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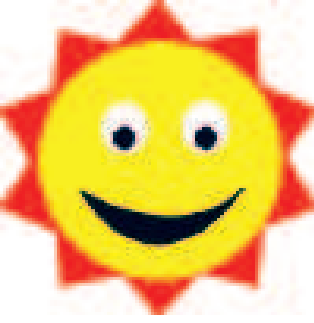
LAJARA — Sunday January 5, 2020
LA JARA-Knights of Columbus #5512 Bingo. 1:00 P.M. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in La Jara. Up to \$2000 payout. \$10 entry fee.

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, Jan. 6, at noon at Nino's Mexican Restaurant, as it was originally scheduled for Juanito's Mexican Kitchen. "We hope this change might make it a little easier for some of you to attend," Terry Hammond, Chair of the Alamosa County Republicans said. "... Hope to see you there." Gary Goodwin said the meeting will feature guest speaker, Lauren Boebert, candidate for Colorado's Third Congressional District and owner of Shooters Grill in Rifle. All are welcome to attend.

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'Tis the Season of Giving at SLVBHG



Fernando Martinez, Chief Executive Officer of SLVBHG, (left) hands the keys to Lance Cheslock, Executive Director of La Puente, as Victoria Romero, Chief Operations Officer of SLVBHG, smiles while the exchange is taking place.

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group (SLVBHG) donated five vehicles from its fleet to local organizations serving the community.

"It's been a long-standing tradition to donate our older vehicles to local non-profits," said SLVBHG's CEO Fernando Martinez.

La Puente, an emergency shelter focused on homelessness prevention, was one of the recipients of the vehicles. Lance Cheslock, Executive Director of La Puente, came to SLVBHG to accept the donation.

"This is like an amazing Christmas present," Cheslock said.

His excitement was contagious. There were many laughs and smiles to share during the "ceremonial" transferring of the keys.

The Center of Restorative Programs (CRP), an organization that focuses on strengthening the community by bridging conflict and restoring relationships, will also receive donated vehicles.

SLVBHG recently acquired new vehicles to aid in the transportation of clients and staff.

"The agency's fleet allows us to cover all 8,000 square miles of the San Luis Valley," Martinez said. "Our out-patient staff must be very mobile, and this fleet allows us to do just that."

"As our vehicles get older, we trade them in. But when possible, we like to donate them to our partners within the community."

"La Puente is an organization with a tremendous impact on the homeless population. It is an honor to be able to assist them in their mission with these vehicles."

Vehicles enable SLVBHG to meet clients where they are. Transportation is one of the major barriers to care in the San Luis Valley. Helping clients with transportation to their therapy appointments go a long way in assisting them in remaining stable in the community.

STAFF REPORT

It's all about water

VALLEY — January will be a busy month for the San Luis Valley Water Community.

The Rio Grande Water Conservation District's Board of managers for Special Improvement District number 5 meeting will take place on Jan. 7 at 5 p.m. at the Saguache County Road and Bridge Dept. at 305 3rd St. in Saguache.

Thursday Jan. 9 — Mosca-Hooper Soil & Water Conservation District will host a workshop with consensus process professional, Jeff Goebel called "Exploratory consensus process on groundwater conflict" from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., lunch provided. There is no cost to participate, please RSVP by Jan. 3 to moscahoopercd1@gmail.com.

The Rio Grande Basin Roundtable will meet on Jan. 14 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District Office at 623 E. 4th St. in Alamosa.

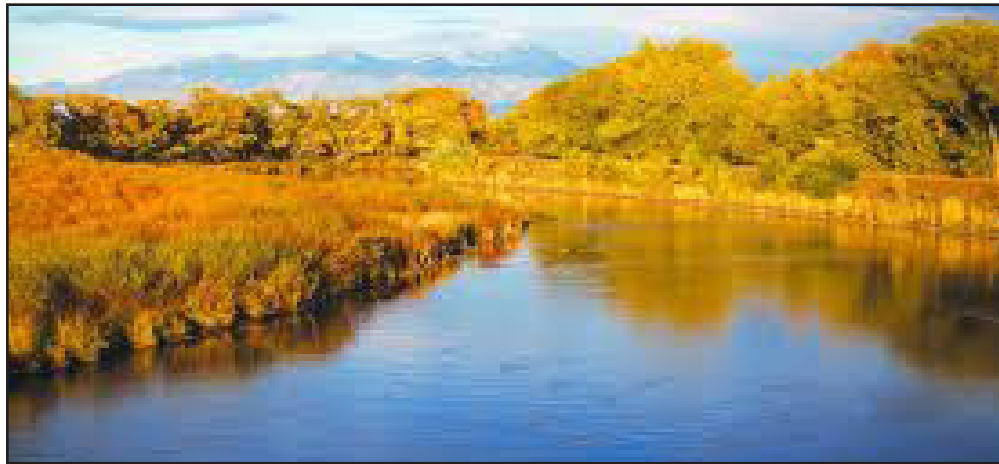
The Board of Directors for the Rio Grande Water Conservation District will hold their quarterly meeting on Jan. 21 at the RGWCD office.

On Jan. 22, the Board of Managers for Special Improvement District number 2 will hold their annual meeting.

Many representatives of the Valleys' water entities along with fellow water users from across the state will also travel to the Colorado Water Congress Annual Convention on Jan. 29-31 in Westminster.

With the Renewable Water Resources export proposal and numerous other issues still at large, it is highly likely that 2020 will be an eventful year on the San Luis Valley water scene.

Staff writer Helen Smith compiled this report.



The Rio Grande, pictured above, helps supply the San Luis Valley with its water needs, and Mosca-Hooper continues to fight to keep it that way.

Goebel to discuss H2O

STAFF REPORT

ALAMOSA — There is a long history concerning water in the San Luis Valley — groundwater specifically.

Plenty enough to have someone certain about what water land one once had. Challenges await in figuring out how much water a person, a neighbor or someone across the Valley will have to work with in the years upcoming.

Conflicts have brewed concerning the Valley's water. There has been a lot of effort, several meetings, compromises and grudges, which have caused fatigue. Yet the conflicts keep popping up. After all of the effort, the conflicts among water users keep arising. There are no silver bullets to conflict. But there are alternate ways of engaging conflict, so it does not become destructive.

One such way that the Mosca-Hooper Soil & Water Conservation District is introducing to our SLV water community is through consensus process. First, what consensus process is not: this is not a form of mediation, nor a type of arbitration. The goal of consensus process is 100% agreement to do the right thing — right for all involved. At first instance this may seem absurd. But this is the very outcome that many other agricultural communities who learn and work with Consensus Process have experienced, resolving over time very complex issues and long-standing conflicts involving water, land and people.

Jeff Goebel, a professional trainer in consensus process who will be leading the workshop on Jan. 9, has worked with many farm and ranch groups across the western United States, and internationally, over the past 30 years in facilitating the learning of this method. The work Goebel develops through consensus process is to facilitate active and productive discussion, so the solutions to the conflict at hand — in our Valley's case is how to

bring its groundwater use to sustainable levels — can be realized from the wisdom of the people most affected. And that includes farmers, ranchers, bankers, tractor and fertilizer dealers, school and hospital staff, parts suppliers and all whose lives will be impacted by the success or failure of water management efforts in this Valley.

During December in preparation for the Jan. 9 process, Goebel utilized components of consensus process to conduct interviews with 13 individuals from the SLV, gathering perspectives to inform the scope of the conflict involving groundwater in the community. But there are many more points of view to be considered, most importantly from community members.

The organization hopes see as many people as possible at the workshop, to participate and gauge if and how consensus process could be of use in resolving water conflicts and finding ways of making the best imagined outcomes possible.

