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Today **SLV** Commissioners to meet

Monday

ALAMOSA— The San Luis Valley County Commissioners will have a special meeting 9 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 20, at the Alamosa County Service Center, 8900 Independence Way. On the agenda are 2024 budget funding requests and an update from Alamosa County Commissioner Lori Laskeregardingatransmission line grant.

Chapter DP, **PEO** selling pecans, cashews on **Nov. 18**

ALAMOSA — Chapter DP, PEO is selling pecans and cashews from 9 to 11 a.m. on Nov. 18 at the First United Methodist Church in Alamosa. Sales help raise money for the chapter's PEO scholarships and grants. For more information, call Helen

Annual Bake Sale is Nov. 18

ALAMOSA — On Saturday, Nov. 18, the First Christian Church in Alamosa will hold its 23rd annual Craft and Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The church is located at State Avenue and First Street in Alamosa.

SLV WEATHER



Chance of Rain or Snow, Breezy 55/20

Sun: Chance of Snow, Breezy 49/21

Mon: Chance of Snow, Breezy 44/11

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Courier announces 'Christmas' honorees

STAFF REPORT

ALAMOSA — By virtue of Alamosa Elementary. being crowned Alamosa High School's homecoming queen, Sarah DeLaCerda is the Valley Courier's 2023 Miss Merry Christmas.

She will be joined by Little Miss Merry Christmas Isabella Avila and Little Mister Christmas Ezequiel Chavez in the annual pre-Thanksgiving edition on Wednesday, Nov. 22. The youth were selected from dozens of entries for the latter two honors.

Isabella is the 7-year-old daughter of David and Sophia Avila of Alamosa and a secondgrader at Alamosa Elementary. Ezequiel is the 5-year-old son of Kevin Chavez and Brittany Martinez and is a kindergartner at

Sarah is a senior at Alamosa High and is the daughter of Peter and Ronda DeLaCerda. She has four siblings, Isaiah, Elijah, Jeremiah and Hannah.

A stalwart athlete at AHS, ■ See CHRISTMAS page 3

Sarah DeLaCerda, center, was voted Alamosa High School's

2023 homecoming queen and therefore will be featured as Miss Merry Christmas in the Valley Courier's annual pre-Thanksgiving edition on Wednesday, Nov. 22. Joining her are Little Miss Merry **Christmas Isabella Avila and Little** Mister Christmas Ezequiel Chavez.

Courier photo by Keith R. Cerny





At the memorial service for Sgt. C.G. Betenbaugh, Conejos County Veterans Service Officer Robert Lockwood presented his family with a memorial plaque. From left to right are, Vickie Winsauer, Karen Lofton, Trudy Silverman, Glen Betenbough, Jo Jordan, and Robert Lockwood.

Conejos County Veterans Service Officer pays tribute

By ROBERT **LOCKWOOD**

Conejos County Veterans Service officer Robwords of tribute at the memorial service for Clinton Betenbough, a Veteran who recently passed away at the age of 101. Reprinted here is the service.

'Sgt. Clinton G. Beten-

"It is a great honor May 9, 1922 2 1/2 years to speak today about after the end of WW I. CONEJOS COUNTY the oldest and last WW During that era, women On Veterans Day, II veteran of Conejos were given the right to County, and possibly vote. By the time he was the oldest veteran in the one, Charles Lindbergh ert Lockwood said these entire San Luis Valley. I completed the first solo hope today is not a com- transatlantic flight, and plete day of sadness for the star-spangled banhis passing but rather ner was adopted as our a tribute to his life and country's national anthem.

"Betenbough graduwhat Lockwood said at bough led a wonder- ated from high school in ful life. He was born on ■ See TRIBUTE page 3



The Alamosa City Council held its first executive session with City of Alamosa department heads on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

City council holds first executive session with department heads

Looks into concerns raised by former APD Chief

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA cil meeting, council mem- Beyond that, bers took the first step in learning more about the concerns raised by Alamosa Police Department's former Police Chief Ken Anderson, he cited for resigning to the nature of the topic from his position. At to be discussed. this point, three execuscheduled so far focusing See COUNCIL page 3

on the challenges Anderson said he encountered under the supervision of Alamosa City Manager Heather Sanchez.

