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'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 between the ages of

A recent photo must be submitted as well as parental permission to use the photo and contact

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

National Adoption Day is Nov. 17

ALAMOSA — On Friday, Nov. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., please join the 12th Judicial District in recognizing recent families in our communities who have welcomed new additions to their homes through the adoption

A short ceremony will be followed by food and fun for all who come. This event is open to all communities and partners in the Valley. The event is at the Alamosa Combined Courts located at 8955 Independence Way in Alamosa.

DN Food Bank distribution is **Nov. 18**

DEL NORTE — The Del Norte Food Bank will be open for its November distribution on Saturday, Nov. 18. It will serve its regular clients from 10 to 11 a.m. New clients will not be served until after 11 a.m. Anyone in need of food

assistance is welcome. If you are unable to attend during distribution hours and need food assistance, call 719-850-2643.

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Award-winning author of 'The Fireballer' joins in-person panel at the Alamosa Public Library

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — When Mancos resident and award-winning author Mark Stevens sat down to write his latest novel, "The Fireballer," all he had was a premise for the book, no more than a two first shared over a burrito one of his closest friends and mentors. Stevens, al-

story, then mentioned it to his agent, and the strength of the idea alone was enough for his agent to say, "Drop everything else you're working on and write that story."

On Friday, Stephens will be at the Local Auor three sentence idea thor Celebration at the in a park in Denver with that begins at 5:30 p.m.

Stevens took the ad-

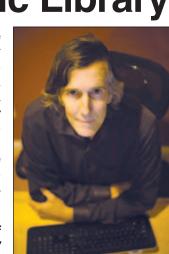
screen of his computer. "The characters just started speaking to me," he told the Valley Courier. "It sounds like a cliché, but I just couldn't write fast enough. That was happening more often than not with this book, where, other times, it can Alamosa Public Library feel like you're pushing a rock up a hill."

The six-time published vice, and, over the next author was apparently

ready hooked by what he year and a half, a power- on the right track as "The felt was possible in the ful tale emerged on the Fireballer" has already garnered over 3,500 reviews on Amazon from readers around the world with an average 4.5-star rating. It was also selected for the American Library Association's "One Book, One Community"a resource for librarians ■ See AUTHOR page 3

Mark Stevens, author of

'The Fireballer.' Photo courtesy of Mark Stevens





The Larry Holder Exercise and Cancer Survivorship Program at Adams State offers a free exercise program to individuals who have experienced cancer. ASU Photo

Exercise and camaraderie at ASU cancer survivor group

Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — The Larry Holder Exercise and Cancer Survivorship Program offered by Adams State University provides cancer survivors in the San Luis Valley the opportunity to participate in an individualized exercise program conducted in a group setting that meets three times a week for one hour at the Alamosa Family Recreation Center. The free program is open to anyone with cancer, regardless of their current or past cancer status.

By JOHN WATERS clear by several of the parenjoying the support netticipants that the group work of fellow cancer survi-

was for "cancer survivors." Mary (who requested that only her first name be used) said, "This group is a good socializing thing because we all have cancer, I have spleen cancer. Every person here has their own life challenge. We all understand that we have good days and bad days, and we can't always participate fully. But coming here, we are not just friends, we are all family."

Now in its fifth year, the program continues to offer The program is a celebra- a place where participants tion of life. When this re- can work towards their perporter first met with the sonal fitness goals in a nongroup, it was quickly made judgmental setting while

vors as mentioned by Mary. Many of the participants have been in the group since its inception. Coy Stocking, 90, who has been in the group for five years said this, "The main reason I started and I'm continuing to do this is, I believe it is a good program, if there is anything they [researchers] can find out about me to help someone else down the line, that's what I'm hoping for. If they can help someone else, great." As part of his exercise regimen, Stocking vigorously uses a rowing machine three times a week for 25

■ See SURVIVORS page 3

LOR Foundation gives presentation at **URGED** meeting

By LYNDIE FERRELL

DEL NORTE — The Upper Rio Grande Economic Development meeting for November was held in the Rio Grande County Commissioner Chambers in Del Norte on Nov. 14. The group welcomed LOR Foundation representative Ivette Atencio as the keynote speaker who gave a brief presentation on what the foundation has done since coming to Monte Vista 18 months ago.

The foundation is fairly new to the area and has successfully helped fund projects throughout the Monte Vista community and will continue to do so for the next three and a half years. According to Atencio, the foundation is a privately funded grant maker that is currently focusing on western mountain rural communities.

"We are focused on Monte Vista at this time, but we also provide funding resources to communities outside of Monte Vista to help fill that gap," she

LOR stands for Livability, Opportunity and Responsibility which are the

focus and mission for the foundation.

"LOR is a start-up accelerator for community-driven ideas. Our goal is to be nimble, moving quickly to help solve problems communities have identified as priorities. Sometimes that help is funding, and sometimes it's simply connecting people and organizations with resources — and to each other," Aten-

cio said. Over the course of the year, LOR has been active in the Monte Vista area, several projects have been funded including sponsorships for educational opportunities, teacher wellness rooms, basketball courts for local students at the Byron Syring DELTA Center, a

■ See LOR page 3

Annual Veterans Memorial Park Walk/Run a 'great event'

By HELEN SIGMOND ALAMOSA — Saturday, Nov. 4, was a beautiful day for the Second Annual Alamosa Veterans Memorial Park Walk/ In the 5K Men's Divi-

sion, Cody Williams took first place, John Naranjo took second place, and Dario Valdez took third place. In the 5K Women's Di-

vision, Madeline Castillo took first place, Abigail Adams took second place, and Ella Guymon took third place.



■ See WALK/RUN page 3 The Second Annual Alamosa Veterans Memorial Park Walk/Run took place on Nov. 4.

Courtesy photo



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Michaela Aoyama, Anas-

tasia Manzanares (Josh-

ua De Santiago), John

"RJ" Manzanares (Angie

Romero), Davin Ortega;

his great-grandchildren

Alyssa Aoyama, Jaylynn

Aoyama, Jesslyn Molina,

Erica Molina, Alyanah

De Santiago, Hoshea De

Santiago, Charlett De Santiago, Mykah Man-

zanares, John Michael

Manzanares; his step-

sons Gary Coffey (Crys-

tal), Brandon Coffey, his

step-grandsons BJ Cof-

fey, Isiah Coffey, Koby

Gilbert's last days were

spent in San Antonio, Texas, with his daughter.

Arrangements for an in-

timate viewing will take

place at the Schertz Fu-

neral home at 12 p.m. on

Nov. 15, 2023; afterwards

he will be cremated. In

the spring Gilbert will be taken home to Alamosa

for family and friends to

pay their last respects

and come together to cele-

brate his life. Afterwards,

he will be placed next to

Coffey.

OBITUARIES

Gilbert Daniel Ortega

80, of Alamosa, Colo., went to be with the Lord on Nov. 10, 2023, after his long battle with can-

Gilbert was born in Monte Vista, Colo., on March 3, 1943.

Upon high school gradthe Army (and National years during the Vietnam War — he was very proud of his military service. He expanded his education at Adams State College. Gilbert went on to work for the U.S. (Rio Grande) Forest Service where he designed mountain roads. eventually retiring after 30-plus years. During retirement Gilbert was not ready to settle down and began his entrepreneurial career as a videographer for the next 11

Gilbert spent most of his life in the San Luis Valley where he thoroughly enjoyed the outdoors — fishing, hunting, and camping. He was so fond of fishing, on weekends he would wake up his family SUPER early and head up to the moun-(Road Canyon, tains Creed, Rock Creek, Shaw Lake, many other places) where they enjoyed the entire day (or weekend) fishing, eating potato chip sandwiches, and appreciating nature.

Gilbert Daniel Ortega, mechanics. He had many hobbies, but one of his favorites was playing pool with friends or competing in pool tournaments. He was also a gifted artist who took pride in drawing, painting, crafting, and taking photographs.

Gilbert had a deep love uation, Gilbert joined and respect for animals. As children, his daugh-Guard) where he served 6 ters can remember stopping on the side of the road to cut alfalfa to take home to his rabbits.

The most important aspect of Gilbert's life was his spirituality and his relationship with the Lord. He spent many days studying the bible and or having conversations with his family and friends; and in his

final days was grateful for the VA Chaplin who would stop by and read scriptures to him — this gave him peace.

