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SLY Today Republicans will meet at

Nino's

ALAMOSA- For those people who were unable to make it to the Alamosa County Republican November meeting, it was decided to change its meeting days to the first Monday of each month beginning with January, 2020. So, its next meeting will be on Monday at noon at Nino's Mexican Restaurant, after it was originally scheduled for Juanito's Mexican Kitchen. The meeting will feature guest speaker, Lauren Boebert, candidate for Colorado's Third Congressional District

come to attend. **BINGO!**

and ownerof Shooters

Grill in Rifle. All are wel-

LAJARA—On Sunday La Jara's Knights of Columbus #5512 Bingo, 1 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Up to \$2,000 payout. \$10 entry fee.

Veterans beware

HOMELAKE — The Colorado Veterans Community Living Center at Homelake will be destroying patient medical records for the discharged year 2013. If you wish your record be retained, please contact Medical Records at 719-





Sunny 28/-7

Sun.: Sunny 32/-2 Mon.: Sunny 27/-15

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Name, logo almost identical

Alamosa's Locavores Restaurant may have infringement case

ALAMOSA - An Alamosa restaurant owner is concerned that a new Denver-based upscale grocery store has diluted her brand.

Small business entrepreneur Wendi Seger opened Locavores in Alamosa in 2016. The fastcasual restaurant filled a void in the community by offering fresh and fast food.

Then in November, a new grocery store called Leevers Locavore opened up in Denver where a discount Save-a-Lot store had closed in a quickly gentrifying neighborhood. That new grocery store is owned

by Leevers Supermarkets, Inc., a corporation that operates more than 20 grocery stores under multiple brand names across ■ See **DENVER** page 3

Leevers

WWW.ALAMOSANEWS.COM

The overall shape and use of two stylistically similar typefaces are some of the similar elements that may confuse customers and constitute trademark infringement.

Wolf Creek gets huge snowfall

By LYNDSIE FERRELL Valley Publishing

SOUTH FORK — Over the last several days Wolf Creek Ski Resort

has received a staggering 54 inches according to reports coming from the mountain. This season, so far, has yielded a large amount of snow, bringing the total accumulation for the year to 193 inches. Though it was looking like a slow start for the resort, Mother Nature came through with flying colors and has people sliding to the area to enjoy the fresh powder, short lift lines and epic skiing.

The Town of South Fork has reported a slight increase in sales tax revenue. Which is notable as last season brought the town the most sales tax revenue they have seen in years.

Businesses throughout the region are reporting a successful year and those who reside in South Fork are commenting on the amount of people who have come to town to enjoy the town's hospitality.

Women's Vote Centennial tours area

1893 ballot box among several artifacts on display

STATEWIDE—The Women's Vote Centennial Colorado's commemoration of the 19th Amendment hit the road this month with its Road to the Vote traveling artifacts tour across Colorado.

The tour was created to move history —literally — across the state, while educating residents and organizations about the anniversary of the largest voting-rights expansion in U.S. history, through three outreach opportunities, which include a pop-up, traveling artifacts exhibit featuring an original ballot box from the 1884 Colorado elections and a reproduction ballot from the 1893 Colorado elections; a "call to action" for interested organizations to collaborate together and create space for civic engagement, commemoration, impact and support, and a "listening and learning tour" for regional organizations to help lead events and meetings.

The Women's Vote Centennial comprises the nation's most comprehensive statewide effort to examine the importance of voting in our democracy.

History Colorado, the state agency leading the initiative, created inclusive, historic opportunities for Coloradans to participate and join grass-roots efforts to learn about the complex history of women's suffrage — and, how



Courtesy photo

The Women's Vote Centennial Colorado's commemoration of the 19th Amendment reproduces ballot box from the 1884 Colorado elections, which is on display during its Road to the Vote tour.

Colorado transformed history for the entire country.

In 1893, Colorado was the first

dum, denying citizens the right to vote based on their sex. This took place more than 25 years before

▶ Jan. 6 -17: Fort Garland Museum and Cultural Center (Fort Garland) act was signed into law on Aug.

Next stop

The trailblazing collaborative fight for women's voting rights changed the course of history in Colorado and continues to inspire social, economic, political and cultural advancements today.

"We are thrilled to launch our tour across Colorado's landscape, reaching the iconic places that helped create history - and the people who continue to shape history," said Jillian Allison, director of the Center for Colorado Women's History. "More than ever, it's important to understand Colorado's early role in the national movement for the women's vote, while stimulating new participation, action and conversation.

A traveling, pop-up exhibit features an original ballot box from the 1884 Colorado elections, as well as a reproduction ballot from the 1893 Colorado elections. Launched at the Georgetown Loop Historic Mining and Railroad Park, the artifacts exhibit is traveling to History Colorado museums throughout the state and some sites will include additional artifacts from that region. There will be county-specific, historical facts from each stop on the artifacts tour, including the

state to outlaw, via state referenthe national women's suffrage ■ See **ACTION** page 3

Fire destroys well house



Alamosa firefighters were called to 5444 County Road 112.9 northeast of town about 11:45 p.m. Thursday when a residential pump house caught fire and was destroyed. AFD Lieutenant Zach Cerny said 11 firefighters responded to the blaze with four trucks and were on scene for about 1 1/2 hours. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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Hoffman earns first-place award for top Christmas tree

A photo submitted by Ava Hoffman has been voted the best of 29 photos submitted in the Valley Courier's first-ever Christmas tree photo contest, sponsored by Alamosa State Bank. She will receive the grand prize of \$50. Her tree received 30 of the 90 votes submitted in the contest with more than 100 readers participating in the online contest at alamosanews.com.





Record

OBITUARIES

Andrew Paul Bazar, 91, Oct. 1928-Dec. 2019

beautiful family home in

Blanca and a family vaca-

tion cabin in Fort Garland.

Grande School in 1989 and

 $ended\,up\,settling\,in\,El\,Paso$

where he got to spend time

with David and his four

Andy spent almost ev-

ery summer back in the

San Luis Valley, making

improvements and addi-

tions to the cabin, visiting

old friends, reading and

staying out of the El Paso

Andy was always a de-

vout Catholic and tried to

live his life by God's law.

He was truly a good man.

He will be missed, not only

by his five children, seven

grandchildren and three

great-grandchildren, but

by the countless lives he

touched in his 91 years. He

will always be remembered

as a kind and gentle soul

with a quick smile, a heart-

felt laugh, and really corny

jokes. We'll miss you dad.

a mass on Jan. 18 at noon

at St. Matthews Catholic

Parish, 400 West Sunset,

Roy is preceded in death

by his parents, his wife,

Helen in 1999; and his

siblings, Faye Elliott, Do-

lores White, Lloyd Moore

and infant sister Juanita

A visitation will be held

Monday, Jan 6 from 10-11

p.m. at the Rogers Family

Mortuary in Alamosa. A

funeral service will fol-

low at 11 a..m also at the

Rogers Family Mortuary

in Alamosa. Interment

will follow services in the

To leave online condo-

lences, tributes and re-

marks of comfort for the

family, please visit www.

Mary Virginia Griego-

Stephen Goldstein, age

Juan A. Lara, 68

Alexandra Kim

Yvonne Jeanette Achatz,

Kevin Glen Buhr, 40

Adelmo F. Chacon, 78

Tristen Kent Benns, 8

Victoria C. Ortiz, 89

Joaquin DuPont (Wax)

Robert L. Mitchell, 92

L. Scott Sowards

Dennis Joseph Valdez

Adelina M. Espinoza, 95

Carl Thomas Eddy, 60

Raymond E. Powell, 81

James "Jimmy" Albert

Manchego, 65

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Manuel Lucero, 87

Mondragon, 33

Quirico, 78,

RogersFunerals.com.