During Wednesday night's executive session, council members spoke with the city's department heads, all of whom are supervised directly by Sanchez, as well as indi-At viduals on the next tier Wednesday night's coun- of the supervisory chain. nothing

more is known. Executive sessions are, by state statute, held in confidential settings where members of the public are legally prohibincluding the reasons ited from attending due

When asked for his tive sessions have been comment on the impor-

Alamosa celebrates National Adoption Day

By JOHN WATERS Courier News Editor ALAMOSA COUNTY — On

Friday, the 12th Judicial District paid respect to National Adoption Day at the Alamosa Judicial Center. Hon. Amanda C. Hopkins,12th Judicial District Chief Judge, presided over the events which were focused on kids and fun things for them to do outside on a glorious late fall The kids had a petting zoo, a

bounce house, and a small slide where they could release handmade car-like toys. The celebration was open to residents of the San Luis Valley. In remarks before the outside

activities, Hopkins offered personal and heartfelt words, "A lot of you already know, I'm an adopted child. You have probably heard me tell your kids, that being adopted means that you are such an amazing person, so special that that you could not imagine your family being whole without your children. What is sometimes failed to be honored, is being an adoptive parent. While I probably would have been OK if my stepdad had never adopted me and never become my real dad, I would not be the person I am today had he and my mom not made that choice. In the 30 years since my adoption, I can \blacksquare See **ADOPTION** page 3



At the 12th Judicial District celebration of National Adoption Day, are Alamosa Commissioners, left to right, Arlan Van Ry, Lori Laske, and Vern Heersink.



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Record

Alamosa City Council greenlights liquor license for new bar on State Avenue

Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa City Council has given the OK for a tavern liquor license to be granted to the new owner of the building that used to house Greco's, a longtime tavern located at 513 State Ave. just south of Main Street. In approving the application, the council helped to pave the way for the new bar to be called "The 719".

Joseph Serrano, the new owner and future operator of the bar, has plans for his business, as was obvious in the comprehensive presen-

As he told the coun-

cil, he has been in the business for 11 years, primarily in Las Vegas, and, most recently, working at Knee Knockers in Alamosa.

He plans to offer a venue for craft cocktails and mocktails, live music, and sports and spoke of his commitment to safe service. He also plans to work with the Rubi Slipper, the restaurant located across the street, to provide a limited carry-out menu, and to be part of First Fridays.

Serrano told the council he has received the Nevada equivalent of "TIPS" training. TIPS which stands for tation he made to the Training for Intervencity council as part of tion Procedures — is his application, which a widely recognized all his employees. also included a petition program that provides bearing 100 signatures knowledge and skills he is looking forward to the application. of people in support of necessary for prevent- restarting the long tra-



The Alamosa City Council unanimously approved a tavern liquor license to Joseph Serrano for bar at 513 State Ave.

Serrano further stated quire such training for a tavern, a sentiment

who spoke in favor of south side of town.

Eddie Valdez, own- TIPS. Dixon said she was er of Knee Knockers, ing alcohol-related is- dition of live music and "impressed by the young also spoke in favor of mosa City Council voted Serrano is not new to sues and is one that sports at a location that man." She spent a lot the application, not- in unanimous approval the beverage business. Serrano says he will re- has historically been of time in Greco's and ing that Serrano does a of granting Serrano's liwould love to see it come great job in his role at cense.

echoed by Sara Dixon, back and liven up the Knee Knockers and is good at implementing

The members of Ala-

Care and Share Turkey Drive



ALAMOSA — At the annual Care and Share Food Bank Turkey Drive, volunteers and staff members from the food bank were at the City Market in Alamosa on Friday collecting frozen turkeys that will be distributed to families in need. This year, Care and Share hopes to distribute 15,000 turkeys that will be collected from supermarkets in Colorado Springs, Pueblo, and Alamosa. From left to right are, Charlotte Ledonne, Meagan Smith, Turkey Joan, Harvey Horton, and Kaylee Gomez Romero. The food bank will continue raising monetary donations for Thanksgiving online at www.careandshare.org/turkey.

