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Lee and Grace Bagwell will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 4.

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LOCAL NEWS... LOCAL VIEWS

It's all

about

water

will be a busy month for

the San Luis Valley Water

The Rio Grande Wa-

ter Conservation District's

Board of managers for Spe-

cial 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

Jeff Goebel called "Explor-

atory 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@

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.

for the Rio Grande Water

Conservation District will

hold their quarterly meeting

on Jan. 21 at the RGWCD

Managers for Special Im-

provement District number

2 will hold their annual

Many representatives of

the Valleys' water entities

along with fellow water us-

ers from across the state will

also travel to the Colorado

Water Congress Annual

Convention on Jan. 29-31

With the Renewable Wa-

ter Resources export pro-

posal 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.

compiled this report.

Staff writer Helen Smith

in Westminster.

On Jan. 22, the Board of

The Board of Directors

The Rio Grande Basin

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meeting.

Thursday Jan. 9 — Mos-

St. in Saguache.

Community.

JANUARY 3, 2020

FRIDAY EDITION

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group (SLVBHG) donated five vehicles from its fleet to

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STAFF REPORT

local organizations serving the community.

CEO Fernando Martinez.

transferring of the keys.

within the community.

also receive donated vehicles.

the transportation of clients and staff.

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

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," Ches-

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

The Center of Restorative Programs (CRP), an orga-

SLVBHG recently acquired new vehicles to aid in

"The agency's fleet allows us to cover all 8,000 square

"As our vehicles get older, we trade them in. But

"La Puente is an organization with a tremendous impact on the homeless population. It is an honor to be

when possible, we like to donate them to our partners

able to assist them in their mission with these vehicles."

are. Transportation is one of the major barriers to care

in the San Luis Valley. Helping clients with transpor-

tation to their therapy appointments go a long way in

Vehicles enable SLVHBG to meet clients where they

miles of the San Luis Valley," Martinez said. "Our out-

patient staff must be very mobile, and this fleet allows

nization that focuses on strengthening the community by bridging conflict and restoring relationships, will

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Today **BINGO!** LAJARA — Sunday Janu-

SLV

ary 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. ". 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





Sunny 25/-7

Sat.: Partly cloudy 29/-5 Sun.: Partly cloudy 32/-4

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'Tis the Season of **Giving at SLVBHG**



Courtesy photo

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.

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

STAFF REPORT

ca-Hooper Soil & Water Conservation District will **ALAMOSA** — There is a long history host a workshop with conconcerning water in the San Luis Valley sensus process professional, 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

assisting them in remaining stable in the community. New gun law goes

into effect 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 oreponderance 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 peti-

tion 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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OBITUARIES Lorenzo A. 'Lawrence' Trujillo, 77

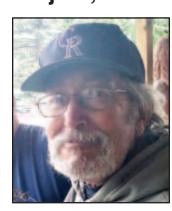
ALAMOSA – It was a sunny but chilly day on Dec. 29, 2019 when Lorenzo A. "Lawrence" Trujillo, 77, of Alamosa peacefully entered into his Lord's loving arms at the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center in Alamosa.

He fought a long, hard battle with Parkinson's disease and other medical complications.

Lawrence, as he was known to most, was born on June 24, 1942 to Anselmo and Elionela (Arellano) Trujillo. He spent most of his life in Center and Alamosa but lived a few years in Casa Grande, Ariz. He worked in mining and agriculture.

Lawrence was rich in knowledge of family history and loved the great outdoors of the San Luis Valley where he hunted with family and fished with his best friends. He enjoyed his morning sweet treats with his neighbor. He liked to garden, take care of his vard and do woodwork. He was an avid Broncos fan.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Jill Trujillo of Alamosa: son. Don Truiillo of Pueblo; daughters, Connie (Geno Gowens) Trujillo and Lorena (Reno) Chacon of Center; stepdaughters Linda Hall of Alamosa, Heidi (Michael) Naranjo of Phoenix, and Leah Boss of Alabama. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Jacob McClure of Alamosa, Dalton Trujillo and Briana Trujillo of Pueblo, Timothy (Elizabeth Rivera) Chacon of Center, Aron (Amanda) Martin of Alamosa; Michael Naranjo of Arizona, Bridget (TJ) York of Mesa, Ariz.; Eric Cicione of Alabama, Aubrey (Jeremy Wittig) Cicione of Mesa, Ariz., and Ryan Cicione of Korea; his great-grandchildren, Noelle Trujillo, Jayden Padilla, Noah Mar-



survived by his sisters, Sobeida Moreno, Lucy Trujillo and Barbara Chaparro, all of Center, and Tammy (Jeff) Schnedler of Canon City; his brothers Filemon (Mardell) Trujillo of Montrose, William (Sally) Trujillo of Monte Vista, Billy Trujillo and Wesley (Anita) Trujillo, of Center; and his good friends, Tom Burrows, Roy Sanchez and Bonnie Reyes, all from Alamosa. He leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews and other family members and friends.