DEC. 2019 OBITUARIES

Farewell

CORRECTION:

In the Jan. 3, 2020 issue of the Courier,

the August, September and half of October

obituaries for 2019 were incorrect. The cor-

rect obituaries for those months will appear

Alamosa Cemetery.

The family will be holding

grandchildren.

summer heat.

Andy retired from Sierra

BLANCA — The children of Andrew Paul Bazar, aka Andy and Mr. B, are sad to announce his passing on Dec. 22, 2019 in El Paso, Texas, at the age of 91.

Andy was born in Los Angeles to Andrew Joseph Bazar and Elizabeth (Roche) Bazar, where he grew up as one of seven children. One sibling, sister, Cath-

erine Marie Bazar; still resides in Fremont, Calif. After graduating from

high school, Andy joined the U.S. Navy and served most of his 20 years stationed in San Diego

While in the Navy, Andy met and married a young widow, Alice (Hannah) Johnson, and became a loving step-father to her three children, Jerry Lee Johnson, Alan Eugene Johnson and Melanie Sue (Johnson) Saracco. Within a few years, Andy

and Alice had two more sons, Andrew Michael Bazar and David Kevin Bazar. Mike and David currently live in El Paso,, Texas, where they have cared for both parents for a number of years.

After retiring from the Navy, Andy relocated the family to Blanca in 1966. He returned to school to get his teaching credential and a master's degree in Education while putting in a 40-hour work week as a social worker. He began teaching at

Sierra Grande Consolidated School and quickly moved into the position of

While working at Sierra El Paso, Texas 79922. All Grande, Andy also built a are welcome.

Longtime resident Roy

Moore, 101, died Dec. 31.

2019 at the San Luis Care

Roy was born in Blue

Jacket, Okla., on Nov. 17,

1918 to Leonard Moore and

Nelle Doores. He married

Helen I. Miller on Sept. 21,

Roy was a hard worker.

His working career began

with his father at a young

age on the farm. He even

worked during the potato

harvest well into his 80s.

Most of his working years

were spent driving a truck

for public service and he

retired from this after 37

Roy was an avid reader

He is survived by his

and enjoyed raising horses.

daughter, Sandra (Gregg)

Rogers of Hooper; his

grandsons, Justin (Tracy)

Rogers and Mark Rogers;

his great-grandchildren,

Makenzie, Tymberlynn,

Kamryn and Deagon Rog-

ers; his sisters, Leota De-

Souchet of Alamosa and

Betty DeGrant of Denver;

as well as numerous niec-

es, nephews and extended

VALLEY —We bid

people we lost in 2019

in the San Luis Valley.

intentional.)

(Any omissions were not

December

Alexandra Kim

Barbara Darlene

Ina Davis, 93

Michael Scott Kline, 58

Joanne Christine

James "George" Wharton

Nancy Butler

James "Jim" Monroe

Jesus Lopez-Martinez, 92

Patricia I. Morgan-Lloyd

Irene "Martha" Olivas,

in Tuesday's upcoming issue.

Gustin Sr.

Espinoza (Trujillo), 64

Mondragon, 33

(Lovato) Vigil, 73

farewell to the following

1947 in Monte Vista.

Center in Alamosa.

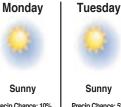
Roy Moore, 101

SAN LUIS VALLEY FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 29°, humidity of 58%. South southwest wind 1 to 6 mph.

Tonight: Expect mostly clear skies with an overnight low of -5°. Southwest wind 3 to

Tomorrow: Skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 32°, humidity of 54%. South wind 2 to 7 mph



Precip Chance: 5% Precip Chance: 10% 19/-8 18/0

Salida

Saguache

Alamosa

29 / -5

Antonito 32/-2

La Jara

Wednesday **Partly Cloudy** Precip Chance: 0%

Mostly Cloudy Precip Chance: 15% 20 / -2 18/-4

Friday

Precip Chance: 0% 16/-6

ALAMOSA ALMANAC

Sun and Moon Temperature Sunset Yesterday's High Yesterday's Low Avg. High / Low Sunrise 7:18 a.m.

-10 34 / -2 56 in 1997 Sunday Monday -33 in 2013

7:18 a.m. 5:00 p.m

1/10 1/17

0.02"

Crested Butte 0"

0.00" Temperature and precipitation valid through 5 p.m. yesterday SNOWPACK INFORMATION Upper Rio Grande River Basin 131% of Norma 125% of Normal **Cumbres Pass** 113% of Normal 112% of Normal

226% of Norma 241% of Norma Medano Pass Rio Grande Res 115% of Normal 122% of Normal n/a 133% of Normal Animas, Dolores, San Juan, San Miguel 126% of Normal Weminuche Pass Wolf Creek Pass SKI CONDITIONS Valid at 6 a.m. yesterday New Mid Mtn. Open Surface

FORECAST DISCUSSION

Skies will be mostly clear Sunday night with an overnight low of 2°. Southwest wind 7 mph. Monday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 19°, humidity of 56%. West northwest wind 7 mph. Monday night, skies will be clear with an overnight low of -8°. West southwest wind 2 to 6 mph.

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SAN LUIS VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST Thursday

REGIONAL FORECAST MAP

Creede

South Fork

Cañon City

Walsenburg

Trinidad

REGIONAL CITIES

Record Low

Yesterday's

River Basin

Arkansas

Gunnison

Yampa

Avg. Month to Date

Avg. Year to Date

Precipitation

REGIONAL CITIES											
	Today			Tomorrow			Monday				
City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	١		
Antonito	35	2	S	37	5	S	22	-6			
Cañon City	58	29	S	48	31	S	40	21			
Center	27	2	S	29	3	S	18	0			
Creede	42	8	S	38	7	S	18	4			
Del Norte	30	2	S	31	3	S	19	-2			
Fort Garland	34	9	S	35	11	S	20	2			
Hooper	26	-2	S	29	1	S	18	-7			
La Jara	32	-2	S	36	2	S	22	-7			
La Veta	48	25	S	44	27	S	32	15			
Moffat	27	6	S	29	5	S	18	1			
Monte Vista	27	-2	S	31	0	S	19	-8			
Mosca	30	12	S	31	10	S	20	3			
Platoro	40	12	S	42	14	рс	22	6			
Pueblo	58	28	S	47	27	S	40	18			
Romeo	33	-2	S	37	3	S	22	-7			
Saguache	29	9	S	30	8	S	19	0			
Salida	50	25	S	45	22	S	29	13	p		
San Luis	39	10	S	42	13	S	23	3			
South Fork	38	1	S	34	2	S	20	-1			
Walsenburg	53	27	S	46	29	S	37	17			

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

AA Meetings

VALLEY -The San Luis Valley offers many Alcoholics Anonymous

Monte Vista

A.Ā. 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. 1st Christian Church, 1st and State, Alamosa

5 p.m. Women's Meetat 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,

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

WEDNESDAY

12 p.m. First United Methodist Church at 2005

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

7:30 p.m. Masonic Hall

at 598 Spruce, Del Norte. 8 p.m. 1st Christian Church, 1st and State, Alamosa.

