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DEL NORTE — The Rio

Grande National Forest will

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Forest Specialist Series at

5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec.

13. Local author and retired

professor Sandra Wagner will

be presenting "An Upper Rio

Grande Fishstory: Historical

fish stories from the Upper

She'll talk about the early days of commercial

aquaculture and the development of recreational fishing in the Upper Rio

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Winter Fiesta

in Conejos

CONEJOS — Our Lady of

Guadalupe Catholic Church

in Conejos is celebrating

this weekend with a Winter

Fiesta that runs through

On Saturday, events

begin at 7 a.m., with

Mananitas followed by a Mass. Entertainment runs throughout the day

with entertainment and

concessions with food.

There is a dance from 7-10

On Sunday, Mass is at

7:30 a.m., followed by a

procession at 9:45 a.m., and

Mass at 10 a.m. followed by a dinner. Events run through

Santa coming

to Antonito on

Dec. 10

Claus and Mrs. Claus will be stopping at 1 p.m. on Dec. 10

at the Antonito Water Park in

and a special gift.

ANTONITO — Santa

2:30 p.m. with a raffle.

Sunday afternoon.

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Lady Falcons remain undefeated with win over Salida

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It's official: Gay retains seat on **ASD Board of Education**

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By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

Courier reporter

ALAMOSA — An automatic recount in the race to see who will represent District One on the Alamosa School District Board of Education has been completed, and the official results stand as they were initially reported with incumbent Andria Gay maintaining her seat by a razor-thin margin of four votes over challenger Kaylee Gomez-Romero.

Out of 3,003 votes cast in Al-statement, learning that she amosa County, Gomez-Romero had not been informed the recarried the race with a lead of sults were official until she 1,512 to 1,491 over Gay, but was contacted by the newspathe 37 votes cast in a portion of Conejos County where students attend school in the Alamosa School District changed the tide with Gay coming in at 31 votes to Gomez Romero's 6, a difference of 25 votes that were just enough to push Gay over the finish line.

The Valley Courier reached out to Gomez-Romero for a "It has been a privilege to run

December 9, 2023

■ See ASD BOE page 3

Andria Gay, newly re-elected trustee representing District One on the Board of Education. A margin of only four votes in the election prompted an automatic recount that confirmed the results that Gay retained her seat.



Conejos County Sheriff's Office deputies honored for going above and beyond



Pictured left to right, Conejos County Sheriff's Office Undersheriff Garth Crowther, Sgt. Servando Moreno and Conejos County Sheriff Garth Crowther at presentation where Moreno was honored with a Lifesaving Award for hiking miles in a snowstorm to rescue a hunter suffering from altitude sickness and hypothermia.



Photo courtesy of Coneios County Sheriff Garth Crowther Twelfth Judicial District Attorney Anne Kelly, pictured on the left, presented a 'Certificate of Excellence' to Conejos County Sheriff's Office Deputy Melinda Salazar for her role in the investigation of Alejandro Sandoval.

WAGGONER Courier reporter **CONEJOS COUNTY**

- Actions taken by two deputies with the Conejos County Sheriff's Office demonstrating an exemplary devotion to duty were recognized on Thursday when Conejos County Sheriff Garth presented awards to Sgt. Servando Moreno and Deputy Melinda Salazar during a meeting of the Conejos County Commissioners.

In regard to Salazar, 12th Judicial District Attorney Anne Kelly presented her with a "Certificate of Achievement" ■ See HONOR page 3

Lobatos Bridge project is moving forward

By JOHN WATERS Courier News editor

SAN LUIS VALLEY — The Lobatos Bridge Recreation and Interpretive Plan that the the Great Outdoors Fund is working with the Bureau of Land Management is moving along, according to Lori

McCullough with the non-profit fund. The historic ■ See BRIDGE page 3

The Lobatos Bridge was built in 1892 by the Wrought Iron Bridge Company and is a double-span truss. According to documents filed to obtain a listing on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984, this type of structure 'never quite took off,' and only 30-40 of these types were built and at the time of listing, was one of three remaining. The Great Outdoors Fund is working on a recreation and education project for the area near the bridge.

Courier photo by John Waters



Antonito to bring toys, candy

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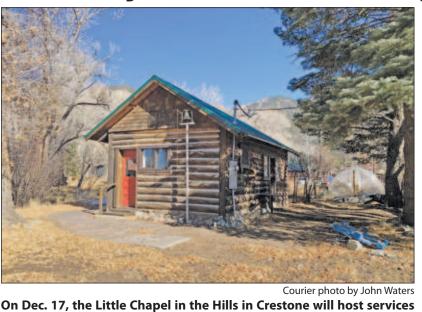
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Serenity at the Little Shepherd in the Hills Chapel



and a performance of the Crestone Choir. The chapel will also hold services on Christmas Eve at 2 p.m.

Christmas Eve service at 2:00 p.m.

> By JOHN WATERS Courier News Editor

CRESTONE—Nestled among trees on Alder Street in Crestone is the smallest Episcopal church in Colorado, the Little Shepherd in the Hills Chapel. The rustic log cabin was originally built in 1913 and began being used for religious purposes in 1949, according to the website of the historic chapel.

Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Salida that oversees the Measuring only about 24 feet by 32 feet, the chapel is home

the town's Episcopal population

who have been worshiping in the

area since the 1880s. The chapel was built by Ruben Charles Barnes, a local rancher and businessman just a few years after the devastating Crestone flood

The wooded area and the nearby babbling North Crestone Creek, the chapel is conducive to contemplation, serenity, and

Rev. Melissa George, Episcopal priest and rector of the chapel, told the Valley Courier, "Little Shepherd will have a service on Christmas Eve at 2 p.m., in our historic chapel.

"The service will include the singing of Christmas Carols, communion, and a brief reflection from me on the season. All

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Record

OBITUARIES

Becky Jean Owsley

Well-known and longtime Alamosa resident Becky Jean Owsley, 77, died Dec. 7, 2023, at Evergreen Nursing Home in Alamosa.

Becky's life began in Denver, Colo., where her family lived for a year before moving to Alamosa. She was born on Oct. 29, 1946, to Theodore (Ted) M. Curtis and Kathryn (Kay) C. (Michael) Curtis.

She married the love of her life, Chuck Owsley in Denver, Colo., on Feb. 2, 1964. They have enjoyed over 59 years together. In her early years, Becky was a varsity cheerleader in high school. She also volunteered as a storyteller at the public library and loved reading stories to all the children.

Mother for both Cub Scouts and Brownies. She enjoyed playing cards and belonged to various bridge clubs. Some of her favorite memories and greatest joy were spending time with her family playing games at the dining room table.

Becky owned and operated the family business Dairy Queen in Alamosa for a time,



counselor with Mary Henessey's Camp, which she did with her an infant brother Midaughter and son.

PEO Chapter DP, Or- on "Hallie" Owsley. der of the Eastern Star in Alamosa, and was an active supporter of ath-Becky was a Den the Grizzly Club Mem- Mortuary in Alamosa. A

> Becky traveled throughout Mexico, Central Amer- odist Church in Alamoica, and the Caribbean sa. Contributions in her Islands. She enjoyed memory are suggested out the United States.

> many and was one of the edu/foundation/onlinesweetest people most donation/ would ever meet.

her husband Charles rangements. To leave then worked with her Franklin Owsley of Ala- online condolences, tribhusband and son Da- mosa; her children C. utes and words of comvid at Curtis Brothers Jeff Owsley of Alamosa, fort for Becky's family, for more than 15 years. David (Tonya) Owsley please visit www.Rog-She also was a longtime of Alamosa, and Kathy ersFunerals.com.

(Jeremy) Soden of Rocky Ford, Colo., her grandchildren Charles (Kerry) Owsley, Laura Owsley, John (Matt) Owsley, Bowen (Liz) Soden, and Soden; great-grandchildren Warren, and Clementine Soden; her grand dog Duke; her sister Marjory (Chuck) Asay of Colorado Springs, Colo.; as well as numerous extended family and friends.

Becky was preceded in death by her parents, chael Curtis, and her Becky is a member of daughter-in-law Halcy-

Cremation was chosen and all are invited to a visitation to greet letics at Adams State family Wednesday, Dec. University. She and her 13, 2023, from 5-7 p.m. husband Chuck received at the Rogers Family ber of the Year in 2014. Celebration of Life will and Chuck be held 11 a.m. Thursextensively day, Dec. 14, 2023, at Europe, the First United Methgeocaching all through- to the Adams State Foundation and may be Becky was loved by made here: www.adams.

Rogers Family Mortu-She is survived by ary is in care of the ar-

Richard (Dick) Eagles Jan. 26, 1940—Nov. 29, 2023

his three siblings, and of his production years. their tight-knit family. Dick was well respectorneriness and being thing, especially pranks, in his younger days. His love of fun was apparent. He was also known for being a hard worker and it showed in the way Dick and Marilyn built

their farming legacy. Dick graduated from Sargent High School in he enlisted in the US Army. He honorably served his country for just over three years. Upon returning from the Army, he carried out his lifelong passion to be a farmer in the San Luis

Farmer. a critical automobile acwife and best friend, Marilyn Burton, his ICU nurse at St. Lukes hospital in Denver, Colo. Dick married the love of his life, his Marilyn odist Church in Denver. life together, on their homestead in Center, Colo. Dick and Marilyn were married nearly 60 wonderful years, and proudly raised their two They were overjoyed to be grandparents and ful-

be a farmer and all the portunity to cheer them tions can be made to: work that it entailed. on at numerous school Center United Method-He raised potatoes, Coors barley and alfalfa deo. His grandchildren Club of Center, through for over 50 years. From especially enjoyed play- Strohmayer's the back-breaking be- ing cards with him, Home.

Nolan, Skylar, Lindsey,

and Elle in every way.

Dick Eagles, 83, died ginnings of flood irrigaat his home in Center, tion and hand sacking Colo., on Nov. 29, 2023. potatoes to central pivot He was born at Monte irrigation and modern Vista Hospital, the son machinery, he embraced of Virgil and Helen Ea- and loved it all. He also gles. He was raised on had sheep for close to 30 the family farm in the years and lambed 200 Center area, alongside Suffolk ewes at the peak

Dick was known for his ed in his community where he served his logame for almost any- cal Center Kiwanis Club and made many life-long friendships at Monday night meetings and fundraisers. He most looked forward to the pancake supper, seeing all the people, and became an never excellent pancake flipper. Dick also loved high school basketball, was 1958, in the same year a big fan and followed the Center and Sargent teams everywhere.

Dick's most memorable adventures and stories came from motorcycle rides, flyfishing, snowmobiling, skiing, and family picnics and rides Valley, where he would in the Colorado mounbe a 3rd Generation tains. He was an avid outdoorsman, though on friends. While recovering from the rare occasion when he was not outdoors, you cident, he met his future could find him enjoying Julie and husband Troy an eventful afternoon of cards with friends and family, where he often would earn the title of 'card-shark.' Some favorite games included: Kay, on Dec. 7, 1963, at Pitch, Pinochle, Poker, Brentwood United Meth- Michigan Rummy, Cribbage, and Kings on They built a beautiful the Corner. Dick and be held on Saturday, Marilyn enjoyed extensive travel around the state and country, visiting family and friends. Their biggest adventure was with Sherrill and children, Julie, and BJ. Linda Mix, to Australia and New Zealand.

constantly supported, 4 p.m. Dick was very proud to by never missing the op-



down turning the opportunity to beat their grandpa at a hand of Kings on the Corner, and getting him to express some of his famous 'one-liners'. In more recent years, there were fun memories made on trips to the mountains.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil and Helen Eagles, and brother Norman Eagles and many special

He is survived by his wife Marilyn, daughter Baker, son BJ Eagles and partner Amanda Stagner; four grandchildren, Nolan and wife Shelby Baker, Skylar Eagles, Lindsey and husband Alex Trujillo, and Elle Eagles.

A funeral service will Dec. 16, 2023, at 1 p.m. at the Center Methodist Church. A reception will follow to culminate Dick's celebration of life. Arrangements

made through Strohmayer's Funeral Home, in Dick was overjoyed Monte Vista, Colo. Flow-

ly loved and supported to have four amazing ers can be received there grandchildren that he until Friday, Dec. 15, at contribu-Memorial sporting events and ro- ist Church or Kiwanis

Funeral



The Herencia Lucero property is a working ranch with significant water rights that includes 1.4 miles of the Rio San Antonio and 344 acres of wetlands, as well as grasslands, riparian shrubland, and cottonwood forests. These lands and waters provide critical habitat for numerous species such as bald eagle, northern harrier, golden eagle, sandhill crane, elk, mule deer, pronghorn, and Rio Grande chub.

GOCO board awards \$50K grant to permanently protect 805 acres in Conejos County

By GREAT **OŬTDOORS COLORADO**

DENVER The Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) board on Dec. 8 awarded a \$50,000 grant to Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust through the nonprofit coalition Keep It Colorado to permanently conserve 805 acres of the Herencia Lucero Property in Conejos County.

The grant is part of Keep It Colorado's Transaction Cost Assistance Program (TCAP), which re-grants GOCO funds to nonprofit land trusts to help cover the costs associated with conservation easement transactions. It enables landowners who have urgent opportunities to quickly.

rigation system. Leveraging both conservation easement tax credit and Wetlands Conservation Act and a private founhelp Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust conserve 805 acres in this first phase with plans to conserve another 670 acres in the future.

Located within the Bureau of Land Management's San Luis Hills



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conserve their proper- as grasslands, ripar- conserving ties, but who face finan- ian shrubland, and cot- agricultural lands, the cial barriers to facili- tonwood forests. These North Conejos Activity tating the transaction, lands and waters pro- Compex, and the protecto conserve land more vide critical habitat for tion of Rainbow Trout numerous species such Ranch, The property is a as bald eagle, northern projects. working ranch with sig- harrier, golden eagle, nificant water rights in sandhill crane, elk, mule rado (GOCO) invests a the Rio San Antonio ir- deer, pronghorn, and Rio portion of Colorado Lot-Grande chub.

part of a sixth-genera- the state's parks, trails, bargain sale funding tion Hispano family that wildlife, rivers, and open from North American contributes to agricultural production in the pendent board awards San Luis Valley. The competitive grants to dation, the project will Lucero family is pursu- local governments and ing climate resiliency land trusts and makes planning and working investments with ditch companies and Natural Resource Conservation to make irrigation im- stitutional amendment provements that will in 1992, GOCO has since benefit over 20 families.

Area of Critical Environ- invested more than \$5 ties of Colorado without mental Concern and 1.5 million in projects in any tax dollar support. miles from the San Luis Conejos County and Visit GOCO.org for more Hills Wilderness Study partnered to conserve information.