Lawrence is preceded in death by his parents, Anselmo and Elionela Trujillo, his siblings, Catherine Trujillo, Bernice Garcia, Irvin Trujillo and Lee Trujillo, as well as his beloved dog, Joy.

Visitations will be held Friday, Jan. 3, 2020 from 5-7 p.m. at the Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa and Saturday morning, Jan. 4 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. at the Alamosa Fourth Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, 927 Weber Dr. in Alamosa. Funeral Services will follow at 11 a.m. at the same church. Interment will take place in the Alamosa Cemetery at the conclusion of the funeral services.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrange-

To leave online condolences and remarks for roquin, Jace Martin, Kade Lawrence's family, please Martin and baby York that visit www.Rogers Funeris on the way. He is also als.com.

Roy Moore, 101

Longtime resident Roy Moore, 101, died Dec. 31, 2019 at the San Luis Care Center in Alamosa.

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, 1947 in Monte Vista.

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 years.

Roy was an avid reader and enjoyed raising horses. He is survived by his daughter, Sandra (Gregg) Rogers of Hooper; his grandsons, Justin (Tracy) Rogers and Mark Rogers; his great-grandchildren, Makenzie, Tymberlynn, Kamryn and Deagon Rogers; his sisters, Leota De-Souchet of Alamosa and Betty DeGrant of Denver; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and extended



Roy is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Helen in 1999; and his siblings, Faye Elliott, Dolores White, Lloyd Moore and infant sister Juanita Moore.

A visitation will be held Monday, Jan 6 from 10-11 p.m. at the Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa. A funeral service will follow at 11 a..m also at the Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa. Interment will follow services in the Alamosa Cemetery.

To leave online condolences, tributes and remarks of comfort for the family, please visit www. RogersFunerals.com.

PENDING OBITUARIES

Frank Quintana

SAGUACHE — Saguache resident Frank Quintana, passed away Dec. 31, 2019. Arrangements

been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

Valentina Valdez, 98 **DEL NORTE** — Del

Norte resident Valentina Valdez, 98, passed away Dec. 31, 2019. Arrangements are pending and have been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

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SAN LUIS VALLEY FORECAST

Today: Sunny skies with a high temperature of 23°, humidity of 57%. Southwest wind 1

Tonight: Expect mostly clear skies with an overnight low of -3°. South southwest wind 2

Tomorrow: Skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 34°, humidity of 52%. Southwest wind 2 to 6 mph.

SAN LUIS VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Sunday Mostly Sunny

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23/1

South Fork

Valid for today

Precip Chance: 5% 25 / -2 19/-11

Monday

Tuesday Sunny

REGIONAL FORECAST MAP

Salida

Saguache

Del Norte

Monte Vista Alamosa

28 / -1

Precip Chance: 5% 18/-10

Wednesday Partly Cloudy Precip Chance: 5%

Cañon City

46 / 27

Fort Garland

San Luis

Mostly Cloudy 23 / -5

Walsenburg

42/23

Trinidad

44/22

Thursday

Precip Chance: 5% 21 / -7

Cañon City

Center

Del Norte

Moffat

Platoro

Saguache

San Luis

South Fork

Monte Vista

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Tomorrow

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21 -3 s 30 1 s 21 0

22 5 s 30 6 s 23 5 pc 23 -4 s 32 0 s 22 1 s

31 8 s 42 14 s 34 10

47 22 s 60 28 s 40 23

29 8 s 39 13 s 30 10 24 -2 s 37 1 s 25 0 42 23 s 53 27 s 40 22

Weather (Wx): bz-blizzard, cl-cloudy, fg-fog, mc-mostly

cloudy, pc-partly cloudy, r-rain, rs-rain & snow, s-sunny

27 -2 s 36 1 s 29

35 2 s 29 6

Sunday

REGIONAL CITIES

Precipitation

Sun and Moon Temperature Yesterday's High Yesterday's Low Sunrise Sunset 4:57 p.m. 7:18 a.m. Avg. High / Low 34 / -2

7:18 a.m. 4:58 p.m. 7:18 a.m. 4:59 p.m. Saturday Sunday

Temperature and precipitation valid

through 5 p.m. yesterday

SNOWPACK INFORMATION **River Basin**

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River Basin		Upper Rio Grande River Basin	
Arkansas	127% of Normal	Cumbres Pass	133% of Normal
Colorado	114% of Normal	Medano Pass	226% of Normal
Gunnison	114% of Normal	Rio Grande Res.	250% of Normal
North Platte	114% of Normal	Stunner Pass	n/a
Yampa	122% of Normal	Trinchera	133% of Normal
Animas, Dolores,		Weminuche Pass	n/a
San Juan, San Migu	el 130% of Normal	Wolf Creek Pass	106% of Normal
ONAL CITIES		SKI CONDITIONS	