THURSDAY

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

Fort Garland

34/9

San Luis

nut St., La Jara. 7:30 p.m. Ables/Disables, Baptist Church at 751 Lin-

coln St., Monte Vista **FRIDAY**

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

SATURDAY

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

Building at 710 Main St., Antonito. 8 p.m. Mountain View Presbyterian Church at

6 p.m. Senior Citizen's

2nd and Broadway, Monte For schedule changes, please contact your group

service representative

AL-ANON

TUESDAY

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 Thurs-

NARCOTICS ANON-YMOUS (NarcAnon)

TUESDAY 7 p.m. 1st Christian

Church, 1st and State, Alamosa.

7:30 p.m. Baca Grande Library at Road T, Crestone

THURSDAY

7 p.m. SDA Church at 313 Craft Drive, Alamosa

SATURDAY 9 a.m. Little Shepherd

Episcopal Chapel at Alder St., Crestone 7 p.m. 1st Christian

Church, 1st and State, Alamosa.

ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

Alamosa police working during holiday season

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Police Report from Dec. 24, 2019-Jan. 2, 2020

Dec. 24

Natasha Jaquez, 35, was cited with disorderly conduct at 3415 Mariposa Dr. Dec. 26

Yvonne Arredando was cited with vehicular elud-

ing, reckless endangerment, resisting an officer, crimes against an at risk adult, damage to a highway and weaving out of a lane at 3000 Hwy. 160.

Rochelle Quintana was cited with criminal impersonation at 1100 8th St.

Steven Doyle, 48, was cited with driving under 8 p.m. 15 Country Club suspension, operating an unregistered vehicle, failure to present insurance, and displaying fictitious plates at 8th St. and Railroad Ave.

Joshua Barela, 26, was cited with domestic violence, violation of a restraining order criminal mischief, and obstruction of telephone service at 3333Clark St.

Dec. 27

Keegan Bennett, 20, was cited with driving an unsafe vehicle at 2500 1st St.

Loren Bianca, 27, was cited with possession of 2nd degree contraband and possession of drug paraphernalia at 2017 Lava Ln.

Dec. 28

Vincent Baroz, 23, was cited with driving an unsafe vehicle at 1000 10th

Tanya Gutierrez was cited with 2nd degree burglary, unlawful possession of a controlled substance and theft at 3333 Clark St.

Loren Bianca was cited

with possession of 1st degree contraband at 2017

Kelsey Weeks, 28, was cited with failure to obey a traffic control device. Christopher Comstock,

36, was cited with theft at 3333 Clark St. Roselyn Garcia was cited

with theft at CR 89 and

Dec. 30

George Arellano, 43, was cited with 4th degree arson of a residence at 1700 State Ave.

Phillip Rivera, 28, was cited with resisting an officer and obstruction of emergency personnel.

Steven Schaich, 40, was cited with theft, obstruction of emergency personnel and resisting an officer at 720 Del Sol Dr.

Dec. 31

Leslie Ruybal, 41, was cited with failure to stop at a stop sign and failure to preset insurance at Lakewood Dr. and Kathleen Ln.

Annetta Sutter, 34, was cited with resisting an officer at 913 State Ave.

Dominic Hidalgo, 42, was cited with DWAI, driving under suspension, and driving an uninsured vehicle not equipped with taillights at 200 State Ave.

Jan. 1

C.J. Dominguez was cited with unlawful possession of a controlled substance at 500 Main.

Jan. 2

Leroy Olivas was cited with domestic violence, 3rd degree assault, violation of a protection order, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance at 617 6th St.

ONGOING VALLEY MEETINGS ALAMOSA—La Leche da Wilkinson, 719-589-

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

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

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

ALAMOSA —The Alamosa Kiwanis Club meets on the second, third and fourth Thursdays at noon

at IHOP. Contact: Aman-

2564 or email amanda@ alamosastatebank.com ALAMOSA — The Optimist Club of Alamosa

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

School-Menu--Monday--Jan. 6, 2020 NO SCHOOL



Vacation To sponsor the School

Menu call 589-2553

Valley News

Creede works toward infrastructure in '20

By LYNDSIE FERRELL

Valley Publishing

CREEDE — The City of Creede spent a good part of 2019 taking a deep breath and enjoying the changes that came to pass in the previous year. Between 2017 and 2018 the town

went through several changes, including a major construction project as several entities worked tireless hours to improve the drainage flume that ran through town, grant funding for downtown revitalization, city park improvements and work on local streets

The year 2019 was the first in many that the town was able to use as a planning year for projects that are yet to come and to enjoy a summer without many past projects still in the works.

Though the town is always working to improve its infrastructure, its main goal for the year was to make plans to move forward with several projects that will help to improve the community as a whole.

Creede has always been a busy place. Throughout history the town has seen its fair share of people flocking to the area, whether it was for a chance at becoming wealthy, to see live theater or to just enjoy a wild Fourth of July celebration, and this year was by no means any different. The streets were constantly packed

with guests coming to the area to visit the infamous Creede and the local area soaked up the attention and love.

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CREEDE — On Dec. 16, the

Creede Town Board held a special

meeting to approve the annual

designations, fee schedules and

2020 budget. The meeting began

with a presentation from Heather

Greenwolf, Executive Director

"There are three budget

request items from Headwaters

Alliance and the first one

was for \$10,000, which is for

engineering for the north Willow

Creek and north Creede flood

mitigation project. Currently

we have \$29,000 earmarked

of the Headwaters Alliance.

The year was by no means without



Creede was packed to the brim during the Fourth of July celebrations, enjoyed a table laden with delicious food during the Taste of Creede and enjoyed a wide variety of events throughout the year all while enjoying the fruits of its labor in the form of a newly revitalized flume and other projects that had been completed.

heartbreak, but the community came together and showed the world how strong and how resilient the town has always been and will always be.

Guests came to enjoy donkey races, marathons, delicious food prepared at an outdoor chef's table and art created right on Main Street.

It was a typical year, but even a typical year in Creede means something special.

City of Creede hosts special meeting before end of year

can get the levy certified and the

preliminary hydrology is looking

good in terms of capacity. This

has been a long process and the

Colorado Water Conservation

Board has really gone to bat for

to the Dark Skies Tour, to

which Greenwolf added, "We

were able to join a partnership

with Huerfano County, Custer

County, the San Luis Valley

Museum Association, a

marketing company called

Vista Works Marketing and

The second request pertained

our community.'

Now as the new year has arrived the small mountain community is gearing up for what is sure to be another year full of changes and growth.

The town is preparing for some projects to begin in the coming year including possible parking improvements and an improved water and sewer system.

partners."

The main focus of city officials is also public safety and the board will be looking at options to help with funding needed to purchase generators for emergencies.

Though most of the plans are only in the beginning stages, it is sure that the town will continue to do what it does best and that is to welcome a new decade with high spirits, great times and

"Headwaters is a small ship

and we are trying to do a lot.

Sometimes you can't tell what

we are doing but this year

we have done a lot including

bringing \$73,000 to the flood

mitigation project and Dark

Skies. With that said, we have to

keep the lights on and the doors

in the amount of \$6,500."

on the agenda.

School is back

SAN LUIS VALLEY Class back is in session

School will begin again across the San Luis Valley this coming week. Below is a list of the

start dates for each of the Alamosa- Jan. 7

▶ Del Norte (Upper Rio

Grande) Jan. 9

▶ Monte Vista- Jan. 7

▶ Sargent- Jan. 6

▶ South Conejos- Jan. 6

North Conejos- Jan. 6

Sangre de Cristo- Jan. 6 ▶ Sierra Grande- Jan. 6

For further scheduling updates please check back on the district websites/

calendars.