Mosca-Hooper Soil & Water Conservation District is grateful to the Colorado State Conservation Board for matching grant funding to support this workshop, which is part of the Aquifer Recovery and the Future of Agriculture in the SLV Field Soil Observations; Fungal Rich Compost Project and the Rio Grande Water Conservation District for the use of their meeting room on Jan. 9.

Mosca-Hooper Soil & Water Conservation District works to address the concerns of landowners regarding soil health, aquifer recovery, and watershed function — all of which are interconnected - and to provide conservation resources to the district's landowners.

Report courtesy of Robin Cope, District Manager, Mosca-Hooper Conservation District, San Luis Valley, Colo., 101 S. Craft Drive, Alamosa, Colo., 81101

New gun law goes into effect

COLORADO — The act creates the ability for a family or household member or a law enforcement officer to petition the court for a temporary extreme risk protection order (ERPO), which went into effect Jan. 1, 2020.

The petitioner for an ERPO must establish by a preponderance of the evidence that a person poses a significant risk to self or others by having a firearm in his or her custody or control; or by possessing, purchasing or receiving a firearm.

The petitioner must submit an affidavit signed under oath and penalty of perjury that sets forth facts to support the issuance of a temporary ERPO and a reasonable basis for believing they exist. The court must hold a temporary ERPO hearing in person or by telephone on the day the petition is filed or on the court day immediately following the day the petition is filed.

After issuance of a temporary ERPO, the court must schedule a second hearing no later than 14 days following the issuance to determine whether the issuance of a continuing ERPO is warranted. The court shall appoint counsel to represent the respondent at the hearing. If a family or household member or a law enforcement officer establishes by clear and convincing evidence that a person poses a significant risk to self or others by having a firearm in his or her custody or control or by possessing, purchasing or receiving a firearm, the court may issue a continuing ERPO. The ERPO prohibits the respondent from possessing, controlling, purchasing, or receiving a firearm. ■ See GUN page 3

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Upon issuance of the ERPO, the respondent shall surrender all of his or her firearms and his or her concealed carry permit if the respondent has one. The respondent may surrender his or her firearms either to a law enforcement agency or a federally licensed firearms dealer, or, if the firearm is an antique or relic or curio, the firearm may be surrendered to a family member who is eligible to possess a firearm and who does not reside with the respondent. If a person other than the respondent is determined to be the lawful owner of any firearms surrendered to law enforcement, the firearm must be returned to him or her.

The respondent can motion the court once during the 364-day ERPO for a hearing to terminate the ERPO. The respondent has the burden of proof at a termination hearing. The court shall terminate the ERPO if the respondent establishes by clear and convincing evidence that he or she no longer poses a significant risk of causing personal injury to self or others by having in his or her custody or control a firearm or by purchasing, possessing or receiving a firearm. The court may continue the hearing if the court cannot issue an order for termination at that time but believes there is a strong possibility the court could issue a termination order prior to the expiration of the ERPO.

The petitioner requesting the original ERPO may request an extension of the ERPO before it expires. The petitioner must show by clear and convincing evidence that the respondent continues to pose a significant risk of causing personal injury to self or others by having a firearm in his or her custody or control or by purchasing, possessing or receiving a firearm. If the ERPO expires or is terminated, all of the respondent's firearms must be returned within three days of the respondent requesting return.

The act requires the state court admin-



Courtesy photo

A Colorado resident can have his or her firearms temporarily confiscated if evidence that a person poses a significant risk to self or others by having a firearm in his or her custody or control or by possessing, purchasing or receiving a firearm.

istrator to develop and prepare standard petitions and ERPO forms. Additionally, the state court administrator at the judicial department's "State Measure-

ment for Accountable, Responsive and Transparent (SMART) Government Act" hearing shall provide statistics related to petitions for ERPOs.

The act appropriates \$119,392 from the general fund to the judicial department for court costs, jury costs and court-appointed counsel costs.

Golden anniversary couple



Courtesy photo

Lee and Grace Bagwell will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 4 from 3-5 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints building in Manassa. They and their children would like to invite family and friends to attend. Please use the north and east entrances of the building. No gifts, please.

Reading Together Time

Not only is the newspaper informative for you, it's a great learning tool for kids. Here are some simple tips you can use to help improve your child's reading skills at any age:

- Read the newspaper to your child regularly.
- Explain what you're reading and encourage a discussion.
- Read the newspaper together as a family.
- Let children choose what they want to read.
- Encourage your children to read the newspaper on their own.



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Bill Ellzey featured artist at Shumei Gallery

CRESTONE— Bill Ellzey, long time Crestone resident and founder of the Shumei International Artist Symposium program, will be showing his work at the Shumei Gallery in Crestone for the months of January and February.

A symposium with Ellzey will be held Sunday, Jan. 19, starting at 3 p.m. A reception will follow. At age 20, Ellzey picked up his first camera in 1965 not knowing then that photography would become his profession.

Ellzey states, "Since then camera work has taken me to parts of the world I only knew from textbooks, magazines, television, completing assignments and teaching photographers the art and techniques of the medium.

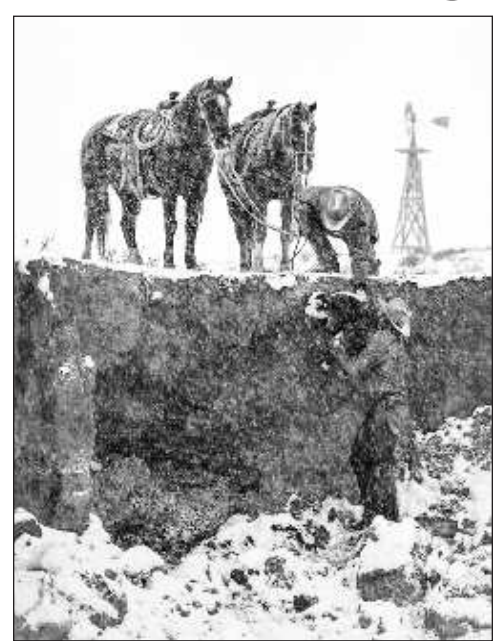
Work from India, China, Australia, Japan, Mexico, Alaska, Egypt, Ireland, Bhutan, Zambia, Chilean Patagonia and the American West has been published here and abroad.

The images have appeared in magazines, books, calendars, newspapers, catalogs, annual reports. Some personal work is in galleries and private collections.

After moving from his attic darkroom on the family ranch in Texas to Telluride, in 1978, he directed Western Photo Workshops for 11 years.

In 1995, he moved to the San Luis Valley, took up residence in a travel trailer near Crestone and started building a strawbale house.

During the four years it took to complete the house he watched the advent



Calf Rescue by Bill Ellzey

of digital photography render my design for a traditional darkroom obsolete.

In 1999, he moved in. He continues to teach privately and for a few notable photo programs, and organize occasional photography tours overseas.

Come visit with Ellzey and learn more about his work Sunday, Jan. 19, starting at 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

This event is free to the public, please visit www.shumeicrestone.org or call 256-5284 for more information. Please call the office to confirm the office is open.

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The obituaries for December of 2019 will be in the Saturday Courier.

Opinion

God bless America ...

HOLLYWOOD — God Bless America, and how's everybody? Here's part four of the Year in Jokes:

JULY

Joe Scarborough ripped the Democratic candidates for their debate performances Friday for wandering so far left they are being mocked.

There's a new debates drinking game that's sweeping the nation. Every time a candidate offers a free government program, you drink somebody else's beer.

Wall Street billionaire Jeffrey Epstein was arraigned in Manhattan on two counts of engaging in sex with underage teenage girls.

He's famous. Next week, CNBC plans to run a documentary about Epstein's entire life, from his days on the playground all the way to his days on the playground.

