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SLV Today Temporary Street Closure

ALAMOSA — There will be a street closure for the 2020 Rio Frio Ice Fest. The City of Alamosa will close the 400 block of San Juan Ave. — from the alley to Main Street — to vehicle traffic and public parking from Friday at 6 a.m. through Saturday at 9 p.m. for the Ice Fest. As the "hub" of Ice Fest activities, San Juan Ave. and Main St. will see increased foot traffic throughout the weekend. Slow down and be mindful of all pedestrians, and pay attention to pedestrians with yellow flags crossing Main at San Juan. Thank you for helping to keep residents and visitors safe during this busy weekend event. For more info about the Ice Fest, please visit www.riofrioice.com or call the Alamosa Family Recreation Center at 719-589-2105. For more info on the street closure, call 719-589-6631.

SLV Pride will meet

ALAMOSA — SLV Pride will be holding its monthly meet-up at 6:30 p.m. on today at the Adams State University CoRE Center in the Student Union Building in Alamosa. Those attending can park in the SUB parking lot and use the north doors. This month is Game Night.

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SLV Women's March succeeds

Between 275-300 people participate in 4th annual event

By DANIEL MCKILLOP, Courier Editor

ALAMOSA — The 2020 version might not have been as large as the inaugural San Luis Valley Women's March four years ago when close to 300 participants took to the streets for the event.

If Saturday's event was not as large as the first one, it had to be pretty close as between 275 to 300 people — accompanied by the Adams State University Drum Line — carried signs and marched in unison.

The participants marched from Main Street (Highway 160) and Richardson, before going east to Ross Ave. Then they traveled south on Ross to 6th Street. On 6th, they went to West Ave., from there, they trekked north, back to Main, before veering west on Main back to Richardson. Then they went to Carson Auditorium.

The theme of this year's presentations at Carson Auditorium was 2020 VISION, and more than a half-dozen speakers discussed issues, including climate change.

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Two marchers carrying a sign saying "San Luis Valley Women Taking Action For Human Rights" lead the way during the fourth annual SLV Women's March in Alamosa on Saturday.

Canines don't skate



There are always plenty of four-legged spectators on hand for the Golden Pick Pond Hockey Tournament in Creede and while they can't compete some find other fun activities in the snow. "Minnow," a yellow lab owned by Lisa Lamb of Buena Vista, was seen repeatedly fetching a stick that was saved from the nearby bonfires.

Pond hockey draws crowd



Hundreds of spectators and more than a dozen teams took to the ice just north of Creede over the weekend for the Golden Pick Tommyknocker Pond Hockey Tournament. Members of the "Bottom of the Barrel" team (gray shirts) representing SLV Rural Electric Co-op are shown in action against "Hard Pass."



Adams State honors MLK Jr.

Crowther presents civil rights leader in accessible way

By HELEN SMITH, Staff Writer

ALAMOSA — Adams State University distinctly celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Dr. Ed Crowther, former chair of the

History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Political Science, gave a presentation titled M.L.K. in the Age of Trump on Monday afternoon in McDaniel Hall.

When giving the introduction to the event, Dr. Rich Loosebrock noted that learning and the push for continued education is one of the best ways to honor the memory of Dr. King.

Crowther began by telling the

audience that he wanted to present King "in an accessible way" and expressed his belief that the civil rights movement "produced change, but not perfection." He further noted that the work of advocating for social change that King began is endless. He expressed his belief that King's story is an illustration of how "when life gives you an opportunity, you find out what you bring to the table."

He went on to describe King's

13 years of public work, including his instrumental role in the events that led to the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Voting Rights Act. According to thekingcenter.org, "The Beloved Community" is a term that was first coined in the early days of the 20th century by the philosopher-theologian Josiah Royce, who founded the Fellowship

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OBITUARIES

Kenton Goodge, 57

ANTONITO — Kenton Goodge, 57, passed away at home in Antonito.

Ken was born on Aug. 15, 1962 to Joseph and LaNella Goodge and was one of four children.

Ken was an avid sportsman, enjoying hunting, fishing and adventures in the mountains whenever he could.

Kenny attended grade school at Manassa Elementary and attended high school at Centauri High School.

Kenny joined the service after high school. He was in the U.S. Army for three years, part of which was spent in Germany.

When his service was concluded, he worked for Bill Rogers, Asplundh and Robin's Construction, where he enjoyed driving truck until his failed health caused him to quit. Then he enjoyed working in his yard.

Ken was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Goodge.

He is survived by his wife, Gerry; mother, LaNella; step-daughters, Alanae (Jaron) Cahoon and Jennifer Timmerman; siblings, Terry, Susan, and Jerry; five grandchildren; along



with numerous nieces and nephews whom all loved him dearly.

The family has chosen cremation and a graveside service, which will be held at Fox Creek Cemetery on Wednesday Jan. 22, 2020 at 11 a.m.

Rogers Family Mortuary, of Alamosa, is in care of the arrangements.

To leave online condolences or words of strength for the family, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com.

Dale Eugene Achatz, 84

ALAMOSA — Long-time Alamosa resident Dale Eugene Achatz, 84, passed away surrounded by family Jan. 16, 2020 at the San Luis Valley Health Regional Medical Center in Alamosa.

Dale was the only child to Albert Frank Achatz and Eunice Olivia Bradley Achatz.

He was born on Sept. 5, 1935 in Alamosa. Dale was united in marriage to Yvonne Jeanette Henson on Oct. 26, 1957 in Alamosa, she preceded him in death on Dec. 14, 2019.

Dale's working career began at an early age as he learned to weld for Alamosa Welding Works. He then entered the United States Army where he served for a couple of years and was honorably discharged. After marrying his wife Yvonne, he took a job with the Colorado Department of Transportation and worked his way up to Senior Shop Foreman and held this position until his retirement.