Gilbert was proceeded in death by his parents Louie and Eva (Valdez) Ortega, his brother Anthony Ortega, his beloved Audrey Worker, and his son-in-law Jose Cordova.

Gilbert is survived by his brother Joseph Ortega, daughters Felicia Cordova, Sherrie Ortega (Antonio Rivota), Cristie Ortega, Loretta Conaway (Brent Conaway), Gilbert was extremely his grandchildren Ashley his parents at the San knowledgeable about car Southard (Jj Southard), Luis Valley cemetery.

SFFR douses brush fire





Courtesy photos

On Nov. 13, at approximately 1:51 p.m., South Fork Fire Rescue responded to brush fire at approximately Mile Marker 180 on US Highway 160. Upon arrival, approximately a tenthof-an-acre was found burning in low brush and heavy downed timber. Crews extinguished it, and the cause was determined to be a compromised low voltage line.

Darrell Joseph Meis

Darrell's Celebration of life will be streamed at time of service at https://

zoom.us/i/99846129423. In lieu of flowers, a Scholarship has been set up in Darrell's memory, to the Adams State University Foundation, 208 Edgemont Blvd., Alamosa, CO 81101. Donations may also be made online at www. adams.edu/foundation/online-donation/ or by calling 719-587-7609. Please indicate that the gift is made in memory of Darrell Meis.

Longtime and wellknown Alamosa resident Darrell Joseph Meis, 64, died Oct. 24, 2023, at his home in Alamosa after a 2-year battle with cancer. Upon his diagnosis, Darrell attacked his challenge with positivity, humor,

and courageousness. Darrell's life began in Denver, Colo., on Dec. 1, 1958; the son of Eldon Meis and Agnes (Grande) Meis. He married Kim Buron on June 6, 1981, in Denver, Colo., and their marriage was sealed in the Denver Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Feb.

26, 1994. Darrell is survived by his wife Kim of the family home; his father Eldon Meis of Federal Heights, Colo.; his children DJ (Megan) Meis of St. George, Utah, (children) Trey, Sawver, Bronx, Sway; Brandon (Brittny) of Albuquerque, N.M., (children) Reese, Zander, Tatum, Hattie Mae; Ashlee (Michael) Meis-Trujillo of Alamosa, Colo., (children), Ilexya RJ, Damian, Zaryah; Jesse (Eva) Meis of Plano, Texas; (child) Ciao Meis, and greatgranddaughter, Leah. He is also survived by his brother Norman (Stephanie) Meis of Parker, Colo.; sister Ginny (Ron) Seyfer of Arvada, Colo.; his moth-



Hahnlein of Albuquerque, shoot off the Alamosa Fire-N.M.: Kelly (John) Fran- works Show for 40 years. cis of Redondo Beach, Calif.; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends

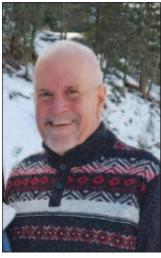
Darrell was preceded in death by his mother Agnes, and several aunts and

As a kid, Darrell loved all sports; especially football. As a teen at Pomona High School, he participated in football, basketball, and track. He was a standout athlete, but his passion was football. Darrell was recruited to play football at Adams State College, where he was a four-year starter. His senior year his team won the RMAC League Championship and played in a post season bowl game. They finished their and his team at Rocky season ranked No. 10 in the Mountain Cancer Centernation. His 1980 team was Midtown, inducted into the ASU Hall Dr. Majd Kobitary of PSL of Fame in 2016. When at Adams State, he met his wife, Kim; they shared 42 years of marriage. Upon graduation from Adams State, he started a 41-year football coaching career at Alamosa High School and Ortega Middle School where he had the opportunity to coach his sons and Darrell's Celebration of

of hard work, starting his first job at 16 with Purina Dog Food Company. Next, he worked for Rocky er-in-law Pamela Buron of Mountain Fireworks for 5 Alamosa; brother-in-law Otto (Cammie) Buron of he gained, Darrell became for Darrell's family, please Albuquerque, N.M.; sis- a licensed pyrotechnician.

grandson.

ter-in-law Tracy (Werner) He coordinated and helped als.com.



Once married, Darrell started working for SLV Federal Bank as a loan officer. He then went on to be the Bookstore Director at Adams State College for 30 years. Upon retirement, he returned to SLV Federal Bank as a loan officer. Darrell was involved in the Alamosa Noon Lion's Club, Alamosa City Park and Recreation Board, and served in various church positions.

Darrell was always involved in his children's lives and supported all of their activities. Darrell's passion for his grandchildren was evident in all that he did.

The family would like to thank Dr. Allen Cohn pulmonologist Hospital, and Hospice Del Valle of Alamosa.

Cremation was sen and a Celebration of Life will be held on Nov. 20, 2023, at 1 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 927 Weber Dr., Alamosa, CO. If you would like to attend Life, the family asks that Darrel was never shy you wear Denver Broncos colors or attire.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences, remembrancyears. With the knowledge es and words of comfort visit www.RogersFuner-

Alamosa Police Depart- were written for the fol- violation of a restraining ment Report — Oct. 20 to lowing people. Nov. 10, 2023 Since Oct. 20, 2023, of-

Seven citations were written for failing to stop

Two citations were written for failing to obey

One citation was written for failing to yield Right of Way when enter-

out insurance.

ten for driving without a valid driver's license.

written for driving under restraint.

Three citations were written for displaying expired plates and three

citations were written for displaying fictitious plates. One citation was writ-

when it was unsafe and one for unsafe backing. Eleven citations were

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ty zone.

Additional

mph over the speed limit and an additional citation firearm and theft. was written for driving 20-39 mph over the speed limit in a pedestrian safefelony menacing.

citations

ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

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possession of a controlled

Sarah Arredondo, 43,

mestic violence and third-

Alamosa was cited for

theft \$300-\$999 and tres-

Lindsey Sisneros, 33,

of Alamosa was cited for

fat was cited for false re-

Marlon Vigil, 25, of Ala-

mosa was cited for vicious

Three juvenile girls,

aged 13, were cited for

disorderly conduct with

one girl also being cited

Taylor Estes of Ala-

mosa was cited for second

degree burglary, theft, ob-

structing phone, domestic

violence and possession of

Josiah Medina of Ala-

mosa was cited for tres-

passing and theft under

a controlled substance.

animal, dog at large.

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Sydney Arellano, 47,

Police Department have taken the following ac-

at a stop sign and three were written for failing to yield at a stop sign.

traffic signals.

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written for driving with-Two citations were writ-

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Two citations were

written for careless driv-

ten for changing lanes

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Jeremiah Naranjo, 19, of Pueblo was cited for unlawful purchase of a Tisha Lucero, 42, of Alamosa was cited for

Jennifer Shinall, 35, of Alamosa was cited for

order. Patsy Garcia, 47, of of Alamosa was cited for Alamosa was cited for doficers with the Alamosa theft under \$300 and mestic violence and third-

degree assault. Jose Bernal-Bermudez Alamosa was cited for of Monte Vista was cited for violation of a restrain-

> Danny Cruz, 30, of Del Norte was cited for theft under \$300.

ing order.

of Alamosa was cited for Adres Rosendo, 30, of Dustin Harvey, 31, of Alamosa was cited for Alamosa was cited for do-

theft under \$300 x2. Cody Palmer, 29, of Monte Vista was cited for Gary Sisneros, 43, of violation of a restraining

order. Joshua Morales of Monte Vista was cited for

unlawful possession of a controlled substance. Deyon Jaramillo, 29, of

Florence Pynn, 44, of Denver was cited for trespassing.

Alamosa was cited for violation of a restraining Dale Vargo, 40, of Alamosa was cited for theft

Jesse Lewis, 29, of Mof-\$300-\$999.

Ysidro Longoria, 64, of Alamosa was cited for violation of a restraining order,

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Program Jessie Salazar said. "I've been here since this started about five years ago. I've had breast cancer and right now I'm having a lot of side effects from my chemo. I have neuropathy, and this helps with that. I'm still going to a cancer doctor, I have osteoporosis. This is a good place to come because we have all been through some cancer."

