and flows throughout the season."

Erik Johnson,  
 Colorado defenseman

ahead for good.

"I've got to control my stick a little better, but I was just trying to make a play and I ended up with four minutes," Connor said. "Watching them score, too, it's tough to sit there and watch that but we battled back and everybody, top to

bottom, we got efforts from everybody, so it was a good one."

He got his 20th of the season and his hat trick when he roofed a backhand at 16:31 of the third. He now has six goals in his last four games.

"He's dialed in. I mean, the kid's got

world-class hands on him and just works extremely hard," Wheeler said.

Connor's only other hat trick against Nashville on March 23, 2019.

Wheeler, who played in his 900th career game, has 19 goals and 51 points in 36 career games against Colorado. Scheifele has 28 points in 26 games.

"That's a big number for sure," Jets coach Paul Maurice said of Wheeler's 900th game. "The hard way. I've been here six full seasons, every day, every practice, every game I'm amazed at his ability to drive his body every single day. He plays a hard, grinding kind of game."

Nathan MacKinnon had two goals and

## CU faces test vs No. 4 Oregon

No. 4 Oregon (11-2, 0-0) vs. Colorado (11-2, 1-0)

CU Events Center, Boulder, Colorado; Thursday, 9 p.m. EST

**BOTTOM LINE:** No. 4 Oregon presents a tough challenge for Colorado. Colorado has won one of its two games against ranked opponents this season. Oregon has moved up to No. 4 in the latest AP rankings following a win over Alabama State last week.

**LEADING THE CHARGE:** Colorado's Tyler Bey has averaged 12.5 points and 9.4 rebounds while McKinley Wright IV has put up 12.8 points, 5.2 rebounds and 4.2

assists. For the Ducks, Payton Pritchard has averaged 18.5 points, 4.3 rebounds and 6.2 assists while Chris Duarte has put up 12.3 points and five rebounds.

**FACILITATING THE OFFENSE:** Pritchard has either made or assisted on 44 percent of all Oregon field goals over the last five games. Pritchard has 32 field goals and 37 assists in those games.

**UNDEFEATED WHEN:** Colorado is a perfect 10-0 when the team blocks at least two opposing shots. The Buffaloes are 1-2 this season when they block fewer than two shots.

**PASSING FOR POINTS:** The Buffaloes have recently used assists to create buckets more often than the Ducks. Colorado has an assist on 59 of 87 field goals (67.8 percent) over its past three matchups while Oregon has assists on 59 of 97 field goals (60.8 percent) during its past three games.

**DID YOU KNOW:** Colorado has made 7.8 3-pointers per game this season, which is second-best among Pac-12 teams. The Buffaloes have averaged 9.4 3-pointers per game over their last five games.

### Results

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**Prep Basketball**  
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 Cheraw 74, Sierra Grande 43 (B)

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 Cotopaxi 49, Centennial 41 (B)  
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 Centauri 71, Cedaredge 25 (B)  
 Alamosa 42, Delta 38 (G)  
 Alamosa 65, Delta 64 (B)

**Dec. 21**  
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 Centauri 62, Delta 48 (B)  
 Moffat-Mtn Valley 45, Antonito 29 (G)  
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**Prep Hockey**  
**Dec. 21**  
 Taos 8, San Luis Valley 3

### Sports Bulletin

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**Prep Wrestling**  
**Dec. 16**  
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**Dec. 19**  
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**Dec. 21**  
*Pete and Ina Gomez Invite*  
 10. Alamosa JV- 58, 11. Sierra Grande/Centennial- 57.5, 17. Del Norte - 37.5, 20 Mountain Valley-27, 21. Sargent-18, 24. Center- 12, 27. Centauri-3.

*Northern Colorado Christmas Tournament*  
 33. Centauri-59

*Warrior Classic*

4. Alamosa-154.5, 31. Monte Vista- 31

### Upcoming Events

**Adams State Basketball**  
**Jan. 3**  
 5:30/7:30 p.m. Chadron State at ASU (W/M)

**Jan. 4**  
 5:30/7:30 p.m. Metro State at ASU (W/M)

### Prep Basketball

**Jan. 3**  
 4:30 p.m. Antonito at South Park (B)

**Jan. 4**  
 2 p.m. Rocky Ford at Center (G/B)  
 2 p.m. Kim-Branson at Antonito (G)  
 5 p.m. Creede at Sangre de Cristo (G/B)  
 5:30/ 8 p.m. Centauri at Sanford (G/B)

