

OBITUARIES

JW (Bill) Pryor, 100

MONTE VISTA — Jones William Pryor passed Jan. 18, 2020, at his home on Adams Street in Monte Vista, Colorado. Bill was born April 4, 1919, and was a lifelong resident of Monte Vista. He served in the Army during WW2 in the South Pacific where he was wounded and received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. After the service Bill went to CSU in Fort Collins and earned a degree in Forestry. Bill met his wife at CSU (Helen Imelda Shea) and they were married in 1948. After Graduation they returned to Monte Vista where Bill worked for Sunrise Cemetery and Sinton Dairy. Bill is survived by his four children (Pat Griest, Linda Pryor, Bill Pryor and Michelle Schaefer), eight grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Bill was preceded in death by parents Edwin and Edith Pryor; brothers Wallace and Robert; his wife Helen of 57 years; daughter-in-law, Patti, a grandchild, Erin; and a nephew, Bobby. Bill enjoyed the mountains, fishing, and spending time with family and friends. Bill was an artist and was a longtime member of the Alpine Artists. Bill very much enjoyed shar-



ing his art in hand painted Christmas cards and his paintings are scattered across the country with family and friends. Bill celebrated his 100th birthday in 2019. Funeral services are being handled by Romero Funeral Home. Memorial Mass will be held at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Monte Vista at 2 p.m. On Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020. Testimonials and Meal to Follow.

Rebecca (grandma Becky) Marie Martinez, 70

MONTE VISTA — Becky Marie Martinez went to her eternal rest with her Heavenly Father early Saturday morning, Jan. 18, 2020.

Becky was born in Monte Vista on Oct. 21, 1949 to Joe Procopio Medina and Eufelia (Felix) Medina (Naranjo).

Becky was a dedicated mother, grandma, great-grandma, sister, aunt, cousin and friend. She loved her family dearly and they loved and cared for her selflessly.

Becky enjoyed listening to her gospel music and sermons. Becky was ready to go to her Lord and savior.

Becky is survived by her daughters Lynette (David), Karen (Juan) Majalca, her grandchildren Olivia, Cristina, Amy, Blanca Cano, Juan (Clarissa), Ben (RyAnna), Nancy (Sam) Montoya and Maribel Majalca, Kenny, Jr., Andrew, Ashley Martinez, Anthony, Angelo and Orion Montoya, step-Grandchildren Brian and Britany Martinez, great grandchildren Mia Majalca, Avery Cano, Manuel Robles, Keile Aaragon, Achilles, Miguel, Leo and Romilo Medina. She is also survived by sisters Juanita Archuleta, Esther (Cecil) Sewell, Annie (Roberto) Segura, Orlinda (Maxi) Ventura and brother Art (Ursula) Medina and very special cousin Joyce (Mark) Renshaw.

Becky was preceded in death by her husband Ben, son Kenny, Mom, Dad, sisters Gloria Montoya, Verna Retana, Carol Campa, Brother



Thomas Medina and special friend Leo Montoya.

Becky was a dedicated believer in God and was ready to go with Him. Becky enjoyed helping whenever she could and was a big part of our reunions and made gift bags for her church. Her greatest joy was her family, who took her out with them to their outings. Becky had a sense of humor and lived her life to the fullest and didn't complain about her illnesses. Becky will be greatly missed by us all but we know she is in a far better place.

There will be a service for Becky at The Door at 1300 West 12th on Highway 285 in Alamosa at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25. A dinner will follow at the Knights of Columbus at 812 8th Street in Alamosa.

Coleen E. Hurzeler (McDonald)

MONTE VISTA — Coleen E. Hurzeler (McDonald) was born in Oklahoma March 17, 1921. Her parents, Jim and Rhae McDonald, moved the family to Monte Vista, Colorado during the tough economic conditions of the 1930s. She and her brother, Robert Patrick McDonald and her sister Jeanine McDonald (later McKibben/Warmack) attended Monte Vista schools. Coleen graduated from Monte Vista High School with the Class of 1939.

World War 2 interrupted the next part of Coleen's life. She moved to Camp Roberts near San Luis Obispo, California where she married her Monte Vista boyfriend/soldier, Jim Hurzeler. Their marriage lasted 70 years until Jim's passing in 2012.

Jim and Coleen moved to California after the war and resided in Gardena and Hawthorne before moving to Palos Verdes Estates in 1954. Coleen lived in the Palos Verdes home until her last few years. After Jim died, her sister, Jeannie, moved in with her and provided love, support and assistance. By the time Coleen reached 95 years of age, she needed further support and moved to Sunrise

Assisted Living of Palos Verdes, where she lived out the rest of her life until her passing at age 98 Dec. 2, 2019. Her son, Don Hurzeler, was with her the evening before her passing and she was in good spirits...passing quickly of heart failure the next morning. A service was held at Green Hills Mortuary near Palos Verdes Dec. 27, 2019.

Jim and Coleen had two children, Don and Pam...both raised in Palos Verdes Estates. Together, the family were frequent summertime visitors back to Monte Vista, Colorado to visit friends and relatives. Pam died at age 60 of a stroke. Don lives in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. Coleen's parents passed long ago and her brother, Pat passed away in 2003. Her sister, Jeanine Warmack, lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Coleen was known for her smile, her optimistic and caring manner and for her love and support of her husband, Jim Hurzeler. She was a terrific mom, a solid employee when she worked in the credit department of the Treasury retail store and a great neighbor. She never forgot her ties to Monte Vista, Colorado, yet loved her home and



it's terrific view on Via Acalones in Palos Verdes Estates. She is survived by her sister, numerous nieces and nephews, her son Don and beloved daughter-in-law, Linda Hurzeler, two grand-children and five great grand-children. Her newest granddaughter, Julia Coleen Hurzeler, was in attendance at her funeral...born just four days earlier. Think of Coleen smiling...she loved her life, the people around her, Colorado, California and most of all, her husband, Jim.

MONTE VISTA POLICE REPORT

The listed names and incidents were reported in the Monte Vista Police Department's "Bulletin Report." Persons should be presumed innocent until convicted in a court of law.

Jan. 5

- MVPD took a report of a broken camper trailer window at 442 Monroe St. No suspects.

- Officers responded to the 1500 block of Grand for a report of a theft

Jan. 6

- Cheryle Ray, 54 of Del Norte, was arrested for an outstanding warrant and additionally charged with Possession of Drugs, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Obstructing a Peace Officer, and Tampering with Evidence.

- Jabez Chavez age 25 of Alamosa, was arrested on a warrant out of Alamosa County Sheriff's Office in the 10 block of 1st Avenue.

Jan. 8

- At approximately 0300 hours, Christopher Sanchez age 24 of Monte Vista was arrested for 3 active warrants for his arrest. There were no additional charges. This occurred within the 1000 BLK of Park A venue.

- There was a report of theft in the 600 block of 1st Avenue.

- There was a report of a four-car accident in the 600 Block of 1st Avenue.

- There was a report of a theft in the 1900 block of Newcomb A venue.

Jan. 9

- MVPD responded to a family disturbance in the 600 block of C lay Street.

- Officers received a call for a Brown SUV that may have been involved in a crash in the area of East Drive and N. Henderson Road. The driver, Jeremy Salter (22) of Del Norte was issued a Summons for Careless Driving and Obstructed Vision.

- There was a report of recovered cell phones from Safeway.

- Officers responded to Top Value for a customer who attempted to run over an employee. After reviewing security footage, the driver identified as Richard Samora (70) of Monte Vista was advised not to return to the store.

- Jacob Harr 34, of Pueblo was issued a summons for disregarding a traffic control devise and driving under restraint. This took place in the 900 block of 1st Avenue

- MVPD assisted Parole with a home visit in the 300 block of Washington Street.

Jan. 10

- MVPD was advised of found

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COLORADO — Families interested in Colorado Ski Country USA's (CSCUSA) industry leading 5th and 6th Grade Passport Program must register for the program by Jan. 31 in order to enjoy free or reduced-price Passport skiing and riding this year.

The Passport Program is unparalleled with its access to 22 ski areas and Colorado's signature winter sports, skiing and snowboarding. The program is ideal for families of all types including those that have never visited a ski area, are new to Colorado or are lifelong skiing or riding families.

The 5th Grade Passport provides fifth-graders three days of free skiing at 22 CSCUSA member ski areas. The 6th Grade Passport allows sixth-graders four days of skiing at the same 22 ski areas for \$130.

CSCUSA's First Class lesson program complements the 5th Grade Passport Program and provides eligible fifth-graders who have never

been on the slopes the possibility of getting one (1) free ski or snowboard lesson and one (1) full equipment rental at a participating ski area of their choosing.

To register for the Passport Program and for more information about First Class Lessons, parents can visit www.ColoradoSki.com/Passport. The CSCUSA Passport Program enjoys the support of presenting sponsor Christy Sports, which provides one (1) free equipment rental to all Passport holders per season redeemable at any Christy Sports location.

Participating resorts in the 2019-20 Passport program include: Arapahoe Basin, Aspen Highlands, Aspen Mountain, Buttermilk, Cooper, Copper Mountain, Echo Mountain, Eldora, Granby Ranch, Howelsen Hill, Hesperus, Kendall Mountain, Loveland, Monarch, Powderhorn, Purgatory, Snowmass, Steamboat, Sunlight, Telluride, Winter Park and Wolf Creek.

Manuel Lopez hired at public works



Photo by Rebecca Copley

Public Works Director Rob Vance introduced new hire Manuel Lopez to the City Council at their last meeting. Lopez has been with the department for a little over a month and has already become a great asset. "He works in our streets department and we're really glad to have him," said Vance. Vance shared with the council how Lopez had been working with the department for less than a week when a huge snowstorm hit. Lopez volunteered to come in and help which impressed Vance. "I'm very happy to be working for the city. I'm enjoying it a whole lot and I hope to be here for a while," Lopez told the council.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

Over the horizon

No week is complete without a challenge and this one was no exception.

A good share of my fans -- and detractors -- of these musings live in places with great views and even better sunsets as El Sol dips into the western landscape.

This week, though, that's not the type of horizon I want to talk about.

Now Ol' Dutch and Miss Trixie could be said to be heavy users of the online phone service and in fact, I doubt anyone uses their phones more than us. Miss Trixie can find anything you want and most of what you do not want with those magic fingers of hers. And Ol' Dutch is always looking at the weather. Yeah, just a man thing.

But all that clickety clacking takes a phone and a phone takes service and service takes a provider. Since we travel extensively and depend on phones for everything from soup to nuts, we have found that one certain cell phone carrier works the best wherever we land.

And all in all they have been pretty good except when it comes to replacing a faulty device. Oh, you get one eventually but not without evoking a few Rosaries, prayers of intense fervor and fake tears.

This past year Ol' Dutch has been in the replacement phone circle with my carrier whom we shall now call Horizon. As it has been horrible.

It all began some four years ago when I decided to get a new Android phone. I really liked it but about two years into this deal the battery life began to fade like an old man in his easy chair: he can still get up but really doesn't want to.

This began an almost constant communication between Horizon and my agent, Miss Trixie, and they have sent me so many refurbished phones that I have lost track. For those of you who do not know what refurbished is let me explain it to you.

The carrier takes in an old phone that has issues or has been traded in by some disgruntled customers and puts it through a 101 test regimen. Now what they do not tell you is if it passed said tests or just went through them. Kind of like marriage. Sometimes you just live with what you got.

The batteries in these rehab phones are the same batteries as it came with which means it's just like the one causing me problems. And as the batteries are now built into every phone this requires that you buy a



Trout Republic
by Kevin Kirkpatrick

new phone instead of a battery like we used to do. This is called good business for them and bad luck for all of us.

That is some kind of smart right there. So this past year the phones came and went and chargers and cords passed in the mail like ships in the night because each time I had a failure, the company insisted it was a bad charger or cord and so we got new ones. This means we have a cupboard with enough cords to connect Space X with the Earth while in orbit.