According to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, "Studies have shown that exercise may help reduce the risk of recurrence in cancer patients. It has also been shown to help elevate mood, reduce anxiety, improve sleep, boost energy, and help reduce symptoms treatment-related side effects, such as neuropathy." The American Cancer Society recommends survivors engage in moderate physical activity between 150-300 minutes weekly.

Peggy V. Johnson Instructor (retired), Department of Kinesiology at ASU told the Valley

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therapy playground de-

signed for children with

autism in the communi-

ty, fixing kennels at the

Conour Animal Shelter,

"We focus on enhanc-

ing quality of life for the

communities we serve, no

communities and to gain

grant approval through

just to name a few.

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minutes. The exercise Courier the exercise ing." classes have a close-knit program received fundcamaraderie and Stock- ing from the Colorado vides ASU undergraduing brings cookies to the Cancer Coalition, "After ate and graduate kinegroup every other Fri- an initial graduate stu- siology students with dent thesis showed that experience in fitness participant there was improved fit- testing and guiding and ness, and quality of life supporting improvements. Our participants, said, 'You've got to keep this program Nicolas Alvarez, who is going, please keep this working on his master's going."

> improvement in their Robert Adams. self-reported overall

The program also proprogram participants throughout the exercise program. degree in Kinesiology, Johnson added, "Most leads the exercise group of the program partici- and is assisted by ASU pants also showed an exercise science student

ASU will continue to quality of life pre- to research the benefits of post-testing, particular- several types of exercise ly in the areas of social on the physical, menand functional well-be- tal, and social health



Courier photo by John Waters

Coy Stocking, 90, enjoys the exercise group and does a 25-minute workout several times a week on this rowing machine.

and when an idea is submitted it passes through Atencio to her manager of this region who makes the final decision on what kind of funding is allocated for the proposed project. Though Atencio did not have specifics on exactly how the foundation determined which communities can be served by matter what that looks LOR, she did state that like. My job is to work it was the Ski Hi Center that brought LOR to much as I can in the time with people who have

er factors. the foundation. We fund foundation can do the best idea for a project that will mostly projects that are and be an impact on the benefit the community, I \$10,000 or less, but we community. The founda- encourage you to reach can also go up to \$30,000 tion is currently serving out to us and share your when the need arises. I in New Mexico, Colorado idea. We do what we can challenges are, we are he covered stories across ers would envy, Stevens, have a quarterly budget and Wyoming and our to fund projects but if all human. We all take in the country and parts of who is a soft spoken and Wyoming location will be we can't, we can offer refund projects that focus the first to leave a commu-sources that may be able in. We react to our chalnity in the coming year. to help," she said. We strive to make all of

like to remove the foundation from a location and how that will impact a and then to the director community. It's a learning process," she said.

LOR Foundation locations are set up to serve a community for a five-year period and the goal is to do as much work as possible within that timeframe within the guidelines of their specific grant bud-

"My goal is to do as ideas that will benefit the Monte Vista, among oth- we have here in Monte Vista so if a non-profit "LOR looks at where the or organization has an

> For more information the projects we fund sus- or to propose an idea to tainable and therefore are the LOR Foundation, vis-

cancer through local support celebration and received a two-year Cancer Cancer Coalition.

Recently, was presented

survivors. a certificate from the all of us to do the same!" The program is funded group that reads, "In ofFoundation, including ANCE in continuing to program grant from the Colorado Program at 90 years of ert Adams at age. May he continue Stocking his DEFIANCE in the or Peggy Johnson at pv-

For more information

Coy contact the Adams State from the SLV Health Stocking for his DEFI- Kinesiology Department the Larry Holder Memo- exercise with the Larry Nicolas Alvarez at 720rial Golf Tournament, Holder Exercise and 272-4635 or email alva-Survivorship rezna@adams.edu, Robadamsrr@adams.edu,

with years ahead and inspire johnson@adams.edu.

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across the country wanting to build a communitywide reading program and led to Stevens being honored with the Rocky

Mountain Fiction Award

for 2023 Writer of the 'The Fireballer," set in the world of baseball, is described as "a poignant story about hopes, dreams, and how far one

man's talents take him

before he realizes it's about what you do and how you do it." But Stevens says a person does not have to be a baseball fan to like the book, an opinion shared

by multiple readers on Amazon. "Baseball is a construct for looking at this incredible paradox in (the main character) Frank Ryder's life," he says. "The thing that is making him famous, the very thing that is focusing this heavy, heavy attention from the sports world on him his ability to throw a ball is the very thing that took a life. How does he grapple with that? He

loves the sport. It's some-

thing he was born to do.

But one of his pitches

could also hurt someone

and he has to work his

Those issues — a reckoning with oneself, one's redemption — are somefound resonates with readers, whether they are in-

the world. We breathe it opportunities — or not. We react to pressure — or not. It's about redemp-

Local author celebration Nov. 17 at 5:30 p.m. include J. Hoolihan In-person

panel with five local authors

Alamosa Public Library is hosting its second of Height of Secrecy" and two panels with local authors who will discuss Mark Stevens, author their experiences in the of "The Fireballer" and journey from the idea for a book to the book's Tite, author of "X04" publication. For those and "Blue." who are aspiring writers or others who are simply curious, it's an opportunity to hear, first-hand, from writers who have managed to successfully navigate the world of publishing in 2023.

Featured authors

humanity in yourself.

And, as a writer, find-

ing that humanity in the

character and bringing it

to writing, Stevens brings

to his work a wealth of

experiences with more

than two decades spent

in journalism. He has re-

to life.

Clayton, author of "Commendable Discretion"; Denise Gard, author of "Raven Woods"; ALAMOSA — The Jerry Mitchell, author of "Public Trust", "The "Killing Godiva's Horse; "Lake of Fire", and Bill

The event will be held at the Alamosa Public Library at 300 Hunt Ave. on Friday, Nov. 17, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Books will be available for purchase and refreshments will be provided.

of writing a "meaningful" novel. He then discovered crime fiction and the format worked well. It took him "a long time to get Far from a newcomer good at it" and a long time to get published, but he was successful at both with a series of five crime fiction novels (the Allison Coil series) that ported for the Christian have been published and Science Monitor, first in a few other standalones his hometown of Boston that are sitting with his agent. "The Fireballer" is

> has only grown stronger. "Once I started writing, I was hooked. And I've

Despite a career so far that many aspiring writthoughtful man, does not "I had a chance as a hesitate to encourage othlenges. We react to our reporter — especially on ers in the same pursuit general assignment beats and to share what he has learned that works best

> For those who are aspiring writers or others who are just curious about the whole process, Stevens will be joining four other local authors to discuss exactly that while participating in an in-person nades" as an aggressive panel titled the "Local reporter, he's spent the Author Celebration" and hosted by the Alamosa

> The Alamosa Public and communications, in- Library is at 300 Hunt cluding eleven years run- and the panel starts on Friday, Nov. 17 at 5:30 p.m., with refreshments Stevens has always provided. Copies of "The loved novels and litera- Fireballer" and other ture and grew up loving published works by the to read and write but local authors on the panel

way through that." and, later, in Los Angeles, as well as the Rocky Stevens' venture into an Mountain News and the entirely different genre, and the love of writing past, and the search for Denver Post. He also worked for six thing that Stevens has years as a reporter and

news producer for Public Broadcasting System been hooked on it ever terested in baseball or not. (PBS) on the McNeil-Leh- since." "No matter what sur- rer News Hour where, alounds us and what the though based in Denver, Latin America.

— to cover a huge variety of stories, everything from the 1985 earthquake in Mexico City to the shuttle blowing up. A lot of disaster stories as well as environmental and economic stuff, too. A pretty wideranging career."

After "throwing grelast twenty years "catching grenades" while work- Public Library. ing in public relations ning his own public relations firm.

was daunted by the idea will be on sale, as well.

ed through private donors looking at what it will be it lorfoundation.org. tion, about finding that Walk/Run ■ Continued from Page 1

that I work with, and we

on youth, housing, econ-

omy, water issues and

more," explained Atencio.

The foundation is fund-

In the 10K Men's Division, Luke Smith took first place, Billy Salazar took second place, and Mario Valdez took third place.

In the 10K Women's Division, Stacy Davis took first place, Desiree Peterson took second place, and Joelle Boos took third place.