Dale was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Alamosa Elks Lodge BPOE 1297, the VFW Post 899 and the Last Squad Standing through the VFW, and the Del Monte Gun Club, where he served as a past officer and was currently on the Board of Directors.

Dale was a mechanic and master fabricator and could fix and build just about anything.

He is survived by his children, Mike (Lindsay) Achatz, Lori Achatz-Garcia, Alan (Peggy) Achatz and Russell Achatz; his grand-



children, Kristi (Trevor) Driggs, Tiffany Garcia, Christopher (LaDonna) Achatz and Jessica Achatz; his great grandchildren, Greyson Driggs and Nathan Achatz; as well as his loving dog, "Candy."

He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife Yvonne J. Achatz.

Cremation was chosen and a memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 24, 2020 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Alamosa. Committal services will follow the Mass at the Alamosa Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the San Luis Valley Health Foundation and may be made in care of the funeral home office.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements.

To leave online condolences, tributes and remarks for Dale's family, please visit www.Rogers-Funerals.com

PENDING OBITUARY

William Pryor

MONTE VISTA — Arrangements are pending with Romero Funeral Home in Monte Vista.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

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

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

SUNDAY

5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Parish Center at 3rd and Edison, Alamosa
7 p.m. Town Hall at 108 W Galena Ave., Crestone

MONDAY

12 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Hall at 607 4th St., Alamosa
5 p.m. Women's Meeting at Masonic Hall, 598 Spruce St., Del Norte

7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede
7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara

TUESDAY

12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa
8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

WEDNESDAY

12 p.m. First United Methodist Church at 2005 Mullens, Alamosa
6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito
6 p.m. Amistad of San Luis at 403 Main St., San Luis
7:15 p.m. RV Park in Blanca
7:30 p.m. Masonic Hall at 598 Spruce, Del Norte.
8 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 607 4th St., Alamosa.

THURSDAY

12 p.m. First Christian Church at 1st and State, Alamosa
12 p.m. Crestone Baptist Church, County Rd. T, Crestone
7 p.m. Community Church on Main St., Creede
7:30 p.m. Creative Resource Center at 304 Walnut St., La Jara.
7:30 p.m. Ables/Disables, Baptist Church at 751 Lincoln St., Monte Vista

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

5:30 p.m. at 929 State Ave., Alamosa
6 p.m. Senior Citizen's Building at 710 Main St., Antonito.
8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at 2nd and Broadway, Monte Vista

For schedule changes, please contact your group

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's 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 slv-photostephen@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.

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TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

School Menu
--- Tuesday ---
Jan. 21, 2020

BREAKFAST

Cereal
Juice & Fruit

ELEMENTARY

Domino's Pizza
Green Beans
Vegetable Bar

SECONDARY

Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Roll
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

Rebecca (Grandma Becky) Marie Martinez, 70

ALAMOSA — Becky Marie Martinez went to her eternal rest with her Heavenly Father early Saturday morning, Jan. 18, 2020. She was born in Monte Vista on Oct. 21, 1949 to Joe Procopio Medina and Eufelia (Felix) Medina (Naranjo).

Becky was a dedicated mother, grandma, great grandma, sister, aunt, cousin and friend. She loved her family dearly, and they loved and cared for her selflessly. Becky enjoyed listening to her gospel music and sermons. She was a dedicated believer in God and ready to go with Him. She enjoyed helping whenever she could and was a big part of our reunions. She made gift bags for her church. Her greatest joy was her family, who took her out with them to their outings. Becky had a sense of humor and lived her life to the fullest and didn't complain about her illnesses. She was so ready to go with her Lord and Savior.

Becky is survived by her daughters, Lynette (David), Karen (Juan) Majalca; grandchildren Olivia, Cristina, Amy, Blanca Cano, Juan (Clarissa), Ben (RyAnna), Nancy (Sam) Montoya, and Maribel Majalca, Kenny Jr., Andrew, Ashley Martinez, Anthony, Angelo and Orion Montoya; step grandchildren Brian and Britany Marti-



nez; great grandchildren Mia Majalca, Avery Cano, Manuel Robles, Kilie Aaragon, Aquiles, Romelo, Leo and Miguel. Also survived by sisters, Juanita Archuleta, Esther (Cecil) Sewell, Annie (Roberto) Segura, Orinda (Maxi) Ventura, and brother, Art (Ursula) Medina, and very special cousin Joyce (Mark) Renshaw.

Becky was preceded in death by her husband, Ben; son, Kenny; mom, dad; sisters, Gloria Montoya, Verna Retana and Carol Campa; brother, Thomas Medina, and special friend Leo Montoya.

Becky will be greatly missed by us all, but we know she is in a far better place. There will be a 2 p.m. service for Becky at "The Door" at 1300 West 12th on Highway 285 near "Family Dollar." A dinner will follow at the "Knights of Columbus" at 812 8th Street.

North Conejos School Board set to meet today

LA JARA — A regular board meeting for the North Conejos School District Board of Education will be held at 6:30

p.m. today at the District Administration Office in La Jara.

Agendas are available at the District Administra-

tion Office, which is located at 17890 US Highway 285, La Jara, or on the district's website at www.northconejos.com.

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Valley News

Vision

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 reproductive rights, immigration rights and, of course, the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote. There also were various other topics of discussion.

SLV Women's March organizer Dr. Elizabeth Kinney said she thought the march went well.

"It's always a time when we enrich ourselves," Kinney said. "We feel better about how things are going."

"We try to build a movement here in Alamosa. It has not been — maybe — as big as it has been in years past, but I think the enthusiasm is still here and we'll keep on keeping on."

When she was told that there were between 275 and 300 people marching this year, Kinney said, "Yeah, that's great."

Mother Nature had mercy on the marchers, as the temperature was mild considering it was late January in Alamosa.

"It's a good turnout and I'm grateful for the sunshine," said Mary Van Pelt, who is an Adams State University graduate and has been an Alamosa resident for 40 years. "And the ice was minimal at the intersections, so that was a concern."