### Prep Hockey

**Jan. 4**  
 12/ 3 p.m. Taos at San Luis Valley (DH)

### Adams State Wrestling

**Jan. 10**  
 All Day ASU at San Francisco State Tourny

### Prep Wrestling

**Jan. 4**  
 9 a.m. Alamosa at Pueblo South Tournament

*Schedules subject to change*

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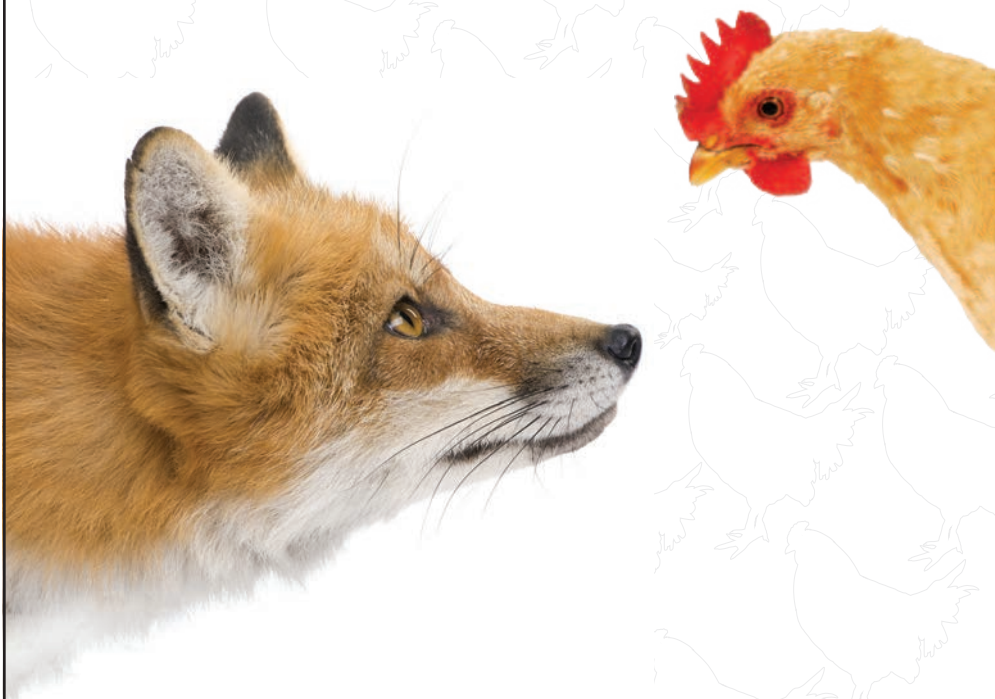
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# Comics

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Polar bear perch
  - 5 Diamond Head site
  - 9 Carp
  - 12 Verdi's princess
  - 13 Reynolds or Gosling
  - 14 Flow back
  - 15 Slue
  - 16 Radar spot
  - 17 Bakery item
  - 18 Vienna's locale
  - 20 Rubber tree sap
  - 22 Collide with
  - 23 Carry with difficulty
  - 24 Clad like a superhero
  - 27 Columbia's capital
  - 30 Turing or Ladd
  - 31 Beach top
  - 32 Conflict
  - 34 Dowel
  - 35 — -com
  - 36 Salmon variety
  - 37 Forgo
  - 40 Name for a cow
- DOWN**
- 1 Horse bean
  - 2 Place
  - 3 Works by Keats
  - 4 Made of clay
  - 5 Planet's course
  - 6 Jean Auel heroine
  - 7 "Bali —"
  - 8 Disconnect

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- 9 Hung on to
- 10 NYC theater award
- 11 Wild goat
- 19 Unburden
- 21 In the past
- 23 Pottin soil
- 24 Ford product
- 25 Succulent plant
- 26 Walks softly
- 27 Sometimes furrowed feature
- 28 Rarely seen bills
- 29 Pleased sighs
- 31 Steep, as tea
- 33 Trigger's rider
- 36 Cringed
- 38 Paramedic's skill
- 39 Bach contemporary
- 40 Thud
- 42 Pier
- 43 Cheerful tone
- 44 New Age singer
- 45 Made a hole in one
- 46 Viking quaff
- 47 Mrs. Charles
- 48 Very little
- 49 Fake butter
- 52 Novelist — Levin

## ALLEY OOP

YOUNG MAN: WE'RE FROM UNIVERSE 2 AND WE'RE IN A BIT OF A PICKLE. CAN YOU HELP US?  
 ALLEY OOP: I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO. LET ME TAKE YOU TO THE BIG ROOM.  
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 THIS ROOM ISN'T VERY BIG.  
 IT'S MUCH BIGGER THAN THE OLD ROOM! THAT ONE WAS TINY!  
 I DON'T THINK THESE WILL HELP US.  
 WE'LL TAKE SIX!

## ARLO & JANIS

ARLO: I WORE MY NEW PANTS TO WORK TODAY!  
 JANIS: WAIT! THERE'S SOMETHING OUT THERE...  
 IT'S ONE OF THOSE STICKY CELLOPHANE TAGS. "SIZE 10"  
 LIKE NO OTHER WOMAN COULD POSSIBLY GOESSE!