The Alamosa Veterans Memorial Park was started in 2016 by Frank Muniz along with several community members who wanted to recognize Veterans and give the community a place to reflect and honor Veteran men and women who have served in all branches of the military.

Muniz served as the Alamosa County Veterans Service Officer for many years and fought in Vietnam.

The Memorial will be located at the corner of Highway 285 and Airport Road and will provide a stopping place for tour-

It was a great event, and we hope to see even more participants next

Construction on the Memorabilia,



In the 10K Women's Division, Stacy Davis took first place, Billy Salazar took second took first place, Desiree Peterson took sec- place, and Mario Valdez took third place. ond place, and Joelle Boos took third place.



place, and Dario Valdez took third place.

end of this year.

Transportation,

We especially appreci-

ate the generous sponsors

of the Walk/Run: SLV

erty Management, SLV

ing Supply, Domestic Ir-

rigation, Rocky Mountain

Chamber, ASU Veterans, Alamosa Citizen, and MV Coop. We also received con-

Arlan tributions from Safeway, Van Ry, Visit Alamosa, Dickey Springer Post 113 SSG Fox Suicide Pre- American Legion, SLV vention, Century Prop- Museum, Skiballs, Frontier Bank, Lori Laske, Health, Alamosa Build- and Duane and Lorey Bussey.

We had great volun-Alamosa teers helping with the Memorial Park is antici- Parks and Recreation, Al- event, including Girl pated to begin before the amosa County, Alamosa Scout Troup 36252, 4-H



In the 10K Men's Division, Luke Smith



In the 5K Men's Division, Cody Williams In the 5K Women's Division, Madeline Castook first place, John Naranjo took second tillo took first place, Abigail Adams took second place, and Ella Guymon took third place.

Club, AHS Cross Country, and National Honor Society. Eagle Air/Air Med helped with First Aid. Their helicopter was scheduled to land, but was called away for an emergency.

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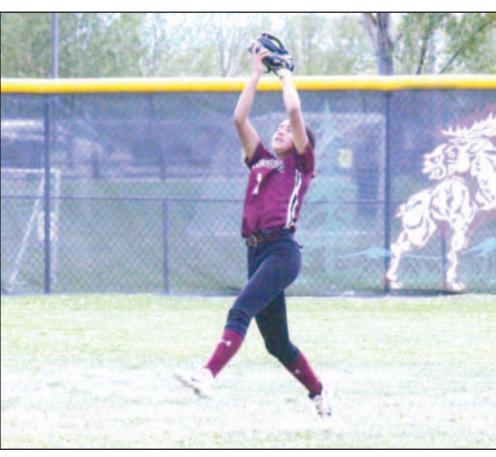
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Alamosa High School's Araceli Molina makes the catch in center field. Molina was a first team selection on the All-Tri-Peaks League team.

Three Lady Moose named to All-League softball team

By KEN HAMRICK Courier Sports editor

ALAMOSA - The Tri-Peaks League released its All-League team late in October with three Alamosa High School players earning recognition.

Sophomore center fielder Araceli Molina was a first team selection. Molina led the team in batting average at .448. She recorded 26 hits in 58 at-bats and she also had four doubles, one triple and one home run. She also scored 26 runs and stole 14 bases. She had

an .882 fielding average. Two more Lady Moose, junior first baseman Lexany Heredia and senior shortstop Alicia Rios, were both honorable mention.

Heredia batted .436 with 24 hits in 55 at-bats. She had seven doubles, two triples and four home runs. She scored 28 runs and stole five bases. She had an .828 fielding average.

Rios had a .385 batting average with 20 hits in 52 at-bats. She also had five doubles and one home run. Rios scored 19 runs and

stole 11 bases. She had an .881 fielding average.

Wiley had the most All-League selections with seven, followed by Rocky Ford with six, La Junta with five, and Lamar with four. James Irwin had three selections, Dolores Huerta had three, Florence had three and Woodland Park had three.

Wiley's Demi Magdaleno was the Coach of the Year.

Alamosa won 13 games and lost 11 and advanced to the Class 3A State Tournament.



From left: Alamosa's Alicia Rios and Lexany Heredia were both honorable mention slections on the All-Tri-Peaks League softball team



Courier file photos

Sports Bulletin

Follow sports editor Ken Hamrick on Twitter. His handle is @KenHamrick 1.

> **SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY**

College swimming Adams State at TYR/CMU Invitational (at Grand Junction), TBA

THURSDAY

College women's basketball

Eastern New Mexico at Adams State, 7 p.m.

College swimming

Adams State at TYR/CMU Invitational (at Grand Junction), TBA

FRIDAY

College men's basketball

Adams State vs. Eastern New Mexico (Skyhawks Hardwood Classic at Durango), 7 p.m.

College swimming

Adams State at TYR/CMU Invitational (at Grand Junction), TBA

SATURDAY

College cross country

Adams State at NCAA Division II Championship (at Joplin, Mo.), TBA

College men's basketball

Adams State vs. Western New Mexico (Skyhawks Hardwood Classic at Durango), 5 p.m.

College women's basketball

Texas A&M-Kingsville at Adams State, 5:30 p.m.

College swimming

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College men's wrestling Adams State at Bob Smith Open (at Hays, Kan.), 9 a.m.

Stratton 45, Sierra Grande 12 CLASS 2A TRI-PEAKS LEAGUE This week's schedule League Overall W-L Team W-L GIRLS VOLLEYBALL La Junta Florence 6-4 Alamosa 4-6

Woodland Park Manitou Springs Lamar Last week's scores No games This week's schedule

CLASS 1A SOUTH CENTRAL LEAGUE Team W-L Centauri 5-0 Monte Vista Ignacio **Del Norte** Center Trinidad Last week's scores

No games This week's schedule No games

8-MAN MOUNTAIN LEAGUE

	League	Overa
Team	W-L	W-L
Mancos	4-0	9-1
Dove Creek	3-1	8-3
Sanford	2-2	6-4
Sargent	1-3	4-5
Dolores	0-4	2-7
	Last week's scores	
8	3-man State Playoffs	

Saturday

Lyons 62, Dove Creek 22 Mancos 38, Sedgwick County 0 This week's schedule

Saturday

6-MAN SOUTH	IWEST LEAGU	E
	League	Overa
Team	W-L	W-L
Branson/Kim	5-0	8-3
Sierra Grande	3-2	7-4
Primero	3-2	6-4
La Veta	3-2	6-5
Mountain Valley	1-4	4-5
Sangre de Cristo	0-5	3-7
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6-man State Playoffs Saturday

Otis 61, Branson/Kim 18

High school standings

Montezuma-Cortez

Team

CLASS 3A INTERMOUNTAIN LEAGUE League Overall Team Centauri 20-8 Alamosa 17-8 10-15 Pagosa Springs

> CLASS 2A SOUTHERN PEAKS LEAGUE Overall 15-10 11-13

3-20

Team Sargent Buena Vista Del Norte Trinidad Sanford 12-12 Center Crested Butte Monte Vista 8-15 CLASS 1A SOUTHERN PEAKS LEAGUE

Overall Sangre de Cristo 14-10 Antonito 7-14 7-11 Creede Sierra Grande Mountain Valley 3-17

Centennial 1-14 **BOYS SOCCER** CLASS 3A INTERMOUNTAIN LEAGUE

League W-L-T Team W-L-T Bayfield 5-0-1 9-5-1 Alamosa 2-12-0 Montezuma-Cortez GIRLS SOFTBALL

CLASS 3A TRI-PEAKS LEAGUE W-L

Team Wiley Rocky Ford Lamar La Junta 13-10 Woodland Park 7-16 7-7 Dolores Huerta Florence





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Lifestyle

Campfire Conversations held in Monte Vista

MONTE VISTA

Monte Vista was the second stop of a trio of community Road — San Luis Valley Project.

series "Campfire tions" is a Colorado program of the Wright Colprogram opened Nov. 2 in San Luis and concludes Nov. 16 at the 4th Street Diner and Bakery in Saguache.

ries of journeys into rural Colorado, meeting Project, people where they are and experiencing firsthand the relationships, we hold with the places we call home. Through our shared stories, we are offered a window into the lived experiences of real people doing meaningful work and making their way in real communities across Colorado," said On the Road organizer Chuck Diaz said. Sullivan of the Wright in a press release.