Margrett Geist compared Saturday's march to some of the others.

"I was at the first one," Geist said. "Last year, I didn't come."

"I was sick."

Geist said she thought there were more people at this year's march than the one in 2019, even though she was not there a year ago.

She said she heard that there were more people at the first march than any of the other ones.

"So, I think it did pretty good," Geist said. "I think the first year was somewhere around 300."

The number of people who marched this year



Above, people brandishing multiple signs, while waving the American flag trek along Highway 160 while embarking on the final leg of their journey before heading to Carson Hall during the San Luis Valley Women's March on Saturday morning. Right, The participants depart from Highway 160 and Richardson to kick off the first part of their journey.

Courier photos by Daniel McKillop

was comparable to the inaugural one, which means it was very close to matching the first one.

Geist said it has been 100 years since women have gotten the right to vote, and it has been 126 years since they were allowed to do so in Colorado.

"But we weren't even a state at that time," said Geist about Colorado.



"It's always a time when we enrich ourselves. We feel better about how things are going. We try to build a movement here in Alamosa."

—Dr. Elizabeth Kinney
 SLV Women's March organizer



Photo courtesy of Peace Corps

Peace Corps volunteers can assist in sustainable agricultural practices around the globe. Peace Corps representative Tilyian Morrin will be on the Adams State University campus Feb. 3-4 to discuss many volunteer opportunities.

Learn more about Peace Corps at ASU on Feb. 3-4

ALAMOSA — The Adams State University Office of Civic Engagement and Career Services is hosting Peace Corps representative Tilyian Morrin on campus Feb. 3-4.

To learn about volunteer experiences, ask questions about service, and gain tips to guide you through the Peace Corps application process visit the information table from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, in the Student Union Building.

Agriculture specialists are needed to address global food security, conservation concerns, and environmental issues at grass-roots levels. A session on applying one's agriculture know-how overseas to help feed the world will be from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, in Porter Hall room 132.

Morrin will explain how to browse Peace Corps volunteer openings, assist in finding the right program, and more during an application workshop from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, in Porter Hall room 132.

For more information call the Civic Engagement and Career Services Office, at 719-587-8105 or civicingagement@adams.edu.

Newmyer-Olsen swears in



Photo and outline courtesy Erin Smith-Garcia

Chief 12th Judicial District Judge Michael Gonzales administers the oath of office to the newest district judge in the San Luis Valley, former District Attorney Crista Newmyer-Olsen, on Jan. 14 at the Alamosa County Justice Center. Newmyer-Olsen was named by the governor to the vacancy created by the retirement of Chief Judge Pattie Swift. Swift robed Newmyer-Olsen after Gonzales, who replaced Judge Swift as chief judge, swore in the new jurist. The crowd in the courtroom viewing the ceremony was comprised mostly of Newmyer-Olsen's family, court staff, public officials and members of the bench and bar.

Reserve a table now for the Adams State Spring Career Fair

ALAMOSA — Get the best recruits for your business or school.

The Adams State University Office of Civic Engagement and Career Services is

sponsoring its spring 2020 Career and Graduate School Fair for students, alumni and community. Organizations and graduate school recruiters can reserve a booth now.

The fair is scheduled from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., with a 9 a.m. set-up time, Tuesday, March 5, in the Adams State Student Union Building banquet rooms on the first floor.

Early Bird registration is \$40, through Jan. 31 and cost is \$50 after the deadline. To register visit adams.edu/students/career-services/employer-resources/. Registration includes a 6-foot table, two chairs, lunch for two, WIFI, and free parking.

For more information, call 19-587-8105 or civicingagement@adams.edu.

King

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 of Reconciliation. However, it was Martin Luther King, Jr., also a member

of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, who popularized the term.

The idea of nonviolence and justice was central to King's vision of a world where wealth would be

shared and injustice would not be tolerated.

Crowther noted that he views America as being far from these ideals.

He also stressed how the idea of the "beloved

community continues to be a forum for debate, even though King's death was over 50 years ago.

He concluded that the idea of reconciliation is powerful.

He encouraged listeners to celebrate the possibilities of King's vision and to "be the best members of the Beloved Community that you can be."

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Lifestyle

Fire alarm goes off, no blaze



Courier photo by Helen Smith
The Alamosa Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at the downtown branch of Alamosa State Bank late Monday morning. There was no word on the cause for how or why the alarm went off by deadline.



Photo, report courtesy San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group, 8745 CR 9, South, Alamosa, CO, 81101
24 Hour Crisis Hotline & Call Center

Children benefit

SLV gets piece of Health Colorado's grant pie

PUEBLO — Health Colorado has awarded grant funding to 10 community agencies throughout Southern Colorado. Agencies that received grants through the newly established Community Reinvestment Program include: Arkansas Valley CASA, Loaves and Fishes Ministries of Fremont County, Pueblo Department of Public Health & Environment, Pueblo Rescue Mission, Rio Grande County Public Health Department, Senior Resource Development Agency, Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association, Southeastern Colorado Area Health Education Center, Spark the Change Colorado, and the Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments.

The goal of the Community Reinvestment Program is to partner with community agencies to achieve a health care delivery system that improves member health and reduces cost of care.

The program encourages funding initiatives that meet at least one of the priorities of the Accountable Care Collaborative program, Key Performance Indicators and/or Behavioral Health Incentives, specifically those programs that increase Health First Colorado members' access to preventive health services for oral and physical health, behavioral health services and benefits, pregnancy support and services by increasing prenatal visits and educating members about benefits.

The first round of proposals brought innovative programs to connect children and youth with type 1 diabetes to telehealth services, coordinated entry programs to connect individuals and families who are currently homeless, or at imminent risk of experiencing homelessness, with resources and appropriate housing, and interventions reducing the use of the emergency departments for injuries related to injection drug use, as well as HIV and HCV testing and prevention.

