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School board meeting Tuesday

LA JARA — A regular board meeting for the North Conejos School District Board of Education will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at the District Administration Office in La Jara, with a board organizational meeting to follow at the same location at 7:30 p.m. Agendas are available at the District Administration Office, 17890 US Highway 285, La Jara or on its website.

Christmas Cantata

ALAMOSA — 'Tis the season! The Alamosa Colorado Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints presents a Christmas Cantata! We are celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ through an evening of beautiful Christmas music. We invite everyone to feel the true spirit of Christmas, so bring a friend and join us at 5 p.m. on Dec. 15.

The event will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 927 Weber Dr. in Alamosa.

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## Lopez free after 11 days in jail

DA drops charges against man from La Jara

By SYLVIA LOBATO Valley Publishing

CONEJOS — Jimmy Lopez of La Jara is a free man today, despite his arrest in October and spending 11 days in jail.

Faced with a weak case, the 12th Judicial District Attorney dropped all charges against him stemming from an incident in July at Capulin.

Lopez, 64, was charged with at-

tempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, first-degree burglary armed with explosives, menacing with a real or simulated weapon, felony menacing, conspiracy to commit burglary and conspiracy to



Jimmy Lopez

commit menacing. There were also 11 counts of committing a crime of violence with a sentence enhancer and two misdemeanor charges.

He was working in La Jara on Oct. 7 when sheriff's deputies took him into custody.

"It was a total shock to me, I was confused," Lopez says. "I wasn't shown the charges until I was in jail."

"I wasn't scared because I knew I didn't do anything," Lopez said, "but I didn't have that comfort level completely."

Lopez said he was treated very well in the Conejos County Jail, except for a time when his attorney, James

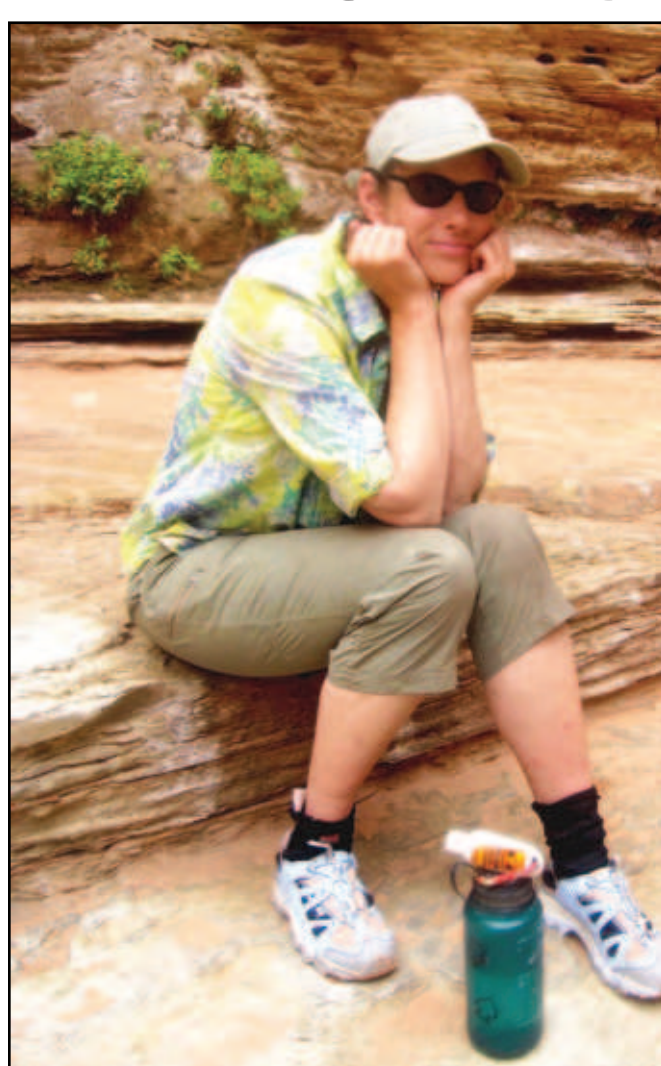
E. Marshall IV of Alamosa, wasn't allowed to meet with him. By law, attorneys must be allowed to speak with their clients.

A delay in setting a bond hearing delayed the matter for a week, and then court procedures added four more days. He had been held without bond pending conference with a judge.

Bond was set at \$90,000 and Lopez had to use a bondsman, which cost him \$9,000. Although Lopez faced the legal processes involved with felony charges, his case never got to district court. Marshall says he saw a weak

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## Butler leaves legacy after passing away



Courtesy photo

Nancy Butler at Matkatamiba in the Grand Canyon

## South Fork resident known as leading conservationists

SOUTH FORK — Nancy Butler walked through this world with determination, grace and gratitude. She walked on from this world on Friday, Nov. 29, 2019. She was at her home in South Fork with her husband Lee Carpenter and her sisters Julie Butler and Laura Butler Embleton.

She is also survived by her brother-in-law Dale Embleton and niece Emily Embleton; adopted family Ljiljana, Jelena and Irena Subotić; stepson Chris Carpenter, his partner Megan Fowler and granddaughter Skylar Jade Carpenter.

A native of Colorado, Nancy was born in Englewood in 1967 and grew up in Littleton. She attended Arapahoe High School and graduated from the University of Colorado with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology.

Her life of service started early, working with immigrant families in Denver, taking a service trip to Mexico during spring break while in college. She did volunteer programs in Ireland and Germany before spending two years in the Peace Corps in Suceava, Romania. Her love of travel took her to far flung places including Namibia, India, Nepal, Belize, Mexico, Chile, Uruguay, Argentina, Peru, Slovakia, Croatia, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Austria, France, New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, Hawaii, Alaska, all over the continental United States and Antarctica.

Colorado was always in her heart though, and she

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Courier photos by Daniel McKillop

Alamosa City Council member passed the motion unanimously to appoint Jan Vigil (middle) as new mayor pro tem, as outgoing Mayor Pro Team Liz Hensley flanks him to his right and Mayor Ty Coleman is to his left, during Wednesday night's City Council meeting.

## Vigil's new mayor pro tem

By DANIEL MCKILLOP Courier Editor

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa City Council Wednesday night unanimously voted in Jan Vigil as mayor pro tem, which will be effective during the next council meeting.

Council member and outgoing Mayor Pro Tem Liz Hensley, who held the position since early January 2018, thanked her fellow council members.

"I'm excited to have you as Mayor Pro Tem," said Hensley to Vigil.

Jan said he supported rotating mayor pro tem every two years, and added that "I want to throw my hat into the ring."

Hensley said she is supportive of rotating, and it was not long before the rest of council followed suit and chose Vigil as their next mayor pro tem.

Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman offered to pass out ballots, but council agreed there was no need for that since there were not multiple contestants.

Congratulations councilman Vigil," Coleman said. "I'd like to thank you councilor Hensley for serving during the

past two years.

"You have been a very active mayor pro tem. ... What you've done the past couple of years; you've been amazing and thank you for your time."

Vigil complimented Hensley on all the work she had done as mayor pro tem.

"I want to thank of all of you because you've all been very supportive of me as mayor pro tem," Hensley said. "I think that we've made a great team, and I feel that working so closely together that we've made great strides for our city and we will continue to do so."

"And I'd like to congratulate councilor Vigil and I know he'll do a great job."

Hensley, who was not present during the last council meeting, was sworn in Wednesday night after getting re-elected to her council seat by winning the Nov. 5 election.

The council also voted unanimously in favor of Ordinance No. 28-2019, which approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Alamosa Veteran Service for providing veteran assistance to local veterans.



Alamosa City Clerk Holly Martinez (left) recites the oath of office as she swears in council member Liz Hensley, who retained her council seat, after winning the election on Nov. 5.

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# Valley News

## Service

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walked through some of the state's most beautiful places, including a solo trip along the entire Colorado Trail. Butler climbed many of Colorado's hills and mountains over years of exploration. So, when she met fellow Coloradoan Lee Carpenter, while both were working the season in Antarctica in 2000, she came back to make a new home in South Fork.

Once Butler landed in the San Luis Valley, she soon became the executive director of the Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust (RiGHT) in 2002. In this role she emerged as one of the Valley's and Colorado's most respected and effective conservation leaders. The small team of staff and board at RiGHT had big dreams for conservation along the Rio Grande and across the Valley. In partnership with many landowners, conservation organizations, and generous funders, Nancy leaves a legacy of conserved ranches in every county of the San Luis Valley, and through RiGHT's Rio Grande Initiative, over 27,000 acres of the Rio Grande and Conejos River corridors are protected.

