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ASD Superintendent Jones contracted through 2025-26



Photo by Priscilla Waggoner

Summer of 2022, Superintendent Diana Jones (right) and Assistant Superintendent Luis Murillo (left) smiling following completion of successful negotiations with the Alamosa Education Association for a substantial raise in teachers' salaries, setting them at a competitive level.

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER Courier Reporter **ALAMOSA** — In a

move that communicates clear acknowledgement of the strides Alamosa School District (ASD) has taken under her leadership, Diana Jones' contract to serve as superintendent of ASD has been renewed by the Board of Education through the 2025-2026 school year.

For her part, Jones was prepared to make that commitment as she had shared with the Valley Courier several months

ago that it was her desire of flux. to stay with the district. The commitment to have steady leadership going into the future was further solidified when Luis Murillo, Assistant Superintendent, signed a twoyear contract. To see where the dis-

dicator. When Jones and Mu-

rillo were both hired at with the 2021-2022 school

The current superintendent was functioning in an interim role after her predecessor's unexpandemic was disrupt- administration's trict is headed, a look at And teachers were being trict management. what has already been recruited by other school accomplished is a good in- districts who offered rillo have ever been about higher salaries and fourday school weeks.

But as Jones had statthe same time beginning ed during her interview for the position, she was year, the school district committed to creating a planning created with was somewhat in a state safe, inclusive and wel-

coming environment at school and building relationships with students, families and staff members as a primary founpected resignation. The dation, resulting in the often ing learning at all levels repeated phrase of "All with no sign of relief in means all," that reflected the immediate future. their philosophy of dis-

Neither Jones nor Mu-"quick fixes" but, instead, have approached rebuilding and improving the district through thoughtforward-thinking

■ See **JONES** page 3

SLY Today **Five Ward** 4 residents

to be interviewed for council seat

> By PRISCILLA WAGGONER Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — After delaying until January 19 the deadline for residents of Ward 4 to submit a letter of intent to city council regarding filling the seat vacated by Councillor Michael Carson, City Manager Heather Sanchez has made public the names of five individuals who are interested in the position.

The individuals include Jamie Dominguez, Bonnie Gonzales, Sandra Ortega, Leland Romero and Meaghan Smith.

The five candidates will be interviewed by members of city council during a work session scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 24, in the Jury Conference Room. A vote will be taken by council members following the interviews.

It could not be confirmed with the city by press time if the interviews would be open to the public, but work sessions are typically open to public attendance with no participation allowed. It is also not known if the

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Rio Frio 5k returns to the Rio

By KEITH R. CERNY Courier Publisher

ALAMOSA — After a twoyear hiatus due to unsafe ice conditions, the premiere event of the Rio Frio Ice Fest is back on the frozen Rio Grande.

Event officials have confirmed a safe route for the Rio Frio 5k has been mapped out with up to 10-inches of ice on the river, beginning in Cole Park, Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Those same ice conditions will mean the return of Sunday's popular "polar plunge" and ice carousel beginning at noon.

5k as of last week and another record number of participants could eventually toe the line.

You won't necessarily need a tuxedo to participate in the 2024 Rio Frio Ice Fest, but it would be fitting with this year's theme of a "Penguin Party."

Organized by the City of Alamosa Parks and Recreation, Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce and "Visit Alamosa," the ice fest committee chose the penguin theme after making suggestions to the community. The annual ice sculpting downtown will follow the theme.

Aside from the popular race/ walk, Saturday's highlights will include ice carving demonstrations beginning at noon, a disc golf tournament on the city course just north of town from 12-2 p.m. and the shop local raffle from 12-3 p.m. on San Juan Avenue, not to mention that evening's bonfire in ice.



Courier file photo by Keith R. Cerny

This group of penguins was a precursor to the 2024 Rio Frio Dalton Carleo, recreation lce Fest as they were among the many costumed participants division manager for the City that appeared for the ninth annual Rio Frio 5k event in Alamoof Alamosa, said more than sa's Cole Park last year. The race drew a record 275 entrants in 200 had pre-registered for the spite of ice conditions not allowing the race to be run on the Rio

> Alamosa, an offshoot of the Chamber of Commerce, will sponsor the Shop Local Raffle Extravaganza from 12-3 p.m. on San Juan. Receipts from any Alamosa business dated 1/27/24 for a minimum of \$10 will earn one raffle entry per \$10 spent.

Find mini penguin figurines in downtown businesses and turn them in at the YPA table for one raffle entry per pen-

Festivities begin Friday night with race packet pickup at Milagros Coffee House at 6 p.m. and a cross country/luminaria ski event at Blanca Vista Park, again snow conditions permitting, from 6-8

Race packet pickup continues Saturday from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Alamosa Senior Center in Cole Park, followed by the

The Young Professionals of race starting at 10 a.m. on the bordering Rio Grande. Race awards will be given on site following the event.

An information tent will be manned from 1-4 p.m. at Main and San Juan Avenue.

The second annual Frio Flight" will offer drink and snack samples from 4-6 p.m. on San Juan, featuring a drink "luge", carved from a block of ice, and possibly an

"ice bar." Returning is the ever-popular "fire and ice" bonfire on San Juan Avenue beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday featuring a blazing fire inside a tower of ice blocks. This event has been moved to the middle of the block to prevent damage to new lighting above the south one-half block of San Juan.

For more details, go to www. riofrioice.com or rioraces.com.

Ferguson to serve 30 years for murder of Taylor

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

Courier Reporter

37, who was convicted committing murder in the second degree, a class two felony, plus a crime of violence, was sentenced by District Judge Amanda Hop-



Dustin Ferguson

kins last week to serve 30 years in the Department of Corrections for the murder of 41-year-old Brian Taylor. In his sentence, Ferguson was given

credit for 695 days served. The sentence was delivered just shy of two years after Taylor was murdered in February of 2022.

According to the arresting documents obtained by the Valley Courier from the clerk of the court, at 10:30 p.m. on Feb. 23, 2022, Saguache County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) deputies were dispatched to a residence on County Road LL57 in Villa Grove in response to a reported stabbing.

The person who called the office was actually a neighbor calling on behalf of David Jackman, the owner and resident of the house who had fled the scene after witnessing the incident. Jackman named Ferguson as the suspect.

When deputies arrived at the house, Hansen reported seeing blood on the storm door to the residence. The door was locked.

He then looked through a window and saw the body of a man — later ■ See FERGUSON page 3

Finding loving homes for pets at 9,000 feet in elevation

By JOHN WATERS Courier News Editor

San Luis Valley Animal Welfare Society located at an elevation of 9,000 feet in Costilla County, "We are no-kill, we are classified as shelter/ sanctuary," says Aileen Peek, Executive Director, Shelter Owner, and Founder of the 35-acre haven. The volunteer organization provides dog and cat rescue and adoptions.

Aileen and her husband Frank mortgaged their home to buy the tous. Yesterday, we had

SAN LUIS - At the found loving homes for the website of the shelover 10,000 homeless ter, a recent adoption 2020 edition of the Best of Alamosa for their Humane Services. Springs, and we've been

"We go to Colorado doing this for 25 years to Pet Smart where they have adoptions. Most of our adoptions happen on the Front Range and Colorado Springs and we have people from those areas come down

property for the current some folks who drove

shelter in 2016. Since down from the Springs that time, they have and adopt a puppy." On dogs and cats. The shel- fair in Colorado Springs ter was named in the offered a guarantee, "If an adopted animal turns out not to fit your home, we gladly take him/her back and provide a full refund. We want all families to enjoy their new companions and all animals to enjoy their new homes.," said Peek. "Right now, we have

about 50 adult dogs and about 20 puppies, adoptions have been slow, maybe because ■ See HÖMES page 3

Photo courtesy Aileen Peek

Baby (left) and Princess are two of the many dogs up for adoption at the San Luis Valley Animal Welfare Society.

Record

Firewise program offers hazard assessments



SAGUACHE COUNTY —The Saguache County Firewise Program is getting low on 2023-24 grant funds but will probably be able to complete another month of free wildfire hazard assessments and hands-on projects. Text Daniel Johnson at 719-480-9764 if you're ready to prepare for possible wildfires this coming summer.

OBITUARIES

Melanie Maxine Garcia

Melanie Maxine Garcia, born Nov. 19, 1961, in Antonito, Colo., sadly left this world on Dec. 22,

Her loving and freespirited presence will be missed by many.

Her mother and father Placida and James Garcia along with her brother Tony Martinez preceded her in death.

She leaves behind her two daughters Amy Lopez and family husband Anthony, children Aleesha and Strength Lopez. Daughter Jessica Juanita Pacheco and family Antonio Pacheco, Kiana Pacheco, Elijah Medina,



Medina; as well as her beloved brother and sisters along with her cherished nieces and nephews, Raymond (Sofie) Garcia with com. The care of arrangetwo sons, Anabelle (Joe) ments has been entrusted Kaila Jaramillo, Nazario Duran with two sons, to Romero Valley Funeral Pacheco, and Nevistancia Darlene Martinez, Lucille Home of Alamosa.

(Ernie) Romero with two sons and three daughters, and Louisa Floyd with two daughters.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date as her headstone will be set in Las Mesitas cemetery alongside her family who have preceded her in death.