The first round of proposals was so promising that Health Colorado will be offering a second round of funding. Organizations currently serving Health First Colorado members in the counties of Alamosa, Baca, Bent, Chaffee, Conejos, Costilla, Crowley, Custer, Fremont, Huerfano, Mineral, Kiowa, Lake, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers, Pueblo, Rio Grande and Saguache are eligible to apply. Grants will be awarded through a competitive application and review process. For more information call 719-621-9500 or email hcadmin@healthcolorado.health.

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Lifestyle

Wolf Creek Ski Area results

Foti, men's 21-25 class, posts best time at 30.78 seconds

PAGOSA SPRINGS — Wolf Creek Ski Area held their fourth Fun Race of the season on Sunday, Jan. 19 for MLK, Jr. Holiday Weekend. There was a great turnout with 89 racers. The fastest time of the day was 30.78 set by Pagosa Springs local, Chris Foti.

The next race at Wolf Creek is the Giant Slalom Race, held on January 25th, 2020. This will be the first race of the Wolf Creek Challenge Series! The 40+ gate Giant Slalom course is on the middle and lower Charisma track is open to teams and individuals. All proceeds support the Wolf Creek Ski Team.



Courtesy photos by Sumiko Caldwell, Wolf Creek employee

BOYS 6-8

Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Hogan Jameson	Amarillo, TX	45.36
SILVER	Rylan Soden	Pagosa Springs	45.47
BRONZE			

BOYS 15-17

Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Nolan Kay	Pagosa Springs	52.27
SILVER	Talon Knapp	Pagosa Springs	56.48
BRONZE	Evan Earthman	Austin, TX	54.64

MEN 21-25

Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Chris Foti	Pagosa Springs	30.78
SILVER	Dakota King	Dallas, TX	41.97
BRONZE	John Courtney	Indianapolis	51.78

MEN 31-35

Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Creamy Carver	Flagstaff	36.34
SILVER	Corduroy Daddy	Flagstaff	37.00
BRONZE	Berk Zorvi	OKC	34.47

MEN 36-40

Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Aaron Horrocks	South Fork	33.52
SILVER	Dusty Rose	Flagstaff	39.45
BRONZE	Stuart Matthews	Dentani, TX	39.74

MEN 41-50

Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Augie Sparrow	South Fork	32.99
SILVER	Luke Thompson	Pagosa Springs	33.99
BRONZE	Ryan Breeding	OKC	34.47

MEN 51-60

Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Rob Grover	Del Norte	36.95
SILVER	Brad Bertrand	OKC	38.72
BRONZE	Dave Simon	Los Ranchos	40.07

MEN 61-70

Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Chris Phillips	Pagosa Springs	33.95
SILVER	Howard Cox	Del Norte	35.87
BRONZE	Mike Parenti	OKC	37.97

MEN 71+

Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Buzz Burke	Pagosa Springs	41.88
SILVER	Dennis Vandenburg	OKC	44.07
BRONZE	Paul Woodson	OKC	49.56

GIRLS 9-11

Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Isabelle Ratciff	Pagosa Springs	43.18
SILVER	Marlo Jameson	Amarillo, TX	47.33
BRONZE	Carlton Christiansen	Castle Rock	49.88

GIRLS 15-17

Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Rylie Nap	Pagosa Springs	43.18
SILVER	Briana Todor	Dallas, TX	43.21
BRONZE			

GIRLS 18-20

Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Caitlin Gerardy	Mustang, OK	46.87
SILVER	Xena Garcia Chavez	Santa Fe	46.99
BRONZE			

WOMEN 36-40

Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Merideth Jameson	Amarillo, TX	35.94
SILVER	Lindsay Dowdy	Hots Springs	38.91
BRONZE	Llama Llama	Flagstaff, AZ	42.82

WOMEN 41-50

Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Tatyana Strickland	Waco, TX	39.00
SILVER	Crazy McGillrudy	Flagstaff, AZ	39.36
BRONZE	Kate Elliott	OKC	39.50

