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## SLV Today

### 'Little Mister, Miss Christmas' submissions sought

ALAMOSA — Candidates are being sought for the Valley Courier's 2023 "Little Mister and Miss Merry Christmas." All entrants must be between the ages of 5 to 8.

An entry blank is on page 7 of today's edition. A recent photo must be submitted as well as parental permission to use the photo and contact information.

The youngsters will be featured along with this year's Miss Merry Christmas in a special holiday edition on Wednesday, Nov. 22.

### New SLV Veterans pics due Wednesday

VALLEY — San Luis Valley Veterans not previously featured in the Valley Courier's annual Veterans Day tribute need to be submitted by Wednesday, Nov. 8, either in person or by email to squintana@alamosanews.com.

Photos should be accompanied by the Veteran's town of residence, branch of service and rank.

Those Veterans that were submitted previously **DO NOT NEED** to be submitted again.

### Prayer vigil today in Saguache

SAGUACHE — The public is invited to join the town of Saguache and the family of missing Saguache resident, Edna Quintana, in a prayer vigil. Quintana has been missing from Saguache since May 3.

The vigil will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4, at Saint Agnes Catholic Church, 505 Gunnison Ave., Saguache.

### AHS After Prom hosting craft fair Nov. 15-16

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa High School After Prom Committee will host a Christmas Craft Fair from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, and from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16, in the Alamosa High School Commons Area.

There will be basketball games both days as well, which will contribute significantly to vendor traffic. The vendor fee is \$40 total for both days; spaces are 8 feet by 10 feet.

To sign up as a vendor or for more information, email AHSafterprom24@gmail.com no later than Dec. 1. All vendor fees will benefit this year's After Prom event.

### SLV WEATHER

Sunny 63/18  
Sun: Mostly Sunny, Breezy 65/21  
Mon: Sunny, Breezy 65/28

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# Peyton's Pay It Forward Foundation is just a few steps away

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER  
*Courier Reporter*

ALAMOSA — A cohort of people in Alamosa and Rio Grande Counties are combining efforts to make one of Peyton Sanchez's dreams come true by creating the Peyton's Pay It Forward Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit devoted to helping others.

Peyton Sanchez will serve as president. See PEYTON page 3

Peyton Sanchez, left, listens to Gordon Bosa, far right, explain progress on forming the foundation. Also pictured Ruthie Brown and Peyton's grandmother, Sylvia Sanchez. Copper is at Peyton's feet.

Photo by Priscilla Waggoner



Photos courtesy Evert Brown

Breeding bald eagles typically lay one to three eggs once a year, and they hatch after about 35 days.

## Bald eagles nest on wildlife refuge in Valley



For the first recorded time, a pair of bald eagles have nested in the San Luis Valley.

By JOHN WATERS  
*Courier News Editor*

ALAMOSA COUNTY — In a first for the San Luis Valley, a pair of bald eagles has nested along the Rio Grande River on the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge. The nest has produced two juvenile eagles.

John Rawinski, a local field ornithologist and former US Forest Service employee, who has been keeping records of bird data in the Valley for over 40 years, told the Valley Courier, "The successful nest is certainly a milestone. It is unprecedented in that for the first time, we have had a nesting pair of bald eagles nesting in the Valley proper, that is along the Rio Grande and in the flat of the Valley." See EAGLES page 3



Courtesy photo

The headstone of Civil War Veteran Captain Jose Maria Sanchez.

## Civil War Veteran to be honored in San Pedro

By CHARLIE JAQUEZ  
COSTILLA COUNTY — The San Pedro Cemetery Committee will honor Civil War Veteran Capt. Jose Maria Sanchez at the cemetery on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Sanchez served during and after the Civil War with Company B, 2nd Regiment of the New Mexico Volunteers at Fort Wingate, N.M., from 1861 to 1866.

Carlos Atencio and Kenneth Gardner of Pueblo, both great-great grandsons of Jose Maria Sanchez spearheaded the efforts to obtain a government headstone for their ancestor who served honorably during the American Civil War.

Sanchez was born in Tome, Valencia County, N.M., in 1818 when New

Mexico was then part of New Spain under the Spanish Crown. He was the son of Jose Gregorio de la Trinidad Sanchez and Maria Rita Baca.

The services for Sanchez will begin with a Memorial Mass at the Sangre de Cristo Catholic Church in San Luis at 10 a.m. He will then be given a military service at the San Pedro Cemetery by an Honor Guard provided by American Legion Post 142 and VFW Post 6101 of San Luis. After military honors at the San Pedro Cemetery, the public is invited to a celebratory luncheon provided by the family at the Circle of Friendship Hall in San Luis. All are welcome.

For more information, call Carlos Atencio at 719-588-0512 or 719-672-4218.

## Redlund Equipment opens new location in Alamosa

### Sorum Tractor acquired by Redlund

STAFF REPORT  
ALAMOSA — Redlund Equipment announces the grand opening of its fifth location in Colorado. The company recently completed the purchase of Sorum Tractor Co., Inc., a well-respected dealer with strong community ties. Redlund will continue Sorum's farmer-

first focus by providing high-quality equipment with exceptional parts and service to farmers in the San Luis Valley and surrounding areas.

Redlund Equipment is a well-established ag equipment dealership group with decades of experience serving farmers in Colorado, Nebraska

See SORUM page 3

Sorum Tractor in Alamosa was recently purchased by Redlund Equipment.

Courier photo by John Waters



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# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Benjamin 'Benji' Arvizo

Alamosa resident Benjamin "Benji" Arvizo, 31, was called home to be with the Lord on Oct. 31, 2023. He was welcomed into the world on Feb. 13, 1992, in Alamosa, Colo., and was the beloved son of Manuel Arvizo and Bernice Medina Arvizo.

Benji was a loving father to his two wonderful sons. He was very passionate about spending time taking his boys hunting, watching movies, listening to music, playing video games and teaching them not to be afraid to try new things. His son's say that he made the best scrambled eggs with cheese and tortillas.

He loved every one of his family members and was a friend to all. He had a kind and gentle nature to him.

He was a jokester with a contagious smile that filled



the room with love. He also loved spending time with his favorite niece Natalia and his God-daughter Nevaeh. He will be greatly missed by all.

Benji was preceded in death by his grandfathers Manuel Arvizo Sr., and Benito A. Medina as well as his Uncle Orlando Medina.

His memory will live on through his sons Marcus

Arvizo, Jeremiah Arvizo, mother Bernice Arvizo, father Manuel Arvizo, brothers Manuel Arvizo, Jesus Arvizo, his Granny Belen Medina, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Viewing and visitation will be held on Monday, Nov. 6, 2023, from 12-4 p.m. at the Romero Funeral Chapel in Alamosa. Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the River of Life Assembly of God Church. Interment will follow at the Alamosa Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Benji's honor to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

To leave his family condolences please visit [romerofuneralhomes.com](http://romerofuneralhomes.com). Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa is in care of the arrangements.

### Rudy Esquibel

Our beloved Rudy Esquibel was called home for his eternal rest on Oct. 31, 2023. He passed away peacefully at his home with his loving family by his side. Rudy was born on June 4, 1942, the son of Gilbert Esquibel and Sylvania Jacquez Esquibel. Rudy was united in marriage to the love of his life Velma Atencio on Nov. 15, 1959.

Rudy was a compassionate man, an exceptional role model and the most loving husband, father, grand and great-grandfather anyone could ask for. He would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need.

He was a perfectionist in all challenges in life. His most prized possession in life was his family, he LOVED spending time with every

member of his family as well as his friends. He is already so dearly missed.

Survivors include his loving wife Velma Esquibel, daughter Sandra Pawloski, sons Chucky (Wendy) Esquibel, Dwight (Margarita) Esquibel, grandchildren Katerina (Nicholas) Pawloski-Johnson, Miranda (Christian) Esquibel, Natasha Pawloski, Maria Ellena Esquibel, Nikolai Pawloski, great-grandchildren Aden Gallegos, Xavier Esquibel, sister Kathy Esquibel. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Rudy was preceded in death by his parents Gilbert and Sylvania Esquibel and Selena Esquibel.

Cremation was chosen



and a Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, Nov. 10, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Sangre De Cristo Catholic Church in San Luis. Burial will follow at the San Acacio Cemetery.

To leave online condolences, please visit [romerofuneralhomes.com](http://romerofuneralhomes.com). Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa is in care of the arrangements.

### Jose Villagomez Moreno

Jose Villagomez Moreno, 86, of Center, Colo., passed away on Oct. 31, 2023, with his beloved family by his side. He was born in Cañada De Caracheo, Guanajuato, Mexico, the son of Lucas Villagomez and Maria Moreno Villagomez.