Melanie, a mother, sister and aunt will be forever missed and never forgotten. May she find her forever peace with the Lord forever more.

To leave online condolences, please visit romerofuneralhomes.

ed Moose and working

She was a perpetual op-

challenges. She was fun-

ny and kind! Everyone

who knew her well would

She requested that

upon her passing, every-

She had a good life and

There will be a small

will be greatly missed!

attest to these facts.

Loretta Gayle Heinz



Loretta Gayle Heinz (Thompson, Wright), 80, passed away peacefully on Dec. 29, 2023. She was born and raised in Alamosa, Colo., and lived for many years in Santa Maria, Calif., and Mesa,

was in death by her par-

clo "Si" and Cecelia Gal-

legos Gonzales on Jan. 22,

1961, in Alamosa, Colo.

She graduated from Cen-

tauri High School in 1979.

her life, Tim Lucero, and

they were wed on July 11,

1987, in Denver, Colo.

Ariz.

ents, Perry and Ila Mae traveling the produce cir-Thompson and her broth- cuit, owning the Wounder, Gary Thompson.

She is survived by her for Arizona Department two daughters, Rhonda of Corrections Training Hunter of Mesa, Ariz., Deptartment. and Shelly Brunelle of Laconia, N.H. She timist despite her health leaves three grandchildren: Travis Hunter, Corey Hunter and Ashley Brunelle and one greatgranddaughter, Michelle

She was very lucky to one should read her fahave lifelong friends and vorite poem "The Dash". extended family members to whom she re-

mained close.

She had many careers memorial/celebration of preceded including office support, life at a later date to be

working at The Sands, announced.

Marcia Lucero Alamosa resident Mar- her husband Tim; her cia Lucero, 62, passed children Felicia Gonzales away peacefully in her of Alamosa, Colo., Vanown home on Jan. 5, 2024. essa Lucero of Denver, Marcia was born to Asis-Colo., Samuel Lucero of Alamosa, Colo., and Steven Lucero of Alamosa, Colo.; her grandkids Joseph Lauro III of Alamosa, Colo., Timo-Marcia met the love of thy Gonzales, Alamosa, Colo., Alexis Wartman of Marcia was one who her siblings Monica (Phil) loved to be outdoors. She Ramirez, Jimmy (Sharon) Gonzales, Genevieve Gonzales, Andy Gonzales, Patricia Gonzales and Michael (Roberta) Gonzales; as well as numerous niec-

Marcia was preceded

enjoyed fishing and camping. She really liked to read, so much that she was always reading, even when she was watching es and nephews. TV. Marcia was an amazing cook, her family always enjoyed eating her in death by both of her ary is in care of the arhome cooked meals and

desserts. Family was very important to her, and she Phillip Gonzales, and her remembrances, and conloved to spend time with maternal grandparents. them.

Marcia is survived by chosen. Recitation of the ersFunerals.com.



emiah Mills of Alamosa; Jan. 26, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. at the St. Joseph Catholic Parish in Capulin. A Memorial Mass will be held Friday the 26th at 1 p.m. at the Saint Joseph Catholic Parish in Capulin. Inurnment will follow in the Capulin Cemetery. Rogers Family Mortu-

parents, her sister Mar- rangements. To leave tha Gonzales, her brother online words of comfort, dolences for Marcia's fam-Cremation has been ily, please visit www.Rog-



Photo by Caroline Burkhardt

Letty Gallegos with her art.

PALS art show sells out

By CELIA SPINK Community Engagement Coordinator with La Puente

ALAMOSA — Milagros Coffee House is well-known for showcasing the artwork of local artists. On Friday, Jan. 19, the coffee house displayed a special collection of nearly 100 pieces made by 24 children.

The artwork was made by the children of the PALS program, transforming the walls of Milagros into a colorful display. The children's artwork, featuring a diverse range of themes from Pikachu to rainbows to PALS Director Don Hanna, was created using acrylic, pastels, and clay.

Attendees had the opportunity to admire the artwork before the PALS kids made their grand entrance to warm applause. Each child got to practice their public speaking skills by introducing themselves to the

shopping began.

ume of artwork, the walls verse childhood experiwere cleared by the end ences, believes that every of the night. The PALS children were thrilled to have earned money that they could spend as they pleased.

event was not just measured by the amount of money raised, but by the life-shaping experiences. positive impact it had on the children. The event chased artwork or just will sponsor a shopping trip for the artists, where they will reap the all attendees at the PALS rewards of their hard work and learn how to make independent choices while managing their

Many of the kids never had the opportunity to participate in an art show or speak publicly before. The experience gave them a sense of ac- PALS and get involved complishment and taught in future events, visit them how valuable their lapuentehome.org/pals or creativity is.

will last longer than one Coffee House and Rainnight. PALS, a referral- bow's End Thrift Store in based childcare program Alamosa.

for children aged 5-9 who Despite the sheer vol- have gone through adchild deserves the opportunity to grow and thrive. Through play therapy, one-on-one mentorship, field trips, and events The success of the like the art show, the kids of PALS are given the chance to have positive

> Whether they purcontributed to the friendlv ambience of the event, art show invested in the future of the kids. The PALS program is grateful for the ongoing support of the community and looks forward to continuing to make a positive difference in the lives of these children.

To learn more about visit any La Puente ser-The art show's impact vice including Milagros

12th Judicial District announces Mineral County Court vacancy

Commission sets date to select nominees

By COLORADO **JUDICIAL**

DEPARTMENT The Twelfth Judicial Nominating District Commission will meet Feb. 26 at the Alamosa County Courthouse, to interview and select nominees for appointment by the governor to the office of county judge for Mineral County. The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Honorable Ruth Acheson. The vacancy will occur on

May 1. To be eligible, the applicant must be a qualified elector of Mineral County at the time of investiture and have graduated high school or attained the equivalent of a high school education as indicated by the Department

the record made on the county judge is a proviof four years.

Application forms are the ex officio chair, no latavailable from the office er than 4 p.m. on Feb. 6. of the ex officio chair of the nominating commission, Justice Carlos A. executive, Kyle Guspage at www.courts.state. Valenti both of Alamosa.

of Education, based upon co.us/Careers/Judge.cfm. The completed applica-General Education Develtion must be e-mailed to opment test. The annual the address listed in the salary for this position instructions below no latis \$36,940.80, and it is a er than 4 p.m. on Feb. 13. 20 percent position. The Late applications will not initial term of office of a be considered. Any person wishing to suggest a cansional term of two years; didate to fill the vacancy thereafter, the incumbent may do so by letter to be county judge, if approved submitted to any member by the voters, has a term of the nominating commission, with a copy to

The members of the nominating commission for the 12th Judicial Dis-Samour, Jr., 2 E. 14th trict are Charles Powers Ave., Denver, CO 80203; of Creede; John Montand the office of the court gomery of Del Norte; Emma Rae Martinez of tafson, 719-589-4996. Ap- La Jara; Christine Canaplications also are avail- ly of Crestone; and Aaron able on the court's home Miltenberger and James

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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A.A. and N.A members primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics/addicts to achieve ily. For information, call

There are AA and NA 12- website:slvaa.org

VALLEY — The San Step Meetings throughout the valley. The 6th Tradition states that we are not affiliated with any outside organizations, but in the spirit of cooperation, we list these meeting schedules for friends and fam-719-937-5083 or see our



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Sonia Perez named director of the SBDC

UNIVERSITY

ALAMOSA — San Luis Valley native Sonia Perez quickly established herself in the Adams State University School of Business after accepting the position as the executive director of the Small Business Development Center

"I am deeply committed to the idea that thriving small businesses are the backbone of a strong community," she said.

School of Business Director Liz Hensley, Ph.D., was instrumental in bringing the SBDC back to cam-"I have the utmost

confidence in Sonia and believe she will be a tremendous asset to the community as director of the SBDC," Hensley said.

Having grown up in the San Luis Valley, forming meaningful relationships with people holds special significance to Perez.

"It's a personal commitment to contribute to the

prosperity of the commu-ship, we aim to foster a around the San Luis Valus all," Perez said.

and building awareness and the aspiring entrepreof SBDC services. Her immediate goals include ensuring client engagement and support; providing assistance to businesses affected by the ongoing pandemic; and establishing strategic partnerships with local entities, including a collaborative effort with Adams State.

"Together we can identify and support incoming entrepreneurial students who are graduating, ensuring a seamless transition into the business community," she said.

provide students with tailored services, mentorship opportunities, and access to the SBDC's comprehensive support network.

nity I call home and build dynamic environment for partnerships that benefit business growth within the community and con-Perez has already be- tribute to the long-term gun community outreach success of both the SBDC neurs we support," Perez said.

The San Luis Valley SBDC maximizes economic potential through business consulting and training. With a mission to foster the growth of existing and new businesses, Perez said the goal is to empower emerging and existing entrepreneurs in taking control of their operations. The SBDC offers free guidance on funding, business development, and more, striving to support business growth and startups.

"While we can't elimi-By aligning resources nate risk, we minimize and expertise, Adams it by assisting with busi-State and the SBDC can ness plans, financial forecasts, marketing strategies, funding applications, and operational improvements," Perez said.

ley and establish a strong presence in neighboring towns.