WOMEN 51-60

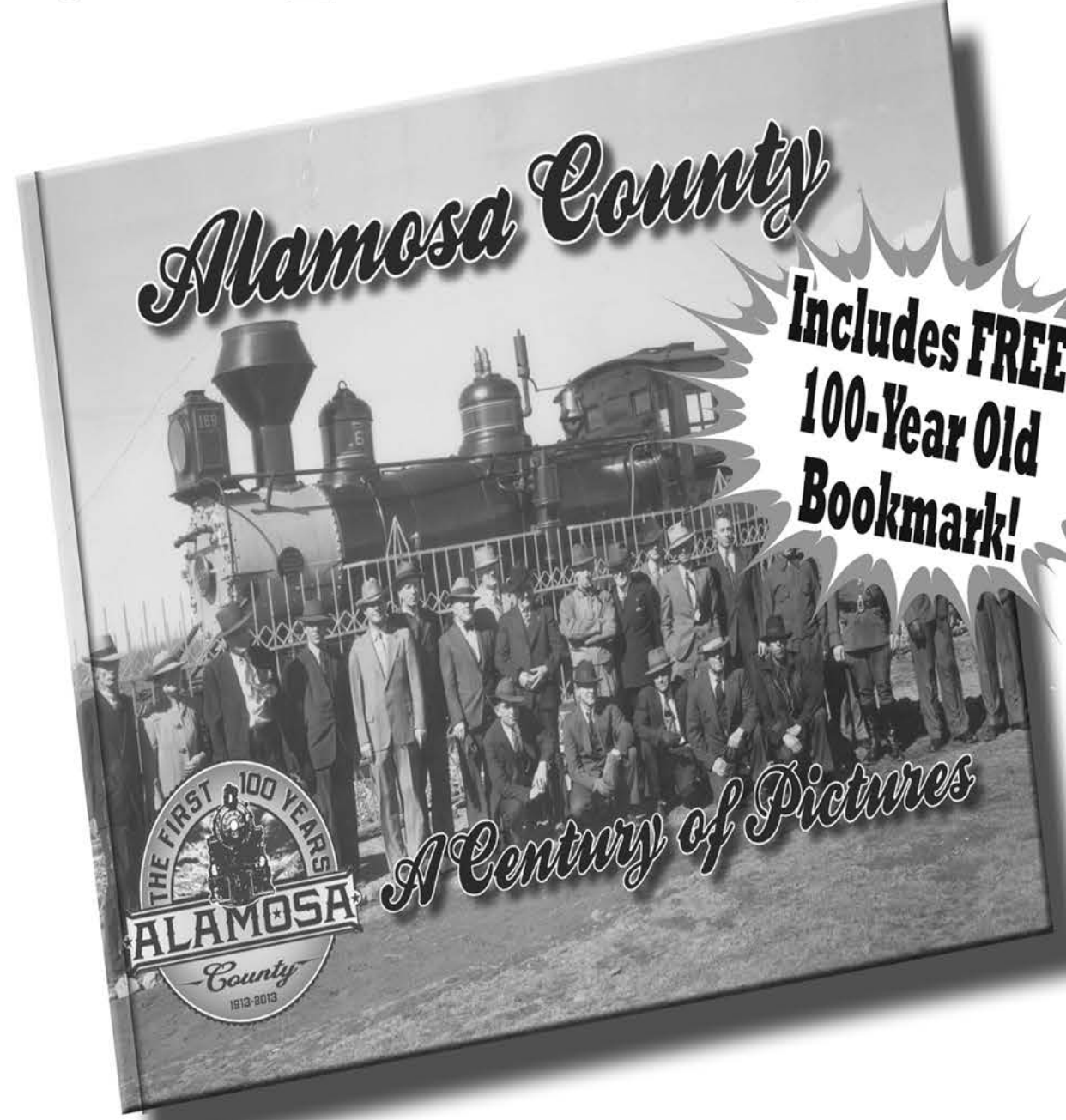
Medal	NAME	City	TIME
GOLD	Kathy Daley	Monte Vista	36.78
SILVER	Laura Custer	Norman, OK	41.14
BRONZE	Ann Simon	Los Ranchos	42.69

Women 61-70

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Sports

Tigers right at home in new school

Del Norte fends off Center on home court

By **STEPHEN JIRON**
Courier Sports Editor

DEL NORTE — The girls basketball squad of Del Norte picked up their second win in the new gym by knocking off Center 57-36.

The Tigers christened the new gym on Thursday night when they took on the formerly tenth-ranked Ignacio Bobcats. Del Norte (8-1) was riding high on a three-game winning streak entering their weekend tilt with Center. The Vikings (6-5) also played Thursday night taking care of business, 42-17, against league rival South Park in a non-league game.

Center refused to back down from the top ten ranked Del Norte Tigers on Saturday night. The Vikings even took a 5-4 lead off a free throw by senior Brandy Almeida. Del Norte would

retake the lead with a 4-point run but the Vikings stuck around closing the first quarter trailing the host Tigers 17-10.

Del Norte continued an 11-point run that spilled over into the second quarter with Kendra Parra and Gabby Jones combining for 10 points during the scoring streak. Center's Almeida would stop the bleeding picking up three points on back-to-back trips to the free-throw line.

Center pieced together a 6-point run with two baskets credited to Alexis Varela to salvage a dangerous situation and close the first half trailing the Tigers 30-21. The Tigers made the most of the opportunities in the first half. While preliminary stats show they only had two more attempts than the visitors they were more accurate hitting 44 percent of their shots from the field to the Vikings 32 percent.

The second half opened with both teams combining for three trips to the charity stripe. After the first successful field attempt of the half from Center's Elexus Trujillo, Del Norte put together nine unanswered points to go ahead 41-24 late in the third quarter, the Tigers would close the quarter leading 49-28. Del Norte pressed their commanding lead in the final 8 minutes to earn the win.

The league game between Del Norte



Courier photos by Stephen Jiron

Center's Alexis Varela (22) defends Kendra Parra (24) of Del Norte during Friday's game. Both girls led their respective teams in scoring.

and Center will take place in Center on February 8th. Kendra Parra paced all Del Norte scorers with 22 points on Saturday night, followed closely by junior Gabby Jones who netted 15 in the win. For Center, it was Brandy Almeida and Alexis Varela combining for 22 points.

The win makes it four in a row for the Del Norte ladies who will stay home for a visit from Sargent (5-4, 1-0 SPL) on Friday, Jan. 24 before departing on a 6-game road trip that will last to Valentine's Day. Center will be home for a meeting with Sanford (5-4, 1-0 SPL) on Friday, Jan. 24.



A bronze tiger statue prowls in front of Del Norte's new school.

Vikings overwhelm Tigers in new gym debut

By **STEPHEN JIRON**
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DEL NORTE — Center boys basketball spoiled the Tiger's first game in Del Norte's new gym with an early flurry from beyond the arc to take a 55-38 win on the road.

Center (6-3, 1-0 SPL) entered Saturday's game going back-and-forth between wins and losses holding a .500 record in their last four games. Del Norte (2-7) entered the weekend affair in need of a win dropping two games in a row before hosting Center.

Del Norte kept pace with Center in the early going of Saturday's game

chasing the Vikings to a 10-8 deficit. Center broke the game open with a combination of three-pointers. First a pair from Victor Almeida, then one from Habran De La Cruz, Almeida closed the first quarter with a third to catapult the Vikings ahead 22-8. Almeida finished with 11 points in the win.

The second quarter began with 9 more unanswered points from the visitors and Center extended their lead to 31-8. A 6-4 exchange that saw the two teams combine for 6 visits to the free-throw line, closed out the half with Center ahead 37-12. The

Vikings ended the first half shooting exactly 50 percent according to preliminary stats.