He loved being outdoors, going for walks and spending mornings at the "Casa Blanca Park." His favorite thing to do was spend time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; everyone will always remember Grandpa cutting up the watermelon and always insisting that they eat as soon as they walked in the door when they came to visit.

On weekends, his family looked forward to him coming in with the chicharróns and carnitas. He also enjoyed going out for ice cream with his family. This was one of his favorite activities on Sundays. In the mornings he always looked forward to his chile



rellenos that his daughter Rafa would make him for breakfast.

When he was at his home in Mexico, he enjoyed getting up every morning to get on his donkey and go bring his cows down from the Cerro Grande and he'd spend the whole day feeding them. He worked in agriculture all his life and traveled alongside his brother Carmelo; they both came to follow the "American Dream".

He enjoyed sharing all the stories of his life with family and friends. This, as

you know, could mean that you heard the same story over and over again, but it would make you smile every time you heard it.

He instilled a good work ethic by taking his children and eventually his grandchildren to work in agriculture and passed on the good work ethic to the generations that came after him. He worked alongside his children and grandchildren with such pride and passion.

Jose was a great husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, he will always be loved, and his memory will live on in the hearts of his loved ones.

•Rosary: Monday, Nov. 6, 2023, at 7 p.m.

•Funeral Service: Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023, at 12 p.m.

•Services at: Saint Francis Jerome Church, Center CO, 81125. Burial to follow at The Assembly of God Cemetery in La Garita, Colo.

### Toby Henry O'Caña June 19, 1941-Oct. 19, 2023

Toby Henry O'Caña passed away peacefully in his home on Oct. 19th, 2023, at the age of 82 with his beloved wife Barbara by his side.

Toby was born on June 19, 1941, in Los Valdeses, Colo., to Alonso and Sadie O'Caña. After graduating from Center High School in 1960, he married Barbara and joined the United States Marine Corp. He was stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he served his country proudly until 1965.

He and Barbara were happily married for 63 years and had 5 children together. They lived in California until he left the military and then returned to Colorado to raise

their family. In 1984, they moved to Brighton, Colo., and resided there until the time of his death.

Toby worked at the United States Mint for 30 years before retiring to pursue his other interests. Toby was a hardworking man who loved his family, working on cars, fishing and horses. He also had a passion for weightlifting and was a lifelong fan of the Green Bay Packers! He was a wonderful son, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather who will be forever missed.

Toby was preceded in death by his son Bill and his parents Alonso and Sadie.

He is survived by his wife Barbara; his children Joey



(Mary), Yvonne, Shelley and Toby (Kristie). He will be greatly missed by his seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Life for Toby will be on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023, at the Elks Lodge in Brighton from Noon to 5 p.m. located at 101 North Main St. Brighton, CO 80601.

Condolences may also be sent via email to his daughter at [YvonneMO-Cana@gmail.com](mailto:YvonneMO-Cana@gmail.com).

## San Juan Nordic Club gears up for winter fun and film festival

By SAN JUAN NORDIC CLUB

MONTE VISTA — The San Juan Nordic Club (SJNC) will host the Annual Social from 4 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 5 at the Pivot Public House in Monte Vista.

The SJNC will provide the appetizers, and a cash bar will be available. Come out and meet new and old friends at our kickoff party to a fabulous winter. Support Monte Vista's newest business at 201 Jefferson St.

The SJNC is hosting the Backcountry Film Festival from 6 to 10 p.m. on Nov. 15, at the Vali 3 Theater in Monte Vista. Tickets are \$15 for San Juan Nordic Club Members and \$20 for non-members.

You'll have the option to go to our membership page and purchase-renew your membership when you purchase your film festival tickets. Doors open at 6 p.m. The show starts at 6:30 p.m.

According to the Winter Wildlands Alliance, "We believe in the power of humans and their spirit. Our mission is to manifest that power in communities and to inspire and activate through stories of activists, adventurers, and the outdoors."

"The Backcountry Film



Courtesy photo

As part of the Backcountry Film Festival, 'Bloom,' a short film by Kyle Hilken will be shown. In the film, Sierra Schlag navigates the world after losing her father on 9/11, exploring her grief and identity as a Japanese-American while also finding herself under the cloak of depression. While she navigates these complexities, Sierra finds a way to connect with her dad and heal through skiing.

Festival is a year-round, community program presented by the alliance that celebrates human-powered, backcountry-inspired stories rooted in wild snowscapes, stewardship, and stoke."

The film festival will be screening a collage of short documentaries and ski movies about the pursuit of objectives and ideals in

the mountains, artistic vision, friendship, and how the snow sports community is adapting to a changing environment. The total runtime for our 2023-24 season is 120 minutes.

SJNC Annual Ski and Outdoor Gear Swap is on Dec. 2 — Stay tuned for details. Or bring that gear you'd like to donate to the Social.



Courier photo by John Waters

The Rio Grande National Forest will hold public meetings as part of the planning process for over-snow travel. In this recent photo taken from Forest Service Road 946 near Crestone, snow was covering many parts of local trails above 9,000-feet.

## Over-snow travel management plan

By RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST DEL NORTE — The Rio Grande National Forest will conduct public meetings in the San Luis Valley in advance of launching its forest-wide Over-snow Travel Management Planning Project.

Forest staff will present the first draft of the winter Recreation Opportunity Spectrum maps for the public to review. The maps depict both the current and suitable over-snow motorized travel uses on the land.

The public is invited to

provide their thoughts and recommendations on winter travel opportunities shown on the draft Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Maps, which will serve to establish a baseline for the upcoming planning process. Meeting dates, times, and locations in the Valley are:

• Saguache on Thursday, Nov. 9, 5:30-7 p.m., Saguache County Road & Bridge Building, 305 3rd St.

• Del Norte on Monday, Nov. 13, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (open house style), Rio Grande National Forest

Headquarters, 1055 9th St.

• Antonito on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 5:30-7 p.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Hall, 6633 CO Rd. 113.

### School Menu Monday November 6, 2023

**BREAKFAST**  
Cereal/Graham Crackers  
Fruit & Milk

**ELEMENTARY**  
Tony's Cheese Pizza  
Tossed Salad  
Fresh Veggie Bar  
Fruit & Milk

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Tony's Cheese Pizza  
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Fruit & Milk

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### BIRTH

#### Delano Morales

Delano Morales was born on Oct. 13, to Leticia Martinez of La Jara, and Miguel Morales of Alamosa. At birth, Delano weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

Paternal grandparent is Cristina Miranda of Los Angeles, Calif. Maternal grandparent is Tiger Martinez of La Jara.

Delano was born at SLV Health in Alamosa.

# Valley News



Courtesy photo

**Colorado Municipal League Executive Director Kevin Bommer, center, stopped at City Hall in Monte Vista on Tuesday, Oct. 24, to promote the organization's 100th birthday appreciation tour. He posed for a photo with city staff.**

## Bommer of the Colorado Municipal League stops at City Hall in Monte Vista

By MARIE MCCOLM  
MONTE VISTA — Colorado Municipal League Executive Director Kevin Bommer stopped at City Hall in Monte Vista on Tuesday, Oct. 24, to promote the organization's 100th birthday appreciation tour.

"We are going to every municipality in the state of Colorado that's a member of CML which is every municipality in the state of Colorado all 270 this year," he said. "We are just stopping off and saying thanks for being CML members and sharing in our celebration with us. We've had events throughout the year. We kicked it off at our conference last year, but it was really important to us to make sure our members know that we appreciate them. There wouldn't be a league without municipalities being members of CML and so that's why I'm here."

Bommer took a picture in front of City Hall with Chief of Police George Dingfelder, Monte Vista Mayor Dale Becker, Councilmember Martha Lock, City Clerk Unita Vance, Recreation Director Dervin Taylor, and other city employees and law enforcement officers. Mayor Becker held up a sign in honor of the 100-year celebration.

Colorado Municipal League is a nonprofit non-partisan organization. The organization was established in 1923. The organization represents 270 towns and cities in Colorado. The CML provides resources and assistance to governments, helping them manage services in cities and towns all over Colorado. CML's mission is to empower cities and towns.

Bommer was appointed Executive Director in April 2019 but was hired by CML in October 1999.

Before Bommer was the Executive Director of CML, he was the Deputy Director for CML for almost 7 years. Bommer was the overseer of Colorado's Advocacy Program. He created and implemented CML's development and enactment.