OBITUARY

Ignacio (Nick) 'Junior' Ortega

Union Pacific Railroad

as a switchman from the

time he was discharged

from the Navy until he

Ignacio was united in

Uncle Junior, as he was

marriage to Rose Torres

on July 25, 2003, in Den-

known by all his neph-

retired in 1997.

ver, Colo.

Ignacio (Nick) "Junior" passed away peacefully on Nov. 8, 2023, at the age of 84 in Wheat Ridge, Colo. He was born Feb. 6, 1939, in Capulin, Colo., to Ignacio Ortega and Porfiria (Archuleta) Ortega.

Ignacio was a proud Veteran of the US Navy where he served as a sonarman on the submarine USS Tench from 1961 to 1965. During his time in the Navy, Ignacio traveled through Europe and other countries. This fueled

his love for travel and once discharged from \ the Navy, traveling became one of his hob-

Ignacio also enjoyed hunting, fly fishing, walking, and being outdoors.

In addition to his hobbies, Ignacio loved watching football and was a dedicated Denver Broncos

swimming

fan. Later in life, Ignacio Ignacio

loved spending time with his beloved granddaughter, Lilliana.

ews and nieces, was more than just an uncle. To some, he was a second father, to others he was more like an older brother. To all he was a great and kind man who had a profound impact. Ignacio was pre- several nieces, nephews,

parents, Ignacio and and dear friends. Porifia Ortega. Ignacio is vived by his wife of 20 years, Rose Orte-

ga, his stepchildren,

and Gilbert (Mari) Tor- immediately after at 10 res, granddaughter, Lilliana Torres; siblings lowing at Capulin Cem-Jelena (William-deceased) Anderson, Arthur Ortega, Cecelia (Martindeceased) Roberts, Vic- in Lakewood and Alamoworked for tor (Darlene) Ortega,



Lawrence Ortega, Jerry (Isabell) Ortega and Edwin Ortega. In addition, Ignacio leaves behind ceded in death by his cousins, God children Recitation of the Ro-

sary to be held Nov. 20, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Church in Capulin, Colo. A Mass of the Mary Ellen Torres Resurrection will be held a.m. with interment fol-

The care of arrange-(Oralia-deceased) ments has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home

Biden signs stopgap spending bill, avoiding government shutdown

Colorado Newsline WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden has signed the stopgap spending bill, giving his administration and Congress about two months to work out agreement on the dozen annual spending bills.

Those appropriations Oct. 1, but disagreement about whether to adhere level set in the debt limit leadership role. law approved this sumdelayed the process.

ment shutdown. It's an Louisiana Republican. important step but we have more to do," Biden wrote on X, formerly known as Twitter, on Friday morning. "I urge Congress to address our national security and domestic needs — and House Republicans to stop wasting time on extreme bills and honor our bipartisan budget agreement."

The short-term spending bill, also called a continuing resolution or CR, keeps funding flat and policy nearly identical to the last batch of full-year

\$1.7 trillion.

first short-term spending vote of 87-11. bill in late September, creating a new deadline will give the Biden ad-Friday at midnight to ne- ministration and Congotiate a deal on the full- gress until Jan. 19 to year spending bills.

cans plunged into inter- FDA, nal turmoil shortly af- Military measures were supposed terward when eight GOP VA and Transportationto become law by the lawmakers and Demo- HUD spending bills. start of the fiscal year on crats voted to remove to the total spending Republican, from that ers a bit more time to

House

Johnson earlier this Education, month proposed a second Branch and State-Forstopgap spending bill that would fund part of the government through mid-January and the rest of the programs through ear-"laddered" approach, which includes two fundare drafted.