Of course it was not the accessories so after much whining on my part new but well-used phones came in the mail. Some lasted months but lately they are lasting anywhere from two days to two weeks and I have had three since Christmas alone.

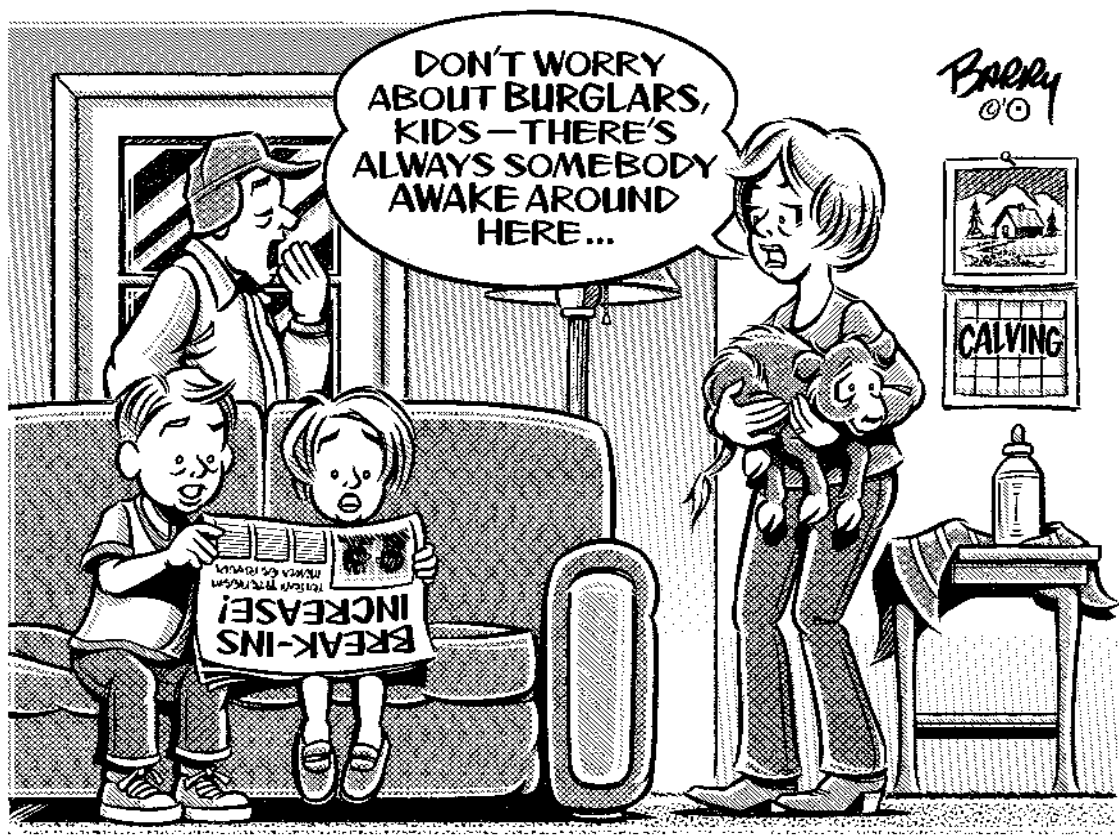
This has led to what is known as a "mad hatter" syndrome as Ol' Dutch is about to lose his mind over the phone quitting every few days.

But as they say, better lucky than good so now good vibes have smiled down on me and I now have a working phone.

I did have some expenses incurred from so much time on the phone like cauliflower ear and Miss Trixie learned a few new swear words as Ol' Dutch would hit the wall every time he called about the phone.

It does appear that Ol' Dutch will eventually have to buy a newer model just like I did when I got Miss Trixie and come to think of it, that worked out pretty well. Yes, pretty well indeed.

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2020 Vision: Implementing the READ ACT

On Jan. 8 at 10 a.m., the Colorado Legislature convened the 72nd General Assembly. The Colorado Constitution states that the regular session must begin no later than the second Wednesday in January and must adjourn within 120 calendar days. There are also special sessions that are called to extend the regular session, but that is very rare.

While the legislature commenced Under the Dome, I was Across the Street attending a State Board of Education meeting. This year the board will write rules to accompany the education bills passed in the last session. Senate Bill 199 (SB19-199) or The Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act was of great interest, not only because all one hundred legislators voted to pass it, but because of my background as a teacher. That bill also addressed the fact that only 40% of our fourth-graders are reading at grade level. Since passage of the bill I've been traveling around the district sharing how the READ act can help students become better readers and what the bill means to parents, teachers and the community.

One of the ways parents/teachers/community members can learn about newer, more reliable, evidence-based methods to teach children how to

read is to take a class. However, who has the time?

I felt the same way until I found a FREE online MOOC. A MOOC is an acronym for Massive Open Online Course. MOOCs are free, and a person only needs an email address to sign up. I wanted to take the course to understand what teachers needed to learn under the READ Act, and I wanted to receive a certificate for taking the class. The Friday Institute out of North Carolina State College of Education offers a MOOC called Teaching Foundational Reading Skills. The course clearly explains what the evidence-based reading program is all about and how adults using the program can successfully raise the reading ability of students from kindergarten through the third grade.

This was the message that I took to schools and libraries throughout the 3rd Congressional District. When students are taught to read, according to the requirements of the READ Act, they will have the most critical component and increased opportunity for success.

When I visited Pueblo, community members in attendance included the Superintendent, school board members, teachers and community members. Dr. Margaret Wright, a



Across the Street
BY JOYCE RANKIN
State Board of Education

member of the Pueblo 60 school board, attended that session. I recently spoke with Dr. Wright, and she shared an "A-Ha" moment that came about as a result of taking the MOOC course and realizing the importance of proper reading instruction, not only K-3 but as a part of the whole K-12 learning experience. She, too, has become passionate about the importance of evidence-based reading instruction to ensure student success.

As the legislative session progresses, I'll be continuing to meet with communities sharing some of the ways they can support what students should be learning in the classroom.

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'Colorado...it's AgriCultural' photo contest

BROOMFIELD - Colorado agriculture provides picturesque landscapes for both amateur and professional photographers. Winning entries in the 22nd annual "Colorado...it's AgriCultural" Photography Contest showcase the state's agricultural diversity, from crops being harvested in dim evening light before a storm and a close-up of a curious cow to aerial views of fields and pollinators at work.

"Judges were excited to see the next generation of Colorado agriculture featured in the winning photo," said Wendy White, marketing specialist at the Colorado Department of Agriculture. "It is encouraging to see young and beginning farmers interested in pursuing a career in agriculture."

The winners were selected based on relation to Colorado agriculture, creativity and technical quality. The grand-prize winner, which best depicts the "spirit" of Colorado agriculture, is Brandee Gillham of **Peetz**, Colorado, with the entry entitled "Pursue the Dream." The winning photograph shows a young cowboy watching his family herd cattle.

Other top finishers from across Colorado include Travis Harvey of **Pueblo**, first place in the ag from above category; Allison Porter of **Cortez**, first place in the crops category; Michael McCaffrey of **Cope**, first place livestock; Ethan Voth of **Monument**, first place urban agriculture; and Bryan Harding of **Love**, first place open professional.

Individuals receiving an honorable mention include Shelby Chesnut, **Kersey**; Jennifer Nichols, **Eckert**; Michael McCaffrey, **Cope**; Allison Porter, **Cortez**; Emily Sierra Photography, **Berthoud**; Brandee Gillham, **Peetz**; and Amy Hadden Marsh, **Glenwood Springs**.

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Creede Pond Hockey is fun for everyone

BY LYNDIE FERRELL

CREEDE- The warm afternoon sun glistened off the ice rinks north of Creede Saturday while teams from all walks of life took to the ice for the annual Golden Pick Ice Hockey Tournament in Creede. Hockey players from all over the U.S. gathered for a weekend full of fun, friendly competition and winter recreation.

The event began as a way to break up the bleak winter months in Creede and has grown to a full-on festival of sorts for the small mountain town. The tournament brings characters of all different backgrounds to town which give the event that special Creede-like

feel; a uniqueness that can only be found in and around the west end of the Valley.

The weekend started out with 24 teams between two levels of players for the event. Players came from local businesses and organizations as well as hockey enthusiasts from places as far as Michigan to as close as Alamosa. The weekend was a great success and ended with two champions from each level.

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.

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

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3 - 7 PM Grub n' Pub
7 PM Fire and Ice Bonfire

Sunday
10 AM Kristi Mountain Sports Fat Bike Races
11 AM Pond Ice Curling
12 PM Polar Plunge

Sargent's Van Bibber named to CDCCA Hall of Fame

DENVER —Colorado baseball history isn't complete without a distinguished class of hall of famers. With that in mind, members of the Colorado Dugout Club Coaches Association (CDCCA) decided to construct its own Hall of Fame. Spurred on by a nomination committee, the Colorado Dugout Club was proud to present its 2010 inaugural Hall of Fame class. The process that led to the initial class of 19 was arduous, tedious, exciting and rewarding.

This year the process was every bit as exciting and rewarding. The nominees increased from last year to now a ballot of over 150 men who someday may enter this select group of baseball people and refer to themselves as hall of famers. Along the way, many of these nominees again crossed paths with previous classes inductees, and intertwined with a single purpose—to add their special touch to unify players, coaches and schools. And they did that with an uncanny ability and grace that has helped develop the highest standard for others to follow.

These men, as did the previous year's groups and the inaugural class, have achieved above the norm. Their contributions and influence created legacies along the way that impacted those throughout the state, region, nation and internationally. Their involvement within and outside their respective communities have led others to refer to them as "Base-

ball Guys" and "Mr. Baseball". This year's class, joins those who have set themselves apart, made a difference, passed the test of time and left an indelible mark.

Therefore, it is with great honor that we, the Colorado Dugout Club Coaches Association, would like to present the Hall of Fame class of 2020: CHSAA Assistant Commissioner Bert Borgmann, long time former head baseball coach at Colorado University Frank "Chief Prentup, Former head coach at Mullen HS and Metro State University Vince Porreco, Long time baseball coach at Colorado School of Mines Jim Darden, longtime baseball coach and tournament organizer in Pueblo Joe Andenuncio, Former head baseball coach in Rifle Gordon Cooper, Current head baseball coach at Sargent HS Terry Van Bibber and Longtime Denver area head and assistant coach Bob Dampier.

The hall of fame dinner and festivities will begin at 7 p.m. January 17 at the Marriott Tech Center, 4900 S. Syracuse St Denver Co. Former players, former coaching colleagues and all their past and current friends please come celebrate the careers of this incredible group of men.

Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased by contacting Mike Letofsky at coloradodugoutclub@comcast.net or 303-809-0132, or by purchasing online at coloradodugoutclub.org.



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Sargent's Terry Van Bibber watches his team during 2018 2A state tournament play.

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SPORTS

Lulls doom Pirates in first league game

By STEPHEN JIRON
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 As-

sociation (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

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Photo by Stephen Jiron
 Centauri senior Derek Ban Berkum (2) looks for some real estate while Monte Vista's Tyrese Otero (4) and Jarren Chavez (1) defend

Falcons defeat Monte Vista girls at home

Centauri picks up number ten on the road
By STEPHEN JIRON
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 relenting 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 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.



Photo 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.