Area, the property in- 5,598 acres of land cludes 1.4 miles of the there. GOCO funding Rio San Antonio and 344 has supported the Coneacres of wetlands, as well jos Ranchland Initiative important among other

Great Outdoors Colotery proceeds to help The landowners are preserve and enhance spaces. GOCO's indethrough Colorado Parks Wildlife. Created when Service voters approved a confunded more than 5.600 To date, GOCO has projects in all 64 coun-

ALAMOSA SHERIFF'S REPORT

the following actions in the past several weeks, including but not limited to: Seven citations were

written for speeding 10-19 mph over the speed limit. Nine citations were

written for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit plus one citation for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit in a school zone. One citation was writ-

ten for driving with a defective headlamp.

One citation was written for expired tags.

One citation was written for driving while license was under restraint, operating a vehicle without insurance and passing on the left when or drug related offense at

ten for driving while Alamo, Texas was cited

license was under re- for criminal mischief at

prohibited by markings. One citation was writ-

forcement officers with influence of alcohol, drugs Inn). Alamosa County or both and driving with Sheriff's Office took the a blood alcohol content of of Alamosa was cited for .008 or more.

> A citation was written for pedestrians walking on the highway and a second citation was written for disorderly conduct disturbing the peace.

for dog at large.

Robert Joseph Mesta of Alamosa was cited for harassment and domestic violence at 7703 Basalt Court.

Gilbert Vigil of Pueblo was cited for aggravated motor vehicle theft in the first degree, driving an off-highway motor vehicle on the highway when license/privilege to drive was under restraint for express consent or alcohol 102 U.S. Highway 160.

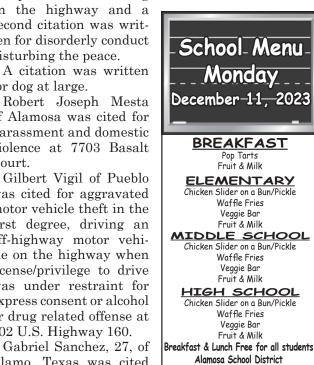
Gabriel Sanchez, 27, of

ALAMOSA — Law en-straint, driving under the 333 Santa Fe (Quality

Matthew Salazar, 27, theft at 151 Broadway

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Valley News

GOCO board awards \$19K grant to City of Alamosa for trail improvements

STAFF REPORT **DENVER** – On Dec. the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) board awarded a \$19,700 grant to the City of Alamosa for trail maintenance and improvement projects in the

This grant is part of GO-CO's Conservation Service Corps program. GOCO partners with Colorado Youth Corps Association to employ conservation service corps crews across the state on outdoor recreation and stewardship projects. The corps represents a statewide coalition of eight accredited corps that train youth, young adults, and veterans to complete land and water conservation work and gain professional skills. to employ

Bridge

River.

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bridge connects Conejos

and Costilla counties and

spans the Rio Grande

The project, which is

adjacent to the historic

Lobatos Bridge, primary

purpose is to develop a

nature-based classroom

to interpret the rich cul-

tural, historic, and natu-

ral heritage of the Rio

Grande Natural Area

(RGNA). This project

will also enhance pub-

lic access and recreation

ing to McCullough, "It

will benefit people of all

ages, abilities, and socio-

economic backgrounds,

especially the surround-

ing underserved commu-

As part of that nature-

based classroom, the fund

is working on 10 interpre-

tive signs to tell the re-

gion's natural and human

history. Topics for the

signs include the Battle

of Kiowa Hill, the ferry

crossing, the Lobatos

opportunities.

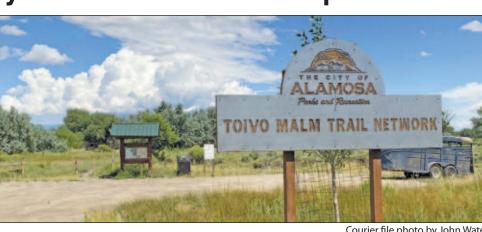
conservation service corps Cress, and Canada Thistle. crews across the state on outdoor recreation and stewardship projects. The corps represents a statewide coalition of eight accredited corps that train youth, young adults, and vested more than \$8.7 miland water conservation County and partnered to work and gain professional

With this funding, Alamosa Parks and Recreation will partner with Southwest Conservation Corps-Los Valles youth crews for two weeks of work. Crews will conduct trail maintenance, remove half a mile of abandoned treat roughly two miles of trail affected by invasive Russian Knapweed, Hoary

The city continues to grow its trail network, and this project, set to be completed in 2024, is crucial for the upkeep of existing trails.

To date, GOCO has inveterans to complete land lion in projects in Alamosa conserve 30,462 acres of land there. GOCO funding has supported Mosca Community Park, Alamosa Riparian Park, and the local Generation Wild community, San Luis Valley Generation Wild, among other projects.

Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) invests a porbarbed wire fencing, and tion of Colorado Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance the state's plant species including parks, trails, wildlife, rivers, and open spaces. GO-



The City of Alamosa has been awarded \$19,000 from Great Outdoors Colorado for trail improvements.

CO's independent board awards competitive grants to local governments and land trusts and makes investments through Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Created when voters approved a constitutional amendment in 1992, GOCO has

since funded more than out any tax dollar support. 5,600 projects in all 64 counties of Colorado withinformation.

Visit GOCO.org, for more

Honor

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in honor of her dedication to keeping the citizens of Conejos County safe and her role in the Alejandro Sandoval case, accused of felonious offenses against a female victim.

As DA Kelly told the Valley Courier, she had written an email to Sheriff Crowther making him aware of Salazar's role in the investigation, the contents of which she shared in a statement.

The victim was initially not willing to speak to law enforcement," Kelly says. "She was unsure if she even wanted to say anything about what happened. But because of Deputy Salazar and her way with the victim, she opened up to the deputy and we were able to proceed with prosecution.'

Earlier this week, Sandoval was scheduled to go to trial with jury selection in progress. But, according to Kelly, upon learning that the victim was going to testify, Sandoval suddenly agreed to plead guilty to a charge of kidnapping with a recommendation for a sentence ranging from 20 to 30 years in prison. Sentencing in that case is anticipated in about 60 days.

Sgt. Moreno, the second Conejos County deputy to be honored, was presented man being who was in deswith a Lifesaving Award perate need of assistance," for heroic actions best described in a letter sent to wrote. "Mr. Hubbard is back Sheriff Crowther from the home and doing well with undersheriff.

On Oct. 29, the letter Conejos County reads. Sheriff's Office received Servando Moreno.' notification of a distress signal coming from a SPOT Hubbard, a 41-year-old and the safety of others.

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hunter from Texas, had been in the area when he was struck by a severe case of altitude sickness.

A snowstorm had devel-

oped in the high country, causing poor visibility and periods of heavy snow that prevented Flight For life from being able to assist in the recovery. By this time, Hubbard

was disoriented, starting to disrobe, and walking further into the wilderness area away from help.

Sgt. Moreno, who was the first to respond, was well ahead of the other responders and was coordinating ambulance personnel as he drove toward the area.

When he arrived at the trail head, Moreno did not hesitate and started walking toward Hubbard, who was nearly two miles into the wilderness, disoriented and barely able to walk.

Upon reaching Hubbard and the others in his hunting group, Moreno began an organized evacuation plan. Using his own physical strength, his military training and the strength of the hunting party, Moreno was able to get Hubbard back to the trail head and into an ambulance that was waiting to take him to a medical facility.

"Sgt. Moreno's skills and leadership resulted in a quick and decisive plan that saved the life of a fellow hu-Crowther Undersheriff his family and friends, due to the selfless act of courage demonstrated by Seargent

CC Sheriff Crowther said he was honored to recog-Device four miles west of nize both deputies for their Platoro Reservoir. John commitment to their job

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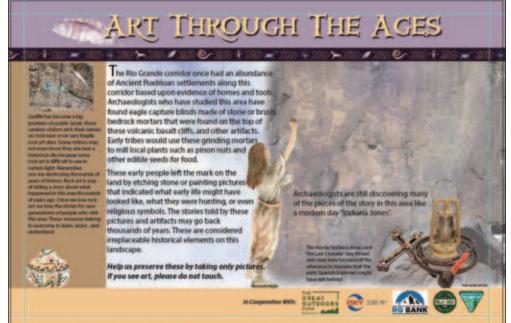
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One of the ten interpretive signs planned for the Lobatos Bridge area the Great Outdoors Fund is working on.

the Navajo sacred lands. The signs are the product of a team of researchers that include historians, anthropologists, and tribal members led by Kelly Ortiz, an architectural designer.

To date, the fund has raised \$158,927 of the needed \$711,751 Bridge, built in 1892 and the project and has ap-

Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) for \$468,101.

McCullough said GOCO will announce if the grant application is funded on March 15. If the Lobatos project receives the funding, a ribbon-cutting for the project will be in the fall of 2024

The Great Outdoors yahoo.com.

plied for a grant from Fund is interested in hearing from the public regarding the project and as part of their commitment to community outreach, can be reached by email at lori@greatoutdoorsfund.org Architectural designer Kelly Ortiz can be contacted at kellyortizlandscapearchitect@

■ Continued from Page 1 are welcome. Christmas snacks and coffee in the parish hall to follow." The chapel will also have a service on Dec. 17 and a performance of the Crestone Choir at 4 p.m.

Regular services at Little Shepherd are on the first and third Sundays of every month at 2 p.m. Sunday School for children ages 4-15 years old is on the first Sunday at 1 p.m.

The interior of the small, yet charming Little Chapel in the Hills in Crestone.

Courier photo by John Waters



■ Continued from Page 1 for the Alamosa School District School board," Gomez-Romero said, "and I appreciate all of race and goes to show school board member by press time.

community for my first and matters." time running for public

the support from the that every vote counts Justin Rilling in May. Despite attempting to Gay was appointed to reach her by phone and office. I congratulate An- ASD Board of Education email, the Valley Couridria Gay on her success earlier this year when er was unable to obtain a of winning the election. I the District One seat comment from the newly know that it was a close was vacated by former re-elected board member

Adams State University

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY • 10 Theatre Holiday Production: The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong 2 p.m. Theatre Building SLV Federal Bank Main Stage 719-587-8499 theatre.adams.edu

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Study Day - No Classes

TUESDAY • 12

Finals Week

Finals Week

WEDNESDAY • 13

Zacheis Planetarium Free Movies: Closed Through Winter Break

Break

Zacheis Planetarium Free Movies:

Finals Week

Closed Through Winter

THURSDAY • 14

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Finals Week

W Basketball vs Colorado Mesa University 3:30 p.m. Plachy Hall

M Basketball vs Colorado Mesa University 5:30 p.m. Plachy Hall

December

SATURDAY • 16 Fall 2023 Fall Commencement Ceremony: 10 a.m. Plachy Hall Gym Livestream:

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Cloyde Snook Gallery: Light and Glass - in the spirit of Taos Alchemy Robin Stanaway

Hatfield Gallery: Upcycle: a Play on Light Mary Hoffman Gallery Hours: 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday



Schroeder, the other reindeer.

Smiles are the best for customers to feel at home

One of the best smiles this week was on Thursday. My dog Schroeder was styled at All Four Paws Grooming which is a stone's throw away from the Valley Courier. Andie fetched him even before I parked. She clicked his leash



on and let me know when to return for him. Her smile was the best. (I do miss Cher who was Schroeder's groomer earlier; and I hope she gets better soon.) On return, I received a text that my boy was finished. As a side note, Andie added to check their Facebook post as Schroeder was listed as "Schroeder, the other reindeer." Indeed, my pup was fuzzy where it counts and soft as a new baby's toy. If anyone were to ask me how I feel when I go there, I would say, "I feel like I'm home."

As a treat for Schroeder, we checked out Dairy Queen. I have yet to catch anyone with a frown as they hand me and Schroeder an ice cream cone, dipped or not, and a dog treat. It is inspiring to get served so happily. Even when I select Door Dash (because of a free-no charge coupon), the Dasher is tilted in a friendly dance like the reindeer might be pulling Santa Claus' sleigh.

It was more than a half-century ago now that I had my first soft-serve ice cream cone at the El Sombrero drive up in Mercedes, Texas. Mama was driving and Aunt Nono was on the passenger side. Barbara and I were scrambling for the first look out over the middle hump and we finally peered out the front window of Mama's green 1955 Chevy.

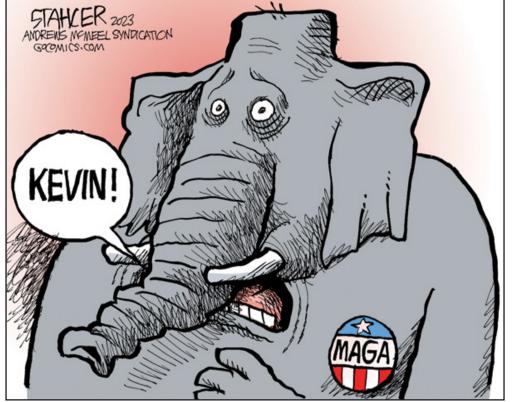
While Mama went up to the window to order our cones, Aunt Nono would sing with us; sometimes we sang, "This is the way we wash our hands, wash our hands, wash our hands;" she would start singing and we would follow when she sang, "Here we go round the Mulberry Bush," or other times we'd sing "Home again, home again, jigged-y jigg." On wintery occasions, the singa-long would be, "Oh, you better watch out, you better not pout. Better not cry, I'm telling you why, Santa Claus is co-

min' to town!" When we licked that first mountainous cone, heaven opened up and hugged us. Temperatures could be 90 degrees in the shade, but we didn't care as we gobbled the fast melting ice cream glacier. And to think, they were only a nickel back then. Oh, my. Passing Dairy Queen on Hwy 160 in Monte Vista brings back the memories of Mama rewarding us girls by getting us a curly cone and singing in her tank-like Chevy. My motto now is, when in Monte Vista,

drive through Dairy Queen. I worked at Alaskaland Ice Cream Parlor for a while as a senior in high school when I lived in Anchorage some part of half a century ago. We dressed in turn of the century garb with straw hats, silky miniskirts and bright red vests. When it was a customer's birthday, the whole staff ran out, (much like I saw Chili's staff in Alamosa do), singing and banging a drum and carrying a bulging ice cream mountain to wish the surprised birthday person a happy, HAPPY day.

No matter which memories pop up, after a fluffy styling at All Four Paws Grooming, ice cream and DQ come in handy, don't you know!

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LETTERS

South Fork Kiwanis gives thanks

Editor,

The Kiwanis Club of South Fork would like to thank everybody that came to dinner to help and to eat. Your donations were so appreciated and enabled us to do Christmas for the kids in the Valley and other events. We also appreciate the food and clothes that were donated. They will be put to good use!

It was a great event as always, but we would have loved to see a few more folks but maybe next year will be better and not so cold! We did have folks from Mexico, Galveston, Texas, and other areas around the Valley and beyond. Our business sponsors went above and beyond the call of duty with their generous donations.

Karen Miller, club president, said it felt like we had celebrities at our dinner.

The awesome guys from Ramons restaurant came and helped serve! They did a wonderful job for their first time and people were really happy to see them! We got a lot of giggles in!!! We also had Miss West Tennessee, our own Heather Brooke. She was beautiful of course with her blingy crown and sparkly earrings. She even had her sash with her to get some pictures like a Miss America event.