8" 51" 85" Wolf Creek 9

New Mid Mtn. Open Surface

FORECAST DISCUSSION Skies will be clear Saturday night with an overnight low of 1°. South southwest wind 5 mph. Sunday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 25°, humidity of 58%. Southwest wind 2 to 6 mph. Sunday night, skies will be mostly 41 22 s 50 23 s 36 21 pc clear with an overnight low of 0°. West southwest wind 3 to 6 mph.

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Antonito 26 / -3

• La Jara

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

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, 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 principal.

VALLEY —We bid

farewell to the following

people we lost in 2019

in the San Luis Valley.

intentional.)

(Any omissions were not

July

84

John Benito Gonzales,

Bradley Neil Selters

Mary Ann Mitchell

Donald Eugene

Technical Sergeant

V.W. "Bill" Ellithorpe

Zachary Emery Jones,

Donald Eugene

Maria Bersabe (Bertha)

Laurens K. Witt, 84

Doreen Amy Gallegos,

William John Gowey,

Laurens Witt, 84

50

92

33,

McCallister, Sr., 90

Quintana, 80

McCallister, Sr., 90,

(Retired) Larry P. Lemen,



beautiful family home in Blanca and a family vacation cabin in Fort Garland.

Andv retired from Sierra Grande School in 1989 and ended up settling in El Paso where he got to spend time with David and his four grandchildren.

Andy spent almost every summer back in the San Luis Valley, making improvements and additions to the cabin, visiting old friends, reading and staying out of the El Paso summer heat.

Andy was always a devout 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 heartfelt laugh, and really corny

jokes. We'll miss you dad. The family will be holding a mass on Jan. 18 at noon at St. Matthews Catholic Parish, 400 West Sunset, While working at Sierra El Paso, Texas 79922. All Grande, Andy also built a are welcome.

Rebecca Denise Cavett

Manuel Aguirre, 86

Saul Velasco

Loyola Lucero, 84

Antoinette Eleanor

Fredrick Gutirrez

Manuel Aguirre, 86

Loyola Lucero, 84

Andrew Ernest Valdez

George Gilbert

Saul Velasco, 33

Douglas Ward Jones,

Michael Jerry Medina

Rosana Angelina

Damien E. Velasquez,

Jay Jackson, 88

Nancy Grace Childears

Mike Rierson, 60

Gideon Paul McNulty

Paul Thruel

Herbert Elevenio

Zimmerman, 87

Martinez, 77

Ward

64

Salazar, 83

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Sr.

Gonzales, 61

Espinoza, 65

Amerman

JULY-DEC. 2019 OBITUARIES

Farewell

Crowder, 90 Medina, 73 Derek Nathaniel Ross,

JULY-DEC. 2019 OBITUARIES

Catherine Dawn Leona Edwards, 88

August Jeffrey Eugene Woodward "Papa Jeff" 62 Edna Velasquez, 73 Gayle Guy Cunningham Abimael Palacios Gonzalez, 48 Estefanita "Edna" Velasquez, 73 Krisann Janet Martinez, 47 Shorty Fry, aka, Ora Pearl Fry, 80 Sharon Elder, 74 Samuel Christopher Medina, 73 Jesus A. Lobato, 73 Douglas "Doug" Lee Steward, 63 Mathias Jade Fritz, 40 Bill G. Keeling James "Jim" Holt Valentine, 78 Charles "Charlie" E. Sykes, 69 Douglas "Dougy" Hard, 26 Salvatore "Sam Joseph Vitale, 95 Louise Tolsma Edward Jamar Ross, Billy Joe May, 93 Ida M. Gallegos, 96 Lance Eric Harold Clark, 58 Dora Elena Martinez Soto, 70 Gilbert Abelardo

Salazar, 96 Bessie Larane Knight,

84 Donald Don Eugene Caylor, 85 Ray Richard Ruse, 78 Charles O. Elliott, 104 Michael Allen Boreson, 39

Maria Elsie Gallegos, *73*

Mitzi Lee Hunter-

Young Doris Madeline Claunch Wiedeman, 93 Claude Buddy DeHerrera, 74 Celestine Gonzales, 99 Jose G. Archuleta, 88 Rebecca Sisneros, 96 Mary Irma Romero Montoya, 91 Gloria Casilda Gonzales, 80 Tamaria Rae Parrill, 66

