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Martinez fixes 'em

Boot, shoe repair shop has stood the test of time

By HELEN SMITH Staff Writer

ALAMOSA—Don Martinez of Martinez Boot and Shoe Repair of Alamosa has kept alive what is becoming an almost lost art for over 30 years. His small shop has become a mainstay in the downtown area.

Along with fixing all manners of footwear, Martinez makes repairs to gloves, leather jackets, luggage and all varieties of other goods.

The Valley native learned the trade from his father, Emission.

"It was a matter of expediency," said Martinez.

He went on to describe how he would work for his father following school hours. Martinez later spent three years serving in the U.S. Armed forces.

Following time in the service, Martinez went on to acquire his equipment and opened a new shop out of his home. In time, he was able to relocate to the shops' current location on State Ave.

Martinez said that he enjoys his work and the fact that he gets to meet many different individuals.

"Every day is different; there's

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Don Martinez displays some of his work in his shop on State Ave. Courier photo by Helen Smith

Two MV councilors say goodbye

By REBECCA COPLEY Valley Publishing

MONTE VISTA — As Monte Vista City council begins a new year, it had to say goodbye to two council members at their last meeting.

Councilwomen Kathleen Ellithorpe and Kathy Lorenz have finished their terms serving the City of Monte Vista.

"As your term of service ends and you leave this council, we the City of Monte Vista staff wish you the very best," said City Clerk Unita Vance. "We want you to know that your commitment to the city has been greatly appreciated. It is through community leaders like you that the City of Monte Vista is able to provide service to the citizens and to help make a better community. You have each made many differences within the City of Monte Vista. Now you will start a new adventure and we want to wish you the very best."

The two councilors were presented with farewell gifts. Each of them received a keychain, which said, "Great leaders inspire greatness in others." All those at the meeting stood and applauded them.

Ellithorpe said, "I just want to say thank you to the rest of the council and the mayor and the folks at the city. It has been such an educational experience and so much fun. I feel very fortunate and blessed to be a part of this group. So thank you and continue forward."

Food packages available

DEL NORTE — The Commodity Supplemental Food Program works to improve the health of low-income persons at least 60 years of age by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA Foods.

Individuals must be at or below 130% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines to qualify.

Food packages include a variety of foods, such as nonfat dry milk, UHT 1% low fat milk, juice, farina, oats, ready-to-eat cereal, rice, pasta, peanut butter, dry beans, canned meat, poultry, or fish, and canned fruits and vegetables.

This food box is free to those who meet the income guidelines.

Costilla County Commodity Program will be in Del Norte on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at the Annex Building next to the Courthouse 6th Street, Del Norte from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Monte Vista at the Calvary Baptist Church, 2160 Sherman Ave. on Jan. 15 from 12:30-3:30pm.

Please bring a picture ID. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

"The sighting marks the first time in recent history CPW has received a report of multiple wolves traveling together."

— JT Romatzke CPW Northwest Regional Manager



Courtesy photo

Wolf pack leaves tracks

Hunters catch two canids on video

MOFFAT COUNTY—Colorado Parks and Wildlife officials said an eyewitness report of six large canids traveling together in the far northwest corner of the state last October, in conjunction with last week's discovery of a thoroughly scavenged elk carcass near Irish Canyon — a few miles from the location of the sighting — strongly suggests a pack of gray wolves may now be residing in Colorado.

According to the eyewitness, he and his hunting party observed the wolves near the Wyoming and Utah borders. One of the party caught two of the six animals on video.

"The sighting marks the first time in recent history CPW has received a report of multiple wolves traveling together," said CPW Northwest Regional Manager JT Romatzke. "In addition, in the days prior, the eyewitness says he heard distinct howls coming from different animals. In my opinion, this is a very

credible report."

After learning about the scavenged elk carcass, CPW initiated an investigation, which is still ongoing.

At the site, the officers observed several large canid tracks from multiple animals surrounding the carcass. According to CPW wildlife managers, the tracks are consistent with those made by wolves. In addition, the condition of the carcass is consistent with known wolf predation.

"The latest sightings add to other credible reports of wolf activity in Colorado over the past several years," said Romatzke. "In addition to tracks, howls, photos and videos, the presence of one wolf was confirmed by DNA testing a few years ago, and in a recent case, we have photos and continue to track a wolf with a collar from Wyoming's Snake River pack.

Romatzke said from the evidence, there is only one logical conclusion CPW officials can make.

"It is inevitable, based on known wolf behavior, that they would

travel here from states where their populations are well-established," he said. "We have no doubt that they are here, and the most recent sighting of what appears to be wolves traveling together in what can be best described as a pack is further evidence of the presence of wolves in Colorado."

Romatzke adds CPW will continue to operate under the agency's current management direction. "We will not take direct action and we want to remind the public that wolves are federally endangered species and fall under the jurisdiction of the US Fish and Wildlife Service. As wolves move into the state on their own, we will work with our federal partners to manage the species," he said.

The public is urged to contact CPW immediately if they see or hear wolves or find evidence of any wolf activity. The Wolf Sighting Form can be found on the CPW website.

For more information about wolves, visit the CPW website.

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OBITUARIES

Donald E. Henson, 82

ALAMOSA — Longtime Alamosa resident Donald (Don) Eugene Henson, 82, passed away on Dec. 18, 2019.

Don was born on Jan. 4, 1937 in Alamosa to Curtis Clyde and Frances (Schoenberger) Henson.

Don married Carolyn Faye McGinnis on Oct. 9, 1960 in Alamosa.

Don chose banking as a profession. He began his career in Alamosa as a teller at the Alamosa National Bank and worked his way into various positions, including loan officer. After moving to California, he worked in Riverside and Los Angeles as a loan officer and branch manager. He returned to the Valley and finished his career in Monte Vista. Don served his country as a reservist in the Army National Guard and in the United States Air Force. He was a 50-plus year member of the Alamosa Elks Lodge, BPOE 1297 and bartended there for a short time.

He had a passion for art that started at a very young age. He was most noted for his printing and calligraphy. He created signs, hand-made Christmas orna-



ments, and most recently built bird houses.

He is survived by his children, Jeff (Carrie) Henson, Curtis Henson, and Christopher Henson; his grandchildren, Cole, Cameron, Cailyn, Cristyn, Samantha and Shelby, as well as his sister, Patti Bates.

Don was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn; his parents, Curtis and Frances; and his siblings, Harold, Genevieve, Theresa, Dorothy, Virginia and Yvonne.

Marcella Estrella Chacon, 86

ALAMOSA — Alamosa resident Marcella Estrella Chacon, 86, went to her eternal rest on Jan. 4, 2020.

Marcella was born on Dec. 21, 1933 in Fort Garland, the daughter of Atilano Aguilar and Mary Hilda Martinez.

She was a member of the American Legion, W.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary and the Elks. Marcella enjoyed doing yard work, volunteering and being involved with her church and in the community helping with anything she could. She loved and cherished the time she was able to spend with her family and friends.

Survivors include her daughters, Marilyn Chacon of Alamosa, and Marie Chacon of Denver; son Abel (Angela) Chacon of Sanford; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, sisters, Eva Ruybal of Alamosa and Berlinda (Mike) Martinez of Albuquerque, N.M.; brothers, Adonice Aguilar, Orlando (Pauline) Aguilar, Tommy (Christina) Aguilar, all of Fort Garland. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews,



cousins and friends.

Marcella was preceded in death by her parents, Atilano and Mary Aguilar; husband, Abel Chacon Jr., three infant siblings, sisters, Jenny Martinez, Dorothy Mondragon and Vince Aguilar; and brothers Levi and Evan Aguilar.

Cremation was chosen and a Memorial Service will be held at a later date at the Presbyterian Church in Alamosa.

To leave online condolences, please visit romerofuneralhomes.com.

The care of arrangements have been trusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Lyle Joseph VenRooy, 66

DEL NORTE — Lyle Joseph VenRooy, age 66, died in his home in Del Norte on Sunday Jan. 5, 2020.

Lyle was born in Colby, Wisc. He served in the U.S. Army and spent most of his life as a bulldozer operator. He may be best known for cruising the San Luis Valley in his sparkly blue '56 Chevy, his love of Harley-Davidson motorcycles and his daily visits to the Del Norte cafe.

Lyle was preceded in death by his mother, Evelyn; and his father, Harold. He is survived by his



daughters, Laura and Michelle; son-in-law, Dylan Baker; grandson, Ryker; and ex-wife, Barbara; as well as siblings, nieces and nephews.

The family will hold private services and a celebration of life will be held 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020 at the Alamosa Elks Lodge.

BIRTHS

Avianna Noelle Lucero

ANTONITO — Avianna Noelle Lucero was born on Dec. 20, 2019 at San Luis Valley Health to Bobbi Abeyta and Anthony Lucero of Antonito.

She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 19 inches.

Avianna is welcomed home by siblings Attikus and Shaelyn. Maternal grandparents are Bobby Abeyta and Judy Garcia. Paternal grandparents are Dianna Scott and Jose Lucero. Great grandmother is Delma Abeyta.

SAN LUIS VALLEY FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 28°, humidity of 63%. South wind 2 to 7 mph.

Tonight: Expect mostly cloudy skies with an overnight low of 1°. Southwest wind 2 to 5 mph.

Tomorrow: Skies will be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow showers, high temperature of 26°, humidity of 57%. West southwest wind 2 to 8 mph.

SAN LUIS VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Sunny
Precip Chance: 5%	Precip Chance: 15%	Precip Chance: 10%	Precip Chance: 20%	Precip Chance: 0%
18 / -9	17 / -7	19 / 0	22 / -2	27 / 3

REGIONAL FORECAST MAP



ALAMOSA ALMANAC

Temperature

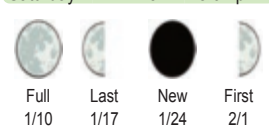
Yesterday's High	29
Yesterday's Low	-13
Avg. High / Low	34 / -2
Record High	57 in 1956
Record Low	-27 in 1971

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Today	7:18 a.m.	5:02 p.m.
Friday	7:18 a.m.	5:03 p.m.
Saturday	7:17 a.m.	5:04 p.m.