I cannot possibly thank everybody for all the help and for coming to chow down. Before our Pledge of Allegiance and the prayer done by David Daniel of Emmanuel Church, our member Steven Valdez, made a few announcements, one of which was this may be the last community dinner we will have.

With only three members, it makes it so hard to do all



Courtesy photos Karen Miller

The South Fork Kiwanis thanked everyone who helped with the club's annual Thanksgiving Dinner hosted on Thanksgiving Day in South Fork.

that work and get this event rolling. Just to say a few, we also cook lunch for the Fishing Derby on Father's Day. You should see the fish they pull out of the private lake we go to. No parents fishing, just the kids!!! We cook hamburgers and dogs for the three Little Britches rodeos we have here. We would love to have more members so that we can do even more events. This is our 50th year for our South Fork club and I hate to see it end.

some fun stuff with kids and the community (and us of course), please feel free to



come to our meetings and just see what we're about. We meet on Thursdays at noon at Los Chavollos in South Fork and would absolutely love to have some new faces!! We don't want to stop doing all the things we do for the community, but it's rough with only three If anybody is interested in people. To find out more getting together, planning call Karen at 720-313-4834 or email her at mkmiller-

mink@aol.com. South Fork Kiwanis Club

A bit more of the history of **Mennonite Voluntary Service**

I'd like to thank Vanessa Rene for her article in the Dec. 3, 2023, Courier about Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS). As the long-time Local Program Coordinator for MVS, I will add a bit

MVS first brought full-time volunteers into the San Luis Valley in 1983, making this our 40th year of providing service workers to local nonprofits and public agencies. In our initial years, our volunteers worked alongside other faith-based volunteers from the Catholic VIDA program and Presbyterian Volunteers in Mission, as well as volunteers from the federal government's VISTA program. More recently, we have enjoyed collaborating with various Ameri-

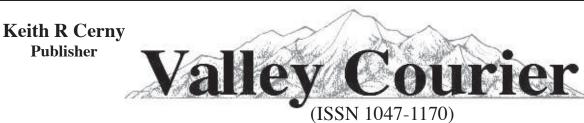
Corps programs active in our Valley. of our volunteers have stayed in the MVS placement sites have varied over the years, depending on local needs and the interests of volunteer applicants. We began primarily with nursing and other health-related placements, in order to help fill unmet hospital and public healthcare needs. Over time, we also began to place volunteers with what are now long-time Valley nonprofits such as Tu Casa, the Immigrant Resource Center, and Center for Restorative Programs. More recently, the trend for young adults serving in our program has gravitated more to environmental and agricultural sustainability efforts, such as the Rio Grande Farm Park and Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project. As Vanessa's article noted, many

Alamosa area and now provide on-going leadership to nonprofits for which they first volunteered or, in the case of the Alamosa Bicycle Coalition, that they had a

role in creating. Our newest placement is with the Alamosa School District, where an MVS volunteer is providing support to English Language learners at Ortega Middle School. We are grateful to the many community partners who have welcomed and supported our volunteers over these many years, and look forward to on-going engagements in the community

Alice M. Price, Local Program Coordinator

Mennonite Voluntary Service



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Religion

The ghosts in 'A Christmas Carol' are on a mission

a Hollywood superstar, Bill Murray demonstrated it now." great skill at delivering

In the 1988 On Religion flick "Scrooged," he belted out lessons learned from visits with the Ghosts Christmas Past, Present and Future, as well as from occupying his Terry Mattingly

own coffin in a one night of the year when we ... share a little more. For a couple of hours, we are the people we always hoped we would be. It's really a miracle because it happens every Christmas

Eve," proclaimed Mur-

ray's character, a greedy,

arrogant TV executive.

for it. I know. ... There enough to eat ... that are cold. You can go and say hello to these people. You

On his way to becoming 'Oh by the way, here!' I somehow superficial vergood to be children someget it now. ... I believe in sions that are around. ... times, and never better

rants that blurred the line ing Tinseltown take on deeper, something moving between lunacy and pa- the Charles Dickens no- underneath the surface." vella "A Christmas Carol,"

literature Pro-Lindley of Hillsdale College in Michigan, bethe film contains and what it leaves out.

comedy

"I'm not crazy. It's angels, sin, judgment, Thus, caring for the inno-Christmas Eve. It's the penance, purgatory, dam- cent and the vulnerable is nation, the Grim Reaper at the heart of "A Christand eternal life. What mas Carol." it lacks is any meaningful role for God or a Holy Babe in a manger.

lywood can go with Dickteaching a six-lecture especially needy children. are people that don't have online course about this

was created for "anyone ily party, and the narrator can take an old blanket who loves the story, but explains: "They didn't deout of the closet and say, doesn't know how to dig vote the whole evening to 'Here!' or you can make deeper into it than what music. After a while they them a sandwich and say, they have seen in the played at forfeits; for it is

"Scrooged" is a fascinat- that there is something its mighty Founder was a

For many, watching one English of the film adaptations of "A Christmas Carol" is a the large, poor family of fessor Dwight holiday ritual. These movies usually include the basic story while ignoring the narration in which Dickcause of what ens frames his parable.

At the heart of this drama, stressed Lindley, is "the Incarnation" -- the dark doctrine that the Creator con- of the universe took flesh, tains miracles, ghosts, as a baby, at Christmas.

During the story, the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge is "taken back into the "Scrooged" is as "far experiences of his own as some people in Hol- life ... and given a chance to learn the lessons he ens," by "domesticating should have learned," his message and making added Lindley. Scrooge is "If you waste that mir- it more comfortable," said shown why he "needs to acle, you're gonna burn Lindley, who is currently help the least of these,"

> With the Ghost of The class, he added, Scrooge witnesses a fam-

Some people have a sense than at Christmas, when child himself."

During the pivotal visit by the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come, Scrooge sees his assistant Bob Cratchit gathered for a humble feast -- while hearing the biblical Christmas story.

The narrator says: "Very quiet. ... 'And He took a child and set him in the midst of them.' Where had Scrooge heard crossed the threshold. ings about eternity.

Why did he not go on?"

This verse is from the Gospel of Mark, and Lindley stressed its context: Jesus "took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one of to Christian foundations. these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me, but the one who sent me."

Another important question raised by "A Christmas Carol" is why Scrooge's old partner, Ja-

"Marley's own language suggests that someone has sent him, someone has required this of him as part of his penance," said Lindley. "The mysteries in this story -- Dickens really does attach them carefully The story doesn't make sense without that. Why do we owe it to the least of these, to take care of them? ... If you turn this into mere humanism, it becomes incoherent."

Terry Mattingly leads those words? He had not cob Marley -- wrapped in GetReligion.org and lives dreamed them. The boy chains and money boxes in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. must have read them -- becomes the first ghost He is a senior fellow at the out, as he and the Spirit who returns with warn- Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.

Bible Digest

9, 2023

for good, evil shall not depart from his house." (Proverbs 17:13 AKJV)

Opposing God and good is a bad mistake. Think it a r e

Sunday, December 10, 2023

"He that covers a trans- to know gression seeks love; but t h e he that repeats a matter Lord separates very friends." (Proverbs 17:9 AKJV)

Let it go. It does no little good to repeat a matter about that brings strife.

Monday, December Let's share Jesus with you a blessing.

"Though the LORD be also. high, yet has he respect to the lowly: but the

proud he knows afar off."

(Psalms 138:6 AKJV) Pride can keep us from me." the Lord. The Lord hon-

ors true humility. Tuesday, December

12, 2023

"And when the Jews

Saturday, December were gone out of the syna-"Whoever rewards evil that these words might ered me in my mother's next sabbath." (Acts 13:42 AKJV)

> There people who are longing know Him.

others. They need Him

Wednesday, **December 13, 2023**

"O (Psalms 139:1 AKJV

God knows all about us. Is He pleased?

Thursday, December 14, 2023

"For you have possessed gogue, the Gentiles sought my reins: you have covbe preached to them the womb." (Psalms 139:13 Y o u

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15, 2023

"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, lord, you have and know my thoughts: searched me, and known And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." (Psalms 139:23-24 AKJV)

We would all benefit by praying a prayer like this.

Sunday -9:45am - Sunday School 10:45am - Service

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass Sunday, 8 a.m. - Mass Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Mass

Catholic Sacred Heart Church 715 4th Street, Alamosa Saturday, 4:00 p.m. - Mass

3rd and Adams, Hooper

Sunday. 9 a.m.

United Church of La Jara

Office Hours: Mon. 9:00 am - 12:00 Sunday 9:00 am - Contemporary

Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am

400 Ross Avenue, Society Hall, Alamosa

Services - Sundays at 10:00 p.m.
The second Wednesday of each 4 p.m. Thanksgiving Day 10 a.m.

Pioneer United Church in Del Norte, Colorado

Presbyterians 630 Spruce St. (1.5 blocks south of Hwy.

Àdult Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Sunday

Coffee Fellowship – 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service – 11:00 a.m. Sunday

Church of the South Fork 0116 Landen Dr., South Fork, Co, 81154

Christian

Sundav are at 9 am - Services School Room. Choir is held on Wednesday at 6pm during the summer months

Worship Service Sunday 3:00 p.m.

Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bilingual Services Monday Free Music Classes

Instrumental Classes 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Voice & Bass Guitar 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Friday, 6:00 p.m. M.O.S.H. Youth Night

Sundays, 6 p.m. - Fellowship Sundays, 7 p.m. - Worship & More

Alamosa Pentacostal Church 184 East 2nd St., Alamosa - 719-589-0475

Bible Studt Wednesday 7:00 p.m

Sunday School Sunday 1:00-1:45 Worship 2:00-3:00

Pastor Martin Montoya • 719-587-6197 Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School

Alamosa Christian Churui 410 McQuerry, Alamosa Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - Family Night & Group

Alamosa Christian Reformed, 719-589-3493 1861 Rd 10 S., Alamosa Pastor Phillip Vander/Windt

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Worship Churches of Christ

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200 Franklin Street, Monte Vista, 719-852-3811
David L. Baker Preacher
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Class
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. - Worship
Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study
San Luis Valley Church of Christ
704 Del Sol, Alamosa, 719-589-2114
Sunday Bible Study 9 am
Sunday Worship 10 am
Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm

Clinic
Pastor Mark 719-657-9107

teachings

Episcopal Saint Thomas Episcopal Church 607 4th Street, Alamosa

Saint Stephen the Martyr 729 3rd Avenue, Monte Vista

Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service

Cornerstone Community Church
Hwy. 160 Del Norte next to Rio Grande Medical

Sunday 9:50 a.m. free breakfast Sunday 10:20 a.m. Contemporary

Wednesday 5:15 p.m. Dinner, music, fellowship,

Worship & Children Sunday

Sunday, 9.30 a.m. - Bible Classes Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study Healing Hearts, a Bible-based 12 step

Alamosa Church of Christ

408 Victoria Avenue, Alamosa

Word of Faith Christian Center

The Peak Community Church 510 San Juan, Alamosa

Christian Fellowship Church

1300 West 12th St., Alamosa

Christian Independent Alamosa Christian Church

Christian Reformed

Pastor Carl Sutter

01 Sante Fe, Alamosa Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

A Congregation of Evangelical Covenant Order

mmanuel Chapel - Independent Bible Church 1432 Hwy 149, South Fork

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6 p.m. - Book of Acts Study Monday, 7 p.m. - Youth Thursday, 7 p.m - Bible Study San Luis Valley Christian Center oadway (3rd & Broadway), Monte Vista

Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Bible Study Praver House Church 10 Main Street, La Jara astor Jaime Flores - 719-298-0007

Sunday Morning Service, 10:30 am Wednesday Family Ministry, 6:30 pm Friday Night Bible Study, 7:00 pm Sargent Community Church 6967 N. County Rd. 2 E., Monte Vista (across from

Sargent School)
Pastor Stephen Burns • 719-852-2980 Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Back Row Church - Church Community

www.backrowchurch.com Kim Nipple • 303-532-9342 Worship Service - Wednesday Evening at 5:00 pm

mosa Apostolic Churcg 510 Fist St., Alamosa Meets Sundays 1-2 p.m. Antonito Apostolic Church 710 Main St., Antonito Meets sundays

11-12 p.m. - Sunday School 12-1 p.m. - Worship service Apostolic Pentecostal nurch of Champions, Acts 2:38 9056 Hwy 285 South, Alamosa - 719-587-3351 Dan Dawning Pastor, 719-588-7307 Sunday 2-100 p.m. - Service

Piver of Life Church 2602 Clark Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Service

7th & Miles • P.O. Box 507, Center, CO 81125 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sons And Daughters Of God Ministry 677 Madison Street, Monte Vista Pastor Leonard Sandoval, 719-849-0212

Sunday 10.00 a.m Service Wednesday 7.00 p.m Prayer New Life Fellowship 520 7th St., Del Norte, 81132

Adult Sunday School - 9:00 Services - 10:00 meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m on Zoom. Email hartline@gojade.org for a Zoom invite

Baptist Bapust Grace Community Baptist Church 431 Lincoln Ave, Monte Vista Rev. Bill Walstrom, 719-937-1451 Worship: 9:30; Sunday School: 11:00 am Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm Living Water Bible Fellowship

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Wednesday 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study* Saturday 5:00 pm Worship Service** Small Groups meets throughout week, please call for info ** Nursery is available (6wks-preK) College Heights Baptist Church Pastor Anthony Bowueii 2045 Church Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. - Sunday

School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Morning Worship
San Luis Valley Baptist Church 230 State Avenue, Alamosa Pastor R.L. McDonald

Wednesday 7 p.m. - Worship Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6 p.m. - Evening Worship Spanish Ministry- Iglesia Bautista Rehobot Pastor Sal Garcia, 589-3020 Calvary Bible Chapel

7160 Brush Lane, Alamosa Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 10:20 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Ministry of the Word Small group studies meet during the week. Calvary Blanca Pastor Mathew Leonard - 719-379-3317 Sunday, 9:30 am - Bile Study Sunday, 11:00 am - Service Wednesday, 6:30pm - Community Get to Know

Carvary Baptist Church
2160 Sherman Ave, Monte Vista
Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Bible Study
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship
Tuesday, 6 p.m. - C.L.A.Y. Youth
Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study
South Fork Baptist Church
01:30 Four Seasons Dr.(Old Chizum Bldg), South
Fork Fork

Calvary Baptist Church

(East side near laundromat & car wash) Sunday Scool, 9:30am Sunday, 10:30am - Worship For more information - Pastor Paul Moon - 719-496-7702 United Presbyterian Church of Antonito P.O. Box 665, Antonito Office Hrs. Tues, 9:00am -12:00

Sunday, 10 am Service First Christian Church 518 First St. (First & State) Alamosa 589-6805 Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - Church Service

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study Valley Fellowship 240 East 5th Street, Center - 719-754-3904 Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship, Prayer and Bible Study *Bible Studies during the week, call for informa-

First United Methodist First United Methodist Church 2005 Mullins Ave., Alamosa - 719-589-2243 "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" Morning Worship - Sunday, 11:00 am Children's Church - Sunday, 10:30 am Community Churches Community Churches
United for Christ Community Church (SBC)
"Community Centered Around Love"
7th & Brodawy in Blanca - 719-379-3317
Sunday School 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 11am

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Sunday, 10:45 am - Morning Worship
Sunday, 12 Noon - Potluck Dinner
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Prayer meeting

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Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Lutheran Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6:30 p.m. - Victory Service Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Revival

Lutheran
St. Peters Lutheran Church & School
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School: 330 Faraday Street, Monte Vista
Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Services
School: K-8, Monday-Thursday Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

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Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship

Small Bible Study Groups Throughout the Week
- Pre-School through 5th grade
Church: 593-4611, School: 593-3271

Conejos Canyon Community Chapel
20062 State Hwy, 17 (between mile posts 21 and 20)
Fellowhip Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service

Mountain Valley Church
408 State St. 17, Alamosa
Pastor: Richard Pinkerton
589-2899 or 588-7662

589-2899 or 588-7662 Sunday 9:30 a m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service
Presbyterian Church of Monte Vista

702 Second Avenue, Monte Vista (719) 852-2555 (/19) 852-2555 Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Sunday Worship Seventh-day Adventist Seventh-day Adventist Church 315 Craft Drive, Alamosa

Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship

United Methodist Mosca United Methodist Church

538 Barker Street, Mosca 970-270-3078 Pastor Steve Dunkel Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. Unitarian Universalist

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330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa
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Sunday.