Butler served on statewide committees with the Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts, represented Colorado at meetings in Washington D.C., and was widely respected in the conservation community across Colorado and beyond. She was honored for her work with the Friends of Open Space award from the Palmer Land Trust in 2014. RiGHT received the Phil James Conservation Award from the Colorado Nature Conservancy in 2011 for the long-standing partnership between the two organizations in achieving conservation goals for the San Luis Valley. RiGHT was also honored as an Awards for Excellence Outstanding Non-profit Organization by the El Pomar Foundation in 2013.

Butler's service extended beyond conservation, as well. She also contributed greatly to the foster care needs of the San Luis Valley. She and Lee Carpenter spent five years as foster parents for three beloved foster children and provided a temporary home to many other children in need. They also hosted a foreign exchange student and many visitors from around the world in their home on the Rio Grande.

Diagnosed with breast cancer in 2003, Butler truly never let that slow her down, living life on her terms. As a long-time survivor, she showed many that in spite of cancer, life can be full of joy and adventure. A maker of lists,



Celebrating conservation of the Rio Grande corridor at the Gilmore Ranch in Alamosa County, with Allen Law, Executive Director, Angie Krall, Former Board Chair, and Nancy Butler.

Butler made a list of all the possible new experiences she could manage, including sky diving with her niece Emily and zip lining over the Royal Gorge — all this past year. She aspired to do as many new things each year at the age she was, and joyfully reported on those adventures to friends and family.

Butler inspired everyone from friends to strangers, many of whom quickly became friends, especially with her gratitude for everything and every opportunity, including the over 170 chemo treatments that extended her life for so long and for Dr. Dev Paul, her stalwart oncologist at the Rocky Mountain Cancer Center. As an expression of that, a few years ago, she had a Tibetan gratitude symbol tattooed on her shoulder and a number of family members and friends also got this tattoo in her honor.

Butler continued her world travels and adventures, rafting many western rivers with Lee and friends, from local day

trips on the Rio Grande to the full Grand Canyon, other sections of the Colorado, the San Juan, Arkansas, the Chama, the Rogue, the Salmon and more.

As a beloved member of the San Luis Valley community, Butler's legacy will last for generations. She will always be remembered for the beauty and working lands she helped to protect, for her relentless positivity and integrity that guided every choice she made, and for her truly amazing work ethic and dedication to a better future for the Valley and Colorado.

Butler was fair, honest, witty, and strong; a great leader and an even better friend. She kept her focus on the blessings of life, and being grateful, especially during the hardest times. In the coming weeks her family and friends will strive to follow her example and stay positive through the grief. She left those who knew and loved her with so many happy memories and a protected Rio Grande to

be forever be thankful for.

A celebration of Butler's life will be held at the Ruth Marie Community Center at 575 Columbia Avenue in Del Norte at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14. The memorial will be followed by a potluck meal and all are welcome to come honor this exceptional friend and community leader.

A celebration will also be held in the Denver area in January, with the time and place to be determined. Friends are welcome to visit Butler's Facebook page and share in the many remembrances and photos of her life there.

In honor of Butler's life's work in conservation, donations in her memory can be made to the Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust at [www.riograndelandtrust.org](http://www.riograndelandtrust.org) or mailed to PO Box 444, Del Norte, CO, 81132.

Butler's parting words to her friends and community are a perfect expression of how she lived her life: "Postpone nothing."

## City Hall kicks off Celebration of Lights on Friday night

ALAMOSA — Join the City of Alamosa at 6 p.m. on Friday its annual Celebration of Lights.

This year, the event begins at City Hall on 300 Hunt Avenue where Adams State University's 68 West — an a cappella ensemble — will entertain the audience with its favorite Christmas carols.

After the performance, there will be a gathering in front of City Hall for a few announcements and then, the illumination ceremony will commence.

After the lighting, the crowd will stroll down to the Narrow Gauge Book Cooperative at 602 Main Street where everyone can warm up, enjoy festive goodies, and give the children a chance to share their Christmas wishes with Santa.

All are encouraged to bring their shopping lists, celebrate the start of the holiday season and get a jump on those Christmas purchases by shopping local.

The Celebration of Lights is sponsored by the City of Alamosa, the Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce, ASU Music, and the Narrow Gauge Book Cooperative.

For more information, please visit [AlamosaRec.org](http://AlamosaRec.org) or call the Alamosa Family Recreation Center at 719-589-2105.

## Round-UP for the Holidays



The Alamosa Round-UP kicked off the holiday season at the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center with its donation of a variety of gift baskets for the children that are in the hospital over the holidays, as well as a number of Christmas stockings and caps that newborn babies can go home in during the month of December. "The Alamosa Round-UP is so proud to be able to give back to our awesome community," said Dawn Honeycutt. "We're able to do this with the help of our sponsors. Thanks to all of them for helping us to give back." The organization has been a part of the western heritage here in the San Luis Valley for more than 40 years, and in addition to holding a yearly rodeo and demolition derby, it also will be hosting the ninth Annual Alamosa Christmas Light Parade. In addition to the gift baskets and stockings, the organization also holds the "Round-UP for a Cure," where all donations go towards cancer services at SLV Health. "This wonderful donation says so much about Alamosa Round-UP's compassion and caring spirit," said Kelly Gurule, Director of the SLV Health Foundation. "Donations like these make a huge difference, and we are thrilled to be able to share their generosity with our youngest patients."



Top left, Dawn and Shelby Honeycutt of the Alamosa Round-UP stand with Kelly Gurule, Director of the SLV Health Foundation, surrounded by their donation of gift baskets for children admitted to the hospital during the month of December and stockings for the OB Department of the SLV Regional Medical Center. Stocking pic: The newest member of the San Luis Valley enjoys their holiday gift of a new stocking from Alamosa Round-UP. Bottom left, the newest member of the San Luis Valley enjoys their holiday gift of a new stocking from Alamosa Round-UP.

Photos, captions courtesy of Dawn Krebs, Foundation Administrative Assistant, San Luis Valley Health, 106 Blanca Ave., Alamosa, Office: 719-587-6359 Dawn.Krebs@slvrmc.org.

## Corrections:

A quote was erroneously attributed to Alamosa City Council member Kristin Daniels was in the article "Deer too close for comfort," which appeared on pages 1 and 3 of the Wednesday Nov. 27 issue of the Valley Courier. The quote in question was from Ms. Karen Miller, who said, "And to say the deer were here first is not true," Miller added. "I lived on Lambert Drive. It bordered Carroll Park and growing up we played out by the Riverwood subdivision, which is (near) Carroll's woods and we did not see deer. We never had to worry about deer attacking small children or dogs or anybody that was out walking. "And that's a big worry, now. "They are going to hurt somebody."

In the Saturday, Nov. 30 issue in the article "Consumers avoid chaos by shopping on Main St.," which appeared on pages 1 and 3, Alamosa Home Furnishings owner Mary Domito's last name was misspelled.

In the Saturday, Nov. 30 issue in the "Consumers avoid chaos by shopping on Main St.," which appeared on pages 1 and 3, the name of the store Treasure Alley was incorrect.

## Lopez

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case from the beginning. Lopez has been in the lumber and construction business his entire working life. A lifelong resident of the Capulin area, he graduated from Centauri High School and attended Adams State College before going into the building trades.

He can organize construction of a multi-unit building from the first shovel of dirt to the last nail and is very detail-oriented, so Lopez said knowing he was innocent and facing charges put him through a great deal of stress.

Then came Nov. 22, when

DA Crista Newmyer-Olsen, acting by and through Deputy DA Jordan Welch, filed a notion for dismissal or entry of Nolle Prosequi without prejudice, meaning the case would be dismissed. It could be re-filed, should credible information or evidence emerge.

Conejos County Judge Kimberly Cortez signed off on the order Nov. 25.

Marshall said the weakness of the case against Lopez emerged during a two-day preliminary hearing of William Trujillo, 34, who faced felony charges relating to a July 15 incident in which Roy Sisneros, 43, and Veronica Archuleta, 25, were shot at the 8000 block of Highway 50 at Capulin. Both

were hospitalized but survived.

During Trujillo's preliminary hearing, testimony from multiple parties, including the investigating officer and alleged victims, gave the prosecution reason to believe that, without additional investigation and information, there would be no reasonable likelihood of conviction if the matter would proceed to trial.

The case stemmed from information provided to law enforcement by other person or persons connected with the shootings of Sisneros and Archuleta.

Declining to say why someone would provide that information, "I just want my name cleared," Lopez declares.

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# Opinion

## Johnny wants to do it over

Hi, my name is Johnny. I was born in Denver but I grew-up in Monte Vista. If I could change anything, I would change the person I am today so I could be the father my kids deserve. I am divorced and I have two daughters. I want to make things right with them and I will do it by being in their lives more now than I'm gonna be off papers (probation).

If I woke up tomorrow morning and everything in my life was perfect, I wouldn't be here, incarcerated. I would still be married, living with my kids, and my relationship with my family would be great.