> Trey Buddington JacksonPauline Seesz John Carroll Staggs, 52

September

Byron "Bubba" Duran, Mary J Zearley (Fleming) Harvey L. Bridges, 84 Jose Martinez, 71 Carson III, 85 Romero, 79

Samuel "Chris"

36 Mildred "Millie" C. Martin, 97 Jose Enrique "Henry" Martinez, 71 Lawrence "Jimmy"

Lopez, 81 Samuel White, 73 Henry "Honke" Medina, 58 Margaret Elinor Brown

SloutBernice Cathy Vigil, 52 Delford Sandy Ward,

"Jack", 29 Lloyd "Hobo" Cargill, 93 Oralia M. Garcia, 85

Ramon "Noodles" FloresErick Thomas Lakey,

E.T., 26 Justin Ryan Moore Joshua "Josh" Lee

Hudson, 33 Ronald Joseph Wegrzyn, 56 "Jack" John Joseph Oberrick, 87 Tiffanie Trent

McAllister, 45 Josephine Abeyta, 83 Poncho Martinez, 88 Bob Barton, 63 Leroy Lorenzo

Gutierrez, 77 Cathy Vigil, 52 Leann V. Garcia, 55 Dennis Neal Crown, 65 Pancho Martinez, 88 Manuel Nevarrez

Herbert "Herb" L. Myers Darren Duane Mizokami, 48 Rose Dolores Malouff, 81

Maria "Rose" Rosabelle Martinez, 71 Norma Stamps, 97 August Freeman Scheunemann II Marvin (Toby) Earl Bond

October

William "Bill" "Sparky" J. Gilmore Leroy N. Lopez, 85 Renee Summer Phelps,

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William Thomas Elsie Josephine Helen L. Gallegos, 87 Herbert L. Myers, 80 Rick Donner, 70 Rich T. Wharton, 42 Cleon Myles "Pig"

Molder, 84

Gun

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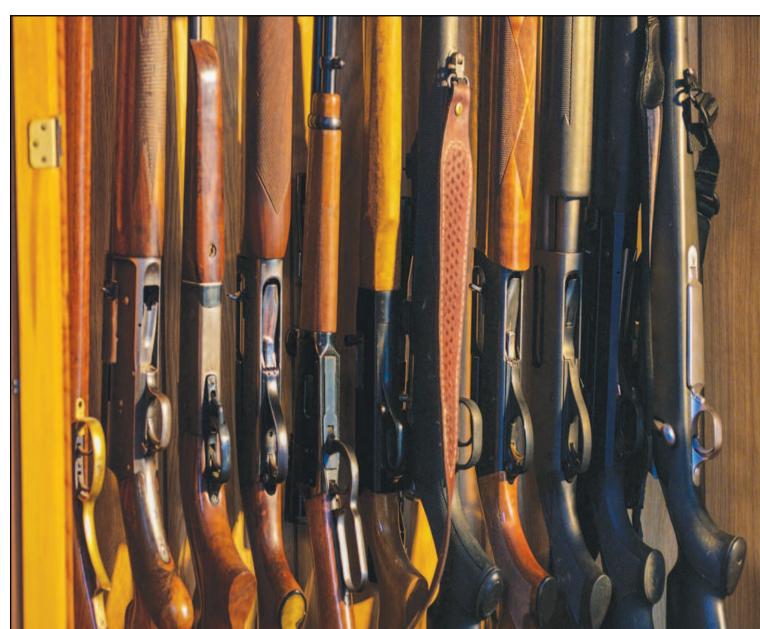
Upon issuance of the ERPO, the respondent shall surrender all of his or her firearms and his or her concealed carry permit if the respondent has one. The respondent may surrender his or her firearms either to a law enforcement agency or a federally licensed firearms dealer, or, if the firearm is an antique 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-



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

months of January and February.

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

Work from India, China, Australia, Japan, Mexico, Alaska, Egypt, Ireland,

Bhutan, Zambia, Chilean Patagonia

and the American West has been pub-

The images have appeared in maga-

zines, books, calendars, newspapers,

catalogs, annual reports. Some per-

sonal work is in galleries and private

on the family ranch in Texas to Tel-

luride, in 1978, he directed Western

In 1995, he moved to the San Luis

Valley, took up residence in a travel

trailer near Crestone and started build-

During the four years it took to com-

plete the house he watched the advent

Photo Workshops for 11 years.

ing a strawbale house.

After moving from his attic darkroom

techniques of the medium.

lished here and abroad.

collections.

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



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.