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Thursday
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Two Keys to enjoying Your Life Every Day

How do you feel about your life? Would you say you love it? Or do you just get through each day, enduring the things you don't want to do, putting up with the things that frustrate you, wishing you had someone else's life? Do you believe you will finally be happy someday... when you have this or that? People often say things like: *I'll be

happy when I have a different job. "I'll be happy when I'm married."
"I'll be so glad when the weekend
gets here!" "I'd be so happy if I had
children." And then after the children come... "I'll be so happy when these kids are finally grown and out of the house! It's a mistake for us to go through

life thinking we can't be happy until we have something we want or our circumstance changes. The truth is we'll always find something to be unhappy about until we learn to be happy in the Lord. Know about this from personal

experience. I got a very bad start in life, and it made me a miserable, angry, insecure person who didn't trust anybody, because I believed if I didn't take care of myself, nobody else would. And that caused me to be very selfish and self-centered. But God didn't create us to live

selfish lives, spending all our time trying to get what we want. He put a desire in us to have pleasure, but we will never really experience His blessings—His peace, joy, love, and all the good things He wants to give us—if we live with a "What about me?" mentality. John 10:10 (AMP) says, "The thicf

kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows

comes only in order to steal and

Our enemy, Satan, wants to steal

our joy and destroy our lives. But Jesus came and died on the cross to give us abundant life, "to the full, till it overflows"! And it's a tragedy when Christians don't enjoy their lives because they have the wrong mentality.

If you're unhappy and want to enjoy your life, I want to give you two keys to help you get there.

The first key is to make an attitude adjustment.

Having a negative, critical attitude and feeling sorry for ourselves sours everything. We all have things we could complain about, but it doesn't do any good, so we're just wasting our time and energy when we give in to it.

Make a determined decision to have a more thankful attitude in your day-to-day life. Thank God for the good things you can think of right now, and actively look for more things to add to the list each day. This will help you stay focused on God's goodness. Another way to improve your

attitude is to get your mind off yourself and think about others more. Ask God how you can be a blessing and help make someone else's life better. When we're paying attention to others, it's easy to find something we can do, whether it's giving an encouraging word or compliment, a random act of kindness, or a hug. There's really no end to the ways we can show God's love to someone around us. The second key is to have a proper

perspective. Loving or hating a thing often

comes down to how you look at it. It's possible that you can have more joy in your life simply by looking at it from different perspective.

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trouble long enough, that's all you'll expect, and it will likely develop.

What we choose to focus on gets larger in our lives. If we don't have a proper perspective of it from God's point of view, it will grow and get out of balance. For example, in marriage, people sometimes get so focused on the things they don't like about their spouse that they totally forget all the good things they love about them.

I know life is not easy, and we all have to deal with hardship at times. But when you're struggling, realize that although you have some trouble, things could be worse. I certainly don't mean to make light

of a serious issue you're facing; my purpose with this point is to help you keep your perspective based on God's Word and His promises. Because when you choose to trust Him in every circumstance, He will always be bigger than your problems! For more on this topic, order Joyce's

three-part teaching resource Joy and Enjoyment. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, Enjoying Everyday Life, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org. Joyce Meyer is a New York Times bestselling author and founder of Joyce

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Sports Bulletin

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> **SCOREBOARD THURSDAY Prep boys** basketball

Alamosa 69, Frontier Academy 54 Buena Vista 55, Del

Norte 24

Prep girls basketball

Alamosa 55, Frontier Academy 12 Buena Vista 42, Del Norte 34

FRIDAY Prep boys basketball

Antonito at Cotopaxi - no report Moffat vs. Custer County - no report Platte Valley 44, Alamosa 37

Primero at Creede no report

Salida 50, Centauri Sanford at Ignacio -

no report Sierra Grande 57, Ellicott 35

Prep girls basketball

Alamosa 67, St. Mary's 62

Antonito at Cotopaxi - no report Centauri 45, Salida

Primero at Creede no report Sanford 52, Ignacio

West Grand 57, Mof-

College men's basketball

Colorado State Pueblo at Adams State - no report

College women's basketball

Adams State 69, Colorado State Pueblo 62

SCHEDULE SATURDAY Prep boys basketball

Moffat vs. South Park or West Grand (South Park Invitational), noon or 3 p.m. Ignacio at Del Norte,

Sierra Grande at Kim/Branson, 2 p.m. Alamosa at University (University Invitational), 2:30p.m. Sangre de Cristo at

Sargent, 4 p.m.

Prep girls basketball

Moffat vs. Mancos or South Park (South Park Invitational), 10:30 a.m.

Custer County at Creede, 1 p.m.

Ignacio at Del Norte, 1 p.m. The Vanguard at

Centauri, 1 p.m. Sierra Grande at Kim/Branson, 2 p.m. Alamosa at Univer-

sity (University Invitational), 4 p.m. Sangre de Cristo at

Sargent, 4 p.m. Prep girls swim-

ming

Sargent at Arapahoe Relays, 12:30 p.m.

Prep boys wrestling

Alamosa, Del Norte at Delta Invitational,

Antonito, Mountain Valley, Sierra Grande/ Centennial at Rob Mickel Invitational (at Salida), 9 a.m.

Centauri, Sargent at Pueblo East Invitational, 9 a.m.

Center at Limon Invitational, 9 a.m.

Monte Vista at Palmer Ridge Invitational,

Prep girls wrestling Alamosa at Delta

Invitational, 9 a.m. Monte Vista, Moun-

tain Valley at Rob Mickel Invitational (at Salida), 9 a.m.

College men's basketball

New Mexico Highlands at Adams State, 7:30 p.m.

College women's basketball

New Mexico Highlands at Adams State, 5:30 p.m.

College indoor track and field Adams State at

Western Colorado Open, TBA

SUNDAY College women's wrestling

Adams State vs. Minot State (N.D.) (at Chadron, Neb.), noon Adams State at Chadron State (Neb.),

TUESDAY Prep boys basketball

Centauri at Sanford, **Prep girls**

basketball Centauri at Sanford,

5:30 p.m. **Prep boys wrestling** Sargent hosts home

meet, 5 p.m. College indoor track and field

Adams State at Potts Invitational (at Boulder), TBA

WEDNESDAY Prep boys basketball

Centennial at Questa (N.M.) Invitational,

Prep girls basketball

Centennial at Questa (N.M.) Invitational,

College indoor

track and field

Adams State at Potts Invitational (at Boul-

THURSDAY Prep boys basketball

Lake City at Antonito, 4:30 p.m. Monte Vista at Florence Invitational, 5

Centennial at Questa (N.M.) Invitational,

Prep girls

basketball Lake City at Antonito, 4:30 p.m.

Monte Vista at Pueblo Centennial, 5 p.m. Centennial at Questa (N.M.) Invitational,

Prep boys wrestling

Antonito at Sierra Grande/Centennial,

Lady Falcons remain undefeated with win over Salida

By KEN HAMRICK

Courier sports editor

LA JARA – The Centauri High School girls basketball team had three players score in double figures as it remained undefeated on the season with a 45-27 win over Salida Friday at the CHS gym.

The Lady Spartans got off to a good start by scoring the first four points of the game. Braelyn Tucker put the Lady Falcons on the board with a 3-point basket, but Salida scored the next six points to take

Lacey Johnson ended the run with a layup, but Trinity Bertolino scored a layup for the Lady Spartans. Tucker scored twice for the Lady Falcons to reduce the deficit to 12-9 at the end of the first quarter.

Centauri made two out of four free throws to open the second quarter, and Hannah Curtis hit a jumper to give the Lady Falcons the lead. Johnson scored three more layups to increase the advantage to 19-12.

Megan Davenport accounted for Salida's only points of the quarter. Curtis scored the final three points of the period for a 22-14 Centauri lead at halftime. The Lady Spartans scored the

first four points of the third quarter to pull within 22-18. Johnson and Jocelyn Jarvies both scored to push

the lead back to eight points, and Saige Hostetter hit a jump shot to give Centauri at double-digit lead

Both teams scored a basket to end the quarter with the Lady Falcons

Centauri began the fourth quarter with an 8-4 run to extend the lead to 38-14. Braeden Johnson scored for the Lady Spartans, but the Lady Falcons scored the next seven points to take their largest lead of the game at 45-26.

Johnson led the Lady Falcons in scoring with 13 points, followed by Curtis with 11 and Tucker with 10.

Johnson led Salida with eight points, followed by Graysa Kindle with seven. Centauri (3-0) was scheduled to

host The Vanguard School today, however, that game has been postponed. The Lady Falcons will next play at Sanford on Tuesday. The varsity game begins at 5:30 p.m. Centauri 45, Salida 27 Salida – Saari 1 2-2 4, B. Johnson 3 2-2 8, Kindle 3 1-3

7, Wooddell 0 0-0 0, M. Johnson 0 0-4 0, Anch 1 0-1 2, Hadley 0 0-0 0, Bertolino 2 0-0 4, Davenport 1 0-1 2, Brown 0 0-0 0. Total 11 5-13 27. 3-point goals – none. Centauri – Jarvies 1 0-0 2, Jackson 0 1-2 1, Tucker 4

1-1 10, McCarroll 3 0-0 6, Curtis 4 3-4 11, Hostetter 1 0-0 2, Tibbitts 0 0-0 0, Johnson 6 1-2 13. Total 19 6-9 45. 3-point goal - Tucker 1. Total 1.

Centauri 9 Fouls – Salida 10, Centauri 16. 15 - 45



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick Centauri High School's Lacey Johnson scores a layup in Friday's game against Salida at the CHS gym. Johnson scored 13 points as the Lady Falcons defeated the Lady Spartans 45-27.

Salida hands Centauri its first loss of season

By KEN HAMRICK Courier sports editor

LA JARA – Things looked good

for the Centauri High School boys basketball team - at least for 2 ½ quarters. Then the momentum quickly turned in Salida's favor.

The Spartans dominated the final half of the third quarter and the entire fourth as it defeated the Falcons 50-37 Friday at the CHS

Kayson Westphal, Salida's 6-foot, 10-inch center, gave the Spartans the early lead and Dylan Grant also scored for a 4-0 lead.

Troy Sowards put the Falcons on the board with a layup, but Westphal dunked the ball for a 6-2

Centauri then outscored Salida

16-4 the rest of the first quarter and it led 18-10. The Spartans closed to within 22-20 late in the second quarter, but Jace Haslett knocked down a jumper, and Kallon Russell made two free throws to give the Falcons

a 26-20 lead at halftime. Ryan Osness began the third quarter with back-to-back layups to hit two free throws for a 33-28 lead



Centauri High School's Kaleb Anderson (25) attempts to drive to the basket against Salida's Kayson Westphal in Friday's game at the CHS gym. The Falcons lost to the Spartans 50-

bring Salida within 26-24. Sowards scored a layup, Carson Bagwell made a 3-point basket and Sowards

with 4:17 left in the third.

Westphal then hit a three which sparked the Salida rally. The Spartans scored the final nine points of the period and led 37-33.

The rally carried over into the fourth quarter as Salida scored the first 16 points of the period.

Centauri scored only four points

in the quarter. Bagwell and Sowards both led the Falcons with nine points apiece, followed by Kaleb Anderson with

Westphal scored 17 points for the Spartans, followed by Osness

Centauri (2-1) will travel to Sanford on Tuesday. Tip-off for the varsity game is at 7 p.m. Salida 50, Centauri 37

Salida – Edgington 1 0-1 2, Westphal 8 0-0 17, Grant 3 0-0 6, Osness 7 1-2 16, Brown 0 0-0 0, Schwarz 3 0-0 7, Ortiz 0 0-0 0, Walker 0 0-0 0. Total 22 1-3 50. 3-point goals - Osness 1, Schwarz 1, Westphal 1.

Centauri - Russell 1 2-2 5, Sowards 3 2-2 9, Bagwell 3 0, Garcia 0 0-0 0, Shawcroft 0 0-0 0. Total 14 5-6 37. 3-point goals - Bagwell 2, Russell 1, Sowards 1. Tota

Fouls - Salida 9, Centauri 3.

Center wins Fowler wrestling tournament

By KEN HAMRICK

Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The Center High School wrestling team won the Fowler Grizzly Invitational last Saturday in Fowler.

The Vikings scored 191 points, followed by Monte Vista with 166, Fowler with 132 ½, County Line with 105 ½, and Swink with 103.

Winning individual championships were Michael Archuleta (106), Aaron Valadez (157), Martin Palma (175), and Jesus Valadez (190).

126, Andre Meraz who was second

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at 165, Jordan Duran who was third at 113, Nicolas Palma who was fifth at 120, Caden Ruggles who was fifth at 150, and Devin Thompson who was fifth at 165.

For Monte Vista, Kevin Cisneros (150) and Jacob Pacheco (165) both won championships. Other Pirate placers included Stetson Romero who was second at 106, Jeremiah Baumgardner who was second at 157, Elijah Baumgardner who was third at 132, Ethan Wolfe who placed fourth at 132, Julian Pacheco who was fourth at 190, Jon Enderle Also placing for the Vikings were who was fifth at 138, and Jose Zamarripa who was fifth at 285. Francisco Villa who was second at

Other local teams saw Sargent tie

for eighth with 64 points, Del Norte was 13th with 51, Sierra Grande/ Centennial placed 19th with 22, and

Antonito was 20th with four points. The Farmers' placers included Matthew Voss who was second at 132, Jaycian Sierra who was third at 138, and Garett Thomson who was third at 150.