My mother was a hard-working lady, who was always sober. My dad was the cocaine addict and alcoholic in this situation. I was always raised by my mother. My father left when I was very young. Things in my life were great until my mom married this one guy. That's when my life changed drastically. Every time I made a mistake growing up, he emotionally and physically abused me to where my mom had no say to what was going on.

I wanted to be a firefighter when I grew up and I had a dog named, Oso. He was my pal. I played the trumpet in school and I was artistic.

I drew pictures of whatever came to mind. I played basketball and football, which was very important to me, but I had poor grades, so I was kicked off the team because I had trouble in school.

I had a few friends in school and some of my teachers were good with me and my old principal, Mr. Lenny Martinez, was a trusted adult that I could talk with. So, during school while growing up, I isolated myself like my stepdad told me to do because if anyone found out I was getting abused, things for me at home would have gotten worse.

So, I started isolating myself all the time to where I started to hide my feelings by getting curious on how to make all this go away.

When I would see my dad, I would see him break down pills, so I got curious and started stealing his script and doing the same thing he was doing, and I really did love the affect of what I was doing.

Well, when I grew up some more, I got interested in the different kind of drugs out there: weed and cocaine. I started experimenting with those and just went up the chain to meth and heroin.

I never used alcohol, but I've used drugs for 12 years. Heroin is my drug of choice, but I want to stop using drugs because it made me lose everything that ever made me happy.

I started using drugs because I was lonely, and I was depressed because I was emotionally and physically abused by my stepfather.

I attended church when I was a kid and I believe in God. I haven't gotten to take my kids to church or teach them about Jesus, yet, but I will.

So, finally I really loved the affect of the heroin because it was so much like the pill high and it really did hide my feelings toward my life and toward the people in it.

So, from there, my life changed a lot. I lost my wife, my kids, my house, my car, and at the end, I ended up in and out of jail, yet still, it seems like being incarcerated hasn't helped me.

But all and all, I still have faith and hope that I will get my life back on track. But, please, people, don't give up on your friends or loved ones if they're going through this. That's the worst thing you can do. We need your support. I know it can be hard at times but just please reach out to us. Don't enable us. Just get us the help we need.

My advice for parents who are addicts is not to give up hope and to accomplish the things they always wanted to accomplish.

My advice for kids like me is to have faith and hope that things will get better and to have a little patience, even though that can be very hard.

But, just don't give up on the person you love. They're just lost and just dealing with life's struggles from the past.

Well, God bless everyone going through this, and God bless the people we hurt being the way we are.

But, just know something in our lives caused us to be like this and just know some of us can deal with it better than others.

Well, thanks for reading this and God bless you all. — Johnny

Thank you, for having the courage to share your story, Johnny. Remember, Jesus loves you, and Jesus is Lord.

### Amarah's Corner



'Kids Like Me'



## Railroad's going, going gone

It's sad to see the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad yielding to the errors of its spawn.

In the railroad's more than 100 years of service, there have been many ups and downs, mostly due to the changing times. The little engines that could did what was called of them.

At one time, one could travel almost anywhere in the Valley by rail. It was inexpensive and sometimes dirty, but it helped us travel.

When my eldest son and I took a trip west by rail several years ago, I found myself laughing when I saw a couple of flatcars loaded with empty semi

truck trailers parked on a siding. My oldest son asked what was funny and I took him back to the 1950s when the freight trains stopped hauling wares into the Valley. The trucks were blamed.

Sometimes the irony of history occasions laughter.

One of the first sounds I remember was the sound of the trains as they hauled people into and out of Alamosa.

The sound of a steam engine in operation still opens my memory bank.

Some of my friends lived in railroad housing and shift workers spent time in yellow shacks in the yards. It was a simple time when children played, adults worked and the sounds of the huge brick shops commonly punctuated the noise of life in general.

I still remember the days when small towns along the rails boasted beautiful hotels and fine dining. We haven't done well at recreating that image.

We haven't capitalized well on the mov-

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### Native Writes



Sylvia Lobato

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## Mom learns of twins' individuality

DEAR HARRIETTE: I have 10-year-old twin sons. Over the years, my husband and I have often given them the same gifts for holidays. We have done that in part because they are so similar. They are identical, and they spend most of their time together.

This year, one of my twins took me aside and asked me to get him something very different from his brother. He further asked if I wouldn't tell his brother because he didn't want him to decide he wanted the same thing.

My boy is expressing his individuality, which is great. But now I'm wondering if I have been missing cues all along because they are identical.

I know that they are two different people, but even I, as their mother, get forgetful because they are so similar. How can I be more attentive to both of my boys? — Twin Blues

DEAR TWIN BLUES: Don't beat yourself up. Instead, start having individual conversations with your boys on a regular basis, and listen carefully to what they say. Pay attention to learn their particular interests,

likes and dislikes. Discover what makes each of them unique. As they grow up, they will continue to come into personal awareness of who they are and what makes them happy.

Your job as their mother is to listen and respond accordingly.

You can start this season by getting the one twin what he has requested. You should also talk to the other twin to get a sense of his interests. Be careful, though, not to talk about what his brother has requested. Build an independent bond with him and learn what he has to share with you.

DEAR HARRIETTE: I noticed on social media that a college friend is very ill. I called her to check on her, and she was in the hospital. She sounded terrible and scared. I listened to her as long as she was able to talk before a doctor came in. I feel so bad for her, but I don't know how to help. She lives several states away, and I simply cannot go to see her now. It is hard for her to talk on the phone because her breathing is compromised. How can I help her without

ing trade.

When I was younger, a favorite place for my parents and some relatives was the Saguache Hotel.

The Palace Hotel in Antonito clung to its past for a long while, yet yielded to time and the changing world.

Fire leveled much of the rest, but some art galleries and businesses are rising from the ashes.

As an "old timer," I love talking about what was then and what is now, but dread thinking of what will never be again.

Once in a while we disagree and it becomes part of lifelong learning.

Watching the changing of time in the courtroom adds to it.

I seldom use my research accounts to follow receiverships, but I will follow the railroads.

As a taxpayer, I worry about fiscal losses to our communities, but as a person who has watched transportation history transpire, I weep at what's going, going, gone.

## Prohibition ends 86 years ago

Today is the 339th day of 2019 and the 74th day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1933, the era of alcohol prohibition ended as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment.

In 1955, Martin Luther King Jr., E.D. Dixon, Rosa Parks and other activists launched an organized bus boycott in Montgomery, Ala.

In 1955, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merged, forming the AFL-CIO.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Martin Van Buren (1782-1862), eighth U.S. president; George Armstrong Custer (1839-1876), U.S. Army officer; Walt Disney (1901-1966), cartoonist/filmmaker; Strom Thurmond (1902-2003), politician; Otto Preminger (1905-1986), film director; Little Richard (1932-), singer-songwriter; Joan Didion (1934-), author; Jose Carreras (1946-), opera singer; Margaret Cho (1968-), actress/comedian; Keri Hilson (1982-), singer-songwriter; Frankie

Muniz (1985-), actor.

TODAY'S FACT: The 21st Amendment expressly gave each state the right to restrict or ban the purchase or sale of alcohol, which meant that many states continued to enforce prohibition laws even after 1933. Mississippi was the last state to repeal prohibition, in 1966.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1978, longtime Cincinnati Reds star Pete Rose signed a four-year, \$3.2 million deal with the Philadelphia Phillies, becoming Major League Baseball's highest-paid player at the time.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We tell ourselves stories in order to live. We live entirely by the impression of a narrative line upon disparate images, the shifting phantasmagoria, which is our actual experience." — Joan Didion

TODAY'S NUMBER: 18 — total minutes of screen time for Aurora, the main character in Disney's 1959 animated film, "Sleeping Beauty."

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter moon (Dec. 3) and full moon (Dec. 11).

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# Lifestyle

## Only 5 kernels of corn

**MOSCA** — My family, like most Americans, celebrates Thanksgiving with a crazy amount of food. Our Thanksgiving menu is always very traditional down to the cranberry sauce which has its own special plate we only use once per year. The day before, my mom always makes her famous rolls. We rarely have very many of the soft buttery breads leftover, and the smell as they bake will always remind me of home. Grandma normally brings the pies. She makes them for days and we'll have everything from classic pumpkin to silky lemon meringue.

But amongst all the stuffing and turkey beside every plate there always sits a cupcake liner filled with five kernels of corn. It was a tradition my parents started years ago when my mom came across a Thanksgiving poem by Hezekiah Butterworth (with a name like that you know it's good). The pilgrims of Plymouth Plantation suffered a harsh winter when they first landed in America. Of the 102 pilgrims that were on the Mayflower almost half would perish during that bitter winter. Legend has it that food became so scarce that the pilgrims were each rationed only five kernels of corn a day. Some accounts say that even when things got better, they would still serve five kernels of corn by their plates to remember the trials and tribulations and to give thanks.

