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Former Valley Courier Managing Editor Ruth Heidi's column expresses her appreciation toward the many San Luis Valley people who have supported her as she continues to battle cancer.

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SLV Today Women's March today

ALAMOSA — Everyone is invited to join the San Luis Valley Women's March at 10 a.m. today at the corner of Richardson Avenue and Main Street in Alamosa.

VFW Post BINGO

ALAMOSA — VFW Post 899 Bingo has moved from Tuesdays-to-Saturdays at 5 p.m. — the doors open at 3:30 p.m.

SLV Pride will meet

ALAMOSA — SLV Pride will be holding its monthly meet-up at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Adams State University CoRE Center in the Student Union Building in Alamosa.

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Rio Frio returns for 11th year

Pond curling to replace popular ice carousel

By KEITH R. CERNY
Courier Publisher

ALAMOSA — Sub-zero temperatures of late are both a curse and a blessing for the upcoming Rio Frio Ice Fest, unfolding Jan. 24-26 in the “coldest place in the nation.”

“Beach Party” is the theme for the 11th annual event which features the Rio Frio 5K on ice with runners traversing the frozen surface of the Rio Grande. The entire weekend is sponsored by the City of Alamosa, Visit Alamosa and the Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce with a host of local business sponsors as well.

Jes Jolly with Alamosa Parks and Recreation said this week that staff has tested the river ice and found 8 to 10 inches of thickness, literally deep enough to drive a vehicle on.

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More than 200 spectators braved “frio” temperatures for the annual fire-in-ice bonfire on San Juan Avenue during the Saturday night event in 2019. After more that 30 minutes of raging fire it appeared that the tower would not collapse, but viewers were treated to a fiery display of color, especially from the ice carvings on top of the tower.

Courier photo by Keith R. Cerny



Courtesy photo

Guests will enjoy some good old fashioned hockey games, warm bonfires, live theatre and a chance to get out and enjoy the winter next weekend in Creede.

Golden Pick Hockey tournament on now

CREEDE — The 13th annual Golden Pick Pond Hockey tournament will kick off today and Sunday.

“This annual tournament has been a huge hit, bringing the locals out to cheer on teams from all over Colorado, New Mexico, Michigan and Texas,” according to the Creede

Mineral & County Colorado website.

The tournament consists of two levels of competition and is set up in a way that ensures each participating team gets to play at least one playoff game by the end.

The schedule is known to hockey

enthusiasts as a round-robin format with a 3-on-3 team play.

Registration is now open and will be open from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Saturday and the first game begins at 9 a.m. on both days, so be sure to visit www.creedepondhockey.wordpress.com to get signed up.

Suspected burglar turns himself in

SAGUACHE COUNTY — A suspect has turned himself in after a warrant was issued in a burglary case under investigation by Undersheriff Jim McCloskey since spring of 2019.

Benjamin Velasquez, 48, of Center, surrendered to Saguache County Sheriff's Office on Monday. He was charged with two counts of theft from \$1,000 and \$5,000 ranging up to \$20,000. On May 6, a Saguache County contractor notified the Saguache County Sheriff's Office about \$10,120 of construction equipment that had been stolen from his property. The bulk of the equipment taken was 113 cement forms. Other items, included a vibratory plate paker, three corner sets and various metal rods and stakes.

A second burglary at the same location was reported to the Sheriff's Office on May 16. This time

thieves took 20 round rods and two of three game cameras used to record the thefts. The theft victim also told Undersheriff McCloskey during this visit he believed he had located most of his stolen cement forms along Road B, behind a fenced-in area.

McCloskey obtained a search warrant for the property and the victim of the thefts identified 93 of the cement forms and two of the corner sets. The owner of the property, Dillon Velasquez, confirmed to McCloskey that his brother, Benjamin “Bengy” Velasquez had brought the forms to his property for storage within the same time as the burglary occurred and was driving a white truck, recorded on the theft victim's remaining game camera in the second burglary.

As the result of questioning the owners of the property on County Road B, their relatives and those

working for them, McCloskey was able to narrow down his suspect list to a specific person, Jesus Moreno, who also drove a white truck.

Moreno said his nephew, Mario Ortega, had borrowed his truck at precisely the time the two thefts being investigated were committed. He also said this nephew had shown him a game camera and asked his wife to sell it for him. Ortega confirmed he borrowed Moreno's truck within that time frame.

McCloskey then received a tip from an inmate at the Saguache County Jail regarding thefts, burglaries and drugs. The inmate stated that Benjamin Velasquez of Center, also Jesus Moreno, had stolen the cement forms. He indicated he had helped unload the forms out of Moreno's truck at the County Road B location but had not participated in the first burglary.

Info about Safe 2 Tell Hotline helps avert threat in Alamosa

ALAMOSA, STATEWIDE — The Alamosa Police Department learned the identity of a juvenile suspect, who was apprehended, for producing an online threat directed toward the Alamosa School District on Wednesday.

All Alamosa School District and Ombudsman classes were canceled Thursday after discovering the online threat; however, the district resumed classes Friday.

“Law enforcement took immediate action to address the person and their posted online threat — we thank all of them.

“No students or staff were ever in imminent danger.

“Students, parents, staff and community members are asked to continue reporting anything that ever resembles a threat- or safety-related issue to law enforcement and school officials.”

At 8 p.m. on Wednesday, the Alamosa Police Department School Resource Officer received a Safe2Tell tip regarding a social media post about a potential threat at the Alamosa High School.

ABOUT SAFE 2 TELL

As a result of Columbine, the State of Colorado began passing pieces of legislation to foster safe schools and communities for Colorado's youth. In 2000, HB 00-1119 was passed, which requires information sharing between law enforcement and schools, recognizing it as the key to prevention and intervention. Also passed by the State legislature and now required of Colorado schools: safe school planning (SB 11-133) and bullying prevention (SB 01-080).

Safe2Tell Colorado is designed to help schools identify youth who are struggling to prevent violence and tragedies from occurring. Tips submitted to Safe2Tell Colorado provide schools a way to gather critical information about safety concerns within their schools or communities and use this intel to create effective interventions in the lives of students. A key component to the Safe2Tell

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OBITUARIES

Wanda C. Metz, 77

DEL NORTE — Wanda C. Metz, age 77, of Del Norte, passed away peacefully at the University of Colorado Hospital in Denver on Jan. 14, 2020.

Wanda was born on Dec. 13, 1942 in Commerce City to Kenneth and Lillie Weaver. She graduated from Adams City High School.

Although Wanda spent 25 years as a bookkeeper for Bill Keeling Oil and Wright Valley Oil Companies, her true passion was spending time with her family and in the mountains.

She couldn't get enough camping, fishing and hunting. Another passion she had was spending time with her third child, Butthead, her beloved Springer Spaniel. They spent countless hours outside playing ball.

Wanda is survived by the love of her life, Raymond Pacheco of Del Norte. She was a loving mother and best friend to her children, Don (Missy) Oney of North Dakota and Donna Oney of Monte Vista. She is also survived by her brothers, Wendell Weaver of Blackhawk and Warren Weaver of Monte Vista; her grandchildren, Alisha



Browning (Josh Muniz), Casey (Amanda) Becker, Joshua Becker, Delyce (Cory) Oney-Desrosier, Shalyce (Collin) Trujillo, DJ Oney, Cody (Alana) Varner and Brandon Oney; 15 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild as well as numerous nieces, nephews and her close friends, Joann Aguilar and Pat Butero.

Wanda was preceded in death by her parents; her grandson, Derick Oney; and her beloved, Chico.

Cremation was selected and a memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday Jan. 21, 2020 at Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista, located at 404 Morris Street. To express condolences, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com

Rogers Family Mortuary in Monte Vista is in care of the arrangements.

Dr. Kent Whitford Myers

ALAMOSA — Dr. Kent Whitford Myers was born in Alamosa on Aug. 6, 1949.

As the eldest of four siblings, Kent was a role model to his two brothers, Carl and Jeff; and sister, Michele. His mother, Helen Myers, and father, Whitford Myers, were both respected judges and raised them in small-town Alamosa.

Kent was known for being a rare child who was bright, focused, and truly serious about attaining his objectives.

He demonstrated this as an accomplished athlete in a variety of sports, including football, track, diving and especially judo.

More importantly, Kent knew from an early age that he wanted to be a doctor and excelled academically and was accepted into Johns Hopkins University. Kent completed undergraduate studies at Colorado State University in 1971 and achieved his goal of becoming Dr. Kent Myers, MD upon graduating from medical school from the University of Utah in 1975. He completed his Residency at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, which started his career as a certified practitioner of family and geriatric medicine for over 40 years. It was in Nebraska that Dr. Myers met his wife, Cynthia, and married in 1979. They raised three children — Michelle, Ryan, and Kevin — in Scottsbluff where Kent opened a clinic in nearby Morrill.

The family moved to Arizona in 1990 adding to the family with three grandchildren, Mackenzie, Merrick, and Korah; and great grand-daughter Moa. In Arizona, Kent earned a reputation as a brilliant geriatric medical doctor as-



sisting patients out of clinics and hospitals in Sun City.

Dr. Myers also was commonly referred to as Sensei Myers as he spent his life teaching judo and was widely respected as an exceptional teacher.

Kent started judo at age 11 and earned a career-long goal of Rokudan — sixth-degree black belt — after contributing over 50 years to the judo community.

Dr. Myers joined Midwestern University as an associate professor where he wrote the curriculum and taught courses in general medicine and physical diagnosis for over a decade.

He was passionate about being a doctor and teaching, which is why Kent felt fortunate to spend his final years with the Podiatric Medicine program. He knew there wasn't anything he would enjoy more than teaching and his Alzheimer's research after he retired from practicing medicine.

Dr. Kent Myers, MD, passed away Jan. 11, 2020. In addition to his loving family, he leaves behind a legacy of knowledge that will live on forever in the medical and judo communities. Memorial Service will be Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Royal Oaks 10015 W. Royal Oak Road, Sun City, Ariz., 85351.

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ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

On Jan. 15, minor was cited for interference with an educational institution (Alamosa High School)

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Police Department's police report from Jan. 6-Jan. 16 is as follows:

On Jan. 15, a minor was cited with a criminal attempt inciting the destruction of life or property, interference with an educational institution (Alamosa High School) and delinquency at 805 Craft Dr.

Jan. 6

Guadalupe Aguilar was cited with theft at 720 Del Sol Dr.

Jan. 10

Gary McLaren, 68, was cited with following too closely at 2000 Main.

Louis Rodriguez Fain, 35, was cited with trespassing at 3333 Clark St.

Adeline Acosta, 44, was cited with driving an uninsured vehicle, driving under restraint and displaying fictitious plates at 2100 Main.

Jan. 11

Joekia Salazar, 25, was cited with trespassing at 1315 17th St.

Christopher Martinez was cited with theft at 3333 Clark St.

Jan. 12

Ashley Reinberg, 31 was cited with failure to yield and driving without a valid license, as well as failure to remain at the scene of an accident at Market St. and Main.

Jonathan Hale, 37, was cited with failure to present insurance and driving the wrong way on a one way at 1200 Main.

Nancy Espinoza, 38, was cited with failure to yield, reckless endangerment, child abuse and DUI at 100 Edgemont Blvd.

Jan. 14

Gerald Martinez, 51, was cited with harassment, domestic violence, resisting an officer and obstruction of emergency personnel at 1700 State Ave.