Republicans about the two deadlines, the U.S. House approved spending bills. Those bill Tuesday on a 336were approved last De- 95 vote and the Senate mostly runs on autopilot.

By JENNIFER SHUTT cember and totaled about cleared the legislation for Biden's signature late Congress passed its Wednesday night by a

> The new spending law reach bipartisan agree-But House Republi- ment on the Agriculture-Energy-Water,

The eight other bills former Speaker Kevin have funding through McCarthy, a California Feb. 2, giving lawmaknegotiate a final agree-Republicans ment. Those bills include mer or to renegotiate has spent several weeks un- Commerce-Justice-Sciable to unify behind ence, Defense, Financial "Last night I signed a three nominees before Services, Homeland Sebill preventing a govern- electing Mike Johnson, a curity, Interior-Environment,

> eign Operations. The dozen bills make up the discretionary side of the annual federal budget and account for ly February. The so-called roughly one-third of total

> government spending. Funding for mandatory ing deadlines instead of programs, including Soone, is not typically how cial Security, Medicare short-term spending bills and Medicaid, makes up the remaining two-thirds Despite concern from of government spending Democrats and some and is classified as man-

datory. That funding doesn't go the through the annual appropriations process and

Christmas tree permit sales options

By RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST NORTE

Christmas tree permits for the Rio Grande National Forest are now available to purchase in person or online and will remain on sale through the coming holiday sea-

How to obtain Christmas tree permits:

·Permits can be purchased at www.recreation.gov by searching "Rio Grande Christmas Tree.

·Rio Grande National in Saguache, Del Norte

and La Jara have the permits for sale from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Visit one of our valuable Christmas tree permit vendors. Navigate to

our Rio Grande National

to get the most up to date be found at www.fs.usda. vendor locations.

Below are current vendors that have permits: Kristi Mountain Rio Grande National For-Sports - 3223 Main St., est, call 719-850-2374.

Alamosa •Green Spot Garden Center - 711 State Ave.,

Alamosa South Fork Visitor

Center - 28 Silver Thread Ln., South Fork

 Monte Vista COOP -1901 US Highway 160, Monte Vista

•San Juan Sports – 102 S. Main St., Creede · Creede/Mineral Coun-

Forest district offices ty Chamber of Commerce -904 S. Main St., Creede Costs and rules associated with the permits: Permits cost \$8 per

tree. If bought online, there will be a processing fee added. Users must have a permit with them to harvest a Christmas Forest Christmas Tree tree. Several rules apply page or interactive map, to this activity and can gov/goto/Rio_Grande_

For information on the

Christmas_Tree.



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Valley News

Councilor Carson requests clarification of previous reporting

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — Alamosa City Councilor Michael Carson recently reached out to the Valley Courier, requesting clarification regarding reporting that appeared in the Nov. 14 edition "City Council to hold first executive session with department heads.'

In that story, it was reported that, during their Nov. 1 meeting, the council voted unanimously to approve the consent calendar that included the renewal of the contract of City Manager Heather Sanchez.

While those members in council chambers voted unanimously to approve the consent calendar, Carson said he had stepped out of the meeting prior to the vote due to an illness that he has been dealing with for several weeks.

Carson told the Valley Courier that he "had planned to make a motion to remove that item from the consent calendar" and he was "unaware that Mayor Coleman had held the vote in his absence."

A review of the videotape of the council meeting shows that Councilor Carson did step out of the meeting before the vote being held and that Mayor Ty Coleman indicated that council should of the council who were just go ahead and hold



Sargent FFA Advisor, local FFA member awarded National American FFA Degree

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FFA Organization honors FFA members who show the utmost dedication to cultural Economics. the organization through growth, and career suceducation.

ber of the Sargent FFA chapter, was awarded the American FFA Degree at the 96th National FFA Convention and Expo on Nov. 4. She is the second recipient from Sargent and worked at least 2,250 FFA to ever receive this hours outside of class time prestigious degree.