Lucy "Lucy" Patricia

Adrian Patrick

Catalina Gaitan, 74

Benavides, 55

Marrufo, infant

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Janice Gilleland, 84

Susanne Elaine

Helen Marie Freel, 70

Carol J. Milton, 82

Corning, 72

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Gordon E. Gillson

Cheryl Lynn (Stuber)

Raymond Gallegos

Genovieve Muniz

Raymond Frank

Anthony Ray Brown,

Louise L. Jaramillo, 78

Raymond Camilo

David Quintana, 61

Carlos Rodriguez, 28

Gallegos, 87

Fogg, 72

Camilo, 87

Maestas, 95

Gurule, 67

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Martin J. Hochstetler, Christopher Alan Reyes, 50 Paul "Gunny" Lucy J. Lucia Muñoz, Gonzales, 53 Juanita "Jennie" A. Benito James Pacheco, Martinez, 89 Elizabeth (Liz) Carl Hugo Zietz, Jr., 86 Crawford, 81 Paula K. (Clevenger) Palmer, Joseph, 73

November

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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

He's famous. Next week, CNBC plans to run a documen-

tary 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

Argus Hamilton

Time in Hollywood opens soon about life in Hollywood in the world-changing 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 co-

caine 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

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.

juana.

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 mari-

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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

VILLAGE

Jim

Mullen

four people comfort-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 fenderbender 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-tobumper 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.

Contact Jim Mullen at mullen.jim@ gmail.com.

Bumps, bruises; what's Alaska becomes

The end of 2019 and the birth of 2020

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

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

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

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.

walk without suffering.

Serious Columns

I enjoyed the meal. Gifts were opened and appreciated and I looked for nonsteroidal pain relief, wondering exactly what would have been prescribed if opiates were indicated and I had rejected Reading all the side-effects of stronger

mas dinner.

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Writes

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meds, it appeared my choice, expressed to medical professionals, isn't one of ease. Hot toddies remained in my mind from

Walking hasn't been easy since.

My daughter-in-law prepared Christ-

my mother's vault of memories. I'm an awful drunk, so alcohol has long been forbidden in my personal medicine chest. It has been a bit of lifelong education,

along with comments from people who inevitably begin,, "At your age, you shouldn't ...

God held my hand and nothing broke. Whatever was bruised, sprained or pulled didn't show. I am finally able to get around and I

have a new sympathy for people who are having knees, hips and ankles replaced and then undergoing therapy to ensure good recovery. There's probably surgical repair for me,

but I'm determined to get well by myself. People my age need to be extra careful. Bone density should be tested. This holiday season has put forth

profound lifelong lessons and I will eventually be back to normal. The question remains — what's nor-

mal?

Happy 2020!

49th state in 1959

Today is the third day of 2020 and the

14th day of winter. TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1777, Revolutionary forces under the command of George Washington defeated the British at Princeton, New Jersey.

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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normal this new year I had bruised something inside and out.

officially marks the time I learned there are countless ways to not sympathize with personal pain.

I had parked my car and tried to get

some ice, couldn't get back up.

The next morning, I arose unable to

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Jan. 6 marks the close of the Christmas celebration for many Christians.

On this day, known as the Epiphany or Three Kings Day, people celebrate the visit of the magi to the Christ child. While some people are very familiar with this feast day and the customs surrounding it, others are less so. Here are some facts about Three Kings Day.

Three Kings Day also goes by the names Little Christmas, Denha, Theophany, Día de los Reyes, and the Baptism of Jesus.

The Epiphany marks the twelfth day of Christmas, falling 12 days after De-

It is customary for some celebrants to bake ring-shaped cakes and hide a plastic baby figurine representing the baby Jesus inside. In Latin cultures, the cake is known as Rosca de Reyes, or "The King's Ring.'

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The Bible does not specifically mention the number or names of the magi who visited Jesus. However, or altradition has it that there were three and their names were Gaspar, Balthasar and Melchior.

The gifts given to Christ were gold, frankincense oil and the resin myrrh. The gifts are symbolic of Jesus's importance. The gold represents his royal standing, frankincense his divine birth and myrrh

Children may leave their shoes out on the Epiphany for presents, similar to they way stockings are hung. The shoes are filled with hay or treats for the Three Wise Men's camels. In exchange, candies and toys are left for the children.

Three Kings Day is one of the most significant religious holidays in Latin America, where the magi are more prominent figures than Santa Claus.

Epiphany's upon us

It's time to bake a Kings Cake from Jan. 6-1

While some may think the holiday season ends once New Year's Day comes and goes, for Christians, the season continues into January with the feast of the Epiphany. The Epiphany occurs 12 days after

Christmas, which falls on January 6 (or January 19 for some Orthodox churches that celebrate Christmas on

The Epiphany celebrates the Three Kings, also known as the Three Wise Men, who visited Jesus shortly after his birth.

The Epiphany is celebrated by Catholics and Orthodox Christians. Among Hispanics, the day is known as El Día de los Reyes.