David Lalomondiere was cited with first-degree burglary, criminal mischief, theft, felony menacing and resisting an officer at 201 Pike Ave.

Jan. 15

Joseph Mccaskil was cited with violation of restraining orders and violation of bail bond conditions at 707 La Due Ave.

Ryan Burchett, 29, was cited with careless driving at 1700 W. 8th St.

Nicholas Rodriguez was cited with domestic violence, second-degree assault, third-degree assault, false imprisonment, obstruction of telephone service, criminal mischief and harassment at 111 Pike Ave.

Jan. 16

Jacob Archuleta, 22, was cited with driving with obstructed windows at 700 Ross Ave.

Kylee Pacheco, 21, was cited with following too closely at 700 State Ave.

Terry S. Blackmon, 75

DEL NORTE — Terry S. Blackmon, 75, passed away Jan. 10, 2020 in his home with his loving wife Patricia and sister Debbie by his side.

Terry was born October 14, 1944 in Cheyenne Okla., to Jewel and Bonnie Blackmon.

He moved to the San Luis Valley in the winter of 1961 and graduated from Del Norte High School in 1963.

He had many different jobs in his youth but the positions that mattered most were his years of service to his community and the town of Del Norte.

He took pride in his service to the Sheriff's Office, as Del Norte police chief, as a volunteer firefighter, as a business owner providing medical supplies to the community, and as mayor of Del Norte. Terry served on the Town

Board, ambulance board, and on the Fire Protection District.

Terry's devotion to the community was unmeasured and his hope for the community to prosper never faltered.

Terry is preceded in death by his father Jewel Blackmon, aka Blacky; mother Bonnie Blackmon; and sister Ruth West.

Terry is survived by his devoted wife of 49 years, Patricia Blackmon; sister Debbie (Darwin) Brewster, mother-in-law, Lyda Finnigan; his two children TJ (Aimee) Blackmon, Michelle (Tyler) DiDonato and grandson Clint Blackmon.

A memorial service will be planned for later in the spring.

In leu of flowers, donations can be made to the Rio Grande Hospital Wound Care Clinic.

Kenton Goodge, 57

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

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

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

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

Kenny joined the service after high school. He was in the U.S. Army for three years, part of which was spent in Germany. When his service was concluded, he worked for Bill Rogers, Asplundh and Robin's Construction, where he enjoyed driving truck until his failed health caused him to quit.

Then he enjoyed working in his yard.

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

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



numerous nieces and nephews whom all loved him dearly.

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

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

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

For schedule changes, please contact your group service representative (GSR)

AL-ANON

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

School Menu - Monday - Jan. 20, 2020

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Del Norte set to throw an Appreciation Party

DEL NORTE — At 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Gateway Church of Del Norte, there will be an Appreciation Party for outgoing Del Norte Chief

of Police, Bobby Fresquez. A potluck meal is planned as an opportunity to say "thank you" for 32 years of service to the Del Norte community.

Residents are asked to come and show their support.

To RSVP, please text either 719-849-8506 or 719-849-5600.

North Conejos School Board will be meeting Tuesday

LA JARA — A regular Board Meeting for the North Conejos School District Board of Education will be held at

6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at the District Administration Office in La Jara. Agendas are available

at the District Administration Office, 17890 US Highway 285, La Jara or on our web site www.northconejos.com.

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Valley News

Ice

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The downside is that ice at the nearby Blanca Vista Park is around 16-inches thick and will make a popular event difficult to pull off — the ice carousel.

With that much ice, it would be nearly impossible to saw the oval in the ice and be able to move it with a boat motor as has been done during the last few years.

Instead, a new event has been added “pond curling,” a knock-off of the Winter Olympics event, which will precede the ever-popular polar plunge both on Sunday, which also features the fat bike races for the second year running.

Festivities kick-off Friday night with race packet pick up and registration at Milagros Coffee House with music, games and refreshments from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Participants may also register or pick up race packets from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Alamosa Senior Center in Cole Park prior to the 10 a.m. start of the 5K on the frozen Rio.

Luminaria cross country skiing is planned for Friday evening, as well (6-8 p.m.) at Cattails Golf Course if snow conditions permit, sponsored by the San Juan Nordic Club. Participants must provide their own equipment.

TAKE A RUN ON THE FROZEN RIO

The sixth annual Rio Frio 5K on Ice starts at 10 a.m. Saturday with the uniqueness of running on the frozen river with spectacular mountain views in all directions.

A highlight of each year’s ice fest kicks off at noon Saturday with live ice sculpting on the south side of Main Street between Hunt and Edison avenues.

Award-winning artists from Colorado Ice Sculptures return and will be creating beach party themed sculptures. The featured attractions will be built throughout the day but will be given final touches between noon and 3 p.m.

The beach party continues downtown during that same time frame with a variety of interactive activities for the whole family at San Juan and Main, highlighted by the annual Kiwanis costume contest



Five fat bike racers qualified for the men’s final during last year’s Rio Frio Ice Fest’s inaugural event won by Daniel Boyes (far right) in 6:52 on the approximately 1 1/2-mile course around Blanca Vista Park in Alamosa. Grantly Showalter (7:30) was second, followed by Erich Schwiesow (8:04), Adam Moore (8:08) and Jonathon Mosar (8:20). Kristi Mountain Sports of Alamosa provided fat bikes for the races.



Andrea Bockman, left, put on a late push to edge out Erin Moore at the finish line of the first-ever Rio Frio Ice Fest fat bike race during last year’s Sunday event at Blanca Vista Park just north of Alamosa. Bockman finished in 8:37, just a second ahead of Moore. Emma Ressor (9:04) was third and Leona Good (9:41) fourth.

at 2 p.m. and character “meet and greet” to follow at the SLV Brew Pub.

Children are encouraged to dress in their best beach or fantasy-themed costume. There is no fee to participate, but parents must sign a liability waiver with registration beginning at 1:30 p.m. on site. The first 50 children are guaranteed a participation award and prizes will be awarded to the top winners in each age division.

GRUB ‘N’ PUB, FIRE-IN-ICE RETURN

The annual “Grub ‘n’ Pub” event will run from 3-7 p.m. Saturday at various downtown restaurants. A limited number of tickets are available for the Alamosa Convention and Visitors Bureau sponsored event and may be purchased at the Depot welcome center or by calling 589-9386. Tickets are good for food sample and/or beverage at each participating restaurant.

A spectacular annual Ice Fest highlight will come to life at 7 p.m. with the fire and ice bonfire on San Juan Avenue.

“Witness these two elements battle it out as the Alamosa Fire Department oversees the burning of a large chimney made of ice,” according to a news release from the city. “Do not miss this spectacular and unique event that celebrates the glory of

POLAR PLUNGE MARKS SUNDAY

Sunday’s festivities kick off with the second annual Kristi Mountain Sports Fat Bike Races at Blanca Vista Park just north of town at 10 a.m. Participants should bring their fat bike to the park, or rent one on site, to take part in the timed event over a course of snow and ice.

Style points are available for dressing “for a day at the beach.” Sign up at www.alamosarec.org.

New this year, pond curling will be featured at 11 a.m. at Blanca Vista Park. “Stones” will be provided, but participants need to bring their own brooms to try out this new, free event for all ages.

Last, but certainly not least, is the annual polar plunge at high noon Sunday, again at Blanca Vista Park. Watch some local celebrities take a dip in the icy waters or come prepared to try it yourself as it is open to the public. Clothing-changing facilities will be available on site.

SPONSORS

The Rio Frio Ice Fest is sponsored by the City of Alamosa, Visit Alamosa, the Alamosa Chamber of Commerce, First Southwest Bank, SLV Health, Valley Courier, Valley-Wide Health Systems, Body Tune-Up, First Insurance Services, SLV Federal Bank, SLVREC/



Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman was the final participant in last year’s Rio Frio polar plunge and drew a large crowd with his pirate appropriate attire. He leaped from the plank and cannon-balled into the icy waters below. Alamosa firefighters assisting in the pond were Joe Heredia, left, and Mike Abeyta.

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Safe

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model in schools is educating and engaging students on what to watch for and what to report equipping them with resources to report concerns anonymously. Safe2Tell Colorado provides training, presentations, resources, promotional, and marketing materials to Colorado schools to increase awareness around the Safe2Tell model, promoting responsible use of the anonymous reporting system.

State law protects the anonymity of the person who reports in the tip.

During an investigation, efforts to preserve the

anonymity of the reporter are taken.

Advice received from the tip line is often forwarded directly to school officials, so schools may proactively intervene before a criminal incident or tragedy takes place.

A Safe2Tell model is a tool all schools can use, by giving students, parents, and others a means to report anything that concerns their safety anonymously.

If schools are experiencing an ongoing problem or a specific incident, they can advertise the tipline, webreporting, and mobile app to students to report any concerns, which helps reduce the time and effort needed to resolve the

situation.

The very existence of Safe2Tell Colorado in schools is a deterrent and can inhibit troublesome behavior from happening in the first place.

Safe2Tell Colorado provides that useful safety model, allowing schools to focus on educating children and providing a safe learning environment for kids to develop life skills.

Safe2Tell Colorado offers schools timesaving resources to easily participate and educate students, parents and staff about the prevention model.

Safe2Tell Colorado is available to all Colorado students and community members, regardless of

their individual school’s participation.

Key Benefits for School Using the Safe2Tell Model include:

- Proactive intervention prevents incidents before they happen.
- Anonymous tipline saves time investigating incidents.
- The tipline’s existence inhibits and deters troublesome behavior.
- 24/7 forwarding of tips enables prompt action and reduces liability.
- Safe2Tell Colorado materials support quick and easy implementation.

Much of the information used to put together this report is courtesy of Safe2Tell.org.

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	<p>MLK Jr Day Lecture: <i>M. L. K. in the Age of Trump</i> by Dr. Ed Crowther 12 p.m. McDaniel Hall 101 Free</p> <p>MLK Jr Day Concert: <i>Music of Americas Project</i> 7 p.m. Richardson Hall Auditorium Free</p>	<p>www.adams.edu</p>	<p>Wrestling vs New Mexico Highlands University 6 p.m. Plachy Hall</p>	<p>High Altitude Training Center (Bubble) Open to Public 6 p.m. until 7 p.m.</p> <p>Zacheis Planetarium: Free Movies 7 p.m. <i>Ultimate Universe</i> 7:45 p.m. <i>Hubble Vision 2</i></p>	<p>W Basketball vs Colorado Christian University 5:30 p.m. Plachy Hall</p> <p>M Basketball vs Colorado Christian University 7:30 p.m. Plachy Hall</p>	<p>The Power 5 Indoor Track and Field Meet All Day Adams State High Altitude Training Center (Bubble)</p> <p>Zacheis Planetarium: Free Movies 3 p.m. <i>Dynamic Earth: Exploring Earth’s Climate Engine</i> 3:45 p.m. <i>Dawn of the Space Age</i></p> <p>W Basketball vs Regis University 5:30 p.m. Plachy Hall</p> <p>M Basketball vs Regis University 7:30 p.m. Plachy Hall</p>
<p>Through February 6</p> <p>Cloyde Snook Gallery: <i>La Sierra</i> Shelby Head</p> <p>Hatfield Gallery: Artwork by Jane O’Hara</p> <p>Gallery Hours: 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday</p>						

Opinion

Update from Ruth

My friends in the San Luis Valley, I am sorry to take so long to share an update with you.