So, every year my family does the same. After we pray, someone is always given the honor of reading Hezekiah Butterworth's poem. One of my favorite parts is the beginning which reads:

"T'was the year of the famine in Plymouth of old, The ice and the snow from the thatched roofs had rolled;

Through the warm purple skies steered the geese o'er the seas,

And the woodpeckers tapped in the clocks of the trees;

And the boughs on the slopes to the south winds lay bare,

And dreaming of summer the buds swelled in the air.

The pale Pilgrims welcomed each reddening morn;

There were left but for rations Five Kernels of Corn,

Five Kernels of Corn! Five Kernels of Corn!

But to Bradford a feast were Five Kernels of Corn! Five Kernels of Corn!

Five kernels of corn! Ye people be glad for five kernels of corn!

So Bradford cried out on bleak burial hill,

And the thin women stood in their doors white and still,

"Lo, the harbor of Plymouth rolls bright in the spring,

The maples grow red, and wood robins sing,

The west wind is blowing and fading the snow,

And the pleasant pines sing and arbutuses blow. Five Kernels of Corn!

Five Kernels of Corn! To each one be given Five Kernels of Corn!

Only five kernels of corn and yet they were grateful. In comparison I have little to complain about, but I still do. It's been our tradition for so many years, and yet every year I need to be reminded again. Reminded to give thanks in both the good times and the bad. I think it's true that your bad days make your good days better. Without the rain there would be no flowers. I encourage you friends, whatever your circumstances are today, to be thankful. Remember the five kernels of corn and be glad.



## Trooper Tips: Impaired, drunk driving similar

By GARY CUTLER

Master Trooper, State Patrol Colorado

How often do you ask yourself if you are driving impaired?

I know you're asking why you would ask yourself that if you are not drinking. But are you actually impaired and don't realize it?

Think of it this way, have you ever driven when you were tired or just drove while daydreaming? Let's take a look at this idea.

The official definition of Driving While Ability Impaired is driving a motor vehicle when a person has consumed alcohol or one or more drugs, or a combination of both alcohol and one or more drugs, that affects the person to the slightest degree so that the person is less able than the person ordinarily would have been, either mentally or physically, or both mentally and physically, to exercise clear judgment, sufficient physical control, or due care in the safe operation of a vehicle.

So when you drive when you're tired and having trouble keeping your eyes open just because you are trying to make it to your destination, isn't that impairment? Have you ever been driving and found yourself daydreaming? Ever wondered how you drove so far when you came out of your daydream? See. It's becoming a little clearer.

Let's go back to part of the above definition: Affects the person to the slightest degree so that the person is less able than the person ordinarily would have been, either mentally or physically, or both mentally and physically, to exercise clear judgment, sufficient physical control, or due care in the safe operation of a vehicle.

I know that when I am tired, I qualify under the definition of impairment. I am not in a position to be doing actions in which greater concentration is needed. That's especially true when driving. I know that my motor skills are going to be lacking. I may not see things in front of me.

It will take me longer to react to situations and I may not make the right choice due to having what I like to call a brain fog from being too tired.

When patrolling the roads, I have come across people weaving, driving slowly, and going through stop signs all because they were too tired to drive.

When I talked with the drivers, all of them had the same attributes of someone that has been drinking. So I ask you, how many of you would never think about drinking and driving, but have gotten behind the wheel and drove while tired?

The outcome can be the same; you won't get a DUI or go to jail, but you may get a ticket or be involved in a crash.

So make sure you are awake and aware enough to drive prior to getting behind the wheel. If you are on a trip and start feeling tired, take the time to give yourself a break.

Get something to eat, exercise, get some fresh air, or if it's bad enough get some sleep.

The next time you're about to get into your car, stop first and ask yourself if you are too tired to be driving. You owe it to your passengers, as well as the other drivers on the road not to have a brain fog.

As always, safe travels.

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# Sports

## Preseason On the Mat rankings

Tuesday evening Alamosa wrestling got their season started with a 70-12 victory over Montezuma-Cortez. For most everyone else the season has yet to begin. On the Mat run by Tim Yount has released his preseason Wrestling rankings for teams and individuals.

Preseason rankings are preliminary based on many different factors and should be considered as such. Following are the rankings for valley teams and individual s in the 2A and 3A classes. For complete rankings and weekly rankings be sure to subscribe to On the Mat, email Tim Yount with questions at tim@onthematrankings.com.

### Key:

- 1A= One Away from state place
- DNC = Did not compete
- DNQ = Did not qualify
- Qual = qualified for state
- Inj = injured
- MS = Middle School
- Regs = Regionals.

### Class 2A - Team Rankings

9. Centauri

### Class 2A - Individual Rankings

#### 106lbs

9. Dominic Lopez, Monte Vista Fr, 106;

#### 113lbs

7. Damian Lopez, Monte Vista (4th MS State – 110lbs – 2019) Fr, 113;

#### 126lbs

16. Richard Atencio, Sierra Grande/Centennial (22-9, Qual, Fr, 126) (27-11, 6th in Regs, 132, So) 126, Jr;

#### 132lbs

6. Nicholas Garcia, Monte Vista (22-20, DNQ, 120, Fr) (29-11, 6th in Regs, So, 120) (34-15, 126, Jr, 5th) 132, Sr;

#### 138lbs

2. Eyan Chavez, Centauri (Transfer from Alamosa) (2nd in MS State – 120lbs – 2017) (1st in MS State – 130lbs – 2018) (23-8, Fr, 126, 2nd) 138, So;

#### 145lbs

3. Jordan Martin, Centauri (29-16, DNQ, Fr, 120) (29-23, 132, So, 1A) 145, Jr;

#### 152lbs

9. Eric Mestas, Centauri (1st in MS State – 140lbs – 2019) Fr, 152;

#### 160lbs

5. Mario Chavez, Center (32-11, Jr, 160, 1A) 160, Sr;



Alamosa's Colton Liddel wrestles Lucas Comroe of Eagle Valley during the 2019 Colorado State Wrestling Tournament. Liddel was ranked second by On the Mat for the 2019/20 season, his Mean Moose were ranked seventh as a team.

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6. Zach Buhr, Centauri (MS State Champ– 152lbs – 2018) (21-21, Qual, Fr, 152) 160, So;

#### 170lbs

7. Bryon Shawcroft, Centauri (2nd MS State – 160lbs – 2018) (25-19, Qual, Fr, 170) 170, So;

#### 220lbs

10. Manny Lucero, Centauri (5th MS State – 285lbs – 2019) Fr, 220;

#### 285lbs

5. Remi Lucero, Centauri (12-4, DNC in Regs, 285, Fr) (7-4, DNC in Regs, So, 220) (19-11, DNC in Regs, 220, Jr) 285, Sr;

### Class 3A - Team Rankings

7. Alamosa

### Class 3A - Individual Rankings

#### 106lbs

11. Nolan Johnson, Alamosa, Sr, 106; Braidon Madril, Alamosa, So, 106; Kyler Liddell, Alamosa (4th in MS State – 95lbs – 2019) Fr 106

#### 113lbs

11. Brandon Reveles, Alamosa (7-2, DNC in Regs –

JV, 106, Fr) (3-1, DNC in Regs, 120, So) 113, Jr

#### 120lbs

3. Davion Chavez, Alamosa (5th in MS State – 70lbs – 2014) (4th in MS State – 80lbs – 2016) (36-8, Fr, 106, 1st) (39-7, 106, So, 2nd) 120, Jr

#### 132lbs

2. Colton Liddell, Alamosa (4th in MS State – 120lbs – 2016) (Fr, 126, 25-19, Qual) (24-7, So, 120, 1A) (38-10, 132, Jr, 4th) 132, Sr

#### 145lbs

14. Alejandro Velasquez, Alamosa (Transfer from Centennial/Sierra Grande) (21-11, Fr, 113, 1A) (27-14, So, 120, 1A) (15-11, Qual, 145, Jr) 145, Sr

#### 160lbs

2. Hunter Smith, Alamosa (30-14, DNQ, 138, So) (42-12, 145, Jr, 4th) 160, Sr

#### 182lbs

8. Zeke Rangel, Alamosa (25-16, 5th in Regs, Jr, 182) 182, Sr

#### 220lbs

4. Austin Trujillo, Alamosa (6th in MS State – 198lbs – 2016) (Fr, 170, 10-18, DNQ) (17-20, 5th in Regs, So, 182) (39-10, 220, Jr, 5th) 220, Sr

## Spirit State Championships at Denver Coliseum

A handful of valley teams will be up in Denver for spirit competition this weekend. Alamosa, Monte Vista and Sargent will all be competing in the Cheer

class. Sargent and Monte Vista under the Game Day discipline while Alamosa will be Co-Ed. in the Dance Class will be Sanford who will be performing under the

Poms discipline. Schedules for all of the competitors are as follows. The finals will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday. For a full schedule be sure to visit CHSAANow.com.