Many traditions are included in Epiphany celebrations. According to the Center for Christian Ethics at Baylor University, three historical traditions of the Epiphany include baking a "Kings' Cake," marking a door lintel with the Magi's blessing, and participating in worship with lighted candles. Some families also exchange gifts on the Epiphany to commemorate the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh that the Three Wise Men presented to Jesus upon arriving at the manger.

CHALKING DOORS

Celebrants of the Epiphany can mark their own doors, also called "chalking the doors." This tradition is a centuriesold practice that serves as a request of Christ to bless the homes marked so that all those who dwell inside remain blessed throughout the year.

The marking includes the first digits of the year, followed by the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior and Balthazar—followed by the last digits of the year.

For 2018 the formula should read: 20+C+M+B+18. Others believe the letters represent the abbreviation of the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat," or "May Christ bless the house.

KING CAKES

King cakes vary by region. In Spain, local bakers make a special ring-shaped roll. In France, it is a flat almond cake with a toy crown cooked inside. In Mexico, bakers put a figure of Baby Jesus inside a cake. The person who finds the figure is awarded the honor of baking or providing the cake for the following year and hosting the Epiphany celebration.

LIGHTING CANDLES

Individuals are urged to keep candles lit on the Epiphany. This is to symbolize how Jesus' presence on Earth was comparable to light entering a darkened world.

The arrival of the New Year beckons an important religious celebration that extends the magic of the Christmas

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'Authority 'n' Leadership'

ALAMOSA — Unitarianism, as it evolved during the Reformation, stressed freedom in religion, the unrestricted use of reason in religion rather than reliance upon external authority of past tradition, and generous tolerance of differing religious views.

Mary Hester will lead the service

looking at UU's take on authority and leadership.

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Alamosa meets at 10:30 a.m. in the community hall of the Presbyterian Church, 330 San Juan Ave. Call Don Thompson, 719-587-5529, for additional information.

Discovering What's 'Right' About You

Psalm 23 is a familiar passage of Scripture for many people that brings comfort in times of loss or hardship. But there's so much more that God has for us in this Psalm than we will understand simply by reading it when we're struggling with fear or grief. In the Amplified Bible, Classic

Edition, Psalm 23:3 says, "...He leads me in the paths of righteousness Suprightness and right standing with Him-not for my earning it, but] for His name's sake." This promise from God is a key to living with real peace and joy and becoming everything you were created to be.

Getting Free of Guilt and Shame The devil wants us to feel that

something is wrong with us, that everything we do is wrong, and we're not what we should be. And so many people spend their life feeling bad about themselves, guilty or ashamed... like something is wrong with them. I know what this is like. Because of

the abuse I went through during my childhood. I spent many years with this message playing over and over in my head, "What's wrong with me?!" I know many people have had similar experiences and can relate to what I'm talking about. But the truth can set us free! And the

truth is through a personal relationship with Jesus, believing He is the Son of God and accepting Him as Lord and Savior of your life, you can be free of guilt, shame and condemnation, and have confidence that you are right with Him. (See Romans 8:1.)

God's View of You in Christ As born-again Christians.

Corinthians 5:21 says we "become the righteousness of God" (NIV). This means that, in Christ, we have the righteousness of God in our spirit, and we have right standing with God.

be the rightenusness of God if I'm not doing everything right? I still make mistakes and don't feel like I'm right in His eyes." The answer to this question is the difference between religion and having a relationship with God.

When I talk about religion, I'm talking about just following rules and regulations that have no life or power of God in them. Practicing a religion often means keeping laws or rules that you think will please God. But we see in Psalm 23:3 that God leads us in paths of righteousness not because we earn it based on what we do but "for His name's sake.

Jesus gave His life for us so we could have an intimate, personal relationship with God through Him. When we put our faith in Christ, believing that His sacrifice on the cross-the shedding of His bloodprovides total forgiveness of our sin. we come into relationship with God because of what HE has done for us. We are saved by grace through faith in Christ, not by any works we do (Ephesians 2;8-9).

As we get a revelation of what it really means to "become the righteousness of God," we discover who we are in Christ and we can live the life God created us to live through faith in Him. Because what we believe about ourselves determines whether or not we will live by faith in God, trusting His love for us and His faithfulness to us.

Walking Out God's Righteousness in You

I've heard people say, "If you believe you are right with God regardless of what you do, won't that just give you license to sin?" My response to that is once you know who you are in Christ and the beauty of what He's done for you, the last



thing you want to do is sin. Instead, you want to do what's right because of what He's done for you, not to try to eam His love or favor.

Being a believer in Christ is a progressive, continual journey of changing to become more and more like Him in our hearts, minds and behavior. Walking in His paths of righteousness happens as we get closer to God and grow in our love for Him and our trust in Him. It's a lifelong process, and a good attitude to have is: I'm not where I need to be, but thank God I'm not where I used to be. I'm okay and I'm on my way!