Back from the break, the Vikings picked up right where they left off. Following a basket from Del Norte's Marcos Romero, Center collected an unanswered 8 points to start the second half staying in control to the tune of 51-17 to start the final chapter. Center's Jesus Miranda began the fourth quarter with a free throw to trigger a running clock.

Del Norte closed the game with a scoring blitz putting up 16 points in the final minutes to close the gap before

regulation. Devin Porres was Center's leading scorer, banking 16 points in the win. Del Norte was led in scoring by Leroy Trujillo who collected 11 points on Saturday.

The win has Center tied for the second-best overall record in the Southern Peaks League (SPL) with Sanford (6-3, 1-0 SPL). Both Center and Sanford trail Crested Butte (7-1).

The Vikings will go home for a game with Sanford Friday, Jan. 24th. Del Norte will also stay home to take on Sargent (3-6, 1-1 SPL) in what could be a competitive game, before going on the road until mid-February.



Del Norte's new gymnasium, complete with an overhead walking track, keeps an open feel similar to the Tiger Fieldhouse thanks to the south wall's windows to the hallway.



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With Del Norte's Logan Cestone (2), Christian Velasquez (23) and TJ Sanchez in tow, Center senior Devin Porres (21) attacks the hoop.

Adams State Battles against Western Colorado

By **CORRI ZAIGER**

ASU Sports Information Assistant
GUNNISON — Adams State Women's Basketball battled it out in Gunnison, Colorado to fall to Western Colorado. Adams State now moves to 2-9 in RMAC and 2-15 overall.

The game opened up with the Mountaineers going on an early 6-0 run. Adams States' Maddie Dorris gave the Grizzlies their first points on the board by making one of her two free throws. Western Colorado continued their run pushing their lead to eight. Zakiya Beckles added on to the Grizzlies score hitting a good jumper. Marshall Hollins helped cut down the Western Colorado lead to 5 when hitting a three.

Adams State concluded the first quarter trailing 6-13.

The second quarter opened with Makaela Ewing hitting a jumper. The Mountaineers added seven more points to their score, to give them a lead of nine. Beckles, Maddie Dorris, and Laura Gutierrez tacked on eight more points to the Grizzlies second-quarter total. Adams State finished the first half down, 22-31.

Adams State opened the second half with Ally McKenzie scoring the Grizzlies first five points from a layup and three points from the free-throw line. Dorris tacked on another two points from a layup and an assist from Paiton Demps. The Mountaineers gained their largest lead of 17 with a minute left in the third quarter. Gutierrez hit her and-one jumper and a free throw to cut the deficit down to 14 points. After a good layup from Ewing, Western Colorado quickly answered to end the quarter leading 48-34.

Western Colorado again pushed the pace to gain their largest lead of the game of 21 points. Only a minute into the quarter, Dorris grabbed an offensive rebound to put back up for a layup. Demps and Hollins put up jumpers from within and beyond the arc to add to the Grizzlies final total, 44-61.

Though falling, the Grizzlies were led by Hollins, scoring 9 points while grabbing 3 steals and 2 rebounds. Beckles was also a strong asset to

the Grizzlies offense and defense, with 8 points and led the team with 5 rebounds. Dorris put up 7 points on the night, while both Gutierrez and McKenzie added 6 points. Beckles and Demps each led Adams State

with 3 assists.

The Grizzlies will be back home next weekend to take on Colorado Christian and Regis University Jan. 24 and 25. Both games are set to tipoff at 5:30 p.m.

Lavier breaks 3-point record



Courtesy photo by Andrew Lavier

Emily Lavier is (center) pictured with head coach Shawn Cody (right) and Athletic Director Erik Melgoza (left). Alamosa sophomore Lavier broke the high school girls basketball 3-point record. Lavier retakes the record for Alamosa hitting 12 three-pointers in a 61-13 victory over Monte Vista. This comes a day after Denver South's Carly Dilworth posted 11 three-pointers to break former record holder Alamosa's Kerri Alsbaugh's 10 in 1997, Alsbaugh's 10 were tied by five others



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 - 9 Novelist — Levin
 - 12 Homer's daughter
 - 13 After-bath wear
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 - 18 Chart
 - 20 Roly-poly
 - 21 Cartoon shriek
 - 22 Donne's "done"
 - 23 University features
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 - 17 Wall decoration