Cattlemen, **Alpine vets** set to meet

ALAMOSA — The San

Luis Valley Cattlemen and Alpine Veterinary Hospital are hosting a calving clinic and are extending an invitation to anyone interested in attending its annual meeting, which will be at 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 11 La Manzanilla Barn at 6491 State Highway 17 in

Presentations and a steak dinner to follow -Calving Hacks, Merck Products, CCA.

Please RSVP by Monday,

Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. For more information,

contact 719-480-2600.



open. We are hoping that you will support the Headwaters Alliance Board members approved having all budget requests added to the 2020 budget and approved the budget in the next line item of the restaurant is a mural

Denver

■ Continued from Page 1 the state.

Leevers Locavore from site, EatLocavores.com, acquaintances in Denver receives more than 40%

familiar with her restaurant and curious about her involvement with the grocery store. They sent her informa-

tion on the grocery's grand opening and photos of its exterior signage.

"This was news to me – and honestly," Seger said. "I was shocked.

The Leevers Locavore logo is strikingly similar to my restaurant's primary mark."

Seger is concerned about confusion among her cus-

Locavores is an established destination in the Valley that attracts locals and tourists alike.

■ Continued from Page 1

geographic impact on the

women's suffrage move-

The "pop-up" becomes

more long term, when

the artifacts become the centerpiece for an exhibit

at the Center for Colorado Women's History — Bold

Women. Change History,

which is scheduled to open

"When residents see the

ballot box, ballot, photos

and other historic materi-

als in the pop-up exhibit,

they will gain deeper ap-

preciation for Colorado's

role in bringing women

into full participation of the national political

system. The simple ballot

box and ballot sheet used

in 1893 are emblematic

of the accountability and

transparency that we

value today. Voting tech-

nology has come a long way in the last century and a

half, but the power of the

vote and the importance

of each person's voice in

our communities remains

unaltered," Allison said.

in March.

Action

the past week the organization did get approval from FEMA for the flood mitigation. "We are going to continue on to see if we Many online reviews for the Locavores restaurant are from front range customers thrilled to have found a quick bite that is healthy and locally owned. Seger first learned about The restaurant's web-

for that project from Colorado

Water Conservation Board and

the flood mitigation contact for

the project was just concerned

that \$29,000 would not be

enough for preliminary design

and wanted to know if the city

would be willing to contribute

up to another \$10,000 so we

have an adequate amount of

funds for that mitigation," said

Greenwolf also said that in

Denver. Seger has sent a ceaseand-desist letter to Leevers Supermarkets contending common law trademark protection because she used the mark first. Her primary mark was first used in commerce in 2016, a full three years before Leevers Locavore opened for business.

of its visits from users in

According to public documents, the grocer was awarded a federal trademark in February of this year for "Leevers Locavore" under international class 43 (restaurant and services). Initially Seger pursued a federal trademark

the Colorado Tourism Office for her business name but was denied because it was deemed generally descriptive. Her business is, however, on file with the Colorado Secretary of State and appeared on the first page of Google results when "locavore" was searched today. According to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, "parties are not required to register their marks to obtain protectable rights. You can establish 'common law'rights in a mark based

istration." Erin Keck of the Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce expressed support for Seger's pursuit of

solely on use of the mark

in commerce, without reg-

a remedy. Businesses with similar branding can cause harmful confusion for customers. Owners work hard to develop an authentic brand that speaks to

their identity and mission, which is what Locavores has done in Alamosa. Copyright laws exist to prevent this confusion and protect business own-500,000.

to create a Dark Skies Tour of

Southwestern Colorado. We

applied for this \$25,000 grant

that was awarded and required

a \$25,000 match, which was

divided up between the four

explain that the match required

from Mineral County and

Creede totaled just over \$6,000

and that Headwaters was

requesting \$1,500 from the city

for statewide marketing of the

request was for operating costs.

Finally, the third budget

Dark Skies Tour.

Greenwolf continued to

Many of our members count on front range customers in their business models," Keck said. "Think about it. If a company in Denver has the same name as an Alamosa business in the same industry, and a front range customer has a bad experience at the Denver-based store, it would unfairly impact our local merchant."

In addition to the similar brand marks, there are interior design elements of the Locavores restaurant that also appear in the Leevers Locavore grocery store. One of the most prominent design features

depicting the location of suppliers on a southwest Colorado map. (The map is also visible at eatlocavores. com/partnerships.) Leevers, and that should be ers Locavore also adorned true whether your town one of its interior walls with has 10,000 residents or a regional map and messaging about eating local. To Seger, it is above all

a matter of principle. The idea for opening Locavores grew out of the potato farm she and her husband run. Seger noted the irony that agricultural communities and the families that farm often have fewer fresh, healthy prepared food options compared to residents in urban areas. In addition to building a restaurant, Seger built a brand inspired by her farming community with a mission of making their lives better, healthier. The success of Locavores in Alamosa proves that her brand has value.



CALL TO ACTION

History Colorado has a call to action for interested organizations and individuals in all 64 state counties to join the Women's Vote Centennial Colorado's programming – creating space and events for civic engagement, commemoration, impact and support in every count. Participation and action

will add more geographic touch points, by including partnerships with local museums, libraries, clubs, schools, and arts organizations in communities throughout the state as they plan suffrage-related To support all organiza-

tions that join this movement, History Colorado created a "Women's Vote Centennial Community Partner Tool Kit" with tips, information and ideas for each partner. According to Cathey

Finlon, Chair of the Colorado Women's Vote Centennial Commission, "In the 1800s, women would find each other, connect

over common interests

and beliefs and grow effective networks. The same holds true today. Participation can become contagious and collaboration produces great results with impact.

For more information about ways to get involved and participate, visit CO-WomensCentennial.org, email HC COWomensHistory@state.co.us, or call 303-620-4933.

LISTENING 'N' LEARNING TOUR Allison will travel to

various communities throughout the state to help create local Women's Vote Centennial programming and activities. "I'm looking forward to

meeting with historical and community organizations and individual leaders across the state. Their local histories and records of the suffrage movement in Colorado will add important depth to work we are doing together," added **ABOUT**

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And other good stuff Heat wave, sidewalks 'n' puppies

All is cold, like freezing cold in the neighborhood.

That being said, if you are reading this on Saturday, you will be noticing the heatwave we are in the middle of.

It should be getting up to 31 on Sunday and then we are back into the 20s. Moral of the story, enjoy Sunday. As I drive through town, especially

in business areas, it saddens me that there is such apathy about clearing sidewalks of snow and ice.

I could be using all capitals in that sentence if the editor would let me.

I have been looking at City of Alamosa ordinances, which state that property owners have 24 hours for sidewalks to be cleared.

I am thinking a million tickets must already have been given, and the city will be rich, and those of us who care about the safety of our customers will be_receiving rebates — right?

For those property owners on the corners downtown, it is your responsibility to keep the gutter pans clear, according to the City of Alamosa.

I think of my friends Leo and Maria (in a wheelchair) and how they plow through the snow and ice to get to the library, and who knows how they maneuver the sidewalks out west to get to the big box stores.

You know, fellow business owners, take some responsibility and get your walks cleaned up — for all of us.