### Tentative 2019 State Spirit Cheer Schedule

#### Cheer Friday, December 6th

National Anthem 8:00 a.m.

TEAM	DISCIPLINE	PORTAL	10 REPORT	PICTURE	STUNT	STRIP	TUMBLE	MAT	FULL MAT	DECK	PERFORMANCE	TIME	MAT
Alamosa	2A/3A COED	7:51 AM		8:01 AM	8:31 AM		8:36 AM	8:41 AM	8:41 AM	8:46 AM	8:56 AM		B
Sargent	2A/3A GD	3:37 PM		3:47 PM	4:17 PM		4:22 PM	4:27 PM	4:27 PM	4:32 PM	4:42 PM		B
Monte Vista	2A/3A GD	5:21 PM		5:31 PM	6:01 PM		6:06 PM	6:11 PM	6:11 PM	6:16 PM	6:26 PM		B

#### Dance Saturday, December 7th

National Anthem 8:00 a.m.

TEAM	DISCIPLINE	PORTAL	10 REPORT	PICTURE	WARM-UP/TRICK	MAT	MARLEY	SPORT COURT	DECK	PERFORMANCE	TIME	FLOOR
Sanford	2A POMS	7:45 AM		7:55 AM	8:25 AM		8:30 AM	8:35 AM	8:40 AM	8:50		AMA

### Results

#### Adams State Basketball

Nov. 29

West Texas A&M 74, ASU 26 (W)  
Montana State University 86, ASU 75 (M)

Nov. 30

Eastern New Mexico 64, ASU 41 (W)  
Montana State University 95, ASU 81 (M)

#### Prep Wrestling

Dec. 4

Alamosa 70, Montezuma-Cortez 12

### Upcoming Events

#### Adams State Basketball

Dec. 6

6/7:30 p.m. CSU-P at ASU (W/M)

Dec. 7

5:30/7:30 p.m. New Mexico Highlands at ASU (W/M)

#### Prep Basketball

Dec. 5

5/ 7:30 Del Norte at Monte Vista (G/B)

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2:30 / 5:30 p.m. Centauri vs Moffat County (B)

Dec. 7

4/7 p.m. Lamar at Alamosa (G/B)

Mountain Top Tournament at Centauri  
2:30 / 4 p.m. Centauri vs Sargent (G/B)

#### Adams State Wrestling

Dec. 7

All Day ASU at Fort Hays

All Schedules subject to change

### Herron to Speak at Juanito's

**ALAMOSA** — The Alamosa Rotary Club will bring world renowned distance runner Camille Herron as a guest speaker at Juanito's Restaurant on Monday, December 9th. The Rotary Club has their meetings at Juanito's Mondays at noon, everyone is welcome to attend. Herron, who splits her time between Alamosa and Oklahoma City, is the first ultramarathon runner to have a win at all three of the International Association of Ultrarunners' (IAU) 50 K, 100 K and 24 hour world championships.

Dec. 6

4:30/7 p.m. Del Norte at Salida (G/B)  
5:30/7 p.m. Sanford at Alamosa (G/B)

R.L. Ballard Tourney at Springfield  
4:30 / 5:45 p.m. Sierra Grande vs. Springfield (G/B)

Dec. 6

3/ 4:30 p.m. Moffat-Mountain Valley vs. South Park (G/B)

Mountain Top Tournament at Centauri  
5 p.m. Centauri vs. Durango (G)  
1/ 2:30 p.m. Sargent vs. Las Animas (B)

# Western Living

## Present 'n' accounted



A little chickadee



Courtesy Photos

Birds await the Dec. 14 count.

### MV Refuge prepares for its Christmas Bird Count

**MONTE VISTA** — Interested birders of all skill levels are encouraged to participate in the 62nd Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge Christmas Bird Count on Saturday, Dec. 14.

Bird enthusiasts will be among more than 43,000 volunteers participating nationwide in Annual Christmas Bird Counts.

This year marks the 120th anniversary since conservationists first carried out the bird counts on Christmas Day of 1900.

The event originated as a protest to the traditional holiday in which teams competed to see who could shoot the most birds and animals in one day.

Now, volunteers from all 50 states, every Canadian province, parts of Central and South America, Bermuda, the West Indies, and Pacific Islands count and record every individual bird and bird species encountered during one calendar day.

More than 1,650 individual Christmas Bird Counts will be held during a two and a half week period. Each group has a designated circle 15 miles in diameter (about 177 square miles) where they try to cover as much ground as possible in a 24-hour period.

Apart from its attraction as a social, sporting and competitive event, the annual count provides scientists and environmentalists with valuable information on the early winter distribution patterns of various bird species and overall health of the environment.

Those interested in participating please email Lisa Clements at [lcclements@yahoo.com](mailto:lcclements@yahoo.com) or plan to meet at the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge office at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. The Refuge office is located 6.5 miles south of Monte Vista on Highway 15.

Participants can work as few or as many hours as they like. Also, if someone lives within the count circle and has a bird feeder, you can participate at home by counting birds at one's feeder on count day.

Owlers are encouraged to participate. Participants should plan on bringing warm clothing, a sack lunch and binoculars if one has them.

This year, the National Wildlife Refuge will be counting birds seen in the Count Week.

This count is separate from the Count Day, but is useful for the records kept by the National Audubon Society, which collects the information that is gathered.

Count week is three days before the count day and three days after the official count day, which will be Dec. 11-17.

For more information, contact Lisa Clements at [lcclements@yahoo.com](mailto:lcclements@yahoo.com) or 719-589-4021.

### Opinions differ about origins of line dancing

When attending a country hoedown, one is bound to encounter line dancing.

Line dancing is popular in honkey tonks, bars, church basements and just about anywhere folks are gathering for a good time.

The history of line dancing is extensive, though there is debate as to its origins. According to the Grizzly Rose club in Colorado, some believe that country line dancing can be traced back to the round and square dances of Europe. Others say it originated with 19th century social settlement movement folk dancing. Settlers of towns had their own songs and sounds that evolved into modern country music. In turn, dances were modified to go along with the tunes. Contra dancing, which is a form of American folk dance in which the dancers form two parallel lines and perform a sequence of dance movements with different partners down the length of the line, likely played a hand in the evolution of country line dancing, as well.

As its name suggests, line dancing involves people dancing in lines to music. The dances are choreographed with a repeating series of steps that are performed in unison. Dancers all face the same direction, although there may be multiple lines. Dance Poise also says that there is almost no physical contact between dancers, unlike other country western dances, though hand-holding may occur. Country line dances are made up of various steps to a number of counts, which coordinate to the beat. They often feature catchy names, such as "The Texas Two-Step," "The West Coast Shuffle" and the "Boot Scootin' Boogie."

Some find line dancing so appealing because it does not require a partner, making it ideal for singles, couples or those who feel they aren't the strongest dancers. Line dances are not limited to country music. Popular music has given rise to many different line dances, including the "Charlie Brown," the "Macarena" and the "Cha-Cha Slide," among others.

Line dancing can make for an entertaining night out with friends who share a love of country music. TF199252

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# Lifestyle



## Traditional sheepherding in San Luis Valley

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** - We are in an age of transition, with new technology evolving at an accelerating rate. It seems that every day we are adapting to a new world. With every new adaptation, we are leaving a way of life behind, changing our lifestyle and culture. As we push forward it is easy to overlook what is being forgotten. It is important to take time to preserve certain traditions and values before the history, importance, and stories are lost to memory.

The San Luis Valley in southern Colorado has a long and unique history. Different cultural groups clashed, compromised, and coalesced as they settled into this vast landscape. The valley has come to be known as a hidden "gem," but much of the history of the valley and its contribution to Colorado and the country as a whole has been overlooked. A significant part of the history of the Valley is connected with the first Spanish settlers and their tradition of sheepherding. Since its first introduction in the mid-1800s, sheepherding has become embedded into the local economy and way of life resulting in the San Luis Valley being the largest exporter of livestock and wool by the end of the 20th century. Understanding and preserving the cultural history of the Valley and the State of Colorado goes hand-in-hand with understanding and preserving the history of Hispanic sheepherding in this region. Unfortunately, due to a combination of economic and social reasons, this lifestyle has become less sustainable and there are few who still remember or practice the traditional lifestyle.

For the past year, I have been working with the Rio Grande National Forest's (RGNF) Heritage Program to study this fascinating and unique heritage. The RGNF encompasses 1.83 million acres surrounding the Valley and many of the original families' traditional grazing lands are now located on the national forest. Along with studying the archaeological sites associated with

sheepherding found on the RGNF, I have been speaking to descendants, and those who continue the tradition, to better understand their historical movements, customs and values.