"I look forward to reconnecting with familiar faces and forging new relationships as we work together towards shared success," she said. A graduate of Sierra

Grande High School, Perez earned a bachelor's in business management from Adams State. While attending college, she worked full-time in the Adams State Prison Education Program. She is bilingual and dedicated to serving her community. The Small Business

Development Center program (SBDC) is an initiative of the Small Business Administration. SBDCs provide counseling and training to small businesses, with the purpose of supporting business startups and existing business expansion.

"The prospect of playing Perez will attend cham- a pivotal role in provid-

Sonia Perez

and opportunities to small journey to make a positive businesses in the San Luis impact on local business-Valley is immensely cap- es," she said. tivating. It's a chance to contribute to the economic or to schedule an appointlife of our community that ment call 719-587-7460; I am passionate about and email sperez@adams.edu; "Through this partner- ber of commerce meetings ing resources, guidance, a meaningful step in my or visit slv-sbdc.com.

For more information

Democratic governors ask Congress for immigration aid to reverse years of 'inaction' spent billions to address billion. Some Republican curity, and the rest would southern border.

Gov. Polis calls for increased border security

By ARIANA **FĬGUEROA** Colorado Newsline WASHINGTON

Nine Democratic gov-

ernors sent a letter to President Joe Biden and congressional leaders Monday, requesting federal aid and urging changes to immigration law as their states take overwhelming an number of asylum seek-"The sustained arrival

of individuals seeking asylum and requiring shelter and assistance, with federal organiza- the number of migrants crat of Connecticut ing to meet the public cities seeking emergency final details of changes safety and humanitarian shelter continues to in- to immigration policy as needs of our local com- crease at record pace," munities," the letter led according to the letter. by New York Gov. Kathy

Hochul read.

Jared Polis of Colorado, J.B. Pritzker of Illinois, Grisham of New Mexico ing and Phil Murphy of New

New York City has taken in 168,000 migrants in the past 18 months, according to Mayor Eric Adams. Republican Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has added to the strain in major Democratic-run cities by placing migrants on buses and planes to such cities, often without warning local officials.

The letter was also inaction by Congress and signed by Govs. Katie match these challenges Newsom of California, state and local econo-In a statement, Polis

Wes Moore of Maryland, called for more border Maura Healey of Massa- security, other policy rechusetts, Michelle Lujan forms and federal fund-'We need Congress to

> take action to secure our border and pass comprehensive immigration reform. States can't do this alone," Polis said. "Without seriously securing the border, providing interior states relief and real reform the challenges facing states and localities will only grow."

A bipartisan trio of Senate negotiators — "While the Biden Ad- Sens. James Lankford, part of negotiations for a global security aid pack-"States and cities have age of more than \$100

senators had demand-Biden's request for overseas aid. The governors asked

that Congress grant Biden's request to include in a supplemental funding bill \$4.4 billion for a federal migration strategy and \$1.4 billion in aid to states and local governments dealing with an influx of mi-

The governors are requesting Congress and the White House include "federal coordination and decompression at the southern and northern borders; federal funding due to lack of Congres- ministration has made Republican of Oklahoma, for both border and intesional action on infra- important progress in Kyrsten Sinema, inde- rior states and cities restructure and policies, managing immigration pendent of Arizona, and ceiving new arrivals; and Continued from Page 1 can only be addressed at the Southwest border, Chris Murphy, Demo- a serious commitment identified as Taylor — with both Jackman and to modernizing our im- inside the house. Depu- Ferguson in the past, tional support and fund- arriving in states and are hammering out the migration system in the ties announced their had come to Jackman's United States."

Of the \$100 billion in supplemental funding, about \$14 billion would go toward U.S. border se-

be for aid to Ukraine, Is-30 years.

Proposals being floated include making changes to asylum law that would set a higher bar for migrants to claim asylum and curbing the White he is supportive of "sig-House's use of its parole nificant policy changes" authority that it has to asylum law - a stark used to grant temporary reversal from his adminprotections to migrants istration's earlier posifrom certain countries tion to protect asylum and others at the U.S.

"With ongoing conflicts

ed immigration policy rael and Taiwan. Sena- around the world, global Hobbs of Arizona, Gavin with solutions for our changes to be applied to tors have not released migration is at a historic the Southern border as a bill text on the immigra- high," according to the condition of considering tion policy, but the pro- letter. "States and cities posals they are consider- cannot indefinitely reing would mark the most spond to the subsequent significant change to im- strain on state and local migration law in the last resources without Congressional action." The letter comes after

Biden said in a speech to more than 300 bipartisan mayors at a conference in Washington, D.C., that

Council

■ Continued from Page 1 interviews will be available to watch on Zoom. Anyone interested

those questions is advised to call the city.

A city council work session was previously held where council members

decided on those ques-

Luis Valley but some districts across the state.

addressing the other primary reason that teachers, even those with tenelsewhere. The need for that strategy was well increased retention of

fective and is continuing ASD was also able to hire highly successful "Back by consistent trends in at each school, a stunning roughly 500 students and improvement achievement as students riod of time.

> Shooting Stars Cultural and Leadership Center, yes, free haircuts. Jones and Murillo have also taken one of the most ture, the district also obinnovative steps imagin- tained funding to make able in opening the Alamosa School District Family of the classrooms safe Center, a facility opened and conducive to learn-

knowing the answer to tions which would be best in learning who would best fill the vacant seat. Those questions have not been made public.

The seat for Ward 4 became vacant when Coun-

cilor Michael Carson ran for the at-large seat vacated by former Councilor Kristina Daniel. Carson ran unopposed in the race, which immediately created the vacancy.

will be referenced.

But, for now, one of the most important questions that has been overshadowing discussions of the future has been answered. For at least the next few years if not beyond, Superintendent Jones and Assistant Superintendent Murillo will be at the helm to guide Alamosa School

ones to be developed.

And, in perhaps the clearest demonstration of where administrative priorities lie, Jones, Murillo and administrative staff gave up their offices on Victoria Avenue and moved to a location on Highway 160 to create a space for the Alamosa Alternative School where students may be more likely to succeed in a smaller, more supportive, and individualized environment.

Jones and Murillo have additional forward-thinking plans in place, which will be discussed in a separate article to appear in the Valley Courier. No doubt, the Strategic Plan

anything donations. 'Through grants, we now have both inside and outside." District in meeting goals currently set and new

Ferguson

presence and forced en- house when his car had try into the house where "broken down" nearby. they found Taylor on the

incident. In his report, the sheriff's office was a deputy states he saw several cuts on Ferguson's hand that "were not actively bleeding." Ferguson was then transported to the sherof another deputy with

to Jackman who said that Ferguson was his roommate. Taylor, who had reportedly worked

The three men were floor, showing no signs reportedly drinking a of life. The deputy re- beer when, according ported seeing that Tay- to Jackman, Ferguson lor had apparently been made it apparent he did stabbed several times in not like Taylor. Jackhis back, head and neck. man then witnessed A deputy went in pur- Ferguson stabbing Taysuit of Ferguson, who lor, at which point Jackwas still in the area, man fled from the house ultimately taking him and ran to the neighinto custody without bor's residence where

"I'm hoping now as a family we can heal, as well the town of Villa Groove, and all the others affected by this sad iff's office in the custody tragedy," said a family member who reached out to the Valley Courier fol-A deputy then spoke lowing the sentencing.

where monetary tax-

free donations can be

made. There is also an

Amazon.com wish list

free adult and puppy

food, clear plastic totes,

and green cow raw-

hide chips. Visit www.

mailed to the shelter at

The website also has

The shelter is located

photos of the many

and leashes,

Monetary

collars

slvaws.org.

called.

Homes

■ Continued from Page 1

of the economy, and for items such as grainmany shelters are overwhelmed with dogs."

The shelter is now named in honor of Lori Schubert who for many years along with her husband Rick, donated donations can also be time, blankets, collars, chewies, and just about 76 El Rio Drive, Alamo- $_{
m else}$ dogs sa, CO 81101. This is a needed. The couple also mail-only location. made regular generous According

user-friendly

to Peek, adorable dogs currently numerous ready for adoption. state-of-the-art kennels, near San Luis and is

open by appointment The shelter has a very p.m. Text or call 719-

only from 11 a.m. to 4 website 588-5560.

Jones

■ Continued from Page 1 crucial input from stakeholders in the educational process – both on staff and in the community.

Countless references are made in conversation to "The Strategic Plan" that, once in place, has guided their decisions in all areas, from hiring security guards on campus to reaching out and engaging with underserved students and families.

That plan has been efto be so, as evidenced academic demonstrated at Alamosa Elementary and Ortega Middle School, one of the schools in the district that had been encountering the greatest challenges. After extensive nego-

tiations with the Alamosa Education Association, which represents teachers and staff, the district instituted a significant pay raise over two years that made the district competitive, not just with other districts in the San to students and families ing with a newly installed

A four-day school week was finally agreed upon, ure, were accepting jobs documented and effectiveness has been quantified in more successful recruitment efforts and teachers with the district.

of the psychosocial needs be found in The Family of some of the students, a counselor to be on staff to School Bash" where are still struggling with the lingering effects of their education being disrupted at the most basic ment with free food, mulevel for an extended pe-

throughout the week and HVAC system. located in the midst of the

south side of Alamosa. The purpose of the Family Center is to reach out engage in meaningful ways with students, parents, grandparents, and families in the community who feel disconnected from the school district because of barriers such as language differences, lack of cultural relevance or access to technology.