Chris Lopez and Ivette Atencio, of the LOR Foundation, were a couple of the moderators of the Monte Vista event. Most of the moderators were also speakers.

Speakers for the evening included Charlie Burd, a Valley rancher and Ski-Hi Stampede Committee member for 40-plus years; Jenny Nehring, biologist, vice president of Friends of the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuges and volunteer of the Monte Vista Crane Festival; potato farmer Margie Martinez-Diaz, of Martinez Farms; Peg tor of the evening. She see the tradition here," Schall, of the Monte Vista Historical Society and Transportation of the West Museum; Monte Vista City Council member Victor Sigala; MV community member Pablo Zamarripa, and Patrick Ortiz, of San Luis Valley Great Out-

Moderators asked the speakers what they felt about their lives, the place they call home and certain subjects related to their areas of expertise.

Some of the speakers such as Burd and Nehring were grouped together by the moderators due to their affiliation with the same organizations, in this instance the Crane Festival and Stampede.

Burd and Nehring said the Crane Festival and Ski-Hi Stampede draw many people to the community. Nehring said the Crane Festival helps the economy because when people visit the community, they spend money.

"The Crane Festival predominantly attracts people from out of town, that don't have a connection to our town to visit Monte Vista," Nehring said.

Burd said the Stampede draws the community together and even if the community is out of town, such as relatives that may live in Denver and other places, they

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come back for the Stampede.

"Stampede events called On the look at the graduating classes, the class reon Nov. 9 at the Church unions, there is so much that stampede does for dubbed the community, this is Conversa- just part of it," Burd

Nehring, who legiate Challenge. The lived here for 25 years, and Burd, who is the third generation to live here, also spoke about ranchers and farmers.

Ortiz and Madeleine "On The Road is a se- Ahlborn, who is the dispoke farmer Margie Martinez-Diaz and Schall of the Monte Vista Historical Society.

> Martinez-Diaz her family has been growing potatoes and barley her for genera-"I farm with my hus-

band. Growing up I told my dad I would never City Hall so it's kind be a farmer," Martinez- of wild for me to be in to the Valley when she

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live with family who had been here for a number of years. Martinez-Diaz Schall spoke about what they hoped for the fu-

Martinez-Diaz said, "I would hope to continue there, with a good turnwith the same camara- out, and a sense of pride derie, the same values, even in the shirts that the same values that the were sold to help the Valley has. I would hope the people that come in

could see all of that." ficer for the LOR Foun- but there were so many dation in Monte Vista, people that came to the was the final modera- celebration. It's nice to



Pablo Zamarripa participates in Campfire Conversations on Nov. 9 at the Church Project in Monte Vista.

spoke with Zamarripa Zamarripa said. rector of the Church MV Mayor Pro-Tem Si-

> Zamarripa said he worked at a correctional facility for about 10 years. He went back to school recently and recently earned his bachelor's.

Sigala said he was born and raised in Monte Vista.

"I was born here in there during meetings," Schall said she came he said, referring to the days when City Hall was the hospital.

Zamarripa and Sigala were asked if they had any cultural traditions that tied them to the community.

Zamarripa pointed to ture of the San Luis the Cinco De Mayo Celebration. He said there was a lot of community school.

"The Cinco De Mayo Tradition. It was nice to Atencio, who is the of- have that. It was chilly,

Sigala said that the culture didn't matter as much as the people mattered. Sigala said the people are what tie everyone to the Valley.

"It's not about the culture, it's about the people. People change culture. It's really about the people and the community," Sigala said.

Both also spoke about growing up in Monte Vista and how they became the people that they are today.

The Wright Collegiate Challenge is a partner program of the Colorado Outdoor Recreation Industry Office. Its goal is to prepare Colorado higher-ed students to enter the state's workforce by providing first-hand experience working alongside outdoor-sector businesses and non-profits to develop actionable solutions to current-day challenges within their respective organizations.



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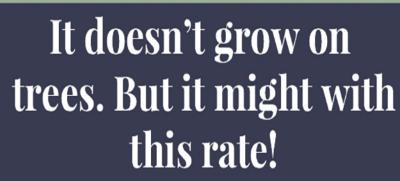
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Women's Basketball vs Texas A&M University - Kingsville at Alamosa,

5:30 p.m.







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Public Notices

Rio Grande County is soliciting sealed bids from qualified contractors for 2023 AIRFIELD PROJECTS, to be constructed for RIO GRANDE COUNTY, COLORADO. Bids will be received at the County Office until 1:00 pm on Tuesday, November 28, 2023. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on Tuesday, November 28, 1:00pm at the County Office, 925 6th Street, Room 207, Del Norte, CO 81132. An Optional Pre-Bid Conference will be held on November 07, 2023

at 1:00 pm at the Astronaut Kent Rominger Airport, 883 Co Rd 22, Del Norte, CO 81132.
The project consists of a 2-inch asphalt overlay to Runway 6-24, a

new 450 feet Proposed Taxilane construction East of Taxiway B, and the rehabilitation of existing taxiways and apron pavements with a 608H Seal Coat treatment.

Bids will be received for a single prime contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

Digital copies of the bid documents are available from the county at www.riograndecounty.org. Those downloading the contract docu-ments electronically are responsible for verifying the completeness of contract documents received view download. Failure to download a complete set of digital contract documents will not be a factor considered in the evaluation of bids or form the basis for any bid protest. In order to submit a responsive bid as a Prime Contractor and to receive all necessary addendum (s) for this project, you must be on the Plan-holder's List, which requires the plans being downloaded from www.

riograndecounty.org.

Bids shall be accompanied by a bid security in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The successful Bidder must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in accordance with the Contract Docu-

ments.
Bidders must be licensed to perform work within the state of Colo-

Bids must remain in effect for 60 days after the bid opening date. Within 60 days from the bid date, the Owner may award the contract to the lowest responsive, responsible Bidder or reject any or all Bids

for the Project.
The RIO GRANDE COUNTY, COLORADO reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive irregularities in the Bids and bidding deemed to be in the best interests of the RIO GRANDE COUNTY, COLORADO, and to reject nonconforming, nonresponsive, or conditional bids.

No. 3642.

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PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

TOWN OF LA JARA, COLORADO
The Town of La Jara is accepting statements of qualifications (SOQs) from qualified engineering firms (firm) which have five (5) years or more experience in providing drinking water system analysis and evaluation as outlined in the details section of this request.

DETAILS: Assist the Town of La Jara to meet requirements for Sys-

tem Master Plans similar to Preliminary Engineering reports, collect data, analyze data and provide capital improvements recommendations for infrastructure and funding for water system planning. Those tions for infrastructure and funding for water system planning. Those requirements include:

a. Document the existing conditions for the system including reliant pumps, tanks, and treatment and risks and liabilities associated with each process in the systems.

b. Evaluate the existing water treatment process and provide recom-

mendations for improvements Recommend, prioritize, and provide costs for improvements identified in the analysis.

d. Incorporate all data, recommendations, and cost estimates into an engineering report.

Statements of Qualifications will be accepted until Monday, November 20th, 2023, at 2:00 PM. SOQ must have a notation on the envelope of "TOWN OF LA JARA WATER SYSTEM STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS". SOQs can be mailed or delivered to Larry Zarangza at 221 Bradway PO Roy 273 LA JARA CO. 81140. Interested goza at 221 Broadway PO Box 273 LA JARA CO, 81140. Interested Firms should contact Sunrise Engineering 435-216-9197 to receive a detailed request for statement of qualifications. Questions can be directed to Kurtis Shawcr

The Town of La Jara reserves the right to accept or deny any or all bids for and waive any information or technicality on any bid in the interest of the Town and their decision will be final.

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17, & 18, 2023.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for the year 2024 fiscal year. That a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the office of the County budget officer in the Conejos County Courthouse, Conejos Colorado, where same is open for public inspection.

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proval of same.

Any elector within Conejos County may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objection thereto any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.

Notice is also given that the Conejos County Board of Commissioners will be the same of the conejos County Board of Commissioners.

will hold a public hearing to discuss the adoption of the final Conejos County Budget for the fiscal year 2024. Place time and date will be published at a later time.