- 19 Stop working
- 22 "Peter and the Wolf" duck
- 23 Milk amts.
- 24 Arm bone
- 25 Battery fluid
- 26 Plays a role
- 27 "Soft Watches" artist
- 28 On any occasion
- 31 "The Mammoth Hunters" author
- 33 Billboards
- 35 Of the bishop of Rome
- 37 Thin wedge
- 40 Fast gait
- 42 Discernment
- 44 Uptight
- 45 Library sound
- 46 Soul singer — James
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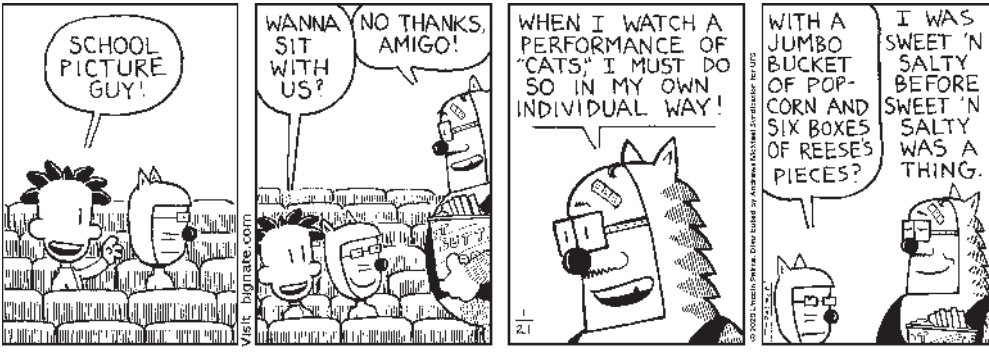
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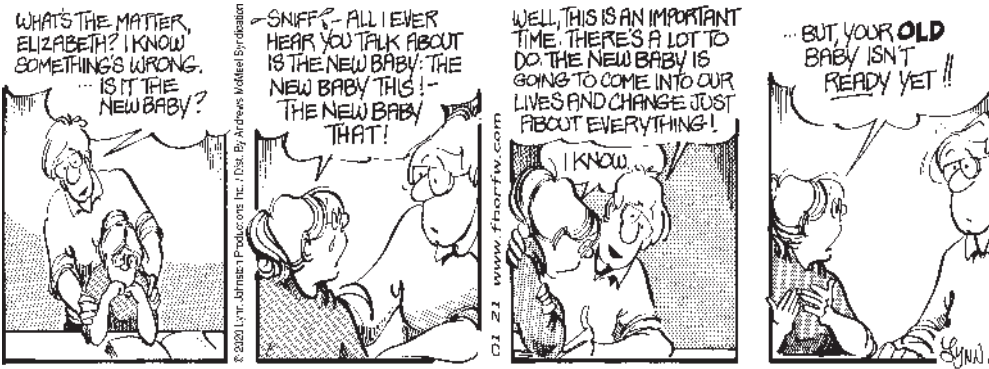
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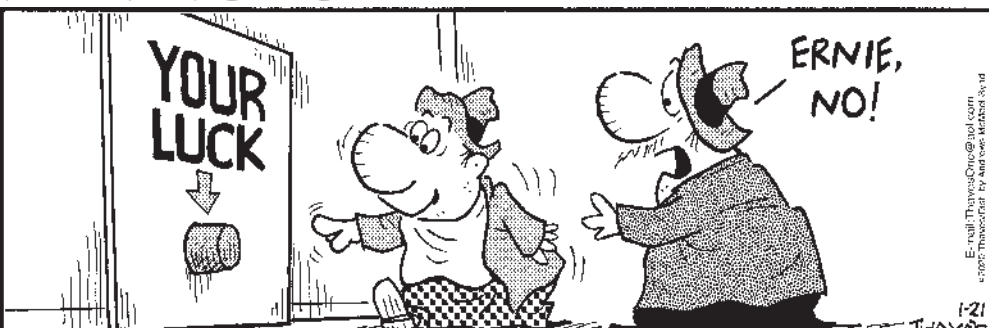
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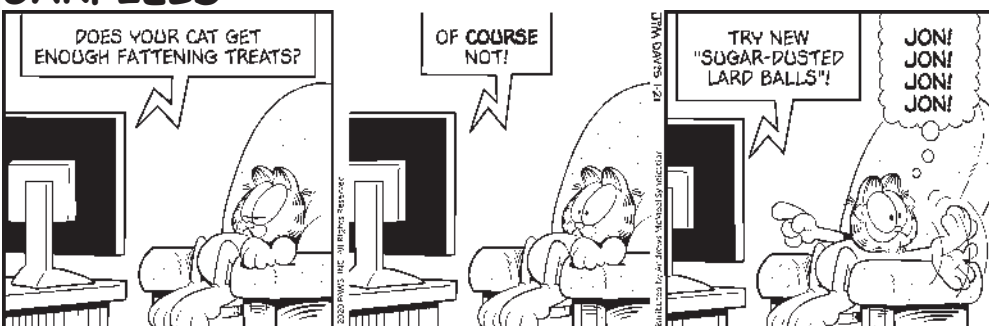
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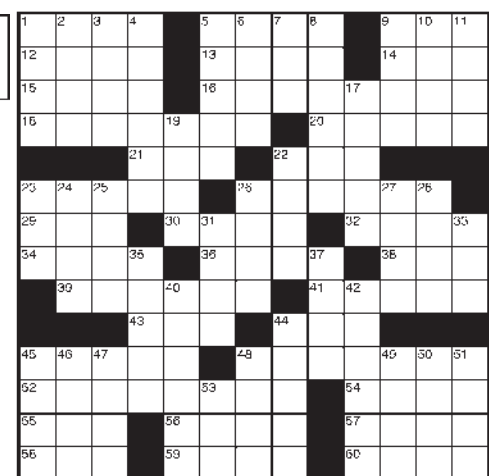
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HERMAN



Man's low ambition casts shadow on couple's future

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a great guy for a year and a half. He's funny, smart, and when he comes to my house, he washes my dishes and plays with my son. He is attentive, and he cooks for me. He is always buying me little things like a desk coffee heater because he knows I love hot coffee, or smart bulbs that create cool colors in the living room. He's a super fun guy, and he often leaves sweet little notes around the house for me.

The downside is, he has zero ambition, zero motivation and no life goals. We are in our early 30s, and I'm a professional with my own home. He lives in a small room in a house with two housemates. His job pays very little, but although he has few responsibilities, he has been very slow to look for other jobs.

Abby, I have talked to him about our future. We both want to be together, but I told him I am not going to support him. We want to move in together, but he needs to be more financially stable. He needs to be my equal.

When we spoke, he agreed with me and the fact that he can do better. He promised he would be looking, but I have been waiting months to see a change in him and -- noth-

ing. Should I wait for him? Should I talk to him again? I want so much more, and I am not sure he can deliver. I don't want to stay just because my son loves him so much. What should I do? -- HOPELESSLY VEXED

DEAR HOPELESSLY: I understand your position. You seem to want the whole package, and from what you have written, this person is not it. You should not have to support him, and he shouldn't expect it. It appears that while the two of you care for each other, he simply cannot summon up the motivation to make the effort to better himself financially. Could you accept this in the long run? Is the status quo what you want forever? Bear in mind, if this man moves in, it will prevent you from finding a partner who is your equal in all ways.