Precipitation

Yesterday's	0.00"
Month to Date	Trace
Avg. Month to Date	0.06"
Year to Date	Trace
Avg. Year to Date	0.06"



Temperature and precipitation valid through 5 p.m. yesterday

SNOWPACK INFORMATION

River Basin	Upper Rio Grande River Basin
Arkansas	119% of Normal
Colorado	107% of Normal
Gunnison	105% of Normal
North Platte	112% of Normal
Yampa	117% of Normal
Animas, Dolores, San Juan, San Miguel	117% of Normal
Cumbres Pass	112% of Normal
Medano Pass	212% of Normal
Rio Grande Res.	217% of Normal
Stunner Pass	n/a
Trinchera	133% of Normal
Weminuche Pass	n/a
Wolf Creek Pass	99% of Normal

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Tomorrow			Saturday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Antonito	30	4	mc	25	-7	mc	22	0	s
Cañon City	46	27	pc	35	19	mc	39	23	s
Center	25	4	mc	28	-8	mc	15	-2	pc
Creede	27	10	ss	21	-7	ss	19	0	pc
Del Norte	24	4	mc	23	-5	mc	14	-2	pc
Fort Garland	27	4	mc	23	0	ss	20	1	pc
Hooper	25	-2	mc	28	-12	mc	13	-3	pc
La Jara	30	2	mc	25	-12	mc	21	-7	s
La Veta	38	21	pc	27	14	ss	32	21	s
Moffat	25	2	mc	26	0	mc	15	-2	pc
Monte Vista	26	1	mc	24	-12	mc	13	-4	pc
Mosca	25	8	mc	28	1	ss	19	5	pc
Platoro	33	12	ss	34	4	ss	25	8	pc
Pueblo	49	23	pc	35	15	ss	40	22	s
Romeo	30	5	pc	24	-10	mc	21	0	s
Saguache	24	7	mc	27	-2	mc	14	3	pc
Salida	37	18	pc	31	12	mc	32	17	pc
San Luis	30	7	mc	23	0	ss	26	6	s
South Fork	27	4	ss	22	-7	ss	17	-2	pc
Walsenburg	43	23	pc	31	18	ss	36	21	s

Weather (Wx): bz-blizzard, cl-cloudy, fg-fog, mc-mostly cloudy, pc-partly cloudy, r-rain, rs-rain & snow, s-sunny, sh-showers, sn-snow, ss-snow showers, t-thunderstorms

SKI CONDITIONS

Valid at 6 a.m. yesterday	Lifts		
	New	Mid Mtn.	Open Surface
Crested Butte	0"	35"	13 PP/P
Durango Mtn.	0"	51"	5 PP/MM
Monarch	0"	45"	5 PP/MM
Telluride	0"	41"	17 PP/MM
Wolf Creek	0"	69"	9 PP/P

FORECAST DISCUSSION

Skies will be partly cloudy Friday night with an overnight low of -14°. South wind 2 to 5 mph. Saturday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 18°, humidity of 61%. South wind 3 to 6 mph. Saturday night, skies will be partly cloudy with an overnight low of -9°. Southwest wind 3 to 6 mph.

For latest weather updates: www.UpdatedWx.com/VC

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS

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

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

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

ALAMOSA —The Alamosa Kiwanis Club meets on the second, third and fourth Thursdays at noon at IHOP. Contact: Amanda Wilkinson, 719-589-2564 or email amanda@alamosas-tatebank.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 alamoasoptimist-club@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 mk-millermink@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 slyphotostephen@gmail.com

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

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

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

ALAMOSA — Open drop-

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALAMOSA — Alamosa Toastmasters meets on Mondays at noon at The Bridge in Alamosa at 3407 Carroll Street. Participants will find a supportive learn-by-doing environment that allows

them to achieve their goals at their own pace. Call (719) 588-5127.

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

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

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

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

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

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

School Menu - Thursday - Jan. 9, 2020

BREAKFAST
French Toast
Juice & Fruit

ELEMENTARY
Chicken Tacos
Spanish Rice
Black Beans
Vegetable Bar

SECONDARY
Domino's Pizza
Corn
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

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AA MEETINGS

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

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

Following are District 3 San Luis Valley AA 12-Step Meetings. The 6th Tradition states that we are not affiliated with any outside organizations, but in the spirit of cooperation, we list

these meeting schedules for friends and family. For information, call 719-937-5083.

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 Re-

source Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara.

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

AL-ANON 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)

Valley News

Ski Hi project awarded funding

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**
Valley Publishing

DEL NORTE — After several meetings in the last few weeks, the Friends of Ski Hi met with Rio Grande County Commissioners on the last day of the year and were finally awarded \$150,000 for the Ski Hi Recreational Facility project from the county's conservation trust fund.

According to previous reports, and a handout provided during the meeting, the Friends of Ski Hi are working with the City of Monte Vista and its residents to build a multi-use facility that can be used for a wide variety of purposes. The proposed project would include meeting space, conference space for events such as the annual Crane Festival and Ski Hi Stampede, as well as basketball and volleyball courts that would be open for public use.

In previous meetings, both Commissioner Susanne Bothell and John Noffsfer voiced concerns about the need for the project and whether or not it qualified for the conservation trust funds due to the fact that funds could only be used for recreationally based projects. Noffsfer continued to state those concerns during the meeting Dec. 31. Stating that though he felt uncertain about whether or not the project is eligible for conservation trust fund monies, one of his main concerns remained on how the Town of Monte Vista planned on affording the upkeep and maintenance of the building once it was completed.

"The issue we run into, as it stands, the project is so complex and intertwined that it is hard to distinguish what is conservation trust fund eligible and what is not," said Noffsfer. "I would be more comfortable supporting this project if, number one, we are not building a bridge to nowhere. And two, that there is a viable operating financial plan going forward. I am looking for reasons to say that this is a good viable project."

Noffsfer continued to speak to the attending Friends of Ski Hi stating that he would like to approve the funding for the project in the amount of \$150,000 but with the stipulation that the county would be reimbursed the funding should the grant applications be denied and also that there would be a committee of people that would ensure the building was maintained in the future.

Kathy Woods, the representative for the Friends of Ski Hi, said that they would be more than willing to involve the county in further decisions, make sure that the funding was reimbursed to the county should it not be used for grant matching funds and that a viable economic plan would be put in place by an overseeing committee to ensure the building was maintained in the future.

It was during that time in the meeting that commissioner Gene Glover made a motion to approve the letter of commitment from the county to the City of Monte Vista for the total \$150,000 request, which was seconded by Noffsfer and passed unanimously by the rest of the board.

URGED presents Shriver, Woods



Photo, report courtesy of Bonnie Asplin, Upper Rio Grande Economic Development

The Upper Rio Grande Economic Development monthly breakfast meeting will be held during the second Tuesday of January — at 7 a.m. on Jan. 14 at the Windsor Hotel in Del Norte. This month's program will be presented by Karla Shriver and Kathy Woods, from Friends of Ski Hi Park, about "The New Ski Hi Regional Event & Conference Center" Project. Shriver and Woods will give a PowerPoint presentation with an overview and update of the plan and momentum behind this exciting project. This may be the largest economic development project in Rio Grande County this year. Please join Shriver and Woods and their engaging presentation for breakfast.

It's all for veterans



Photo, report courtesy of Jack Rudder
Charlene Clark was the lucky winner of the Dickey-Springer Post of the American Legion's Veterans Quilt Raffle. Clark, an Alamosa resident, receives the quilt from American Legion Post 113 Commander Monte Collins at Friday night Bingo in December. The quilt was made and donated by Peg Collins, a nationally recognized quilter from Alamosa. The American Legion wishes to thank everyone who has supported the raffle and Friday Night Bingo as these funds help to provide programs for veterans. American Legion Post 113 is located at 514 E. 4th St, Alamosa.

Learn about ancestry at library

ALAMOSA— Local genealogists, Dora Gay Anderson and Martha Kelly, will conduct a free six-week genealogy class, "Beginning Genealogy Research," starting Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the Alamosa Public Library. Class starts at 5 p.m.

The class meets each Tuesday for six weeks. These are progressive classes so plan to start with the first class.

Bring names, dates of births, marriages, and deaths and the places where these events happened for one's parents and grandparents.

Electronic devices welcome, but not required. Individual help will be available.

This free course is open to the public interested in genealogy research.

Space is limited to eight students, so please call 589-6592 to reserve a seat.

Calling all senior artists

ALAMOSA— Alamosa Senior Center is looking for artists 50 years old and older to participate in its "Senior Art from the Heart" Art Show, to take place at San Luis Valley Health Regional Medical Center from February-April.

For more information, please contact Lynette Cotton at 719-589-3277 or by emailing senior.director@hotmail.com. Deadline for participation is Jan. 17.

Del Norte displays new facilities



2020 has arrived, and the Upper Rio Grande School District eagerly anticipates Thursday, January 9th when we finally welcome our students to the new Del Norte Elementary School and Del Norte Jr/Sr High School. The Del Norte Teachers and Staff will be working all week to make this move as seamless as possible for the students.

The community is invited on Thursday, January 16th to our Grand Opening / Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to be held at 2:30 PM in the new Tiger Fieldhouse with an opportunity to tour the entire K-12 facility. Stay and cheer on our Tigers at 4:00 PM as the High School Girls' Basketball Team hosts the Ignacio Bobcats followed by our High School Wrestling Dual with the Gunnison Cowboys. The Middle School Girls' Basketball team will also be playing in the new Fieldhouse at 4:30 PM. It is sure to be an exciting evening!



Veterans beware

HOMELAKE — The Colorado Veterans Community Living Center at Homelake will be destroying patient medical records for the discharged year 2013.

If anyone wishes to have his or her records be retained, please contact Medical Records at 719-852-5118 before Feb. 3.