San Luis Valley Scoreboard Basketball 2019-2020

Girls

Antonito 45.....	CSD# 11
Del Norte 53.....	Ignacio 50
Sargent 35.....	Mancos 32
Cotopaxi 63.....	Creede 20
Center 33.....	Monte Vista 32
Alamosa 47.....	Manzanola 33
Sierra Grande 60.....	Creede 27
Sanford 60.....	South Park 6
Centauri 69.....	Monte Vista 22
Alamosa @ Bayfield Postponed	
Pagosa Springs 49.....	Centauri 35
Alamosa 61.....	Monte Vista 13
Sargent 34.....	Custer County 26
Del Norte 57.....	Center 36
Antonito 57.....	Creede 23
Sierra Grande 69.....	Aguilar 10

COLLEGE

Colorado Mesa 67.....	Adams State 42
Western State 61.....	Adams State 44

Boys

Monte Vista 56.....	Center 33
Pueblo East 56.....	Alamosa 52
Antonito 55.....	CSD# 54
Mancos 61.....	Sargent 33
Alamosa @ Bayfield Postponed	
Manzanola 65.....	Antonito 38
Sanford 65.....	South Park 25
Crested Butte 47.....	Del Norte 41
Centauri 55.....	Monte Vista 38
Centauri 52.....	Pagosa Springs 42
Sargent 63.....	Custer County 33
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2019 All-Valley Cross-Country team

Student-athletes from all over the valley were recognized for their cross-country efforts this past fall. The members of the All-Valley Cross-Country team were released.

The All-Valley Cross-Country team contains a spattering of runners that qualified for the state finals as well as harriers also on the CHSAA All-State team.

Both Alamosa teams qualified for state as well as the girls team from Centauri and the

boys team from Sargent. As far as All-State honors went both Josh Medina and Josh Lopez of Alamosa earned first and second-team All-State respectively. Riley Kenison and Nigel Cortright of Sargent were honorable mentions.

For the girls, it was Lilly Lavier of Alamosa and Kendra Sears of Sargent who added All-Valley honors to their First and Second team honors respectively. Emily Lavier picked up on honorable mention.



Photos courtesy of Larry Zaragoza

1. Centauri; from left - Kelcee Coombs, Lizzie Valentine, Abigail Sowards, and Mason Sowards not pictured Bo Cormier. 2. Monte Vista; Heather Prevatte. 3. Del Norte; Ben Parra. 4. Sargent; from left Riley Orr, Riley Kenison, and Nigel Cortright not pictured Kendra Sears. 5. Center, Dolores Estrada. 6. Alamosa boys; from left - Josh Lopez, Gradie Gardner, Isaac Higareda, Cole Schwiezer, and Josh Medina. 7. Alamosa girls; from left - Emily Lavier, Lilly Lavier, Alliyah Molina, Anahi Molina, Whitney Thong and Abby Wubben.



The Colorado LEAP program is a federally funded state-supervised, county-administered system and is designed to *assist* with your winter heating costs. The LEAP Program eligibility period runs from **November 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020**

Eligibility Requirements, you may be eligible for LEAP assistance if:

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3	\$3,831
4	\$4,561
5	\$5,290
6	\$6,021
7	\$6,157
8	\$6,294
Each additional person	\$137

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GAME

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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. Monte Vista will head east to meet Alamosa (5-4) in what looks to be a telling game for both teams. Starting times for both Centauri-Pagosa Springs and Monte Vista-Alamosa are scheduled for 7 p.m.

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MVPD

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property at Loves.

- Officers responded to the 600 block of Morton Street for a reported run away juvenile. The parent knew the juvenile was with a grandparent, and was upset they had not dropped him off at the requested time.

- Officers responded to the 200 block of Stallo Street for a reported dog bite. The victim had a minor injury to his leg, and the dog owner, Leroy Sanchez (67) of Monte Vista was issued a summons for Dangerous Dog.

Jan. 11

- There was a medical assist in the 200 block of Clearview Drive.
- There was a report of theft in the 500 block of Morris Street.

Jan. 13

- Three Juveniles were taken into custody for Underage Possession of marijuana. One of which had a felony

Jan. 15

- At approximately 0515 hours, Officers contacted Yuniel Escobar-Sanchez age 37 of Las Vegas, Nevada after he ¾ had been walking in single digit temperatures for over two hours - EMS assist

- Leann Adams 39 of Monte Vista, was arrested on two failure to comply warrants out of Rio Grande County Sheriff's



Jan. 16

- Officers were contacted at the Police Department for a Chime credit card which had been found at Alta Convenience Store (605 1st A venue). The owner has not been contacted at this time.

Jan. 17

- Leonard Barela, 37 of Monte Vista was arrested for Criminal Impersonation, and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance.

- Officers received a call for a suspicious party carrying a welder near 2nd A venue and Jefferson Street. The male party abandoned the welder in the 200-block alleyway between Jefferson Street and Madison Street.

- There was a report of a possible burglary, in the 200 block of Tyndal Street.

- Jose Barraza Salazar, 54 of Alamosa, was cited for driving without a license and operating a defective vehicle at Grande Avenue and Lyell Street

- MVPD took a report of stolen property out of a truck in the 200 block of Solar Avenue

FISHING

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liciously collected from a 3rd party site is to avoid such sites altogether.

Starting March 1, CPW will be selling 2020 13-month fishing licenses. Customers will be able to purchase these valid licenses at cpwshop.com, at a CPW park or office, or from an authorized Colorado sales agent in person.

If you have questions about purchasing a license at cpwshop.com, our Call Center can assist you at 303-297-1192, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. MST (except state holidays). To find an authorized sales agent near you, visit www.cpwshop.com/issuerlist.page.

The Changing Seasons of Life

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV) says, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." This is true in every area of our lives—in our relationships, jobs, personal growth, our walk with Christ, and even in our hobbies and interests. I've been through many different seasons at this point in my life, and each one has been challenging and rewarding in some way. For example...

As parents, Dave and I have gone through different seasons with our four children. There was a period when we had to help them with everything and give them guidance in every decision. Then, as they grew, we let them begin making decisions on their own. And later on, when it was time for them to leave home, we had to disengage from them so they could pursue their own lives.

We've also gone through different seasons in our relationship. Dave and I used to be together most of the time, building the ministry we have today. Now, after 53 years of marriage, we still love being together and are closer than we've ever been, but we can also give each other more space to do things we each enjoy.

There are friends I used to spend a lot of time with and now I don't see them often or at all. And I've had different jobs through the years with various types of responsibilities to manage.

I like change because life gets boring if everything is always the same. But change isn't always easy, especially when it comes to our inner life and our spiritual growth.

Knowing When You Need a Change

It's important to be able to discern when it's time for a change. Because if we hang on to something that God is done using—a place He no longer needs us to be or something He no longer wants us to do—then we'll become miserable.

I've discovered that just because I've done something for years, it doesn't mean God won't give me a

new direction in life. And as I've aged the last few years, I've really been impacted by this statement: Only a fool thinks he can always do what he's always done.

I've had to make some big changes in recent years because of issues I was having with my physical health. I was tired all the time and realized I needed to stop doing everything I'd been doing because it was just too much for me.

I'd reached a crisis point and was forced to make some changes. That meant trusting others to take care of some responsibilities I didn't need to keep managing so I could focus on the things God wants me to do.

I remember one instance when the thought crossed my mind, "Well, I guess I'm not really needed anymore." But the truth is I just needed to let some things go so I could be free to do what God has called me to do. And that's a wonderful place to be!

The Seasons for Your Inner Life

More than any other area of your life, God is concerned about your inner life—your character, godly mindsets and attitudes. 1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV) says, "...The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

We need to pay more attention to our inner life. What the world would be like if every Christian spent more time getting spiritually ready for their day than they did showering, shaving, getting dressed, fixing their hair, putting on makeup, etc.? I remember when I didn't spend time alone with God at the beginning of my day, and although I looked good on the outside, I looked ugly to God because my heart wasn't right. I didn't treat people right, I had bad attitudes and was hard to get along with.

I went through years of waiting on God, letting Him work in my heart and mind to change me from the inside out before He put me in a position to help many people. At the time, it was so frustrating, and I didn't understand what

LEAD

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in April 2018."

Alamosa was one of those four pilot sites, and the other three are in Pueblo, Longmont and Denver. Deacon shared that Alamosa has been the longest running so far. "The city of Alamosa is the one who actually wrote the original grant," said Deacon adding, "They wrote it with the intention for us to be able to expand our program so we started in Alamosa in April 2018. Then in Feb. 2019 we trained Monte Vista Police and Rio Grande Sheriff departments. Since Feb. 2019 we've been working with the police department here in Monte Vista. They've been a great addition to our team. They've been very proactive in making a lot of referrals."

Deacon also shared a little background information on how the program works, "It really starts with the officers because they're on the street they're coming into contact with this population. It's all based off officer discretion. When officers are coming into contact with someone they have an option to divert a charge and it would be only one charge. The initial charge that they come into contact with that person they have the decision at that point to either offer them a tool and a resource to get connected to help or take them to jail like they usually would do. The purpose of it is to try and reduce the recidivism ring and that revolving door of people coming in and out of the judicial system."

After they receive a referral to the LEAD program a case manager like Holly Snow starts working with them. "She's literally out in the field she will go out where they are. She will find them to take them to court. She takes them to doctor's appointments, she takes them to get a driver's license, I mean you name it. There's so many different things that we've done for our participants. She's really the one

who works on the ground with them to make sure they're getting their needs met so they're not getting into trouble again," said Deacon.

"I love my job so much. Yes, it's hard and the people are tough sometimes, but when you start seeing the results it's worth it. When you start seeing some of the positive stuff. I had somebody that I hadn't talked to in a few months just show up today out of the blue, so I think when they're ready they come," shared Snow about her job as a case manager for LEAD in Monte Vista.

Twice a month LEAD also has operational workgroup meetings. At these meetings their team comes together with law enforcement to give them updates on all of the referrals they've made. They keep them informed of how this person is doing and law enforcement also informs them if they have any information on them.

The LEAD program also has a liaison Scott Dylan in the DA's office who helps them keep track of the recidivism rates, court dates and other data. Dylan shared some statistics with the council, "These stats are based off our active participants and our inactive participants. These are people who have completed our intake but have chosen to either become inactive with our case manager Holly or have remained active." Dylan shared that right

now they have 13 active participants with a total of three arrests since Feb. 2019. One of these participants has two arrests of the total three arrests. "In all we have 11 active participants that have zero arrests after completing their intake. That's what LEAD's goal is to end this cycle of recidivism." They also have two inactive participants who have completed their intake and refused to stay in contact with their case manager. These two inactive participants have a total of three arrests.

Dylan also shared that they have two types of referrals, social referrals and diversion referrals. "Social referrals are when participants get referred to LEAD without having a charge so they weren't arrested on a drug charge or anything. But they came in contact with a police officer and the police officer decided to make a social referral. These active social referrals actually have our least amounts of arrest," said Dylan.

Officer Ezekiel Sisneros of the Monte Vista Police Department also shared his perspective as someone in law enforcement saying, "I think it's been a great program if we can get people onboard. They can see the goals that we've made and the strides that we've made with people that we've contacted or referred. It's been good."

PUBLIC NOTICES

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR AIRPORT ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE MONTE VISTA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

The City of Monte Vista, CO as sponsor of a public use airport facility, is soliciting qualification based sealed Statements of Qualifications for the selection of a principal airport consultant to provide Engineering Services for the Monte Vista Municipal Airport. A complete SOQ packet can be requested via email at rvance@ci.monte-vista.co.us.

Submittals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. (local time) on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 in the office of:

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The contract will be for the basic airport engineering consulting services as defined herein. The City of Monte Vista reserves the right to inquire into the prospective proposer's ability to provide professional services, as defined below. The City of Monte Vista also reserves the right to amend the Schedule of Projects and contract Scope of Work at the sole discretion of The City of Monte Vista on behalf of the Monte Vista Municipal Airport. Our selection process is intended to be in compliance with the current version of FAA Advisory Circular AC-150/5100-14, "Architectural Engineering and Planning Consultant Services for Airport Grant Projects"

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He was doing. But looking back now, I am so glad that God made me wait until He knew I was ready before He gave me the opportunity to teach His Word to people all over the world. It's scary to think about how I could have hurt people more than helped them had I been given this ministry too soon.

What season of life are you in right now? Are you facing a major change in your family, your friendships, your work, or your health? Are you in a season of waiting on God to work in you so He can do something through you?