Ashlyn Rockey, a mem-

Tech and is continuing position as an employee, Each year, the National her education and com- or conduct research. mitment to agriculture while majoring in Agri- complete 50 hours of

their desire to develop Case IH, Elanco Animal ing leadership abilities their potential for pre- Health, and Syngenta, and civic involvement mier leadership, personal the award recognizes through completion of a demonstrated cess through agricultural and outstanding achievements in agricultural than one percent of FFA business, processing, or service pro- American FFA Degree.

have members must earned at least \$10,000 FFA Degree key and ceror earned at least \$2,000 through a supervised Rockey has served as a agricultural experience chapter, District 4, and (SAE) program in which based national

is now attending Texas ness, hold a professional

Recipients must also community service and Sponsored by Cargill, demonstrate outstandability long list of FFA and community activities. Less production, members achieve

Each recipient of the To be eligible, FFA American FFA Degree receives a gold American tificate after being recognized at the national con-

The National FFA Organization is a schoolyouth Colorado FFA officer. She they own their own busi- leadership development



Ashlyn Rockey, a member of the Sargent FFA chapter, was awarded the American FFA Degree at the 96th National FFA Convention and Expo on Nov. 4.

organization of more than 945,000 student members as part of 9,163 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S.

Virgin Islands

"I believe that Sgt. C.G. Betenbough would not have expected a pat on his back for his sacrifices in life, but he would have expected us all to live better and with an obligation to each other as citizens of this great country which men and women alike have fought and died for the freedoms

we enjoy today. country honorably.'

Council

■ Continued from Page 1 tance of the process of interviewing department heads and what he hopes to learn, Councilor Michael Carson stated, "This is just the begin-

ning of a process that I feel is going to take a while. I don't feel that communication with detime is going to fix any issues in the long run. We're going to have to go through this interview process and then set up more formal or more regular meeting with department heads.

"Without divulging too much, it's too early for me to gauge exactly what following go. I think it's the begingoing to become something more permanent, in my opinion. That's almuch more involved in cludes: communications.

made people comfortable on the spot. We can't get good information that way. We have to make this more regular where people can air their issues — if there are any without the fear of being

the kind of environment we want."

While the specific content of an executive session is confidential, who attends those meetings is public knowledge and, when asked, City Mandividual was scheduled Resignation. to speak with council for about 30 minutes.

to council Wednesday and made available to night included Holly the public until the end of Martinez, City Clerk; January, 2024.

Leanne Lounsbury, Director of the Finance Department; Andy Rice, Director of Parks and Recreation and the Library; Bill Stone, Chief of Alamosa Fire Department; Kathy Woods, Director of Economic Development; and Rachel James, Director of Development Services. When asked, Sanchez

also provided a list of adpartment heads just one ditional upcoming executive sessions and public work sessions that have been scheduled, proposed by Sanchez in the Nov. 1 meeting when Anderson resigned and designed to further look into all areas he raised prior to his resignation.

Sanchez noted that, direction we're going to night's session, an additional meeting had been ning of a process that is scheduled for Thursday morning that was not on the schedule previously planned. The complete ready something that I've list — at this point — of pushed, that we become upcoming meetings in-

- Nov. 22, 6 p.m. Ex-"I like the information ecutive Session Meeting gathering process. We've with Department Heads • Nov. 29, 6 p.m. — Ex-
- but we're putting people ecutive Session Review of Direct Report Informa-
 - Dec. 6, 7 p.m. Regular Meeting, agenda item to provide input on characteristics needed for Police Chief
- Dec. 13, 6 p.m. "I think we have to cre- Work Session to meet ate policy around this. If with Center for Restorwe don't, we won't protect ative Programs to disour employees and create cuss the Let Everyone Advance with Dignity, formerly called Law Enforcement Diversion Pro-
 - Dec. 20, 6 p.m. Executive Session Meeting with City Manager
- Jan. 31, 6 p.m. ager Sanchez provided a Work Session for Discuslist of names as well as sion of Concerns Raised a notation that each in- During the Police Chief's