Willow Creek Journal call for entry '20

MINERAL COUNTY — The Willow Creek Journal is a community centered annual anthology featuring prose, poetry, paintings, prints, and photography.

The Creede Arts Council will prioritize entries from writers and artists with a relationship to Creede and Mineral County.

However, good art and writing in a variety of genres and perspectives is welcome from anyone.

Entries must be submitted by March 15.

If anyone has any questions or needs assistance, please contact the Creede Arts Council at creedearts@outlook.com or visit its website at <https://creedeartscouncil.com>.

Repair

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no routine," he said.

Martinez said he appreciates the Alamosa community. "It may be small, but when times get tough, people come together," he said.

He has found the variety and challenges of his job to be rewarding.

Martinez plans to continue to work as long as possible. He hopes to pass the business on to his son, Joseph.

Free college tuition can be had

MV Rotary offering Dick Boyce Memorial Book Scholarship

MONTE VISTA—The Monte Vista Rotary Club is proud to announce that it will once again offer the Dick Boyce Memorial Book Scholarship to a qualifying high school senior from either Monte Vista or Sargent high schools.

It is also open to a Monte Vista Rotary members' child who is a graduating senior attending a high school elsewhere in the San Luis Valley. One scholarship is awarded annually. The application deadline is April 3.

"We strongly encourage all Monte Vista and Sargent high school seniors to apply for this scholarship opportunity," President

David Hinkley said. "We really want to have a strong slate of candidates to choose from."

This scholarship is designed to pay book fees for a 2020 graduating high school senior who will be attending either Adams State University or Trinidad Junior College on a full-time basis. More specifically, it will pay book fees for up to, and including, the sum of \$500 per year for four consecutive years.

It is eligible for Adams State University for four consecutive years or Trinidad Junior College for two years and then Adams State University for the subsequent two years if

the student transfers to Adams State University from Trinidad Junior College.

"I so encourage eligible students to apply for this scholarship," said Gracie Burkhardt, a 2019 recipient. "This scholarship has financially helped me so much with the purchase of my books, and it is not a difficult application to complete."

Dick Boyce was a very active rotarian from the Sargent area, and he believed in his local community and the education of its youth.

The Monte Vista Rotary is a civic club that has been in existence since 1920, serving the Monte Vista

community in many ways. It annually completes two highway clean-ups, a cemetery clean-up, and support financially many other community projects throughout the year.

The Ski Hi Stampede BBQ is its largest fundraiser.

For more detailed information, contact either the Monte Vista or Sargent high school councilors or one can also contact Monte Vista Rotary members David Hinkley at 719-852-3442, Diana Paulson T 719-850-2004, Linda Weyers at 719-852-3322 or Karla Shriver at 719-850-5808 or any other Monte Vista rotarian.

Small Print Show seeks Printmakers

CREEDE—The Creede Arts Council is looking for Printmakers from all areas to apply to its annual Small Print Show.

Artists from the U.S. and Canada are eligible to submit up to the original prints to exhibit and sell. The deadline is April 6.

For more information, visit the website <https://creedeartscouncil.com/national-small-prints-show> or email creedearts@outlook.com.

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Opinion

God bless America ...

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

The Comedy Store will billboard my name tonight as it is the 40th anniversary of my debut performance on The Tonight Show starring Johnny Carson. My sets always got off to a great start. I'd walk out onstage wearing a white suit and everybody thought they were getting free chicken.

The Las Vegas Consumer Electronics Show rolled out Samsung's fold-out phone and Apple's latest iPhone. It's a competition between engineers trying to build bigger and better idiot-proof smart phones and the Universe trying to build bigger and better idiots. So far, the Universe is winning.

The White House trumpeted the spending bill signed before Christmas that slaps restrictions on cigarettes to discourage you from smoking. Yet it's a way to relax in these nervous, warlike times.

President Trump has never used tobacco products, but he's expected any day now to light up a Camel.

President Trump will attend the LSU-Clemson title game starring top young quarterbacks Joe Burrow and Trevor Lawrence.

It'll be a meeting of America's greatest air attacks. LSU runs the spread offense, Clemson runs the spread option and Trump runs the spread 'em all over the pavement.

The Ayatollah Khoumeni announced Iran launched missiles into a U.S. Army base in Iraq and he claimed it killed many Americans.

No Americans were killed by the missiles in the Ayatollah's baroque little playlet. The attack was in revenge for the killing of the Archduke Ferdinand Soleimani.

President Trump warned Iran to expect the worst if they launched a retaliatory strike that kills a U.S. citizen. Angry rioters in Iran stampeded each other at Soleimani's funeral. Years from now, Democrats will remember President Trump's drone strike in 2020 that made Iran hate us since 1979.

The Iranian military kept its promise to strike back at U.S. forces in the Middle East on Tuesday when they fired a dozen missiles and cruise missiles into Western Iraq. I don't think they were trying to kill anyone with the missiles. They were just returning the merchandise they bought with Obama's money.

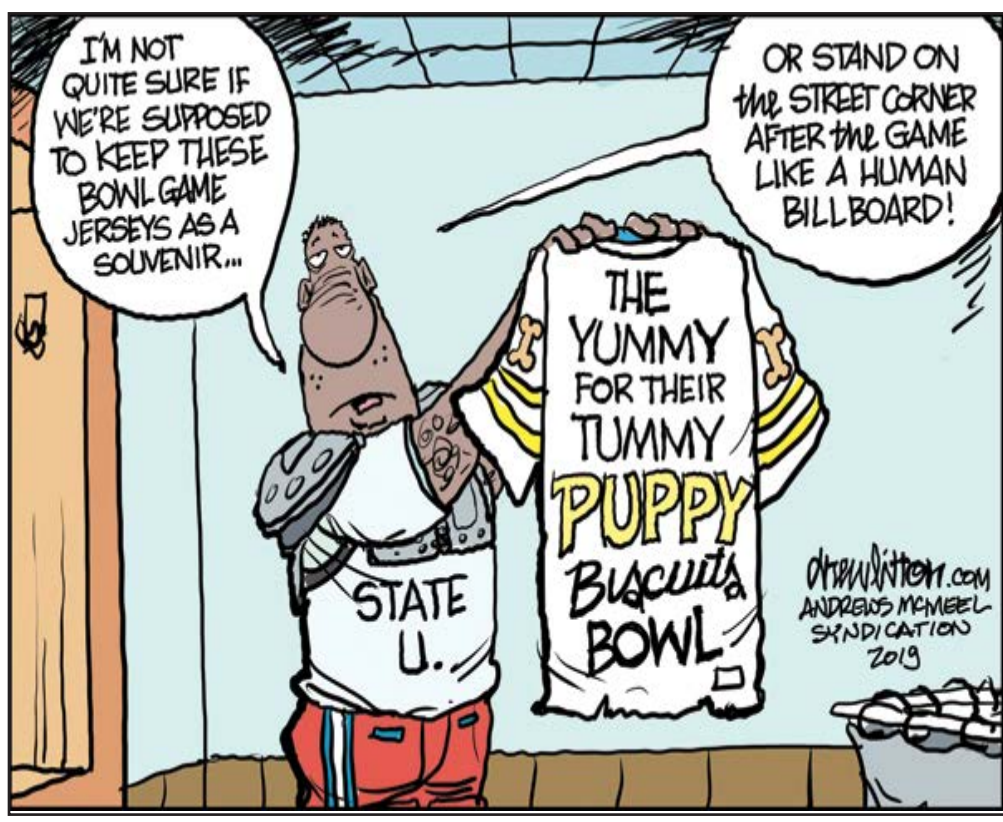
Iran's military launched a dozen missiles Tuesday that were aimed at a U.S. Army base in Iraq, but they all missed and killed no one.

It was in answer to a previous U.S. drone strike that hit the bull's-eye. Every day I thank God we kidnapped the German rocket scientists before anyone else could.

Iran's missile attack was announced



Argus Hamilton



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Amarah thanks contributors

The Mission Statement of Hope for Kids Like Me 501(c)3 is to identify and recognize children of addicted parents and provide education and support for the children and those parents.

We, the Board of Directors, for "Hope for Kids Like Me" would like to thank each and every one of you for the contributions you sent our way. This has provided warm coats, hats, food and Christmas for children in the San Luis Valley. And, the founder of the 501(c)3 Amarah says, "Thank you." Amarah spent many Christmas holidays cold, hungry and without even a warm plushy to snuggle. Her mother is an addict and Amarah is now cared for by her grandmother. This is the story of so many of our children who have been affected by parental drug abuse.

Meet each new person of addiction without judgement. It is difficult to overcome and remember, the children are innocent in all of this. Again, thanks for helping us to provide a small amount of comfort for the holiday season.

With applications received, plus multiple requests which straggled in at the last minute, we assisted approximately 40-50 children and families this Christmas season, 2019.

We received the following monetary donations to Amarah's 2019 Christmas Toy/Food/Warm Clothing Drive:

- ▶ \$400-South Fork New Hope Church
- ▶ \$100-Accent on Flowers
- ▶ \$200-SLVRMC
- ▶ \$50-Walmart

We received clothing and toy donations from:

Dr. Barbara Troy, Camille Dunn, Cheryl McCann and multiple anonymous donors.

Food donations: Joan and Marianne Buehler.

Christmas tree donations, complete with lights and decorations, from Mrs.

Rosalie Martinez.

Many Thanks to Mrs. Rosalie Martinez for allowing donations to be dropped off at ACE Hardware.

Thank every grandparent who has stepped in to care for these children. There are many, and resources are short. With your blessings we have helped them in a small way.

What are the goals of substance abuse for 2020? The following discussion is from the Health People 2020. To set a goal, know why it is important and to understand substance abuse in general. The federal government will be working on legislation for reform.

GOAL

Reduce substance abuse to protect the health, safety and quality of life for all, especially children.

In 2005, an estimated 22 million Americans struggled with a drug or alcohol problem. Almost 95% of people with substance use problems are considered unaware of their problem. Of those who recognize their problem, 273,000 have made an unsuccessful effort to obtain treatment. These estimates highlight the importance of increasing prevention efforts and improving access to treatment for substance abuse and co-occurring disorders.