Just one example of the In awareness of some enormous potential to Center was evident in the families registered for the 2023-2024 school year in a celebratory "welcome back to school" environsic, information provided from community organi-In partnership with zations, backpacks filled with school supplies and,

In terms of infrastructhe physical environment

Energy guru says energy gap can be bridged

The Range

Dave

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The experts tell us an energy gap looms. Fossil fuels are phasing out, and solar and wind power can't produce enough electricity to meet the demand in coming decades.

But that's not the thinking of Amory Lovins, the 76-yearold co-founder RMI, formerly the Rocky Mountain In-

stitute in western Colorado. A Harvard and Oxford dropout who's been called the "Einstein of Energy Effi-

ciency, Lovins said recently: "If we do the right things, we'll look back and ask each other, 'What was all the fuss about?" Lovins became famous in the 1970s after his



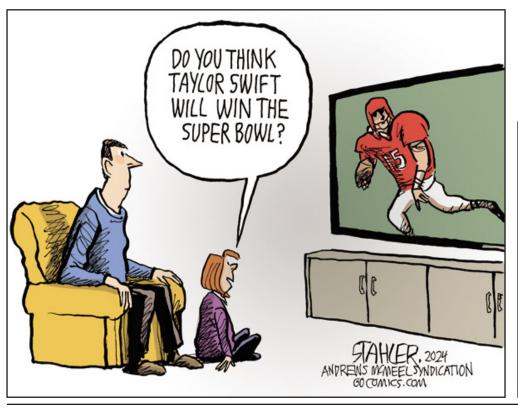
power plants was a destructive mistake. **Amory Lovins** His solu-

are still the answer. "Though it's invisible, efficiency will cut 50% of energy use and up to 80% if we do the right things," he told me recently. "Most of the energy we use is wasted, which makes it much cheaper to save it, rather than buy it or burn it."

tion then was greater efficiency and reli-

ance on renewables, and they, he insists,

According to a recent Princeton paper, he's right: 84% of all energy consumed



goes to waste during delivery or by leak-

To prove it decades ago, he built a passive solar, super-insulated house at 7,100 feet of elevation in Old Snowmass, Colo. It never had a heating system though winters regularly recorded 40 degrees below-zero temperatures.

When I arrived there recently at 8 a.m. it was 12 degrees F. Yet the house featured banana and papaya trees growing in natural light around a koi pond.

We became acquainted when he read my January 2023 Writers on the Range column entitled; "The energy gap nobody wants to tussle with." I'd advocated building small modular nuclear reactors to bolster the grid when the wind doesn't blow and the sun doesn't shine.

Lovins called to set me straight, and after a second conversation and more research, I'm beginning to think he's right.

Though Lovins has many solutions for the energy gap, he touts three major ways to find more energy in what we already do. Tops on the list is changing how we build and retrofit existing structures because buildings consume 75% of the electricity we buy.

Most energy jobs in the United States are already increasing efficiency, ranging from upgrading windows and other retrofits, far outpacing the shrinking fossil

fuels industry (energy.gov).

As one example, Lovins advocates "outsulation" for older structures, defined as adding exterior insulating panels to save heat. Courtesy of the European Union, my Irish in-laws recently had their house "wrapped" and saw their heating bills plummet.

His second way is demand-response, which Lovins calls flexiwatts. An example is cycling air conditioners off for 15-30 minutes at a time, a barely noticeable adjustment that cuts demand for peakerpower plants, those big emitters of greenhouse gases.

His third way is using renewables more effectively. Diversifying renewables by location and type within a region evens gaps from windless and cloudy weather.

As for electric cars being a drain on the grid, they will prove to be sources of electricity, he said, as the next generation batteries will be cheaper and likely have double the storage. Daytime solar stored in vehicles will be bi-directional, spooling out power during peak evening

Lovins also cites LED lights dramatically cutting the cost of energy. In just a decade, they've become 30 times more efficient, 20 times brighter and 10 times

Lovins is quick to admit that an energy

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gap remains, but he predicts a singledigit gap — 6% — between what renewables produce and what's needed. That, he said, can be made up by stored, green hydrogen or ammonia, manufactured from water and air with solar energy, and burned in existing gas plants.

As for nuclear power plants, Lovins said even the best-case scenarios for the next generation of nuclear generators are at least a decade away, and at least eight times more costly than renewables today.

"It's better to use fast, cheap and certain rather than slow, costly and speculative," he said.

Though cutting loose from fossil fuels is a massive undertaking, Lovins said America is on track. "We are on or ahead of schedule on renewables, with 85% of net new additions to the grid from renewables, and \$1 billion invested in solar in the United States daily."

For these reasons and more, Lovins sees our energy future as more of what we're already doing — only smarter and

Let's hope that he's right.

Dave Marston is the publisher of Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, an independent nonprofit that exists to spur lively dialog about the West. He lives in Durango.

No good reason for CD4 voters to import Boebert

By MARK HILLMAN

Capitol Review

Colorado's Fourth Congressional District has produced some of the finest Republican leaders in our state's recent his-

resented CD4 for 10 years before his election to the U.S. Senate. He later served as president of University of Colorado and the Daniels Fund.

• Wayne Allard won two terms in the U.S. Senate after representing CD4 for six years. The Fort Collins veterinarian defined the role of a low-key politician, often described as "a workhorse, not a

· Yuma native Cory Gardner ousted Democrat Betsy Markey to win his first of three terms in Congress. The most recent Republican to win a significant statewide office, he toppled incumbent Mark Udall for U.S. Senate in 2014.

• Bob Schaffer (Fort Collins), Marilyn Musgrave (Fort Morgan), and Ken Buck (Greeley) also did the essential, often-unglamorous work of serving their constituents. Each had a demonstrable record of service to the district before running for

Now consider Rep. Lauren Boebert,

who currently represents the Western Slope, San Luis Valley and Pueblo in the Third Congressional District but plans to seek election this fall in CD4 while collecting a paycheck "representing" CD3.

I'm not a frequent Boebert critic, but Too many politicians of both parties now re-election by just 536 votes (compared confuse serving in Congress with starring in a reality TV show.

Boebert's transition to celebrity-politician was manifest by her disgraceful behavior during a September date night at a Denver theater where she engaged in an extended groping session with her date, guarreled with others in the audience when asked to sit down and stop vaping, and displayed the trademark slogan of self-importance ("do you know who I am?") upon being escorted from the theater.

Like many Coloradans, I knew little about Boebert when she upset an incumbent in the 2020 Republican primary. Charismatic and vivacious, she had an inspiring story — a high school dropout who supported herself by working unglamorous jobs and ultimately found success and notoriety at the restaurant which she and her husband opened. Wanting Republicans to keep that seat, I donated to her campaign.

with Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene was riage as solely between one-man and troubling, so it was encouraging that she one-woman. Billionaires Tim Gill and later parted ways with the Georgia conspiracy peddler.

to 26,000 two years earlier) — even after CD3 was reconfigured to be more favorable to Republicans. Had she focused more on constituent services and less on media opportunities, voters surely would have rewarded her.

She justified her plans to jump districts by claiming that she doesn't want to risk Republicans losing CD3. But that horse has already left the barn, thanks entirely to Boebert. Her leading Democrat opponent has more than \$5 million in the bank — a massive head start against any Republican.

If she's squandered the GOP advantage in CD3, why would CD4 Republicans want to import her baggage the Democrat money it attracts?

Obviously, Boebert is making this switch because being in Congress is the best job she's ever had.

CD4 voters have been through this before. Marilyn Musgrave riled Demo-

After the election, her early association crats with her advocacy for defining mar-Pat Stryker funded relentless attacks on Musgrave, creating parody commercials The 2022 election brought more sur- with an actress dressed to resemble her. · Decorated for his Navy combat duty this decision reveals an irresponsibly prises. One-third of Republican primary Her margin of victory dwindled (13%, in Vietnam, Greeley's Hank Brown rep-self-centered approach to a serious job. voters favored her opponent. She won 6.3%, 2.5%) until she was defeated in the

> Obama wave of 2008. But there's a big difference between Musgrave and Boebert. Musgrave is a fundamentally decent person who never sought the spotlight but didn't duck her principles. She always conducted herself with dignity. That's why her opponents had to create commercials to mock her. By contrast, Boebert's own behavior mocks what she claims to stand for. I believe in grace and do not wish Boebert ill, but Congress has not brought out the

best in her. Republicans from Weld to Douglas counties and across the Eastern Plains have plenty of well-qualified local candidates to choose from. Let's make our choice from those who have lived here

and served us for decades.

Mark Hillman served as Senate Majority Leader and State Treasurer. To read more or comment, go to www.MarkHillman.com.

LETTERS

An email to Israeli Consulate in Washington, DC

Today, I sent this in an email to DC.

the Israeli Consulate in Washington,

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peace to yourselves and the world.

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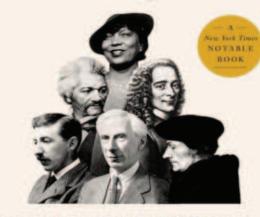
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Fiction

· Alice, Sadie, Celine by Sarah Blakley-Cartwright

Told through three interwoven timelines, this book follows the stories of three women. Alice has a role in a play, hopefully, the start of her acting career. Sadie, Alice's best friend, asks her mother Celine to attend the play in her place. This request leads to a strange triangle of relationships as Celine finds herself falling for Alice.