Quentin Tarantino's Once Upon a Time in Hollywood opens soon about life in Hollywood in the world-changing year of 1969.

The movie meticulously details the music, the cars, even the fast-food restaurants of the era. I can remember when Orange Julius was a drink, now it's the president.

Framing John DeLorean is a film about the maker of the DeLorean car made famous in Back to the Future.

The FBI taped him trafficking cocaine to raise cash in 1983. The movie includes a clip of me performing a joke on Carson congratulating DeLorean for being named dealer of the Year.

Queen Elizabeth asked Conservative Party leader Boris Johnson to form a new government as prime minister Wednesday.

The swaggering Tory has been a sentimental favorite in the U.S. to wind up in Ten Downing Street. Boris Johnson is the first Western leader nicknamed BJ since Bill Clinton.

Facebook introduced Faceapp in which you submit your photograph, then it shows you what you will look like in 10 years. It has swept social media like wildfire. The Faceapp has become very popular with Millennials because they all want to see what they'll look like when they're Republicans.

AUGUST

The Weather Channel reported the nation is in the grip of a brutal heat wave that extends from the Desert Southwest all the way up to New England.

There's no relief in sight. Today it's so hot in downtown Los Angeles that junkies are putting the copper wiring back into the air conditioners.

President Trump cited progress in the war on ISIS and Al-Qaeda in the Mideast Thursday and success in wiping out their leadership.

Trump acknowledged press reports that Osama bin Laden's son Hamzi bin Laden has been killed by U.S. forces. He will be laid to rest in the family ocean.

Joe Biden went hilariously off the rails again Friday, declaring that poor kids are just as smart and just as talented as white kids.

It gave me doubts about Joe's electability. But when he added that retards are just as gay as them queers, I knew that this could be a man on his way to the White House.

Jeffrey Epstein was found dead with a rope around his neck in jail on Saturday. His upcoming testimony about trafficking underage teen girls could have ruined many politicians had he not died before his trial. And you said the two political parties could never work together to get anything done.

The New York Times editor called off his reporters on the Russian collusion story and ordered them to paint the president as a racist.

That's a tough label to shake. When Trump expressed interest in buying Greenland last week, Greenland tried to dissuade him by changing its name to Black Neighborhood.

Willie Nelson announced Tuesday he has to cancel his upcoming tour of the United States and Canada due to his recently-developed breathing problems. He'll be well in no time.

To speed the healing process, Willie switched from smoking recreational marijuana to smoking medical marijuana.

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Why rush to make resolutions

I parked next to an SUV yesterday that was so big I could have parked my car, a smaller SUV, inside of it. With plenty of room left over to seat four people comfortably.

When I try to park in the Big Box parking lot, I'll think I spot an empty space, but it always turns out to be a regular-sized car parked between two giant trucks that escaped from a Monster Jam audition.

These things are the McMansions of the auto world. They can barely fit between the painted lines. They have names like "Expedition" and "Armada." To me, Lewis and Clark spending three years traveling through an unmapped and roadless land qualifies as an expedition. Neil Armstrong landing on the moon is an expedition. Admiral Byrd's trek to the South Pole was an expedition. Going to the Shop and Go Away to buy toilet paper and frozen pizza? Not so much. And since you could put those items safely in the normally empty passenger seat, what's the rest of the car for?

If you asked people why they bought their monster vehicles, "safety" is probably the answer most would give. Yes, every time I see a tiny little Smart car on

the freeway, I wonder if the driver could even walk away from a 2 mph fender-bender in the pharmacy parking lot. But on the other end of the pendulum, does that mean we all need Bradley Fighting Vehicles just to get to work and run errands?

I wonder how many times the people with Armadas actually use them at their full capacity. I see giant, heavy-duty pickup trucks without a scratch on them. They look as if they'd just come back from the diamond polisher's. The tires and rims shine; CSI wouldn't be able to find a fingerprint or a stray eyelash on these things.

But if the owners aren't doing rugged things with them, like hauling dirty boulders, going up steep outdoor staircases or driving down the middle of muddy streams — the way they do in the commercials — what ARE they doing with them? Besides running them through the car wash twice a day?

I just saw a commercial for a Jeep called a Gladiator. It seems to be a combination of a Jeep and a pickup truck. They show it hauling a boat. Hmmm. Wow. Never seen a regular car do that before! Oh, wait, yes I have — hundreds of times. I guess the idea is that if the fish see you drive up in a Gladiator, they'll just give up and jump into your boat.

I understand the attraction of bright, shiny moving objects, but then, so do fish. It'd be nice to think we are a tiny bit smarter than fish, and that we won't

just fall for the first flash of chrome that comes into view.

When I see giant new cars parked by my local Out of Date But Still Edible Groceries, I think maybe they should have bought something a little more practical. Like a Ferrari or a Lamborghini. After all, there's something comforting about knowing your car can go 200 miles an hour when you're sitting in bumper-to-bumper traffic.

We all spend money on things that must make other people shake their heads. I just saw a story about a Japanese toaster that costs \$270 and only toasts one piece of bread at a time. Sure, it does a good job, but still. And yet, some people will want one. My friend Yvon will buy one as soon as she sees it.

She calls it "shopping therapy," and she has a point: Why waste money on a psychiatrist when she feels just as good after dropping a few hundred dollars at her favorite store? Sure, she could have taken that money to Las Vegas and gambled it away, or bought hair extensions, or just done something stupid with it. But as long as it makes her happy, what's the problem?

I don't understand the mania for big cars, but I'm glad it's not my thing. The money I save on gas and car insurance lets me waste money on important things. Like my Star Wars memorabilia.

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THE VILLAGE IDIOT



Jim Mullen

Bumps, bruises; what's normal this new year

The end of 2019 and the birth of 2020 officially marks the time I learned there are countless ways to not sympathize with personal pain.

Yes, I am a wimp, impatient with the powers that be. I've tried the get down on your knees and pray for instant relief. I won't argue with that, except that I may get down on my knees and need to ask for help to get back up.

On Dec. 10, I attended one of several high school and community band performances.

They were all wonderful. We have some real talent in the community. That evening, however, fate slapped me hard.

There's a large water meter cover in front of my home. I knew it was there, but still managed to trip over it.

I had parked my car and tried to get some fast food out of the passenger's seat, got my foot stuck between car and curb, twisted it out, took two steps and tripped over the meter cover.

I fell flat on my posterior and, due to some ice, couldn't get back up.

The car door helped me get up and I tested to see if there was a break. I could stand and walk, so went indoors and consumed my Sonic Burger.

The next morning, I arose unable to walk without suffering.

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In 1947, a session of Congress was televised for the first time to viewers in three East Coast cities.

In 1959, Alaska was admitted as the 49th state.

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Sports

Grizzlies open 2020 at home against Chadron, MSU

By AARON KINNISCHTZE

ASU Sports Information Director

ALAMOSA — The Adams State Grizzlies Men's and Women's Basketball teams prepare for their first contests of the new year this weekend at home, as they welcome the Chadron State Eagles and Metro State Roadrunners. The conference games will be the Grizzlies' sixth and seventh of the season, and both have an RMAC record of 1-4 on the year.

On the Men's Side

The Adams State men have fought hard through 11 games thus far but come into the weekend with a 3-8 record overall, having last won against New Mexico Highlands at home back on December 7th. They hope that their energetic play and adjustments made will now translate into wins, as they are back in action this weekend against two more RMAC opponents in Chadron State and Metro State. They have gotten stellar play from point guard Juwan Green as of late, who brings a four-game streak of scoring 20 points or more into the weekend, and is coming off of a season-high of 25 in his last game against Fort Lewis. Green has been the heart and soul for the Grizzlies on the offensive end this season, and is the team leader in assists and minutes per game. If he can continue to be the key facilitator and if the Grizzlies, who have had shooting struggles so far can start to shoot consistently from



the field, they should be able to reel off wins and climb the RMAC standings in 2020. They will face off against a Chadron State team who has dropped four straight, also coming in with a 1-4 RMAC record, and Metro State whose last victory was against the Roadrunners, as they enter Saturday with a conference record of 2-3. Both games will take place at 7:30 from Plachy Hall.