Substance abuse has a major impact on individuals, families and communities. The effects of substance abuse are cumulative, significantly contributing to costly social, physical, mental and public health problems. These problems include: teenage pregnancy, human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS), other sexually transmitted diseases, domestic violence, child abuse, motor vehicle crashes, physical fights, crime, homicide and suicide.

Substance abuse refers to a set of related conditions associated with the consumption of mind- and behavior-altering substances that have negative behavioral and health outcomes. Social attitudes and political and legal responses to the consumption of alcohol and illicit drugs make substance abuse one of the most complex public health issues. In addition to the considerable health implica-

tions, substance abuse has been a flash point in the criminal justice system and a major focal point in discussions about social values: People argue over whether substance abuse is a disease with genetic and biological foundations or a matter of personal choice.

Improvements in brain-imaging technologies and the development of medications that assist in treatment have gradually shifted the research community's perspective on substance abuse. There is now a deeper understanding of substance abuse as a disorder that develops in adolescence and, for some individuals, will develop into a chronic illness that will require lifelong monitoring and care.

Improved evaluation of community-level prevention has enhanced researchers' understanding of environmental and social factors that contribute to the initiation and abuse of alcohol and illicit drugs, leading to a more sophisticated understanding of how to implement evidence-based strategies in specific social and cultural settings.

A stronger emphasis on evaluation has expanded evidence-based practices for drug and alcohol treatment. Improvements have focused on the development of better clinical interventions through research and increasing the skills and qualifications of treatment providers. — Barbara Troy, MD.

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Thank You, Dr. Troy!
Remember, Jesus loves you, and Jesus is Lord.

Amarah's Corner



'Kids Like Me'

YouTube can be a downer sometimes

Sometimes scanning YouTube can be a real downer.

Searching for a homemade liquid ice melter, I found a section on Alamosa.

Having drawn my first breath here and looking to be set to draw my last in the same place, I had and realize it was there because of the fair city's fame as one of the coldest spots in the continental United States, so I took enough time to watch some of the videos and found one declaring Alamosa one of the lowest of the low in terms of unemployment, violence and homelessness. A dangerous place.

YouTube has been my "go-to" place for information on everything from healing hangnails to obscure rock bands and I am well aware that there can be wrong information there, which is guided by the submitter's personal bias.

The pain was eased with a tourism film featuring Darius and one on the Great Sand Dunes, featuring Fred Longevity in Alamosa tells one who's who and what's up.

As I recoiled from the bad, went through the good and found an ice melter that didn't work, I began compiling a promotional video.

As I took notes, I realized the "bads" about Alamosa prevail everywhere in the state, though some are worse than others.

Be educated, be articulate, be reli-

able, be considered not good enough.

I am not a proponent of censorship, but I do believe the bad should be balanced with the good. It can't be hidden.

Speaking with a retired relative recently, I realized the videos are widely viewed.

People can watch them but never come here.

Everybody knows it's bad.

A relative who retired from the military claims to yearn for "home" but won't return.

When Alamosa blew the bottom out of the thermometer again, causing newscasters nationwide to "report" on it, said relative called to ask if we are OK.

People back east picture us huddling together in mukluks and anoraks. Those along the West Coast are too busy fighting wildfires to worry about our lows.

I, and many others, can attest to the fact that even the home water heater can freeze, letting water drip doesn't add enough to the water bill to make

it too expensive.

Replacing every pipe in a home isn't inexpensive.

One service Alamosa can offer is just that.

Everyone knows someone who can perform a service and find out how good or bad it is.

When we got our first TV, three channels were available—maybe four if the antenna was tall enough—all black and white and all unreliable.

They signed off at midnight with a "test pattern" and the national anthem.

Today, more than 300 are readily available and all in living color.

Depending on who's watching, they are still unreliable.

When all else fails, read the local newspaper, shop locally and stay tuned to see BS (CBS).

The dearth of televised local news is set to go away and it's guaranteed to keep us fired up enough to go vote.

Alamosa is good enough, and those who care can make it better.

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Lifestyle

Colorado Ski Country adheres to National Safety Month

DENVER — January is National Safety Month in Colorado Ski Country and at ski areas across the country. Guests visiting Colorado Ski Country USA member ski areas can find several safety-related programs across the state throughout the month.

Guest safety education is targeted towards all participants of the sport, no matter their experience level, from first-time visitors to seasoned guests. For the remainder of January, CSCUSA member resorts will host an array of events and demonstrations including ski patrol ski-alongs, avalanche safety training including avalanche dogs, helmet safety giveaways and more. Guests are encouraged to ask ski area employees for help and assistance if they have safety-related or other questions during their visit in January or at any time during the season.

COLORADO SKI COUNTRY USA

Colorado Ski Country has produced a new video series focused on chairlift safety for the 2019-20 season. The animated videos feature animals that guests might see at a ski area or in the mountains, including Penny the Safety Penguin. The videos are geared towards the general public and skiing and riding families and provide guidance and tips for children and adults on how to load, ride and unload a chairlift safely. All videos and photos of Penny and the chairlift safety animals can be found here: <http://bit.ly/ChairliftSafetyVideos>

Additional ski safety and chairlift safety information, including all tips for loading, riding and unloading a chairlift can be found at www.coloradoski.com/

safety. National Safety Month is also a good time for all skiers and riders to refresh their knowledge of the Your Responsibility Code when preparing to and visiting the slopes.

RESPONSIBILITY CODE

Always stay in control and be able to stop or avoid other people or objects.

People ahead of you have the right of way. It is your responsibility to avoid them.

You must not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.

Whenever starting downhill or merging into a trail, look uphill and yield to others.

Always use devices to help prevent runaway equipment.

Observe all posted signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.

Prior to using any lift, you must have the knowledge and ability to load, ride and unload safely.

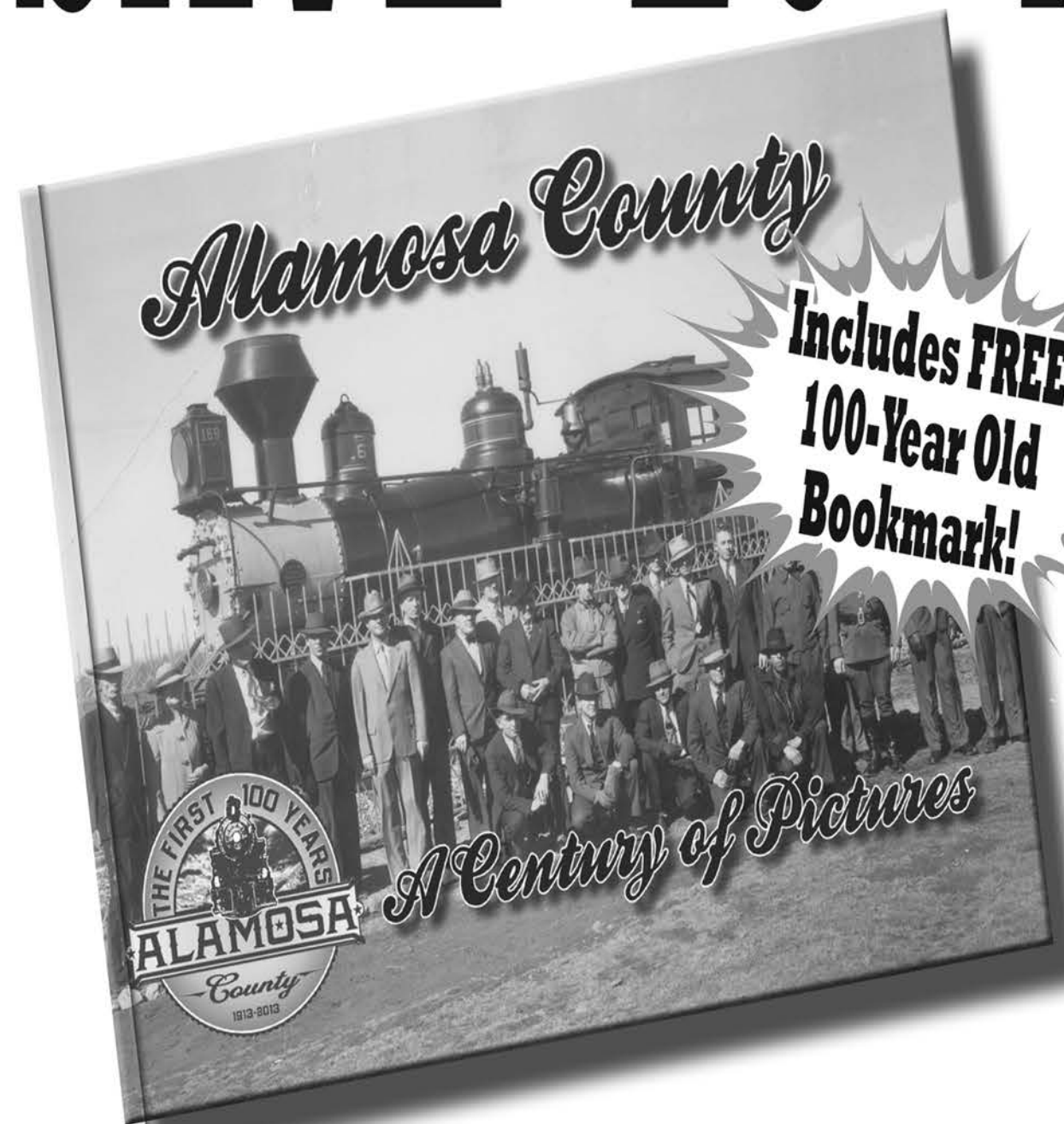
WOLF CREEK SKI AREA

Safety Poster Contest
Wolf Creek will continue its Avalanche Hazard Reduction Program by conducting avalanche drills that are open to the public. Wolf Creek will also hold its annual poster contest where students of all ages can submit a poster reflecting one of the aspects of the Your Responsibility Code. First- through third-place winners will be awarded with prizes. Posters will be displayed in the Base Camp Building where the illustrations will be voted on by Wolf Creek staff and guests.