Placing for the Tigers were Paul Neal who was second at 150, Samuel Sierra who was fourth at 285, and Anthony Stewart who was fifth at

For Sierra Grande/Centennial, Jesus Reyes was fourth at 138, and Giovanni Jaquez was sixth at 215.

Notice of Request for Bids to Manage Six Center Pivot Irrigated Fields Planted to Drought Tolerant Species Subdistrict No. 4 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation

District is seeking bids to maintain sprinklers, chop/mow weeds, as needed, and manage irrigation to establish a drought tolerant species mix on six quarters north of Moffat. Bidders should itemize bids and should include the costs: To chop weeds and oats on three fields planted in 2024 with a minimum stubble height of 4-5 inches 40-50 days after planting (August),

To manage irrigation on all six fields in consultation with the Subdistrict for the 2024 irrigation season. To maintain and perform routine repairs on all six sprinklers

Bidder will be responsible for irrigation for the entire irrigation season. Irrigation scheduling will be dependent upon direction of the Subdistrict and their consultants. Bids should also include a description of the equipment to be used for mowing/chopping and the bidders experience. The Subdistrict will be responsible for the costs of water, electricity, meters, sprinkler parts and major sprinkler repairs. For further questions and details please contact Chris Ivers at 719-589-6301 or chris@rgwcd.org. Proposals

will be accepted through January 19th, 2024, and may be

Alamosa, CO, 81101, or by e-mail to chris@rgwcd.org.

submitted in person or by mail to 8805 Independence Way,

Notice of Request for Bids to Plant Three Center Pivot Irrigated Fields to Drought Tolerant Species Subdistrict No. 4 of the Rio Grande Water

Conservation District is seeking bids to plant a drought tolerant species mix on three quarters north of Moffat (approx. 360 acres). Bids should include the costs to drill the seed mix into each field between mid-June and the Fourth of July. Bids should include a description of the equipment to be used and bidders experience. When reviewing bids priority will be first given to grass drills with pickers, second to no-till drills with adequate depth control, and third to double disc drills. For further questions and details please contact Chris Ivers at 719-589-6301 or chris@rgwcd.org. Proposals will be accepted through January 19th, 2024, and may be submitted in person or by mail to 8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO, 81101, or by

Notice of Request for Proposal to Lease Six Well and Sprinkler **Irrigated Small Grain Quarters** Subdistrict No. 4 of the Rio Grande Water

Conservation District is seeking proposals to lease six quarters north of Moffat, with options for renewal. The fields can be leased in groups of two or larger. Proposals for annual crops will be accepted, with the goal of the lease being to maintain soil health and stability. Each field is subject to a 180 acre-foot pumping limitation. The fields are being leased as they are, any soil or dirt work needed will be the responsibility of the lessee. Lessee will be responsible for subdistrict fees, utilities, and the first \$2,000.00 of repairs per season. For questions, further details, including a map, or to set up a time to view the quarters please contact Chris Ivers at 719-589-6301 or chris@rgwcd.org. Proposals will be accepted through January 19th, 2024, and may be submitted in person or by mail to 8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO, 81101, or by e-mail to chris@rgwcd.org.

Lifestyle

Unexpected driving hazards: Don't get caught off-guard

day season, with its festive spirit, family gatherings, and vacation plans, can also include some your trips during off-peak and long drives, fatigue unexpected driving challenges—but you can still navigate them safely.

Your Risk

Here's a rundown of unanticipated driving hazards of the fall and winter holidays and how to tackle them.

• Distractions Galore: The holiday season can be distracting with dazzling light displays, roadside decorations, and parades. While they add to the festive spirit, they can divert your attention. Solution? Stay focused. Remind yourself constantly to keep your eyes on the road and be extra cautious in areas with heavy

decorations. • Early Sunsets: With Daylight Saving Time over, it gets dark earlier. Combined with fog or reduce visibility considerably. Be sure your vehicle has fog lights and that all lights are functioning correctly. Avoid high beams in foggy conditions as they can reflect back and impair visibility further.

(NAPSI) — The holi- Holiday shoppers, travel- be patient; rushing can ers, and delivery trucks lead to fender benders. flood the roads during this time. Try to plan holiday fic updates before headternate routes.

> bring a mix of rain, fog, ice, and sometimes even snow. Regularly check tire pressure and tread winter are active times depth. Ensure wipers are for wildlife. Deer, in in good condition and use particular, can be more defrosters to keep win- prevalent on roads, espedows clear. If you're driv-cially during dawn and ing in snowy regions, con-dusk. Always scan the sider investing in snow road ahead and use high tires or chains.

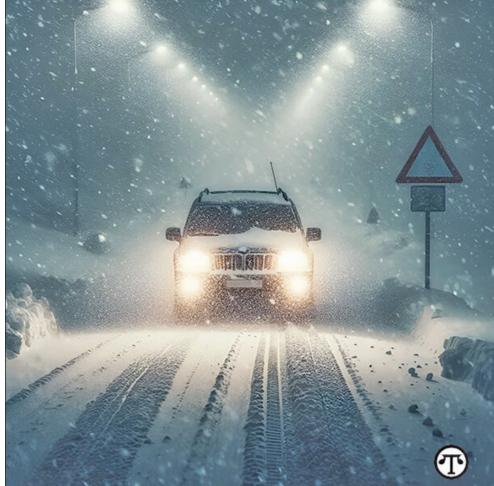
Unfortunately, the holidays see a spike in alcohol consumption, and consequently, impaired drivers. Stay vigilant, especially during nighttime. If you spot a vehicle swerving or driving erratically, maintain a safe best gift you can give your rain, early sunsets can distance and consider re- loved ones is ensuring porting them.

· Parking Lot Perils: With malls and shopping centers bustling, parking lot incidents increase. Watch out for pedestrians and cars backing out without noticing. Always Increased Traffic: park in well-lit areas and

Fatigue: Between preparations hours and always factor can set in. Remember, a in extra time. Check traf- drowsy driver is as dangerous as a drunk one. How to Drive Down ing out and consider al- Plan breaks during long trips, share driving re-Unpredictable sponsibilities if possible, Weather: Fall and winter and consider an overnight stay instead of driving back late.

> Wildlife: Fall and beams when there's no • Impaired Drivers: oncoming traffic.

> > The holiday season does present unique driving challenges, but with awareness and preparation, you can get around them. As you celebrate and travel, make safety a priority. After all, the you arrive safely.



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For happier holidays and a safer new year, be extra careful on the roads.

How Americans plan to spend and save this holiday season

be merry and bright.

What The Gens Are Doing

With festivities fast approaching, Rocket Money surveyed 2,000 U.S. adults celebrating this year to find out how they

person shopping

When asked about budgeting for the season, nearly three out of five U.S. adults report setting a budget. The study found that Gen X plans to spend the most money, with an average budget of \$717 for holiday gifts, décor, entertainment and more. Meanwhile, Gen Z plans to spend the least with \$591 total but set the highest amount for all generations when it came to holiday décor.

Although Gen Z has the smallest budget, they are the ones most likely to shop in-person, with over 40% saying they prefer to shop at physical stores. This contrasts with the approximately 60% of Gen X, Millennials and Boomers who plan to find gifts online.

Budgeting for holidays and beyond

Americans have learned to prepare their finances for the increase in spending during the holidays. The survey found that approximately 157 million Americans (60%) plan to create a budget or set aside money this year specifically for the holidays — a 12% increase from last year. This suggests that Americans are becoming more conscious of their financial habits, especially in the current economy.

Beyond the holidays, nearly half of all Americans plan to make budgeting a part of their New Year's resolutions, according to the survey. Of those who plan to make budgeting a goal, 66.7% have already started eval-

(NAPSI) — The holi- uating their overall 2024 days can bring the pres- financial budget as of Ocsure to overspend — but tober 1, 2023. Americans you can resist it and still are also planning longterm. For those looking to manage their finances and make the holidays a little less taxing monetarily, Rocket Money can help users track spending and create budgets.

"The holidays are a time prepare financially for of celebration, but that can also mean high spend-Gen X leads the holi- ing. Rocket Money helps day spending spree, users easily track their while Gen Z prefers in- expenses and set budgets so they can more easily work toward their financial goals," said Yahya Mokhtarzada, co-founder of the company. "Rocket Money can also provide insight into subscription spending and cancel any unwanted subscriptions with the push of a button putting money back in

> users' pockets." The holiday season can cause mixed emotions for many Americans, as they balance their desire to celebrate with their need to save and budget. By being aware of spending during the holidays, they can make more informed and responsible financial decisions — and enjoy a happier and healthier season.

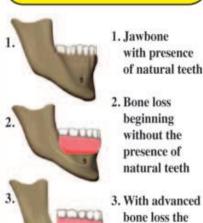
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DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 3, STATE OF COLORADO TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS FILED IN WATER DIVISION 3.

WATER DIVISION 3.

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302(3), you are notified that the following is a resume in Water Division 3, containing notice of applications and certain amendments filed in the

office of the Water Clerk during the month of November 2023 for each county affected.
2023CW202319: Concerning the Application of Water Rights of Bonanza Ventures, LLC; 1546 County Road 52, Center, CO 81125; bonanza-ventures@outlook.com; 719-850-2084. Application for Change of Water Right in Saguache County. PART A - APPLICATION FOR A SUPPLE-MENTAL IRRIGATION WELL ON THE NE 1/4 SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, NMPM (FIELD NO. 10). Decreed MENTAL IHRIGATION WELL ON THE NE 1/4 SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, HANGE 9 EAST, NMPM (FIELD NO. 10). Decreed water right for which change is sought: Name of structure: Well No. 4, Case No. 82CW113, WDID 2705568, Permit No. 24394-F-R, (Well No. 4). Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: May 27, 1983, Case No. 82CW113 Court: Water Court Division 3. Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: SW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 22, Township 41 North, Range 9 East, NMPM, at a point 1,325 Feet from the North Section Line and 1,325 Feet from the East Section Line, in Saguache County, Colorado. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer. Well Depth: 100 feet. Appropriation Date: February 22, 1979. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons source of water: Unconfined Aquifer. Well Depth: 100 feet. Appropriation Date: February 22, 1979. Iotal amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute (gpm): 1,000 GPM, absolute, being 2.23 cubic feet per second of time. Decreed use or uses: Irrigation. Festricted to the irrigation of the NE1/4 of Section 22, Township 41 North. Range 9 East, NMPM, and annual production of not more 350 acre-feet by the Case No. 82CW113 decree. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: 1,000 GPM. Detailed description of proposed change: Applicants request a supplemental irrigation well to Well No. 4 for irrigation of the NE 1/4 of Section 22, Township 41 North, Range 9 East, NMPM (Field No. 10). Well No. 4 has been pumping more than 600 gpm for many years before recent production has dropped off below 400 gpm. Well No. 4 has consistently produced from 82 to 247 acre-feet per year for irrigation of Field No. 10. Production from the unconfined aquifer has decreased dramstically in the nest several years. Applicants request a supplemental irrigation well to Well No. 4 to maintain the water supply to the professions. dramatically in the past several years. Applicants request a supplemental irrigation well to Well No. 4 to maintain the water supply to the sprin-kler at or below the permitted and decreed flow rate of 1,000 gpm. The supplemental well will be drilled on Field No. 10 to a depth not to exceed the top of the confining clay series. Applicants are proposing the new supplemental well and Well No. 4 with individual and combined maximum pumping rates of 1,000 gpm and a combined annual volumetric limitation of 350 acre-feet. Well No. 4 is within the Rio Grande Water Conser-vation District Groundwater Management Subdistrict No. 1 boundary and is enrolled in the annual replacement plan of the Subdistrict. The new supplemental well will contract into Subdistrict No. 1. Field No. 10 lies within the service area of the San Luis Valley irrigation District. Attached Exhibit 1 (Available for review at the Alamosa Combined Court Clerk's Office) is the pumping history for Well No. 4 derived from the Colorado Division of Water Resources database. Location information: Well No. 4 is located as decreed with a GPS location from the DWR database of: JTM NAD83 414671 mE, 4182807 mN. The proposed supplemental irrigation well to Well No. 4 will be located within the NE 1/4 of Section UTM NAD83 414671 mE, 4182807 mN. The proposed supplemental irrigation well to Well No. 4 will be located within the NE 1/4 of Section 22, Township 41 North, Range 9 East, NMPM (Field No. 10). PART B - APPLICATION FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION WELL ON THE SW 1/4 SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, NMPM (FIELD NO. 11). Decreed water right for which change is sought: Name of structure: Well No. 2, Case No. 82CW113, WDID 2705491, Permit No. 24392-F, (Well No. 2). Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: May 27, 1983, Case No. 82CW113 Court: Water Court Division 3. Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: SW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 15, Township 41 North, Range 9 East, NMPM, at a point 1,315 Feet from the South Section Line and 1,315 Feet from the West Section Line, in Saguache County, Colorado. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer. Well Depth: 95 feet. Appropriation Date: February 22, 1979. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute (gpm): 1,000 GPM, absolute, being 2.23 cubic feet per second of time. Decreed use or uses: Irrigation. Restricted to the irrigation of the SW 1/4 of Section 15, Township 41 North, Range 9 East, NMPM, and annual production of not more 350 acre-feet by the Case No. 82CW113 decree. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: 1.000 GPM. Detailed description of proposed change: Applicants request a supplemental irrigation well to Well applicant intends to change: 1,000 GPM. Detailed description of proposed change: Applicants request a supplemental irrigation well to Well No. 2 for irrigation of the SW 1/4 of Section 15, Township 41 North, Range 9 East, NMPM (Field No. 11). Well No. 2 has been pumping more than 600 gpm for many years before recent production has dropped off below 600 gpm. Well No. 2 has consistently produced from 73 to 239 acre-feet per year for irrigation of Field No. 11. Production from the unconfined aquifer has decreased dramatically in the past several years. Applicants request a supplemental irrigation well to Well No. 2 to maintain the water supply to the sprinkler at or below the permitted and decreed flow rate of 1,000 gpm. The supplemental well will be drilled on Field No. 11 to a depth not to exceed the top of the confining clay series.