On the Women's Side

The Grizzly women enter the weekend with a 1-10

overall record, but have had to overcome numerous injuries to key players in order to put a competitive lineup out on the floor. They too had a tough slate in their last games in South Dakota after defeating New Mexico Highlands back on December 7th, but hope that their nucleus of players can continue to overcome the hand they've been dealt and come away with victories. The Grizzlies are led by senior Zakiya Beckles, who averages just under 10 points per game and is the Grizzlies' leader on both the offensive and defensive ends. The guard hopes to motivate her team with her consistent and solid play moving forward. Friday night they will face off against a struggling Chadron State team who is coming off of three straight losses. They, like the Grizzlies, enter with an RMAC record of 1-4. Saturday, they prepare to host a Metro State team who has had their ups and downs thus far but come in with a successful RMAC record of 3-2. Both games for the women will take place at 5:30 PM from Plachy Hall.

The Adams State Grizzlies' Men's and Women's Basketball teams both look to break their losing streaks this weekend at home, and will need support from the community at Plachy this weekend, as Winter Break is still in effect. The women tip-off both nights at 5:30 PM with the men directly following at 7:30. Come out and support your Grizzlies at home this weekend.

Winter break comes to a close as season resumes

By RYAN CASEY

CHSAA Media Coordinator

The winter sport season will resume on Thursday as the annual winter break comes to a close.

The nine-day break, which began on Dec. 24, includes a competition and practice restriction for all teams and activities.

With the break over, the calendar will resume as normal. In fact, some teams have games scheduled for Thursday, including eight boys basketball games and five girls basketball contests. No hockey teams have games until Friday, with 10 on the slate.

Find complete schedules for basketball

and hockey here:

There are also a number of big wrestling tournaments this weekend, including the annual Colfax Smackdown, the Colt Classic in Pueblo, and invitationals hosted by Hanover, Mullen, Bennett, Heritage and Niwot.

The girls swimming season has the

Boulder County Invite this weekend, a major event at VMAC which draws a number of the top teams.

And the ski season will begin with its first races next week, on Jan. 10, at Beaver Creek and Winter Park for the downhill racers, and at Spring Gulch in Carbondale for the nordic skiers.



Courier photo by Stephen Jiron

Taylor Motz (15) of Alamosa contends with Sanford's Mackenzie Peterson (2) during a home contest in Alamosa High School on Dec. 6th. Valley teams will return to action this weekend. Sanford basketball will go on the road to face 3A's No. 6 ranked team in Centauri, tip off is at 5:30 p.m.



Photos courtesy of Vibrant Valley Photography

Antonito's Josh Duran (4) avoids Cedar Ross (44) and Kodiak Reigel of Moffat Mountain Valley during Antonito's Dec. 21 win. According to CHSAA Now, Duran is top-10 in the state in points per game (8th 26.0), steals per game (1st, 6.4) and top 25 in rebounds per game (24th, 11.8). Duran and the Trojans will go on the road against Southpark on Friday afternoon.

Results

Adams State Basketball

Dec. 21

Fort Lewis 63, ASU 48 (W)
Fort Lewis 90, ASU 76 (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)

Prep Hockey

Dec. 21

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

Prep Wrestling

Dec. 16

Rob Mickel Tournament

Sports Bulletin

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

Jan. 3

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

Jan. 4

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

Prep Basketball

Jan. 3

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

Jan. 4

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

Prep Hockey

Jan. 4

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

Adams State Wrestling

Jan. 10

All Day ASU at San Francisco State Tourny

Prep Wrestling

Jan. 4

9 a.m. Alamosa at Pueblo South Tournament

Schedules subject to change

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

Lifestyle

Oldest truck line in Colo. began in SLV 90 years ago

By KATIE DOKSON

Special to Valley Publishing

ALAMOSA —World War I brought prosperity to the nation's largest alpine valley, located in southern Colorado.

The San Luis Valley was becoming a fast-growing area with a melting pot of ethnic groups putting down roots.

The area was originally settled by Spanish descendants, who traveled north from settlements in New Mexico and established the oldest towns in Colorado. Shortly after, the Germans, Dutch and Japanese also took to the land.

Alamosa, built by the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad in one day, had grown and become the hub of the San Luis Valley. The founding of Adams State College, Normal School by Billy Adams in 1925, solidified its future as the center for commerce.

Colorado already had a strong railroad system, but in 1921 the state began building concrete highways, which would forever change the way freight was shipped. The first truck line was started by George W. Spriesters, Valley representative for Chevrolet cars.

It was during the same time in the roaring 20s that Alamosa native, William (Bill) Clark, came up with an idea that changed his life. Clark was talking with his friend one day, Alamosa businessman John Burt, who founded Chapparal Tires, about Clark's desire to start a truck line to compete with the railroad, Mr. Spriesters new freight line, and with the underlying reason of hauling bootleg liquor into the Valley. A business was born.

Colorado spearheaded prohibition in 1916, which preceded the 18th Amendments national adoption in 1920, also known as the Volstead Act. Prohibition forbade the "manufacture, sale and transportation of intoxicating liquors." Liquor was still in demand and the main supplier were railroad workers sneaking it on trains. Clark first began hauling liquor in his car and hauled it over mountain passes for several years.

Business was good and not much attention was paid to Clark. As his business grew the railroad tipped off law enforcement, drawing attention to Clark, allowing railroad bootleggers the ability to operate without attention from the law. To remedy this, Clark purchased a 2 ton truck in 1929.

He began hauling significantly more freight into the Valley, and consequently, more liquor — competing with the railroad in two markets.

Upset by the dent in their profits, the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad motivated their union members to spread flyers to all the businesses in Alamosa, demanding they do not do business with Clark. This plan backfired because Clark provided such consistent hauling

—and a stipend of alcohol libations — to his customers that they continued with business as usual, and law enforcement's attention was shifted toward the railroads interest in the matter.

As the depression hit the area, it was the bootleg business that paid the bills and kept the small freight company in competition with the freight monopoly that was run by the railroad. The reference was made more than once that the prominent businessman, who had affection for cigars, was a saint by day and devil by night. Clark married Elsie Leontine Koch in Clark on June 6, 1930.

Prohibition ended when a constitutional amendment was approved by the Colorado voters in 1932 and made liquor control the purview of the state. The rest of the country followed suit, ending prohibition nationally in 1933. This legitimized the bootleg freight and the company continued to grow.

The railroad decided to establish its own truck line called Rio Grande Motorways and was a major competitor to Bill Clark Truck Lines for about a decade. Clark succeeded in providing steady, consistent service, thanks to an employee named Ove Nielsen.

In 1936, Clark became progressively ill, ending in his death from tuberculosis at age 32.

This unfortunate demise left Elsie Clark to run the business with Ove Nielsen. Romance bloomed and in 1937 they were married and had a son Paul (Bud) Nielsen, who eventually took over running the business. After an 18-month Teamsters Union strike, they lost all seven Denver drivers in 1970 and Bud Nielsen drove all freight overnight until 1972 when they hired Jack Stansall to help. The two men ran the business successfully for decades.