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Sports

Penguins XC and Track Club at USATA

Another All-American in the record books for the Penguins

MADISON, Wis. — On a cold and moist day in Madison, Wisconsin, the Penguin XC and Track Club sent a contingency of 9 competitors to the Yahara Hills Golf Course. There they would compete with nearly 3,000 other young runners, from all over the United States, for the USATF National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships. The stage was set and the first race to see a Penguin compete was the 9 a.m. race, the girls 8 and under division.

While the saying goes, you save the best for last, this was not the case for the Penguin XC and Track team on this day. First up in the girls 8 and under and running the distance of 2 kilometers, was the individual competitor from Alamosa, 8-year-old Shae



Romero. When the gun went off Shae started in the front of the pack and ran as fast as her lungs and legs were trained to do. She maintained around the top 20 a majority of the race and was in prime shape to stay in that all

so coveted top 25 for All-American status. Shae ran a courageous race and when she crossed the line she was 22nd out of 157 runners. Most importantly, Shae became an All-American which is a tremendous feat. She is the second Penguin Cross Country runner in the past two years to accomplish this feat.

Next up was the boys 8 and under race, also a 2k. The Penguins had their solo male qualifier in Caden Graber. Out of 190 runners, Caden fought his way to 78th place, an outstanding job in a star-studded field. Next up was the girls 9-10 year old division, which is a distance of 3 kilometers. Another individual Penguin competitor that qualified was Angelina Molina. Angie is a returning All-American from last year's nationals held in Reno. She was now in a division that was new to her racing a little further with many more runners. Out of 241 runners, Angie made a super effort to try and crack the top 25 but came up short finishing in a personal best time at 12:21 good

enough for 31st place.

The 11-12 girls division was the next race that had the only team qualify for the Penguins this year at nationals. Five young ladies consisting of Araceli Molina, Vanessa Villalva, Victoria Gifford, Jayden Wubben, and Bailey Graber. The team ended up finish 14th out of 21 teams and as individuals they finished as follows: Araceli 46th, Vanessa 127th, Victoria 186th place, Jayden 187th and Bailey 236th place out of 317 runners.

Finally, the last competitor for the day was Elizabeth McQuitty in the girls 4-kilometer race. As the wind started to pick up and the wind chill brought the temperatures down, the girls 4k proved to be a barn-burner of a race. Elizabeth finished in 69th place with a time of 15:30 out of 316 girls. Elizabeth ran a personal best for this distance by 30 seconds. Another great season for the Penguin XC and Track Club, a great job to all the runners for a season well done.

Can Clemson's versatile defenders flummox LSU and Burrow?

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP Writer

LSU cornerback Derek Stingley Jr. (24) celebrates after his second interception versus Georgia during the Southeastern Conference championship at Mercedes-Benz Stadium on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 in Atlanta. (C.B. Schmelzer/Chattanooga Times Free Press via AP)

Top-ranked LSU and Heisman Trophy winner Joe Burrow head into the national championship game peaking, matching their record-setting offense with a healthy and improving defense.

Clemson has not lost since sophomore quarterback Trevor Lawrence joined the team in 2018. The third-ranked Tigers are looking for their third national title in four seasons and second straight.

With the help of Texas A&M's Jimbo Fisher, the only coach to face both Clemson and LSU, and Pro Football Focus college analyst Cam Mellor, the matchups that could make the difference Monday night in New Orleans:

WHEN LSU HAS THE BALL

What can Clemson defensive coordinator Brent Venables cook up to stop LSU's hyper-aggressive passing game that often attacks with five receivers?

Clemson is playing a 3-3-5 defensive alignment and using lots of eight-man coverage. Lacking dominant defensive lineman, Venables has needed to be creative to pressure the quarterback.

"Brent's going to blitz," Fisher said. "But LSU has been good at either picking it up or Burrow identifying it and getting the ball out quickly. Or he can scramble away from it and keep his eyes down field. He is so patient."

The stars of Clemson's defense are versatile back-seven players such as All-America linebacker Isaiah Simmons and strong safety Klavon



Photo courtesy of Joshua L. Jones/Athens Banner-Herald

LSU cornerback Kristian Fulton, right, breaks up a pass intended for Georgia wide receiver George Pickens during the second half of an NCAA college football game for the Southeastern Conference championship, Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019, in Atlanta.

Wallace, both of whom can play multiple positions, and free safety Tanner Muse.

Mellor said Burrow was the top-graded quarterback in the country this season when facing pressure.

"Pressure doesn't matter in this game as much as allowing Simmons and Muse to roam the back end freely," Mellor said.

LSU has five players who can consistently win one-on-one matchups in the passing game in wide receivers Ja'Marr Chase, Justin Jefferson and Terrace Marshall Jr., tight end Thaddeus Moss and running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire. All have more than 40 catches, allowing Burrow to feast on a defense's weak links.

"They move those guys inside and force your linebackers and safeties to cover," Fisher said.

In the semifinal against Oklahoma, Chase, an All-American, was locked down by the Sooners. No big deal:

Justin Jefferson caught 14 passes and scored four touchdowns, mostly working from the slot.

Burrow's raw numbers are eye-popping (55 touchdown passes and 5,208 yards). Go deeper and it gets even more impressive. He rarely forces throws into tight coverage, but when he does he completes those passes at a higher rate than any quarterback in the country, Mellor said.

"There isn't really much you can do to stop them," he said.

WHEN CLEMSON HAS THE BALL

Over his last seven games, Lawrence has been the highest-graded quarterback in college football by Pro Football Focus.

As prolific as LSU has been offensively, Clemson has the weapons to keep pace, with two-time Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year Travis Etienne at running back and wide receivers Tee Higgins, Justyn

Ross (both 6-foot-4) and Amari Rodgers.

Higgins has been dominant, averaging 19.9 yards per catch with 13 touchdowns. Ross has been good, but not quite the breakout star he was during last season's playoff.

LSU has its own \$2 million per year defensive coordinator in Dave Aranda, who will try to frustrate Lawrence with a plan built around two of the best cornerbacks in the country: Kristian Fulton is a possible first-round NFL draft pick while freshman Derek Stingley Jr., an All-American, was PFF's highest-graded cornerback.

Safety Grant Delpit also grades well in coverage, but his tackling has been spotty. That has improved of late after a high ankle sprain healed.

"Avoiding those three (in coverage) is the biggest win for Clemson," Mellor said.

The LSU defensive line is huge, with three 300-pounders usually on the field at once.

"Against that 3-4, it's hard to get a push inside," said Fisher, who expects Clemson to run outside the tackles.

Etienne is maybe the toughest back in the country to take down so getting him out in space is the way to go. Mellor said the junior set a PFF record by forcing missed tackles on 45% of his carries. The previous best was 33% last year by Iowa State's David Montgomery.

Could it be another busy day on the ground for Lawrence? The quarterback set career highs with 16 carries and 107 yards against Ohio State. He completed a season-low 54.5 percent against the Buckeyes, but was 3 for 3 on a late 94-yard, go-ahead touchdown drive.

"People get hung up on stats, but it's about making plays when you really need them and both of these quarterbacks can do that," Fisher said. "They both have the 'it' factor."

RUSSO'S PICK: LSU 35-27.

Results

Adams State Basketball	
Jan. 3	Adams State 73, Chadron State 58 (W) Adams State 81, Chadron State 79 (M)
Jan. 4	Metro State 66, Adams State 58 (W) Adams State 91, Metro State 73 (M)
Prep Basketball	
Jan. 4	Rocky Ford 48, Center 27 (G) Center 53, Rocky Ford 45 (B) Sangre de Cristo 76, Creede 15 (G) Sangre de Cristo 79, Creede 31 (B) Centauri 47, Sanford 43 (G) OT Centauri 47, Sanford 34 (B)
Jan. 7	Pueblo Central 57, Monte Vista 38 (B)
Prep Wrestling	
Jan. 4	Colt "Bobby Hawk" Classic 12. Alamosa 55.5

Upcoming Events

Adams State Basketball	
Jan. 10	6/8 p.m. ASU at Colorado School of Mines (W/M)
Jan. 11	5:30/7:30 p.m. ASU at UC-CS (W/M)
Prep Basketball	
Jan. 10	2:30 p.m. Center at Mancos (G/B) 3/4:30 p.m. Sanford at Ellicot (G/B) 5 p.m. Sangre de Cristo at Rocky Ford (G/B)

Sports Bulletin

Jan. 11	4 p.m. Alamosa Duals TBA Centauri at Pagosa Springs
9 a.m. Alamosa Invitational	
Cowboy Invitational	Center, Del Norte, Sierra Grande-Centennial at Gunnison
	<i>Schedules subject to change</i>
ALAMOSA	5 p.m. Dolores Huerta at Creede (G/B) 7 p.m. Alamosa at Kent Denver (B) TBA Antonito at Escalante (B)
Jan. 11	1 p.m. Creede at Crested Butte (G/B) 2 p.m. Sargent at Center (G/B) 4 p.m. Antonito at Questa (B) 4 p.m. Alamosa at Pinnacle (B) 5 p.m. Sierra Grande at Primero (B) 5:30 p.m. Alamosa at Ignacio (G)
	5:30/7 p.m. Del Norte at Sangre de Cristo (G/B) 5:30/7 p.m. Sanford at Pagosa Springs (G/B) 5:30/7 p.m. Monte Vista at Kent Denver (G/B)
Prep Hockey	
Jan. 17	6:40 p.m. SLV at Taos
Jan. 18	8:40 a.m. SLV at Taos
Adams State Swimming	
Jan. 17	Colorado Classic ASU at Colorado College (W/M)
Adams State Wrestling	
Jan. 10	All Day ASU at San Francisco State Tourney
Jan. 16	6 p.m. Western Colorado at ASU
Prep Wrestling	
Jan. 9	7 p.m. Alamosa at Centauri
Jan. 10	

AHS Basketball Reunion

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

ASU Volleyball open tryouts

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

Lifestyle

MV bars sale of tobacco to people under 21

MONTE VISTA — At the last meeting of Monte Vista City council a change was made to the city's code by approving ordinance 900 adopting a new Article 9 of Chapter 4 of the Monte Vista code concerning tobacco retailer licensing.