## BIG NATE

HOW DOES THE MONOPOLY GAME GO?  
 GOOD.  
 WHO'S WHO?  
 NATE'S THE TOP HAT, I'M THE RACE CAR...  
 ...AND BECAUSE MONOPOLY CAVED IN TO THE FELINE DEEP STATE, FRANCIS IS A CAT!  
 I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS A FELINE DEEP STATE.  
 THAT'S WHAT THEY WANT YOU TO THINK.  
 OH, BROTHER.

## THE BORN LOSER

SO BEGINS A NEW DAY...  
 THE SECOND DAY OF A NEW YEAR AND A NEW DECADE!  
 SO FAR, SO GOOD!

## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

YOU LOOK WONDERFUL! EL ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL!  
 I DO?  
 I GUESS YOU'RE TAKING PRENATAL CLASSES AND EVERYTHING.  
 NO - WE HAVEN'T GONE TO ANY CLASSES YET.  
 YOU HAVEN'T? BUT, ELLY, YOU SHOULD! SO MUCH HAS CHANGED SINCE YOU HAD ELIZABETH. THINGS ARE HAPPENING TO REVOLUTIONIZE THE WHOLE EXPERIENCE FOR US!!  
 YOU MEAN THEY'VE FOUND A WAY FOR MEN TO GIVE BIRTH?!

## FRANK & ERNEST

OUR MOST HUMAN-LIKE QUALITY IS THAT WE'RE COMPLETELY BAFLED BY THE NEXT GENERATION.

## GARFIELD

ODIE! COME AND PLAY!  
 DOGS...  
 THEY LOVE ATTENTION AT ANY PRICE.  
 BOOT!

## THE GRIZZWELLS

WARREN, DO YOU EVER MAKE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?  
 YOU BETCHA.  
 WELL, DID YOU FIND OUT?  
 I'M AMAZED HE EVER GETS ANY REST.

## PEANUTS

WHAT'S THIS, ANOTHER BILL FROM WOODSTOCK?  
 "THIS IS YOUR SECOND NOTICE... YOU OWE ME SIX DOLLARS FOR WHAT YOU BROKE AT MY NEW YEAR'S PARTY!"  
 "DON'T TRY TO GET OUT OF PAYING, BANANA NOSE!"  
 BANANA NOSE?

## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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## HERMAN

"This is a much bigger apartment than we're used to."

## After mediterranean honeymoon, man refuses to live with wife

DEAR ABBY: My heart is breaking for my friend who was married just a month and a half ago. She and her husband went on a two-week Mediterranean cruise for their honeymoon. They have not lived together since then. Her husband says he loves her, and I know she loves him, but he has no immediate plans to live with her! She's heartbroken and is planning an annulment. What advice do you have? -- THROWN IN MARYLAND

DEAR THROWN: I wish you had shared a few more details about their situation. I'm surprised your friend wasn't aware of her husband's feelings before she married him. However, as sympathetic as you are about her situation, my advice is to be there for her to lean on but refrain from giving her advice. She's going to have to figure this out for herself. Some couples do better if they live separately. But if what her husband has in mind was a surprise and is unacceptable to her, she is doing the right thing.

DEAR ABBY: I'm not sure if anyone else has this problem. My husband is constantly grabbing me, either my breasts or my crotch. It's day and night. We have been married almost 40 years, and I am sick of it.

If I say something, he says, "Oh, I bet the guys

you work with would love to be touching you!" Not once have my co-workers ever implied such a thing. I just don't understand! Any suggestions on how I can make him understand I hate this? -- GROPED OUT WEST

DEAR GROPED: Your husband may consider what he's doing as foreplay or regard you not as a person but his property. Touching someone in this manner without consent could be considered sexual abuse. His comment about your male co-workers may be a back-handed compliment, but why you are sick of hearing it is understandable.

If he doesn't understand after 40 years that you dislike what he's doing, it's because he doesn't want to, and your feelings are unimportant to him. A marriage counselor may be able to help you get through to him. If he won't go, go without him.

DEAR ABBY: I am 59 years old with a good job. I have a pleasant personality, and I have been told I am attractive. I would love to find someone who would be a very good friend or maybe even a love connection.

The problem is, I wear partials because some of my teeth are missing. I'm very attractive with them in, but I'm afraid if I tell a man I have them, he won't



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

regard me as attractive anymore. Should I withhold that information until further down the line? Please advise me because this is holding me back on trying to have a relationship. I don't want to remain lonely because of this. -- READY FOR SOMETHING IN D.C.

DEAR READY: You state that you have a good job. If all that's holding you back from finding a partner is embarrassment about your dentures, contact a dentist and ask if there are other options, such as implants, that might be a solution for you. If there are, it will give you the boost of confidence you are seeking. If not, keep in mind that if you are dating the right man in your age group or older, he shouldn't have as much a problem with your teeth as you fear.