Thank you for your support, thoughtfulness, prayers and encouragement during this past difficult year. I have felt surrounded by love and kindness from you all. I am so grateful to have been able to call the San Luis Valley home for so many decades and to call so many of you my friends.

The holidays were bittersweet as we celebrated the family that remained and missed our sweet Mamma who always made the holidays so special for us. We tried to maintain family traditions and sweet memories. I miss my mother and her friendship so much.

Since Mamma died from cancer in August, I have been spending about half my time in Pueblo with my father who cannot see well enough to drive. I have been privileged to have the time to spend with him and am grateful for whatever time we have left.

I have been meeting with Dr. Cooper in Alamosa every month, and she has been such an upbeat and positive encouragement to me and my family. She has always been upfront with me, as well, and answered all the hard questions. I opted not to go the chemotherapy route because it would not have been helpful and would have just made me more miserable. I have concentrated on treasuring life and the time that is left for me. Dr. Cooper has helped me manage my pain as the pancreatic cancer has progressed.

This last visit did not bring good news. I have been grateful that my liver and kidneys have continued functioning properly, I still have appetite and I have not suffered as much pain as I might have. I also have been grateful for the miracle of more time, as many people with pancreatic cancer have not had that privilege. I know that is a miracle and answer to many prayers.

However, the tumor/mass had doubled again in the past month. The mass had doubled each month in the last three months, which is of course not good news.

I talked plainly with Dr. Cooper about the future, and she was honest with me, as she always has been, which I appreciate. There will not be another Christmas for me, short of a major miracle, and quite frankly we are talking months to live.

I have always been at peace with that prospect and have always said that I am all right with whatever happens, whether the healing is in this life or in heaven. I have no complaints with God and make no demands of Him. He has already granted me more time and has already given me so many wonderful memories and friends and family who have loved me.

I only regret the pain that my family will go through in losing another family member so soon after Mamma's passing. I know my family will continue to trust in the God who will hold them in His arms through that time, as He always has held them, and as He continues to hold each of you.

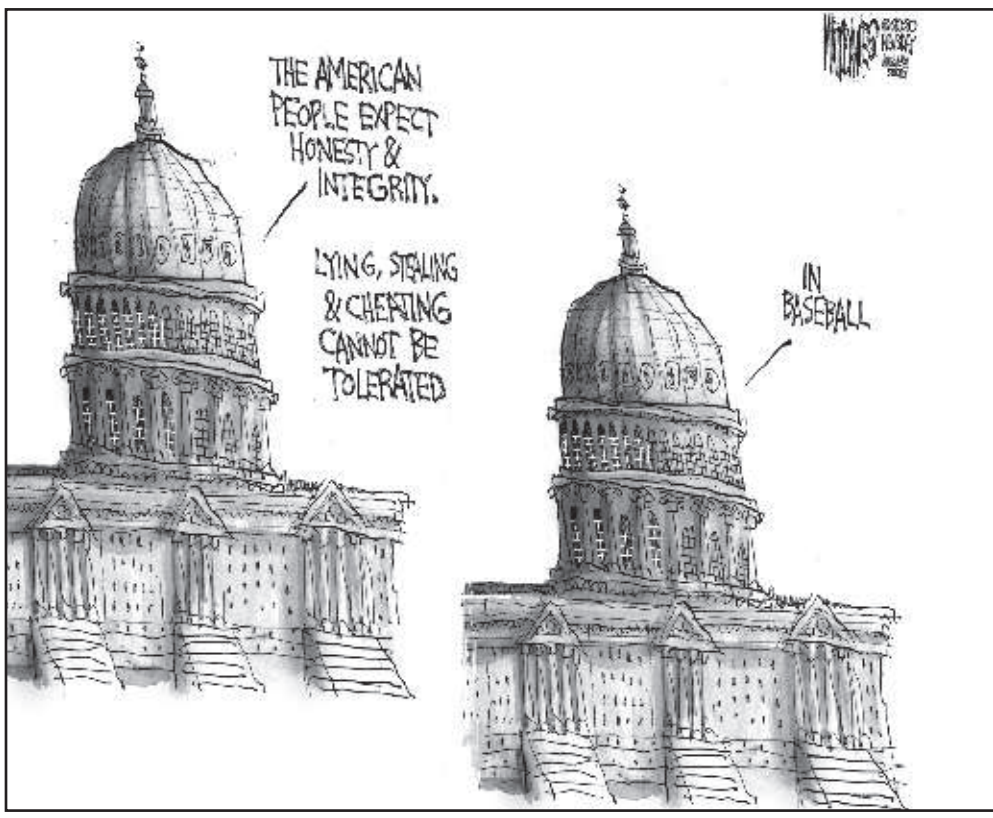
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With love and gratitude,
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Fixing cats remains a concern

With a new year, comes new goals and public necessities for healthy feline communities. Cats Alive SLV (CASLV) is a budding (2013-present) non-profit pledging to trap-neuter-release (TNR) even more abandoned cats this year — with your help, that is. So far, the number fixed in the San Luis Valley since 2013 is 1,230 kitties, according to their web site at: CatsAliveSLV.com.

Need One: Lisa Karst, president of CASLV, says the biggest need is to find volunteers who would fill out online grants ideal for the nonprofit.

Volunteers with administrative skills are needed.

Answering phones and taking messages would tap another need.

Several grants from big box stores have easy online forms to fill out.

Need Two: Lisa Karst, president of CASLV, says, "I would like each person to get one cat fixed on their street. Just one can make so much difference when we do that across the Valley."

Karst also needs people to physically trap cats. CASLV has traps for volunteer trappers; and plans for a spay-neuter clinic as soon as possible.

One female cat can have three litters a year. Each litter can be as many as seven or eight. Then those cats have litters and so on. It's estimated that trapping-neutering-returning one cat saves over 1,000 cats that would have been born and multiplied something like the Tribbles on that classic Star Trek episode from Dec. 29, 1967. However, this overpopulation leads to diseases among cats.

Need Three: Karst also said that in addition to spaying and neutering, Cats Alive SLV is refurbishing a building in Monte Vista as a future clinic, shelter and administration office. She and her board are optimistic about The Kittercorner Waystation (257 Adams in Monte Vista) set to open in the spring or summer of 2020. "I hope to have a spay-neutering clinic lined up with a Colorado Veterinarian," she said.

The building will have a greeting area, surgery, recovery and shelter areas. She is painting and laying floors, so it could use some physical volunteers to do some painting, etc.

The Kittercorner Waystation mission continues the charge of Cats Alive SLV. "We will be a limited admission cat shel-

ter, focused on assisting Cats Alive SLV in their mission of reducing the community cat population through humane and effective TNR (trap, neuter, return) and rescue of strays and kittens. To this purpose, we will accept tame cats found on the streets and assist owned cats in finding new homes as we can. We will do both local adoptions and transfers to shelters in more populated regions that have higher adoption rates." (kittercornerwaystation.org)

Need Four: CASLV has a great need for fosters for cats and kittens.

Also needed, community caretakers and drivers to pick up donated cat food from the front range

If interested, please call the main number at 719-298-7028 and leave a voicemail message, or email catsaliveslv@gmail.com to arrange a schedule and duties to volunteer. Donate to Cats Alive SLV electronically via PayPal or in person at 1st Southwest or by check/mail to PO Box 84, Alamosa, CO 81101 or 257 Adams State in Monte Vista 81144.

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Valley Gardening

BY RUTHIE BROWN

And other good stuff Apartment coming along

All is good in the neighborhood!

Thanks to Ray Smith and the City street crews, all the drains on the intersection of State and Eighth are clean of ice and snow — so thankful. I, and my granddaughter, Peyton, had three of them draining and then we got to Atencio's Market and oh, my more than we could handle. It was so awesome to call Ray, have his guys on the steam machine, in between jobs and be able to help our neighborhood be safe ... you know, LODA, aka the South Side.

While we were working at Virginia's place (A Cut Above), it was really cool to have her come out and ask me what Leo and Maria needed for their apartment. Because Jennifer Jones-Kelleher had already given me a twin bed for Maria, Virginia is purchasing twin bedding. Thanks to Judy Kelloff for bringing in towels, and bedding, that will work for Leo's bed. She brought in the softest blankets ever!

Habitat for Humanity helped out with a love seat and recliner, as did George and Evelyn Sprouse-Rowe with a couple more chairs. The cute table and chairs were provided by the Green Spot, via the Mac McFadden family. An anonymous donor

brought in a new microwave and toaster. Pat Parker also brought in towels. Dishes have come from Anne McFadden and another set from Evelyn, so they can choose white or black dishes. We still need to come up with some curtains, pots and pans, and bath mat, etc., but all in all, Leo and Maria will be ready to move in on Sunday. It's been a long haul.

The folks at Alamosa Housing Authority sure have (had) a job to do — I have never seen so many signatures required, so much paperwork required, in my life, even when purchasing my home or the Green Spot. It's bureaucracy at its finest. Kind of sad, when you think of the paperwork, multiplied by thousands and thousands of folks across the country. Private industry could no doubt simplify some of the process. Beyond that, I am thankful, that Leo and Maria will now be safe and warm. They will be good tenants.

I attended City Council on this past Wednesday evening. I complained about the snow removal and the hazards relating to the gutter pans (that's what I call them) on all the corners. It's something I complain about almost every year, and it's not getting any better. It's sad! It is the property owners responsibility to get these areas cleaned up

I stayed at the meeting to see who was appointed to the downtown committee — can't remember what it's called. I didn't apply, but I hope to sit in on meetings. Mainly, I want to see how the South Side is (will be) totally ignored. I have always believed that if you are going to complain, you better try and be educated.

There was also a long discussion on parking at Alamosa State University. The discussion focused on the already restricted parking on Monterrey Avenue and now Sierra Avenue residents wanting their own parking spots. It's a tough decision to make, so a work session will be planned.

The most important thing I took away from that discussion was how "if you complained long enough and hard enough" City Council will take you seriously and answer your concerns/questions. I think I have been complaining about some things for at least that long and no one has ever come and said, "here's how I feel about that,

or here's your answer." Guess I will need to get louder.

A lot of folks are beginning to transplant their houseplants. Spring is a great time to do this chore. Sometimes you just have to do it when you have time. I have been doing lots of transplanting the past couple of weeks. Did you know that getting your hands dirty is actually healthy? I hardly ever get sick, and now I know why. I love the dirt. I'd be happy to give you a lesson on transplanting if you are nervous. Come on by.

If you are doing nothing this afternoon or Monday, come on by and take a look at our little puppies. They are almost 6 weeks and just the cutest things. They are ready for some socializing.

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

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Migrant Education Program appreciates all sponsors



The Southwest Region Migrant Education Program brought smiles to many during their annual Adopt a Migrant Family celebration on December 13, 2019.

Alejandro Tovar, an Adams State student, enjoyed playing Santa Claus for the children at the annual Southwest Region Migrant Education Program holiday celebration.

Photos courtesy of Southwest Region Migrant Education Program

ALAMOSA — The Southwest Region Migrant Education Program (MEP) provided gifts to a record number of children and parents through its Adopt a Migrant Family for the holiday. “Our hearts are filled with joy and appreciation for the continued support from numerous sponsors making this event so successful. Every year we look forward to this event as it supplements some of the needs of our families,” said Esmeralda Martinez, director of Southwest Region MEP.

The organization shared food and presents with many at the annual holiday celebration.