Wherever you are today, I want to encourage you to trust God's timing for change, knowing that He will cause all things to work out for your good as you follow His lead. More than anything else, pursue a closer relationship with Jesus, and He'll guide you through every season of your life.

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CRS 438-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 19-1084

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On October 11, 2019, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Rio Grande records.

Original Grantor(s)	Jose Manuel Ojeda
Original Beneficiary(ies)	Del Norte Federal Bank, Now Known as Del Norte Bank
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt	Del Norte Bank, Formerly Known as Del Norte Federal Bank
Date of Deed of Trust	February 21, 2007
County of Recording	Rio Grande
Recording Date of Deed of Trust	February 26, 2007
Recording Information (Receipt No. and/or Book/Page No.)	20070696639 Book: 531 Page: 2105
Original Principal Amount	\$52,478.04
Outstanding Principal Balance	\$29,548.65

Pursuant to CRS 438-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

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NOTICE OF SALE

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By: Cherilyn K. Rue, Public Trustee

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Kendallcamp Young & Kendallcamp, P.C. 201 W. 84 St. Suite 548, Pueblo, CO 81009 (719) 543-4331
Attorney File #
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SLV gets piece of Health Colorado's grant pie

PUEBLO — Health Colorado has awarded grant funding to 10 community agencies throughout Southern Colorado.

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

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

The program encourages funding initiatives that meet at least one of the priorities of the Accountable Care Collaborative program, Key Performance Indicators and/or Behavioral Health Incentives, specifically those programs that increase Health First Colorado members' access to preventive health services for oral and

physical health, behavioral health services and benefits, pregnancy support and services by increasing prenatal visits and educating members about benefits.

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

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



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PET

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ice, salt and other ice treatment chemicals from their fur and paws. This helps keep them dry and prevents them from ingesting any chemicals found in the ice treatment. You should also check their paw pads for any cracks and make sure there is no redness between their toes. Massaging petroleum jelly into their paw pads before going outdoors can help protect them from salt and chemical agents. Dog booties can also provide extra protection.

Another important pet safety rule is to never leave your animal alone in a car during cold weather. In the winter cars trap cold air and become refrigerators on wheels. Also it is always a good idea to check under the hood of outdoor vehicles before you start them. Outdoor cats often seek refuge from the cold by huddling against still warm engines.

You shouldn't shave your dog too much in the winter as a longer winter coat provides more warmth. If you have a dog with short hair naturally, consider getting a dog coat or sweat-

er. It is also important to make sure you are feeding your animals a little more in the winter and providing them with lots of water. The chilly temperatures will cause them to burn calories faster and make it harder for them to stay hydrated.

At night especially as temperatures hit the negatives the best idea is to just bring them inside, or at least provide them with proper shelter. "We want people that have animals out there to provide a better shelter for them. Shelters that are in good shape. We've visited a couple people that have dog houses without proper insulation," said Monte Vista Code Enforcement Officer Eric Lira. Officer Lira suggested even figuring out ways to put a heat lamp in the shelter to make things warmer. However he shared that bringing them indoors is probably the best option, "I tell people all the time, bring your dogs inside. Bring your pets inside. If it's below zero keep them warm inside," said Officer Lira.



Charitable giving and taxes

Many people donate to nonprofit organizations and other philanthropic groups out of a personal desire to do good for others. Such charitable giving can improve the lives of others and may make donors eligible for tax deductions.

According to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, donors may deduct charitable contributions of money or property made to qualified organizations. These generally include religious organizations, veterans organizations, nonprofit groups qualified under section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, and some other groups as well. The Canada Revenue Agency lists registered charities, registered low-cost housing corporations, national arts service organizations, registered Canadian amateur athletic associations, and some educational universities among the organizations that may qualify donors for tax deductions.

Canadian individuals and businesses generally can claim deductions and gifts of up to 75 percent of net income. In the United States, the IRS states one generally may deduct up to 50 percent of adjusted gross income, but 20 percent and 30 percent limitations apply in some cases.

Giving can constitute cash and non-cash donations, advises the charity watchdog organization Charity Navigator. For example, deductions for donations of clothing and household items that are in "good condition or better" may qualify donors for tax deductions. Donors are advised to bring items to reputable charities that will issue a receipt for their value. An appraisal may be requested for more expensive items.

All donations require a paper trail

and proof of charitable contribution. The Government of Canada states that official donation receipts from registered charities and other qualified organizations should be kept in a safe place. While these receipts need not be submitted at the time of filing (whether on paper returns or electronic filings), they should be kept for five years in the event they are subjected to review.

Timing donations properly is key. The IRS says that contributions made in cash or other property must be made before the close of the tax year to be deductible.

A tax treaty between the United States and Canada allows for some deduction of donations made to charities across the border. Again, it is best to consult with a tax professional in these matters as some con-



Courtesy photo

Individuals and businesses should speak with a tax professional about the rules governing charitable donations.

Contributions to foreign organizations are not deductible.

Charitable giving has many benefits, including feeling good about oneself, helping the less fortunate and the financial reward of qualifying for some tax breaks. GB17B462

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HOCKEY

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The schedule is known to hockey enthusiast as a round robin format with a three on three team play.

Spectators gathered around bonfires, cheering their favorite teams on from the bleachers or gathered near the ice rink edges to get snapshot photos of the action on the ice. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the opportunity to get out and have some good ol fashioned winter fun.

Level one winners were the Canyon Coolers and level two winners were Weekends Tavern. Congratulations to all the teams that participated and a huge thanks goes out to all of the volunteers, businesses and organizations that helped to make it a great weekend in Creede!



Photo by Keith R. Cerny

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

COUNCIL

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continue until one candidate receives the majority vote of remaining council members in office."

Before they voted Mayor Becker also added, "Before we get going, we had four very good candidates and I really respect and appreciate everybody that applied. If you are not the one chosen it is not because you're not a part of this community and I would ask that if you're not chosen that you still are involved with the community like you have been. I just wanted to say that upfront thank you all."

After the votes were cast and counted, it was announced by the Mayor that Martha Lock had been elected by majority vote. Lock won the election with two votes with the other two remaining votes being cast for two different candidates. Lock was sworn in as a city council member and took her seat on the council at the same meeting.

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Rio Frio is back for 11th year running

Pond curling to replace popular ice carousel

By KEITH R. CERNY

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 8-10” of thickness, literally deep enough to drive a vehicle on.

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 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 registra-



Photo by Keith R. Cerny

More than 140 runners and walkers started the fifth annual Rio Frio 5k on Ice last year on the frozen Rio Grande in Alamosa’s Cole Park making it one of the largest turnouts in race history. Participants started southbound towards the Highway 160 bridge, circled back and went west under and past the State Street bridge before turning again for home. Aaron Dewey, 18, Colorado Springs won the event for the second year in a row in a remarkable time of 18:51.16 considering running in soft snow.

tion 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 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 12 noon Saturday with live ice sculpting on the south side of **Please see RIO FRIO on Page 8**

Big Macs and Whoppers

No doubt most of you in the livestock business have a certain “family affection” for the fast food chains. Particularly those restaurants whose main attraction is the often disguised but still All American hamburger. It also is true that each of us has his own particular favorite.

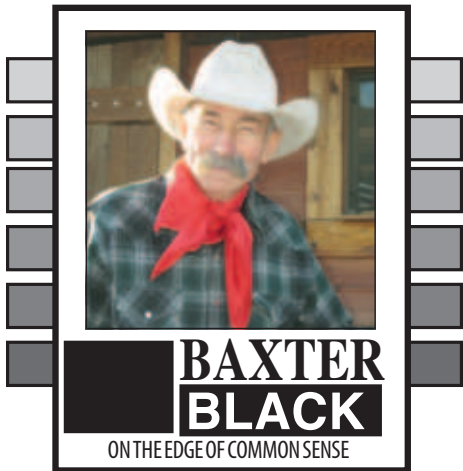
Organizations like the National Restaurant Association have attempted surveys to compare the merits of each burger. Readers, you will be pleased to know that the Coyote Cowboy Co. (me) has conducted its own survey. This survey was taken with an international consultant on had to advise: A Canadian Chianina breeder.

The burgers compared were the Double Whopper (hereinafter referred to as the WHOP), the Big Mac (the MAC) and Wendy’s Double Burger (the BURG). Each was ordered on a rainy night with iced tea.

The highlights of the survey are as follows:

Patty Evaluation

1. TRANSPARENCY – The BURG was the



only patty you could see through.

2. YIELD PERCENTAGE (Meat/offal ratio) – The BURG again had the highest yield percentage.

3. PATTY PULL TEST (for tensile strength) – The WHOP showed the resistance to tearing.

4. CIRCUMFERENTIAL PERFECTION –

The MAC displayed the roundest patty.

5. SEAWORTHINESS – Both the WHOP and the BURG sank in the iced tea while the MAC floated.

Condiments

1. COLOR COORDINATION – The BURG showed a certain flair with mustard, tomato and lettuce although style points were given to the MAC for the special sauce.

Bun Evaluation

1. SWILL ASSIMILATION TEST – Measured in BAU (bun absorption units)...the BURG scored well against the others in the second round. With ketchup it rated 8 BAU.

2. SESAME SEED COUNT – The WHOP won hands down with 42 seeds per bun.

3. LIGHT REFRACTION – None reflected light well enough to transmit Morse code messages over long distances.

4. AERODYNAMICS – The WHOP recorded the longest flight distance but was penalized for slicing to the right.

CONCLUSION

In our survey found each hamburger to have its own peculiar advantages. The BURG rated high in BAUs and color coordination but would be less suitable than the MAC if dropped in water. Neither would be as good as the WHOP if there was ever an ALL-BEEF Frisbee throw in the Summer Olympics.

I hope the information presented here will in some small way contribute to the mounds of scientific data now available on the fast food hamburger. I’m forwarding the results to Consumer Reports.

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Hard to hear: the facts of canine ear infections

While ear infections are pesky conditions that affect many species, dogs are especially at risk because of the shape of their ear canals.

Dr. Lori Teller, a clinical associate professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, says that diagnosis and treatment should always be handled by a veterinarian, but dog owners should still be informed on the nature of this condition to keep their furry friend in tip-top shape.

“There are multiple causes of ear infections (otitis externa), including allergies (most common), ear mites, a foreign body (this can include polyps or neoplasia), excess hair in the ear canal, anatomic changes in the ear canal, excess moisture in the ear canal, injury, immune-mediated diseases, endocrine disease and excessive cleaning,” Teller said. “Any of these causes allow for bacteria and/or yeast to overgrow in the ear, leading to the infection.”

Symptoms of canine ear infections include head shaking, scratching at or rubbing the affected ear, discharge, bad odor, redness inside the ear, swelling of the ear canal, pain, itchiness, and crusts or scabs inside the ear or along the ear margin. Owners who suspect that their dog may be suffering from an ear infection should seek veterinary help immediately, as these infections can become more severe if left untreated.

Once diagnosed, your dog’s treatment plan will depend on what caused the ear infection in the first place.

Teller said that topical ointments

may be used to treat bacteria and yeast present in the canal. Severe infections or those involving the middle or inner ear canal may be treated with oral antibiotics and anti-inflammatory drugs. Medicated ear cleansers to clear away discharge and debris from the infected canal may also be prescribed.

“Dogs that develop ear infections frequently will need to have the underlying cause addressed,” Teller said. “Some may require therapies to control allergies. If a food allergy is a cause of the problem, then switching to a hypoallergenic or limited-ingredient diet may prevent future problems. It is very important to work with your veterinarian before switching your dog’s diet.”

Dogs that swim frequently are also more prone to ear infections, and special care should be taken by owners to appropriately clean and dry their pet’s ears after being in the water. Cotton swabs should never be used in the inner canal of a dog’s ear. Teller also advised that dog owners should not allow other dogs to lick their pet’s ears.