CML holds an annual conference and draws well over 1,200 leaders from throughout the state. At the conference, leaders network and share information about growth, development, legislation, accomplishments, and policies, and the ways in which they affect and impact different municipalities. Next year's conference will take place June 18-22 in Loveland.

For more information on CML, the 100-birthday appreciation celebration or Bommer, visit the website at [cml.org](http://cml.org).

## Eagles

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ley."

According to Rawinski, the origin of the breeding pair is unknown, "they could have come from the south, down into New Mexico, and maybe followed the river up. They also could have come from Southwest Colorado. Those are our nearest breeding populations. I'm not sure I have an answer. It remains a mystery as to where they ended up where they did. It is very, very, exciting news because we're going to have to monitor this and see what happens next."

The eagles have departed the nest for the season.

Ospreys nested for the first time in the Valley two years ago in Rio Grande County said Rawinski.

The bald eagle was adopted as the national symbol of the United States in 1782.

At the time, there were an estimated 100,000 nesting eagles.

Due to the use of the pesticide DDT, by the early

1960's the bald eagle almost became extinct in the lower 48 states. After the use of the chemical was banned, eagles have recovered dramatically. The use of the pesticide caused super-thin bald eagle eggs that rarely hatched. As a result, eagle populations plummeted with an estimated 417 nests in the lower 48 states.

In 1940, noting that the species was "threatened with extinction," Congress passed the Bald Eagle Protection Act, which prohibited killing, selling, or possessing the species.

As the dangers of DDT became known, in large part due to the 1962 publication of Rachel Carson's book "Silent Spring," protections for the eagle began. In 1967, the Secretary of Interior listed bald eagles south of the 40th parallel under the Endangered Species Preservation Act of 1966. In July 1995, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) announced that bald eagles in the lower 48 states had recovered to the point where those populations previously considered

endangered could be reclassified to the less critical category of threatened.

In 2021, the USFWS published a report that provided the newest estimates for the bald eagle population in the lower 48 states for 2018-2019, totaling 316,700 individuals, including 71,467 breeding pairs. When these numbers are updated, the two juveniles along the Rio Grande River can be included in those numbers and the recovery of the bald eagles.

According to the non-profit group, Defenders of Wildlife, "Under the Endangered Species Act, the bald eagle's recovery was made possible through captive-breeding programs, reintroduction efforts, vigorous law enforcement and habitat protection — including the designation of national wildlife refuges and the protection of nest sites during the breeding season."

Suzanne Beauchaine, Alamosa and Monte Vista NWR Refuge Manager, told the Valley Courier, "Our mission first and foremost

is to protect and restore fish and wildlife populations across the country. We provide a network of land and waters primarily for migratory birds, but also for resident wildlife and to provide wildlife habitat. We provide wildlife observation to the public, photography, environmental education, hunting, fishing, and wildlife interpretation."

The wildlife refuges in the Valley are great places to view bald eagles with an estimated population of 200-300 eagles residing here in the winter.

Alamosa photographer, Evert Brown who has captured photos of the eagles said he is optimistic the birds will return to the nest in January. Brown participates in citizen science with the Bald Eagle Watch program which is part of the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies.

Beauchaine is also positive regarding the young eagles adding, "They fledged in mid-July, once they fledge, there are not a lot of predators, they probably have a high success rate of surviving."

## Peyton

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dent and chairman of the board whose members will include Ruthie Brown, Jane Allen, Joelle Boos, Horacio Naranjo, and Larry Zaragoza.

"Peyton has a legacy of helping others and that's the whole idea of the foundation," says Gordon Bosa, former judge and Alamosa attorney who is donating his services in forming the non-profit. "We're going to try charitable fundraising and then help people who need help, whether it's a life-threatening illness or a serious disability. That's the whole idea. It was Peyton's idea and his brainchild and we're just trying to honor it."

Over the course of his life thus far, 17-year-old Peyton Sanchez has become well known in Alamosa for his fundraisers, most notably a lemonade stand where a donation of any size gets a free glass of lemonade. Other kids have held fundraisers to contribute, as well.

He has been at it "his whole life," he says, and he has been highly effective in raising thousands of dollars over the years. His first cause was Children's Hospital, where he has spent so much of his life. Other causes followed, including, among others, the Make-A-Wish Colorado, the Cancer Relief Fund, Kolton's Heroes, the Pet Shelter plus a long list of individuals experiencing different challenges in their lives.

He also funds the Peyton Sanchez Scholarship which is awarded to an Alamosa High School graduating senior each year who embodies those qualities of kindness and

service to others that he values so deeply.

"He's always been this way," says Sheila Sanchez, Peyton's mother. "In the second grade, one of the boys in his class told him the lunches Peyton brought to school looked really good. So, for that entire year, Peyton packed a lunch for his friend, Israel, every morning. He's always been aware of other people and their needs, whether it was a kid, a bus driver, a teacher... he would always check in with them."

Such a commitment to others is remarkable in any 17-year-old, but it is truly exceptional in the case of Peyton Sanchez whose heart and spirit are focused on the well-being of others even as he faces almost unimaginable challenges in his own life.

When he was just six months old, Peyton was diagnosed with neurofibromatosis (NF), a disease that causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body.

By the time Peyton was four years old, it was discovered he had tumors on his optic nerves. Doctors began chemotherapy to try to save his vision, but treatment was unsuccessful, and his vision continued to deteriorate.

"He began learning to read and write in Braille while in preschool," Sanchez says. "Then, in 2015 we were dealt our biggest blow when a large, infiltrative tumor was discovered on Peyton's brainstem."

The brainstem connects a person's brain to their spinal cord and controls major bodily functions like breathing, moving, speaking, swallowing and a person's senses like hearing.

For the next two years



Courtesy Sheila Sanchez

**Sanchez family's 2023 photo. (Left to right) Charlie Sanchez, Peyton Sanchez, brother Landon Sanchez and Sheila Sanchez.**

after the tumor was discovered, he was enrolled in clinical trials taking place in Houston, which meant traveling every four weeks at the family's expense to receive medication that, it was hoped, would shrink the tumors.

To cover the cost of travel, Sheila and Charlie, Peyton's father, sold their pick-up truck and then took turns making the arduous journey with Peyton once a month.

"After 2 years, the drug was no longer working for Peyton and disease progression forced us to stop the trial. It became FDA [Food and Drug Administration] approved a short time later and is now helping many patients with NF worldwide. We were saddened to know it didn't keep working for Peyton, but happy we were able to participate in helping it win FDA approval and save the lives of many with NF."

Since 2017, Peyton's disease has continued to progress. In the spring of 2018, he took his last steps. The tumor on his brainstem has also robbed him of the ability to talk. Essentially, he's trapped in a body that does not

work, but his mind is fully functioning.

"Doctors once told us it is a cruel and relentless journey," Sanchez says, "and they have been absolutely right."

Everyday things are much harder now than just a few short months ago. He struggles to breathe. His energy level has made it impossible to go to school, and he tires very quickly. He got a feeding tube put in earlier this year. Chewing and swallowing food and water is now dangerous due to the risk of choking.

Yet, like always, Peyton continues to keep his focus on others, something that, Sanchez believes, speaks of the intrinsic spirituality at the core of who he is. "He's really been struggling a lot lately and, just the other night, we were saying our special prayers for others, and I asked Peyton, do you want me to say a special prayer for you tonight? And Peyton said, why? I have God."

Peyton, who is on a recliner nearby with his dog, Copper, at his feet, hears his mother tell the story. In response, he lifts his hand and makes a thumbs up sign.

## Sorum

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and Kansas.

Shaun Allred leads the Redlund team as owner and president. Allred is a farming and ag equipment industry veteran, growing up on a dairy farm and spending his entire career in the ag equipment industry. Allred is building an incredible team to ensure continuous support and sales excellence for Redlund customers.

"Redlund does business different. We take the time to get to know our customers, their operations, and fully understand their farming needs. This means our farmers are our partners; their success is our success. Our mission at Redlund Equipment is to provide the very best in customer uptime, doing everything we can to keep their operation running

all while building long-term relationships. By acquiring Sorum Tractor Co, we are able to expand our offering in the San Luis Valley by providing the full AGCO product line, supported by a dedicated parts department and knowledgeable technicians," Allred said.

Redlund Equipment operates as an independent AGCO dealership group providing customers full access to Fendt, Massey Ferguson, RoGator, TerraGator, Sunflower, Gleaner, Lemken, Great Plains, Staheli West, Darf, Bush Hog and many more lines of products, parts and services.