I have had numerous folks tell me they won't shop downtown because they can't get out of their vehicles on the north side of the stores — it's icy and unsafe. Is that enough to convince you?

I'm going to give a plug to Ace Hardware for the wonderfulice scraper they have in stock.

I have purchased ice bars before and they are very heavy.

This new scraper is the cat's meow

why do they call it that?

I am still hopeful that Leo and Maria will have a new apartment in the next seven to 10 days. Please include them our prayers.

They need to get in an apartment that is warm and has running water. And I mean not just two plug-in electric heaters. If you received a new recliner or love seat for Xmas and don't know what to do with the old ones, I might be able to haul them off for you. (Smoke and pet free, please). Many thanks in advance.

I was trying to find out how cold it was on Jan. 1, 1992 and wasn't successful.

Can someone look that up for me? It was the day Larry and I were married and the locks on the vehicles were freezing, the cars weren't starting \dots it was cold. And there was way more snow than we have now.

Can you believe that Larry has put up with me for 28 years? What a lucky

guy, don't you think? My puppies are getting bigger, eating more and climbing all over. They are

about 3 weeks old. I saw on Facebook that more puppies, of a German Shepherd variety, have arrived out at Valley Humane League so go take a look. They are old enough

to be adopted. Before I forget, one of my friends mentioned that a person in a wheelchair came out of nowhere a couple of weeks ago, and she had to slam on

the brakes. If you are in a motorized chair, please make sure you have a flag or something

that makes you visible. When we first met Willie, he never wore a helmet or a safety vest and he

had no lights on his bike.

No more. For his safety he has all the above

now and doesn't leave home without I like to think that I am a pretty

safe/slow driver, but sometimes even pedestrians are hard to see at night when they are wearing dark clothing and walking against traffic.

If you are out and about and you see snow and ice on a business's sidewalk, please call the City of Alamosa at 719- $589 \hbox{-} 2593$ and report it.

Help make it safe and fair for everyone. If you have been given a citation,

please let me know. I'm curious.

Ruthie Brown writes a weekly column, which comes out every Saturday.



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Health Care enrollment ends Jan. 15

Colorado's Open Enrollment Continues through Jan. 15.

While Open Enrollment has ended for most of the country, there is good news for Coloradans who purchase their own health insurance.

Open Enrollment in our state continues through Jan. 15.

We are a nonprofit marketplace, available only to Coloradans, which means we have a bit more flexibility in providing health insurance to our residents. Our customers are

Coloradans who do not get health insur-

ance from their employer, don't qualify for Health First Colorado (our state's Medicaid program), and need help affording health insurance.

Linda

Gann

They still have time to sign up for a health insurance plan for this year.

Going into the final stretch, we are pleased to report more than 153,000 Coloradans have already signed up for a health insurance plan.

Approximately 68% of those enrollments qualified for financial help to lower their monthly premium. Coloradans who don't qualify for the financial help will see lower premiums for a 2020 plan as a result of the reinsurance bill passed by our legislature last year.

Understanding all your options for health insurance can be daunting. That is why we have free, in-person help available from experts located throughout Colorado.

Certified brokers and communitybased assisters can help you get the right health insurance coverage for your medical needs and budget. Some enrollment centers also offer

phone and virtual appointments. You can find help close to you at www.ConnectForHealthCO.com/we-can-help. We know there is also concern over

the recent Fifth Circuit Court decision in the Texas v. Azar case regarding the Affordable Care Act. As a reminder, the law remains in place while the case moves through the process, and our marketplace is as strong as ever.

Our CEO, Kevin Patterson, responded after the ruling, "I want to reassure our customers that regardless of the ruling by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the marketplace in Colorado is stable, strong and open for business. The steady pace of 2020 enrollments shows that Coloradans continue to rely on the health insurance coverage and the financial help our marketplace provides. The Affordable Care Act has withstood a variety of challenges since it became law nine years ago and remains unchanged while the case moves through the expected appeals, which will

"Colorado has also passed state laws that protect those with pre-existing conditions. You can rest assured that your financial help and plan protections and benefits remain in place.

After the Open Enrollment period closes on Jan. 15, residents can only sign up for a plan if they experience "Qualified Life Events," like losing Medicaid coverage, losing job-based insurance or certain family changes.

ABOUT CONNECT FOR **HEALTH COLORADO**

Connect for Health Colorado is a public, non-profit entity established by the Colorado General Assembly in 2011 to create a health insurance marketplace. Since 2013, we've been helping individuals, families and small employers compare plans, apply for financial help and buy health insurance. As Colorado's official health insurance marketplace, we are the only place to apply for financial help to lower the monthly cost of premiums. Customers can shop online, get help by phone or online chat from customer service center representatives, and access expert, in-person help from a statewide network of certified brokers and community-based assisters. For more information: ConnectforHealthCO.com.

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LBJ rolls out 'Great Society' plan

Today is the fourth day of 2020 and (1809-1852), Braille alphabet inventor;

the 15th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1896, Utah was admitted as the 45th U.S. state.

In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson presented the "Great Society" plan in his State of the Union address.

In 1995, the 104th U.S. Congress convened with Republican majorities in both the House and Senate for the first time since the Eisenhower presidency.

In 2004, NASA's Spirit rover landed on the surface of Mars.

In 2010, the 2,717-foot Burj Khalifa opened in Dubai, United Arab Emirates,

as the world's tallest building. TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Louis Braille

Patterson (1935-2006), boxer; Cannon (1937-), actress; Doris Kearns Goodwin (1943-), historian; Patty Loveless (1957-), singer-songwriter; Michael Stipe (1960-), singer-songwriter; Dave Foley (1963-), actor/comedian; Julia Ormond (1965-), actress; Kris Bryant (1992-), baseball player.

TODAY'S FACT: Medicare, one of the largest reforms passed as part of President Lyndon Johnson's Great Society initiatives, insured 60 million Americans in 2018.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 2003, the Atlanta Falcons upset the Green Bay

Don Shula (1930-), football coach; Floyd Packers, 27-7, in the wild-card round of

the playous. It was the first playou loss

at Lambeau Field in Packers history. TODAY'S QUOTE: "More and more it seems to me that about the best thing in life is to have a piece of work worth doing and then to do it well." - Doris Kearns Goodwin, "Leadership: In Tur-

bulent Times' TODAY'S NUMBER: \$1.5 billion estimated total cost (in U.S. dollars) of

the Burj Khalifa project. TODAY'S MOON: Between first quar-

ter moon (Jan. 2) and full moon (Jan. 10) Write them

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Reader hoards clothes in case of weight loss

DEAR HARRIETTE: I have at least three sizes of clothes in my closet that represent the range of weights that I have carried over the years. My weight has gone up and down, which is why I have kept some of the clothes. But now it's getting ridiculous. I don't have room for the clothes that fit and that I want to wear because of the closets full of clothes that fit a smaller me. I'm worried that if I do eventually lose, I won't have clothing to fit my smaller body. Should I hold on to some of the smaller ones? — Outdated Wardrobe DEAR OUTDATED WARDROBE:

If you were to take a poll of women

in your family, neighborhood, social

clubs, house of worship — anywhere

women who have nearly identical

chances are, you would find many

Shasta Ouintan

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stories. Closets swelling with clothes that don't fit is a common scenario. And yet, it usually means that people are hoarding these belongings with the hope that one day they will be able to wear them again, though that day rarely comes.