To diagnose your pet, a veterinarian might sample ear discharge or look through the ear canal to observe the state of the eardrum. Your dog may need to be sedated for this procedure, depending on the situation.

Although the prospect of a canine ear infection may be daunting, timely veterinary intervention can prevent permanent damage from occurring. Proper care will have your pooch back to their super-hearing self in no time!

Something in the sky

Over the past weeks, our neighbors in eastern Colorado have been fascinated, perplexed and perhaps even a bit alarmed by a number of sightings of moving lights in the skies overhead. Several of these reports have been of possible drones flying in coordinated formation. Others believe these are a new breed of satellites in low earth orbit, looking like a string of pearls in the sky. Either way, it’s another example of technology changing our world. Drone technology has become an integral part of our social, industrial, economic and governmental fabric. Children are fascinated by them, hobbyists use

them to capture spectacular aerial photos. Real estate agents utilize the technology to help sell homes. Farmers and ranchers employ them to better monitor crops and herds. Utility workers rely on drones to surveil high tension wires. The behemoth corporation, Amazon, publicly touts its vision of package delivery via a fleet of drones. Recent events in Iran involved a US military drone taking out a high ranking general. In short, drones seem to be everywhere and the technology is here to stay. This presents a wonderful opportunity for enterprising individuals to

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15 Words or less for 4 weeks - 4 publications

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05 Notices

WE BUY ANTLERS: 5 miles west of Del Norte on US 160 at Elk Ranch. 719-657-0942. (01/22 TFN)

New Inspirational Book Club:

Looking for 8-12 interested adults to start an inspirational book club. Organizational meeting in February with paramaters of Tuesday or Thursday evening meetings of approximately 1.5 hours. For more information please call (719)849-0310 (02/05)

07 Help Wanted

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR AIRPORT ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE MONTE VISTA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

The City of Monte Vista, CO as sponsor of a public use airport facility, is soliciting qualification based sealed Statements of Qualifications for the selection of a principal airport consultant to provide Engineering Services for the Monte Vista Municipal Airport. A complete SOQ packet can be requested via email at rvance@ci.monte-vista.co.us. Submittals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. (local time) on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 in the office of: Robert Vance, City of Monte Vista, 95 W. First Ave., Monte Vista, CO 81144. 719-852-8281. The Sponsor plans to award a five-year contract for airport engineering services subject to review on an annual basis for any and all engineering projects subject to federal assistance under the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, as amended, or other sources of funding. The contract will be for the basic airport

engineering consulting services as defined herein. The City of Monte Vista reserves the right to inquire into the prospective proposer's ability to provide professional services, as defined below. The City of Monte Vista also reserves the right to amend the Schedule of Projects and contract Scope of Work at the sole discretion of The City of Monte Vista on behalf of the Monte Vista Municipal Airport. Our selection process is intended to be in compliance with the current version of FAA Advisory Circular AC-150/5100-14, "Architectural Engineering and Planning Consultant Services for Airport Grant Projects (1/29)

Wolf Creek Ski Area is seeking full and part time positions in the following positions: **Snow Reporter** – Must have interactive web experience, strong organizational and communication skills. Hours 6am to 3pm. willing to work weekends. **Ski School Instructor** – Duties include teaching guests in a group setting, customer service and other duties assigned by supervisor. **Shuttle Bus Drivers** – Part-time. Experienced driver looking to make extra money during Christmas, Presidents Day, MLK, Jr. and Spring Break holidays. A Commercial Drivers License is not required, however pay is commensurate with professional experience and licensing. **Professional Baker/Food & Beverage** - Line/grill cooks, bakers and baristas. **Ticket Office Cashier** – Part-Time - Must have prior experience in POS system. Friendly, hard working, flexible, organized with good communication skills.

Winter seasonal positions with competitive wages. Applications can be downloaded from Wolf-CreekSki.com employment page. Send resumes and applications to wolfcreekski@wolfcreekski.com or P.O. Box 2800, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. (1/29)

The 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, filling 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)

WANTED: Saguache County Landfill is Hiring for an additional Full Time Attendant. REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must fill out and submit an ap-

plication, 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

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Valley Wide Classifieds

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. (1/22)

10 Apartments for Rent
Two bedroom, 1-bath apartment in Del Norte Utilties Included. No smoking, no pets. Call Tomas at 849-1942 \$475 Per Month. (01/20/20)

17 Real Estate For Sale
11 circles in Center area with excellent potato ground, excellent wells and water rights, high production, sandy soil, 2 homes, shop, potato storage, first time ever on market and sold as full unite. Call Bruce at Steffens & Company Realty, LLC 719-580-0770. Serious inquires only (02/13)

125-150 cow/calf ranch 1154 acres with top water rights, production, 1.2 miles of Rio Grande River and ½ mile of Conejos River. \$1,750,000. Call Bruce at Steffens & Company Realty, Inc 719-580-0770 (02/13)

Pasture Land, 397 acres in north of Monte Vista Airport on County Line Road with good grass and location. Also contains a huge amount of gravel on the property \$525,000.00 call Bruce at Steffens & Company Realty, Inc 719-580-0770. (02/13)

240 deeded acres in irrigated grass west of Monte Vista with 6 shares Lariat ditch. Call Bruce at Steffens & Company Realty, Inc. 719-873-1700. (01/22 TFN)

36 Miscellaneous
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38 Machinery, Tools, and Equipment

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Ramsey 12 Volt Pro 8000R Series #817508 wench 95 FT 5/16 Cable, remote switch, roller fairlead. 852-2285.(TFN-E)

41 Farm Equipment
One, 8’ airmotor windmill with 30’ tower and suction pipe. \$1,500 OBO. (719)221-0061 (02/05)

42 Feed & Seed
Premium alfalfa and alfalfa/grass, small bales, in shed \$8, outside \$7. (719)580-2509. (01/29)

ALFALFA-GRASS HORSE HAY: Green,+/-175 RFV, 3x3x8 bales, ~820#, \$205/ton or \$90 per bale, outside stacks, 719-657-0942

48 Pets & Supplies
Border Collie, Blue Heeler Cross Puppies. Ready 2-5-2020. 719-852-0500 Good Potential! (2/13)

Full-Size Australian Shepard Puppies Ready December 12, 2019 Call 588-3561. (01/22)

3 female, 1 male Shiba Inu. 3 brown, 1 black. Born 10/5/19. **2 white: 1 female, 1 male.** Born 10/13/19. (518) 651-1451 (02/05)

Lab Puppies Chocolate, Black, Yellow and Silver. Starting at \$300.00 Current Vaccinations, Vet Checked and out of Registered Stock Call 719-588-3687. (01/29)

58 Business
AUGMENTATION WATER FOR LEASE: TransMtn water, fully severed for Wildlife or AG use anywhere off the Rio Grande. \$100/acft, OBO 719-580-0661

59 Vehicles Wanted
CASH ON THE SPOT FOR JUNK CARS & TRUCKS: We pickup, no title ok. 719-937-7935. (TFN)

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Colorado child abuse and neglect hotline marks its five-year anniversary

Colorado has received more than 1 million calls leading to the safety assessments for nearly 275,000 children and teens.

COLORADO - In January 2015, the Colorado Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline ☐ **1-844-CO-4-Kids** ☐ was launched to provide one easy-to-remember phone number for individuals to use statewide to report their concerns about possible child abuse and neglect. In that time, 1,068,107 calls have been made to the state’s hotline system, and local county human/social services have assessed the safety and well-being of 274,193 children and teens in Colorado. The hotline serves as a direct, immediate and efficient route to Colorado’s 64 counties and two tribal nations, which are responsible for accepting and responding to concerns about a child or teen’s safety and well-being.

“More than 1 million calls means that more and more people in Colorado recognize their role in strengthening families,” said Minna Castillo Cohen, director of the Office of Children, Youth and Families at the Colorado Department of Human Services. “Even if no child abuse or neglect has occurred, counties and Tribal nations are often able to provide additional services that can help the family. That’s why it’s important to call.”

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Write your own Classified Ad

Regular Classified Ad Deadline-Thursday 5 p.m.
15 Words or less for 4 weeks - 4 publications
\$19⁵⁰ + 95¢ each additional word.
Garage Sale Ads: 15 words or less for 1 week
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Free ads: Lost & Found • Non Commercial items Sold for \$50 or less • Any Item or Animal being given away. (Private party only) Call 719-852-3531 for details.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

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Words: _____ **Times:** _____ **Price:** _____

Class: _____ **Start Date:** _____

Check One



Card#: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Mail with check or money order to:
Valley Publishing Classifieds, P.O. Box 607, Monte Vista, CO 81144
Or drop by at 835 First Avenue

All Classified Advertising must be pre-paid

Valley Calendar

To have an event listed in the SLV Lifestyles calendar, write to Valley Calendar, P.O. Box 607, Monte Vista, CO 81144, email MonteVistaNews@gmail.com or fax us at 852-3387. We do not accept items for the calendar over the phone; however, to make a change to a listing, please call 852-3531. Deadline for listings and changes is 5 p.m. Wednesday. Submissions should be made in a .doc or .rtf format. Items will be published as space allows.

Jan. 24-26

ALAMOSA - Subzero 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.

Jan. 28

ALAMOSA - The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) works to improve the health of low income persons at least 60 years of age by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA Foods. Individuals must be at or below 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines. Food packages include a variety of foods, such as nonfat dry milk, UHT 1 percent low-fat milk, juice, farina, oats, ready-to-eat cereal, rice, pasta, peanut butter, dry beans, canned meat, poultry or fish, and canned fruits and vegetables. This food box is free to those who meet the income guidelines. Costilla County Commodity Program will be in Alamosa Tuesday Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1112 8th Street, Alamosa. Please bring a picture ID.

ONGOING

- ALAMOSA — Pregnant? Need Help? Call the San Luis Valley Life Center at 589-6698 for free and confidential pregnancy testing; earn while you learn parenting program; post abortive support STI testing and more. Office open Monday-Thursday 2-5:30 p.m., 3211 Main Street, Alamosa
- 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. Circle of Parents in Recovery values reciprocity and the development of leadership among participants. The group will meet every first and third Tuesday from 4-5:30 p.m. at Living Water Bible Fellowship 2019 Clark Street Alamosa. Contact Mary Lambert for more information (719)587-6965 or mlambert@slvbhg.org

- CONEJOS— Bingo, 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Hall
- DEL NORTE - The Peace Education Program, PEP, will be presented at Wildwood Sounds, 850 Grande Ave. in Del Norte, on Thursdays beginning Nov. 7 through Jan. 23 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Wildwood Sounds in Del Norte. This free media based program presents a unique perspective on life. It is nonreligious and nonsectarian presenting 10 themed sessions. The themes are peace, appreciation, inner strength, self-awareness, clarity, understanding, hope and contentment.

- DEL NORTE — Tuesdays and Saturdays at the Ruth Marie, or by appointment: Piano and music lessons with professional pianist, Allan Stuart (719-754-2576; greenshadowmusic@gmail.com) Call for more info.

Wednesdays at the Ruth Marie: Yoga with Leigh Anne Lobato from 5 to 6:15 p.m. donation fee of \$5-\$6 to The Ruth Marie. Phone 850-0750, lobato@myamigo.net

Thursdays at the Ruth Marie: Kundalini Yoga with Milcah (849-1954, milcahhawk@gmail.com) from 5:30-6:45 p.m., \$8-\$10 donation to the Ruth Marie

- HOMELAKE — The Homelake Veterans Museum is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-noon and 1 to 3 p.m. until the end of October. Info. 580-0023

- MONTE VISTA —Exercise class every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m. at the Tri-County Senior Center, 311 Washington.