A full-service ag equipment provider, Redlund's product lineup in the San Luis Valley will expand those previously offered by Sorum Implement, including the Fendt full line of industry-leading and award-winning products, technologies and services.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## November

SUNDAY • 5	MONDAY • 6	TUESDAY • 7	WEDNESDAY • 8	THURSDAY • 9	FRIDAY • 10	SATURDAY • 11
	www.adams.edu		Zacheis Planetarium Free Movies: 5:30 p.m. Dream to Fly and Ice Worlds	Zacheis Planetarium Free Movies: 5:30 p.m. Saturn: Jewel of the Heavens and Lucy's Cradle: The Birth of Wonder Faculty Lecture: The Mentoring Program with Lessons Learned Michele Mann, Ph.D. & Curtis Garcia, Ph.D. 6 p.m. McDaniel Hall 101 Free RMACSM Faculty Lecture: The Birds and Bees of Vascular Adaptations to Exercise in Older Adults Kerrie Moreau, Ph.D. 6 p.m. Richardson Hall Auditorium	Kindred Spirits: Story of Sergeant Benavidez Medal of Honor Recipient 12 p.m. SUB Banquet Rooms Artist Lecture: Robin Stanaway 5 p.m. Art Building Room 227 Free Artist Reception: Light and Glass & Upcycle: a Play on Light 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Visual Art Building Volleyball vs Regis University 7 p.m. Plachy Hall	Football vs Western Colorado University Spud Bowl 1 p.m. Rex Stadium W Volleyball vs University of Colorado at Colorado Springs 5 p.m. Plachy Hall
November 10 Through November 2						
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						

# Opinion

## I want a hat like Superman's press hat

I want a hat like Superman's press hat; not just a hat in felt called Fedora, nor a Stetson Panama Gambler, or Biltmore Homburg, nor a vintage Dobb's cross-country — all hats inventoried on the Net. I don't want to be mistaken for Ernest Hemingway on his fluid ride but I want a pocket in the ribbon just for a breaking-news press pass.

I want my own hat, not unlike the Rose hat, the hat that Stephen King conjured nor cloche hat that Joyce Carol Oates draws characters from.

I want a mystical hat like Gabriel Garcia Marquez fingers as he writes about feathery, weatherly wings on an old man found in crushed chicken coops.

I want a hat like 1955 Clark Kent's press hat; like his photographer Jimmy wore in weekly serials "The Adventures of Superman." I want a Press Hat that won't be mistaken for a Flapper's hat, or for Bonnie and Clyde's Texas joy ride or mixed up with a Colorado Rockies hat.

Perhaps a hat like Captain Sisko's hat in the retro episode of "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine." Episode Far Beyond the Stars. He donned his press attitude in Black demarcation of 1940's New York City. I want a hat like Lois Lane wouldn't wear even though she reported for the Daily Planet.

I want a hat that's not a press cap, or a retired baseball cap of the 90's. I want a hat that doesn't wreak of Houston Astros or defunct planets; but I want a real journalist's hat, a press pass in the pocket, Associated Press wearing style in hat gear.

I want a Press Hat while I wear a 20's bucket of wool hat. I want a sly glance, a 'go-unnoticed' look, so I can investigate, ultimately relate the news that sells the ads.

I want a hat like the one Zora Neale Hurston put on when she dug deep into anthropological pasts and wrote "Their Eyes Were Watching God." I want a hat that lets me see even when the sun burns flares from its corona.

I want a hat that doesn't smoke cigars or waste stories on nameless fears and Panama rags but curls up with that swinging jazz that Lena Horne sang with her throated musicians who bound emotion with music: pianos, guitars, banjos and drums with horns.

I want a hat like George Eliot wore night after-night, story-after-story, undressing without her real name in courage and tenacity.

I want a hat like Maggie Tulliver, written into the river and into women writers' screams and dreams.

I want a hat like Superman's press hat, a hat bent toward justice, freedom, the American Way. It's a hat fully scored, tattered with obituaries, features and melodramas of county and city fervor when one, then a whole society of women gushed from beneath the iron waters to claim monstrous tuition and fairness.

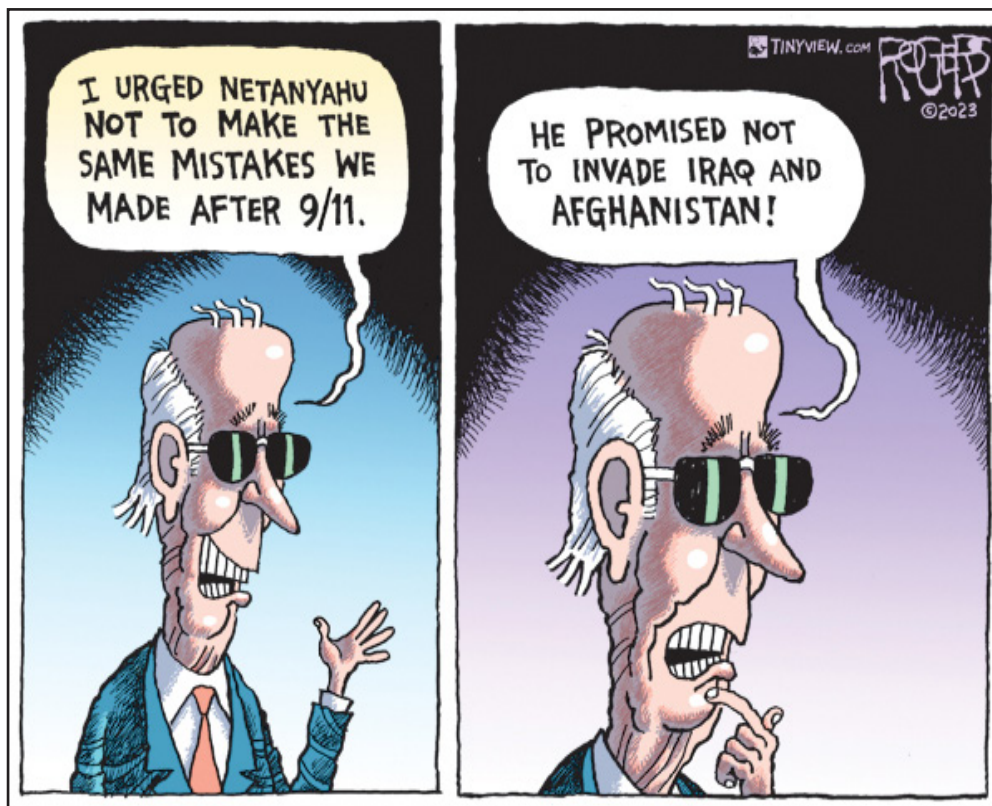
I do want THAT hat — a hat like Superman's press hat.

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### Movin' On with Nellie



Nelda Curtiss



## New poll exposes flaw in Trump opponents' plan

The headline from a new Des Moines Register-NBC News poll of Iowa is that former President Donald Trump still has a big lead in the Republican race. Among those likely to take part in the Iowa caucuses, Trump is at 43%, with Ron DeSantis and Nikki Haley tied for second place, at 16%. So, Trump has a 27-point lead, which is actually bigger than his lead in the last Des Moines Register poll in August.

A lot of news reports are emphasizing Haley's rise in the poll. Back in August, her support was at 6%, and DeSantis' was at 19%. Now, she has shot up 10 points to 16%, while DeSantis has slipped 3 points to 16. So while they are in the same spot at the moment, it appears she is on the way up and he is on the way down.

But there's bigger news than any of that in the poll. It concerns the depth of Trump's strength.

You've often heard Trump opponents say they want to see the GOP field narrowed down as quickly as possible. That way, the thinking goes, the support from all the Trump opponents could come together behind one candidate to challenge Trump one-on-one. Look at Trump now,

they say, with 43% support, versus everybody else with a combined 57%. Just get the rest of the field together behind one candidate, and Trump can be defeated.

The new poll shows it's not going to be that easy. The Des Moines Register not only asked voters which candidate they supported but also which candidate would be their second choice if their first choice were no longer in the race. So, they asked people who now support DeSantis: Who's your second choice? And they found out that 41% of current DeSantis supporters, if DeSantis were to leave the race, would switch to Trump. Just 27% of them say they would switch to Haley.

So, if DeSantis were to drop out today, it appears the largest part of his support would go to Trump, and not to the mythical unity anti-Trump candidate.

For Haley, the numbers are different. Just 12% of those who support her today say they would go to Trump if she were to leave the race. But the bottom line is, there's a flaw with the let's-all-unite-behind-one-anti-Trump-candidate strategy. In real life, some of each candidate's supporters would go to Trump if their fa-

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### LETTERS

## Think of donating to Valley food banks during Thanksgiving, Christmas

Editor,  
The holiday season is almost upon us, reminding us of the needs of all the food banks in the valley. At Thanksgiving and Christmas, our local food banks all experience increased demand as families strive to provide their families with holiday fare.