· Beyond the Door of No Return by David Diop

In 18th-century Senega,l a French botanist becomes obsessed with the story of a mysterious woman named Maram - who is rumored to have escaped slavery in America and made her way back to Senegal as a teenager.

Local

Sky Bridge by Laura Pritchett

Libby is a twenty-twoyear-old supermarket clerk in Lamar, Colorado. Despite her humble job and poor self-image, Libby has big dreams. When her younger sister disappears, leaving Libby in custody

of her baby, those dreams seem more far away than Karl Sigmund ever.

Nonfiction

· Humanly Possible by Sarah Bakewell

Humanism is a philosophy focused on freedom, self-determination and enhancing the well-being of all people. In this sweeping history, Bakewell charts the progress of humanism from Erasmus and Voltaire to the secular thinkers of our own time.

The Spirituality of Dreaming by Kelly Bulke-

Across all religions and cultures, dreams are seen as a source of inspiration and spiritual guidance. In this book dream expert Dr. Kelly Bulkeley brings us a set of time-honored methods to stimulate innate dreaming capacities and amplify their impact in our waking lives.

 The Land of Hope and Fear by Isabel Kershner

A correspondent who has spent thirty years working in Israel, Kershner reveals the core of what holds Israel together and the forces that threat-

en its future.



membership, as he helped military service members with their banking and financial needs.

Benavides is a Colorado native, having grown

ing, hiking and any kind of sports. He officiated high school and college basket• The Waltz of Reason by

Do you know how integral mathematics is to... well, everything? Together phimathematics and losophy have shaped our understanding of space, chance, logic, cooperation, voting, the social contract, reason, and even morality itself.

· Seeing One Thing Through by Mel Weitsman Mel Weitsman started out as a young painter in 1950's San Francisco - and became one of the first American masters of Zen Buddhism. This book is a collection of his talks and writing.

Romance

Game On by Seressia Glass

When gamer and diversity consultant Samara Reynolds criticizes one of Aron Galanis' games, he doesn't get mad - he hires her. As the two work together, romantic sparks start to fly. Once their relationship goes public, will their credibility be ruined?

Science Fiction The Genesis 6 Project by

Michael Ferguson

A mysterious "cargo" escapes military containment in the Middle East. Could it be one of the creatures from the Book of Genesis described as both giants and fallen angels - one of the mythological Nephilim?

Friday, January 26 Men & Women's Track at UNM Team

Open at Albuquerque, N.M.

1:15 p.m. Men & Women's Basketball at

Westminster University (Utah) at Salt

Lake City, Utah

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Wrestling vs University of Central Oklahoma at Alamosa, Colo.

6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 27 Men & Women's Track at UNM Team

Open at Albuquerque, N.M. 10:00 a.m.

Men & Women's Swim at Colorado

School of Mines at Golden, Colo. 11:00 a.m.

Women's Wrestling at Colorado Mesa

University at Grand Junction, Colo.

5:00 p.m. Men's LAX vs Air Force (Scrimmage) at



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Benavides named Deputy District Director of Colorado SBA District Office

ADMINISTRATION One of Monte Vista's

own, David Benavides, was recently promoted to the Deputy District Director of the Colorado SBA District Office. Benavides joined the

SBA Colorado District Office as a Lender Relations Specialist in January of 2017. In January of 2024, he was promote to Deputy District Director for the Colorado District Office.

Benavides brings over 13 years of branch bank and credit union management, along with another

experience.

He spent eight years adminisserving his country in the tration for United States Air Force, instituwith assignments in Den- tions ver and Australia. Follow- as ing his military career, Benavides gained experi- Bank of the ence in the finance world, first as an Investment Advisor for Sun America Securities and then transitioned into mutual funds management for the Fi- career in federal service, up in Monte Vista. He has

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such Chase Bank, West and $_{
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Before his

nancial and Retirement Benavides was given the two children, enjoys camptransactions department opportunity to open the first Colorado location of His banking experi- Navy Federal Credit Union, where he served as Branch

David Benavides

ball for over 15 years.



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Sports Bulletin

Follow sports editor Ken Hamrick on X. His handle is @KenHamrick1.

SCOREBOARD TUESDAY Prep boys

basketball Crested Butte at Monte Vista - no

report Sangre de Cristo 37, Del Norte 35,

2OT Sierra Grande at Walsenburg - no

Taos (N.M.) 63,

Alamosa 55 **Prep girls** basketball

Crested Butte at Monte Vista - no report

Custer County at Centennial - no report

Del Norte 38, Sangre de Cristo 24 Sierra Grande 54, Walsenburg 8

Prep girls swimming Sargent at Pueblo County - no report

SCHEDULE THURSDAY Prep boys basketball

Center at Sargent, 4:30 p.m. Prep girls

basketball Center at Sar-

gent, 4:30 p.m. **Prep boys** wrestling

Monte Vista at Alamosa, 6 p.m. Antonito hosts Antonito duals, TBA

Prep girls wrestling Monte Vista at Alamosa, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY Prep boys basketball

Del Norte at Hoehne, noon Sangre de Cristo at Swink, 3 p.m. Sanford at Custer County, 3:30 p.m. Sargent at Crest-

ed Butte, 4 p.m. Centennial vs. Moffat (at Saguache), 5 p.m. Liberty Tree

Academy at Antonito, 5 p.m. Sierra Grande at Creede, 5 p.m.

Bayfield at Alamosa, 7 p.m. Ignacio at Centauri, 7 p.m.

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tauri, 5:30 p.m.

Prep boys wrestling

Antonito, Centauri, Center, Del Norte, Monte Vista, Mountain Valley, Sargent, Sierra Grande/Centennial at Valley Classic (at Center), 9 a.m.

College men's

basketball Adams State at Westminster (Utah),

College women's basketball

Adams State at Westminster (Utah), 5 p.m.

College indoor track and field

Adams State at New Mexico Team Open, TBA

College men's wrestling Central Oklahoma at Adams State, 6 p.m.

Thunderbirds defeat Tigers in double overtime

By KEN HAMRICK

Courier sports editor

MOSCA – Sangre de Cristo High School's Kaiden Smit made a layup with nine seconds remaining to give the Thunderbirds a 37-35 double overtime win Tuesday at the Sangre gym.

Smit opened the scoring by knocking down a jumper. But the Tigers responded with eight straight points to take an 8-2 lead with 2:40 left in the first quarter.

Deagon Rogers made one of three free throws to bring the Thunderbirds within an 8-3 deficit at the end of the period.

Ezra Lopez began the second quarter with a 3-point basket, but Lashawn Trujillo drove for a layup. Smit then scored two layups to tie the score at 10-10 with 3:03 left before halftime.

Smit scored again with 39 seconds before the break to give the Thunderbirds a 12-10 edge at halftime.

Craig Williams tied the score early in the third, but Hayden Cleve drained a trey, and Rogers hit a jumper for a 17-12 advantage. Kelby Mondragon drove for a layup and later made one of two from

the free throw line to narrow the lead to 17-15. Kolby Shellabarger made a 3-pointer, but Mondragon answered

with one on the other end of the court. Josh Gonzales' layup tied the score at 20-20. Shellabarger made another three, but so did Mondragon and the

third period ended in a 23-23 tie. Shellabarger hit his third 3-pointer to begin the fourth quarter, and after Noah Bailey made one of two free throws for the Tigers,

Lopez and Smit both made layups for a 30-24 advantage. Trujillo ended the run, and Mondragon later scored in the paint to bring the Tigers within a 30-28 deficit. Mondragon made his third trey of the game to put Del Norte back in front at 31-30.

tosses with 34.7 seconds left for a 33-31 Sangre lead. But Trujillo sank two free throws with 14.6 seconds left to tie the score at 33-33, and the game went into overtime. In the first overtime, Mondragon stole the ball at midcourt and

drove for a layup. But Smit made two free throws with 30.6 seconds

Both teams had a chance to score the winning basket but were

In the second overtime, both teams ran some clock in an attempt to get off the last shot. Smit drove the lane and put up a shot which

Del Norte quickly moved the ball up court, but its last-second shot Smit led Sangre in scoring with 15 points, followed by Shellabarger

Mondragon led all scorers with 18 points and Trujillo added eight.

Sangre de Cristo (6-4, 0-1) will travel to Swink on Friday and to Centennial on Saturday.

Del Norte (3-8, 2-0) will play at Hoehne on Friday and will host



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

Sangre de Cristo High School's Kaiden Smit (31) drives to the basket against Del Norte's Craig Williams (5) in Tuesday's game at the Sangre gym. Smit scored 15 points including the game winner as the Thunderbirds defeated the Tigers 37-35 in double overtime,

Custer County on Saturday.