- MONTE VISTA — Pool Playing for men and women every day at the Tri-County Senior Center, 311 Washington. Tournaments held periodically with other San Luis Valley Senior Centers

- MONTE VISTA - The San Luis Valley Nutrition program for the elderly serves nutritional meals at the Tri-County Senior Center, 311 Washington Monday through Friday of each week at noon. Meals are open to seniors age 60 and over. Membership or building residency is not necessary for participation in activities or meals at the Tri-County Senior Center. The Nutrition program is administered by South Central Colorado Seniors. For additional information please call 852-2687

- SAN LUIS VALLEY—The famous Fred Hargrove is performing at Dos Rios every Thursday evening. Come by and hear favorite hits and Fred’s country, western and folk music originals.

- SOUTH FORK — The Silverthread Outdoor Recreation Club holds hikes on the following days: easy, Mondays and Thursdays, difficult on Wednesdays. ATV rides Tuesdays. Fridays are trail cleanup days. Info, Elizabeth Baugh at 873-5286

- SOUTH FORK— Tai Chi for Health classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. at the South Fork Library. Classes are free, and walk-ins are welcome. •Improve Balance •Slow Aging •Learn about health benefits. With questions, call Jim Fox, 360-821-9006.

WEEKLY EVENTS

ALAMOSA— A free coffee break for all veterans is held every Thursday morning from 8:30-11 a.m. at the SLV Museum in Alamosa. This is a project

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Puzzle Sponsored by MDS Waste & Recycle



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SUDOKU

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Level: Beginner

Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Solution to last week’s puzzle

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The Holy Moses

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It's Worth The Drive

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of the Veterans Coalition of the SLV and it is hosted by the Women Veterans of the SLV and the SLV Museum, 401 Hunt Ave.

•ALAMOSA— The Alamosa Elks Lodge 1297 hosts Bingo at 7 p.m. Thursday in the lodge room. Food is available.

•ALAMOSA— VFW Post 899, Bingo every Tuesday, 519 Main Street

•ALAMOSA — Toastmasters meets, noon-1 p.m. Mondays at The

Bridge, 3407 Carroll Street. Info, Kristina, 588-5127.

•ALAMOSA — TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly), 6-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday, College Heights Baptist Church, across from OMS, in Alamosa. Info, 589-1060

•CRESTONE—Every Tuesday Yoga for Everybody will be offered at 9 a.m. in Crestone. RSVP to attend the small classes at no charge. Contact John at 256-5315.

•DEL NORTE—Yoga at the Ruth

Marie Center, 575 Columbia Ave., with Milcah Hawk will be held every Thursday 5:30 to 7 p.m. Come stretch, breathe and relax for just a donation. Bring a mat or use ours. Visit www.theruthmarie.com or contact theruthmarie@gmail.com, 719-850-1672.

•DEL NORTE — Del Norte Rotary Club, 7 a.m. every Wednesday at Boogie's Restaurant. Guests are welcome. Info, 657-2967.

•DEL NORTE — TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) chapter meetings, 6

to 7 p.m. Thursdays Gateway Church, 975 Grande Ave. The first meeting always free. bring a friend. Info, Julie, 719-206-2741

•LA JARA—Saturdays at noon, all are invited to come pray the traditional Holy Rosary at 403 Poplar St. In La Jara.

•MONTE VISTA — Penny Bingo every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Tri-County Senior Center, 311 Washington St.

•MONTE VISTA — Anyone and

everyone is welcome to gather from 2-4 p.m. Fridays at Wildethyme Art, 1631 Grande Avenue, for knitting, crocheting, spinning or any portable handwork

•SOUTH FORK — The Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. They meet at 8 a.m. every Thursday at the Carnegie Library in South Fork. Info, Karen Miller, 873-5466 or mk-millermink@aol.com.

ABUSE

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A consistent increase in calls to the hotline shows that more people understand that all Coloradans play a role in strengthening families. In the five years since the hotline launched, child welfare agencies were able to ensure the safety and well-being of 63,986 children and teens who experienced abuse or neglect. Additionally, 60,190 families received voluntary support from their county human/social services.

When parents have what they need to be strong in the face of stress, a network of friends and family, and the ability to meet their own basic needs, they are better able to ensure the safety and well-being of their children.

“We know that parents love their children and want the best for them. Calling the hotline is one way community members can share their concerns and help local social service agencies connect parents with the support they need,” said Castillo

Cohen. “In the majority of cases, children and teens stay safely at home while their families receive services.”

In 2019, of the 19,598 Colorado children and their families involved in an open child welfare case:

69% of children and teens stayed safely at home while their family received services

31% of children and teens were

placed in an out-of-home placement, including with a kinship or foster family or in a congregate care facility.

Call 1-844-CO-4-Kids to report concerns about child abuse and neglect. If a child or teen is in immediate danger, dial 9-1-1. Calls to the hotline are routed to the appropriate county through the Hotline County

Connection Center in Lamar, Colorado and all callers are able to speak with a call-taker 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Visit CO4Kids.org to learn more about the signs of child abuse and neglect and other ways you can help children, teens and families in your community. The Colorado Department of Human Services

CO4Kids campaign encourages all Coloradans to strengthen families and communities. To learn about the signs of child abuse and neglect and for information about how to become a foster or adoptive parent, visit CO4Kids.org. Call 1-844-CO-4-Kids to report concerns about child abuse and neglect. If a child or teen is in immediate danger, dial 9-1-1.

DRONES

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capitalize on this opportunity. What has emerged is a large and growing demand for qualified drone pilots to meet the needs of industry and government alike.

Trinidad State - Valley Campus in Alamosa, recognizes the importance, benefit and potential of drone technology for the citizens and the economy of the San Luis Valley. Trinidad State now offers a certificate program specifically designed to prepare students for careers in this fast growing and well-paying field. The Federal Aviation Administration estimates demand for commercial drone pilots will more than double over the next five years, to 350,000 slots by 2025. At present, starting pay in the United States ranges from \$40,000 to \$72,000 and can be double that overseas. The Trinidad State drone certificate program further benefits from the unique features of the Valley. In 2015 the FAA approved the San Luis Valley as a designated UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) testing site allowing commercially licensed drone operators and researchers to fly unmanned aircraft up to 15,000 feet rather than the standard 400 feet. Given our unique terrain and weather conditions, SLV is the ideal locale to learn and perfect your drone piloting skills, all while earning a valuable credential from Trinidad State.

While we anxiously await who is behind the sightings in the eastern part of the state, it certainly is clear that well-trained, highly disciplined and responsible drone pilots will find themselves in great demand over the next several years and beyond. Trinidad State - Valley Campus is here to help!

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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 12 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 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 kids are guaranteed a participation award and prizes will be awarded to the top winners in each age division.

Grub ‘n Pub, fire-in-ice are back

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,” stated a news release from the city. “Do not miss this spectacular and unique event that celebrates the glory of the day.”

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 12 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.

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/CIELLO, Valley Publishing, Viaero Wireless, Adams State Adventure Program, the Alamosa Senior Center, Alcon Construction, Arby’s, Comfort Inn & Suites, Fairfield Inn & Suites, Great Sand Dunes Lodge, Hampton Inn, IHOP, Kristi Mountain Sports, Milagros Coffee House, Rio Grande Savings & Loan, Skiball’s Running World, and SLV Sports & Wellness.

For more information, contact Alamosa Parks & Recreation at (719) 589-2105 or find us online at www.riofrioice.com or Rio Frio on Ice on Facebook.



Photos by Keith R. Cerny

Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman was the final participant in the 2019 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.



Eighteen-year-old Aaron Dewey of Colorado Springs (18:51.16) is ready to get a “high five” from Rio Frio 5k organizer Jeff Owsley as winner of the race on the frozen Rio Grande for the second time in a row in 2019. He has participated in all five Rio Frio races and has been a top five finisher every year so far. A total of 137 runners were timed and a handful more participated without being timed, making it one of the biggest turnouts ever. On the women’s side, Cassy Medigovich was the 2019 winner in 22:44.37, followed by Amber Arellano (23:37.72) and Carmille Garcia (24:40.50). Nicholas How (19:28.80) was second in the men’s, followed by Joe Aguirre (20:35.96) and Josh Lopez (20:58.75).

Five fat bike racers qualified for the men’s final during the Rio Frio Ice Fest’s inaugural event last year won by Daniel Boyes (far right) in 6:52 on the approximately 1 ½ 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.

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2018-2019 good years for Valley alfalfa

By **TERESA L. BENNS**

CENTER — Center farmer and rancher Dick Ramstetter, a longtime alfalfa grower, owns property along County Road C and CR 44 and other ground from Highway 285 to Highway 112 and La Garita.

In 2018, he said that if the Valley had sufficient snow, it would keep expenses for 2019 down. Alfalfa ran “a little higher” in 2018, with the crop selling around \$210 a ton last year. He explained that hay prices were a little lower for 2019 because while the market was reasonably good and the demand is there, more alfalfa was grown.

Hemp seems to be replacing some alfalfa fields, Ramstetter observed last year. But as a general rule, the average alfalfa producer must invest about \$2.5 million in equipment needed to harvest alfalfa. So given equipment depreciation, it is not easy to move over to other crops.

“We raise some of the best alfalfa in the world here,” he pointed out, explaining that good-quality alfalfa sold to dairies in Colorado, New Mexico and other states makes for good-quality milk and milk products, too.

When asked about the renewed prospect of selling Valley water to the Front Range, Ramstetter noted that would-be exporters “have a long, hard road” to travel before their proposition could become a reality, estimating they will spend “years” in water court.

Growing alfalfa

According to Merlin Dillon’s research article Lifeblood, written for CSU Extension, “Alfalfa is a perennial crop; the stand usually lasts five to seven years before being replanted. After the establishment year, it is usually harvested three times per year. The first cutting is mid-June; the second in late July; and the third anytime from

early September to early October.

“The second cutting usually gets some rain on it and tests the lowest; the third is cut immature and tests highest. Often, the third cutting will have a relative feed value over 200. Much of the lower quality alfalfa hay is used to support the local beef cow herds or is trucked to feedlots for grinder hay.”

Hay sellers in the Valley

The Colorado Hay directory was published in August. For more information or to receive a Colorado Hay Directory listing form, contact the Markets Division at (303) 869-9175, email Loretta.Lopez@state.co.us or visit www.coloradoagriculture.com. The following is the hay directory listing for 2018, some of which will change, but much will remain the same.

Conejos County

Salazar Ranches — Alfalfa, 4,000 tons, 3x4 1,250 lb. bales; native meadow grass, 1,000 tons, 3x4 1,000 lb. bales and peas and oats, 300 tons, 3x4 1,100 lb. bales. Lab analysis available and certified organic on all. John Salazar, 20616 County Road M, Manassa 81141 (719) 937-1591 johnsalazar@gmail.com www.salazarranches.com

Valdez, Vergil — 207 tons alfalfa, 4x3 bales, packed in shed, rain free. Lab analysis available La Jara 81140 (719) 274-5680

Rio Grande County

E Q C Ranch — Alfalfa, 400 tons, 3 x 4 bales, lab analysis available; oats 600 tons, 3 x 4 bales, lab analysis available; alfalfa, 200 tons, 16 x 18 bales. Gary Dickey 4725 W Road 8 N Center, 81125 (719) 850-1722

Matthews Farms — Alfalfa, 3 x 4 bales, lab analysis available; Brome/Garrison grass, grass/alfalfa Mix, grass Sainfoin grass mix, all available in 14x18 65-70 lb. bales; grass/alfalfa mix, Sainfoin grass mix, 3 X 4 bales, all barn stored Steve Matthews 2350 W. County Road 1 S. Monte Vista, 81144 (719) 852-5494

Michael Jay Schaefer Farms — Alfalfa, 3

x 4 1,250-pound bales, lab analysis available; alfalfa/grass mix, 3 x 4 1,250 pound bales, lab analysis available; native meadow grass, 3 x 4 1,100 pound bales, certified organic on all, delivery available Michael or Brady Schaefer 1604 County Road 28 Monte Vista 81144; (719) 588-4648 or (719) 242-3324 MJSFarms@gmail.com