At the Del Norte Food Bank which serves both Del Norte and South Fork, we try to provide everything a household would need to make a delicious holiday meal in addition to food staples such as breakfast cereal, rice, pasta, etc. Especially needed this year are turkeys/turkey breasts and whole or half hams. We can be contacted by telephone at 719-850-2643, and monetary donations

may be sent to Del Norte Food Bank, PO Box 72, Del Norte, CO 81132.

The needs of all the food banks tend to be similar, and we ask that all items be unopened and not expired. We would suggest that you donate to your local food bank. Thank you all for your generous donations which will be a huge help for many families in our communities.

For more information, please contact your local food bank.

- Center: 719-496-1653
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Becky Hand  
Del Norte Emergency Food Bank Director

## Visit [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) for nonpartisan election information

Editor,  
Have you seen the [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) signs posted around the San Luis Valley? Visit the [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) website to find a one-stop-shop for nonpartisan, election-related information.

Learn about the statewide propositions as well as municipal and school board candidates, in their own words.

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All are welcome to join our efforts. Message us today.  
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# Religion

## A liberal rabbi's cry of pain and 'existential loneliness'

The graffiti on Cornell University sidewalks was stunning, with messages

### On Religion



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proclaiming, "Israel is fascist," "Zionism = genocide" and "F--- Israel." Then anti-semitic screeds appeared on the Cornell forum at Greekrank, a multicampus website about fraternities and sororities. This included threats to the Ivy League school's prominent Jewish community, with detailed references to the Center for Jewish Living.

Among the milder posts was this from a "kill jews" account: "allahu akbar! from the river to the sea, palestine will be free! ... liberation by any means necessary!" A "jew evil" post offered explicit threats of sexual assault, torture and the murder of Jews at Cornell in language this syndicate's editors deemed too shocking to print.

New York Gov. Kathy Hochul met with students, promising that "New York State would do everything possible to find the perpetrator who threatened a mass shooting and antisemitic violence on campus." Then a Cornell student, a former campus safety officer,

was arrested and charged in connection with the threats.

This followed waves of international protests and rioting, with the Anti-Defamation League noting that antisemitic activity in America rose 400% after the Oct. 7 Hamas attack compared with the same weeks last year.

The news only seems to get worse whenever Jews venture online, even when digging into the contents of social media, said Rabbi Sharon Brous, in a viral sermon at her progressive IKAR ("essence") congregation in Los Angeles. If the Holocaust is the "dominant psychic reality of the Jew," it's impossible not to view news reports through "Shoah-colored glasses."

It's hard to tell reality from brutal satire, especially when signs of "genocidal antisemitism" emerge from some of America's most elite institutions, she said.

"This week we entered the upside-down world, when a retrograde, regressive, totalitarian, misogynistic, Messianic, terrorist regime became -- for the time being --

the hero of the left," said Brous in a sermon that opened with a warning that parents might want to take their children out of the sanctuary.

"How could it be? To justify barbarity in the service of decolonization and the liberation of Palestine requires more than an ideological commitment to Palestinian freedom. It demands mental and emotional contortion that render a person fundamentally unable to see the humanity in a Jew. ... So much so that even after a horrific terror attack, even teenagers and elders ... being carted naked through Gaza does not evoke a tear of sympathy."

The result, she said, has been "existential loneliness," especially when Jews face evidence that many "people in the world -- especially from our world, those who claim to care about justice and even dignity" suggest that Israeli victims "somehow deserved this terrible fate."

The rabbi stressed that, for decades, she has opposed many Israeli policies on the occupied West Bank. She noted that her recent Yom Kippur sermon warned against "racism and religious extremism" in the "increasingly hard line, ultranationalist and now

Messianic government" that she believes "threatens the whole project of the state of Israel."

Despite everything, Brous said she still believes that "the only liberation is a shared liberation, that our destinies as Jews and Palestinians are tied up in one another." But those who refuse to condemn the horrors of Oct. 7 are embracing the "potent ancient lies that any Jew is responsible for the behavior of every Jew, the certainty that Jews -- all Jews, any Jews, including us -- are stinking spawn responsible for killing God, responsible for the Black Death, re-

sponsible for economic collapse, responsible for migrant caravans, hurricanes and space lasers, responsible for COVID, responsible for all human suffering."

Nevertheless, Jews must not yield to the temptation to heed only the loudest voices in this madness, to "let the algorithm dictate our worldview," she said.

"The fact that other people have lost their damn minds must awaken us and ensure that we don't lose our damn minds in the days ahead," urged Brous. "We yearn, desperately, to cast our lot with humanity. We

believe that we are all caught up in an inescapable network of humanity. As much as we strive to build self-reliance, we -- like all people -- hunger to be understood by (people) outside our community, we hunger to be seen in our suffering.

"Our humble ask is that people give a damn when we die. It visits an additional anguish on our broken hearts when they do not."

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11611 2nd Avenue, Hooper  
719-378-2080  
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Sunday, 6 p.m. - Book of Acts Study  
Monday, 7 p.m. - Youth  
Thursday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study  
San Luis Valley Christian Center  
305 S. Broadway (3rd & Broadway), Monte Vista  
719-852-6168  
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Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Bible Study  
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Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Alamosa Fourth Ward  
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Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
**Presbyterian Church of Monte Vista**  
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Sunday, 11 a.m. - Sunday Worship  
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315 Craft Drive, Alamosa  
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study  
Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship  
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## Bible Digest

**Saturday, November 4**  
"Truly, truly, I say to you, He that hears my word, and believes on him that sent me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death to life." (John 5:24 AKJV)  
Do you want eternal life in Heaven? Put your faith in Jesus. He is the only way to Heaven.

"And Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life: he that comes to me shall never hunger; and he that believes on me shall never thirst." (John 6:35 AKJV)  
Only Jesus can meet the need of the human heart. Let Him take control of your heart.

Are you still walking with Jesus? Stay the course. You will be glad you now and forever.

**Thursday, November 9**  
"Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy;" (Psalms 107:2 AKJV)  
Take time to tell others what the Lord has done for you. They need to hear it.



**Sunday, November 5**  
"For the Father judges no man, but has committed all judgment to the Son: That all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honors not the Son honors not the Father which has sent him." (John 5:22-23 AKJV)  
If you say you believe in God you will also believe in His Son Jesus.

**Tuesday, November 7**  
"And they served their idols: which were a snare to them." (Psalms 106:36 AKJV)  
What idol is keeping you from fully following the Lord? Get rid of it. It will become a snare to you.

**Friday, November 10**  
"He sent his word, and delivered them from their destructions." (Psalms 107:20 AKJV)  
You can count on the Lord and His Word. Trust Him and His Word.

**Monday, November 6**

**Wednesday, November 8**  
"From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him." (John 6:66 AKJV)

## Overcome Doubt and Live with Bold Faith



In Acts 27 (AMPC), there's a great story about the apostle Paul. He was traveling by ship with some people when "a violent wind [of the character of a typhoon]...came bursting down from the island" (v. 14). For days, they were caught in the storm, and at one point it was so fierce, they were "dangerously tossed about by the violence of the storm" (v. 18) and had to throw the ship's freight overboard. They ended up without food, hungry, stranded - seemingly without hope.

which feels like you're trying to go in two different directions at the same time. And it's miserable to be torn between two places, not able to decide what you really believe. It's in those moments we have to choose whether we are going to believe God or the enemy...God or our feelings...God or what people tell us...God or our circumstances...

Remember, He wants us to put our confidence in Him. God really does want to speak to you personally and lead you in His great plan for your life. So don't be afraid to step out and do what's in your heart. If you make a mistake, you'll learn from it and go on. That's how we "step out and find out." And we all have to do it.  
I want to encourage you to begin saying things every day that will help you grow in your faith and confidence in God. Declare things like, "God loves me. He wants to speak to my heart. I can hear from God. He is faithful to me and will lead me in His will for my life. And I believe it will be exactly as God has told me!" By God's grace, we can be bold in faith and overcome every attack of doubt during the storms of life.

In that moment, Paul stood in the midst of the survivors and said to them, "I beg you to be in good spirits and take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you..." (v. 22). He then shared that an angel of God told him this, and said in verse 25, "So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith (complete confidence) in God that it will be exactly as it was told me."