Families also had a surprise visit from Santa Claus. A special thanks to Alejandro Tovar, Adams State student, for volunteering and making the event fun for kids. Families who were not able to attend the event were pleasantly surprised to have the presents delivered to their home.

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community members, and volunteers who continue to participate in this initiative year after year,” Martinez said. She also appreciates her Adams State MEP staff including Minga Francisco, Marisa Aguilar, Jennifer Molina, Shanda Taylor, Ofelia Gonzalez, Simona Guillen, Edgar Martinez, Matias Francisco, and Bradley Tijerina. “I cannot say enough wonderful comments about the team I have the privilege to work with. These astonishing individuals have dedicated numerous hours and effort to reach out to sponsors, as well as to communicate

with families. It is truly an honor to be a part of such an amazing team. Thank you, MEP Team,” Martinez added. In 2019, the Southwest Region Migrant Education Program served a yearly estimate of up to 700 students, aged birth-22, from 23 school districts in the San Luis Valley and Southwest Colorado. Over the past six years, the number of families identified has nearly doubled thanks to the work of recruiters, school district’s support in the identification process, and the

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Valley-Wide Welcomes
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 &
 Cesar Chavez Family Medical Center
 186 Hurt Street, Center



After working as a family nurse practitioner in various rural community health centers in Northern Arizona since 2016, Sarah recently moved to Salida, CO. In her free time she enjoys skiing, biking, yoga, gardening, cooking and spending time with her husband and their Great Dane. Sarah looks forward to serving patients in the San Luis Valley.

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Sports

Falcons keep winning streaks alive in Monte Vista

Centauri picks up number ten on the road

By **STEPHEN JIRON**
Courier Sports Editor

MONTE VISTA — The first league game of the year for both girls basketball teams went to Centauri over Monte Vista by a score of 69-22.

Centauri (10-0, 1-0 IML) Has been on a tear to start the season ripping off ten in a row since the beginning of the winter sports season, picking up wins at their home tournament and the La Junta Holiday Shootout. The solid win streak has Centauri sitting at No. 3 in 3A according to the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) Coaches Poll.

Monte Vista (2-6, 0-1 IML) entered Friday's game amid a frustrating 2 game skid. Dec. 17th the Pirates dropped a 2-point game to the Buena Vista Demons on the road. Then at home on Tuesday night they watched a late lead evaporate as time expired relaying a one-point game to the visiting Center Vikings.

When the action got underway on Friday both teams struggled to get points, the Falcons found their range first. Centauri's Brenna McDaniel and Mia Garcia would combine for 5 points to put the Falcons ahead. Monte Vista's Mareh Medina and Haley Bernal would

combine for 4 points for the Pirates to answer back, cutting the visitor's advantage to 7-4 early in the first. The small lead quickly grew as Centauri began scoring in earnest, an eight-point run from Centauri was only stopped by a trey from Monte Vista's Adelia Romero bringing the first quarter to a close with the Falcons leading 18-7.

The second quarter was host to another eight-point run from the visitors. By the break, Centauri held a 33-11 advantage. The 22-point lead grew as the game continued, eventually prompting the fourth quarter to begin with a running clock, as the Falcons held a 55-17 lead to start the final frame.

Brenna McDaniel paced Centauri with 17 points in the win. McDaniel banked a 3-pointer in each of the first three quarters to total 3 buckets from beyond 22 feet in the game. Monte Vista's lead in scoring went to Haley Bernal who collected 7 points on Friday. The win makes it ten in a row for Centauri.

The Falcons will take a full head of steam with them into a tough road contest. The Falcons will be tested against last year's Intermountain League Champion, Pagosa Springs (7-2, 1-0 IML). Centauri - Pagosa Springs



Courier photos by Stephen Jiron

Centauri's Brynli Sowards (32) drives the lane while Monte Vista's Adelia Romero (25) defends. Sowards picked up 6 points in the win on Friday.

is scheduled for a 5:30 p.m. start on Saturday.

Things don't get any easier for Monte

Vista as they also go on the road to meet last year's IML runners-up, Alamosa (8-1) on Saturday.

Lulls doom Pirates in first league game

By **STEPHEN JIRON**
Courier Sports Editor

MONTE VISTA — After falling behind early, Monte Vista lost to the visiting Falcons in a 55-38 game.

Struck by a holiday hangover Monte Vista (4-5, 0-1 IML) returned from the break with two straight losses. The Pirates were able to cleanse their palette with a victory over Center on Tuesday just in time for a league matchup with Centauri.

The Falcons (10-0, 1-0 IML) are all ahead full right now and entered Friday's contest with an impeccable record. Staying undefeated Centauri was placed at the No. 6 spot in the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) Coaches Poll on Monday, garnering 84 points.

Monte Vista struggled early Friday night; according to preliminary stats, they would shoot 10 percent from the field in the first quarter. Centauri took advantage of the Pirate's slow start to create a 16-4 lead entering the second.

The Pirates corrected course in the second quarter to bring their shooting percentage up, improving to 63

percent in the second frame, but the opportunities just weren't there. Centauri meanwhile kept their offense productive belting out a 10-point run midway through the second frame fueled by 7 points from Trey Crowther to take a 35-19 lead to the locker rooms.

Both offenses would slow in the third quarter as neither team would eclipse double digits. The low scoring third quarter favored the Falcons who already had a prominent lead and just needed the passage of time.

Monte Vista would outscore Centauri in the final quarter but it would not be enough as Centauri would stay undefeated with the 55-38 win.

The scoring lead for Centauri went to Trey Crowther who collected 11 points in the win, 7 of those came during the junior's second-quarter frenzy. Monte Vista senior Jarren Chavez led his team in scoring collecting 13 points on Friday night. Centauri has a good chance to make it eleven in a row when they go on the road to meet Pagosa Springs (5-5, 0-1 IML). The league rivals split last year's series with a win apiece.



Centauri senior Derek Van Berkum (2) looks for some real estate while Monte Vista's Tyrese Otero (4) and Jarren Chavez (1) defend/

Monte Vista will head east to meet Alamosa (5-4) in what looks to be a telling game for both teams. Start-

ing times for both Centauri-Pagosa Springs and Monte Vista-Alamosa are scheduled for 7 p.m.

Grizzlies fall to RMAC foes Western State

By **GEORGE A GALAVIZ-ORTIZ**
ASU Sports Information

ALAMOSA—The No. 11 Adams State University wrestling squad met No. 23 Western State Colorado University at home last night to go head to head in what would be the Grizzlies' first home dual of the 2019-20 season. Plachy Hall would hold a massive home crowd, but it wouldn't be enough for the Grizzlies as they faced their second falling of the season. Western State's 31-12 upset over Adams State brought the Grizzlies to an overall record of 2-2 including a 0-1 record within the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

The first bout brought out 125-pounder

Isaiah De La Cerda who faced a tough match against Patrick Allis of Western State. The upset put the Grizzlies down by 5 points to start the night. 133-pounder Jonathan Andreatta would bring Adams State back into contention by winning his bout against Cody Fatzinger in an 8-2 decision victory.

After gaining three points from the Andreatta victory, 141-pounder Noah Hermsillo would keep it rolling by earning a 3-2 decision victory over Jason Hanenburg to give the Grizzlies the lead.

In the 149-pound weight class, freshman Josiah Rider would come face to face with Giovanni Cassioppi to earn a 6-0 decision victory and to keep the Grizzly



lead growing.

The 157-pound bout would prove to cause the most conflict of the night. Ryan Rochford would lead Cole Mortensen by

a large margin, looking to earn a victory by pinfall and obtaining many opportunities to do so. The intense bout would quickly switch over to Mortenson's favor, pinning Rochford at the 1:40 mark to give Western State the lead.

WSCU would take over in the next three bouts, scraping together 25 points to Adams State's nine until Cole Gustavson would earn a 12-6 decision victory over Espen Weber in the 197 bout. Adams State would end on a 12-point team score to Western State's 31.

Grizzlies are back in action next Wednesday against New Mexico Highlands, awaiting the Cowboys for their second, home dual of the season.

Results

Adams State Basketball

Jan. 17 Colorado Mesa 67, ASU 42 (W)
 Colorado Mesa 88, ASU 76 (M)

Prep Basketball

Jan. 16 Center 42, South Park 17 (G)
 Del Norte 53, Ignacio 50 (G)
 Mancos 61, Sargent 33 (B)

Jan. 17

Sanford 60, South Park 6 (G)
 Crested Butte 47, Del Norte 41 (B)
 Sierra Grande 60, Creede 27 (G)
 Antonito 65, Manzanola 38 (B)
 Alamosa at Bayfield (G/B)- postponed
 Centauri 69, Monte Vista 22 (G)
 Centauri 55, Monte Vista 38 (B)

Adams State Wrestling

Jan. 16 Western Colorado 31, ASU 12

Prep Wrestling

Jan. 16 Del Norte 36, Gunnison 36
 Monarch 38, Alamosa 35

Upcoming Events

Adams State Basketball

Jan. 18 5/7 p.m. ASU at Western Colorado (W/M)

Prep Basketball

Jan. 18

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TBA Sierra Grande at Aguilar (G)
 2 p.m. Crested Butte at Sanford (G/B)
 2 p.m. Cripple Creek at Moffat-Mtn. Valley (G/B)
 3 p.m. Center at Del Norte (G/B)
 3/5 p.m. Sargent at Custer County (G/B)
 5 p.m. Creede at Antonito (G/B)
 5:30/ 7 p.m. Centauri at Pagosa Springs (G/B)
 5:30/ 7 p.m. Monte Vista at Alamosa (G/B)

Prep Wrestling

Jan. 18

Husky Invite

TBA Centauri, Del Norte at Florence

Pueblo Centennial Tourny

TBA Center at Pueblo Centennial

Top of the Rockies Tournament

TBA Alamosa at Centaurus

Gene Gagliardi Tourney

Sierra Grande-Centennial at Trinidad

Schedules subject to change

Adult Volleyball League

ALAMOSA — Alamosa Parks and Recreation Adult Volleyball registration is open.
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 Player Registration: Opens Jan 8, 2020
 Season: mid - Feb to late - April (min. 10 season

games + tourney)

For more information, contact the AFRC · (719) 589-2105; Website: www.AlamosaRec.org

AHS Basketball Reunion

ALAMOSA — Alamosa High School is hosting a reunion for former coach Ken Niven. While at Alamosa, Niven oversaw a Mean Moose run of four consecutive titles from 1989-92 over Classes AA and 4A. He also had four Division I signees. The reunion will take place Friday and Saturday of Jan. 24th and 25th. Friday will be the home games against Montezuma-Cortez at 5:30/7 p.m. followed by a social at the Bankshot. Saturday will be a mid-morning shoot around at AHS then the home games against Pagosa Springs at 5:30/7 p.m. Niven and Alumni players will be recognized at halftime. Saturday's social will take place at the Purple Pig Pizzeria following the games.

ASU Volleyball open tryouts

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

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Photo courtesy of Southwest Region Migrant Education Program

The Southwest Region Migrant Education Program staff appreciates all the community sponsors who helped make their annual Adopt a Migrant Family gathering a success. Pictured, left to right, back row, Minga Francisco, Marisa Aguilar, Jennifer Molina, Shanda Taylor, Ofelia Gonzalez, Simona Guillen, front row, Edgar Martinez, Esmeralda Martinez, Matias Francisco, and Bradley Tijerina.