Sangre de Cristo 37, Del Norte 35, 2OT

Del Norte - Eagles 0 0-2 0, Pacheco 0 0-0 0, Williams 1 0-0 2, Mondragon 7 1-3 18, Gonzales 1 0-0 2, Trujillo 3 2-2 8, Atencio 0 0-0 0, Worz 1 0-0 2, Bailey 1 1-2 3, Vigil-Ledford 0 0-0 0. Total 14 4-9 35. 3-point goals - Mondragon 3. Total 3. Sangre de Cristo - Rogers 1 1-3 3, Shellabarger 4 0-0 11, Mason 0 0-0 0, Cleve 1 0-0 3, Smit 6 3-6 15,

Lopez 2 0-0 5. Total 14 4-9 37. 3-point goals - Shellabarger 3, Cleve 1, Lopez 1. Total 5.

Del Norte

Sangre de Cristo Fouls – Del Norte 13, Sangre de Cristo 11.

Del Norte girls start strong to defeat Sangre

By KEN HAMRICK

Courier sports editor MOSCA - The Del Norte High School

girls basketball team had a fast start when it played Sangre de Cristo Tuesday at the Lady Thunderbirds' gym. The Lady Tigers rode that strong start en

route to a 38-24 victory.

Kaitlyn Velasquez scored the first point of the game for Del Norte as she made one of two from the free throw line. Emma Parra then hit a jumper, and Kayleigh Haynie also split at the line for a 4-0 Lady Tigers lead.

Reese Brown made the first 3-point basket of the game, and Baylie Laymon made one of two charity tosses for a 10-0 lead.

Presley Wilson put the Lady T-birds on the board with 1:27 left in the first quarter, but Del Norte led 10-2 at the end of the period. Jaydra Cordova drove for a layup, and Palma Enriquez split at the line to cut the

12-5, but Wilson made one of two free throws. Velasquez made two free throws, but Idahlia Garcia scored in the paint. Hadley Leggett and Laymon both made one of two from the

deficit to 10-5. Laymon's layup made the score

line for a 16-8 Del Norte lead at halftime. Haynie and Velasquez both scored layups to push the lead to 20-8. Haylee Freel made two free throws, and after Haynie split at the line, Garcia scored another layup to bring the



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

Del Norte High School's Baylie Laymon (12) drives the ball up court while Sangre de Cristo's Presley Wilson (4) plays defense in Tuesday's game at Sangre. The Lady Tigers defeated the Lady Thunderbirds 38-

Lady T-birds within 21-12.

Parra's three gave the Lady Tigers a 12-point advantage, but Garcia scored two straight baskets to reduce the Lady Tiger

lead to 24-16 at the end of the third quarter. Haynie opened the fourth quarter with a layup and free throw. Enriquez answered with a pair of free tosses, but Laymon scored a layup, followed by Velasquez splitting at the charity stripe. Laymon drained a trey to give Del Norte its largest lead at 33-18.

Wilson answered with a pair of threes to bring the Lady T-birds within 34-24.

Del Norte, however, made four out of 10 free throws in the final 1:44 to clinch the win. Laymon led all scorers with 10 points. Next for the Lady Tigers was Haynie with nine.

Wilson was Sangre's top scorer with nine points, followed by Garcia with eight.

Del Norte (6-5, 2-0) will travel to Hoehne on Friday and then will host Custer County on Saturday.

(Sangre de Cristo (6-3) will travel to Swink on Friday, and then to Centennial on Saturday.

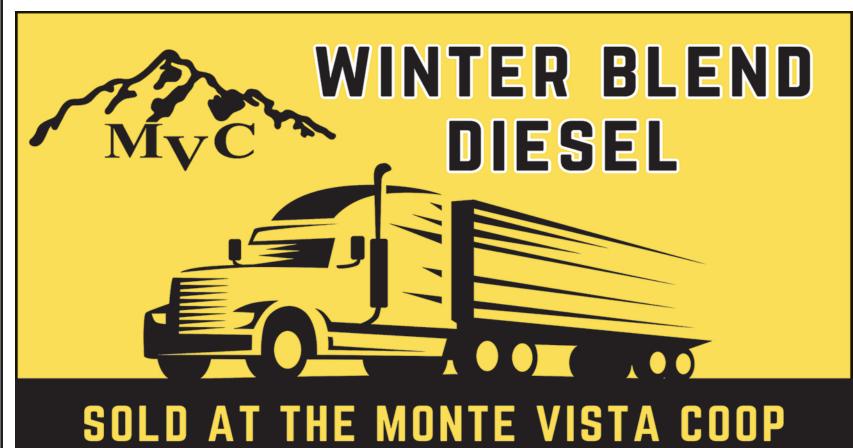
Del Norte 38, Sangre de Cristo 24

Del Norte - Velasquez 1 5-10 7, Parra 2 1-4 6, Laymon 2 5-10 10, Brown 2 0-0 5, Haynie 3 3-7 9, Gallegos 0 0-0 0, Leggett 0 1-2 1. Total 10 15-33 38. 3-point goals – Brown 1, Laymon 1, Parra 1. Total 3.

Sangre de Cristo – Wilson 3 1-2 9, Knorr 0 0-2 0, Rodriguez 0 0-0 0, Freel 0 2-2 2, Enriquez 0 3-6 3, Sorensen 0 0-0 0, Cordova 1 0-0 2, Garcia 4 0-0 8. Total 8 6-12 24. 3-point goals - Wilson 2. Total 2.

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Fouls – Del Norte 14, Sangre de Cristo 27. Fouled out – Enriquez,

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Farm Bureau Insurance held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 247 Adams St. Agent John Meyers cut the ribbon.

Ribbon cutting held for Meyers new agent for Farm Bureau Insurance

By MARIE MCCOLM MONTE VISTA

Farm Bureau Insurance held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 247 Adams St.

Meyers smiled as he cut the ribbon at the ceremony and spoke about how he felt at the ceremony.

"Monte Vista is so welcoming. The ribbon cutting was awesome," Meyers said. "It makes me very happy at just how well I have been received in the community. It's kind of a big deal for me. I am from Michigan, so the people in Monte Vista have made me feel as close to home as I could possibly be, and I appreciate it. I just joined the Farm Bureau as an agent in November, I am relatively new, I have been a long-time Farm Bureau customer, but new to being an agent. I am very excited and happy

community with this." Meyers is no stranger

for about 3 years now. be involved with cattle, I raise Scottish Highlands, do AAC registered breeding stock."

Meyers stated that his reason for joining Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent had a lot to do that," he said. with his love of farming. "Farm Bureau help local farmers and ranchers in the area, and across the state,' somebody reach out to a spur of the moment ference," he said.

Vista was a "perfect fit." "As I was driving two "When the agency of- Commerce. fered me the office in but the one in Monte Vista.

thing that worked out

really well."



Farm Bureau Insurance Agent John Meyers received a plaque during a ribbon cutting ceremony on Jan. 11 in Monte Vista.

Vista was the perfect fit for me."

Meyers took over the office on 247 Adams St. Meyers stated he was not sure why the prior agents left, but he to be in the Monte Vista was excited to be at the

"Since I took over the to agriculture. He has office, there was already been a part of agricul- a big client base. We ture his entire life. He have been working on was born and raised on growing the client base a crop farm in Michigan more, too. That has been and has a cattle ranch. going better than I hoped He has had the ranch for. Being a new agent, I thought it would be a "I always wanted to rough, rocky start, but everything has been going great, really smooth. Again, I have been well received in the community and it has just been awesome. I thank everyone in the community for

Meyers is excited in- about the Southern spired me with the Rocky Mountain Agriway that they want to culture Conference early next month in Monte

"We have a spot at the Meyers said. "I had ag conference already. We plan on doing a rafme from the insurance fle. We are going to buy side of Farm Bureau, a Yeti cooler and fill it they had heard about with some bison meat. my successful business- We are going to raffle es in Michigan and kind that off. We are probaof wanted to see if I was bly going to have people interested in working sign up for a free quote with Farm Bureau. It from our agency to enter just all worked out to- to win. I am very excited gether. It was kind of about the upcoming con-

Meyers thanked everyone who helped him Meyers said Monte get his start with the agency, including the representatives through Monte Vista, that came from Denver I always thought, man to help him, the Monte if I was going to move Vista Community, the again, it would be to OptiMystics and the Monte Vista," he said. Monte Vista Chamber of

For more information Monte Vista, I snatched on Farm Bureau Insurit up. There were a cou- ance, visit the agency at ple of different options, 247 Adams St. in Monte

Shopping Local Creates Jobs: The jobs created allow spending in the local economy and helps create more jobs.

Local independent businesses invest more in our community: They support local charities, schools and community events which financially impacts our community.

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

Shopping Local saves you money and time! Travel expenses and personal time make the overall cost of items higher.

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

Shopping Local retains our distinctiveness: Local businesses respond quicker to the needs of the customers and stock products to meet the core community's needs.

Shopping Local encourages community growth. By choosing to do business locally you help maintain Alamosa's diversity, charm & appeal. Which in turn, attracts new community members.

Shopping Local invests in community services and city economy. Your dollars spent in locally-owned businesses have three times the impact on your community as dollars spent outside of Alamosa.

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



Public Notices

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Cash on hand 400.00 Community Banks of Colorado 729,216.43 Investments 11,870,846.98

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Received and examined by the Board of Conejos County Commissioners this 17th day of January 2024.

Balance as of Dec 31, 2023

Chairperson

Filed in my office this 17th day of January, 2024

I, Mack M. Crowther, Conejos County Treasurer, do hereby certify that the following Fund Balances & Investment

Balances to the best of my knowledge and ability are true and correct as they appear from the records in my office Dec 31, 2023. In witness, I hereby place my hand & official seal this 17th day of January 2024.