The new code raised the age limit that someone can purchase nicotine and vaping products, including pens from 18 to 21. The new ordinance is in compliance with the new federal law that took effect on Jan. 1, raising the age to 21 nationwide.

Monte Vista City council had been working on this ordinance before the federal law was passed. Monte Vista City Clerk Unita Vance said that the city put together the ordinance after a council meeting on Nov. 7. At that meeting Rio Grande Public Health Nurse Paul Wertz and three youth representing Rio Grande Prevention Partners youth group brought the issue before city council asking for the age to be raised. "There are several other communities in the state of Colorado that have done this and now that the federal law has taken effect we feel that this is a nail in the coffin to help protect our youth," Vance said.

Wertz was present and said, "I believe the ordinance here is stating any nicotine containing product, really. The definition of tobacco product here it says: 'Anything consumed whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, ingested, or by any other means not limited to cigarettes, tobacco pipe, tobacco chewing, or tobacco snuff.' Tobacco product means any electronic smoking device, tobacco paraphernalia or any component or part used in the consumption of any tobacco product including the filters, papers, and liquids in the smoking devices."

Percussion seminar coming this summer

ASU will host an internationally-renown percussion seminar this summer

ALAMOSA — The North America Ted Atkatz Percussion Seminar is scheduled for June 21 through June 28 on the Adams State University campus.

TAPS is a week-long workshop dedicated to bringing modern, innovative, and cutting-edge knowledge to percussionists across disciplines.

From orchestral excerpts to drumset, marimba, world percussion, ensemble performance and much more, TAPS covers a wide range of topics and essential skills invaluable to the contemporary music

scene.

The seminar's faculty are highly experienced and nationally recognized percussionists, including Ted Atkatz, Tim Jones, James Doyle, Adams State associate professor of music; Parker Lee, and Shaun Tilburg.

Participants work closely with faculty in a friendly and collaborative environment through a variety of hands-on workshops, masterclasses, private lessons, ensemble rehearsals and mock auditions. The seminar faculty encourage an upbeat communal expe-

rience, and participants will additionally have the opportunity to join in a variety of extracurricular activities and social hangouts.

Each seminar culminates in an ensemble performance hosted by students and faculty and is comprised of pieces rehearsed throughout the week. Additionally, all participants are invited to compete in a mock audition for cash prizes, instruments and equipment provided by generous sponsors.

For more information and to register, visit tedatkatzpercussionseminar.com.



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Lifestyle

Christmas count for the birds —and humans

By REBECCA COPLEY

Valley Publishing
SAN LUIS VALLEY
—The Great Sand Dunes National Park hosted their 27th Christmas Bird Count on Dec. 21.

Nine volunteers came out to participate in the fascinating event. The participants spent 26 hours in the field searching the skies and trees for birds. The final count was 451 individual birds counted, and 34 species observed.

Some of the most interesting species they spotted were a Prairie Merlin, Northern Harrier, Great Horned Owl, American Goldfinch, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Wild Turkey and Western Scrub Jay. The event was sponsored locally by the Friends of the Dunes, and the non-profit provided beverages and snacks to keep the birders fueled as they looked for birds in the cold December weather.

The Christmas Bird Count is a nationwide event that takes place in late December in communities all over North America. Every year tens of thousands of dedicated volunteers throughout the country brave winter weather as they collect data.

The annual bird count started over a century ago when 27 conservationists in 25 localities got together to make history. The group offered the count as an alternative to the “side hunt,” which was a Christmas Day activity where teams competed to see who could shoot the most birds and small mam-

mals. On Christmas Day in 1900 the first Christmas Bird Count was born as these small groups of conservationists went out and identified, counted, and recorded all the birds they saw instead of shooting them. This founded what is now considered to be the world’s most significant citizen-based conservation effort, and the more than century-old institution of the CBC. Today the CBC is still central in monitoring the status of resident and migratory birds throughout the Western Hemisphere. All of the data collected is 100% volunteer generated and has become a vital part of the U.S. Government’s natural history monitoring database.

The Great Sand Dunes National Park has been hosting their CBC event in December every year since 1992. Each year they welcome birders and nature lovers in the San Luis Valley to come join them as they contribute and participate in the nation’s longest-running community science bird project.

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Courtesy Photo

Picoides villosus, aka Hairy Woodpecker, was just one of 34 species observed during the Great Sand Dunes National Park Christmas bird count.

Wild birds can use help during winter

Harsh winter storms and a scarcity of food can make it challenging for birds to thrive throughout the winter.

Some birds will puff up to retain heat; others will seek shelter in dense foliage or cavities to avoid the elements. Many birds will huddle together to share warmth. Another way of keeping warm is building up fat as an insulator and energy source. The Audubon Society says more than 10% of some birds’ winter body weight may be fat. That can be challenging to maintain when common sources of food, such as insects and berries, disappear as winter wears on. This is when some human intervention can prove handy, advise ornithologists.

► Have a supply of food, bird feeders, houses, and any other bird-related gear at the ready before the storms really rev up.

► Invest in nutritious food, such as black oil sunflower seeds or blends that are high in black oil sunflower seeds. You also can make available more foods that are high in fat, such as suet, peanut butter or even whole peanuts.

► Choose feeders that will keep seed dry; otherwise, it will be prone to bacterial and fungal growth.

► Don’t discard fallen leaves or any downed twigs or pruned boughs from trees. This will give birds material for creating shelter or hiding away when the weather gets especially brutal. TF19C540

Division of Securities sees threats on horizon

DENVER — The Division of Securities, part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), announced the top five investment products or schemes likely to trap Colorado’s investors in the new year and recommended steps they can take to protect themselves from investment fraud.

The list was developed by surveying members of the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA), of which the Division is a member, to identify threats investors are likely to see in 2020.

The following were most frequently identified by NASAA members as the top five areas of concern for the coming year: **Promissory Notes, Ponzi Schemes, Real Estate-related Investments, Cryptocurrency-related Investment Products and Social Media/Internet-based Investment Schemes.**

“It is important for investors to understand what they are investing in and who they are investing with. Don’t fall for promises of guaranteed high returns with little to no risk or deals pitched with a false sense of urgency or limited availability,” said Acting Securities Commissioner David Cheval. “As you begin the new year, make a resolution to protect your money from fraudulent investments and those who may be trying to fleece you.”

Investment offers that sound “too good to be true” often share similar characteristics. The most common telltale sign of an investment scam is an offer of guaranteed high returns with no risk. All investments carry the

risk that some, or all, of the invested funds could be lost. It’s best to remember if it sounds too good to be true, it usually is.

Many of the threats facing investors involve private offerings, which are exempt from federal securities registration requirements and are not sold through public stock exchanges. Unregistered private offerings generally are high-risk investments and don’t have the same investor protection requirements as investments sold through public markets.

Investors should always ask if the salesperson and the investment itself are properly licensed or registered. This information can be confirmed by the Division of Securities. Working with a properly licensed investment professional affords investors certain legal protections. For the same reasons you wouldn’t go to an unlicensed doctor or dentist, you should avoid unregistered investment salespeople and their products. Anyone offering to sell a security without a license is breaking the law and should be avoided.

Information about each of the 2020 investor threats and contact information for all state and provincial securities regulators can be found on NASAA’s website at www.nasaa.org. The Division of Securities also offers a wide range of free investor education materials and can help investors research the background of those selling or advising the purchase of an investment. The division can be reached at 303-894-2320 or through its website at www.dora.colorado.gov/dos.