When most people think of sheepherding they think of the lone shepherd with his flock. Here in the San Luis Valley, sheepherding was more of a family affair. Families would work together, with every member of the family participating in tasks ranging from lambing to driving sheep to the mountains, to shearing and butchering. An example of this comes from two brothers who I interviewed last fall, Gerard and Luciano Sandoval. Both brothers described being removed from school early when it was time to take the livestock to the mountains for grazing.

Archaeological sites associated with sheepherding in the San Luis Valley include sheep camps, stock driveways, cairns and arbor glyphs (aspen carvings).

Jeremiah Martinez, a descendant of a Hispanic sheepherding family whose ties to the San Luis Valley trace back to the Muniz brothers, Ute translators for the 1776 Dominguez-Escalante expedition, says that carving in aspens helps remind him of his connection to the land:

*You know, they'll be like, "Oh I saw your grandpa's name up there on Corn-wall [Mountain]," and I'm like, "Yeah it doesn't surprise me." You know, even if I haven't seen it, I know it's there. Because they were a big part of this area, you know. They were a big part of that area so it doesn't surprise me that their fingerprints are all over everything.*

Jeremiah showed me an aspen where his grandfather carved his name when he was born, an indication of how the tradition has persisted. Many of the original sheepherders in the early 20th century lacked formal education and were illiterate. Leaving their mark on an aspen, be it just their name, was a way of saying, "I

was here, I existed, even if history doesn't remember me."

It is time that history remembers all key participants, even ones that can mistakenly be deemed "unimportant" by current or prior society. If we pick and choose the history and cultures we document, then we will fall prey to revisionist history that deprives us of our cultural heritage. As Jeremiah Martinez said, "I think when we lose a lot of our culture, we lose our identity, and if we lose our identity we don't know where we're from or where we should be. And I think there's like a personal satisfaction in knowing that you belong somewhere."

Over the next year I will be working to release the recorded and transcribed interviews and to compile an interactive map to help the public understand and visualize the history of the Hispanic population in the southern San Luis Valley. I would like to send a special "thank you" to the Hispanic Access Foundation for funding this research, to consultant Arnie Valdez, to RGNF Conejos Peak Ranger District employees, to all the grazing permittees, and, of course, to all the families and community members for working with us to make this project possible.

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## Agriculture workshop series planned

**DENVER** — The Colorado Energy Office (CEO) and the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) will host a series of energy smart agriculture workshops in early December to detail energy savings and climate resiliency opportunities for farmers and ranchers.

Created through a partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service, state government and agricultural industry leaders, the workshops will focus on energy efficiency, cost savings, on-farm renewables and funding assistance.

Colorado farmers and ranchers spend more than \$400 million annually on energy, and the workshops will help producers consider how energy efficiency and renewable energy can reduce cost of production, modernize infrastructure and improve margins.

The series provides the opportunity for Colorado producers to discuss local concerns about agricultural energy and climate resilience with public officials and industry experts.

Workshop attendees will learn about technical assistance that is available at no cost as well as how to access local, state and federal funding.

The workshops will feature presenters from CEO and CDA.

In addition, the Colorado Climate Center will give an update on climate and weather considerations, energy, water and agriculture.

The series will be co-sponsored by the SDA, Colorado Livestock Association, Colorado Corn Growers Association, Colorado Wheat Administrative Committee/Colorado Association of Wheat Growers, Colorado Potato Administrative Committee, Dairy MAX, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, Colorado Farm Bureau, Colorado Association of Conservation Districts, and Colorado Rural Electric Association.

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**Friday, Dec. 6**

12-6p.m.: The Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce Holiday Craft Bazaar at the Nazarene Church Gymnasium

Deadline for Judging for Business Window Decorating Contest and Home Decorating Contest-Have Displays up and lit by 1p.m. for business windows and by sunset (please have lit displays on) for the home decorating contest

**Saturday, Dec. 7**

8-11a.m. Breakfast with Santa at Stars and Strikes, \$5 Elves under 12, \$7 for bigger elves

10a.m.-5p.m. The Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce Holiday Craft Bazaar at the Nazarene Church Gymnasium

1p.m.-Free Matinee of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (1966 version) at the Vali 3 Theater

4p.m.-7p.m. Bowling with Santa at Stars and Strikes, 4p.m.-midnight, all you can bowl for \$10

5:30p.m. Christmas Tree Lighting at Fullenwider Park

6:30p.m. Parade of Lights: Line up in the 100 Block of Adams Street for the best view! Prizes for First, Second and Third Place.

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## Sargent school board elects officers

### Students want Nichols to lead their trap team

**SARGENT** — Before its regular meeting the school board also swore in Nate Burkhart as a new school board member. They also did their yearly elections with Michele Peterson elected school board president, Tyler Mitchell vice president, Gina Mitchell secretary and Tyler Kyffin treasurer.

On Nov. 25, during Sargent's school board meeting, Tom Nichols came before the board with more information about the proposed trap shooting team.

Nichols told board members that he had been approached by about 20 students who are interested in participating on the team.

The students asked Nichols if he would be willing to lead their trap team if they got one going. Nichols has agreed to help with the program and shared with the board some research he has done.

Nichols said if the program is started it would join the same league that Del Norte and Sangre De Cristo trap teams are members. They would have to coordinate with the two schools to have competitions. The competitions would be held in the spring. "The last day to sign up to be part of the league is March 23. We'll need to have all our athletes in by that time," Nichols explained.

They already have a partnership with the Rio Grande Sportsman's



From left to right, Jessica Buser, Emma Sewell and Liam Ellithorpe, students in Sargent's seventh-grade class, explain and display their different science projects for the school board at their Nov. 25 meeting.

Club which is located between Monte Vista and Del Norte.

They will be able to hold their practices there on Fridays after 4 p.m. Nichols told the board.

He explained that for every 10 students in the program they will have to have one coach.

Nichols said that a couple of qualified people have already shown interest in helping coach the team.

"I'm a shooting enthusiast and I know that safety is a No. 1 priority. To be on this team, and to be part of this league, you either have to have your hunter's safety certification or you must be certified through the league. They have an online course for

students that costs \$25," said Nichols.

Nichols shared with the board about how those involved with the team would go well and beyond the universal laws of firearm handling making gun safety their biggest priority. "This league has been going since 2001, there hasn't been a single accident for athletes or spectators so it's a very safe sport.

Within the league we'd be covered under the league's liability insurance. All coaches, trainers, and student-athletes would be covered with the league's insurance," said Nichols adding that all the instructors must go through an eight-hour online training.

Courtesy photo

## Colorado Farm Bureau board elects La Jara man

**DENVER**—Five individuals were elected to the Colorado Farm Bureau board of directors during the organization's 100th annual meeting Nov. 23 in Denver. Connie Hass of Trinidad, Colorado and Chad Musick of Longmont were re-elected to serve another two-year term. New to the board are Zandon Bray of Redvale, Colorado, Jason Vermillion of Matheson, Colorado and James Henderson of La Jara,

Colorado Both Henderson and Vermillion are graduates of CFB's Elite Leadership Academy, a program that trains and develops future industry and Farm Bureau leaders. Bray has served as President of Montrose/Ouray/San Miguel Farm Bureau for several years.

"For 100 years, the Colorado Farm Bureau has existed to promote and protect the future of agriculture and rural communities,"

said Chad Vorthmann, Executive vice president of the organization. "The board of directors represents over 22,000 members growing every type of crop and livestock throughout the state. They ensure agriculture's success by guiding the organization through its efforts in advocacy, leadership development and education."

The group was elected by members from across the state and will

join eight other board members to help lead the organization for a two-year term. Also elected to represent young farmers and ranchers in the organization was Joel Currier, a cattle rancher, volunteer firefighter and EMT from Molina, Colorado.

The Colorado Farm Bureau board of directors consists of 14 members who represent 10 districts across Colorado as well as the Young Farmer and Rancher Pro-

gram and the Women's Leadership Committee.

The elections took place at the organization's 2019 annual meeting where over 400 people gathered to celebrate the organization's 100th birthday and complete annual business.

For more information on the board of directors and the 2019 annual meeting can be found at: [www.ColoradoFarmBureau.com](http://www.ColoradoFarmBureau.com).

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Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302(3), you are notified that the following is a resolution in Water Division 3, containing notice of applications and amended applications requests for correction filed at the office of the Water Clerk during the month of November 2019 in which the court ordered publication.