The current Bill Clark Truck Lines building is located at 311 6th Street in Alamosa and was designed by a one-armed WWI veteran Gerald A. Crawford. Crawford was partners with George Van Iwarden, and this contract was one of the first for Valley Construction Company. The concrete blocks of the building were the design of Crawford and are the very first blocks to come off the production line of the concrete company he owned.

The Nielsons sold the company in 1997 and today the company continues to be a family owned and operated business by LeRoy and Rosalie Martinez, Jeff Martinez, Marcie Schulz and Brad Flavin.

Clark has three main terminals in Alamosa, Pueblo and Denver, and delivers to hundreds of locations in Colorado.

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The Rio Grande Hospital finished their revitalization and expansion project, opening their doors to the newer facility in midsummer.

Year of growth for Del Norte

By Lyndsie Ferrell

DEL NORTE—As the new year comes over the horizon and a new decade is about to begin; Del Norte is saying goodbye to the old and will greet the new. The town has undergone several changes over the course of the last year and has plans for even more in 2020. Some of the changes for the town were small, while others were larger scale, but one thing remained the same for 2019 and that was growth.

The year was not without its fair share of birthdays, including the 10th anniversary of the after-school program at High Valley Community Center and a resident at the River Valley Inn nursing home who turned a staggering 100 years old. The town took time to recognize the old as many worked hard to bring in the new.

A new year starts with a new school for the Upper Rio Grande School District as crews worked countless hours throughout the past year to have the building ready for students come the first of January 2020. After a few snags with the Del Norte annexation of the school property, the school district was able to obtain their occupancy permit and will be moving supplies and students in the next several days.

The Del Norte Public Library welcomed back the Freemont Expedition monument after work was completed at the

intersection of Highway 160 and 112 and a new sign was erected for the first time in well over 100 years. The library has had numerous changes throughout the last two to three years and a sign was fitting in light of those changes.

The Town of Del Norte worked in partnership with the local engineering companies to improve the sewer system and helped the school improve the water system on the southeast part of town. Now, as the coming year approaches, the board is working to apply for a Colorado Department of Transportation grant that will help with funding needed to revitalize the downtown area and will include everything from new sidewalks to trash receptacles and beyond.

The Rio Grande Hospital finished their revitalization and expansion project, opening their doors to the newer facility in midsummer. The new buildings offer several additional services that have helped shape health care in rural Colorado by bringing state of the art physical therapy and a new hyperbaric chamber, both of which have already helped many people throughout the Valley.

The year was full of changing projects, new adventures and hopes for a bright future of the town as the community rockets toward the new decade with the tools they need to survive and find success. Happy New Year!

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Lifestyle

Emergency management pleased with 2019's strides

After numerous successes, Director Willis looks to build upon that this year

CENTENNIAL—2019 was a productive year for emergency managers.

Colorado Office of Emergency Management's innovative use of a Unified Coordination Group to mitigate the effects of a record avalanche season helped prepare for the potential consequences of flooding.

"We conducted the first state-delivered FEMA Basic Emergency Management Academy, graduating 45 Colorado students," said Director of the Colorado Office of Emergency Management Director Michael J. Willis by press release. "We secured the most pre-disaster mitigation funding for Colorado ever, including \$10 million for the Goose Pasture Tarn Dam above Breckenridge.

"Additionally, we began to think deliberately about how to prepare future emergency managers to be successful in the complex, adaptive systems that will define their environment. "The initiatives we undertook last year have begun to pay off so this year I want to continue to build on that investment."

With that in mind, Willis said he intends to focus on three overarching areas, two of which are the same as 2019: Alert and warning, mitigation and recovery.

ALERT 'N' WARNING:

In 2019, Colorado made some progress towards being better able to alert and warn its communities of hazards and disasters, as 83% of the state's counties have an alert and warning plan and 53% of its counties are covered by an IPAWS alerting authority.

This is definitely an improvement from 2018. "However, we still have work to do," Willis said. "Too many of our community members are still at risk of being left uninformed during an incident. "If we can't tell them



Michael J. Willis

what we need them to do during a disaster, we can't expect them to do it.

"We also have a significant amount of work to do when it comes to testing and exercising the plans we do have. Only 11% of our plans have been exercised. I encourage all of you to incorporate your alert and warning plans into your exercises in 2020 to test them. We all want to be confident these important plans will work.

MITIGATION:

2019 was a good year for mitigation in Colorado, but the state has to stay focused on this important work. It is a centerpiece of emergency management. "We prepare for what we cannot mitigate and we respond to and recover from what wasn't mitigated," Willis said. "Last year, Colorado applied for \$18 million in pre-disaster mitigation grant funding from FEMA.

"As FEMA continues to implement the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program under the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA), we'll have even more opportunities to secure FEMA funding to pursue critical pre-disaster mitigation."

The new BRIC program will focus on the important work of building resilient infrastructure, he added. Applications for these grants can be arduous, but "we can't miss the chance to address aging infrastructure or changing environmental haz-

ards that threaten our communities."

In 2020, Willis said he will be reaching out to county commissioners and county administrators/managers and Tribal Nations to encourage them to take advantage of this program.

"I'll work to help them understand the return on investment for mitigation projects, which range from 3-to-1 to 6-to-1 over recovery costs," Willis said. "We look forward to working with all of you as this new program unfolds.

RECOVERY:

This is perhaps the

most complex and least-understood mission area in emergency management. The difficulty of assessing damages, the vast array of state and federal agencies involved, their complex and sometimes confusing requirements and competing recovery demands make recovery a daunting undertaking.

Perhaps for that reason, most of Colorado's counties have not properly planned for recovery. In fact, only 31% of the state's counties have a pre-disaster recovery plan. To help improve this in 2020 the Colorado Office of

Emergency Management will develop a Colorado specific recovery guide to help counties and the Tribal Nations develop a relevant, tailored recovery plan for their communities.

"I will also be engaging county commissioners and county administrators/managers and the Tribes on the importance of these plans, as well," Willis said. "We all know that effective emergency management is a team effort.

"We operate within systems of systems and have many interdependencies. "I encourage you to

share this message and share your priorities with your community leaders and partners in both the public and private/volunteer sectors. One great place to do this is in your Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) and the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meetings.

"It continues to be a great privilege to serve you and the people of Colorado. My team and I look forward to working with you in 2020 on these and other important emergency management objectives."

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YOUR NIGHT SKY

Winter is here

Two things are going to happen this weekend.

One is the Quadrantid Meteor Shower, and the other is that Earth will be closest to the Sun for the year. It seems strange that this happens in the winter, but due to Earth's tilt, it doesn't affect our weather.

This is called Perihelion. Peri is Greek for near, and Helios means Sun. In six months on July 4 viewers will see Aphelion, which is farthest from the Sun. There's actually a 3 million mile difference between these two events.

Because of Earth's tilt the northern hemisphere is farthest from the Sun in January and closest in July. It's the Southern Hemisphere that gets Perihelion in the summer and Aphelion in the winter.

The Quadrantid Meteor Shower is active from Dec. 27 to Jan. 10, but its peak is early morning on the fourth.

They're visible late night to dawn just below the Big Dipper. Best viewing is early morning when the Big Dipper moves above Polaris the North Star, so it's higher up in the sky. That's when viewers will see a minimum of 25 meteors per hour and sometimes even 120. They're predicted to be good this year.

On Jan. 10, the full Wolf Moon will appear, but on the fifth the first quarter moon will



set close to 1:30 a.m. providing a dark sky for viewing the meteors.

One may even see fireballs, and Earthgrazers which shoot across the horizon. Viewers can try looking out a NE window around 4 a.m. like most people do. One just needs clear weather.

The reason this meteor shower is brief is because the debris stream is narrow and Earth encounters the stream perpendicularly. So our planet zips through the densest strip in a few hours making the peak brief. They're named after the defunct 19th century constellation Quadrans Moralis.