Potato Council elects Raybould as president



Courtesy photo

NPC 2020 Executive Committee, from left to right, are R.J. Andrus, Jared Balcom, Bob Mattive, Britt Rayould, Dominic LaJoie, Ted Tschuky and Larry Alsum.

Monte Vista's Mattive elected to serve as vice president of the Finance and Office Procedures Committee

LAS VEGAS — Thursday at the National Potato Council's 2020 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Britt Raybould of Rexburg, Idaho, was elected to serve as NPC's 2020 president and to lead the council's executive committee.

Raybould serves as chief financial officer of Raybould Brothers Farm. She previously served the NPC Board as first vice president and vice president of the legislative and Government Affairs Committee. She is the third generation of the Raybould family to serve as NPC president and the first female president in NPC's 72-year history.

As president, Raybould will host the 2020 NPC Summer Meeting in Boise, Idaho, June 24-26. The executive committee holds office for one calendar year.

NPC DELEGATES ALSO APPROVED:

- Dominic LaJoie of Van Buren, Maine, as first vice president and vice president of the Environmental Affairs Committee;
 - R.J. Andrus of Idaho Falls, Idaho, as vice president of the Legislative Affairs Committee;
 - Jared Balcom of Pasco, Wash., as vice president of the Trade Affairs Committee;
 - Bob Mattive of Monte Vista, Colo., as vice president of the Finance and Office Procedures Committee; and,
 - Ted Tschirky of Pasco, Wash. as Vice President of the Grower Outreach and Industry Research Committee.
- The 2019 President, Larry Alsum of Friesland, Wisc., will continue to serve on the executive committee as the immediate past president.

The 2020 executive committee will meet at the Potato D.C. Fly-In, Feb. 24-27 in Washington, D.C., to continue its work for the industry.

This includes leading more than 150 growers and industry partners to Capitol Hill to meet with members of Congress, staff and key administration officials to communicate industry priorities. Policy issues to be addressed this year include trade, agriculture labor reform, nutrition, access to crop protection tools and research for potatoes.

The National Potato Council represents the interests of U.S. potato growers on federal legislative, regulatory, environmental and trade issues. The value of U.S. potato production is over \$3.7 billion annually and supports hundreds of thousands of jobs both directly and indirectly.

Report from a press release courtesy of Mark Szymanski, Director of Communications, National Potato Council.

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Migrant

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support of all educational partners who help identify children

preschool-aged and younger, and out of school youth. The program connects families of seasonal agricultural workers with community resources, monitors children's achievements, and provides continuity

of educational support as they change school districts. To learn more about the program, or to refer a family who may benefit from services, contact Esmeralda Martinez at 719-587-7635.

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Lifestyle

Field notes of a rookie sportsperson

'Taking my gun for a walk' plus learning to butcher and prepare deer like a gourmet

COLORADO SPRINGS – Ten months of classroom study, days of target practice at the shooting range and hours of immersing myself in the ethics and strategies of hunting all built to a climax on the weekend after Christmas: my first big game hunt.

The anticipation was almost overwhelming as, on Dec. 28, my daughter, Natalie, and I embarked on our first big game hunt as members of Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Rookie Sportsperson Program (RSP).

The RSP is a free program offered by CPW's Southeast Region headquartered in Colorado Springs. It takes novice outdoors enthusiasts like Natalie and me and teaches them outdoor skills. Hopefully, attendees are inspired to get outside and sample all the adventures available in Colorado's great outdoors.

We are learning about hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and much more. We became certified in the safe handling of firearms through a Hunter Education course and have been out on a couple small-game hunts with our mentor, District Wildlife Manager Logan Wilkins.

Along the way, Natalie and I began to understand why people hunt. We learned how hunting provides perhaps the most organic, natural protein one can find. And we learned how CPW uses hunting to protect big game animals from starvation and disease that result when herds grow too large, leaving no food for them on over-grazed habitat.

Way back on March 30, in anticipation of my hunt, Wilkins helped me decide which hunting license to buy so I could join him on a mentored pronghorn hunt near his district in Limon. Ever since, I've had the license in my wallet, just waiting to use it.

Every once in a while, I would take it out and read it: "Resident Pronghorn License. Doe Late Rifle. For Units 110, 111, 118, 119, 123, 124. Season Dates: 12/01/19 - 12/31/19."

On the big day, Natalie and I met Wilkins at 6:30 a.m. in Limon. It was a cold Saturday morning, but I was burning with the Big Game Fever. Wilkins had gotten permission from a landowner in the area to let a couple novice hunters come try their luck at pronghorn hunting.

As we stepped out of the truck, the wind blew bitter cold in our faces and would continue to blow throughout the day. I was proud of my daughter: she never complained.

My first good chance to get a pronghorn came early in the day. We found a position in a field around 150 yards away from a group of pronghorn and sat down to keep from drawing attention to ourselves.

I positioned my lefty Savage Rifle, loaded with .243 Winchester ammunition, on a set of shooting sticks and tried to aim as the wind whipped us. Out in the field were two does and one antlerless buck, "all legal" with my license, Wilkins told me.

I took a deep breath and found them in my scope. But I couldn't get the crosshairs to hold still long enough to feel comfortable taking a shot. We had practiced on targets at 100 yards and these pronghorn, at 150 yards, were just out of my range.

As I struggled to calm my sights, I sat back on my butt and we adjusted the shooting sticks. But I still couldn't get the scope to remain still long enough to feel comfortable taking a shot. We decided to get up to try to get cover behind a nearby hay bale.

"We'll see what they'll tolerate," Wilkins said. Turns out they didn't tolerate much from us. As soon as we got up and began walking, the three pronghorn took off, moving so quickly out of range that their speed seemed almost supernatural.

"They say they evolved alongside big cheetah-like cats," Wilkins said. "Myself, I like to say God was just showing off." He told me pronghorn will stand facing into the wind so that the scent of predators is blowing toward them. And I read online later that windy days on the plains can dry a pronghorn's eyes, impairing their sight and making them skittish.

They certainly were jumpy the day we were hunting them. We spent the rest of the morning trying to spot and stalk them. Many times we saw a herd and crossed freezing fields hoping to sneak up only to pop up over a small hill and find the herd had disappeared.

We broke for a late lunch around 1 p.m. Wilkins offered to get a hunting blind – essentially a camouflage tent – that we would sit in until dark. But bad weather was moving in and news of cars sliding off nearby Interstate 70 convinced me to call it a day.

When we got home, I fell asleep sitting on the couch while my girlfriend was talking to me about how our hunt went. The next week, when people asked me how my hunt went, I told them what I'd heard others say: I ended up just taking my gun for a walk.

But the day was much more than just a cold hike with my gun. As with my small-game hunts, I got to experience with my daughter an adventure we will never forget. Sure we didn't even get off a shot. But we enjoyed the preparation, the anticipation, the quest, the shared experience of trying to feed ourselves the way our ancestors did a century ago.

Like many things, it's more about the journey than the actual destination.

A week later, I was back in class, learning more about how to cook wild game from professional wild game chef Jason Nauer.

Wearing a black Prosper ■ See HUNTING page 9

Hunting



Travis Duncan



Photos courtesy of Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Logan Wilkins, district wildlife manager in Limon area, scans for pronghorn as Travis Duncan aims his rifle.

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Hunting

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Meats hoodie and a hat with a Colorado logo and a forearm loaded with tattoos (are you even a chef without them?), Nauert told us about his background.

He attended the Rocky Mountain Institute of Meat after leaving a career in law enforcement due to an ankle injury. In 2014, he began working with Special Forces units to develop a program teaching soldiers how to harvest, field dress and

prepare animals in the field. Now, when he's not traveling around the country teaching these skills at U.S. military bases, Nauert imparts his knowledge at classes like this one.

Nauert showed us how to process a deer, demonstrating different cuts and explaining his techniques as he went.

It was incredibly helpful to see how a professional breaks down an animal into its different cuts of meat. He had great tips for cutting and preparing every part of the animal, such as the deer's

legs or "shanks."

"With shank meat, a lot of people waste their time cutting all that connective tissue, the silver skin, apart," Nauert said. "Don't waste your time. If you braise these in tomato sauce, or something with acidity, they're fantastic. And you're not wasting your time trying to cut all that silver skin off. You can tie butcher's twine around a shank, then let it braise for six to eight hours. The meat falls off, you've got a beautiful dish."

Nauert also dispelled the myth that some cuts of meat have to be tough. "Some of the biggest reasons people end up with tough cuts of meat are, one, they cook it too

long," he said. "Two, they don't use the right marinade if they're trying to marinate it. And three, they cut it wrong."

Another trick is cutting across the grain of the meat.

"If you cut with the grain, you're screwed," he warned. "If you cut against the grain, it's going to be beautiful. Try not to cut super thick cuts either. It's wild game. It's not a cow. You can't get away with three-inch pork chops or something like that. You want it thin."

Nauert had prepared a few dishes ahead of time to show the class what the results of cutting and cooking wild game could be. The delicious smell

of venison carne asada and venison chili wafted around us and we all dug in to the delicious dishes.

At the end, Nauert wrapped up the different cuts of meat from the deer and everyone was able to take home a cut of their choosing. My girlfriend, Jamey, and I chose a roast.

For dinner the next evening, we took chopped carrots, potatoes and onions and put them in a slow cooker with salt, pepper and garlic. Then we added broth and water to the pot and cooked it on high for about eight hours. The result was a delicious dinner for our family for the next two evenings.

For our final month

of RSP, we'll be participating in an ice fishing class and then have a final banquet consisting of wild game prepared by participants in the program. You'll be able to read all about it in the next installment of Field Notes of a Rookie Sportsperson.

Travis Duncan is a public information officer for Colorado Parks and Wildlife in Denver. Travis has lived in Colorado nearly 20 years and loves the outdoors. If you have a question, please email him at travis.duncan@state.co.us

Column by Travis Duncan, Colorado Parks and Wildlife.



Photos courtesy of Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Professional wild game chef Jason Nauert teaches members of CPW's Rookie Sportsperson Program how to properly butcher and prepare wild game.



Deer steaks cook in a class to teach members of CPW's Rookie Sportsperson Program how to properly prepare wild game.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING On Ordinance No. 1-2020

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 1-2020, an ordinance approving the annexation of the petition for the annexation of Lots 66 & 67 of the McClain-Fink subdivision, located in a portion of Section 15, Township 37 North, Range 10 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Alamosa County, Colorado. This ordinance was accepted on first reading on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, and a Public Hearing thereon set for Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. This hearing will be held in Alamosa Council Chambers, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado. Further notice is given that any and all persons of interest may appear at said hearing and be heard in this matter, and that the full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the office of the City Clerk. Alamosa City Council
Holly C. Martinez,
City Clerk
No. 1261
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING On Ordinance No. 2-2020

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 2-2020, an ordinance revising Sections 18-46 through 18-48 and Section 18-86 of the Sales and Use Tax ordinances of the City of Alamosa to comport with voter-approved tax revenue and spending changes. This ordinance was accepted on first reading on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, and a Public Hearing thereon set for Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. This hearing will be held in Alamosa Council Chambers, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado. Further notice is given that any and all persons of interest may appear at said hearing and be heard in this matter, and that the full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the office of the City Clerk. Alamosa City Council
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF CRESTONE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020 1:00P.M.
AT THE TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM,
11S. ALDER STREET, CRESTONE, CO
PURPOSE: Public comment on a Planned Unit Development proposal for Tract 3, which consists of 4.62 acres of E. Lime Ave. within the Town of Crestone and Zoned Rural Residential.
PRELIMINARY APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY: Crestone Peak Community Housing, a nonprofit organization, PO BOX 911, Crestone, CO 81131.
PUBLISHED AND POSTED: As per the Zoning Regulations of the Town of Crestone Section IX-10, Ordinance 2006-013, Crestone Board of Trustees: Mayor Kairina Danforth and Trustee Diane Bairstow, Terry Goergen, Adam Kinney, Kizzen Laki, Sam Pace and Bob Prather.