Mitchell Jarvies

Chairman, Conejos County Commissioners No. 3668.

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The Alamosa County Commissioners are accepting applications for one (1) board position on the SLV Regional Airport Advisory Board. The purpose of the Advisory Board is to promote a standard of ethics and sustainable business practices for the airport operations, partnerships, and economic development; to promote professionalism and financial stability in the administration of the airport; to advise the Alamosa Board of County Commissioners and airport management regarding sustainable management of the SLV Regional Airport in accordance with the practices of recognized professional airports. Alamosa County appoints the board members for a three-year term The SLV Regional Airport Advisory Board meets the second Thursday of every other month beginning each January at 8:15 am.

Expectations of a board member is to attend the meetings, make

recommendations, be an advocate for the airport, ensure the airport is managed responsibly, and review policy matters relevant to airport operations and development of facilities at the airport. This is an unpaid board position and applicant must be a resident of the San Luis Valley. Those interested in applying for the board must fill out an application. It may be found at alamosacounty.colorado.gov/ commissions-boards. Applications will be taken until position is filled Please submit application to Alamosa County, 8900-A Independence Way, email to jgreeman@alamosacounty.org. No. 3670.

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PRESS RELEASE

The Alamosa County Commissioners have announced a "Notice of Vacancy" and accepting applications for three (3) board member positions on the Local Marketing District Board through the Alamosa Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The Alamosa Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) is funded through the Alamosa Lodging Tax and the Alamosa Local Marketing District tax collections. The CVB team of professional staff serve at the direction of the Alamosa Tourism Development Board and the Local Mar keting District Board. The members of these boards are appointed by the Alamosa County Commissioners and include the very best community leaders who have a firsthand knowledge of tourism and economic development. The board meets on the second Thursday of every month unless otherwise posted. Meeting agendas are posted

It is the goal of the Local Marketing District to bring visitors to Alamosa.

County while providing them with the best attractions, events, and services possible.

at The Depot, 610 State Avenue, Alamosa.

Expectations of a board member is to attend the meetings and actively engage in the direction and budget of the Local Marketing Dis-

trict. This is an unpaid board position and you must be a resident of Alamosa County to apply.
Those interested in applying for the Board must fill out an application

It may be found at www.alamosacounty.colorado.gov/co

Applications will be accepted until filled. Send your information to Belina Ramirez, Executive Assistant, 8900-A Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101 or to jgreeman@alamosacounty.org.

If you have questions regarding the Local Marketing District Board

please contact Kale Mortensen, Executive Director at director@ala

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The Alamosa County Board of Commissioners is seeking interested citizens to serve on the Alamosa County Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is comprised of five volunteer citizens and two alternates appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. They advise the County on planning, land development, and land policy within Alamosa County. This position is appointed to attend the Planning Commission Board meetings. Those interested in applying for the board member position must sub-

mit an application and a current resume. Applications may be picked up at the County Administration office at 8900-A Independence Way or online at alamosacounty.colorado.gov/commissions-boards Applications will be accepted until filled. Send your information to

Jamie Greeman, Executive Assistant, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101 or to jgreeman@alamosacounty.org.

If you have questions please contact the Alamosa County Land Use

Department at rhubler@alamosacounty.org or (719) 589-3812

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NOTICE AS TO PROPOSED BUDGET ALAMOSA-LA JARA WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That a Proposed Budget ha mitted to the Board of Directors of the ALAMOSA-LA JARA WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT for the ensuing year of 2024; THAT a copy of such proposed budget has been filed at the office of said District, 7623 CR 15, Antonito, Colorado; where the same is

open to the public for inspection; THAT such proposed budget will be considered at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of said District to be held at the Conejos

County Complex, La Jara, on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 7:00

p.m.; THAT any interested elector may inspect such proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.

ALAMOSA-LA JARA WATER

CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Lucy L. Palmer, Assistant Secretary

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TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Name Change has been filed. The nature of the proceeding is as follows: Petition of Name Change for: Cruzito Gonzalez; Zayra Gonzalez; and Jose-Armando Gonzalez YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you must make your defense

to such pleadings no later than 40 days following the 2023, the date of first publication of this Notice upon you, in order to participate in and receive further notice of the proceedings. If you fail to do so, the Petitioners will apply to the court for the relief sought. Respond to the Clerk of District Court of Burke County, located at 205 S. Green Street, Morganton, NC 28655.

This the ____ day of _____ 2023

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NOTICE OF BUDGET

The Town of South Fork announces a Public Hearing on the 2024 Town of South Fork Budget on November 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the South Fork Community Center (0254 HWY 149).

The proposed budget is available at the Town Offices at 0100 Silver Thread Lane between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through

Any interested elector of the local government may file an objections to the proposed budget at any time prior to the final adoption of the

budget by the Board of Trustees.
The Town of South Fork does not have property taxes.

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099 -**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CHURCH, 23rd AN-NUAL CRAFT & BAKE SALE. 518 First St., ALAMOSA (corner of First & State). Saturday, November 18, 2023, 9:00-2:00. Baked goods (Thanksgiving meal?), hand crafted items (Christmas?), & lots more! (11/18/23)

STROKE AND CAR-DIOVASCULAR disease are leading causes of death, according to the American Heart Association. Screenings can provide peace of mind or early detection! Contact Life Line Screening to schedule your screening. Special offer - 5 screenings for just \$149. Call 1-833-939-0353. (11/29/2023AS)

163 - LOST & **FOUND**

LOST CAT NEAR HARTSEL RD., WEST BLANCA, south of US160. Answers to "SKINNY". Gray, 8 yo, fixed male. Please call 719-480-1013/719-298-1982. (11/29/23AS)

173 - PROFESSIONAL **SERVICES**

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> 221 -**HELP WANTED**

HELP WANTED: COOK & WAITRESS (will train) at the Wagon Wheel in LA JARA. Contact Margie, 719-274-5965. (12/2/23AS)

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SR HIGH SCHOOL

is accepting applica-tions for a SECOND-ARY FOREIGN LAN GUAGE TEACHER and ENGLISH LAN-GUAGE LEARNER (ELL) K-12 SITE CO-ORDINATOR. The applicant will need to able to teach Spanish. The applicant will also be responsible for managing the ELL requirements of CDE, including ACCESS testing for ELLs, ELL identification, and ELL classroom supports. If interested, please send a completed application, resume, and cover letter to Annie Hardy, DNHS Principal at ahardv@urtigers.co or contact Mrs. Hardy at (719) 657-4020 for more information. Applications can be downloaded from www.urtigers.

SALAZAR MEATS **NEAR** MANASSA interviewing for salaried, full-time MANAGE-MENT POSITION, starting \$40-50K based on experience. Please call 347-407-1622 for next steps in the hiring process. (12/15/23AS)

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221 -

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CAFETERIA STAFF NEEDED at UP-PER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DIS-TRICT. Must have a high school diploma and or GED and some knowledge of working in a kitchen or a willingness to be trained. Pay is dependent on prior experience. Please contact Leslie Martinez at 719-657-4040, x1100 or email her at lmartinez@urtigers.co. (12/15/23AS)

FULL-TIME: GUA-DALUPE PARISH CREDIT UNION has an opening for a full-time MEMBER SERVICE (TELLER). Banking experience (or working with money), excellent communication and computer skills required. Bilingual preferred but not required. Please submit a resume and three professional references to Guadalupe Parish Credit Union, Attention: Robert A. Chavez, President/CEO, P.O. Box 97, Antonito, CO 81120 or drop off in a sealed envelope at a branch office in Antonito, La Jara or San Luis. Application deadline is Friday, November 24, 2023 at 5pm. For more information, please contact Robert A. Chavez, President/CEO at 719-376-5413. (11/17/23AS)

ACCEPTING AP-PLICATIONS FOR MACHINIST: Working knowledge of manual lathe & mill required, horizontal boring mill, and/or CNC experience a plus. Equal Opportuni-ty Employer & drug free workplace. Must have HS diploma/GED, vocalent industry experience. For full details call 719-852-5070 or email to hr@brimhallindustrial. com. (11/29/23AS)

WOUND CARE RN/ CERTIFIED HYPER-BARIC. RIO GRANDE HOSPITAL has an opening in our Wound Clinic and Hyperbaric Oxygen (HBÓ) therapy Center in DEL NORTE, COLORADO. Must be a RN Colorado license, CPR, Wound Care certified, Certified or eligible to test for Certified Hyperbaric Specialist, Experience in Wound Care, must understand wound care and practices: capable of dealing with people and working closely with patients and physicians; workable knowledge of safety procedures; must have patience and enthusiasm as well as the willingness and ability to handle difficult situations with good judgment; must be able to work as a team member; must be willing to learn. RGH is an EOE. If interested, please complete a job pplication found on RGH website at www. riograndehospital.org . (11/29/23AS)

TRINCHERA

Job Title: Line Cook Dates of Employment: Starting ASAP Employment Terms: Temporary to start with potential for full-time,

Pay: from \$20.00 per hour, depending on experience; benefit eligibility after probationary period **Job Purpose**: Trinchera Ranch is looking for an experienced and

talented Line Cook for the Guest/Hunting Lodge

Sesential Duties/ Responsibilities:
 Prepare breakfast, lunch, and dinner for large parties, small gatherings, and in private chef settings
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 Work with a wide variety of cuisine including game and health-conscious fare.