Another thing to see this time of year is the winter Circle which is made up of the seven brightest stars in the winter sky. When someone looks at the Orion constellation, his left foot Rigel is one of the stars.

The Winter Circle actually circles around Orion, taking up 1/3 of that part of the sky, so it's very large.

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DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO

Court Address: 8955 Independence Way Alamosa, CO 81101 Telephone (719) 589-4996 In the Matter of the Estate of SYLVIA MARY BELLOMY aka SYLVIA M. BELLOMY aka SYLVIA BELLOMY, Deceased COURT USE ONLY Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address): Motz Law Firm, LLC Jeffrey E. Motz 410 San Juan Ave. P. O. Box 779 Alamosa, CO 81101 Phone Number: (719) 589-6676 E-mail: jeff.motzlaw@gmail.com FAX Number: (719) 589-2023 Atty. Reg. #: 35972 Case No. 2019 PR 30024 Division C NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S. NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of SYLVIA MARY BELLOMY, Deceased Case Number 2019 PR 30024 All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to ?District Court of Costilla County, Colorado or ?Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado on or before April 29, 2020, or the claims may be forever barred. Julie Lynn Miller, Personal Representative 12054 County Road 109 South Alamosa, CO 81101 VERIFICATION I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of Colorado that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on the 11th day of December, 2019, (date) (month) (year) at Alamosa, Colorado (city or other location, and state OR country) JEFFREY E. MOTZ (printed name) Jeffrey E Motz JDF 943SC R9/18 NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION No. 1216 Published in the Valley Courier on December 20, 27, 2019, and January 3, 2020.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PRAIRIE DITCH COMPANY SHAREHOLDERS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED: That the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Prairie Ditch Company will be held on February 1, 2020 at 9:00 AM., at the Mosca United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, located in Mosca, Colorado. The purpose of the Meeting will be to: 1) Set the assessment for 2020. 2) Nominate and elect Directors to the Board, for the Central District, currently held by Steve Van Treese, and one at large member currently held by Lyle Nissen, both are 3 year terms 3) Any other business that may come legally before the meeting. Enclosed you will find your proxy form The board of Directors urges shareholder that do not expect to attend the Annual Meeting to sign and designate a proxy; YOUR VOTE CANNOT BE COUNTED WITHOUT A DESIGNATED PROXY AND IT MUST BE SIGNED. Please return to the Prairie Ditch Company, P.O. BOX 32, Mosca Colorado 81146, by January 27, 2020. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST, INFORM THE SECRETARY WHO IS QUALIFIED TO REPRESENT YOU AND YOUR STOCK, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING (Article III Section 4, as per regulations adopted Feb 4, 2018) Your PROXY WILL NOT BE USED if you later decide to attend the Annual Meeting and desire to vote your shares. Lunch will be provided. Given by the order of the Board of Directors of the Prairie Ditch Company No. 1216 Published in the Valley Courier on December 28, 2019, January 3, 10, 17, 24, and 29, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF CENTER REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION PETITIONS

The Town of Center Regular Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2019. The Election will be conducted via Mail Ballot. There are four (3) Trustee positions and the Mayoral position which will be on the ballot. Nomination petitions for the office of Trustee will be available for circulation beginning on Wednesday, January 7, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. Nomination petitions must be filed with the Town Clerk's office no later than Monday, January 27, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Candidates must be at least eighteen (18) years of age on Election Day; must be a registered elector and must have resided within the limits of the Town of Center for twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the election. No. 1218 Published in the Valley Courier on December 31, January 2, 3, and 4, 2020.

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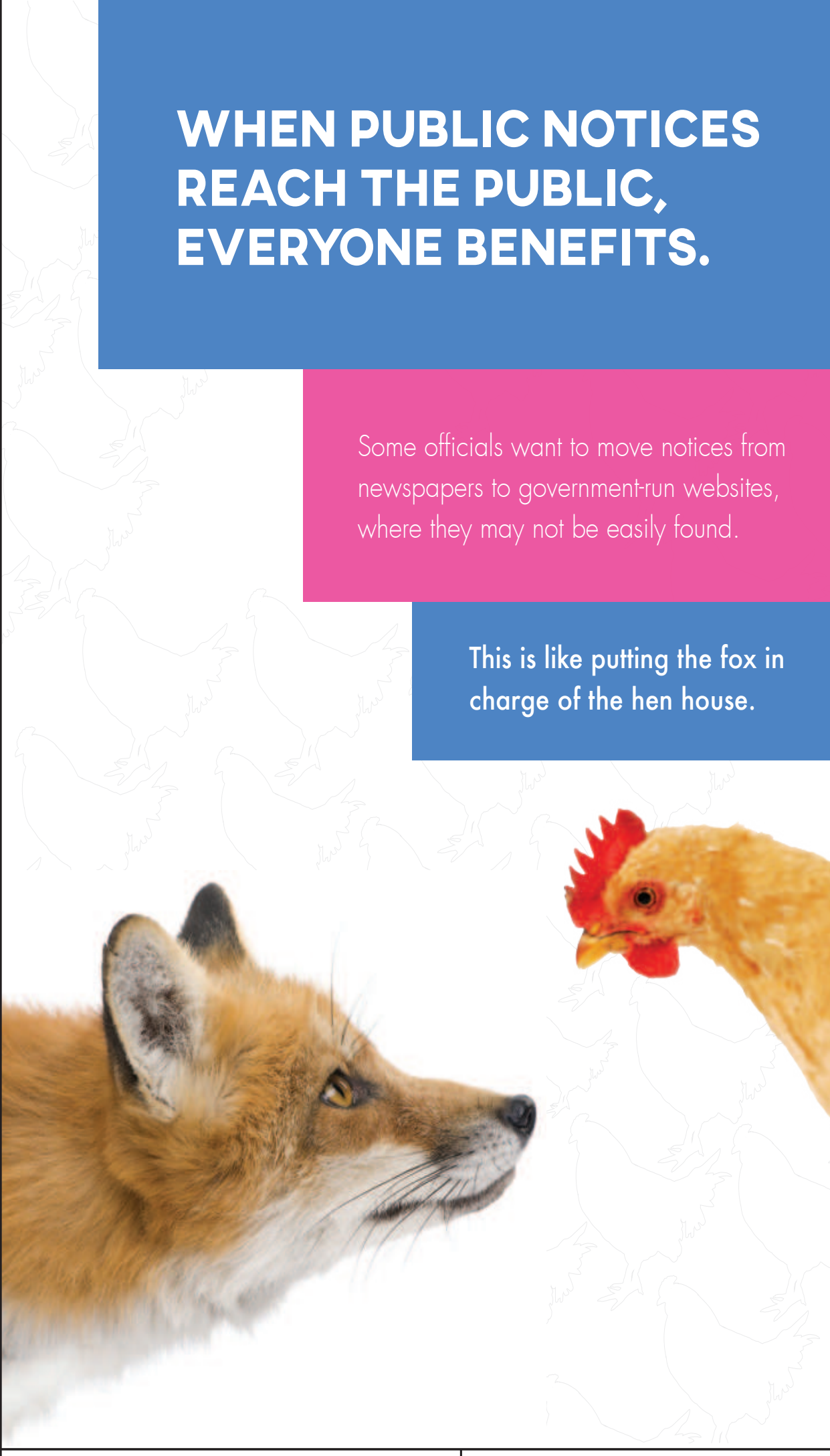
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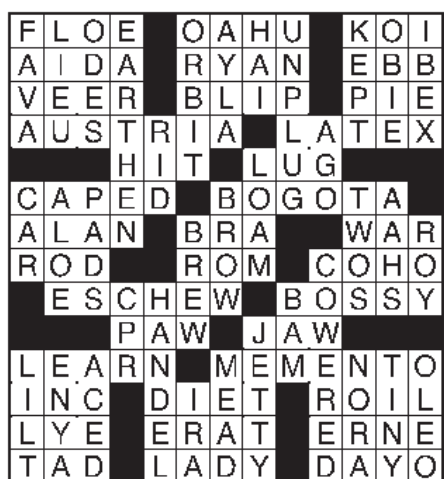
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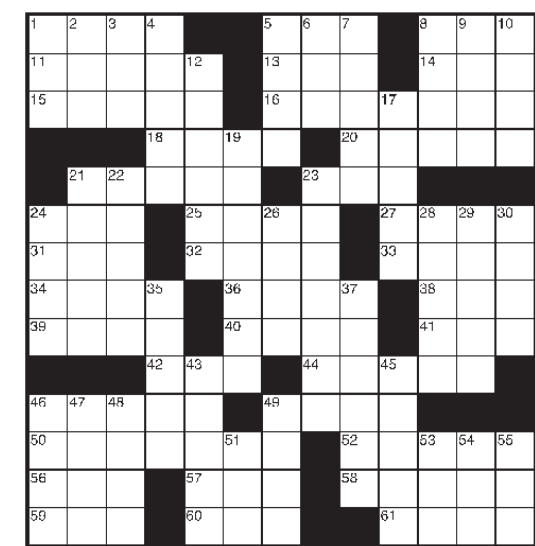
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by Luis Campos