COMMENTS MAY BE SENT IN ADVANCE OF THE HEARING TO: Crestone Clerk, PO BOX 64, Crestone, CO 81131 or crestoneclerk@fairpoint.net
No. 1253
Published in the Valley Courier on January 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, February 01, 04, 05, 06, 07, and 08, 2020.

District Court

Rio Grande County, Colorado
Court Address: 925 Sixth Street, Del Norte, Colorado 81132
Telephone: (719) 657-3394
In the Matter of the Estate of:
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Attorney for Applicant:
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the Clerk of the Rio Grande County District Court on or before May 18, 2020 or the claims may be forever barred.
Date: January 16, 2020
/s/ William F. Dunn
William F. Dunn, Attorney for Personal Representative
585 Columbia Avenue, Del Norte, Colorado 81132
No. 1255
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DISTRICT COURT, COSTILLA COUNTY, COLORADO

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NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

INTERESTED PERSONS AND OWNERS BY DESCENT OR SUCCESSION
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To all interested persons and owners by descent or succession: Estate of Virginia E. Park, c/o Maureen Park, Personal Representative
A Petition has been filed alleging that the above Decedent died leaving the following property: 50% interest in vacant land, LOTS 8, 9, 13 AND 14 IN BLOCK 11 FILING 5 IN SAN LUIS NORTH ESTATES, IN COSTILLA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO.
The hearing on the petition will be held at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued:
Date: February 28, 2020 Time: 8:00 a.m.
Courtroom or Division: Probate Address: 304 Main Street, San Luis, CO 81152
This is a non-appearance hearing; attendance is not required or expected.
Note:
* You must answer the petition on or before the hearing date and time specified above.
* Within the time required for answering the petition, all objections to the petition must be in writing, filed with the court and served on the petitioner and any required filing fee must be paid.
* The hearing shall be limited to the petition, the objections timely filed and the parties answering the petition in a timely manner. If the petition is not answered and no objections are filed, the court may enter a decree without a hearing
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Request for Proposals

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January 16, 2020
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NOTICE OF PASSAGE Ordinance No. 29-2019

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at a regular meeting of the Alamosa City Council duly called, Council finally passed and adopted Ordinance No. 29-2019, an ordinance prohibiting the personal growing of marijuana outdoors pursuant to Initiated Ballot Question 300.
Further notice is hereby given that the full text thereof is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the Office of the City Clerk.
Alamosa City Council
Holly C. Martinez,
City Clerk
No. 1258
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NOTICE OF PASSAGE Ordinance No. 29-2019

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099 ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO BID
Location: San Luis Valley Conejos County Hwy 142 near the Rio Grande Bridge. Separate sealed BIDS for the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area/Rio Grande Natural Area Sign Panel (Special)-6 Panel will be received by San Luis Valley Great Outdoors, P.O. Box 300, Alamosa, Colorado 81101, located at 610 State Ave, Alamosa, Colorado 81101, until 2:00 P.M. on January 24th, 2019. The project consists of the following: The Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area/Rio Grande Natural Area is looking for the installation and fabrication of one Sign Panel (Special)-6 Panel Portals, located at Colorado State Highway 142 near the Rio Grande River crossing between Manassa, CO and San Luis, CO. Bid designs will be similar to those of the Portal Signs located in San Luis (Main Street next to the park), Antonito (south of Antonito across from Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad) and Alamosa (Rio Grande Farm Park) along the Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic and Historic Byway. Copies of the Plans may be obtained by emailing San Luis Valley Great Outdoors at sylvgreatoutdoors@gmail.com. It is anticipated that the project construction will begin March, 2019.(1/24)

221 HELP WANTED

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL District is accepting applications for a full-time School Nurse. A complete list of duties and desired qualifications may be viewed on the district website ww2.monte.k12.co.us/employment-opportunities.html. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted to the District Office, 345 E. Prospect Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144, by January 30, 2020, or until the position is filled. Applications may be downloaded from the district website or call 719-852-5996.(2/1)

163 LOST & FOUND

TWO MISSING DOGS Brown Yorkie, with micro chip. Family desperately seeking deceased mother's dogs. Please call 720-588-7974 or 720-996-8980 Locally call 719-580-6635. (1/18)

173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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CALDON TRUCKING IS looking for a CDL driver. Please call 719-274-4464.(1/21)

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CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT is looking to hire a board secretary. Individual must be self-motivated and QuickBooks proficient. Duties include: Payroll, Setting up budgets, taking minutes at monthly meetings, filing state requirements, and some department business. Grant writing experience or desire to learn to write grants a plus. 50-60 hours per month. Pay will be determined from experience. If interested send resume to Center Fire Department P.O. Box 845, Center CO. 81125. (1/29)

SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL District is currently accepting applications for the position of school secretary/receptionist. Applicants should have a background in clerical/office work as well as excellent management skills and experience in working with the public. Experience in automated data management skills and electronic web-based platforms is preferred, but not required. Application forms are available at the district office located at 17523 E. Hwy 160 Blanca, CO 81123 or on the District's website at www.sierragrandschool.net Applications may be submitted to Mr. Darren Edgar at dedar@sierragrandschool.net or turned in at the district office. For more information please contact Mrs. DeAnn Arellano at 719-379-3257.(1/24)

221 HELP WANTED

C V C L C AT HOMELAKE is seeking permanent full-time CNA positions for our 24-hour Skilled Nursing Home and a Temporary full-time Equipment Operator (transportation Driver). Prefer experience with long-term care but not required. We offer competitive salary, retirement plan (Public Employees Retirement Account (PERA), 401K/457), health and dental insurance options, life insurance, short term disability, 10 paid holidays/year, sick leave and paid vacation for permanent positions. Must have a current driver license; pass a CBI/FBI background check, and drug screen. Interested candidates in the above positions must complete an official State application. <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/colorado> Contact Nina Esquivel for assistance at 719-852-8215. For questions regarding available open shifts for CNA positions contact Crystal Gallegos, DON or Sandra Qualls, ADON, at 719-852-5118.(1/18)

THE CITY OF Alamosa is seeking a Full-Time Water/Wastewater Technician I to perform operations, maintenance, and repairs within the water and sewer divisions under the supervisor of senior personnel. This position is responsible to provide on-call service on a rotating basis to cover after-hours repairs and maintenance, as required. Starting salary is \$15.25 - \$16.78 per hour (DOQ), including a comprehensive health benefits package, CO PERA retirement, and vacation, personal, and sick leave. Applications can be found online at www.cityofalamosa.org under Employment or at the HR Department, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado. Closing date is January 24, 2020 at 5 pm. (1/24)

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CHIEF OF POLICE-TOWN of Del Norte. Full-time, FLSA Exempt. Working Chief Position, plans, organizes, and directs the activities of the Police Department in law enforcement and crime prevention. The position is expected to carry out the duties of the department in a manner that inspires trust and confidence among our citizens and staff. Any combination of training and experience that provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities is qualifying; typical education, but is not limited to BS/BA in Business Administration, Public Administration, or Criminal Justice. Experience would include 5 years of responsible command/management experience in law enforcement agency. Salary \$55K-\$60K annually. Must possess a POST certificate. Must possess valid Colorado driver's license. Must sign waiver for Town of Del Norte to obtain ALL information from previous employers. Must past background, drug and psychological tests. Applications and job description are available from Del Norte Town Hall 140 Spruce Street, Del Norte, Co or website: delnortecolorado.com. Please send application attention to Del Norte Town Administrator, 140 Spruce Street, P.O. Box 249, Del Norte, Colorado 81132 Deadline for applications Jan. 31, 2020.EOE.(2/5)

221 HELP WANTED

JOHNNY'S AUTO TRIM & Rod Shop, Alamosa, looking for experienced mechanic, fabricator, paint/body, upholster, electrical, detailer and p/t bookkeeper. Quality a must; see FB page. Send resume to johnnysautotrim@msn.com; salary TBD on experience. (01/31)

WANTED: SAGUACHE COUNTY Landfill is Hiring for an additional Full Time Attendant. REQUIREMENTS: 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 is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (01/31)

221 HELP WANTED

SANGRE DE CRISTO School District is looking for full time / part time custodian position. For more information please call 719-378-2321. Applications may be downloaded from sdc.schools.net or picked up at school office. Positions open until filled. (1/24)

RIVER VALLEY INN Nursing Home now hiring LPN's OR RN's. Come join our team! Must have a current license and CPR. Night shift with differential. Please stop in for an application at 1335 6th St. in Del Norte CO or call 719-657-1105. Ask for Susan or Paula. (RVI is EOE). (1/22 #1)

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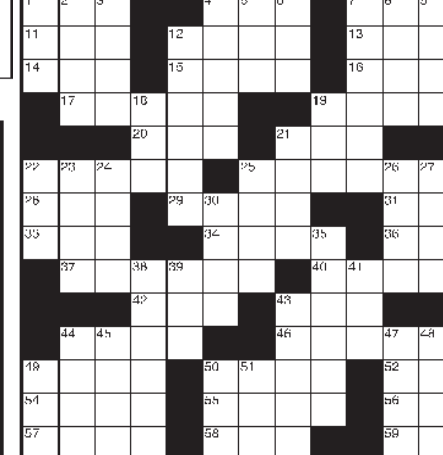
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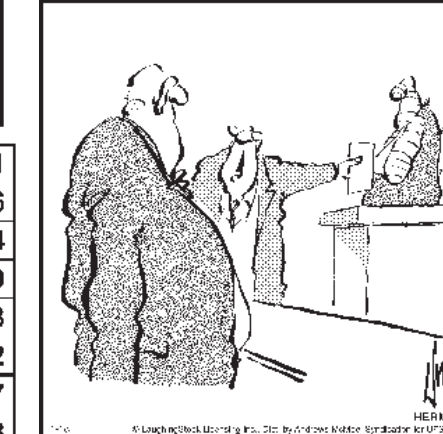
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"Is that the man who tried to mug you?"

Girlfriend's birthday bouquet arrives in shabby condition

DEAR ABBY: Is there a delicate way for me to tell my boyfriend not to use the same online floral delivery service again? The birthday bouquet he had delivered to me arrived with limp, wilted, torn petals and leaves and broken stems. It was one of those box-of-flowers deliveries.

I doubt my boyfriend realized they would not arrive in a vase and arranged by a florist. Instead, they had been packed in a box, without water, with the vase packed alongside, delivered by a regular package courier.

I usually send him a photo of my bouquet along with my heartfelt thanks, and while I thanked him as usual, I did not send a picture of the bouquet because I knew he would feel bad -- both about the lackluster arrangement, and the money he had spent on them.

I found what I believe was the intended arrangement on the website, and it was lovely -- a far cry from what was delivered to me. I love my twice-a-year flowers (birthday and Christmas), and I don't want to come across as critical or ungrateful. I am blessed to have such a thoughtful partner.