DEAR ABBY: My son got married eight months ago. I recently found out he and his wife haven't sent thank-you notes to anyone. Some of our friends and family took time off work, traveled across the country, spent a lot of money on airfare, hotels, meals, as well as wedding gifts. I am mortified.

Abby, there were only 60 guests, so there were fewer than 30 thank-you notes to send. When I asked my son about it last week, he said they hadn't sent them



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because so much time had passed and it was too late. I told him it was inexcusable, and they need to get those notes written now because this is definitely a case of better late than never.

If they don't do it within the next week, I intend to contact my friends and family and thank them myself and apologize for their rudeness. My son was not raised to be ungrateful and rude. What do you think? -- FURIOUS IN ARIZONA

DEAR FURIOUS: What you have in mind may be well-intentioned, but it won't make up for your son and daughter-in-law's lack of courtesy. If they fail to contact the guests who made such an effort to attend their wedding, do not speak up on their behalf because it will only make them look worse.

Lifestyle

Trinchera Blanca Foundation recaps 2019 support across SLV

FORT GARLAND — The Trinchera Blanca Foundation, the local affiliate of Louis Bacon's Moore Charitable Foundation, provided support to nearly 30 conservation and community organizations with programs in the San Luis Valley. Grants from Trinchera Blanca Foundation helped organizations continue to provide critical human services and support local communities while protecting and preserving important land, water, cultural and historical areas and activities. "These organizations are true stewards of the San Luis Valley," said Louis Bacon.

"From providing vital protections for our land, water and way of life to delivering key individual and community services, we look forward to continuing to applaud their efforts."

Trinchera Blanca Foundation's 2019 Grantees include: Adams State University Foundation, Alamosa River Foundation, Blanca Fort Garland Community Center, Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley, Centennial School District, Colorado Association of Conservation Districts, Colorado Open Lands, Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust, Costilla

County Economic Development Council, Costilla County Prevention Partners, Costilla County Senior Citizens Club, Colorado State University Foundation - Natural Resources, Colorado State University Foundation (Salazar Center), Food Bank Network of the San Luis Valley, Fort Garland Museum, Mariachi San Luis, La Puente Home, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, National Wildlife Federation, Rio Grande Farm Park, Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust, Rio Grande Watershed Conservation & Education Initiative, San Luis Valley Ecosystem

Council, San Luis Valley Regional Science Fair, Sierra Grande School District, Tiny Hands Daycare Center, Tu Casa, Western Landowners Alliance.

ABOUT TRINCHERA

BLANCA FOUNDATION: The Trinchera Blanca Foundation, the Colorado affiliate of The Moore Charitable Foundation, founded by Louis Bacon in 1992 supports orga-

nizations committed to protecting land, water and wildlife habitat in Colorado's San Luis Valley. The Trinchera Blanca Foundation also supports community programs

Alamosa KOA joins Pick Up America effort

KOA NEWS SERVICE — The Alamosa KOA Journey Campground, owned and operated by Les Petersen and Debora Hankinson, will be participating this year in Pick Up America, a joint project between Kamgrounds of America and Thor Industries.

Kamgrounds of America is the largest system of family-friendly campgrounds in North America, and THOR is the largest manufacturer of recreational vehicles in the world.

The Pick Up America program is based on a simple idea. The program asks all campers, RV enthusiasts, and outdoor lovers to set a positive example by picking up trash wherever they find it.

More than 100 KOA campgrounds throughout North America are participating in the Pick Up America program in 2020.

In 2019, participating individuals pledged to collect more than 250 tons of trash from public lands.

For the first time in 2020, five Kamgrounds of America parks in Canada will also participate in the program.

Members of the public are asked to pledge to pick up bags of trash along hiking and biking trails, local parks, parking lots, state and national parks, picnic area, rest stops or anywhere

else they find discarded items. Public lands are a specific target of the Pick Up America program.

The KOA campgrounds in the program will serve as collection points for the trash, as well as points of distribution for the program's trash collection bags.

To find out more about the Pick Up America program or to make your pledge to pick up trash, please go to www.pickupamerica.com.

To find a KOA campground nearby that is participating in the Pick Up America program, go to <https://koa.com/blog/pick-up/>.

ABOUT KAMPGROUNDS OF AMERICA

Kamgrounds of America is the world's largest system of family-friendly campgrounds, with more than 520 locations in the U.S. and Canada. Each year, nearly 7 million families camp with KOA. Find out more about KOA campgrounds at www.KOA.com.

ABOUT THOR INDUSTRIES

Thor Industries is the world's largest manufacturer of recreational vehicles, with 17 different RV brands under the THOR umbrella. Find out more about Thor Industries at <https://www.thorindustries.com/>.

Tips to ensure a clean campsite

According to the 2018 North American Camping Report, an annual independent study supported by Kamgrounds of America, more than 6 million new North American households have adopted the camping lifestyle since 2014.

Give ample thought before packing. A clean campsite begins before leaving for the trip. When packing, think of ways to reduce litter by packing lighter. Avoid single-use plastic bottles in favor of reusable water bottles. Give considerable thought to how much food will be

consumed while camping, resisting the temptation to bring extra food that may end up as litter or attract local wildlife.

▶ Leave nothing behind. It may sound simple, but anything brought to the camping trip must be taken out upon departure. Garbage, waste water and leftover food that may be on the brink of spoiling should not be left behind. Make note of garbage disposal areas near the campsite before the trip, and discard any trash at such sites after leaving and before leaving.

▶ Don't expand the campsite. Parks and recreation

personnel designate specific areas to camp, and campers should stick solely to these areas when setting up campsites. Stretching these boundaries can compromise nearby vegetation, which local wildlife may rely on to eat.

▶ Learn local laws regarding refuse. Some campgrounds may allow campers to pour out dish water so long as biodegradable soap was used to wash dishes. But not all campgrounds allow such disposal. Upon choosing a campsite, contact the grounds and ask for a list of rules. TF197103

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