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History of put-downs causes broken trust between in-laws

DEAR ABBY: I have been happily married to my darling husband for 20 years. The problem is his sister.

When we first met, she asked my husband if I was "for real" because I'm very outgoing and affectionate. In the early years, and until about six years ago, she would berate me with abusive criticism. In most instances, her comments were inaccurate. If I tried to overlook her actions and have a good relationship, she would soon find something else to criticize.

I am normally an "it's history" kind of person when it comes to confrontations and forget them quickly. Thankfully her abuse has finally stopped. But I'm now having trust issues because every time in the past when I let my guard down to mend the relationship, she'd lash out and put me down again. Any advice would be greatly appreciated. -- WARY IN TEXAS

DEAR WARY: One would think that during the time your sister-in-law was sniping at you, your "darling" husband would have stepped in and told his sister to put her knives away. After suffering through 14 years of her emotional battery, it's no wonder you have trust issues where she's concerned. Intelligent person that

you are, it's likely you always will have them, so stop blaming yourself for it. Continue being the outgoing and affectionate person you always have been, and keep your guard up because that's what healthy people have to do when dealing with someone like her.

DEAR ABBY: I love my wonderful neighbors of 28 years. They are 10 years younger than my parents. They have been like a second set of parents to me. My concern is for their health. They are in their 60s and 70s, but neither one goes to the doctor.

The wife went 20-plus years ago and decided never to return after they prescribed diabetes and blood pressure medication for her. More recently, she can no longer leave the house because she has injured her arthritic knee so badly. She refuses to get it checked and claims it will heal. (She diagnosed herself via Dr. Google.) Her intelligent adult daughter is aware of all of this.

I know this is a choice people make, but at this point I'm sure it's just anxiety that is keeping her from getting the medical help she needs. She's missing her garden, her grandchildren and grocery shopping, so I'm sure she doesn't want to spend the rest of her life like this. Her husband has

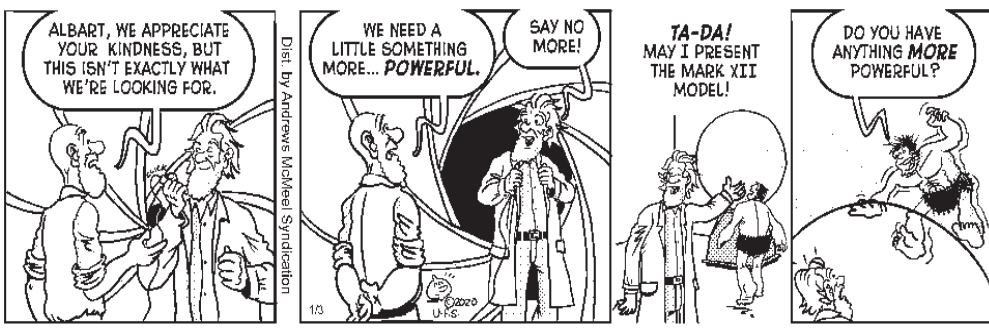


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no influence either and is picking up what she no longer can do. I have tried encouraging her to seek advice, but haven't pushed her so hard as to push her away. What should I do? -- SCARED FOR THEM IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR SCARED: If anyone could do anything, it would have to be the woman's husband and her daughter. I assume you have pointed out to your neighbor that with medical help she could heal more quickly, and also that there is something called preventive medicine that can help people avoid becoming seriously ill. Because you have talked until you are blue in the face and still haven't been able to get through, my advice is to love her while you have her.

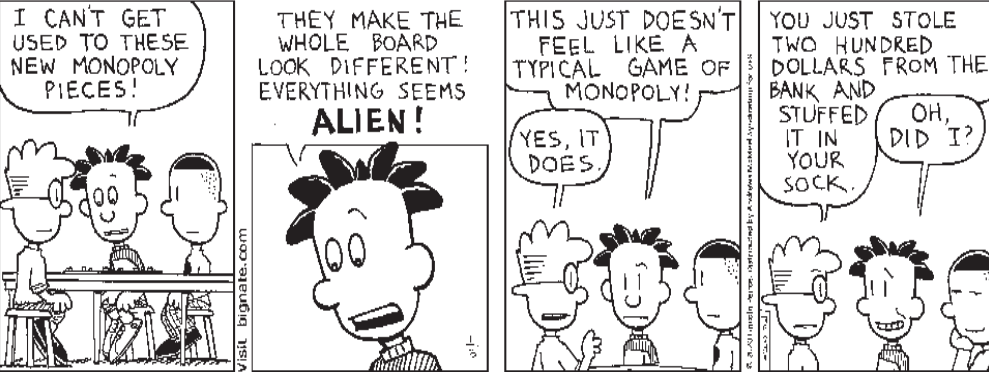
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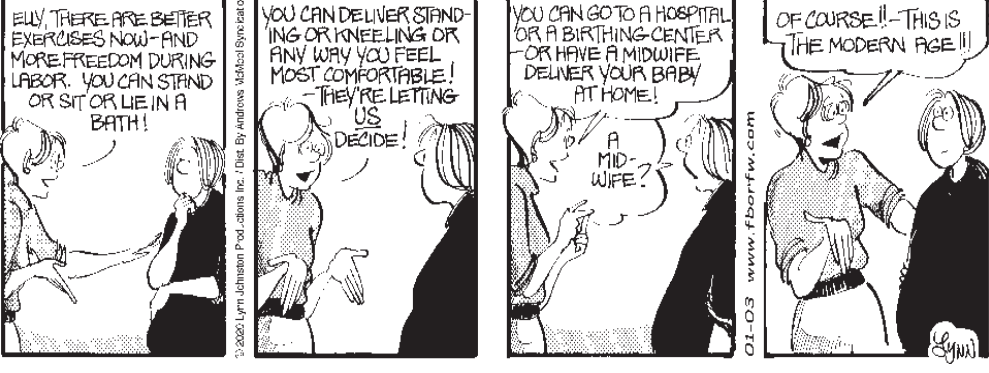
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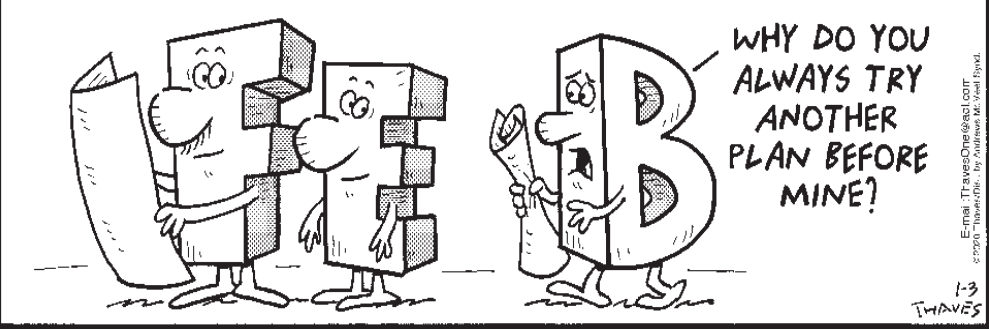
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Lifestyle

Shopping local will make an even bigger impact in 2020

By REBECCA COPLEY

Valley Publishing

MONTE VISTA — In this day and age, when you can buy almost anything online you want and have it delivered to your doorstep, shopping locally is even more important to towns across America.