Applicants are proposing the new supplemental well and Well No. 2 with individual and combined maximum pumping rates of 1,000 gpm and a combined annual volumetric limitation of 350 acre-feet. Well No. 2 is within the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Groundwater Management Subdistrict No. 1 boundary and is enrolled in the annual replacement plan of the Subdistrict. The new supplemental well will contract to Subdistrict No. 1. Field No. 11 lies within the service area of the San Luis Valley irrigation District. Attached Exhibit 1 (Available for review t the Alamosa Combined Court Clerk's Office) is the pumping history for Well No. 2 derived from the Colorado Division of Water Resources atabase. Location information: Well No. 2 is located as decreed with a GPS location from the DWR database of: UTM NAD83 413800 mE, 4183613 mN. The proposed supplemental irrigation well to Well No. 2 will be located within the SW 1/4 of Section 15, Township 41 North, Range 9 East, NMPM (Field No. 11). PART C - APPLICATION FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION WELL ON THE SE 1/4 SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, NMPM (FIELD NO. 12). Decreed water right for which change is sought: Name of structure: Well East, NMPM, and annual production of not more 350 acre-feet by the Case No. 82CW113 decree. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: 1,000 GPM. Detailed description of proposed change: Applicants request a supplemental irrigation well to Well No. 3 for irrigation of the SE 1/4 of Section 15, Township 41 North, Range 9 East, NMPM (Field No. 12). Well No. 3 has been pumping more than 700 gpm for many years before recent production has dropped off below 600 gpm. Well No. 3 has consistently produced from 75 to 232 acre-feet per year for irrigation of Field No. 12. Production from the unconfined aquifer has decreased dramatically in the past several years. Applicants request a supplemental irrigation well to Well No. 3 to maintain the water supply to the sprinkler at or below the permitted and decreed flow rate of 1,000 gpm. The supplemental well will be drilled on Field No. 12 to a depth not to exceed the top of the confining clay series. Applicants are proposing the new supplemental well and Well No. 3 with individual and combined maximum pumping rates of 1,000 gpm and a combined annual volumetric limitation of 350 acre-feet. Well No. 3 is within the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Groundwater Management Subdistrict to 1 boundary and is enrolled in the annual replacement plan of the Subdistrict. The new supplemental well will contract into Subdistrict No.
Field No. 12 lies within the service area of the San Luis Valley irrigation District. Attached Exhibit 1 (Available for review at the Alamosa Combined Court Clerk's Office) is the pumping history for Well No. 3 derived from the Colorado Division of Water Resources database. Locarion information: Well No. 2 is located as decreed with a GPS location from the DWR database of: UTM NAD83 414614 mE, 4183649 mN. The proposed supplemental irrigation well to Well No. 3 will be located within the SE 1/4 of Section 15, Township 41 North, Range 9 East, NMPM Field No. 12). PART D - APPLICATION FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION WELL ON THE SW74 SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, ANGE 9. EAST, NMPM (FIEL NO. 13). Decreed water city for which to page is sought. Name of structure: Well No. 5. Ges. No. 820(W113). RANGE 9 EAST, NMPM (FIELD NO. 13). Decreed water right for which change is sought: Name of structure: Well No. 5, Case No. 82CW113, WDID 2705569, Permit No. 24401-F-R, (Well No. 5). Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: May 27, 1983, Case No: 82CW113. Court: Water Court Division 3. Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: SW 1/4 SW 1/4

f 350 acre-feet. Well No. 5 is within the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Groundwater Management Subdistrict No. 1 boundary and is nrolled in the annual replacement plan of the Subdistrict. The new supplemental well will contract into Subdistrict No. 1. Field No. 13 lies rithin the service area of the San Luis Valley irrigation District. Attached Exhibit 1 (Available for review at the Alamosa Combined Court Clerk's Office) is the pumping history for Well No. 5 derived from the Colorado Division of Water Resources database. Location information: Well No. is located as decreed with a GPS location from the DWR database of: UTM NAD83 415428 mE, 4183631 mN. The proposed supplemental rrigation well to Well No. 5 will be located within the SW 1/4 of Section 14,

facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions o a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of opposition or protest must also be served upon the Applicant or the Applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service must be filed with the Water Clerk. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$192.00. Forms may be obtained from the Water

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DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 3, STATE OF COLORADO TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS

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is a resume in Water Division 3, containing notice of applications and certain amend-

ments filed in the office of the Water Clerk during the month of November 2023 for each

2023CW17: Concerning the Application of Water Rights of Lee A. Welch; 9481 N County Road 6, Center, CO 81125; leewelchfarms@ gmail.com; 719-588-1829. Application for Change of Water Right in Alamosa County. APPLICATION FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGA-TION WELL ON THE NE 1/4 SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, NMPM (FIELD NO. 10). Decreed water right for which change is sought: Name of structure: Well No. 1, Case No. 81CW41, WDID 2006218 (Well No. 1). Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: June 6, 1984, Case No: 81CW41. Court Water Court Division 3. Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: Center of the NE1/4 of Section 17, Township 40 North, Range 9 East, NMPM. Actual location by GPS per DWR records is: 411334 mE, 4174789 mN. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer of the Closed Basin. Permit Number: 27638-F. Well Depth: 96 feet. Appropriation Date: January 15, 1981. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute (gpm) or cubic feet per second (cfs): 1,000 GPM, absolute, being 2.23 cubic feet per second of time. Decreed use or uses: Irrigation. Restricted to the irrigation of 130.0 acres within the NE1/4 of Section 17, Township 40 North, Range 9 East, NMPM, and average annual production of not more 260 acre-feet by the Case No. 81CW41 decree Amount of water that applicant intends to change:

1.000 GPM. Detailed description of proposed change: Applicants re-

quest a supplemental irrigation well to Well No. 1 for irrigation of not more than 130 acres in the NE1/4 of Section 17, Township 40 North, Range 9 East, NMPM (Field No. 10). Production from Well No. 1 has dropped off below 600 gpm. Well No. 1 has consistently produced from 97 to 200 acre-feet per year for irrigation of Field No. 10. Pro-duction from the unconfined aquifer has decreased dramatically in the past several years. Applicants request a supplemental irrigation well to Well No. 1 to maintain the water supply to the sprinkler at or below the permitted and decreed flow rate of 1,000 gpm. The supplemental well will be drilled on Field No. 1 to a depth not to exceed the top of the confining clay series. Applicant is proposing to have the new supplemental well and Well No. 1 with individual and combined maximum pumping rates of 1,000 gpm and a combined average an-nual volumetric limitation of 260-acre feet. Well No. 1 is within the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Groundwater Management plan of the Subdistrict. The new supplemental well will contract into Subdistrict No. 1. Attached Exhibit 1(available for review at the Alamosa Combined Court Clerk's Office) is the pumping history for Well No. 1 derived from the Colorado Division of Water Resources database. Location Information: Well No. 1 is located as decreed with a GPS location from the DWR database of: UTM NAD83 411334 mE, 4174789 mN The supplemental irrigation well to Well No. 1 will be located within the NE1/4 of Section 17, Township 40 North, Range 7 East, NMPM (Field No. 10), Name and address of reputed owners Lee A. Welch, 9481 N County Road 6, Center, CO 81125 You are notified that you have until the last day of January 2024, to

file with the Water Clerk a verified statement of opposition settling forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions or a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of opposition or protest must also be served upon the Applicant or the Applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service must be filed with the Water Clerk. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$192.00. Forms may be obtained from the Water Clerk's Office or our website at www.courts.state.co.us. Jennifer Pacheco, Water Clerk, Water Division 3, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101

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TOWN OF CRESTONE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

As per CRS 29-1-106 through 109 a public hearing will be held on Thursday, December 14th 2023 at 1:30 pm at Crestone Town Hall's Alder Meeting Room (111 S. Alder St., Crestone, CO) regarding adoption of a 2024 budget. The draft budget will be available for review at Town Hall on Thursday. December 7. The town officers for the hearing are Mayor Danforth, and Trustees

Adam Kinney, Benjamin Byer, Armando Medez-Sanchez, Kizzen Laki, Kim Martinez, and Dennis Posluzsny. Any interested elector of the local government may file any objec-

* In person at the 12/14 Public Hearing
* Via email to crestonetownoffice@gmail.com
* Via USPS to the Town of Crestone (PO Box 64 Crestone, CO 81131)

protest must also be served upon the Applicant or the Applicant's attion to the proposed budget at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget by the governing body. Comments on the proposed 2024 Budget to the Town Clerk in one of the following ways: torney and an affidavit or certificate of such service must be filed with the Water Clerk. The filing fee

for the Statement of Opposition is \$192.00. Forms may be obtained from the Water Clerk's Office or our website at www.courts.state.co.us. Jennifer Pa-* Via the secure payment slot located to the right of the entrance to Town Hall (108 W. Galena Ave.)

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No. 3, Case No. 82CW113, WDID 2705567, Permit No. 24395-F-R, (Well No. 3). Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: May 27, 1983, Case No. 82CW113 Court: Water Court Division 3. Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 15, Township 41 North, Range 9 East, NMPM, at a point 1,315 Feet from the South Section Line and 1,330 Feet from the East Section Line, in Saquache County, Colorado. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer. Well Depth: 95 feet. Appropriation Date: February 22, 1979. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute (gpm): 1,000 GPM, absolute, being 2.23 cubic feet per second of time. Decreed use or uses: Irrigation. Restricted to the irrigation of the SE 1/4 of Section 15, Township 41 North, Range 9

of Section 14, Township 41 North. Range 9 East, NMPM, at a point 1,310 Feet from the South Section Line and 1,310 Feet from the West Section Line, in Saguache County, Colorado. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer. Well Depth: 92 feet. Appropriation Date: February 22. 1979. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute (gpm): 1,000 GPM, absolute, being 2.23 cubic feet per second of time. Decreed use or uses: Irrigation. Restricted to the irrigation of the SW 1/4 of Section 14, Township 41 North, Range 9 East, NMPM, and annual production of not more 350 acre-feet by the Case No. 82CW113 decree. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: 1,000 GPM. Detailed description of proposed change: Applicants request a supplemental irrigation well to Well No. 5 for irrigation of the SW1/4 of Section 14, Township 41 North, Range 9 East, NMPM (Field No. 13). Well No. 5 has been pumping more than 500 gpm for many years before recent production has dropped off below 400 gpm. Well No. 5 has consistently produced from 27 to 210 acre-feet per year for irrigation of Field No. 13. Production from the unconfined aquifer has decreased dramatically in the past several years. Applicants request a supplemental irrigation ell to Well No. 5 to maintain the water supply to the sprinkler at or below the permitted and decreed flow rate of 1,000 gpm. The supplement well will be drilled on Field No. 13 to a depth not to exceed the top of the confining clay series. Applicants are proposing the new supplemental well and Well No. 5 with individual and combined maximum pumping rates of 1,000 gpm and a combined annual volumetric limitation

Township 41 North, Range 9 East, NMPM (Field No. 13). Name and address of reputed owners: Bonanza Ventures, LLC, 1546 County Road 52, Center, CO 81125.

You are notified that you have until the last day of January 2024, to file with the Water Clerk a verified statement of opposition setting forth

Clerk's Office or our website at www.courts.state.co.us. Jennifer Pacheco. Water Clerk Water Division 3, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101

DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 3, STATE OF COLORADO TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS FILED IN WATER DIVISION 3.

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office of the Water Clerk during the month of November 2023 for each and Joan Calkin; 8406 S County Road 100, Alamosa, CO 81101; 719-589-6194. Application for Change of Water Right in Alamosa County. Decreed water right for which change is sought: Name of structures: Well No. 1 in Case No. W1452. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: 7/10/1975 Case No: W1452 Court: Division 3. Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 18, Township 37 North, Range 9 East, NMPM, at a point 2268 feet from North Section line and 1300 feet from West Section line, in Alamosa County, Colorado. Decreed source of water: confined. Appropriation Date Dec. 31,1935. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute (gpm) or cubic feet per second (cfs): Absolute 75 gpm Decreed use or uses: Irrigation and stockwater. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: Absolute 75 gpm. Decreed water right for which change is sought: Name of structures: Well No. 2 in Case No. W1452. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: 7/10/1975 Case No: W1452 Court: Division 3. Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 18, Township 37 North, Range 9 East, NMPM, at a point 2628 feet from North Section line and 40 feet from West Section line, in Alamosa County, Colorado. Decreed source of water: confined. Appropriation Date: December 31, 1934. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute (gpm) or cubic feet per second (cfs): Absolute 100 gpm. Decreed use or uses: Irrigation. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: Absolute 100 gpm. Decreed water right for which change is sought: Name of structures: Well Nos. 3 in Case No. W1452. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: 7/10/1975 Case No: W1452 Court: Division 3, Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 18, Township 37 North, Range 9 East, NMPM, at a point 2268 feet from North Section line and 300 feet from West Section line, in Alamosa County, Colorado Decreed source of water: Confined. Appropriation Date: December 31, 1934. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute (gpm) or cubic feet per second (cfs): Absolute 150 gpm. Decreed use or uses: Irrigation. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: Absolute 150 gpm. Decreed water right for which change is sought: Name of structures: Well No. 4 in Case No. W1452. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: 7/20/1975 (amended) Case No: W1452 Court: Division 3. Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 18, Township 37 North, Range 9 East, NMPM, at a point 2630 feet from North Section line and 300 feet from West Section line, in Alamosa County, Colorado. Decreed source of water: confined. Appropriation date: December 31, 1938, for 200 gpm and June 1, 1956, for 800 gpm. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute Absolute 1000 gpm. Decreed use: Irrigation. Amount of water applicant intends to change: Absolute 100 gpm. Detailed description of proposed change: We request that the Court grant us a decree to change the place of use for our four groundwater rights to include the location of both irrigation pivots on our property. Historically, the well was used to irrigate up to a maximum of approximately 200 acres in the N1/2 of Section 18, Twp. 37N. Rng 9E, NMPM and up to approximately 39.5 acres in the N 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 18, Twp. 37N Rng 9E, NMPM. Well Nos. 1, 2, and 3 in case no. W1452 are also used in conjunction with Well No. 4 and are included in this request to change the place of use. In the future we propose to limit our use to irrigation use on approximately 140 acres as shown in Exhibit A (available for review at the Alamosa Combined Court Clerk's Office). Well No. 4 would continue to be used with a five-year running average of 250 acre-feet. Well use will continue to be used in conjunction with our shares of Commonwealth Irrigation Company. These wells are part of a Subdistrict #6 Farm Plan. Points of diversion Location information: Well No. 1 UTM Coordinates Easting 408460 Northing 4145601 Zone 13. Well No. 2 – Easting 408290 Northing 4145667 Zone 13. Well No. 3 – Easting 408241 Northing 4145581 Zone 13.

is seeking a CENTER/ SAGUACHE BRANCH MANAGER, MAR-KETING and COM-Well No. 4 - Easting 408156 Northing 4145478 Zone 13. Name and MUNICATIONS SPEaddress of reputed owners: N/A.
You are notified that you have until the last day of January 2024, to CIALIST, & TRAIN-ING COORDINATOR. file with the Water Clerk a verified statement of opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on FSWB offers competitive compensation, generous benefits, & caa protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of reer development. Join FSWB's award-winning team dedicated to supporting rural Colorado's

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Rio Grande Water Conservation District is requesting bids for Jani torial Service for their office building located at 8805 Independence Way in Alamosa, Colorado. Potential bidders may inspect the site on December 14h and December 15th, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please refer to rgwcd.org for a Scope of Work. Bids must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 21st, 2023, to Kylie Gregg, Office Manager, at 8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado, 81101, Rio Grande Water Conservation District retains the right to reject or accept any bid in the best interest of the Owner No. 3692.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET TOWN OF ANTONITO

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Town of Antonito Town Board for the ensuing year of 2024; a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk/Treasurer, where the same is open for public inspection during regular business hours; such proposed budget will be considered at

1690ian business nouns, such proposed budget will be considered at 5151 River St. at the Town Board Meeting at 5:30pm as follows: November 9, 2023 Town Board Meeting.