When doubt comes against us, we have to lift up the shield of faith. We do this when we open our mouth and say what God's Word says, rather than grumbling and complaining about the problem. Our faith is released as we say, pray, and do the Word. So, in those times, open your mouth and say, "I believe that everything God has told me will come to pass!"  
Maybe you're doubting whether you can hear God's voice or not. This happens because we usually doubt ourselves more than we doubt God. Now I'm not talking about actually hearing a voice; I'm talking about that knowing we have inside our hearts about what is right or wrong.

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# Sports

## Centauri wins regional; qualifies for state

By **KEN HAMRICK**  
*Courier sports editor*

**LA JARA** – The 10th-ranked Centauri High School volleyball team took a pair of three-set sweeps on Friday as it hosted the Class 3A Region 10 Tournament at the CHS gym.

With the tournament win, the Lady Falcons qualify for next week's Class 3A State Tournament. "We're going up," said Centauri coach Ali Miller. "We're going to make some noise."

### Centauri defeated Sterling

The Lady Falcons opened the tournament against Sterling and won by scores of 25-17, 25-21 and 25-23. Centauri got off to a fast start by scoring the first four points of the first set. It gradually built on the lead and had a large 17-6 advantage.

The Lady Tigers mounted a comeback effort as the closed to within a 22-17 deficit. But the Lady Falcons scored the final three points for a 25-17 win.

Sterling had the hot start in the second set as it took a 3-2 lead. But Centauri answered with a 7-1 run to take a 9-4 lead.

The Lady Tigers regained the momentum and went back in front at 18-16. They led 20-18 before the Lady Falcons finished the set on a 7-1 run for a 25-21 victory.

Centauri scored the first three points of the third set, but Sterling came back to take a 9-6 lead.

The Lady Falcons got the lead back at 14-13, but the Lady Tigers went on a 7-1 rally for a 21-16 advantage.

Centauri scored three points in a row to close within 21-19, but Sterling scored two consecutive points for a 23-19 edge.

The Lady Falcons finished strong as they scored the final six points to win the set and match 25-23.

Cameryn Wilfong led the Lady Falcons in assists with 23, followed by Saige Hostetter with 11.

Kailyn Polzin led the Centauri hitting game with 19 kills, followed by Hannah Curtis with 11 and Joselyn McCarroll with six.

Polzin also led in service aces with three, followed by Jaelyn Jackson with two.

### Sterling defeated Salida

In the second match of the tournament, Sterling scored a three-set sweep of Salida.

The Lady Tigers won by scores of 25-13, 25-14 and 25-15.

### Centauri defeated Salida

In the final match of the tournament, the Lady Falcons swept Salida. The scores were 25-15, 25-14 and 25-15.

The Lady Spartans scored the first point of the first set, but the momentum quickly shifted to the Lady Falcons as they went on a 12-3 run to take a 12-4 advantage.

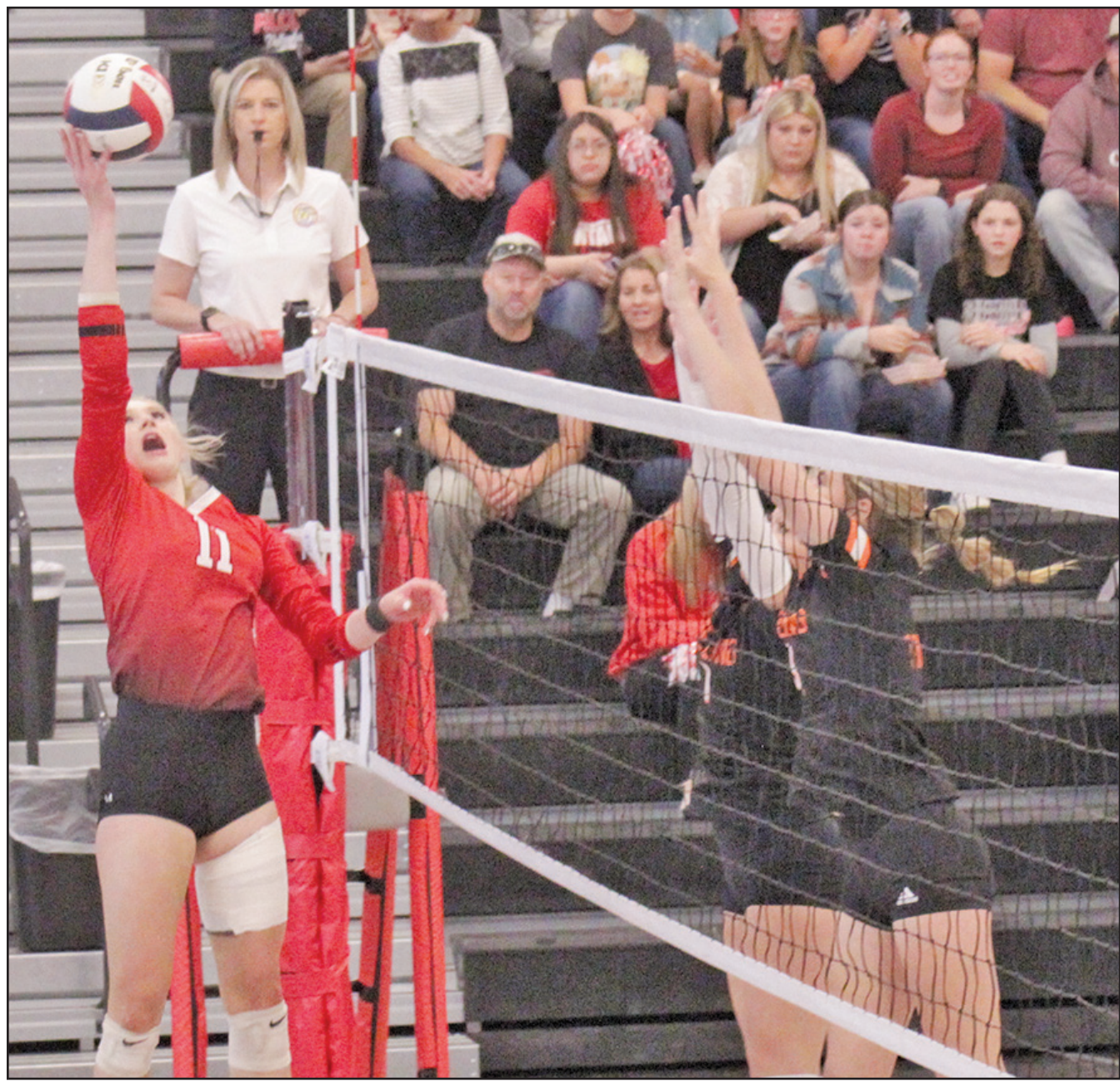
Centauri gradually increased the lead to 21-11, but Salida scored four consecutive points to close within 21-15.

The Lady Falcons had a strong finish as they scored the final four points for a 25-15 win.

The Lady Spartans got off to a fast start in the second set as they took a 7-4 lead. Centauri answered with an 8-1 run to take a 12-8 lead.

The Lady Falcons maintained the momentum as they finished with a 13-6 run for a 25-14 win.

Centauri started quickly in the third set as it roared



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick  
**Centauri High School's Kailyn Polzin (11) hits the ball against a pair of Sterling defenders at the Class 3A Region 10 Tournament Friday at the CHS gym. The Lady Falcons defeated Sterling and Salida with both matches being decided in three sets.**

to an 11-2 advantage.

The Lady Spartans scored three straight points to close within 11-5. But the Lady Falcons scored 14 of the final 24 points to win the set and match 25-15.

Wilfong again led in assists with 17, followed by Hostetter with 15.

Polzin was Centauri's hitting leader again with 18 kills. Joselyn McCarroll was next with 10, and Curtis had eight.

Wilfong also led in service aces with three, followed by Polzin with two and Joselyn McCarroll with one.

Centauri takes an 18-6 record to the state tournament which will begin on Thursday at the Denver Coliseum.

Miller knows that the competition will be tough but says that the Lady Falcons are ready.

"We're ready for them, because we're a tough opponent too," Miller said.

The state tournament brackets will be released early next week.

### Sangre's season comes to an end

The Sangre de Cristo High School volleyball team saw its season come to an end on Friday as it lost to McClave in three sets in McClave.

The scores were 25-7, 25-8 and 25-17.

The Lady Thunderbirds end the season with 14 wins and 10 losses.

## Sierra Grande Veteran's Day 5k run info

By **KEN HAMRICK**  
*Courier sports editor*

**ALAMOSA** – The Sierra Grande Veteran's Day 5k run will take place on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at Veteran's Park in Fort Garland.

All participants can register before the race. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for senior citizens and students.

To get to Veteran's Park, go to Fort Garland on Route 160, and go south on Highway 159. Cross over the railroad tracks and take an immediate left onto Ice House Road. From there got about a half mile and Veteran's Park will be located on the left.