Small brick and mortar businesses have been forced to close shop and going out-of-business sales have sadly become too common.

Many of these small businesses depend on the holiday season to keep their lights on.

In Monte Vista this year during the holiday shopping season, local businesses shared that they had normal sales for that time of year and had decent business.

Some businesses stated that this year was a little better than years in the past.

Business owners are hopeful that the shopping local trend will continue into the new year.

The year 2020 gives even more importance to shopping local in Monte Vista, as voters passed the city's One Cent tax during November's elec-

tion. The new sales tax went into effect Wednesday, giving those in the community just one more reason to shop local.

Revenue from the new sales tax will go to fund Monte Vista's public works department, police department and the maintenance/renovation costs for the Ski-Hi Complex.

The city anticipates that the funds received from the penny increase will total \$400,000 annually. Forty% of the tax revenues will go to the maintenance of Ski-Hi. It is hoped that this will help the city keep costs to community users lower. Part of the one-cent revenue will also be utilized in the Friends of Ski-Hi building project for the new facility.

Public works will be receiving 35% of the sales tax revenue.

These funds will be used to maintain and repair the streets in Monte Vista. They also plan to use the money to pave some of the dirt roads in Monte Vista. A third priority will also be to improve drainage throughout the city.

The remaining 25% will go to the police depart-

ment.

The new revenue will allow the department to hire an additional officer. The funds will also be used to equip officers with the industry's standard safety equipment.

In Monte Vista in 2020, taxpayers will not only be supporting small businesses when shopping local, they will also be a part of making sure these improvements are possible. Each dollar and penny spent locally will go to better roads, improve recreation, while augmenting law enforcement.



Courtesy photo

In November, Monte Vista residents voted in favor of adding a 1% sales tax to business transactions, which began on Wednesday.

Local businesses, events flourish

By LYNDIE FERRELL

Valley Courier

SOUTH FORK — Over the last several days Wolf Creek Ski Resort has received a staggering 54 inches of snow, according to reports coming from the mountain.

This season so far has yielded a large amount of snow, bringing the 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 en-

joy the town's hospitality.

The town has held several successful events including their annual Yuletide celebration and Kiwanis Thanksgiving dinner.

Both events brought people far and wide to enjoy a sense of community and neighborly fun.

Now with the new year, the town is gearing up for the last few months of snow and Colorado ski country adventures.

More weather systems are in the forecast for this week, but for now the town will settle into colder temperatures, some of which will drop into the negatives right alongside the rest of the Valley.

Fear not, though, the top of the mountain is still reporting excellent skiing with 100% of the mountain open and powder to last any type of skier a winter wonderland adventurer a lifetime.

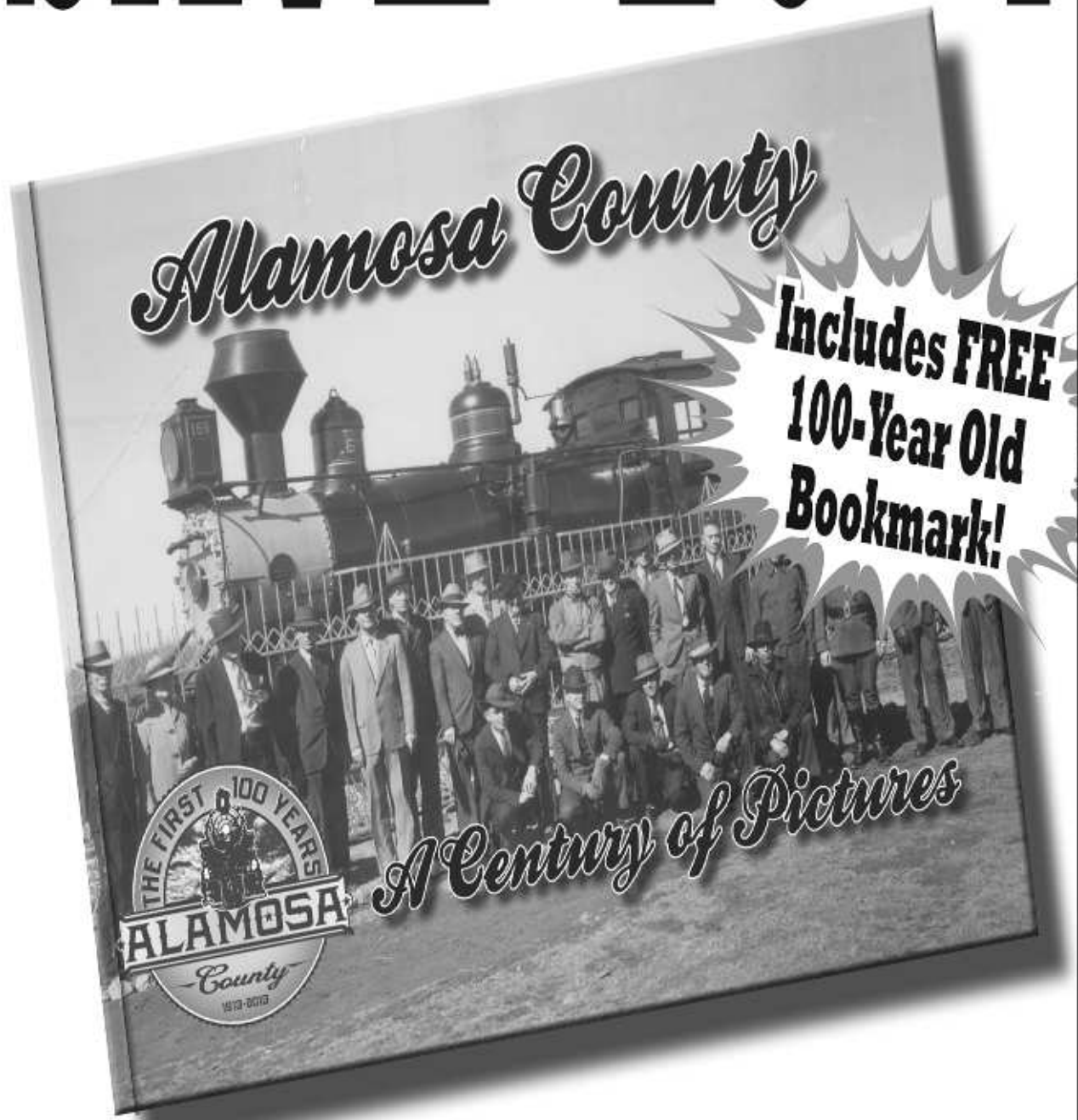
With the holidays behind and the rest of winter to come, be sure to get out and enjoy some Colorado fun.



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