A final report on the council's findings is not The people who spoke expected to be created

Tribute

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listed in the United States the first woman U.S. Su- 3, 2023. Army, serving in the 1st Infantry Division known as "The Big Red One." In his late teens and 20's he was stationed in England, France, and after D-Day, in Germany. He received orders to deploy to Japan but the Japanese surrendered two days later, ending World War II. He was honorably discharged in Oklahoma Federal Build-September 1945.

first American satellite launched into space. In his 40's the Cuban Missile Crisis, the first American astronaut to orbit Earth, assassinations of President John F. Ken-

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preme Court Justice, the Curtain. In his 70's he and all Americans witnessed the Persian Gulf War, Wars, the first bombing of the first African Ameri-Obama. In his 90's he

and Buzz Aldrin landed before his passing, he exon the moon, and the Viet- perienced sickness for the just because it was right nam War came to an end. 1st time ending his life af- and just. "He witnessed Sandra ter surpassing a Century. 1940, and voluntarily en- Day O'Connor become He passed on November

"These are the life ex-Space Shuttle Challenger periences and memories tragedy, the Cold War, movies should be made and the fall of the Iron of. This was a man who volunteered with possibility of making the ultimate sacrifice for the Iraq and Afghanistan his selfless service to his country, a man who didn't the World Trade Center, complain about the state and the bombing of the of the world or his country, but rather took action ing. In his 80's the falling to protect it. A man who "In his 30's he witnessed of the Twin Towers on raised his family to know the Korean War and the 9/11, and the election of that respect was something earned not given can President, Barack freely, and that love had many faces all of which stopped cattle ranching he shared with his fam-(96 years old), he wit- ily and friends. This man nessed the ban lifted on and his generation broke women serving in combat the mold of being tough nedy, Martin Luther King units, the destruction of as nails. Our country to-Jr., Sen. Robert Kennedy, Hurricane Katrina, the day lacks in men of his and Malcolm X. The Civil death of Osama Bin Lad- integrity, doing the right Rights Act was signed en, the Boston Marathon thing even when no one into law, and rights un- tragedy, and the eruption is watching, doing things der Miranda were estab- of the COVID 19 pandem- based on pride and honor, Neil Armstrong ic. At 101, just two weeks duty and sacrifice. He did

this not for accolades but

"From Armistice Day in 1919 to Veterans Day since 1954, we honor all Veterans of our armed forces, including Sgt. C.G. Betenbaugh. Whether a Veteran of war or peacetime, a Veteran of active duty, national guard, or reserves, a Veteran is a Veteran! Be sure to thank them for their service because we all owe them DeLaCerda a great debt. May God bless you all, and may he bless the United States of America, and bless all our Veterans who served our

Adoption

■ Continued from Page 1 point to no single event that impacted my life for the positive as much. Without my parent's support and love, I can guarantee you that I would have not had the courage to be here and be the person that I am speaking to you today."

All the Alamosa Coun-Heersink, Arlan Van Ry

and Lori Laske, attended to show their support of foster care and adoption. Laske read a county proclamation in honor of the day.

"This celebration in all 50 states will offer children the chance to live with stable and loving families and encourage other dedicated individuals to make a powerful difference in the lives of children through foster ty Commissioners, Vern care and adoption," read part of the proclamation.

hristmas

■ Continued from Page 1 has individual state championships in track and championships in cross

country and track. She

will be attending Saint Mary's College of California next fall on a running scholarship while pursuing a degree in kinesiology.

A 4.4 GPA student, she wrestling, also help- has also been active in ing her team win state the National Honor Society and Student Council at AHS.