The names and addresses of applicants, description of water rights, or conditional water rights involved, and description of ruling sought, are as follows:

19CW3016, Pearl Lakes Trout Club, 4650 USFS Road 516, Creede, CO 81130. Telephone: 719-658-2227. Please direct communications regarding this case to William A. Paddock, Mason H. Brown, and Katrina Fisciella at Carlson, Hammond & Paddock, LLC, 9000 Grant Street, Suite 1200, Denver, CO 80203. Phone: (303) 861-9000. Application Pursuant to § 37-92-305(3.6), C.R.S. for Correction of Established but Erroneously Described Points of Diversion in the Rio Grande or its Tributaries in Hinsdale County, Colorado. 2. Deceased water rights for which correction is sought: A. Name of structures: Pearl Lake No. 7, Pearl Lake No. 8. B. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: August 31, 1987. Case No. 86CW24. District Court, Water Division 3. C. Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: Pearl Lake No. 7: Located in the E1/2 E1/2 NW1/4 and W1/2 W1/2 NE1/4 of Section 1, Township 41 North, Range 4 West, NMPM. The west corner of the dam for Pearl Lake # 7 is located approximately 495 feet from the North section line and 2,310 feet from the West section line. Pearl Lake No. 8: Located in the W1/2 SE1/4 and W1/2 NE1/4 of Section 36, Township 41 North, Range 4 West, N.M.F.M. The west corner of the dam for Pearl Lake # 8 is located approximately 1,980 feet from the East section line and 2,640 feet from the North section line. D. Decreed source of water: North Clear Creek. E. Appropriation Date: January 21, 1922. F. Total amount decreed to structures (on-stream reservoirs): Pearl Lake No. 7: 139.9 acre-feet absolute. Pearl Lake No. 8: 237 acre-feet absolute. G. Decreed use or uses: Fish Culture. 3. Detailed description of proposed correction to an established but erroneously described point of diversion: A. Complete statement of diversion as established but erroneously described point of diversion, including whether it is erroneously described. See §§ 37-92-305(3.6)(a) & (b), C.R.S. Pearl Lakes No. 7 and 8 have been in existence since the 1920s and have been at their current locations since well before the August 31, 1987 decree in Case No. 86CW24 adjudicating these water rights. The Applicant is not aware of any change in location of these structures after their initial construction in the early 1920s. Based upon the Colorado Division of Water Resources' tool converting PLSS land survey descriptions of distances from section corners into UTM coordinates, the west corner of the dam for Pearl Lake No. 7 is more than 500 feet from its decreed location. The UTM coordinates for the west corner of the dam for Pearl Lake No. 7 are stated below. The decree for Pearl Lake No. 8 states that it is located in Section 36 of Township 41 North, Range 4 West, NMPM, but it is actually located in Section 36 of Township 42 North, Range 4 West, NMPM. The map attached to the original application in Case No. 86CW24 showed Pearl Lake No. 8 as its location in Township 42 North, but the application and decrees erroneously described it as being in Township 41 North. The decree in Case No. 86CW24 also contains an incomplete description of the location of the Pearl Lake No. 8. That lake is located in the W1/2 SE1/4, the NE1/4 SE1/4, the S1/2 S1/2 NE1/4, and the E1/2 SE1/2 SW1/4 of Section 36, Township 42 North, Range 4 West, NMPM. The UTM coordinates for the west corner of the dam's embankment are stated below. B. The legal description of the corrected point of diversion: Location information in UTM format: Pearl Lake No. 7: UTM coordinates for the west corner of the dam: Northing: 4920866; Easting: 301305; NAD 83 Zone 13N. Source of UTM's: CDSS Location Converter. Pearl Lake No. 8: UTM coordinates for west corner of the dam: Northing 4192047; Easting: 301587, NAD 83 Zone 13N. Source of UTM's: CDSS Location Converter. Legal Description Using the Public Land Survey System (PLSS). There is a discrepancy of between 200 and 300 feet in the location of section lines between the CDSS Map Viewer and the USGS topographic map for the Finger Lake area and the associated Bureau of Land Management (BLM) GIS layer. For purposes of the following PLSS description, the Applicant has used the USGS topographic map and associated BLM GIS layer. Pearl Lake No. 7: Located in the E1/2 E1/2 NW1/4 and W1/2 W1/2 NE1/4 of Section 1, Township 41 North, Range 4 West, NMPM. The west corner of the dam for Pearl Lake No. 7 is located approximately 1,000 feet from the North section line and 2,590 feet from the West section line. Pearl Lake No. 8: Located in the W1/2 SE1/4 and W1/2 NE1/4 of Section 36, Township 42 North, Range 4 West, NMPM. The west corner of the dam for Pearl Lake No. 8 is located approximately 1,862 feet from the East section line and 2,446 feet from the North section line. In the event of a discrepancy between the UTM coordinates and the PLSS descriptions in this part 3.B., the Applicant is relying on the UTM coordinates as the most accurate description of the location of the west corners of the individual dams forming Pearl Lakes No. 7 and 8. A portion of the USGS quadrangle map for Finger Mesa showing the location of the lakes is attached as Exhibit 1 to this Application. 4. The Pearl Lakes Trout Club is the owner of the land upon which Pearl Lake 7 and Pearl Lake 8 are located. You are further notified that you have until the last day of January 2020, to file with the Water Clerk, a verified statement of opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions or a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of opposition or protest must also be served upon the Applicant or the Applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service must be filed with the Water Clerk. A \$15.00 filing fee is required. PLEASE NOTE: WATER DIVISION 3 HAS MANDATORY E-FILING FOR ALL PARTIES REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY. You can review the complete applications or requests for correction in the office of the Alamosa Combined Court, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101. Witness my hand and seal of this Court this 3rd day of December, 2019.  
Jennifer Pacheco,  
Clerk of the Alamosa Combined Courts  
Water Court, Water Division 3  
8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101  
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### DISTRICT COURT, ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO Court Address: 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101 Phone: (719) 589-4996 COURT USE ONLY

Petitioner: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO AND THE INTEREST OF: A.J.D., CHILD AND CONCERNING:  
Respondents: Angela Holmes, Lonnie Ray Dugan, and Larry Falcker  
Case Number: 2019JV15  
Div: 1  
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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.D., is/are dependent or neglected for the reasons set forth more fully in said Petition, the original of which is on file in the 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. 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 10th day of December, 2019, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. in the Alamosa District Court, in Alamosa, Colorado.  
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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.  
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7) The right to cross examine witnesses;  
8) The right to appeal;  
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WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.  
JENNIFER PACHECO  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### 099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SACRED HEART CHURCH Bazaar

Alamosa, Colorado. "Holiday Bazaar 2019" will be held Friday, Dec. 6th 9:00am-8:00pm and Saturday, Dec. 7th 8:00am-2:00pm at Sacred Heart Church, 709 4th street. in Alamosa. We have once again filled Faist Hall with the wonderful works of many talented arts & crafts vendors. Additionally, there is a White Elephant Sale, Silent Auction and Bake Sale. Breakfast and lunch will be served both days. Friday evening, a Mexican dinner will be served from 4:30pm-7:00pm. Dinner tickets will be available at the door. For information call Phyllis Melgares (580-5477) or the parish office (589-5829 ext. 11) (12/7)

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**MONTE VISTA SCHOOL** District is accepting applications for an anticipated Elementary Library Paraprofessional position at Bill Metz Elementary School. For a complete list of desired qualifications and experience, visit the district web site at <http://www2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html>. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, by December 11, 2019, or until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district web site or call 719-852-5996.(12/11)

## 351 LIVESTOCK

**HIGH ALTITUDE HEREFORD BULL SALE.** Sat. Dec. 14, 2019 1:00pm at Valley Livestock Auction, Monte Vista, CO. Selling 29 horned coming 2 yr. old bulls PAP, Fert, Trich, PI-BVD Tested and 15 Comm. Replacement Heifer Calves. Mike Fuchs Herefords 719-657-2519 [mikefuchsherefords@gmail.com](mailto:mikefuchsherefords@gmail.com) [www.mikefuchsherefords.com](http://www.mikefuchsherefords.com). (12/14)

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## 369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

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

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## 369 - PETS & SUPPLIES

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## 426 - MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

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## 351 LIVESTOCK

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# Quick ZIP CODE Reference

Alamosa 81101	Del Norte 81132	Mogote 81120
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Blanca 81123	Homelake 81135	Romeo 81148
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Capulin 81124	Jaroso 81138	San Acacio 81151
Center 81125	La Garita 81132	Sanford 81151
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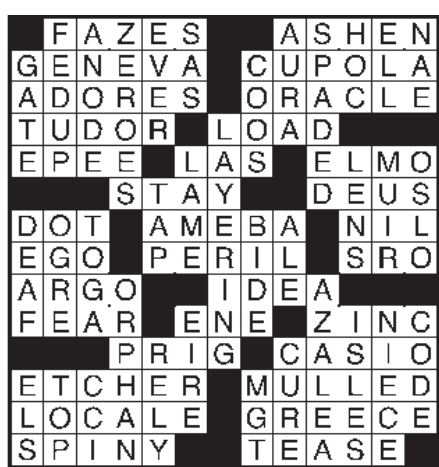
**ACROSS**