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Put away items from food order, stocking of all pantries, organizing and heavy lifting required
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 Ability to work independently and as part of a team
 Perform other Ranch duties as assigned

Knowledge: Strong knowledge of cooking methods, kitchen equip-

nent, and best practices. Skill: Upscale food presentation, preparation of game and ealth-conscious fare

Ability: Teamwork-oriented, creative, strong attention to detail Education: Professional culinary training is preferred
Experience: Minimum of three years' experience working in a similar

setting. Prior guest ranch experience preferred To apply for this position, please email your resume or work experience and salary requirements to Allison Reagan, Human Resources Manager at Allison.Reagan@TrincheraRanch.com. Please note "Sous Chef" in subject line of email.

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MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT

is accepting applications for an INFANT/TOD-DLER CAREGIVER at the MVSD Early Learning Center. This is a full-time position. A complete list of qualifications can be viewed on the district website. The district offers a competitive salary and an excellent benéfit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Paraprofessional Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Administrative Information page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://www.pirates. monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities by November 27, 2023 or until the position is filled. For application questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996.

221 -**HELP WANTED**

MONTE VISTA

HEAD START is accepting applications for a LEAD TEACHER. This position is fulltime 38 hours/ week. Must have an AA or BA in ECE or related field. Starting Play is 17.00 to 22.00 Depending on education and experience. Applications are available at Monte Vista Head Start, 2863 Sherman Avenue, MONTE VISTA Colorado. For more information, you may contact the Director by email, Director@ MVheadstart.org or call 719-852-3215. An employment application must be complete. Position open until filled. (11/18/23AS)

NOW HIRING: THE HOUSING AUTHOR-ITY OF THE CITY OF ALAMOSA is seeking a full-time ASSISTANT DIRECTOR. Preferred qualifications include a bachelor's degree in business administration or a minimum of 3 to 5 years of business and supervisor experience. Qualified candidates must have a background in computer data base skills, grant writing experience, bilingual skills desirable and must work well with the public. Background check will be required upon offering the position. We offer a competitive salary and a great benefit package. Please call for more information 719-589-6694. Please summit a letter of intent and resume no later than November 27, 2023 to 213 Murphy Dr. Alamosa, Co. 81101. (11/25/23AS)

221 -**HELP WANTED**

ADAMS STATE UNI-VERSITY seeks applicants for a GENERAL LABOR III position in the Facilities Services Department. Starting salary for this position is \$3,484 per month. For application or more information, please see https://www.adams.edu/ hr/employment/ AA/ EOE. (11/17/23AS)

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CITY OF ALAMOSA is seeking a full-time POLICE CHIEF to provide administrative leadership, direction, planning, and organizing the activities of the Police Department in law enforcement and crime prevention. Hiring annual salary is \$103,869 - \$113,300 DOQ, FĹSA Exempt. Fringe benefits include a 401K retirement with a 10% employer and employee match, 11.5 holidays per year, 2 personal days, 80 hours of sick leave, 80 hours of vacation leave per year, and 80 hours of exempt PTO a year. Employer paid life insurance, STD, LTD & AD&D, 75% of medical, vision, and dental premiums paid by the employer, Wellness Program, and discounted recreational memberships. For a full job description and to apply, visit cityofalamosa.org or stop by City Hall at 300 Hunt Ave. The City of Alamosa provides Equal Opportunity Employment for accommodations please submit them in writing with the application. Application deadline - open until filled. (12/2/23AS)

WARD CLERK, NEEDED Full-Time days at RIO GRANDE HÖSPITAL. Amazing opportunity to join our incredible patient-centered and service-oriented team. Must be motivated and available to work flexible shifts. Apply at 0310 County Road 14, DEL NORTE, CO 81132 or online at www. riograndehospital.org . (11/15/23AS)

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(12/6/23AS) CITY OF ALAMOSA is seeking a full-time POLICE OFFICER or POLICE APPREN-TICE to protect the lives, safety, health welfare, and property of individuals within the corporate limits of Alamosa by enforcing municipal, state and federal statutes, ordinances and laws. Incumbents may be assigned to the Patrol Division, Investigations assignments necessary to protect and serve the needs of individuals relating to law enforce-ment. Hiring annual sal-ary is \$49,400 - \$59,383 DOQ, FLSA Non-Exempt. Fringe benefits in-clude a 401K retirement with a 10% employer and employee match 11.5 holidays per year, 2 personal days, 80 hours of sick leave, 80 hours of vacation leave per year. Employer paid life insurance, STD, LTD & AD&D, 75% of medical, vision, and dental premiums paid by the employer, Wellness Pro-gram, and discounted recreational memberships. For a full iob description and to apply, visit cityofalamosa.org or stop by City Hall at 300 Hunt Ave. The City of Alamosa provides Equal Opportunity Employment for accommodations please submit them in writing with the

application. Application deadline - open until filled. (12/2/23AS) ROBINS CON-STRUCTION IS looking for an experienced CONCRETE FORE MAN in residential, civil construction to join our team. Must have ability to perform strenuous tasks with hands, ability to kneel, bend and lift heavy materials, ability to measure accurately and read plans and specifications. Forman will be running a crew of 5-10 members. Must be a team player, keep crew motivated, complete jobs in a timely manner, and willing to work 40+ hours per week. Offer retirement, medical, dental, vision insurance, and paid vacation/ holidays. Pay based on experience. (11/18/23AS)

ROBINS CON-STRUCTION IS looking for EXPERI-ENCED OR TRAIN-ABLE CONCRETE LABORERS to join our team. Responsibilities include forming, pouring, finishing concrete, and additional labor/ equipment operation as needed. Must have ability to perform strenuous tasks with hands, ability to kneel, bend and lift heavy materials. Must be willing to work 40+ hours per week. Must be motivated and proactive. Offer retirement. medical, dental, vision insurance and paid va-cation/ holidays. Pay based on experience. (11/18/23AS)

BOOKKEEPER: LOCAL, WELL-RE-SPECTED non-profit agency hiring a book-keeper for a 6-MONTH TERM. Responsibilities include assistance with accounts payable, accounts receivable payroll, and special projects. We're looking for a motivated, values-driven individual with experience in QuickBooks and Excel. Initiative essential; training and support provided. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of serving others. FT, \$20.00/ hr; \$1,000 completion bonus after 6 months. Inquire about benefits. Send cover letter, resume/request job description to hr@lapu-ente.net, 719 589-5909, ext238. www.lapuente. net . (11/17/23AS)

221 -**HELP WANTED**

GRANDE HOSPITAL CLINIC at DEL NORTE & MONTE VISTA have a Full-Time MA or LPN position available in our busy Primary Care Clinic's. Must be dependable, have the ability to multi-task, be a self-starter and pay close attention to detail. RGH is an EOE. Complete an application online at www. riograndehospital.org under Contact/Employment. Additional questions, contact Ted Andersen at teda@ riograndehospital.net or call 719-657-2418. (11/15/23AS)

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REGISTERED NURSE NEEDED Full-Time NIGHTS at RIO GRANDE HOS-PITAL. Amazing opportunity to join our incredible patient-centered and serviceoriented team. Must be motivated and available to work flexible shifts. Apply at 0310 County Road 14, DEL NORTE, CO 81132 or online at www.riograndehospital.org . (11/15/23AS)

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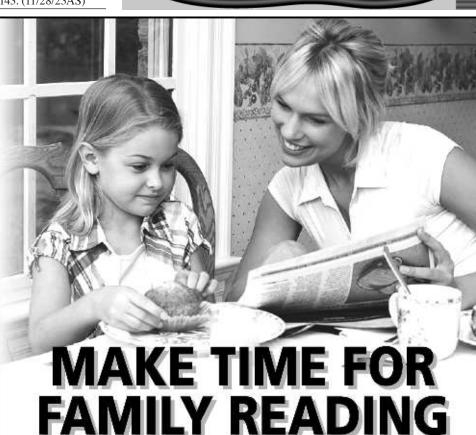
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HERMAN



"Catch of the Day' is fish sticks."