You should go through your clothes, and anything that you have not worn in the past year or so should be tossed. You can give the clothing to friends and family, charity or elsewhere, but get it out of your house. If you want to hold on to one or two treasured items, go for it. But the lion's share of items should leave your home. This will free up your space for you to live in the moment, without clutter. If and when the day arrives that you do lose weight, you will want something new to wear anyway!

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Robocalls deluge Coloradans

STATEWIDE — Coloradans had to endure one of the most annoying aspects one can experience with a cell phone, as Colorado came in No. 3 as the state most bothered by robocalls in 2019.

"That's what we discovered at Let's Talk, after culling through robocall frequency data and thousands of Do Not Call Registry complaints," according to a press release issued by Let's Talk.

Click on to the link below to see the full 2019 Robocall report here: https:// www.letstalk.com/cellphones/states-<u>robocalls-2019/</u>

In Colorado, we found that:

Residents in the state were estimated to have been robocalled more than 844 million times in 2019

Colorado residents made more than 130,000 complaints to the FTC about robocalls throughout the year

More interesting findings:

Eastern coastal states and Western states topped the "most bothered" by robocalls rankings this year, while states in the Midwest and Central U.S. were "less bothered"

At least 58 billion robocalls were estimated to have been placed in 2019, up 22.36% from last year

Scams made up the largest portion (45.7%) of robocalls nationwide in 2019.

Robocalls The States that get Bothered the most Maine **North Dakota** South Dakota Indiana Nevada Colorado Maryland Missouri Virginia Arizona Mississippi Most Bothered Alaska Least Hawaii Let's Talk

Graphic courtesy of Let's Talk

followed by alerts and reminders (22.7%), payment reminders (20.3%), and telemarketing calls (11.3%)

Scams are on the rise. Over the past three years, they've risen from making up just 17.6% of robocalls to making up more than 45% of them

States can safeguard crops

Hemp, Inc. applauds USDA's

new insurance option for Hemp

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (GLOBE NEWS-WIRE) — via NEWMEDIAWIRE - Hemp, Inc., a global leader in the

industrial hemp industry with bi-coastal processing centers, including the largest multipurpose industrial hemp processing facility in the western hemisphere, announced this week its support for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's new crop insurance option for hemp growers in select counties of 21 states in 2020.

The insurance program will provide Actual Production History (APH) coverage under 508(h) Multi-Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI). The MPCI coverage is for hemp grown for grain, fiber, and CBD oil for the 2020 crop year. This offering comes in addition to the Whole-Farm Revenue Protection coverage program available to hemp growers that was announced in 2019. This new pilot insurance program is open to eligible producers in certain counties in Alabama, California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin. "The U.S. Department of Agriculture gave hemp farmers a huge Christmas gift this holiday season by creating a new kind of crop insurance for hemp producers in 21 states, just in time for the coming crop year," said Bruce Perlowin, CEO of Hemp, Inc. "The new crop insurance option for hemp growers is a groundbreaking program because it brings hemp closer to other commodity crops and reduces risks for producers." According to a June 2019 market research report published by MarketsandMarketsTM, the industrial hemp market is projected to grow from \$4.6 billion in 2019 to \$26.6 billion by 2025, recording a compound annual growth rate of 34% during the forecast period. Additionally, beginning with the 2021 crop year, hemp will be insurable under the Nursery crop insurance program and the Nursery Value Select pilot crop insurance program. Hemp will be insurable if it is grown in containers and in accordance with federal regulations, any applicable state or tribal laws, and terms of the crop insurance policy.

To see one-minute videos of Hemp, Inc.'s current activities, visit Bruce Perlowin's personal Facebook page, where he shares daily posts of Hemp, Inc.'s activities around the country. WHAT IS HEMP, INC.? What is Hemp, Inc.? With a deeprooted social and environmental mission at its core, Hemp, Inc. seeks to build a business constituency for the American small farmer, the American veteran, and other groups experiencing the ever-increasing disparity between tapering income and soaring expenses. As a leader in the industrial hemp industry with ownership of the largest commercial multi-purpose industrial hemp processing facility in North America, Hemp, Inc. believes there can be tangible benefits reaped from adhering to a corporate social responsibility plan.

HEMP INC.'S PROPRIETARY HEMP FLOWER DRYING SYSTEM

Unwavering in its commitment to the industrial hemp industry, Hemp, Inc. disclosed the successful development of its innovative hemp flower drying system for smokable hemp flower. Highly efficient, this compact proprietary hemp flower drying system is fast, drying in only three days as opposed to the traditional seven days while maintaining the critical terpene profile of the product. To be unveiled at

its Oregon location, Hemp, Inc. executives expect this advanced hemp flower drying system to bring in excess of \$10 million in revenue for the company from the Oregon 2019 harvest season. The drying process lends itself to creating Hemp, Inc.'s high quality range of "King of Hemp" pre-rolls and, of course, high CBD hemp flower. The sheer size and scope of the crop in Oregon is nothing short of amazing and is expected to be a massive game changer for Hemp, Inc.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HEMP'N' MARIJUANA

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HOW HEMP CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

ers every day.

Fiber — Hemp fiber can be used to make fabrics and textiles, rope and paper. The word "canvas" actually derives from the word cannabis.

Fuel — While the industrial, medicinal and commercial properties of hemp have been known to mankind for a very long time, its benefits to the environment have just been realized in recent years. One of the compelling things hemp offers is fuel. With reserves of petroleum being depleted, it would be nice if we could have a fuel source which was reusable and which we could grow right here, making us completely energy independent.

Food — Hemp seeds are very nutritious and were first thought to be eaten by the ancient Chinese and Indians. Hemp seeds have a nutty taste and can be eaten raw, ground up, sprouted or made into dried sprout powder. Hemp seeds also contain a very beneficial oil that is high in unsaturated fatty acids, including an optimal 1-to-4 ratio of omega-3-to-6.

Building Material—Hemp can be made into a variety of building materials. These include concrete-like blocks called 'hempcrete,' biodegradable plastics, and wood replacements. These materials have been used in the manufacture of many things, including electronics, cars and houses. In fact, the first American home made of hemp-based materials was completed in August 2010 in Asheville, North Carolina.

Biofuel — Remarkably, the oil from hemp seeds and stalks can also be made into biofuels.

Biodiesel - sometimes known as 'hempoline.'While this biofuel can be used to power engines, it does take quite a lot of raw material to produce a substantial

Report courtesy of Hemp, Inc., ir@hemp-

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Local shops value you more: Local businesses survive by their reputation & repeat business which means you get a higher standard of service.

businesses invest more in our

Local businesses sell a wide range of great products at affordable prices and cater to the needs and wants of the community.

our community: Without the support in the local community, restaurants, shops and services are forced to close.

Grizzlies get back on track in new year

Grizzlies bank a win with long-range shooting

By STEPHEN JIRON Courier Sports Editor

ALAMOSA — Adams State women's basketball got the new year started right with a big win at home to snap a three-game losing streak. The Grizzlies (2-10, 2-4 RMAC) cleared Chadron State handily by a score of 73-58.

The 2019/20 season has not kind thus

far to Adams State. An 0-2 effort at the Texan Tip-Off Classic was followed by two more losses at the West Texas Paka-Sak Thanksgiving Classic. By the time Adams was back for their first home game, they sported an 0-6 record. Their first win of the season came quickly after beginning their conference schedule with a victory over New Mexico Highlands. Losses to Black Hills, South Dakota and Fort Collins set the stage for Friday's meeting with Chadron State(3-12, 1-5 RMAC).