1 Have a nightmare  
6 Applaud  
10 Weight units  
12 Works hard  
14 Perseus' foe  
15 Trace element in salt  
16 Leather strips  
18 Insect killer  
19 You, formerly  
21 Beg pardon!  
23 Kind of humor  
24 "Cogito ergo —"  
26 Rani's spouse  
29 Grain crop  
30 Jiffy  
32 Long-handled tool  
34 Lullaby  
36 9-digit ID  
37 Teeth-chattering sound  
38 Billionth, in combos

**DOWN**

1 Monastic title  
2 Regret deeply  
3 Result  
4 Sharp, as hearing  
5 Nets  
6 Less distant  
7 Highland youth  
8 Grasping  
9 Remain undecided

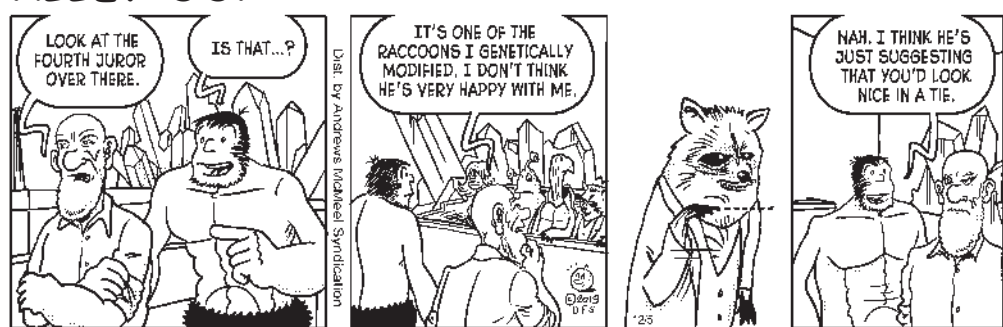
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42 Glamorous wrap  
43 Kind of chop  
45 Vitality  
47 Take a mate  
50 Elbowroom  
52 Singer Frankie —  
54 Pinball palace  
58 Keep safe  
59 Hamster's cousin  
60 Fawn's parent  
61 Harsh-sounding



11 — Paulo  
12 Show relief  
13 TV receiver  
17 Son, often  
19 Shop for clothes (2 wds.)  
20 Scavenging animal  
22 Scratch or dent  
23 JAMA readers  
25 — Nimitz  
27 "Star Wars" gangster  
28 Ohio city  
31 Blitz's channel  
33 Historical period

35 Greenspan stat  
39 Kind of tea  
41 Less remote  
44 Split in two  
46 Brand of spandex  
47 Fat cat's bundle  
48 Nights before  
49 Foolish  
51 Canine pals do it  
53 Grassy field  
55 Tummy muscles  
56 Scoop  
57 English cathedral city

## ALLEY OOP



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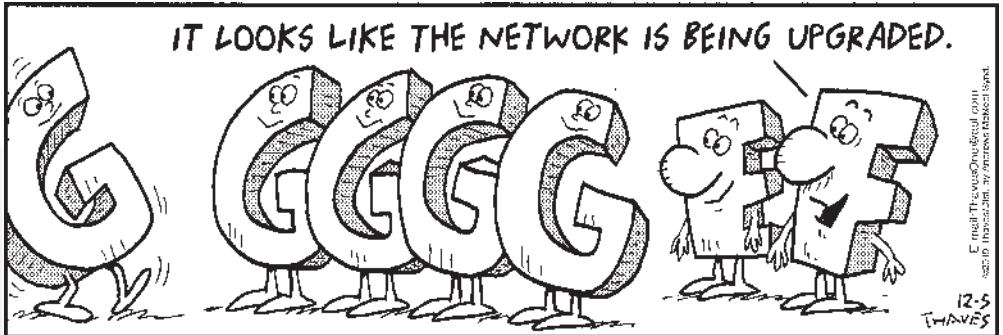
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## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



## FRANK & ERNEST



## GARFIELD



## THE GRIZZWELLS

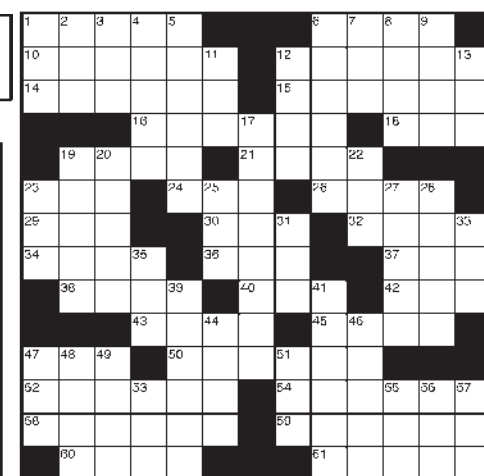
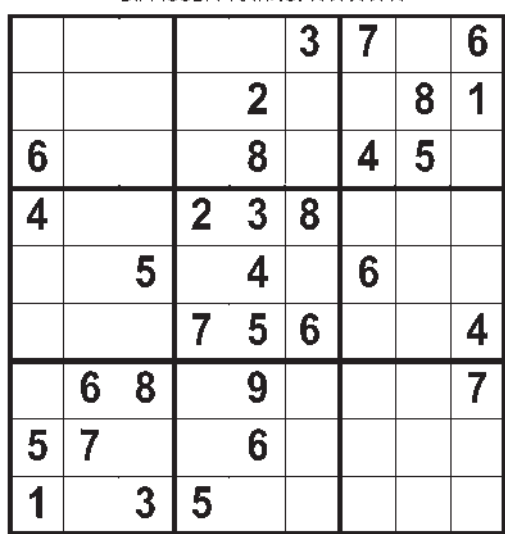


## PEANUTS



## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆



## HERMAN



"Whaddya mean, 'The strawberries aren't fresh'? I just opened the can five minutes ago!"

9	6	3	1	7	2	8	4	5
8	2	5	4	9	3	7	1	6
1	4	7	6	8	5	2	9	3
7	8	2	5	3	4	9	6	1
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**HOW TO PLAY:**  
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

# Girlfriend closely attached to son is distant to family

DEAR ABBY: One of my sons is dating a young woman who seems to care deeply for him, but is very cool and distant to our family. He goes to nearly all of her family's events, but she seldom comes to any of ours.

She has been to one birthday get-together at a restaurant, a wedding and a play where I bought the tickets for her, myself and all my daughters-in-law. She has been invited to family dinners at one or another of our homes, Christmas celebrations, Thanksgivings, birthdays -- you name it -- but has not come to any of them. My husband and I hand-make our gifts to her, which require a lot of time and effort. Last year, she sent us each a gift for Christmas.

They have been dating for several years. When they are apart, she texts him constantly. I am confused and troubled by her indifference to us. We have been more than welcoming to her. Is there anything I or we could do to help her warm up to us? -- FLUMMOXED MOM IN THE SOUTH

will continue isolating him from his family and absorb him into her own. When the grandchildren come, they will spend the majority of their time with her family and not yours.

It is harsh, but it's the truth. Unless your son is strong enough to put his foot down, it's exactly what will happen. You have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: I am a naturally thin young woman. Oftentimes, especially when I'm working in offices with older women, my co-workers comment on their dissatisfaction with their weight and how they wish their body could be more like mine.

To be honest, I don't equate thinness with beauty or fat with ugliness. But when I try to tell these women I think they are beautiful as they are, it's received with suspicion, as if they think I don't mean what I say. How can I respond to those who are unhappy with their weight without sounding insincere? I don't want to hurt anybody's feelings. -- THIN IN FLORIDA



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

they haven't believed you when you tried. Because the subject makes you uncomfortable, try changing the topic to another one.

DEAR ABBY: Is there a place where I can donate puzzles? I always make sure all the pieces are there. I put them in a zip bag inside a taped box so anyone who gets them would be getting something that's as good as new. I have a whole closet full, and I need to find a place to donate them. They are too nice to throw away. -- WANTING TO SHARE IN WASHINGTON

DEAR WANTING: I am sure that if you call around you will discover that senior centers, hospitals, nursing homes, libraries, churches, schools and rehabilitation facilities could put those puzzles to good use. It's worth a try.

DEAR FLUMMOXED: Have you talked with your son about this? If not, you should. You are already doing everything you can, so prepare to batten down the hatches. If your son eventually marries this insecure young woman, she

your co-workers compliment you about your figure, smile and say thank you. Period. If they express dissatisfaction with their appearance, do not allow yourself to be drawn into the conversation. You can't alleviate their insecurities;