Conejos County Treasurer

No. 3758 Published in the Valley Courier January 24, 2024.

COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE-

Public Trustee Sale No. 3-2023 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On November 17, 2023, under Reception No.23001578, 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 Conejos records.
Original Grantor(s) (Borrower): Amy Martha Casias
Original Beneficiary Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
as nominee for Midwest Mortgage Associates Corp, Its Successors

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: NewRez LLC, D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
Date of Deed of Trust 12/29/2017

Date of Deed of Trust 1/2/29/2017
Recording Date of Deed of Trust 1/2/2018
County of Recording CONEJOS
Recording No. of Deed of Trust Reception No. 18000004
Original Principal Amount \$112,626.00
Outstanding/Unpaid Principal Balance \$101,449.36

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: A violation of the covenants of said Deed of Trust including, but not limited to the Borrower's failure to make timely payments as required under the Evidence of Debt and Deed of Trust THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
The legal description of the Property that is subject to the Notice of
Election and Demand in accordance with CRS §38-38-101(4)(g) is:
LOT C, AND THAT PART OF LOT B LYING EAST OF THE RIGHT

OF WAY OF THE ROMERO CANAL, AND THE WEST 20 FEET OF LOT D, BLOCK 18, TOWN OF ROMEO, COUNTY OF CONEJOS, STATE OF COLORADO.

Purported Common Address: 102 Conejos Street, Romeo, CO 81148
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of

Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at the office of the Conejos County Public Trustee, Conejos County Courthouse, 6683 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed

Indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED. First Publication Date: January 24, 2024

First Publication Date: January 24, 2024 Last Publication Date: February 21, 2024 Name of Publication: The Valley Courier Date: January 19, 2024 Mack M. Crowther

Public Trustee in and for the County of Conejos, State of Colorado

The name, address, telephone number and bar registration numbor attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Halliday Watkins & Mann, P.C.
Attorney for New Rez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing

Amanda Ferguson, #44893

Heather L. Deere, #28597 355 Union Blvd., Suite 250 Lakewood, CO 80228 Phone: 303-274-0155

The attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that pur-

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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

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CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 954-23
To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On October 20, 2023, 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 Alamosa records.
Original Grantor(s)
CHRISTOPHER V SALAZAR AND KELLI R SHAWCROFT
Original Reneficiary(iss)

Original Beneficiary(ies) CHAMPION MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF KEYBANK NATIONAL

CHAMPION MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
U.S BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2019-RP1
Date of Deed of Trust December 16, 2006
County of Recording
Alamosa

Alamosa

Recording Date of Deed of Trust

January 04, 2007 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)

Hecording Information (Hecept 329256 Original Principal Amount \$68,800.00 Outstanding Principal Balance \$1,867.10

\$51,867.10
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(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 of the terms thereof THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
ALL THE REAL PROPERTY TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS, IF ANY, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF ALAMOSA AND STATE OF COLORADO DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
THE WEST 100 FEET OF LOT 3, AND THE WEST 100 FEET OF THE SOUTH 32 FEET OF LOT 2, BLOCK 93, COLT"S SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF ALAMOSA, ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO.

Also known by street and number as: 1004 EDISON AVE, ALAMOSA

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROP-BERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST. NOTICE OF SALE The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for

Trust, described nerein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 02/21/2024, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certifi-

cate of Purchase, all as provided by law. First Publication 12/27/2023

1/24/2024

10, 17, & 24, 2024

Last Publication 1/24/2024
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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE
DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE
PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
DATE: 10/20/2023
Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State
of Colorado
By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee
The name address, business telephone number and har registra-

By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the
indebtedness is:
Ryan Bourgeois, Esq. #51088
Barrett Frappier & Weisserman, LLP 1391 Speer Boulevard, Suite
700, Denver, CO 80204 (303) 350-3711
Attorney File # 00000009595745
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose. ©Public Trustees' Association of Colorado Revised 1/2015

No. 3728. Published in the Valley Courier on December 27, 2023, January 3,

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF

COLORADO MUTUAL HOLDING COMPANY

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of members of the above-named Mutual Holding Company will be held at the home office at 402 Edison Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado on the 29th day of January, 2024 at the hour of 1:00 p.m. of said day. The business to

be taken up at said meeting shall be:

1. Considering and voting upon reports of Officers and Committees of the Holding Company;

2. Considering and voting upon ratification of the acts of Directors and

Officers of the Holding Company; 3. Election of Directors to fill the offices, the terms of which are then

expiring; 4. No other matters, except as required by law or regulation BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dated at Alamosa, Colorado, December 18, 2023

Joelle Boos, Secretary
Colorado Mutual Holding Company

Colorado Inducar Forence 2 - . No. 3741. Published in the Valley Courier on January 17 & 24, 2024.

NOTICE **County Court**

Alamosa County, Colorado Court Address: 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101 Case Number 24C10 Division: B

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DIVISION: B Court Room: B In the Matter of Parent/Petitioner: Ashlee Meis – Trujillo for Minor Child: Rey Deloy Meis For a Change of Name to: RJ Meis PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Public Notice is given 01/19/2024 that a Petition for a Change of
Name of a Minor Child has been filed with the Alamosa Court.
The Petition requests that the name of
Rey Deloy Meis
be changed to
RJ Meis
Ry Christophor Martinoz

By Christopher Martinez
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
No. 3769.

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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 955-23

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
On November 21, 2023, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust de-

the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.

Original Grantor(s)
Tracy H. Walker
Original Beneficiary(ies)
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, as nominee for Bay Equity LLC., its successors and assigns
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
Bay Equity LLC
Date of Deed of Trust
December 22, 2021
County of Recording

County of Recording Alamosa

Recording Date of Deed of Trust
December 22, 2021
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)

383516 Original Principal Amount \$375,000.00

Softy, 100-300
Outstanding Principal Balance
\$364,934.79
Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the

covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to make timely payments as required under the Evidence of Debt and Deed of Trust.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
Parcel 1:
That portion of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 3, Township 38 North,

Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Southeast 1/4 of said Section 3; Thence North along the East line of said Section a distance of 200 feet; Thence West to the east line of said right-of-way of Colorado Highway 17; Thence Southerly along the East right-of-way line of said Highway 17 to a point on the South line of said Section 3;

Thence East along the South line of Section 3 to the Point of Begin-ning, County of Alamosa, State of Colorado. Parcel 2: A fraction of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 3, Township 38 North, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a point on the East line of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 3, 200 feet North of the Southeast corner of said Southeast 1/4;

NOTICE

County Court

For a Change of Name to: Damian Joseph Meis – Trujillo PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Public Notice is given 01/19/2024 that a Petition for a Change of

Name of a Minor Child has been filed with the Alamosa Court.

Court Address: 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101

In the Matter of Parent/Petitioner: Ashlee Meis – Trujillo for Minor Child: Damian Joseph Trujillo

Alamosa County, Colorado

Case Number 24C12 Division: B

Damian Joseph Lujan

be changed to Damian Joseph Meis – Trujillo By Christopher Martinez

Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk

Court Boom: B

feet; thence West to the East line of the right-of-way of Colorado State Highway 17; thence southerly along the East right-of-way line of said Highway 17 to a point due West of the point of beginning; thence East to the Point of Beginning, County of Alamosa, State of Colorado. Also known by street and number as: 978 S Highway 17, Alamosa, CO 81101.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED

OF TRUST.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 06/05/2024, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certifiother items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication 1/24/2024

Last Publication 2/21/2024

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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

DATE: 11/21/2023

DATE: 11/21/2023
Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado

By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registra-tion number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the

indebtedness is:
Amanda Ferguson #44893
Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. 355 Union Blvd., Ste 250, Lakewood, CO 80228 (303) 274-0155
Attorney File # CO22428
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that pur-

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& 21, 2024.