Boyfriend's behavior pushes woman's boundaries

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my live-in boyfriend for eight years. During the last five months, he has started staying out until daylight, choosing his friends over me, snapping at me when he talks at all and doesn't want to be around me. We have always gone everywhere together and shared our friendships with each other. There's an age gap of 16 years, but it has

never been a problem. I left for a month last year when I caught him talking to another woman through messaging (not platonic talk). That month I did a lot of soul-searching and set boundaries I will no longer allow to be broken. Because of past failed relationships, I have learned how to stand up and voice my opinion and care for myself emotionally. I guess my question is, should I be concerned, keep trying to communicate my feelings to him or move on with my life? I always put him ahead of anyone other than my children and God, but he doesn't give me the

DEAR LOST: Is your boyfriend the person who is 16 years younger? I ask because his behavior is certainly immature. In light of what you have written, it should be clear to you that he is no longer as commit-

ted to your relationship as

same respect. -- LOST FOR

ANSWERS IN ARKAN-

you have been. You stated that you have established boundaries that you will no longer allow to be broken. GOOD FOR YOU. It is time to REESTABLISH them because the treatment you have been receiving is not only disrespectful, but also cruel. You may have devoted years to the relationship, but from my perspective, you have invested enough. Tell him you can see that he is not happy and ASK him if he wants to break up. I have a strong feeling that the answer will be yes.

DEAR ABBY: I am a

20-year-old gay man. I recently started a new job in which I thought I'd be replacing an aging co-worker who is supposed to be retir-ing "in a year." Every time I have mentioned anything to her about her retiring, she has corrected me, saying she's only going to cut back to a day or two a week. When I was hired, I was told she'd be gone in a month. I'm uncomfortable because she is politically conservative, deeply religious and sometimes moody, which makes

her difficult to be around. I have kept my mouth shut since I have been here only a month, whereas she has been here more than 20 years. I recently found out two other people had been hired for my role before I was, and both quit within

six months. Should I stay

and wait it out or follow



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

the possibility of happiness elsewhere? -- HOT AND BOTHEREDININDIANA

DEAR HOT AND BOTHERED: Talk with your employer about the circumstances under which you were hired. You were told you would replace this woman and she'd be gone in one month. Exercise a little patience for another month or so and, if she's still there, ask your employer if something has changed because she's telling you she's not quitting. You deserve a straight answer if circumstances have changed. If that's the case and the job is no longer what you thought it was going to be, then "follow the possibility of happiness elsewhere AFTER you have found a

new job.

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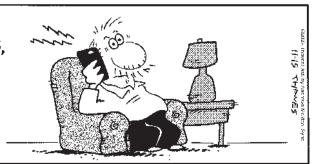




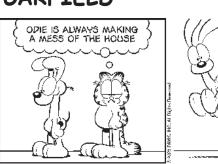


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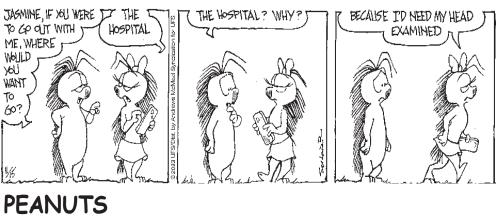
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Lifestyle

Proud Military Parents and Supporters host Coffee with a Veteran

By MARIE MCCOLM MONTE VISTA — On

Military Parents and Supporters group hosted its first-ever "Coffee with a Veteran," event at the Colorado Veterans Comevent at the munity Living Center at Homelake. The event was open to the public.

Group founder Kelly Avila spoke about the event.

"This is just going great," she said. "It's great to be able to talk to the Veterans out here at Homelake. It's exciting to listen to their stories. I have two kids in the service also. My daughter is in the National Guard, and my son is in the Army. We are really excited to be able to do things for the Veterans and we hope that we can do more for them later as well. This is just the start. We are hoping to do this annually,

Proud Military Parent Michelle Velasquez said, "It's great to see all the Veterans out here participating. We are looking forward to it getting bigger and better every year."

Ronald Simmons, of the Proud Military Parents said his son is in the military and helped at center when he was in Boy Scouts.

"I remember him saying those guys over there have the neatest stories. The folks out here can tell everyone a lot about the service," Simmons said.

Drift Away Coffee was selling coffee. Ivette Atencio, who is the LOR Foundation Monte Vista officer, was at the event as the foundation helped sponsor the event.

At least 25 people attended the event. Many of the Veterans who live at the center sat near the Drift Away Coffee trailer drinking coffee and eating donuts and cookies.

George Blake is a Veteran who lives at the center.

"I am 102 years old, and I feel 102 years old,' he stated with a chuckle. Blake said that he lived in Salida for 40 years before he moved to Monte Vista. "I am enjoying my coffee this morning.'

Blake was stationed at Pearl Harbor when the attack occurred.

Joseph Marcelino served in the military for 15 years. He was stationed in many different places including Fort Lewis, Germany, Korea, and Desert Storm. He was in Intel Communications, and he really enjoyed

his service time. "I left the Army as a Staff Sargent. My dad and my brother were both in the Army too. I feel like I followed in my dad's footsteps and went into the Army

also," he said. Tom Jones served for 6 years. He said he served all over — the San Franscico area, Alaska, Turkey, and spent a year in Vietnam.

"I had a good time I suppose. I graduated from high school, and it was just that time. Back then you either get drafted or you could join," he said. "I worked for a little while and then I joined. I worked on aircrafts in the service, that was hard, but I did it; I was a big machine mechanic. My favorite part of being in the service was traveling and meeting different people. I have been here in the Valley since 1997. I have my son and my daughter out here, they graduated from here. This is one of the nicer places in the world. This is definitely my home. My wife passed away about

worry about is visiting." Alberto Cruz spoke about being a part of the Subma-

a year ago. My family doesn't have to worry about

me here. All they have to

rine Service Crew.

"My favorite part was be-Veterans Day, the Proud ing out in the submarine," I loved serving, it was the pleasure of my life."

Homelake Director of Admissions and Marketing Pam Self was excited about the coffee with the Veteran

"This morning is abso-"To see the fellowship of page.

the Veterans here, this is just a very special morning. This is such a special event Cruz said. "I was a single with the weather and the dad, so I left the subma-sunshine. I want to thank rine service to be a father. the Proud Military Parents and Support group for bringing this in, the LOR Foundation for all their help and Drift Away for all the coffee."

For more information about the event, visit the Proud Military Parents lutely incredible," Self said. and Supporters Facebook



Drift Away Coffee provided coffee to people at the Coffee with a Veteran event at the Colorado Veterans Community Living Center at Homelake on Veterans Day. The event was organized by the Proud Military Parents and Support group.



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On Veterans Day, the Proud Military Parents and Supporters group hosted its firstever Coffee with a Veteran event at the Colorado Veterans Community Living Center at Homelake.

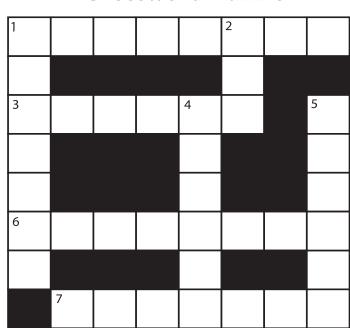




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YNSMEK: 44

Crossword Puzzle



- **ACROSS** 1. Looked over
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- 6. Great Plains state
- 7. Illustration

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- 1. Enjoying a book
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