Orth Limousin Ranch — Native grass, 50 tons, 55-65 lb. 14” small bales certified weed free; native grass, 60 tons, 55-65 lb. 14” small bales. Ed Orth, 1086 County Road 29 Monte Vista 81144 (719) 852-3069

Quartermoon Hay Co., LLC — Native grass, 50 tons, 55-65 lb. 14-inch small bales certified weed-free; 60 tons of 55-65 14-inch small bales; alfalfa/grass and alfalfa/ premium equine grass mix, alfalfa 50-60-lb. small bales plastic-wrapped small bales in 18-inch bundles

Saguache County

Mineral Hot Springs Farm — Alfalfa, 1,700 tons, 3x4x8 1,200 lb. bales; oat hay, 170 tons, 3x4x8 1,200 lb. bales — certified organic on both. Jeremy Uhlenbrock, 58919 County Road EE.2, Moffat 81143; (303) 444-4333 ext. 16 Jeremy@bouldervalleyre.com

Moonlight Farms, LLC — Alfalfa, 6,000 to 7,000 plus tons, 3x4x8 1,200 lb. bales, four-wheel drive bales, barn-stored or tarped; alfalfa grass, 1,000, tons, 4x4 bales, barn-stored or tarped; forage hay, 1,000 tons, 4 x 4 bales; straw 700 plus tons, 3x4 and 4x4 bales Will Albertson, 8101 County Road 45, Center 81125 (719) 850-2548 moonlightfarmsllc@gmail.com

Ramstetter Farms — Alfalfa, 6,000 tons, 4x4x8 1,900 lb. bales; oat hay, 500 tons, 4x4x8 1,400 lb. bales, lab analysis available; straw barley, 2,000 tons, 4x4x8 1,100 lb. bales, certified weed free; straw barley, 1,000 tons, 16x18 50 lb. bales, certified weed free; straw barley, 1,000 tons, 16x18 50 lb. bales. Richard Ramstetter 5519 E Road 9 N Center 81125, (719) 580-3329 ramfarm@gojade.org



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CFVGA Sixth Annual Conference Feb. 24-25

Small Farms Workshop Track to be Featured

COLORADO - The Colorado Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association (CFVGA) will feature a small farms workshop track throughout its sixth annual conference Feb. 24-25 at the Renaissance Denver Stapleton Hotel. Workshop sessions will include produce pricing strategies, developing & implementing a farm food safety plan, farm labor management best practices and recordkeeping & farm management.

«Most who are new to farming will tell you there is so much to learn and that they greatly appreciate opportunities to learn and be mentored,» said Adrian Card, CFVGA founding Board member and chair of the conference committee. «This special track for small farmers provides four and a half hours of training on some fundamental principles for successful farming. It also provides an opportunity for small farmers to meet others at a similar place in their careers and continue networking after the conference concludes.»

To emphasize its focus on including beginning growers, CFVGA is offering a free, annual membership to growers who join for the first time and attend conference. When joining at <https://coloradoproduce.org>, new members may use the code first-timer to claim their free membership, before completing conference registration.

Also featured will be new technologies and products offered by an expected 50-plus exhibitors and the grower-buyer networking session, which introduces farmers to produce buyers in a fast-paced, «speed-dating» style format.

In addition to the small farm track, conference sessions will include produce marketing trends, agricultural labor, organic rule changes, new market opportunities, biological pest control, produce safety and more. Also part of the



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conference is CFVGA's annual member meeting to be held following lunch Feb. 24.

More information on the small farm workshop track and all CFVGA conference topics is available at: <https://cfvga.org> Those companies and organization that want more information on the grower-buyer networking session or on being an exhibitor can find details at this same site, or they can contact CFVGA directly at 303.594.3827 or admin@coloradoproduce.org

The CFVGA is comprised of more than 250 members, including growers of all sizes and types of production throughout the state, as well as representatives of allied industries. The Colorado fruit and vegetable growing sector contributes nearly \$485 million to Colorado at the farm gate and is multiplied as it goes through the distribution chain. Over 90,000 Colorado acres are in fruit and vegetable production.

Potato Council welcomes phase one agreement signing

Industry hopes agreement brings new export opportunity to China

WASHINGTON - On Jan. 15, 2020, the National Potato Council welcomed the signing of the Phase One Agreement reached between the United States and China by President Trump and Chinese Vice Premier Liu He at the White House. The agreement is expected to reduce tariffs and boost Chinese purchases of American farm, energy and manufactured goods.

«The U.S. potato industry welcomes the signing of this Phase One Agreement and hopes the agreement will bring new opportunities for the export of United States fresh and processed and potatoes to China,» said Larry Alsum, President of the National Potato Council.

The U.S. potato industry comprises a total

annual value of \$3.7 billion and exports 20 percent of its overall crop to international markets. China is currently a top 10 export market for potatoes, primarily in processed products. With a combination of competitive tariffs and enhanced market access, China could become a top five market in the near future.

«This signing, coming on the heels of the new Japan free trade agreement and the anticipated ratification of the USMCA, creates trade momentum for our industry and sets the stage for future increased market access that may result in substantial gains for U.S. growers,» said Jared Balcom, vice president of Trade Affairs for NPC.

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.

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Saturated market leaves little room for growth in hemp

By LYNDIE FERRELL

SAN LUIS VALLEY- "There is one thing that I always try to stress to my clients. Know your farmer. It is so easy nowadays to be sold fake products. Especially now that the hemp industry has been saturated with 'fake CBD,'" said owner of Green Acres Hemp Farm Jim Strang. "What we really need now is some regulations or licensing requirement to cut out the fake product."

Strang has been growing hemp for CBD extraction for well over 10 years and his plans to continue have not altered much since the plant became federally legal in early 2019. "We really anticipated a drop in sales once the laws passed to make hemp federally legal to grow but, in all honesty, our online sales increased because people were no longer afraid to have it shipped to them. Most of the growers here in the

Valley underestimated the market and grew too many plants. Now, they don't know what to do with their surplus product. You have to know these things before jumping in."

Strang and his wife Lisa grew about an acre and a half of hemp in the 2019 season and had just enough to make the products they sold all year. The business focuses on the medical benefits that have been proven time and time again through the testimonies of hundreds of clients. "Everybody and their brother jumped in to start growing hemp, but the problem is they know nothing about how to do it correctly and it's the people who buy the fake products that will suffer for it. I cannot stress it enough to know your farmer. Know where and how your products are made and make sure the company or business doing it has their hemp tested."

Strang stated that new laws are coming into effect later this year requiring hemp growers to allow labs to come to their fields and have their plants tested. "I am really glad about the changes that are coming because as I have said before it will help weed out the harmful, fake

plants and stop it from getting on the market. People are getting burnt out because they are using the wrong stuff and if anything will hurt our business it will be that."

On the other side of the Valley in Del Norte SLV Hemp is also starting the year off with some struggles due to the over saturated market. According to owner Monte Robertson SLV Hemp will be starting from scratch this season and will aim their focus toward growing hemp for edibles and animal medicinal products. "It is where our heart lies. There is two parts to the hemp plant that are used for two purposes. The green leafy part is used to extract the CBDs and the seed can be used for grain or edible products. We plan to really push our animal product line and grow for grain," explained Robertson.

Though they are off to a rough start, Robertson who is one of the founding growers of hemp in the San Luis Valley does not plan to let

the over saturated market deter him from doing what he loves. "We got into this business to help people and animals and that is what we are going to do."

Robertson and others have watched the industry explode over the course of a year and seasoned farmers such as himself are disappointed with how things are starting off. "From what I have seen and heard, 60 to 70 percent of the product grown in the San Luis Valley this last year is not going to the market. It is being disposed of as far as I know and when you over produce like that, market prices drop."

Robertson will have a booth at the coming Agricultural Conference in Monte Vista this spring and hopes to interest local ranchers in growing hemp as a cleanser crop in rotational fields or to use for livestock grain. "What some people don't understand is that if you grow hemp in a field that has been contaminated by insects or pesticides, it will cleanse the soil so ranchers can continue their rotational planting. The plant also makes for great grain and feed for livestock animals."



United States-Mexico-Canada agreement Senate approved

COLORADO – On Jan. 16, 2020, the United States Senate passed the United States-Mexico-Canada agreement by an 89-10 vote. The following statement is attributed to Don Shawcroft, President of the Colorado Farm Bureau:

"The long-awaited ratification of the United States-Mexico-Canada agreement will provide necessary stability and vital opportunity for the agriculture industry to thrive by increasing U.S. exports by \$2 billion. Colorado itself exports over \$1.4 billion and \$2.8 billion worth of goods to Canada and Mexico, respectively, which is why it is so incredibly important to have this agreement

finalized. For over a year, farmers and ranchers from across the country have written letters, made phone calls and reached out to their elected officials urging them to make USMCA official. While the process has taken longer than we hoped, we are thankful for today's news and are excited to strengthen our relationships with our neighbors to the north and south."



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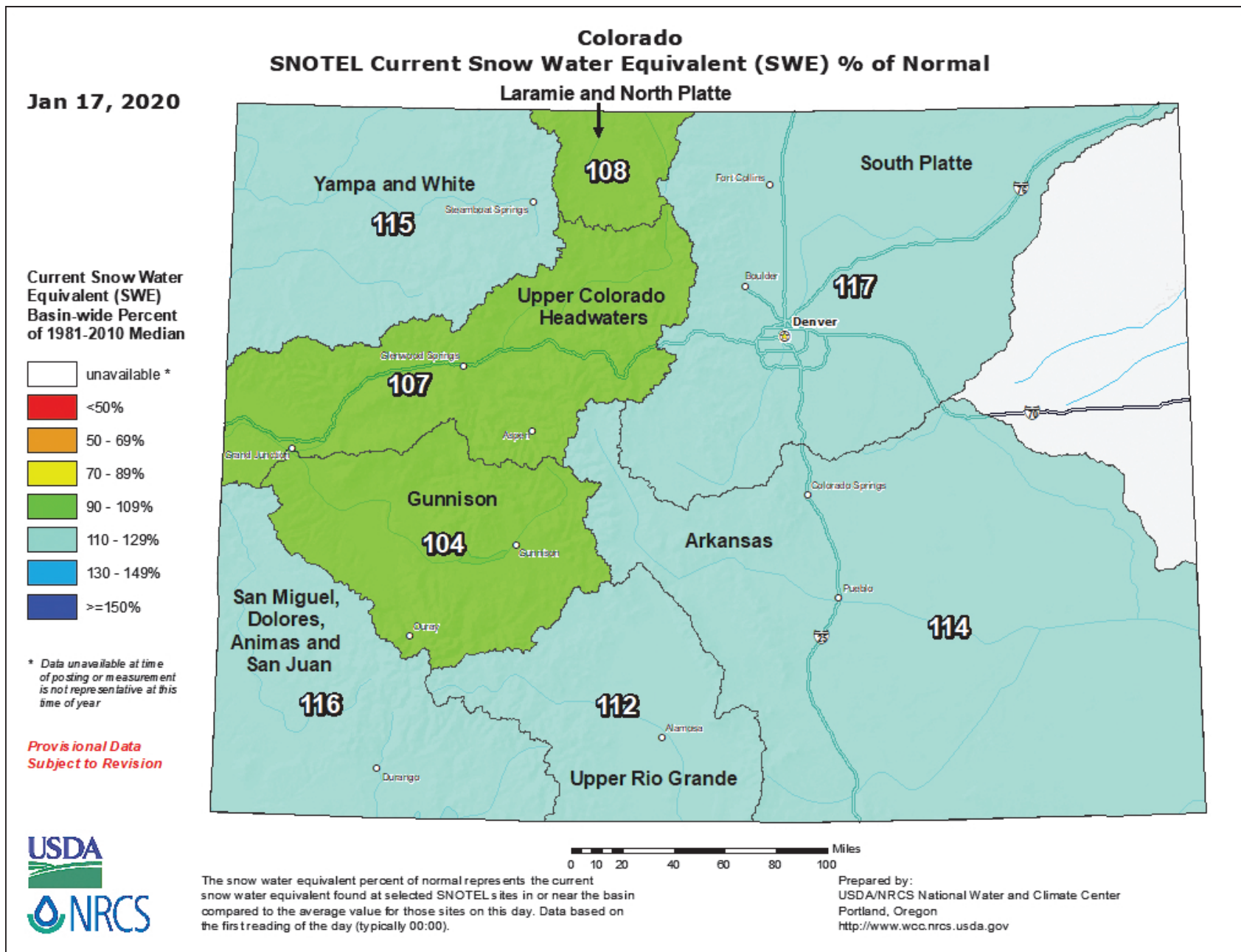
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Snow pack is looking good for 2020

Snowpack levels for the Upper Rio Grande basin were 12 percent above normal for Jan. 17, 2020. The long-term winter 2020 forecasts for the San Luis Valley watershed are for normal precipitation with below normal temperatures.