I want to encourage you to enjuy your daily walk with God. He is your Good Shepherd who is always with you, and He will faithfully lead you in the paths of righteousness for your

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see you in sunday school!

Grizzlies open 2020 at home against Chadron, MSU

By AARON KINNISCHTZKE

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 and 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 CHSÃA 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

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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



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 CHSAANow, 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

No. 6 ranked team in Centauri, tip off is at 5:30 p.m.

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

Rob Mickel Tournament

Prep Wrestling

Dec. 16

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)

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 rail-

road 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 Center on June 6, 1930. Prohibition ended when a constitu-

tional 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

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 onearmed WWI veteran Gerald A. Crawford. Crawford was partners with George Van Iwarrden, 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. It boasts 18 trucks and 22 employees, including General Manager Kevin Fuller



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

The year was not without its fair share of birthdays, including the $10^{
m th}$ 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

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

next several days.

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.

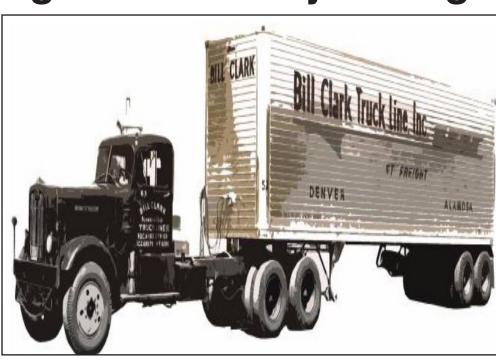
The Town of Del Norte worked in partnership with the local engineering companies to improve the sewer system and helped the school improve the water system on the southeast part of town. Now, as the coming year approaches, the board is working to apply for a Colorado Department of Transportation grant 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 suc-

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Lifestyle

Emergency management pleased with 2019's strides

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

 ${\bf CENTENNIAL-}2019$ 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

"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.

how to prepare future emergency managers to be successful in the complex, adaptive systems that will define their environment. "The initiatives we un-

"Additionally, we began

to think deliberately about

dertook 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

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 predisaster 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 hazards that threaten our communities.

In 2020, Willis said be will be reaching out to county commissioners and county administrators/ managers and Tribal Nations to encourage them to take advantage of this "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 leastunderstood mission area in emergency management. The difficulty of as $sessing\,damages, the\,vast$ 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 predisaster 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 communi-"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.

Pre-Owned Vehicles

"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)

"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.

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.

This is called Perihelion.

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

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

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

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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.

Sirius is the brightest star in our sky, and Orion's belt points down to it. Rigel is to the upper right of Sirius. Above Rigel is the bright



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You are further notified that a copy of the PETITION and SUMMONS may be obtained from the clerk of court during regular business hours and that a default judgment may be entered against you if you fail to appear or file a response within 35 days after the date of publication. Date: December 11, 2019 HOLLIE WHEELWRIGHT

Clerk of Court No. 1194

Published in the Valley Courier on December 13, 20, 27, 2019, January 3, and 10, 2020.

DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA. STATE OF COLORADO 8955 Independence Way

Court Address Alamosa, CO 81101 Telephone (719) 589 - 4996 In the Matter of the Estate of SYLVIA MARY BELLOMY aka SYLVIA M. BELLOMY aka SYLVIA BELLOMY.

COURT USE ONLY Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address): Motz Law Firm, LLC Jeffrey E. Motz 410 San Juan Ave

Case No. 2019 PR 30024

Division C DIVISION OF THE 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 re-quired to present them to the personal representative or to ?District Court of Costilla County, Colorado or

PDenver 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 d 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. 1197

Published in the Valley Courier on December 20, 27, 2019, and January 3, 2020.

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 2020 at 9:00 AM., at the Mosca United Methodist Church Fellow-ship 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 is any life by the Nisseri, both are 3 year terms and 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, PO, 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

Lunch will be provided. Given by the order of the

Annual Meeting and desire

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

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

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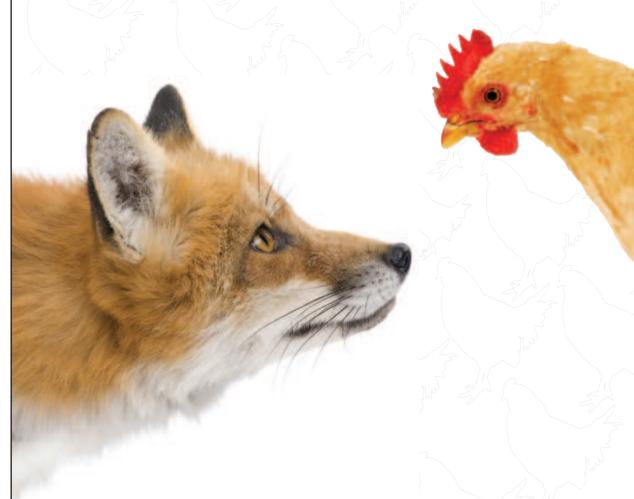
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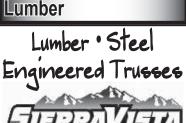