If flowers were just a one-time gift, I would not even consider mentioning it. However, with Valentine's Day (and another flower and she resents when others

delivery) approaching, I wonder if I should let my boyfriend know that it might be better to use a local florist to ensure he is getting his money's worth. Or should I just cross my fingers that it was a one-off? -- UNGRATEFUL GIRLFRIEND

DEAR "UNGRATEFUL": Tell your boyfriend why you didn't send him a photo of the flowers he sent as you usually do. He has a right to know, and it will not make you appear ungrateful. He may be able to get a refund if the order was mishandled and he had ordered an arrangement in a vase. And if the vendor is not forthcoming, he may choose to deal with a different one next time. Please give him the option.

DEAR ABBY: I'm one half of a female best friend duo in our early 30s. We both live with clinical depression, and my friend also has ADHD. During most of our 20s, neither of us did a good job of coping with these issues, but we were able to laugh it off together. Now, after putting in a lot of work, I'm finally in a healthy place, and I intend to continue getting better from here.

My best friend, however, is managing her own mental health as poorly as ever. She doesn't have the interest or the motivation to help herself the way I have, and she resents when others



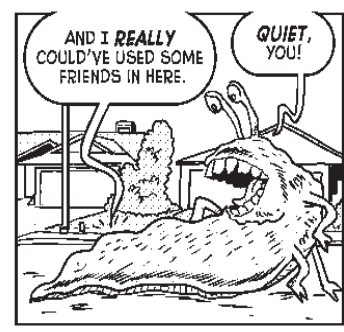
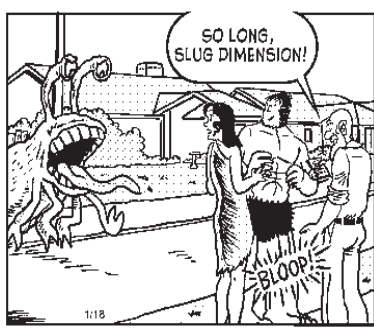
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try to talk to her about it. I sense she wishes I was like I used to be.

I'm starting to feel like being around her is no longer healthy for me, but I don't know what to do. I don't have many other friends. I live out of state from my family, and I still love her dearly. How should I proceed? -- SELF-HELPER IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SELF-HELPER: Proceed by continuing to move forward. If you seek out new activities, you will meet more people with common interests. Do not drop her. Call her periodically to check in, and make a point of inviting her to join you in some of your new interests. However, if she refuses, do not let it deter you from doing what you must to aid in your healing. I congratulate you for finding the strength to get the help you needed.

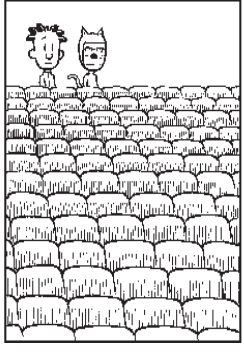
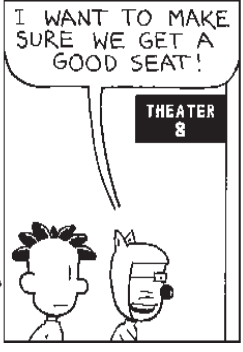
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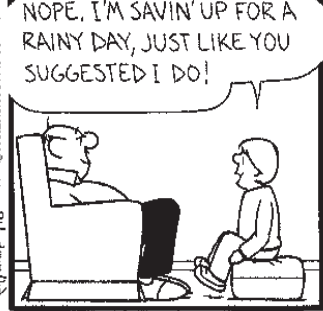
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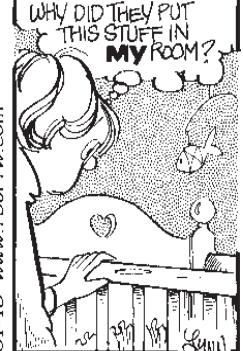
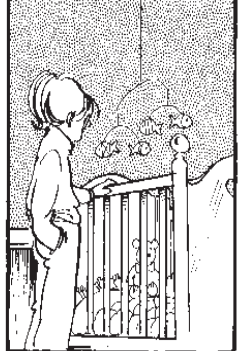
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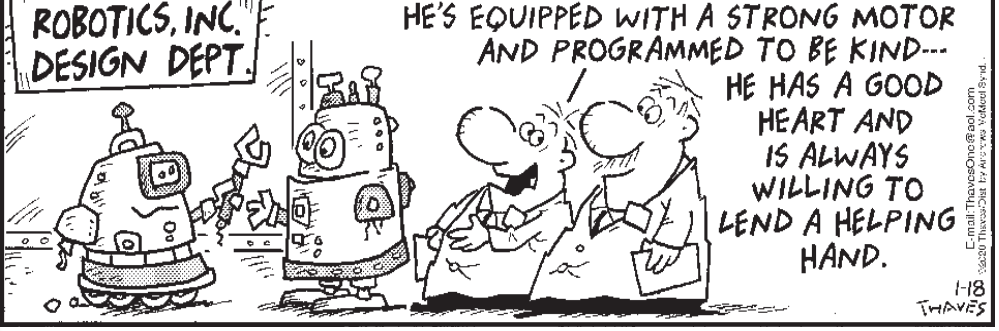
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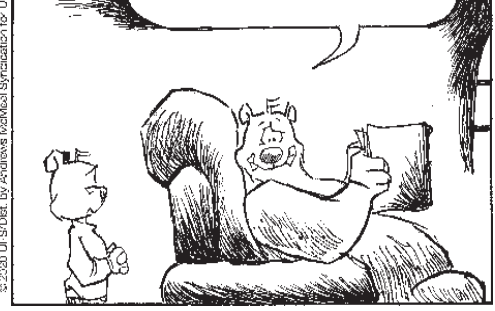
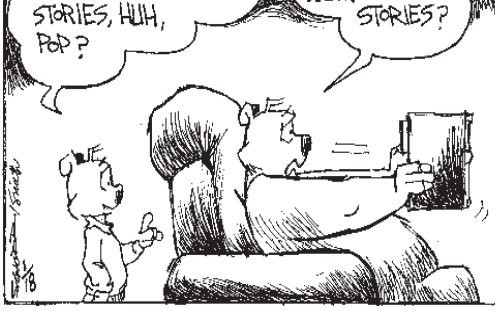
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ALAMOSA — Plans continue for the 2020 Rio Frio Ice Fest as the deadline for sponsors draws near.

“Beach Party — in the coldest place in the nation” is the theme of this year’s event set for Jan. 24-26. For sponsor details, go to www.riofrioice.com.

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

VALLEY — Energy assistance is provided through La Puente’s Outreach homeless prevention program. To qualify you must be directly responsible for an energy bill, your bill must be past due, and you must meet income qualifications. Call (719) 587-3781.

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

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

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

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

MONTE VISTA — The Monte Vista Assembly of God Church, God’s Closet, located at 881 N. Hwy 285, across from Mountain King is in need of clothing donations. Bring them to the white shed.

VALLEY — Cat food is needed to distribute to all the volunteers that are feeding the cats. Cat food donations may be left with Abie Roybal, 225 10th St., Alamosa, and monetary donations may be made to Donna K. Ditmore, manager for cat welfare for Alpha Humane, a nonprofit tax-exempt organization, and sent to 3095 County Road 108 South, Alamosa, CO 81101.

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

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

ALAMOSA — VFW in Alamosa hosts BINGO every Tuesday at 7 p.m.,

with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. Packs are \$5.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALAMOSA — Alamosa Toastmasters meets on Mondays at noon at The Bridge in Alamosa at 3407 Carroll St. Participants will find a supportive learn-by-doing environment that allows them to achieve their goals at their own pace. Call (719) 588-5127.

ALAMOSA — Can’t make it to Storytime at the Alamosa Public Library? That’s OK, check out the Storytime to Go Kits designed to bring Storytime into your home! Come into the Alamosa Public Library today, 300 Hunt Ave., Alamosa.

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

com/mopsalamosa or mopsalamosa.com

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

VALLEY — Rio Grande County Tourism Board is looking for high quality photographs that photographers would be willing to let the tourism board use for advertising purposes.

Contact Ruth Carapella at ruth@pencraftco.com or president@riograndetourism.com

CONEJOS COUNTY — The Conejos Library District has applied for and received a grant from the Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation titled Growing Readers Together. The purpose of the grant is to provide early literacy reading materials, reading related toys, and educational activities for home day care providers. The library will be able to provide kits in the form of books, educational toys, music and activities to anyone doing home day care in Conejos County.

Those who are interested in participating in this program please contact the library at (719) 274-5858.

ALAMOSA — The Valley-Wide Pharmacy is now a registered drop-off location for the Colorado Household Medication Take-Back Program. There is now a drop-off receptacle located at the pharmacy for the collection of household medications, including both prescription and over-the-counter medications. Drop off any unwanted household medications for free at the Valley-Wide Pharmacy. The Valley-Wide Pharmacy is inside

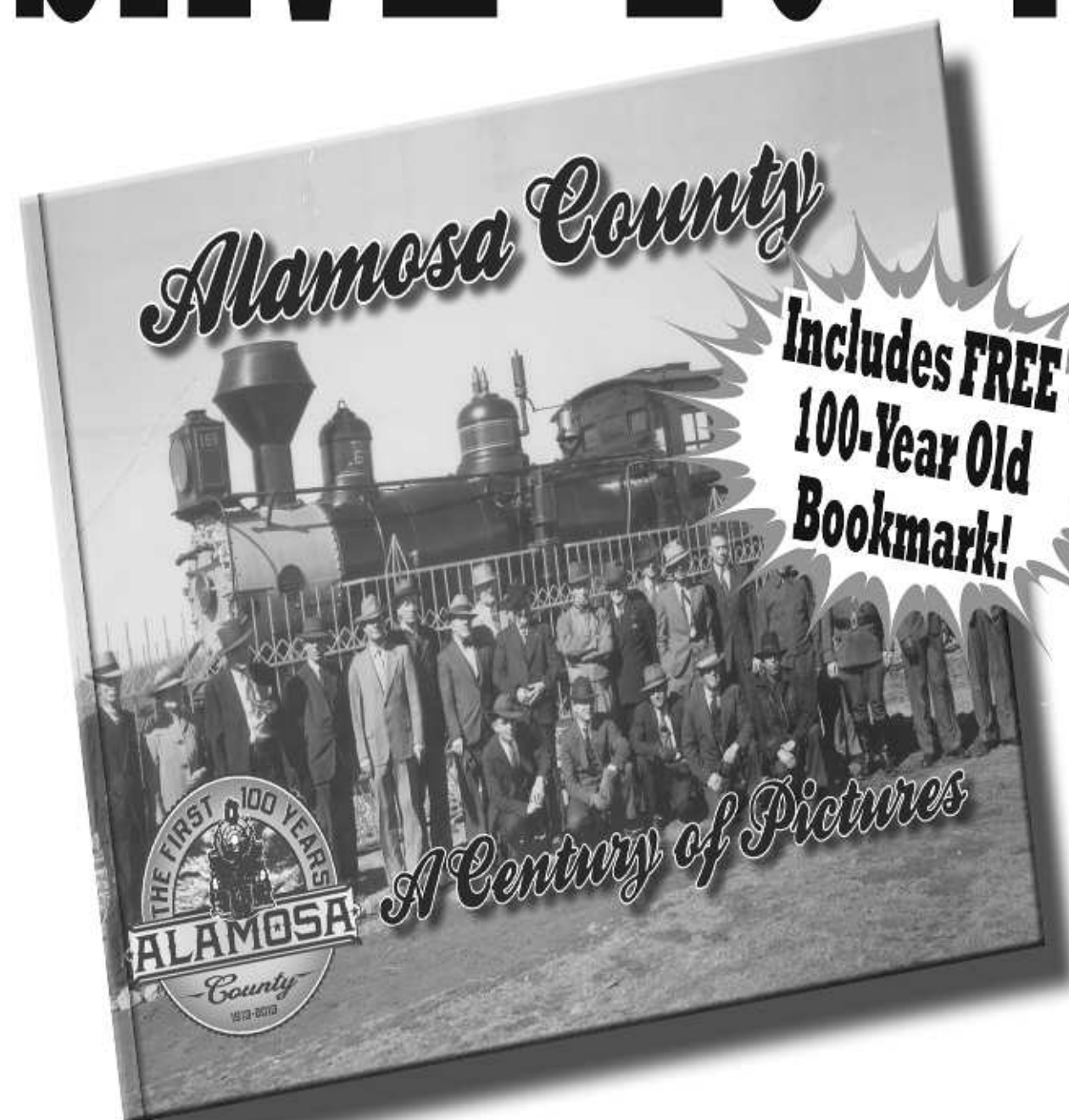
the Alamosa Family Medical Center clinic at 1710 First St, Alamosa.