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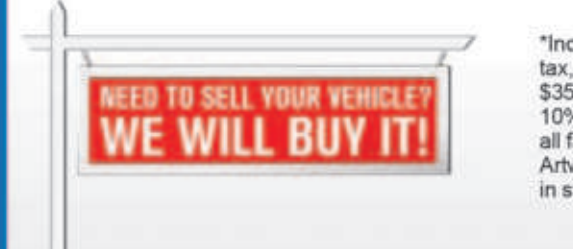
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COURT USE ONLY
 Petitioner: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO IN THE INTEREST OF: A. M., I.C. and J.C., CHILDREN AND CONCERNING:
 Respondents: Kayla Hobbs, Joshua Carpenter and Esperanza Martinez
 Case Number: 2019JV84
 Div.: Ctrm:
ALIAS SUMMONS
 TO: THE PARENTS, GUARDIANS, LEGAL CUSTODIANS, OR OTHER RESPONDENTS ABOVE NAMED, GREETINGS:
 You are hereby notified that a Verified Petition for Adjudication of Dependency and Neglect of the above-named child/ren has been filed in the above-named Court in which it is represented to the Court that the child/ren, A. M., I.C. and J.C., is/are dependent or neglected for the reasons set forth more fully in said Petition, the original of which is on file in the above Court and copies of which will be made available to you upon request during normal business hours at the office of the Clerk of the District Court in Alamosa County.
 You are further notified that TERMINATION OF THE PARENT-CHILD LEGAL RELATIONSHIP IS A POSSIBLE REMEDY AVAILABLE IF THIS PETITION ALLEGING THAT THE CHILD/REN IS/ARE DEPENDENT OR NEGLECTED IS SUSTAINED. A SEPARATE HEARING MUST BE HELD BEFORE SUCH TERMINATION IS ORDERED. TERMINATION OF THE PARENT-CHILD LEGAL RELATIONSHIP MEANS THAT THE CHILD/REN WHO IS/ARE SUBJECT TO THIS PETITION WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION.
 You are further notified that the Court has set said Petition for hearing on the 9th day of January, 2020, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., in the Alamosa District Court, in Alamosa, Colorado.
 Pursuant to Rule 4.1 of the Colorado Rules of Juvenile Procedure, a responsive pleading is not required, although you may file one, if you so desire, nor is it necessary for you to deny any allegations of the Petition, except jurisdictional matters of age and residence of the child/ren which shall be deemed admitted unless specifically denied. You are further informed that if you choose to appear at the hearing at the time and place hereinabove stated, you shall be fully advised by the Court of your constitutional and legal rights pursuant to C.R.S. 19-3-202, as amended. You may demand a trial by jury of not more than six. Unless a jury is demanded, it shall be deemed to be waived. You have the right to be represented by counsel at every stage of the proceedings. If you request representation by an attorney and you are found to be without financial means to afford an attorney, an attorney will be appointed for you by the Court.
 You are further advised that, if the court finds that the allegations in the Petition are supported by the necessary standards of proof, the Court shall hold a dispositional hearing, but that in a proper case, providing prior notice thereof is given to you, and, you are now so advised, the dispositional hearing may be had co-extensively with the adjudicatory hearing.
 If you fail to enter your appearance, or if you fail to deny jurisdictional matters, if any, as permitted by law, the above matter, and any other related matters that may come before the Court will be decided without further notice to you.
 Furthermore, you have the following additional rights:
 1) The right to subpoena witnesses;
 2) The right to know the nature of the allegations contained in the Petition;
 3) Any admission on your part must be voluntary;
 4) If you admit the allegations of the Petition, the Court is not bound by any promises or representations made by anyone about the dispositional alternatives by the Court;
 5) The Court may appoint an attorney as a Guardian ad Litem to represent the interest of the child/ren.
 6) The right to present evidence;
 7) The right to cross examine witnesses;
 8) The right to appeal;
 9) In order for the Court to find the child/ren to be neglected or dependent, it must be proven to a judge or jury by the preponderance of evidence;
 10) In order to terminate the parent-child legal relationship, the Court would have to find at a separate hearing by clear and convincing evidence either of the following:
 a) That the child/ren has/have been adjudicated dependent and neglected and has/have been abandoned by his/her/their parent or parents.
 b) That the child/ren is/are adjudicated dependent or neglected, and the Court has found by clear and convincing evidence that no appropriate treatment plan can be devised to address the unfitness of the parent or parents.
 c) That the child/ren is/are adjudicated dependent or neglected and all of the following exist:
 (I) That an appropriate treatment plan approved by the Court has not been reasonably complied with by the parent or parents or has not been successful;
 (II) That the parent is unfit;
 (III) That the conduct or condition of the parent or parents is unlikely to change within a reasonable amount of time;
 WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this ____ day of _____, 2020.
JENNIFER PACHECO
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 By: _____
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 Div.: Ctrm:
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 You are further notified that the Court has set said Petition for hearing on the 16th day of January, 2020, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Alamosa District Court, in Alamosa, Colorado.
 Pursuant to Rule 4.1 of the Colorado Rules of Juvenile Procedure, a responsive pleading is not required, although you may file one, if you so desire, nor is it necessary for you to deny any allegations of the Petition, except jurisdictional matters of age and residence of the child/ren which shall be deemed admitted unless specifically denied. You are further informed that if you choose to appear at the hearing at the time and place hereinabove stated, you shall be fully advised by the Court of your constitutional and legal rights pursuant to C.R.S. 19-3-202, as amended. You may demand a trial by jury of not more than six. Unless a jury is demanded, it shall be deemed to be waived. You have the right to be represented by counsel at every stage of the proceedings. If you request representation by an attorney and you are found to be without financial means to afford an attorney, an attorney will be appointed for you by the Court.
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 WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this ____ day of _____, 2020.
JENNIFER PACHECO
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 By: _____
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221 HELP WANTED

THE ALAMOSA COUNTY Commissioners have announced a "Notice of Vacancy" and accepting applications for a board member position on the Local Marketing District Board through the Alamosa Convention & Visitors Bureau. The Alamosa Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) is funded through the Alamosa Lodging Tax and the Alamosa Local Marketing District tax collections. The CVB team of professional staff serve at the direction of the Alamosa Tourism Development Board and the Local Marketing District Board. The members of these boards are appointed by the Alamosa County Commissioners and include the very best community leaders who have a firsthand knowledge of tourism and economic development. The board meets on the second Thursday of every month unless otherwise posted. Meeting agendas are posted at The Depot, 610 State Avenue, Alamosa. It is the goal of the Local Marketing District to bring visitors to Alamosa County while providing them with the best attractions, events, and services possible. Expectations of a board member is to attend the meetings and actively engage in the direction and budget of the Local Marketing District. This is an unpaid board position and you must be a resident of Alamosa County to apply. Those interested in applying for the Board must fill out an application. It may be found at www.alamosacounty.org. Applications must be received by January 16, 2020. Send your information to Belina Ramirez, Executive Assistant, 8900-A Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101 or to bramirez@alamosacounty.org. If you have questions regarding the Local Marketing District Board please contact Kale Mortensen, Executive Director at director@alamosa.org. (01/11)

221 HELP WANTED

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

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)

221 HELP WANTED

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221 HELP WANTED

PART-TIME SHIFT MANAGER needed at Alamosa business Sundays from approximately 12:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. with breaks. Send application or resume to: FE, c/o Valley Courier, PO Box 1099, Alamosa, 81101. (1/14)

CONEJOS COUNTY PUBLIC Health is seeking an Assistant Personal Care Provider Scheduler. Duties include: Scheduling and finding substitutes for PCP's. Conducts orientation on policies, conducts supervisory visits, training, home visits, prepares PCP timesheets, monitors PCP placements, and notifies clients of changes in scheduling. Fills in as on call PCP. Knowledge of Microsoft Office, data entry skills a must. Bilingual preferred and High School Diploma or equivalent. Application Form Required available at County Human Resources/Administration Office 6683 County Rd. 13, Conejos CO. or via email upon request at crcci@co.conejos.co.us. Deadline is Wednesday, January 15, 2020. Inquiries call (719) 376-6799. (1/16)

102 CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU FOR the expressions of sympathy conveyed to us in many ways. We deeply appreciate everything to help us get through this difficult time. The Lawrence Trujillo Family. (01/11)

221 HELP WANTED

THE ALAMOSA COUNTY Board of Commissioners is seeking interested citizens to serve on the Alamosa County Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is comprised of five volunteer citizens and one alternate appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. They advise the County on planning, land development, and land policy within Alamosa County. This position is appointed to attend Planning Commission Board meetings. Those interested in applying for the board member position must submit an application and current resume. Applications may be picked up at the County Administration office at 8900-A Independence Way or online at alamosacounty.org. Applications must be received by January 16, 2020. Send your information to Belina Ramirez, Executive Assistant, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101 or to bramirez@alamosacounty.org. If you have questions please contact the Alamosa County Land Use Department at landuse@alamosacounty.org or (719) 589-3812. (1/16)

163 LOST & FOUND

MALE BOXER MIX "Chacko". Lost seen Jan 3 in Magote/Canon area. If found call 719-588-1296 or 719-588-0802 "REWARD" (1/16)

FOUND A HUSKY dog call to identify and claim 719-480-1103. (1/14)

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 719-857-3394
 In re the Marriage of:
 Petitioner: MARIA VAZQUES DEL ROSARIO SANCHEZ RAMIREZ
 V.
 Respondent: FAUSTO RAMIREZ REYES
 Case Number: 2019DR48
 Division 1
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 Alamosa County, District Court, Case No. 2019DR48
 FAUSTO RAMIREZ REYES, YOU ARE NOTIFIED, pursuant to C.R.S. 14-10-107 (4), that an action has been filed for Dissolution of Marriage. Regarding your marriage to MARIA DEL ROSARIO VAZQUEZ SANCHEZ RAMIREZ.
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 December XX, 2019
HOLLIE WHEELWRIGHT
 Clerk of Court
 Mary L. Parker
 Domestic Relations Specialist
 No. 1203
 Published in the Valley Courier on December 19, 26, 2019, January 02, 09, and 16 2020.

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 NO. 1226
 Published in the Valley Courier on January 9, 2020

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 Deceased
COURT USE ONLY
 Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address):
 Robert Dean Beierle
 2705 Clover Road
 Golden, CO 80401
 Phone Number: 303-587-3129
 E-mail: thebeierlehome@msn.com
 FAX Number: N/A
 Atty. Reg. #: N/A
 Case Number: 2019PR22
 Division
 Courtroom
NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO B 15-12-801, C.R.S.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Estate of Lori Sue Beierle, Deceased
 Case Number 2019PR22
 All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Alamosa County, Colorado on or before May 1, 2020 (date)*, or the claims may be forever barred.
 Robert Dean Beierle
 Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice
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ALLEY OOP

ALL RIGHT, I'M GOING TO TAKE THIS UNIVERSE TRANSIT DEVICE FOR A SPIN. HOW ABOUT UNIVERSE 129?

NO, DON'T GO TH—

I'LL SAVE YOU, DR. WONMUG!

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AH, YOU'RE SO SWEET,

BUT YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT!

BIG NATE

Jake Starchaser gazed at the two moons rising above the dusty plains of the desert planet Belkor. Somewhere in that night sky, Jake thought to himself, the ruthless raiders of the Emperor Org were

"JAKE STARCHASER"? ARE YOU SERIOUS?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT?

UH, HELLO? JAKE STARCHASER! LUKE SKYWALKER!

YOU'RE RIPPING OFF "STAR WARS"!

I AM NOT RIPPING OFF "STAR WARS"!

THEN WHY IS JAKE'S FATHER NAMED "GARTH SHMADER"?

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HOW WAS YOUR TRIP TO THE MALL?

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OH, THAT'S GOOD.

WAIT... WHAT?

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

IT'S SORT OF STRANGE BEING THE OLDEST PEOPLE IN THE CLASS, ISN'T IT, JOHN. THEY ALL LOOK LIKE CHILDREN!