The two teams got back into the swing of things feeling one another out through the first period. The Grizzlies and Eagles played to a 13-13 tie after one. Adams State would pull away thanks to some nifty shooting from beyond the arc. ASU went 50 percent from three-point land in the second quarter.

Laura Gutierrez set the pace immediately with a trey on her first attempt from the field in quarter two. Eight points from Zakiya Beckles, six from long range, and two from Ally McKenzie led to another Gutierrez three-pointer to give Adams State a 31-21 lead with less than 3 minutes remaining in the half. The girls in green would take a 31-23 lead to the break.

Adams State boasted a double-digit lead to begin the second half and was determined not to spoil it.

Six points from McKenzie led an 18-point quarter for Adams State pushing the lead to 16 points entering the final quarter. In the fourth quarter, Adams State's Marshell Hollins would follow a trey from Beckles with a layup giving Adams their biggest lead of the game at 20 points.

The final minutes would drip off the clock as Chadron elected to attempt intentional fouling as a means to try and close the distance. Adams State held on to claim the 73-58 win.

ASU's Zakiya Beckles went 9 of 15 from the field to lead all scorers with 23 points. Beckles was followed closely by teammate Gutierrez who netted 20 points, 15 from three-point land. The win marks the second of the year for the Grizzlies and makes them 2-1 at home.

Adams will get a chance to keep that number on the rise with another contest within the confines of Plachy Hall. Saturday evening Adams State will play host to Metro State University (4-8, 3-3 RMAC), tip-off is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.



ASU's Marshell Hollins (10) drives the lane during Friday's win in Alamosa. Hollins led the Grizzlies with 7 rebounds.

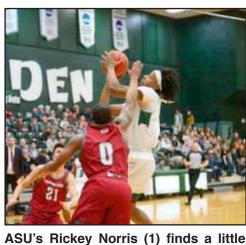
ASU starts 2020 by ending skid

By STEPHEN JIRON Courier Sports Editor

ALAMOSA — A win in the new year was just what the doctor ordered. Adams State (3-8, 1-4 RMAC) got a chance to better their position on Friday night and took it with an 81-78 victory over Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) rival Chadron State (2-10, 1-5 RMAC). This season, Adams State turned

things around for themselves pretty well. After suffering two losses in Texas, the Grizzlies broke .500 with two wins in the Fort Lewis Tournament and even turned that into a winning record with Nov. 23's victory over Northern New Mexico University.

Since then the Grizzlies went into a tailspin going 1-6 over their next seven games. Back from the break they were raring for a win welcoming the rival Ea-



breathing room between Chadron defenders. Norris finished second on the team in scoring with 16 points

gles to Alamosa for a conference contest. Friday was a testament to the grit and fortitude of Adams State.

Adams State would start a little slow in the first half. After ASU went ahead by 2, The first run of the game went to the Eagles. Chadron put together seven straight and took the lead. The Grizzlies would claw back and a layup from Adams State's Szymon Walczak would give the Grizzlies a 10-10 tie with under 11 minutes to play in the half.

ASU refused to go away, later posting a four-point run to re-take the lead. It was short-lived and Adams would take three more leads before the break only to go to the half trailing 31-28.

Adams State would start the second half much like the first half watching the Eagles start with an 8-2 run. Again, the Grizzlies would respond. Walczak and Rylan O'Brien would each chip in 3 points to an 8-1 Grizzly run, retaking the lead. Chadron State got hot and streaked to retake control at a 51-43 advantage. That 8-point lead would put Adam State in a hole they would spend the next ten minutes digging out of.

In the final four minutes, back within striking range, back-to-back treys from ASU's Logan Longo and Rylan O'Brien put ASU in the driver's seat with a 72-

From there Adams would keep the visitors at bay to take their third win of the 2019/20 season. Walczak found traction in the second half for 13 points to take the team lead in scoring on the night with 17. Walczak was followed closely by teammates Rickey Norris and Rylan O'Brien who each banked 16 points in the victory.

The win puts the Grizzlies at 2-1 at home thus far this season. Adams will get a chance to improve on that when they host Metro State (6-5, 2-3 RMAC) on Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.



Courier photos by Stephen Jiron Adams State's Zakiya Beckles (0) drives along the baseline during Friday's contest with Chadron State . Beckles picked up 5 three-pointers and led the

Adams State's Szymon Walczak (3) faces some stiff opposition while looking for the hoop during Friday night's victory over Chadron State. Walczak found his rythym in the second half to lead his team in scoring with 17 points

Results

Adams State Basketball

Grizzlies with 23 points.

Jan. 3

Adams State 73, Chadron State 58 (W) Adams State 81, Chadron State 79 (M)

Prep Basketball

Dec. 19

Cheraw 66, Sierra Grande 29 (G) Cheraw 74, Sierra Grande 43 (B)

Dec. 20

Lamar 52, Sargent 29 (B) Cotopaxi 67, Centennial 30 (G) Cotopaxi 49, Centennial 41 (B) Sanford 51, Escalante 13 (G) Sanford 54, Escalante 41 (B) Antonito 36, La Veta 28 (G) La Veta 44, Antonito 41 (B)

Del Norte 62, Sierra Grande 20 (G) Del Norte 57, Sierra Grande 42 (B) Centauri 71, Cedaredge 25 (B)

Alamosa 42, Delta 38 (G)

Alamosa 65, Delta 64 (B)

Dec. 21

Centauri 48, Delta 40 (G) Centauri 62, Delta 48 (B) Moffat-Mtn Valley 45, Antonito 29 (G)

Antonito 48, Moffat-Mtn Valley 43 (B)

Jan. 3 Antonito 48, South Park 32 (G)

South Park 44, Antonito 28 (B)

Prep Hockey

Dec. 21

Taos 8, San Luis Valley 3 Taos 8, San Luis Valley 1

Sports Bulletin

Prep Wrestling

Dec. 16

Rob Mickel Tournament 1. Centauri, 4. Sierra Grande/Centennial, 11. Mountain Valley, 13. Center

Dec. 19

Dolores 21, Del Norte 18 Ignacio 36, Del Norte 18

Dec. 21

Pete and Ina Gomez Invite

10. Alamosa JV- 58, 11. Sierra Grande/Centennial- 57.5, 17. Del Norte - 37.5, 20 Mountain Valley-27, 21. Sargent-18, 24. Center- 12, 27. Centauri-3.

Northern Colorado Christmas Tournament 33. Centauri-59

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

Upcoming Events

Adams State Basketball

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

Prep Basketball Jan. 4

2 p.m. Rocky Ford at Center (G/B)

5 p.m. Creede at Sangre de Cristo (G/B) 5:30/8 p.m. Centauri at Sanford (G/B)

Prep Hockey

Jan. 4

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

Adams State Wrestling

All Day ASU at San Francisco State Tourny

Prep Wrestling

Jan. 4

9 a.m. Alamosa at Pueblo South Tournament

Schedules subject to change

AHS Basketball Reunion

ALAMOSA — Alamosa High School is hosting a reunion for former coach Ken Niven. While at Alamosa, Niven oversaw a Mean Moose run of four consecutive titles from 1989-92 over Classes AA and 4A. He also had four Division I signees. The reunion will take place Friday and Saturday of Jan. 24th and 25th. Friday will be the home games

against Montezuma-Cortez at 5:30/7 p.m. followed by a social at the Bankshot. Saturday will be a mid-morning shoot around at AHS then the home games against Pagosa Springs at 5:30/7 p.m. Niven and Alumni players will be recognized at halftime.