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

VALLEY — The San Luis Valley Naloxone Education Empowerment Distribution (SLV N.E.E.D.) project came to an end. Free Narcan Nasal kits are still available at any of the local participating

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pharmacies while supplies last. Those pharmacies are: La Jara Health Mart Pharmacy, Alamosa Pharmacy, Valley Wide Health Systems Pharmacy (for Valley Wide Health Systems patients only), Jacks Market Pharmacy in Monte Vista and Rio Grande Pharmacy in Del Norte. Residents may need a prescription to pick up a kit.

DEL NORTE — The Rio Grande County Museum Board is looking for pictures of the construction of the "new" courthouse. The second courthouse was built in the late 1930's as a WPA project. Individuals can either donate the photos to the museum or a board member will make copies of them and return them. Contact Louise at the museum at (719) 657-2847.

ALAMOSA — Youngsters are invited to the Alamosa Public Library Story Room every Friday morning to sing, color, dance, read, enjoy adventures, share with friends and giggle. Babies and toddlers are welcome at 9:30 a.m. and preschoolers at 11 a.m.

MONTE VISTA — Valley Fiber Art Guild welcomes anyone interested in spinning, crocheting, knitting, weaving or other portable fiber activities to come to VFA gatherings. The group meets the fourth Saturday of every month starting at 1 p.m. at 757 County Rd. 29, Monte Vista. Email wcouzensmith@gmail.com or call (719) 852-5000.

VALLEY — Those concerned about their children's development are welcome to contact the free service SLV BOCES Child Find at (719) 589-5851. Child Find's job is to locate, identify and screen/evaluate children for whom there is a suspicion of a delay in speech, language, motor, social, self-help or cognitive skills. If a significant delay is identified, families are connected with appropriate free services to address delays.

ALAMOSA — Free breastfeeding classes are offered in Alamosa at the San Luis Valley Health Education and Conference Center on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 3-4 p.m.

ALAMOSA — La Puente's Outreach Services now has energy assistance funding in place. The qualifying fuels are: natural gas, electricity, propane, oil, kerosene, firewood, solid fuel pellets and coal. Please contact (719) 587-3781 with any questions or stop by 929 State St. in Alamosa to complete an application. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday from 1-5 p.m.

VALLEY — La Puente's Outreach Services Program is looking to assist veterans in the San Luis Valley with services including rental assistance, medical and nonmedical gas vouchers, household provisions, interview or work clothing, tuition assistance and job training. Call (719) 587-3781, ext. 213 or email director.outreach@lapuente.net.

VALLEY — The Senior Community Service Employment Program is seeking low-income unemployed seniors 55 years and older to participate in its paid job training program throughout southwest Colorado. Call (970) 385-3995.

VALLEY — San Luis Valley Animal Welfare Society is seeking donations of used Little Tikes playground equipment for their seven doggie parks: pools, houses, slides and such. Please call Aileen at (719) 587-WOOF (9663) to donate or email at wwoof@slvawv.org.

VALLEY — Valley children are often sent to the Front Range because there are not enough foster homes here in the San Luis Valley. Needs include foster homes, respite homes and support for foster homes. Call Mary Morin at (719) 580-6234 to hear more or (719) 589-2581

for an application packet.

ALAMOSA — Open drop-in meditation for health, stress management and spiritual growth, is held at 10:45 a.m. the second Sunday of the month at St. Thomas Episcopal Parish Hall, 607 Fourth St., Alamosa, with Mountain Institute, A Kriya, Meditation & Lamplighting School. Contact Martin at (575) 758-5876 or talentocal@live.com

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Police Department offers a bicycle registration program. Owners wishing to register their bicycles can bring them to the Alamosa Police Department at 425 Fourth St. during normal business hours between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. This service is free of charge to all residents of Alamosa, Alamosa County and students of Adams State University or Trinidad State Junior College. Contact (719) 589-2548.

ALAMOSA — The Veterans Affairs Office is looking for volunteer drivers to transport veterans for medical care in Pueblo, Colorado Springs and Denver. Call Frank Muniz at (719) 589-1109.

ALAMOSA — La Puente's homeless shelter serves three meals per day, 365 days a year, to guests and community members. That's more than 45,000 meals per year. La Puente needs cans of vegetables, fruit and tomato sauce as well as pasta, dairy products and pasta sauces. Blankets of all sizes are also welcome. Those who have anything to spare may please bring it to the shelter at 913 State Ave. in Alamosa (between Ninth and 10th streets). For more information or to find out other ways to help, please call (719) 589-5909 or come by the shelter any time.

ALAMOSA — Peace Meditation at the Campus Ministry Office, Adams State University, Alamosa, is held on Thursday evenings at 5:15 p.m. Everyone is invited. Contact Candace Knowlan (05) 886-6959.

DEL NORTE — Weekly yoga will be held at the Ruth Marie Center, 575 Columbia Ave. in Del Norte, with Milcah Hawk from 5:30-7 p.m. every Thursday. Come stretch, breathe and relax for just a donation. Bring your mat or use ours. Call (719) 850-1672.

ALAMOSA — Alamosa Masonic Lodge meetings are every first and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. (except June, July and August) at the Alamosa Masonic Lodge, Main and San Juan.

LA JARA — The United Church is beginning MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), which will be meeting the second and fourth Friday of each month from 10-11:30 a.m. at the La Jara United Church, Main and Fifth streets, with refreshments, babysitting and timely topics just for moms. Call Debbie Vance at (19) 580-6721.

ALAMOSA — Adams State University offers the expertise of its faculty to assist communities and local governments in a number of realms, from agribusiness and government internships, to dropout prevention and strategic planning. The guide was produced in cooperation with the Colorado Municipal League. It is available online at www.adams.edu/community/asresource-guide.pdf.

ALAMOSA — Families Healing Families is a community-based organization that provides support and resources for families affected by the impact of substance abuse. They meet on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center at 92 Rio Grande Ave. (on the north end of Cole Park) in Alamosa.

ANTONITO — Free Zumba classes for all ages are held at Guadalupe Elementary in Antonito Monday through Thursday from 6:15-7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Senior Citizens sell Safeway and City Market Gift cards and receive 5 percent of the sales to make a little money for the center. Stop at the center at 92

Colorado Ave. (north end of Cole Park, Alamosa) and purchase one. The cards are great for groceries, prescriptions or gas as well as gifts.

DEL NORTE — Want to help preserve the history of Rio Grande County? That opportunity is available through the Rio Grande County Museum and Cultural Center in Del Norte, which needs volunteers to help with greeting visitors, doing exhibits, inventory and computer work. Also, the Rio Grande County Museum, Inc. is looking for board members to help with fundraising, grant writing and other activities. Contact the museum at (719) 657-2847. The museum is located at 580 Oak St. in Del Norte.

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Photography Club meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Alamosa Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Contact Stephen Jensen at (719) 379-0001 or slvphotostephen@gmail.com

ALAMOSA — TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) CO 568, Alamosa, a nonprofit weight loss organization, meets every Tuesday evening at the College Heights Baptist Church at 2035 Church Ave. in Alamosa. Weigh in at 5:30 p.m. with an informative meeting at 6:15. Anyone interested in having weight loss support is welcome to attend a free meeting or call Doris at (719) 589-6396 for more information.

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Police Department will now provide citizens with dog licenses on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-10 a.m. The cost is \$2 for spayed and neutered dogs and \$10 for unaltered. A current proof of rabies vaccination is required.

LA JARA — Toddler Time will be at The Conjos Library in La Jara on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. It is beneficial for parents to read to their children and this provides an excellent opportunity to get started. It is free.

ALAMOSA — Search and Rescue meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Alamosa County Sheriff Office, 1315 17th St., at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer is welcome. Call Suzi at (719) 588-9236.

ALAMOSA — The GFWC Woman's Citizenship Club of Alamosa meets on the second Friday at noon from September through May at First United Methodist Church, NW door, 2005 Mullins Ave. For more information, please email womancitizenship-club@gmail.com.

ALAMOSA — A newly established confidential support group for people struggling with change will take place the first and third Monday of the month in Room 1 of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Center at 6 p.m. Changing from the Inside Out, facilitated by Luis Murrillo, will provide topics that will lead to conversations about individual struggles with change. Contact Lisa at (719) 588-5363.

VALLEY — The Saguache County Veteran Service Office is pleased to announce that homeless veterans and other veterans in financial need can receive help thanks to a five-county grant administered by the Chaffee County Veteran Service Office. Contact Jim Sheeran at (719) 655-2680. Office hours are Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MONTE VISTA — The San Luis Valley 4-H Robotics is looking for used laptop donations to help with expansion of their youth robotics program. Donated laptops should run Microsoft Windows XP or later or Mac OS 10.6 or later and have 1 GB of ram and at least a 1 GHz processor. Those interested in donating to support this program can call (719) 852-7381 or drop laptops off at the SLV Area Extension office at 1899 E. Hwy 160 in Monte Vista.

ALAMOSA — Alamosa Elks Lodge 1297 hosts BINGO at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the lodge room. Food is available.

MONTE VISTA — Tri County Seniors, 311 Washington St. in Monte Vista, are hosting line dance classes every Tuesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. for only

\$1 per class. New students are welcome. These are for all ages.

ALAMOSA — La Puente Home is requesting hygiene kits to assist the less fortunate of the San Luis Valley. Often, guests arrive at the homeless shelter without even the most basic of necessities. For this reason,

La Puente provides kits full of hygiene products such as soap, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, toothbrush and paste, deodorant and a washcloth. At this time, La Puente is running very low on all hygiene supplies. Call (719) 589-5909 or stop by La Puente Home at 913 State Ave., Alamosa.



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Friday
6-8 PM Luminaria X-Country Skiing
5:30-7:30 PM Race Packet Pick Up/Registration

Saturday
8-9:30 AM Race Packet Pick Up/Registration
10 AM Rio Frio 5K on the Rio Grande
12 PM Live Ice Sculpting
12-3 PM Beach Party Downtown
2 PM Kiwanis Costume Contest
3-7 PM Grub n' Pub
7 PM Fire and Ice Bonfire

Sunday
10 AM Frost Mountain Sports For All Races
11 AM Pond Ice Curling
12 PM Polar Plunge

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