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San Luis Valley barley

BY TERESA BENNS
SAN LUIS VALLEY - This area was once the major barley-producing region for Colorado, producing over 85 percent of the state's barley. Much of the barley grown here is malt barley, some of which is contracted to MillerCoors Brewing Co. It is planted with certified seed and must meet MillerCoors' stringent quality requirements for purchase. Barley also is grown in the Valley for several of the craft breweries operating here. Farmers plant malt barley in early April then harvest the in early August. Barley is planted early ensure harvest before the valley's monsoon rains. Malt barley is usually swathed for more uniform

ripening, then later combined with a pickup attachment. If the barley does not pass muster it is generally sold for feed barley at a much lower price. Farmers learned that planting barley every other year, rotating it with potatoes, helps replace nutrients in the soil and reduce weed growth. MillerCoors' barley is tested for moisture, protein, skinned and broken kernels, mold, foreign materials and many other criteria. A high minimum germination rate is required because of the brewing process. Barley is steeped in a malt house to germinate it and turn the starches to sugars, then is toasted and ground into barley malt.



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2019 Valley crops faced hard weather

BY REBECCA COPLEY

SAN LUIS VALLEY - The San Luis Valley is known for its fertile farmland. Although potatoes are certainly its biggest crop there are also several other crops grown in the Valley. Alfalfa, barely, wheat, hemp, quinoa, canola, carrots, and vegetables like lettuce are some of the other crops raised in the Valley. During last year's growing season late frost and cooler than normal temperatures made things challenging for all crops.

"They were slow in developing, because May and June were pretty cool," said Marvin Reynolds the area director at Colorado State University's San Luis Valley extension office. "The hemp was definitely set back because of the cooler weather in May and June. The alfalfa was set back somewhat too." Barely and wheat were also impacted although they did reasonably well considering the colder than normal weather they faced.

The cooler weather effected the potatoes' size and there weren't as many big potatoes this year. But many farmers reported that they had a greater number of potatoes even if they weren't as large in size. There were about 49,000 acres of potatoes planted in the Valley in 2019 which is about 3,000 acres less than what was planted in 2018. Potato farmers last year thankfully enjoyed better prices than in 2018. This is due in part to other potato production areas across

the country were also impacted from cooler temperatures in their growing seasons. This added to the supply and demand and drove prices up helping farmers.

The lettuce crop suffered due to a lack of available labor. "Demand was awesome. We ended up having quite a shortage on labor, which held us back from being able to harvest more than what we could of," explained lettuce farm owner Richard Frazier. Frazier is one of the few remaining large scale lettuce growers in the Valley.

Hemp growers also struggled with late frosts on their maturing crops. "The growing part was good but then we got some of that frost early. It changes the way you harvest things. Because that plant dies out so fast and then you're going to lose a lot of the value when you go to harvest. You have to be gentle. That was an issue, we lost some stuff there. Most of the crops looked really good in the Valley until that point," said hemp farmer Shannon Wright. The quality of the crops negatively impacted this year's hemp prices. "The quality goes down if you don't harvest it in the right way. What hurt quite a bit is the quality of it was low," explained Wright.

Although the weather was not easy last year for many of the Valley's estimated 150,000 acres of farmed land, they managed to tough it out. Farmers are hoping for an easier season in the 2020 new year!

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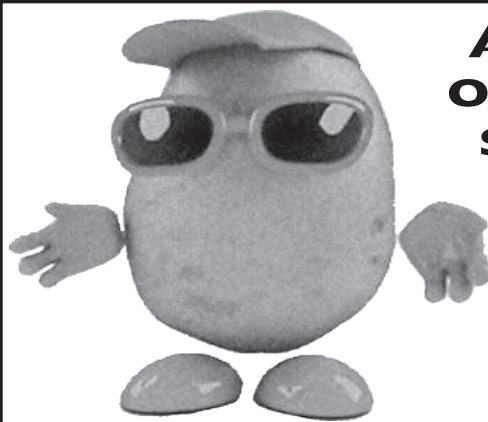
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Safety tips for parents of young farmers

People who live in cities, exurbs or suburbs may not come across farms very frequently. But millions of people, including children, still live on farms. In fact, in 2009 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted that more than one million children under the age of 20 lived, worked or had a regular presence on farms in the United States.

Protecting children from injury on farms, especially those who perform work on farms, is of paramount importance. The American Society of Safety Engineers offers the following safety tips to parents of children who will be spending time on farms.

- Know and obey the laws. Various state and federal laws are in place to protect young chil-

dren from farm-related accidents and injuries. Age requirements dictate which jobs children can perform on a farm, and parents should adhere to those requirements. Asking children to do more than they're physically capable of can lead to accident, injury or even death.

- Review equipment operation instructions. Before assigning children a task on the farm, parents should review the equipment operation instructions. Doing so can help parents reacquaint themselves with tools and equipment they may not have used in awhile, and that can make it easier for them to teach kids how to use such equipment. In addition, reviewing equipment instructions may provide insight to

parents unsure if their children are old enough to use certain tools.

- Inspect equipment. Before children perform any tasks on the farm, parents should inspect the equipment their children are likely to use to make sure each tool is safe. Make sure tools are in proper working order, as broken or poorly working equipment increases the risk of accident or injury.

- Enroll children in farm safety camps. The ASSE recommends that parents contact their local Cooperative Extension and Farm Bureau offices to enroll children in farm safety camps. Such camps can teach kids safe farming techniques and the proper ways to use age-appropriate tools.

- Set a positive example. Another way for parents to protect their children on the farm is to set a positive example. Parents can do so in various ways. Using equipment properly, removing tractor keys from ignitions when tractors are not in use and exercising caution when using hazardous materials shows kids the importance of caution when working on farms. Hundreds of thousands of children perform jobs on farms across the country. Parents who

want to teach their kids to farm should always do so with safety in mind. TF185005



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Protect livestock in extreme weather

Extreme weather is seldom fun for anyone. Although people often have the means to escape inclement weather, animals are at the mercy of their caregivers.

Protecting animals during extreme weather is not restricted to domesticated pets. Those who have livestock on their properties must recognize that these animals will need various levels of care as well. Animals such as chickens, cattle, goats, and llamas can be adversely affected by extreme weather. Individuals can heed these safety guidelines to avoid subjecting such animals to the stress, discomfort and illness that can result from exposure to extreme weather.

Suitable shelter

One of the best ways to safeguard livestock from extreme weather is to ensure they have a place to escape the elements. Animals can get sunburned and may overheat, so make sure shelters can block the sun's rays on hot days while also allowing for air to circulate through the dwelling.

It's also key that the shelter be capable of accommodating all of the animals at the same time.

Livestock shelters do not have to be complicated. They can be as elaborate as a barn or as simple as carpports or tarps and shade cloth.

Fresh water

Access to fresh, clean water is also essential. Dehydration can set in, particularly for animals with thick coats or those that are young or elderly. Animals tend to expend a lot of energy to cool down or stay warm, so they will need an ample supply of water to remain hydrated and healthy.

Standing water can become a breeding ground for parasites and insect larvae. Therefore, change water frequently to make sure it is sanitary. Some farm experts advise aerating troughs to help prevent algae growth or mosquito infestations. A small amount of raw apple cider vinegar may help as well. However, always discuss water sanitation methods with a veterinarian before testing them out on farm animals.

Mold-free feed

Hot, humid temperatures can cause mold to grow on hay and other feed sources. Cows do not like to eat moldy hay and it can make horses ill. The University of Minnesota Extension says horses are particularly sensitive to dust from mold spores and can get a respiratory disease similar to asthma in humans called recurrent airway obstruction, or RAO, which is often referred to as heaves.

Hay needs to be dried out before it is fed to animals. Any feed should be stored in cool, dry conditions and inspected before being dispersed to livestock.

Hair cut

Wooly animals may benefit from a shear prior to the onset of hot weather, advises the Maryland Small Ruminant group. Do not shear too short. For instance, a one-inch fleece can dissipate heat and help the sheep keep cool.

Rest

Livestock should not be worked and handled during the heat of the day. Their productivity levels may be diminished, and the extra exertion may affect their health. Rest will help them stay happy and healthy until the extreme weather has subsided. TF177164

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Potato Growers select Mattive to NPC leadership

LAS VEGAS – The National Potato Council's (NPC) 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, Washington as vice president of the Trade Affairs Committee;
- Bob Mattive of Monte Vista, Colorado as vice president of the Finance and Office Procedures Committee; and,
- Ted Tschirky of Pasco, Washington as vice president of the Grower Outreach and Industry



NPC 2020 Executive Committee (left to right): R.J. Andrus, Jared Balcom, Bob Mattive, Britt Raybould, Dominic LaJoie, Ted Tschirky and Larry Alsum

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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 their 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 protec-

tion 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.

Potato Council applauds House passage of Farm Workforce Modernization Act

Agriculture labor reform measure goes to Senate

WASHINGTON – The National Potato Council today welcomed U.S. House passage of the Farm Workforce Modernization Act (H.R. 5038). The bill, sponsored by Reps. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA), Dan Newhouse (R-WA), and Mike Simpson (R-ID), now goes to the U.S. Senate for consideration.

"Representatives Lofgren, Newhouse, and Simpson are commended for reaching across party lines to create and pass a bipartisan bill that will benefit both growers and laborers. Even during these highly partisan times, the passage of an agricultural labor reform bill demonstrates how Congress can work together to do what's best for farms, families, and communities" said Kam Quarles, CEO of the National Potato Council. "The U.S. potato industry is proud to work with our partners on Capitol Hill to promote solutions to address American agriculture's labor crisis. As the bill moves through the legislative process, will continue to work with the Senate and in conference committee to improve the measure and enact long-term labor solutions that support the health of our industry."

"The House should be commended for taking the crucial step of starting the legislative process to stabilize our agricultural workforce and contribute to the future success of the U.S. potato industry. The Farm Workforce Modernization Act seeks to enhance the efficiency of the H-2A program for seasonal workers while creating a new long-term solution for year-round agricultural labor, including necessary strong enforcement measures," said NPC First Vice President of Legislative and Government Affairs Britt Raybould of St. Anthony, Idaho.

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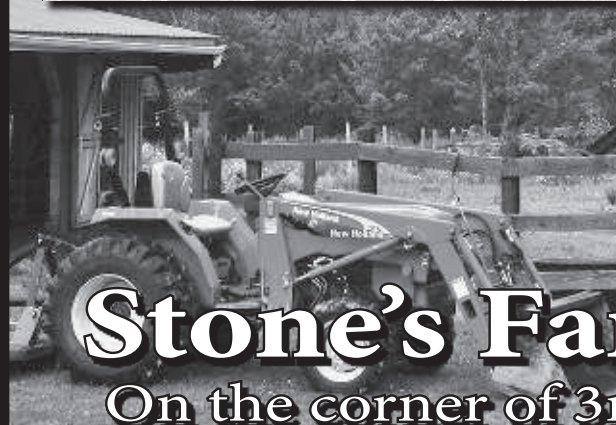
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