NOTICE

Alamosa County, Colorado Court Address: 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101 Case Number 24C11 Court Room: B

In the Matter of Parent/Petitioner: Ashlee Meis – Trujillo for Minor Child: Zaryah Shea Lujan

For a Change of Name to: Zaryah Shea Meis – Trujillo
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Public Notice is given 01/19/2024 that a Petition for a Change of

Name of a Minor Child has been filed with the Alamosa Court. The Petition requests that the name of Zaryah Shea Lujan be changed to

Zaryah Shea Meis – Trujillo By Christopher Martinez Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk No. 3771. Published in the Valley Courier on January 24, 30, & February 7,

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writing with the ap-

221 -**HELP WANTED**

ADAMS STATE UNI-VERSITY is looking for candidates to fill the osition of BUDGET DIRECTOR within the Business and Finance department. You can apply here https://adams. wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/ASU/details/Budget-Director_ R183. We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions. please reach out to our Human Resources department 719-587-7990. (2/14/24AS)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for full-time CUSTO-DIAN. This is a fulltime position with benefits. Preference will be given to applicants with maintenance experience. A full list of desired qualifications can be viewed on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Maintenance and Custodial Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/ employmentopportuni-ties by January 25, 2024 or until the position is filled. For application questions, contact the plication. Application District Administration deadline - open until filled. (1/31/24AS) Office at 719-852-5996. (1/31/24AS)

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SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applica-tions for a ROUTE DRIVER FOR STU-DENTS WITH SPE-CIAL NEEDS. Applicants for this position must have a current driver's license (a CDL IS NOT REQUIRED) and pass a drug test. For additional information contact Mark Hotz, Maintenance/Trans-719-852-2881. Applications mav be submitted through our online employment application https://www.pirates. monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities by January 25, 2024, or until the position is filled. For questions regarding the application process, contact the Administration Of-fice at 719-852-5996. (1/31/24AS)

CITY OF ALAMOSA is accepting VOLUN-TEER FIREFIGHTER applications. As a volunteer member of Alamosa Fire & Rescue, you will have the honor of serving your community in emergency situations. Additionally, all members have the opportunity to meet and work with other highly enthusiastic volunteers, and interact with numerous local, state and national fire and rescue organizations. Please visit our website at https://cityofalamosa. org/ for more information and to complete an online application. For questions please contact Fire Chief Stone at (719)587-2530. (2/14/24AS)

MONTE VISTA **SCHOOL** DISTRICT is accepting applica-tions for two SECOND-ARY SPECIAL ED-UCATION TEACH-ERS for the 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. The District operates on a 4-day week (Monday - Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, den-tal, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Teacher Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://www.pirates. monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities by January 25, 2024 or until the positions are filled. For application questions, contact the District Administration

DIRECTOR OF VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATION: Local, well-respected nonprofit agency seeking individual to recruit, train, and place community volunteers and service groups to assist La Puente's diverse programs. Additional responsibilities: presen-tations, special events, building community partnerships, manage-ment of support staff. Self-starter, values driven, comfort engaging a diversity of people, administrative skills. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of serving others. Salary \$43k-46k DOE, full benefit package. Start date: flexible between February 1-April 1st. Request job description: send resume/cover letter Emily: hr@lapu-ente.net, 719 589-5909,

ext238. www.lapuente. net (1/24/24AS)

Office at 719-852-5996. (1/30/24AS)

221 -**HELP WANTED**

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cover letter to clarissa@

restorativeprograms.

307 -APPLIANCES

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> 324 - SEED & FEED

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BARLEY STRAW FOR Sale. 3'x4'x8' big square bales. Good clean, bright straw. \$90 per ton. Stacks locat-ed near ANTONITO and also near MOF-FAT. 719-480-4289. (2/17/24AS)

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341 -**GARAGE SALE**

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> 345 -WOOD

THANK YOU, VAL-LEY COURIER. I SOLD MY WOOD SPLITTER! Frank.

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> 353 - FARM & LIVESTOCK

I SOLD MY HORSE IN 2 DAYS TO A GOOD HOME. THANKS VALLEY COURIER! Rick. (AS)

> 360 - MISC. **FOR SALE**

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426-MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

any bid in its sole dis-

cretion. (1/27/2024AS)

FOR SALE IN ALA-MOSA County: 1980 GLENWOOD TRAIL-ER HOUSE \$6,700. Must be moved. 402-269-7172.(E-TFN-AS) 525 -GUNS

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> 634 - ROOMMATE WANTED

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701 - AUTOS FOR SALE

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FOR RENT

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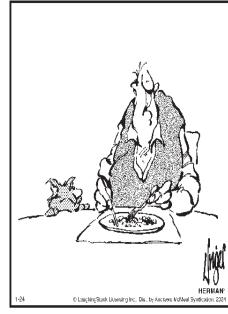
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HERMAN



"Did you feed this cat?"

Wife in unhappy marriage fantasizes about a friend

DEAR ABBY: I am an unhappily married woman with young children. I am attracted to a friend of mine and my husband's, but he is also married. He's a bit older, and I can't tell for sure if he has feelings for me, but sometimes I suspect it. He has made me jewelry and gifts, and I've caught him

looking at me a few times. We have exchanged messages on social media and he often asks me questions about myself -what I like, etc. He's just so quiet that I can't tell if it all means anything. I could never leave my husband and break up my family, and I could never break up someone else's family. But I'm starting to wonder and sometimes think I really am falling in love with him. What should I do? -- CRUSH-

DEAR CRUSHING: Face it: You're TAKEN. Because you could "never leave" your husband or break up someone else's marriage, figure out what's gone wrong in your relationship with your husband and resolve to fix it. Some sessions with

ING IN THE MIDWEST

a licensed marriage and family therapist would be the place to start. Do it NOW DEAR ABBY: I am with someone who drinks

and gambles and has

made countless promises that have been broken. I recently checked his Facebook account, and he follows at least 12 women in their 20s, most of whom he barely knows or doesn't know at all. Most of them are almost naked in every picture

I told him it bothers me, but he doesn't seem to care. I told him it is disrespectful to me as his significant other. I have also told him to think about the things he does that affect our relationship. To him, he's doing nothing wrong; to me, he's disrespecting me, and it's not the only time. He has written to a few of them telling them how beautiful they are. Am I wrong? -ATA LOSS IN FLORĬDA

DEAR AT A LOSS: Your gentleman friend may be a voyeur drawn to photos of random "beautiful young ladies." It has nothing to do with respect (or the lack thereof) he has for you. He likes to LOOK! It is now time to ask yourself why you stay with someone who gambles, drinks and breaks his promises (which IS disrespectful). His voyeurism is

the least of your worries. DEAR ABBY: I went out to eat at a fancy Manhattan restaurant with some of my siblings. One of them over-ordered and ran up a huge bill. When



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it came time to pay, he said, "Let's charge it to Daddy's credit card." Our father is well-off and probably would have been OK with it, but I objected on principle. We ended up splitting

the bill, which irritated me since my wife and I ordered much less. I can't talk to them about it because they'll accuse me of being cheap. What should I have done and what should I do in the future when it crops up, because it will? -- MONEY-CON-SCIOUS IN NEW YORK

DEAR M-C: The next time you go to a fancy restaurant with your siblings, before the order is taken, tell the server you would like separate

checks.

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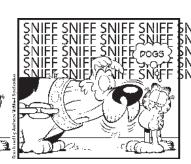
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Lifestyle

Eventful week at HVCC

By HIGH VALLEY **COMMUNITY CENTER**

What an eventful week! All the fun was had at High Valley Community Center, and we

can't wait to do it again. Our Little Passports got to learn all about Japan and create their own aquarium of koi fish (and a few octopi for some reason) by using their creativity and imagination. They used supplies such as empty toilet paper rolls, paper strips, glue, scissors, and googly eyes to make their fish/octopi come to life! They had a blast getting to use their hands, and it was a great opportunity for them to encourage each other and recognize each other's unique creativity.

We were able to have all our DNES students join us all day on Thursday since they were out of school for the day! We took an incredible field trip to Alamosa, where we split up into two groups to go to different activities. Our K-2 graders enjoyed lots of time at The Playhouse doing gymnastics and pretending to work in a store. Our 3-6 graders had the chance to go to the arcade and practice all sorts of skills, such problem-solving, teamwork and critical thinking as they aimed

The fun continued into Friday! All the kids created their own bead jewelry and ended up with beautiful bracelets, necklaces, and rings. They also got to let a little competitive spirit come out as they raced each other through an obstacle course at the gym.

to beat the game.

Next week will bring lots of new learning experiences and fun things for the kids to participate in. Meals will be eaten together, homework will be done, and all sorts of fun will be had!

We are also beginning our partnership with Del Norte School to offer tutoring to 7-12 grade Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Our HVCC staff will be at the school Tuesday and Wednesday from 4-5 p.m. to offer space and resources to any students who need homework help or tutoring. We will also be offering tutoring and donuts at HVCC on Friday mornings from 10 a.m.

to 12 p.m. We hope to see you



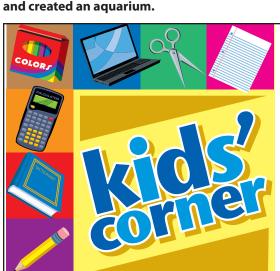
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High Valley Community Center welcomed students back after the Christmas break and for their first activities, the students learned about Japan



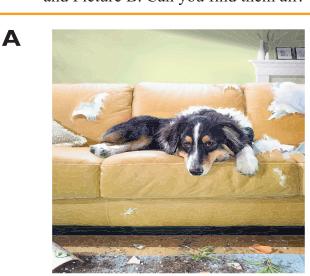


THIS HERDING DOG REGULARLY RANKS AS ONE OF THE MOST INTELLIGENT BREEDS.

YNƏMEK: BOKDEK COLLIE

What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?





3. Missing pottery on rug 4. Photo frame is blank Answers: I. Dirt on wall 2. Large rip is repaired



- 1720: SWEDEN AND PRUSSIA SIGN THE TREATY OF STOCKHOLM.
- 1861: THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR STARTS AND JEFFERSON DAVIS RESIGNS FROM THE UNITED STATES SENATE.
- 1981: PRODUCTION OF THE DELOREAN SPORTS CAR BEGINS IN NORTHERN IRELAND.



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ENGLISH: To train (animal)

SPANISH: Adiestrar

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GERMAN: Trainieren



EXERCISE AND TRAINING CAN HELP A DOG BEHAVE BETTER. WITHOUT TRAINING, THE DOG MAY CHEW OR DESTROY ITEMS OUT OF



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

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