# Lifestyle

## Restoring wildlife habitat in western Colorado starts with native seeds

**DOVE CREEK** — Good habitat is the key for maintaining wildlife populations.

So Colorado Parks and Wildlife is working in western Colorado to restore abandoned farmland and other areas back to a natural condition.

On a freezing November morning on the western edge of Colorado, Ryan Lane, a CPW wildlife technician, drove an open tractor back and forth across a 400-acre expanse of the Coalbed Canyon State Wildlife Area. The tractor pulled a specialized planter, known as a no-till drill that pushed seeds from 30 different native plants into the dry soil.

Late fall is a good time for planting these types of seeds with snow and rain usually reliable at this time of year getting the seed down ahead of moisture is ideal.

Since 2014, CPW has been working aggressively in several areas throughout western Colorado to plant native seeds on: old farmland, state wildlife areas, state trust lands and areas burned in fires.

Since 2015, the agency has planted on about 7,500 acres for restoration and on another 10,000 acres of areas burned in forest fires, explained Trevor Balzer, CPW's sagebrush and mountain-shrub habitat coordinator.

One of those areas is the 2,800-acre Coalbed Canyon State Wildlife Area in southwest Colorado. In the areas level enough to plant, the parcel produced beans and wheat for decades.

To accommodate agricultural crops, however, the land was stripped of sagebrush and other native plants that supported multiple species of wildlife, including the Gunnison Sage-grouse, mule deer, elk, multiple species of birds and small mammals.

Before CPW's ownership, the fields were abandoned and planted with a fast-growing non-native grass that does not provide much value to wildlife. So in 2016, CPW started the long restoration process.

The area was treated to kill the non-native grass and the planting process started. Planting in areas like Coalbed Canyon, however, can be frustrating because of dry weather conditions.

Seeds planted in the fall of 2015 and 2016 received adequate moisture, sprouted and became established. But extremely dry and hot weather followed the fall planting of 2017 and seeds did not do well in 2018. Consequently, those areas are being seeded again.

Wet conditions last spring were favorable for getting seeds to take hold, Balzer said.

CPW plants native seeds using the "no-till" method. The land is not plowed so the roots of the native existing grasses hold soil in place. New seeds are planted among the remaining vegetation.

A key to reclamation efforts is CPW's native seed warehouse in Delta that was completed in 2012. CPW and other agencies collect seeds of native plants, mostly on the Uncompahgre Plateau west of Montrose, and ship them to commercial growers in the northwest U.S. Those businesses specialize in native plant propagation and then harvest thousands of pounds of seed in amounts that cannot be collected in the wild. The seed is shipped to CPW's climate-controlled warehouse where it is stored and distributed as needed.

"With large amounts of seed available we can take on large-scale seeding projects," said Jim Garner, manager of the warehouse. "The warehouse allows us to provide locally adapted plant varieties to Western Slope land managers who are conducting habitat improvement projects."

A mixture of seed from the warehouse was dropped by airplane last spring over more than 5,000 acres of the Bull Draw fire area near Nucla.

That fire burned during the summer of 2018. An inspection of the area in the fall showed that native plants have started to grow.

Balzer explained that the availability of seeds of native forbs — broad-leafed flowering plants — and shrubs are especially important for reclamation efforts.

"Those weren't readily available on the market before we had the warehouse," he said. "They're critical because they provide diverse food sources for all wildlife in the area."

When these plants flower they attract a wide variety of insects which help to spread the plants over large areas of the landscape and restore broader habitat function."

The planting on the 400-acre plot at Coalbed Canyon has been difficult because of wet and cold weather that hit in mid-November.

That planting should be completed early in 2020 and plans are already in place to plant a 200-acre parcel next year.

Across the Western Slope, Balzer wants to stay the course of reclaiming about 1,500 acres per year. Even though that's a small amount of acreage in a vast landscape, biologists know that their work will impact areas far beyond the individual plots.

"Getting native plants established in these areas is not easy," Balzer said. "The process is slow and native shrubs take many years to mature. But revisiting a successfully restored site is extremely rewarding."

*CPW is an enterprise agency, relying primarily on license sales, state parks fees and registration fees to support its operations, including: 41 state parks and more than 350 wildlife areas covering approximately 900,000 acres, management of fishing and hunting, wildlife watching, camping, motorized and non-motorized trails, boating and outdoor education. CPW's work contributes approximately \$6 billion in total economic impact annually throughout Colorado.*

Report courtesy of Joe Lewandowski, CPW SW Region PIO



Colorado Parks and Wildlife technician Ryan Lane holds a mixture of 30 different native seeds used to replant former farm land to benefit wildlife.

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