Saturday's social will take place at the Purple Pig Pizzeria following the games.

ASU Volleyball open tryouts

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



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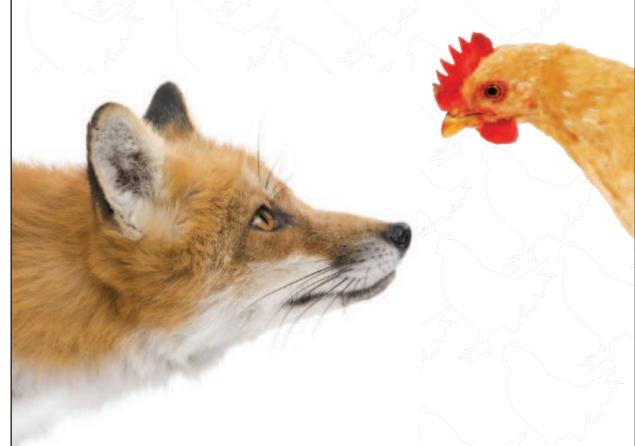
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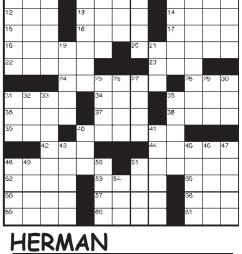


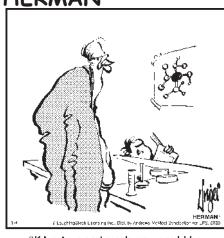


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Bride's choice of groomsman brings back painful memories

37-year-old man who is getting married for the first time. My fiancee, "Holly," and I went to middle school and high school together, but never really got to know each other until a few years ago. I love her more than words can describe, and I'm happy to be getting ready to spend my life with her.

Growing up, I was socially awkward, partly due to having Asperger's, which made me a target for bullies. Holly and I are now choosing our wedding party. My sister will be one of her bridesmaids. Holly is an only child, so she doesn't have a brother who could be one of my groomsmen. She has expressed that "Gerald" to be one of my groomsmen, so someone from her family is in our

wedding party. was my main tormentor from eighth grade all through high school. At one point in 10th grade, his cruelty led to my attempting suicide. I carry the scar from the attempt on my right

I understand that people change and mature as thev grow older, and I'm OK with Gerald attending the wedding. But the idea of him standing next to me on the biggest day of my life, along with my best friend and two closest cousins, triggers

DEAR ABBY: I am a How can I plead this to Holly without hurting her feelings or looking shallow and petty? -- NERVOUS

> GROOM-TO-BE DEAR GROOM-TO-BE: Shallow and petty? The scar on your wrist is visible, but clearly there are others, equally painful, that are not. I don't think it would come across as either shallow or petty if you explain to your fiancee, exactly as you have explained it to me, why you prefer Gerald not be at the altar with you on the most important day of your life. This is something Holly should have been made aware of before the two of you set a wedding date. Do

DEAR ABBY: I've been she would like her cousin an alcoholic since I was 21. I was married for 19 years, and my drinking was at its worst toward the end. I was selfish toward my wife and The problem is, Gerald my daughter. Since then, I have learned many hard lessons that could have been avoided if only I had never

I have apologized to my ex-wife for my actions. I was never violent, but I embarrassed her and my daughter with behavior that I'm ashamed of. After our divorce, I made a few more mistakes and finally sought help. I'm in a Christianbased rehab program and have chosen to follow this

path for the rest of my life. let you back in to hers. Over the last six months I too many awful memories. have sent texts and a few let-



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ters to my daughter, hoping for an acknowledgment or some dialogue, to no avail. Since being at rehab, I've written her about my feelings and some small talk, always ending my letter telling her she's the love of my heart, and I miss her. Is there anything else I can do? -- HOPING AND PRAY-ING IN NASHVILLE

DEAR HOPING: Yes, there is one more thing you can do. Because she may consider your words nothing but lip service, make an attempt to visit her so she can SEE the change in you. Accept that damage has been done, and you cannot alter the past. Continue living your life on the path you have chosen and pray that, with time, your daughter will recognize that you have turned your life around and

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Calendar

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

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

(719) 587-3781. MONTE VISTA — Valley Fiber Art Guild (VFA) is a group for anyone interested in fiber arts: knitting, crocheting, weaving and spinning. We work on our individual projects, sometimes do projects together and learn from each other. We meet the fourth Saturday of every month, from 1-4:30 p.m. at 757 County Rd. 29, Monte Vista. Call or email Wanda Couzens-Smith for more information at (719) 719-852-5000 or wcouzenssmith@gmail.com

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

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

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

God Church, God´s Closet, located at 881 N. Hwy 285, across from Mountain King is in need of clothing donations. Bring them to the white shed.

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

CO 81101. ALAMOSA — Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications for homeownership in Alamosa. Applicants contribute 500 hours of "sweat equity," time and labor. Construction is done with the help of hundreds of volunteers. When a house is completed, applicant families purchase the homes from Habitat for Humanity with a nonprofit mortgage. Call Habitat at (719) 589-8678

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

or go to www.slvhabitat.

ALAMOSA — VFW in Alamosa hosts BINGO every Tuesday at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. Packs are \$5.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

588-5127. ALAMOSA — Can't make it to Storytime at the Alamosa Public Library? That's okay, check out the Storytime to Go Kits designed to bring

Storytime into your home! Come into the Alamosa Public Library today, 300 Hunt Ave., Alamosa.

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

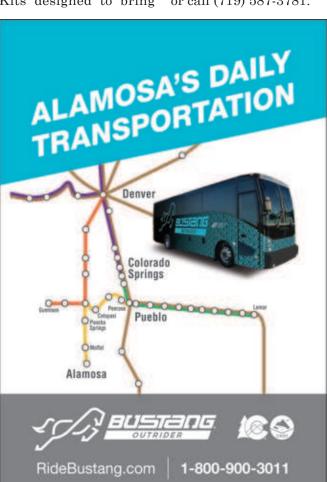
LA JARA — MOPS-La Jara provides a reenergized program this fall on a new day, Thursday, with new crafts, discussions, snacks and learning at the United Church of La Jara, a safe place for the older kids to play and learn with a great staff to lead all activities. The great times begin at 10 a.m. on the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

VALLEY—Rio Grande County Tourism Board is looking for high quality photographs that photographers would be willing to let the tourism board use for advertising purposes. Contact Ruth Carapella at ruth@pencraftco.com or president@ riograndetourism.com

CONEJOS COUNTY The Conejos Library District has applied for and received a grant from the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation titled Growing Readers Together. The purpose of the grant is to provide early literacy reading materials, reading related toys, and educational activities for home day care providers. The library will be able to provide kits in the form of books, educational toys, music and activities to anyone doing home day care in Conejos County. Those who are interested in participating in this program please contact the library at (719) 274-5858

ALAMOSA —The Valley-Wide Pharmacy is now a registered drop-off location for the Colorado Household Medication Take-Back Program. There is now a drop-off receptacle located at the pharmacy for the collection of household medications, including both prescription and overthe-counter medications. Drop off any unwanted household medications for free at the Vallev-Wide Pharmacy. The Valley-Wide Pharmacy is inside the Alamosa Family Medical Center clinic at 1710 First St, Alamosa.

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







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