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For questions or more information, call Brandon Mizokami at (719) 379-3257.

## Sports Bulletin

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### SCOREBOARD

#### THURSDAY

##### College men's basketball

Weber State 90, Adams State 51 (exhibition)

#### FRIDAY

##### Prep girls volleyball

McClave def. Sangre de Cristo 25-7, 25-8, 25-17

Centauri def. Salida 25-15, 25-14, 25-15

Centauri def. Sterling 25-17, 25-21, 25-23

##### College women's volleyball

Adams State at Fort Lewis - late

### SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY

##### Prep football

Alamosa at Delta (Class 2A State Playoffs first round), 1 p.m.

Arickaree at (Sierra Grande at six-man state playoffs first round), 1 p.m.

Centauri at Wray

(Class 1A State Playoffs first round), 1 p.m.

Sanford at Byers (eight-man state playoffs first round), 1 p.m.

##### Prep girls gymnastics

Alamosa at Class 4A State Meet (at Thornton), 1:30 p.m.

##### Prep volleyball

Basalt at Alamosa (Class 3A Region 9 Tournament), 10 a.m.

Del Norte at Plateau Valley (Class 2A Region 6 Tournament), 10 a.m.

Basalt vs. University (Class 3A Region 9 Tournament), TBA

Del Norte vs. Loveland Classical Academy (Class 2A Region 6 Tournament at Colbran), TBA

Sanford vs. St. Mary's (Class 2A Region 4 Tournament at Littleton), TBA

Sanford at Front Range Christian (Class 2A Region 4 Tournament), TBA

Sargent vs. Olathe (Class 2A Region 5 Tournament at Mancos), TBA

Sargent at Mancos (Class 2A Region 5 Tournament), TBA

University at Alamosa (Class 3A Region 9 Tournament), TBA

##### College football

Adams State at Black Hills State (S.D.), 1 p.m.

##### College cross country

Adams State at NCAA South Central Region Championship (at Lubbock, Texas), TBA

##### College women's volleyball

Adams State at Western Colorado, 6 p.m.

##### College women's basketball

Adams State vs. West Texas A&M (D2CCA Tipoff Classic at Lubbock, Texas), 11 a.m.

##### College swimming

Adams State at Nebraska-Kearney Invitational, TBA

##### College women's wrestling

Adams State at Colorado Mesa, 9 a.m.

### SUNDAY

##### College women's basketball

Adams State at Lubbock Christian (D2CCA Tipoff Classic at Lubbock, Texas), TBA

##### College men's wrestling

Adams State at Colorado School of Mines Rookie Open, 10 a.m.



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# Lifestyle

## Unexplained Saguache County stories a hit at the Baca Grande Library

By MARIE MCCOLM CRESTONE — The Northern Saguache County Library District hosted the Unexplained in Saguache County on Wednesday Oct. 25. The event at the Baca Grande Library

featured stories of chilling events that happened to real people in the region. The public was welcome to attend the event and share their personal unexplained stories in the San Luis Valley. Approx-

mately 11 people attended the second annual event and shared their stories. Popcorn was served and everyone sat in a circle as they told their stories. Eden Elderberry, of the Saguache County Library,

said the event was a big hit.

“We had this author that came in, and she tracks wolves. She told us these Sasquatch stories, which I think really all of us were hoping for. We had Sasquatch stories, and UFO stories. My friend, Jen, talked about these beetles raining down on her property, and last year we had someone who was a neighbor to her also tell us about beetles raining down on her property out at the KV, these are people that live near each other with similar stories. It was really freaky and weird.”

Elderberry said that almost everyone who attended had a story.

“There were some people that talked about seeing UFOs, bright lights in the sky, they talked about orbs. One of the biggest topics was orbs,” Elderberry said. “The Sasquatch stories were great. The lady who told us about the Sasquatch sightings told us she actually communicated with the Sasquatch in her story, telepathically. She saw one Sasquatch in Alaska and she also saw one in Mexico or Montana. The lady told us that she communicates with animals. She stated it just comes naturally to her to communicate with

animals. Last year we didn't have any Sasquatch stories, so we were excited to hear them. We saw her in the library earlier in the day, and when we heard she was coming back to tell Sasquatch stories, we were excited. One weird thing I have always heard from many different people, is that ant people created the Sand Dunes. There are a lot of stories going around about the ant people.”

Elderberry said that everyone really enjoyed themselves at the event.

“Everyone had a lot of fun, enjoyed it, and everyone was really open about everything too. We just had popcorn and hung out and told stories. The entire thing was recorded too.” Elderberry said.

Elderberry said that they plan to release a podcast on the event.

“We plan to probably release this on audio. We will release this through Saguache County Stories, which is our podcast if anyone would like to hear it,” Elderberry said.



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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Actress — Tyler
  - 4 Far-reaching
  - 8 Madame Bovary
  - 12 "Exodus" hero
  - 13 Jazz great — Fitzgerald
  - 14 Train track
  - 15 Legendary bird
  - 16 Authentic
  - 17 Sicilian volcano
  - 18 Work dough
  - 20 Fuzzy fruits
  - 22 By way of
  - 23 Insect egg
  - 24 Strict
  - 26 ABA member
  - 27 Road or relief
  - 30 Scull
  - 31 Gift-wrapping need
  - 33 Books pro
  - 34 Taxing agcy.
  - 35 Offers
- DOWN**
- 1 Carefree romp
  - 2 Golf club
  - 3 The other way around (2 wds.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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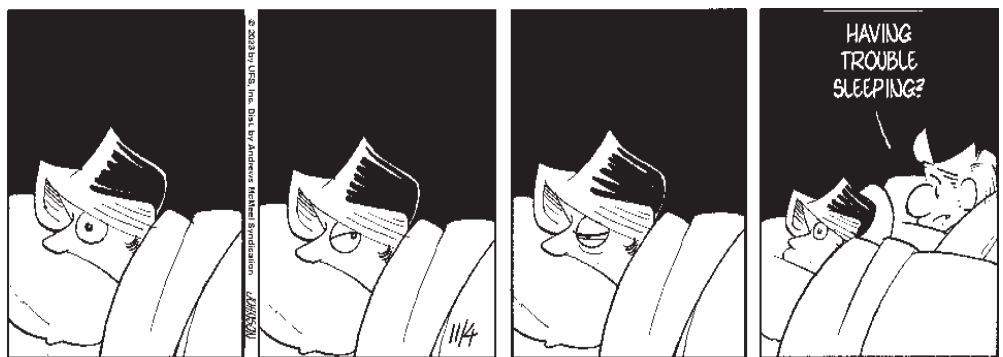
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- 6 Strike
- 7 Gifted
- 8 Put up
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- 10 Neither his nor hers
- 11 Cry of regret
- 19 Melody
- 21 Little island
- 24 Make dirty
- 25 Container weight
- 26 As neat as —
- 27 Sir Paul —
- 28 Simian creatures
- 29 Window
- 32 Maroons
- 36 Wore with pride
- 39 Court
- 41 Shade
- 42 Exhausted
- 44 "The Mouse — Roared"
- 45 Lawn care item
- 46 Spring flower
- 47 Go by boat
- 49 Ascended
- 50 Has bills to pay
- 53 Chem., for one

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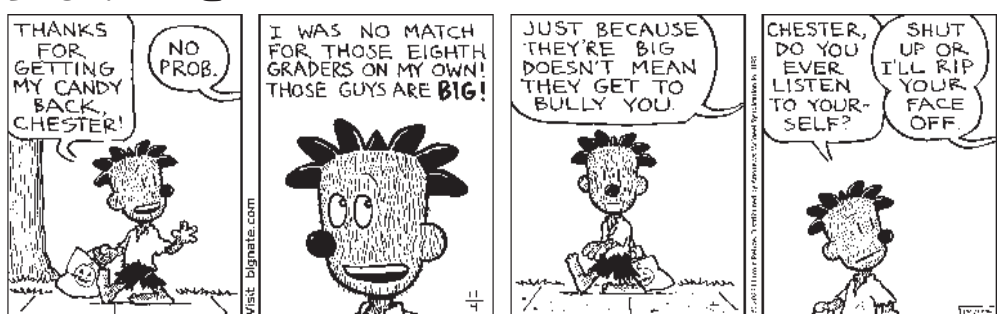
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## BIG NATE