Any interested elector of the Town of Antonito may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget. Final adoption is scheduled for December 14, 2023 @ 5:30 pm.

Stephanie Trujillo Rossi D. Duran Town Clerk Administrator (719)376-2355 (719)298-6114 (719)376-2355 (719)298-6114 P.O. Box 86 515 River St. Antonito, CO 81120

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Notice of Request for Proposals to Survey +/-420 Acres for Cultural and Archaeological Re sources Subdistrict No. 4 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District is

seeking proposals to conduct a surface survey to locate, identify, and if possible, date cultural and archaeological resources on approximately 420 acres in Saguache County Colorado. Proposals should include an itemized description of the cost to perform the field work and generate reports as well as a timeline for completion. The successful bidder will be responsible for conforming with all local, state, and federal laws and must be willing to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement with the District and or Subdistrict. For further questions and details, including maps and a shapefile, please contact Chris Ivers at 719-589-6301 or chris@rgwcd.org. Proposals will be accepted through December 18th, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. and may be submitted in person or by mail to 8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO, 81101, or by e-mail to chris@rgwcd.org. No. 3705.

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ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2023-2024 School Year. INSTRUC-TIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION PARA-PROFESSIONAL at AES 3-5. Applications are available online at http://alamosa.k12.co.us. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (12/16/23AS)

CONEJOS COUNTY IS seeking a full-time GRANT SPECIAL-IST. Primary functions will be to research, obtain, write, monitor, and administer grants for Conejos County. Will be responsible for ensuring all compliance with Federal and State regulations as it relates to grants. Excellent writing ability that is clear. concise and analytical preferred. Must be able to meet deadlines, be self-motivated and have strong computer skills. Salary \$45,000-\$50,00 DOQ. Applica-tions can be obtained on our website: conejoscounty.colorado.gov or you can email cricci@ co.conejos.co.us. Applications accepted until filled. Inquiries call 719-376-6799. (12/16/23AS)

ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is now accepting applications for the following position: LONG TERM FLOAT-ING SUBSTITUTE TEACHER OMS (Second Semester). Applications are available online at https://www. alamosaschools.org/ For more information, contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600 or tvigil@alamosaschools.org. Application deadline s until filled. EOE. (12/15/23AS)

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY seeks applicants for multiple CUSTODIAN I positions in the Facilities Services Department. Starting salary for this position is \$3,160 per month. For application or more information, please see https:// www.adams.edu/hr/employment/ . AA/EOE. (12/13/23AS)

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HOLIDAY INN EX-PRESS is hiring for a full-time BREAK-FAST MANAGER and a BREAKFAST ATTEN-DANT. Apply in Person. (12/19/23AS)

MANAGEMENT AND MAINTE-NANCE PERSON, or TEAM, wanted for a 12 unit apartment complex in DEL NORTE, CO. Duties include but not limited to office paperwork, cleaning, minor plumbing, minor electrical, drywall repair, painting, and grounds keeping. Fax or email a letter of interest email a letter of interest and/or resume to 712-274-1230 or nnieman@ landmarkmanagement. com Equal Employ-ment Opportunity. (12/22/23AS)

CENTER CONSOLI-DATED SCHOOLS located in CENTER, CO seeks a dynamic and innovative person to fill a full-time IN SCHOOL RESTOR-ATIVE PRACTICES FACILITATOR for the 2023-2024 school year. Candidates should have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in education or other related field. The right candidate will have experience working with youth in education. Ability to speak Spanish is preferred, but not required. The position will involve collaborating with a team to provide restorative discipline and alternatives to suspension. The position salary will be based on experience and professional endorsements. Center Consolidated Schools is an equal-opportunity employer. If you wish to apply, please send a cover letter and resume and completed non-certified employment application found https://www. center.k12.co.us/page/ employment-opportuni-ties to Carrie Zimmerman, Superintendent of Schools, Center School District 26JT, 550 S. Sylvester Avenue, Cen-ter, CO 81125. For more information, please contact Katrina Ruggles at kruggles@center.k12. co.us. (1/5/24AS)

SANGRE DE CRISTO SCHOOL DISTRICT has a vacancy for a BUSINESS MANAG-ER. Position open until filled. Please apply at www.sangreschools.org. (12/9/23AS)

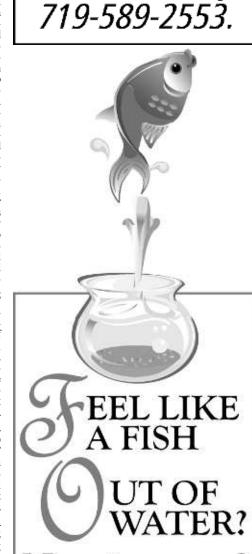
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY seeking ASSISTANT MAN-AGER located at the SAN LUIS VALLEY RESEARCH CENTER NEAR CENTER, Colorado. Min. Requirements include an earned BS/BA degree +3 yrs. professional exp. or Master's degree. Professional experience in related field crop produc-tion including relevant knowledge of cropping and irrigation systems. Read full job description and apply online at https://jobs.colostate. edu/postings/136415 by 12/31/2023 for full consideration. CSU is an EO/EA/AA employer and conducts background checks on



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ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is now accepting applications for the following positions: GIRLS INTRAMU-RAL BASKETBALL COACH (OMS). Ap-plications are available. plications are available online at https://www.alamosaschools.org. For more information, con tact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (12/9/23AS)

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY is hir-ing an Extension Area Specialist, 4-H Youth Development, for the SLV Area. This position will foster strong, healthy, youth by pro-viding leadership, guid-ance, direction, and assistance in the imple mentation of the overall 4-H Youth Development program. This is a fulltime, twelve (12) month, non-tenure track Extension faculty position. For the job announcement, required qualifications, salary range, and application instructions, go to https://jobs.colostate. edu/postings/136813 Application deadline is December 17, 2023. We are committed to increasing the diversity of our staff and providing culturally responsive programs and services. Therefore, we encourage responses from people of all backgrounds and abilities. We invite you to review Colorado State University's Principles of Community that guide our mission and vision of access, teaching, service, and engage-ment. CSU is an EO/ EA/AA employer and conducts background checks on all final candidates. For more information, call Larry Brown at 719-852-7381.

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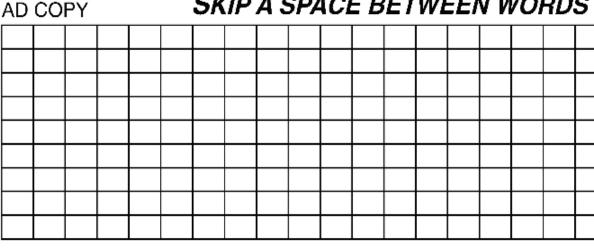
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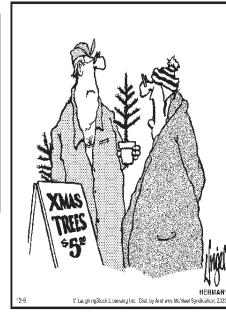
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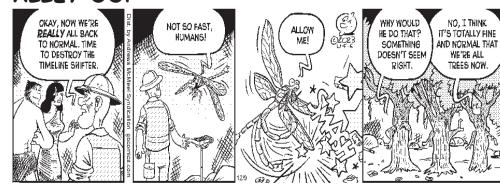
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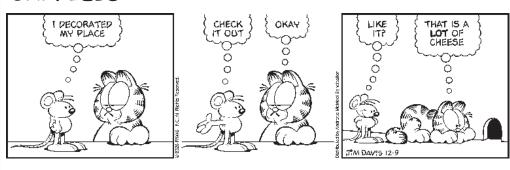
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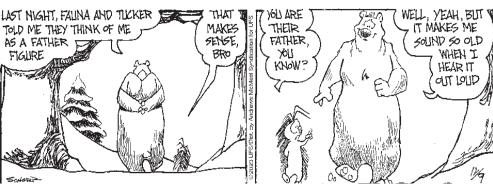
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A veterinarian's top tips for a safe, festive holiday season with pets

By DR. WHITNEY **MILLER**

(NAPSI) — Pet parents across the country are gearing up to spread holiday cheer with their favorite furry family members. Whether cuddling by the fire with your cat, tossing snowballs for your dog or sprucing up your small pet's habitat with seasonal décor, you can make every moment merry with your pets all season long with these essential tips:

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State leaders urge action to combat rise in hate crimes in Colorado

By LYNDSEY **TOOMER**

Colorado Newsline

With Colorado seeing a new spike in incidents of hate, Democratic state officials and other leaders gathered Wednesday to discuss the causes of the increase and how to prevent future hate crimes.

At a roundtable discussion led by state Sen. Rhonda Fields of Aurora and Attorney General Phil Weiser in Denver, participants shared data and anecdotes about recent trends in hate crimes in Colorado. While a rise in antisemitic and Islamophobic hate has been making headlines nationwide, many other communities are being increasingly tar-

Fields said while she knows tackling hate in Colorado is an ambitious goal, she couldn't ignore the increase she has seen in her own neighborhood and wanted to take steps to do something about it. She said a goal of the roundtable was to turn

data into action.

"This has been an issue that has been troubling me for the last six months, I would say, and I've been reaching out to different agencies to get a sense of what can we do better," Fields said. "And I didn't want to act like this issue that we're going to be talking about today is invisible, because it's not."

Scott Levin, director of the Anti-Defamation League's Mountain Region, which includes Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming, said having laws in place working to prevent hate crimes sends a message countering those who commit hate crimes that Colorado values every identity and wants to

protect its residents. "When someone commits a crime that includes a hate crime, it is not

just because they want to crimes." rob you or hurt you or do something," Levin said. roundtable supported is "They want to send a mes-creating a hotline for peosage, which is that people ple who want to report a that look like you that hate crime, but aren't necpray like you love like you essarily comfortable callwho have a different iden- ing and reporting to the tity than maybe they do, that they aren't welcome ready exist in Aurora and in this community."

associate regional director of the ADL Mountain Region, said most recent data has shown that Colincrease in reported hate crimes since 2015, with 2022 seeing the highest increase reported in the 30 years the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been collecting data. Hate crimes include incidents in which people are tar- cluded a presentation of geted for their race, ethnicity, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identi-

ty, disability and religion. against group is viewed to me as hate against every group," Weiser said. "We know law enforcement to develop greater sensitivity, greater tools to investi-

One idea several at the police. Local hotlines al-Boulder, but a statewide Jeremy Shaver, senior version could help connect more victims of hate crimes to resources that

can help them. Based on data collected orado has seen a steady from different organizations at the table, somewhere between 4–18% of Coloradans who have been victims of a hate crime have reported it to law enforcement, advocates said.

The roundtable also indata from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. Other attendees included representatives of the any American Civil Liberties Union, the Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance, law enforcement we've got work to do with officials and state Rep. Mike Weissman, an Aurora Democrat who chairs the Colorado House Judi-



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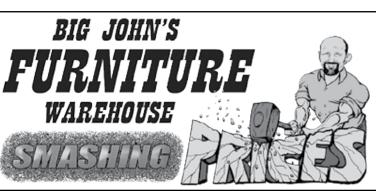
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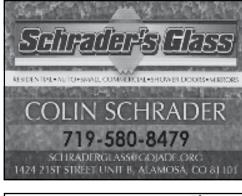


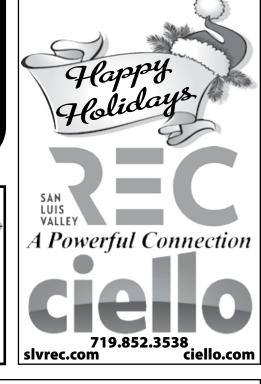
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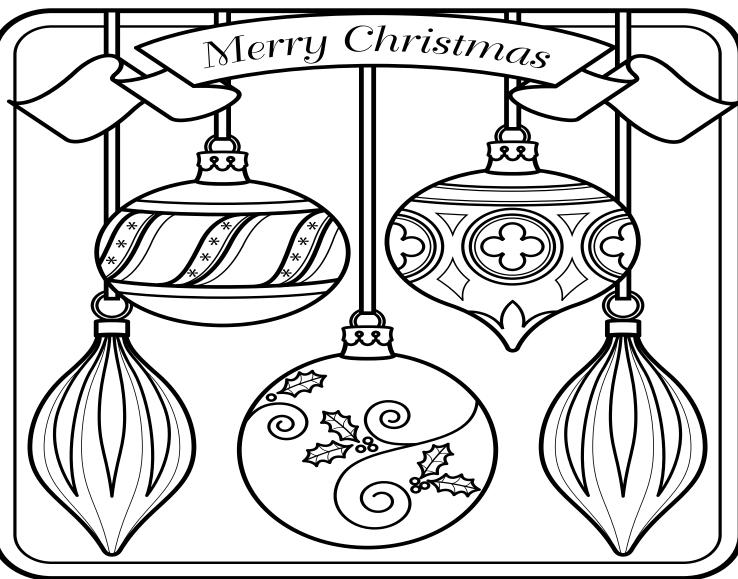
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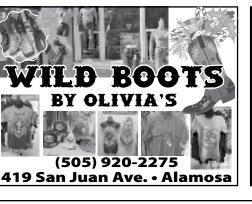
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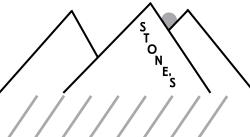