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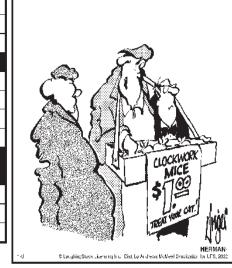
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History of put-downs causes broken trust between in-laws

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concern is for their health.

They are in their 60s and

The wife went 20-plus

years ago and decided

DEAR ABBY: I have you are, it's likely you been happily married to always will have them, my darling husband for so stop blaming yourself 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 some-

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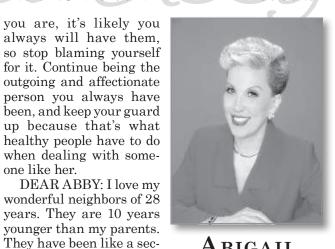
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Intelligent person that like this. Her husband has



ABIGAIL Van Buren

no influence either and is 70s, but neither one goes 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.

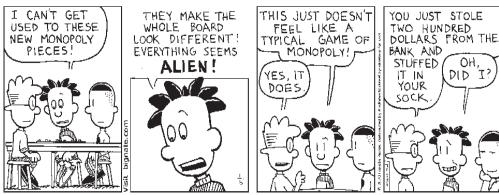
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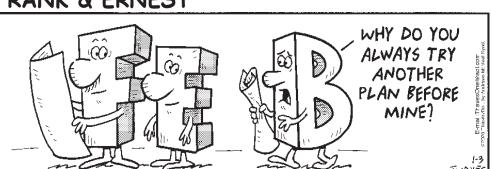
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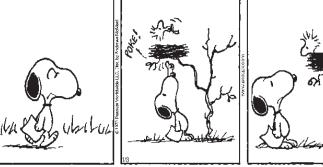
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Shopping local will make an even bigger impact in 2020

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

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 Com-

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.

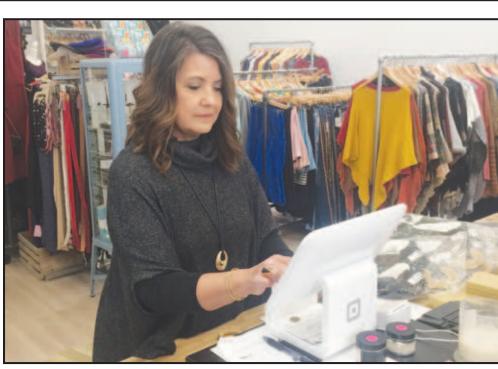
Public works will be receiving 35% of the sales tax revenue.

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

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 enforce-



Courtesy photo

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

go to the police depart-Local businesses, events flourish

By LYNDSIE 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.

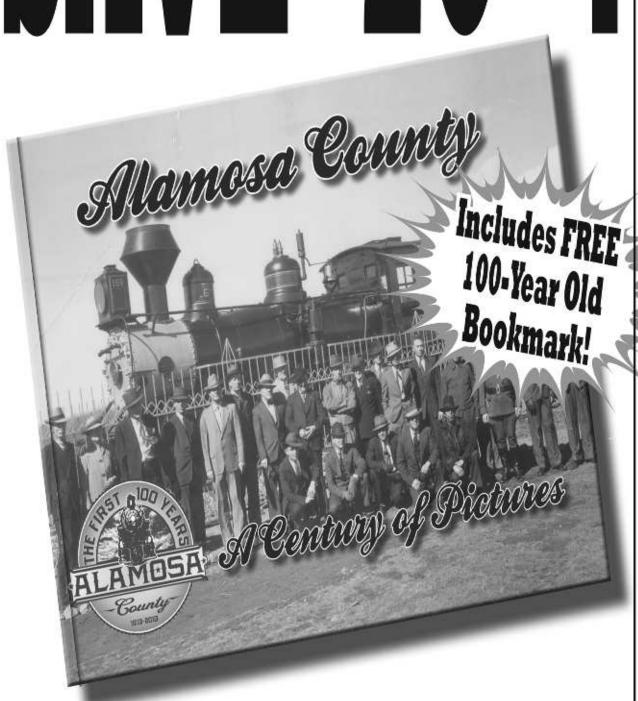
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Now with the new year, the town is gearing up for the last few months of snow and Colorado ski country adventures.

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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