## THE BORN LOSER



## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



## FRANK & ERNEST



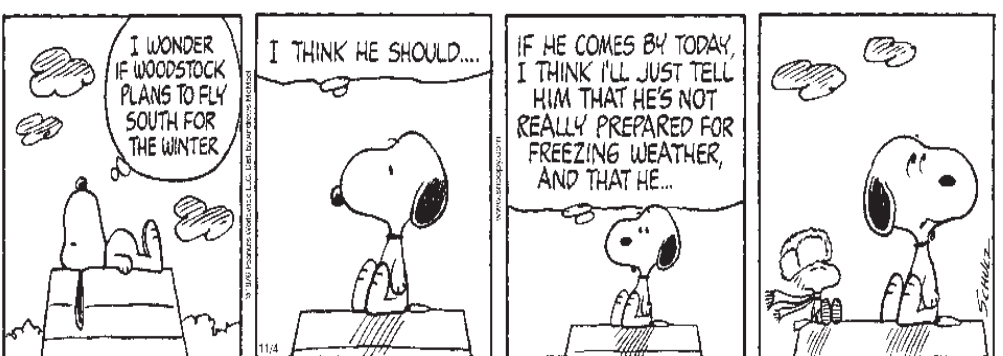
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## THE GRIZZWELLS



## PEANUTS



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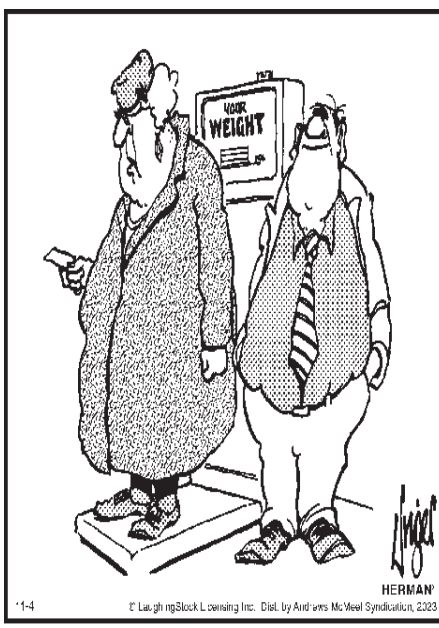
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

## HERMAN



# Husband does nothing at home but pay the bills

DEAR ABBY: I've been with my husband, "Harry," for 10 years, married for four, and already I'd like a divorce. We have two small children. I'm a stay-at-home mom while he works and pays the bills.

The problem is, he feels that because he works, he doesn't have to do anything else. He doesn't help around the house, help with the kids, spend time with us, nothing! I only ask that he do these things on his days off, but his days off are reserved strictly for himself.

Some days I could use a hand with our children. While I'm doing absolutely everything, he just sits acting like he doesn't hear or see what's going on in front of him. Even after seeing me becoming overwhelmed and frustrated, he won't help me.

I've had a thousand conversations with him about stepping up more when he's home, but it goes in one ear and out the other. I'd rather be single than have him just sit around when he's home because "he pays for everything." Am I wrong to feel this way? I need help. -- OUT OF BALANCE IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR OUT OF BALANCE: Offer your husband a choice. Either the two of you talk with

a marriage and family therapist to help rid him of his selective deafness, or you hire someone to help with the heavier chores he's unwilling to do. If he balks, remind him that you know he's tired of your nagging and it would be cheaper than a divorce.

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my wife for 23 years, married 19 of them. We have two grown children, ages 22 and 20. I recently realized she's still in love with the guy she dated just before me. How did I find out? Well, one day my wife and I were watching a TV show together, and out of nowhere, she asked me my opinion on open marriages.

I gave her a vague answer and started investigating why she asked me that question. That's when I discovered text messages, phone calls and her diary for the last nine months. As far as I can tell, they haven't had sex yet, but she wants to. I did not confront her about it. I felt bad for invading her privacy, but then again, she was being sneaky. I need to know if I should stay or go. -- UNCOVERED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR UNCOVERED: Copy those texts and her diary. Then have a talk



## ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

with your wife and ask her why she asked about your feelings on open marriage, because it was out of character. After she answers, say you have been thinking about her question and STRONGLY feel your marriage should be monogamous. THEN tell her you have seen the calls, texts and diary, and if she wants to have sex with her old boyfriend, you will file for divorce. DEAR READERS: Time flies! Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour at bedtime tonight. While you're at it, be sure to put fresh batteries in your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. -- LOVE, ABBY

# Lifestyle



Photos By Lyndsie Ferrell

**The Creede School District Government Class hosted a Meet the Candidates Night for the coming election. Community members, parents, and district staff gathered at the school on**



**Wednesday, Oct. 25 to hear from local candidates — incumbents Casey Adelman and Kara Brittain, and newcomer Lori Heinrich. Two seats are open on the board.**

## Creede School hosts Meet the Candidates Night

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

**CREEDE** — The Creede School District's Government Class recently organized a Meet the Candidates Night. Two incumbents and one newcomer are on the Nov. 7 ballot, running for two seats. All three attended the forum that was open to the public.

For the past several years, students with the Government Class have hosted a Meet the Candidate Night, giving the community the opportunity to hear from their local candidates and for candidates to learn the issues and topics of interest from the community. Students, with the help of teacher Teresa Wall, prepare the event, gather questions, and keep the forum going during the event.

It began with introductions of the candidates beginning with incumbent candidate Creede School Board President Casey Adelman. Adelman stated that he was first elected to the board in 2018.

"We have dealt with many issues since I was elected to the board, and I have never regretted it once. I have three students in the school and another one coming up. It feels very important to be involved at the beginning and that is why I got involved to begin with," Adelman said.

Adelman finished by saying that he has worked through several goals with the current board and would like to see others come to fruition.

"We have achieved a lot of the goals we set but I would like to see the others finished," he said.

Incumbent Vice President Kara Brittain was next to introduce herself, saying that she grew up in the Valley as the daughter of an educator which has prompted her to be involved as an adult.

"I was appointed to the board a few years ago and then elected to the board after that. I feel like I have served the board with a lot of openness and integrity. I believe in listening and finding solutions to issues," Brittain said.

The third candidate, Lori Heinrich, said she began coming to Creede

in the mid-70s for summer vacations and then moved to the area five years ago.

"Two of my children are in the school and I am a mom of four. I have had children in the school system for 27 years and when we came to Creede I began working as a sub for this district. I feel that I have an inside understanding of the job and feel the school is a crucial part of the foundation of our community," Heinrich said.

After the initial introductions, the forum was opened for questions from the public which began with a request to give some educational background from each candidate.

Adelman said he attended Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC) in Rangely, where he received his associate degree in applied science. He also earned his commercial pilot's certificate with instrument and multi-engine ratings, and his Certified Flight Instructor Certificate with instrument instructor rating. Adelman also serves on the Creede Volunteer Fire Department.

Brittain was a Boettcher Scholar — competitive full-ride scholarship offered to resident students of Colorado — and graduated from Denver University Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor's of fine arts. Her passion for education started early in her childhood. Her mother was a teacher for 27 years, and will soon begin her fifth year as principal of Sargent High School. Brittain has also served with the Creede Early Learning Center and other community activities, including owning her own business.

Heinrich graduated from Longview High School in Longview, Texas, and was a National Boren Scholar and attended college, having left a year before she graduated which remains one of her life regrets. Heinrich has worked in biotech firms and civil engineering firms for several years. As the wife of an Air Force pilot, Heinrich has a rich background in

odd jobs throughout her career, having moved to several locations through the years.

The next question posed by a member of the public was how religious and political influences have begun to amplify a lot of school board elections and the focus has shifted away from students and how each candidate felt about the current tensions throughout districts nationwide.

Brittain was the first to respond saying, "My first gut reaction to the question is that the best way for a school board to adhere to the job of the school board is to stick to policy and try our best to follow state law as those changes come down the pipe. I think the job of the school board is to follow policy and to interpret the policy to the best of our ability and to implement all the various components to follow the policy. Creede is such a wonderful place that is a melting pot of so many vast and varied opinions and perspectives and I do think our children are being raised in such a wonderful area. Our job as a school board is to encourage all of those different voices to be heard."

Adelman was next to respond saying, "I think the bottom line is respect. In our mission statement, we have the word inclusive. We don't discriminate people's beliefs and it comes down to respect. We don't treat someone different because of what they believe or their sexual orientation."

Heinrich was the last to respond saying, "The job of a school board is first and foremost to educate our children. I think that secondarily is to prepare them for the world they are entering, and I think that in order to do that, it is imperative that we listen, that we seek to understand and that we are knowledgeable about what the law requires of us as an educational institution and that we prioritize the academic advancement of our students."

Several other questions were posed to the panel throughout the night. Election Day is Nov. 7.

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