REMEMBER HOW EXCITED WE WERE AT THEIR AGE? REMEMBER HOW WE LOOKED FORWARD TO OUR FIRST BABY?

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THE GRIZZWELLS

I'LL BET IT WASN'T EASY BEING YOU, PARD

I MUST HAVE ZERO SELF-RESPECT

AND YET I DON'T THINK I'VE BOTTOMED OUT YET

KEEP HOPE ALIVE, MY CRAZY LITTLE FRIEND

PEANUTS

DO I HEAR THE FLUTTER OF WINGS?

RATS! IT'S ONLY A LEAF! I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE WOODSTOCK..

MAYBE I SHOULD WALK OVER TO SEE HIM... MAYBE WE CAN HAVE A LITTLE TALK, AND GET THINGS SETTLED... I'LL DO IT!!

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HERMAN

"We can't stand here all day. It must have jammed."

Couple is target of ridicule for their healthy lifestyle

DEAR ABBY: We need advice about how to respond to friends and family who poke fun or show disdain because of our healthy lifestyle. We are in our 60s. We rarely eat out, and when we do, we avoid fast food. We cook most of our meals with an emphasis on vegetables, fruits, fish and chicken. We exercise regularly and have occasional treats. We have no chronic illnesses and aren't on any medications.

For some reason, our food choices rub people the wrong way. If we are asked why we are in good health, we answer, "Over the years, we've learned not to consume foods or beverages that make us feel bad." If we're invited out to eat and ordered the baked salmon with broccoli instead of the burger and fries, we hear, "Your diet is so BORING." We usually laugh and shrug it off, but we don't think our diet is boring. We simply enjoy being healthy and know that food is "medicine." Should we continue to keep our mouths shut?

DEAR HEALTHY: Your friends and family react the way they do because seeing you eat the way you do makes them feel self-conscious about their own food

choices. Continue laughing and shrugging to age 100. The others may not be as fortunate as you.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend recently discovered that I am still talking to another girl I used to date. I'll call her Kyra.

Kyra and I had agreed we would remain strictly friends, and the breakup was before I started dating my current girlfriend, "Jan." Jan is devastated by this, and I can somewhat understand why. She got cheated on multiple times in her last relationship.

Do you think I was crossing a boundary by wanting to maintain the friendship with Kyra? Or should I have dropped it when I started dating Jan? I'm asking you because everyone I talk to agrees with me, and everyone Jan talks to agrees with her. I assume it's because people agree with whoever is telling the story. You are unbiased, and your opinion would be greatly appreciated. -- DOING THE RIGHT THING IN UTAH

DEAR DOING: There's nothing wrong with remaining friends after a breakup. Jan is insecure because her last boyfriend cheated on her, and she can blame her, ever, that is her problem,



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

and you shouldn't make it yours. Your mistake was not telling Jan when you first started dating that you are still in touch with Kyra -- and that she's a platonic friend, nothing more. Jan does not have the right to control your friendships, and you shouldn't let it happen.

DEAR ABBY: How do you cut off a person who talks constantly without a break? By the time there's a lull in her speech, I have forgotten what I wanted to add to the conversation. -- WORD IN EDGEWISE IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR WORD: I have encountered compulsive talkers like her. They are exhausting. Remember, she has to breathe SOMETIME. The minute she starts to inhale, start talkin'!

Rough start for 348 Colorado drivers

There were 8,513 DUI arrests during 15 enforcement periods in 2019

STATEWIDE — While some Coloradans rang in 2020 safely with friends and family, others started the year off on the wrong foot — with a DUI arrest.

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and statewide law enforcement agencies collaborated for the New Year's Eve increased DUI enforcement from Dec. 27 to Jan. 2 to keep impaired drivers off the roads during New Year's festivities. During the enforcement, 348 impaired drivers were arrested for DUI, an increase from the 334 arrests made during the same enforcement period last year.

The New Year's Eve enforcement began the 2020 The Heat Is On enforcement periods. During the 15 enforcement periods 2019 — which totaled 179 enforcement days — law enforcement made an average of 48 DUI arrests per day. There were 8,513 DUI arrests during those enforcement periods, a slight decrease from the 9,687 arrests in 2018.

Ninety-nine law enforcement agencies across Colorado participated in the 2019 New Year's Eve enforcement period, with the Denver Police Department (33 arrests), El Paso County Sheriff's Office (23 arrests) and the Colorado Springs Police Department (22 arrests) recording the highest arrest totals. CSP arrested an additional 82 DUI offenders across the state. Comprehensive results from all participating agencies can be found at codot.gov/safety/traffic-safety-reporting-portal. Arrest data is organized by law enforcement agency and enforcement period.

"A vehicle with an impaired driver behind the wheel is a serious threat to everyone on the road," said Col. Matthew Packard, chief of CSP. "There are still far too many impaired drivers that could cause harm to people out on our state's roadways. We hope Coloradans make a concerted effort in 2020 to only travel with sober drivers."

Preliminary data shows 176 people died in impaired-related crashes on Colorado roads in 2019.

The Heat Is On campaign will continue in 2020 with 16 heightened DUI enforcement periods. The 10-day Winter Blitz enforcement period begins on Jan. 17. CDOT's New Year's Eve and Winter

Blitz enforcement periods and DUI-prevention campaign support CDOT's Whole System — Whole Safety initiative to reduce traffic injuries and deaths.

ABOUT THE HEAT IS ON

The CDOT Highway Safety Office provides funding to Colorado law enforcement for impaired driving enforcement, education and awareness campaigns. *The Heat Is On* campaign runs throughout the year, with 16 specific high-visibility impaired driving enforcement periods centered on national holidays and large public events. Enforcement periods can include sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols and additional law enforcement on duty dedicated to impaired driving enforcement. Find more details about the campaign, including impaired driving enforcement plans, arrest totals and safety tips at HeatIsOnColorado.com.

WHOLE SYSTEM, WHOLE SAFETY

In early 2019, CDOT announced its Whole System — Whole Safety initiative to heighten safety awareness. This initiative takes a systematic, statewide approach to safety combining the benefits of CDOT's programs that address driving behaviors, our built environment and the organization's operations. The goal is to improve the safety of Colorado's transportation network by reducing the rate and severity of crashes and improving the safety of all transportation modes. The program has one simple mission—to get everyone home safely.

ABOUT CDOT

CDOT has approximately 3,000 employees located at its Denver headquarters and in regional offices throughout Colorado, and manages more than 23,000 lane miles of highway and 3,429 bridges. CDOT also manages grant partnerships with a range of other agencies, including metropolitan planning organizations, local governments and airports. It also administers Bustang, the state-owned and operated interregional express service. Governor Polis has charged CDOT to further build on the state's intermodal mobility options.

Report courtesy of Sam Cole, CDOT Communications Manager.



- 1 Shopping Local Creates Jobs:** The jobs created allow spending in the local economy and helps create more jobs.
- 2 Local independent businesses invest more in our community:** They support local charities, schools and community events which financially impacts our community.
- 3 Local businesses sell a wide range of great products at affordable prices and cater to the needs and wants of the community.**
- 4 Shopping Local saves you money and time!** Travel expenses and personal time make the overall cost of items higher.
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- 9 Local shops value you more:** Local businesses survive by their reputation & repeat business which means you get a higher standard of service.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission to meet Jan. 15-16 in Denver

DENVER — The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission will discuss "Passes, Permits and Registrations" regulations, annual review of "General Provisions" regulations (including creating a senior small game and fishing combination license), annual review of "Big Game" regulations, annual review of waterfowl and migratory bird hunting seasons and regulations, annual review of "Wildlife Properties" regulations, consideration of "Parks and Wildlife Procedural Rules" and the Species Conservation Trust Fund at its January meeting.

The Commission will also discuss non-wildlife related use of state wildlife areas, wildlife contest status in the U.S., Colorado the Beautiful grant funding, Herd Management Plan Overview, as well as herd management plans for: Brush Creek Deer, Basalt Deer, Northern San Luis Valley Pronghorn, Southern San Luis Valley Pronghorn, Collegiate Range Pronghorn and Collegiate Range Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. on Jan. 15 at CPW's Hunter Education Building, 6060 Broadway, in Denver. The meeting will resume at 9 a.m. at the same location on Jan. 16 and adjourn at 11:45 a.m.

- ▶ Additional agenda items include:
- ▶ Department of Agriculture Update
- ▶ Department of Natural Resources Update
- ▶ Financial Update
- ▶ GOCO Update
- ▶ Overview of Colorado Outdoor Recreation Industry Office

A complete agenda for this meeting can be found on the CPW website.

The commission meets regularly and travels to communities around the state to facilitate public participation. Anyone can listen to commission meetings through the CPW website. This opportunity keeps constituents informed about the development of regulations and how the commission works with Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff to manage the parks, wildlife and outdoor recreation programs administered by the agency. Find out more about the commission on the CPW website.

The next commission meeting will take place March 18 - 19 in Aurora.

Report courtesy of Travis Duncan, CPW Statewide.

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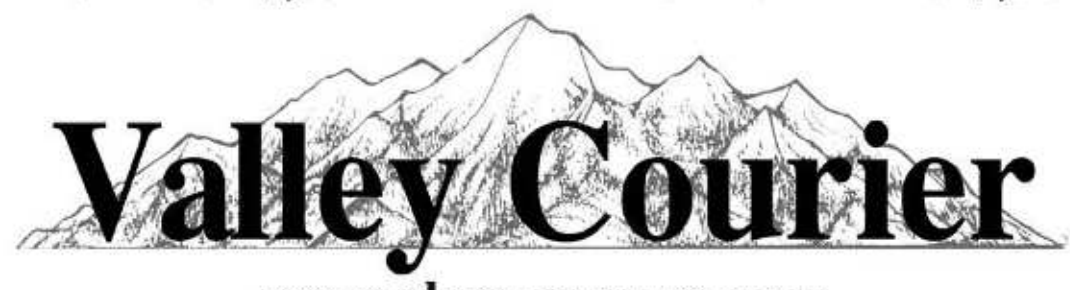


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