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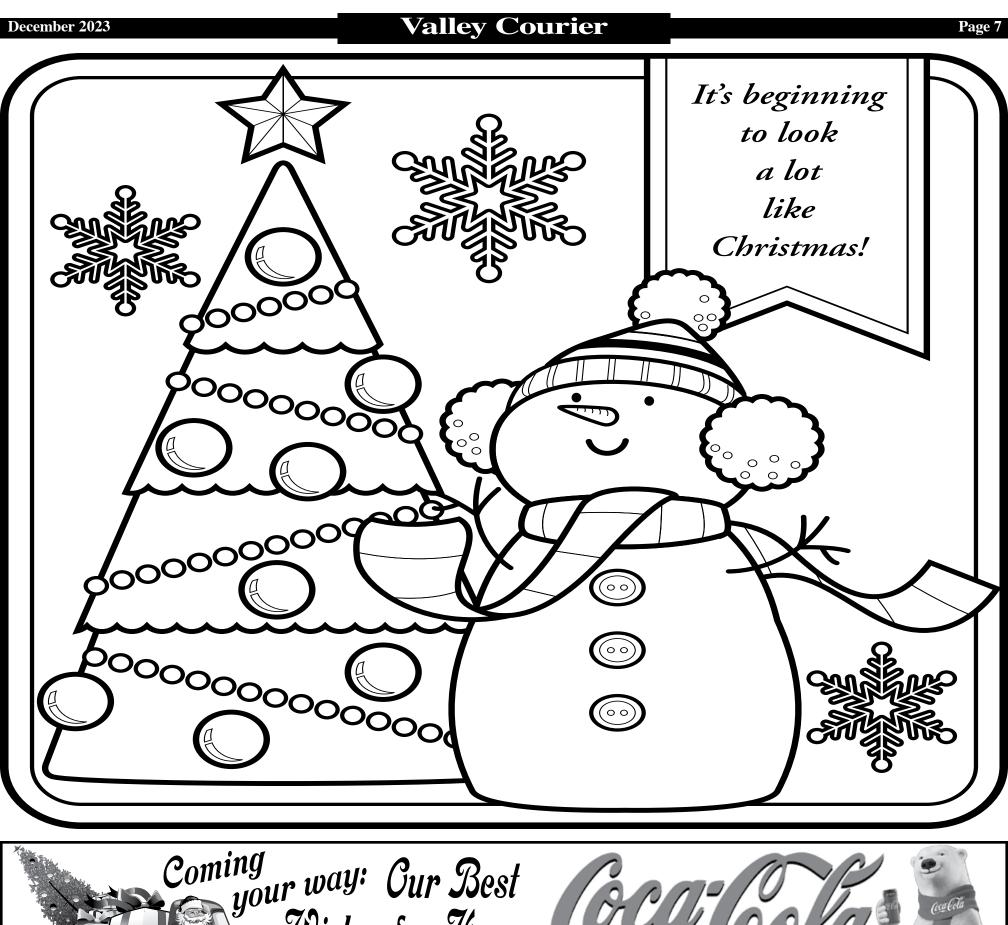




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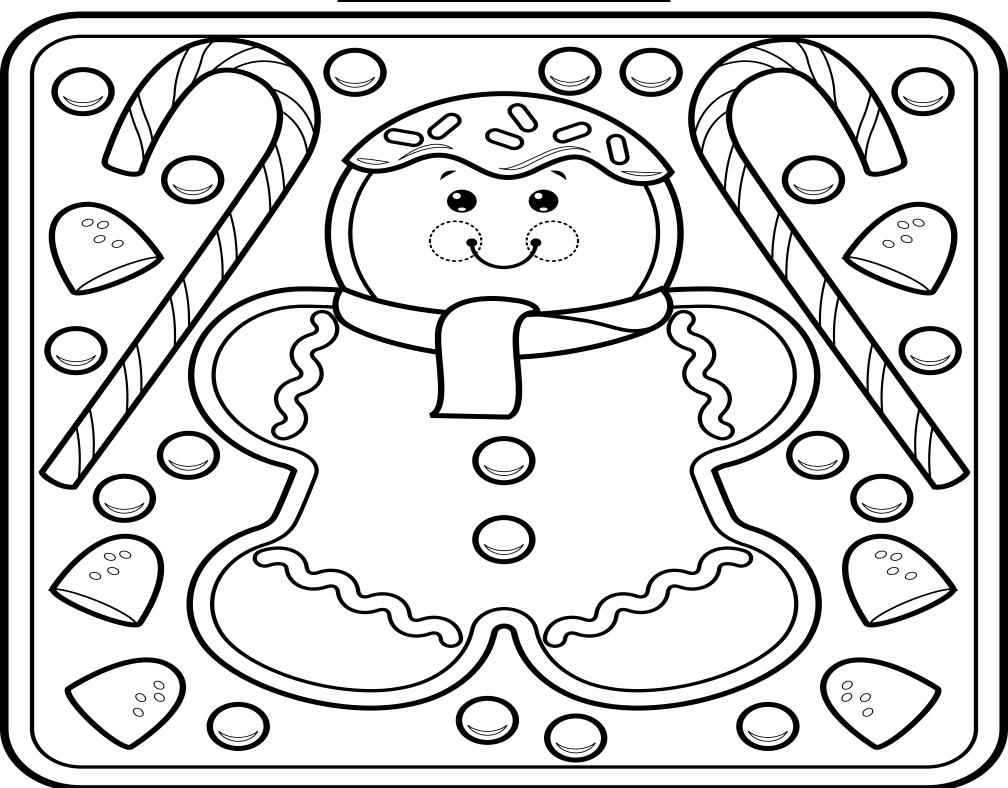




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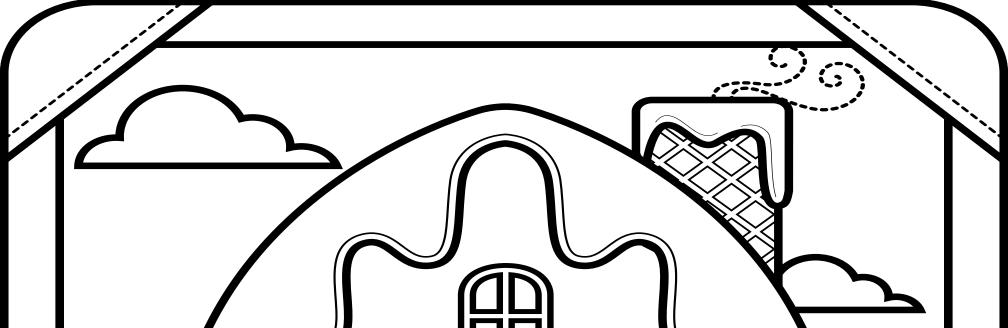
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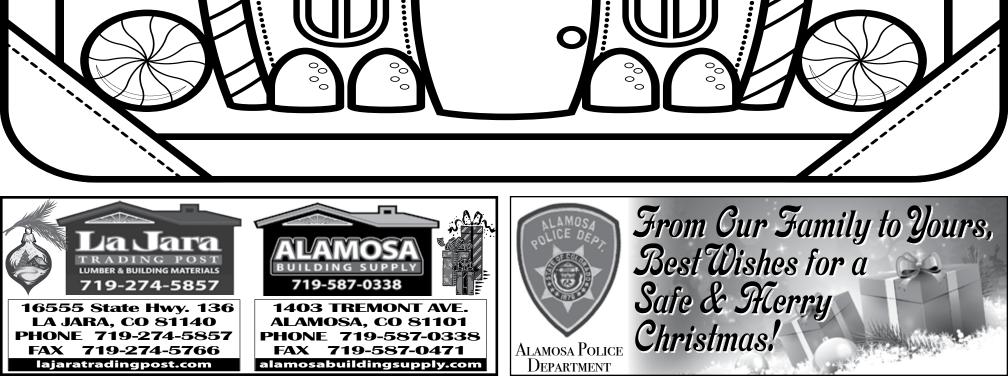
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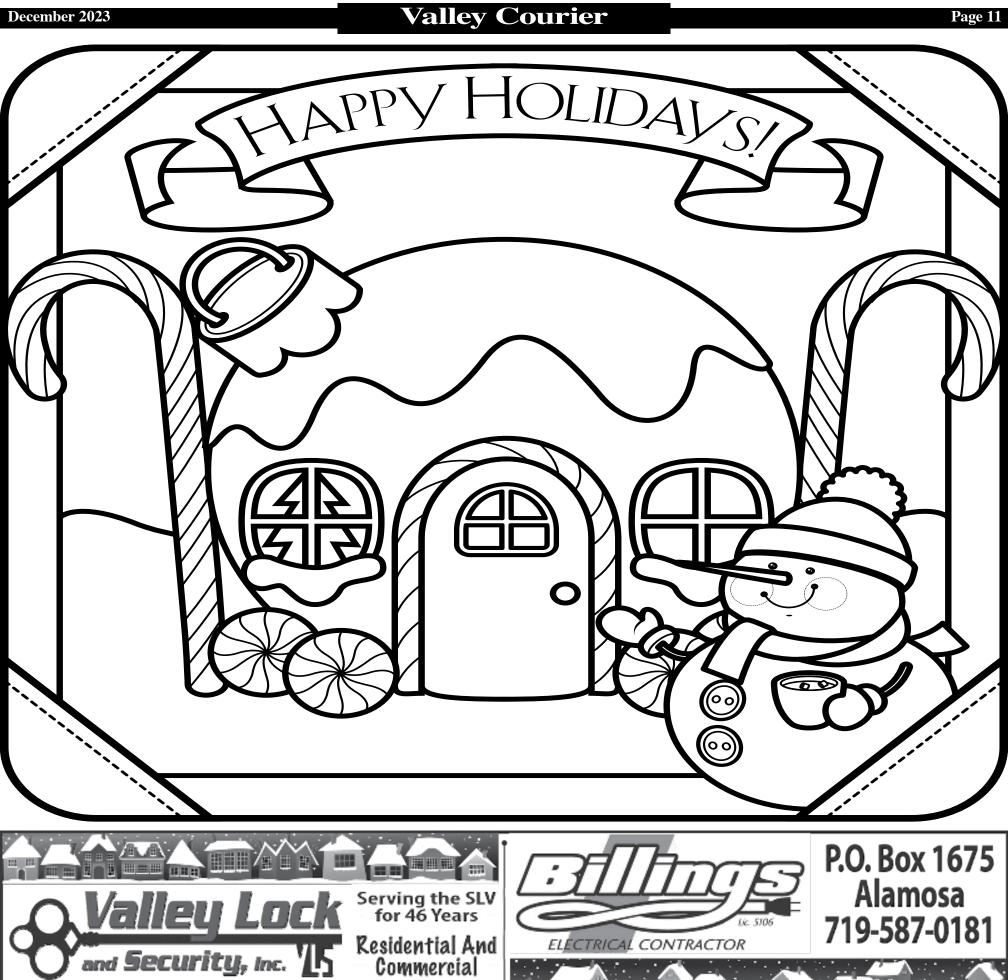


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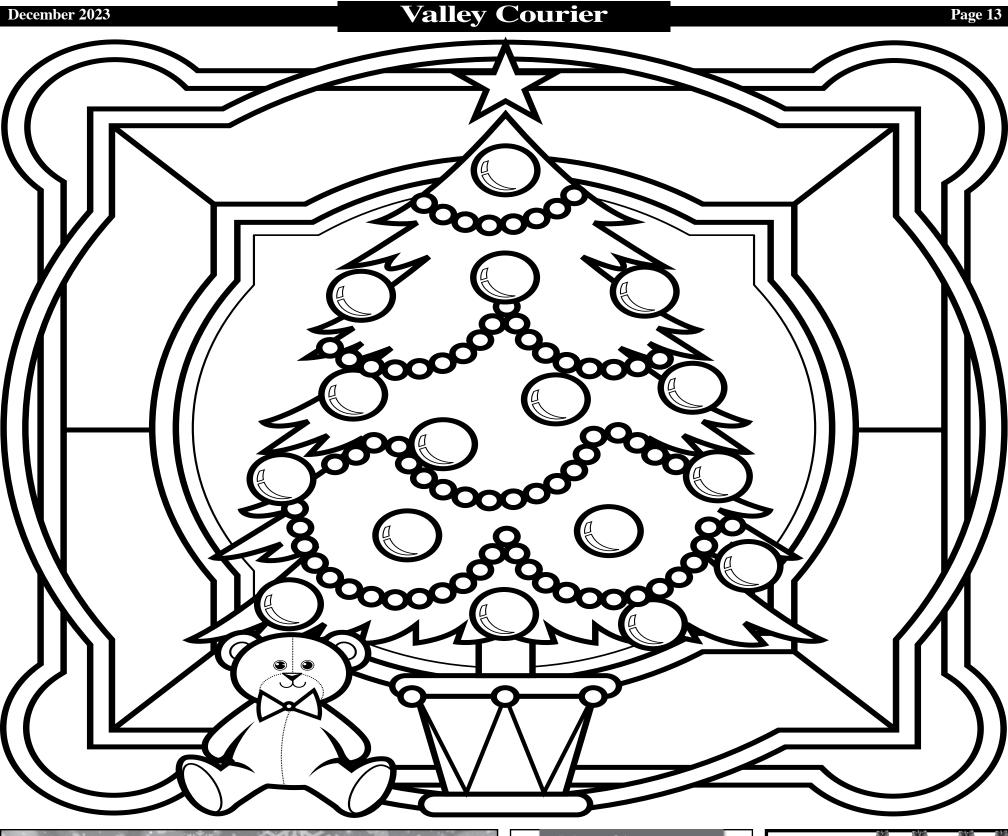
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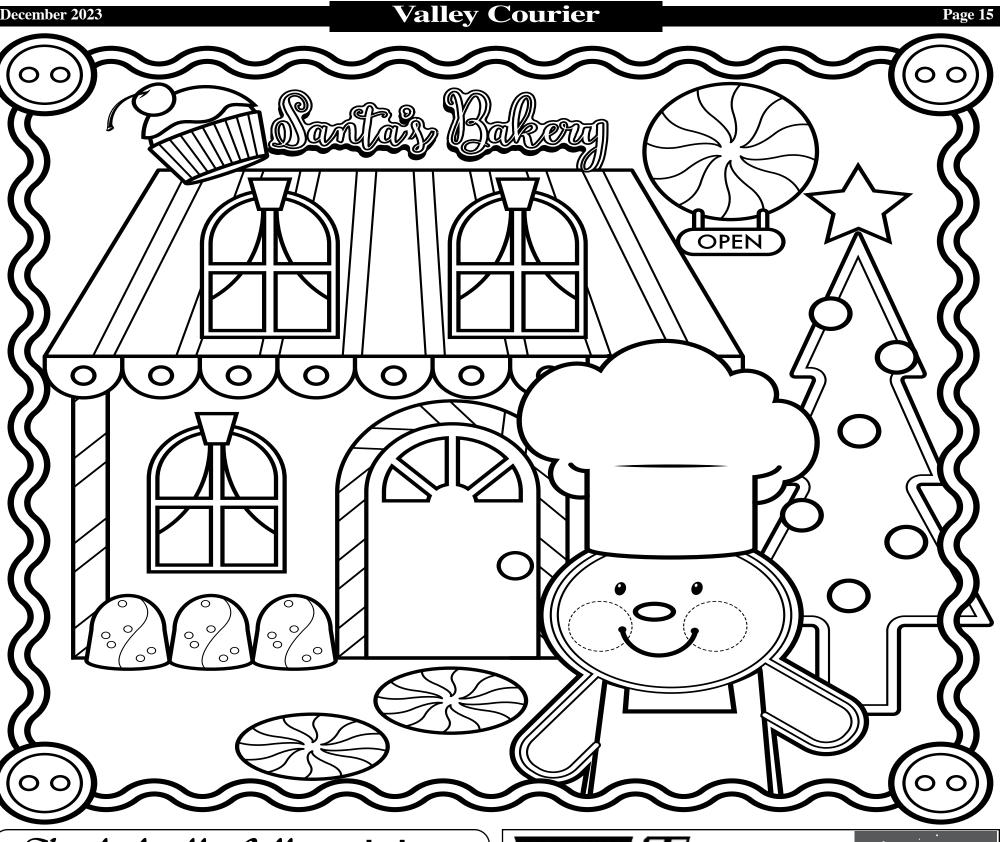








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