November

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Adams State University

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Thanksgiving Break -No Classes

No Classes

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Thanksgiving Break -No Classes

Administrative Offices

Closed - Reopen November 27

Zacheis Planetarium Closed During Thanksgiving Break

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Thanksgiving Break -No Classes

Administrative Offices

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Zacheis Planetarium Closed During Thanksgiving Break

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Thanksgiving Break -No Classes

Administrative Offices Closed - Reopen November 27

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Cloyde Snook Gallery and Hatfield **Gallery Closed During Thanksgving Break**

100 years ago in the San Luis Valley — November 1923

SAN LUIS VALLEY — One hundred years ago the White family was driving down the Gunbarrel road, right around sunset, when they realized their car battery would not furnish lights. Darkness overtook them as they were debating about pulling over and waiting for the moon to come up. They then ran into a truck. Their daughter was taken to the hospital in Alamosa but no one was seriously hurt. Roads in and out of the valley were in a bad muddy condition due to recent snowstorms.

A young man claimed he was eating watermelon and did not know that he had stolen someone's bicycle. "We presume the discovery of the toxic influence of watermelon will be listed officially as melonitis.'

One hundred couples attended the "Spookibus" Carnival at the American Legion. A three-pound trout was caught in the river north of Monte Vista.

The Rexall Store was having a onecent sale. Phenolphthalein tablets were 2/26¢ (Phenolphthalein at that time was used as a laxative. It is now considered a carcinogen.) Blood Builder 2/\$2.01, Aspirin $2/36\phi$ (probably bottles, not per pill) Cigars 2/9c, Emulsified Cocoanut Shampoo 2/21¢.

The Monte Vista Library announced many new books available including, A Lost Lady and One of Ours by Willa Cather and A Son at the Front by Edith Wharton.

Armistice Day fell on a Sunday, November 11th, therefore it will be observed on Monday the 12th and declared a holiday.

An article contained a discussion about the emergency immigration law which limited annual immigration to 3% of certain nationalities on a basis of like nationals already residing in this country in 1910. "The worst part of it is that there is no way of ascertaining the state of various quotas until the European emigrants are dumped at Ellis Island. The net residue of immigrants admitted, as authorities state, is much inferior to the class which came before the quota law went into effect." The US wants the right class of immigrants as needed for farms and factories. Under the quota law, entries can not be determined until the immigrant ship arrives. Only a gambler would risk on such a slim chance. Congress will take up the matter in the next session. "It should be qualitative, not quantitative quotas.'

A relative of C.H. Shulz sent him a letter from Germany that said it is very doubtful Germany will be able to reconstruct stability without a revolution.

If France can't pay the stupendous sum of \$4 billion, how can Germany pay more than 7 times that much? Will the World Conference answer that gues-

Calvin Coolidge was quoted as saying "I heartily endorse and favor the extension of kindergarten education as one means of promoting brotherly love and reverence; for in kindergarten such traits are cultivated at a time when habits of thought and action are formed

The Big Brother idea was started in some of the larger cities and had spread rapidly. Monte Vista was recruiting for the Big Brother program.

Josephine Hopper was advertising interpretive dancing lessons. Warners Variety Store headlined their advertisement with "Only 27 Shopping Days Until Christmas".

A force of men from the Canon City penitentiary was arriving to finish the work on the Poncha Pass road. The bridge at Mears was to be raised to road grade and the sharp downhill approach cut to grade.

1924 license tags may be purchased beginning November 15. First, the applicant must prove that all taxes are paid on the vehicle. This was a new requirement.

Diavalo, the daredevil of the air, death defying youngster seen in motion pictures, was to appear with the Fying Circus. As the plane flies 90 miles per hour Diavalo will climb on top of the wing and stand on his head. Airplane rides will also be offered piloted by Clyde Prong-

horn Planes – King of the Air. A picture a turkey was accompanied

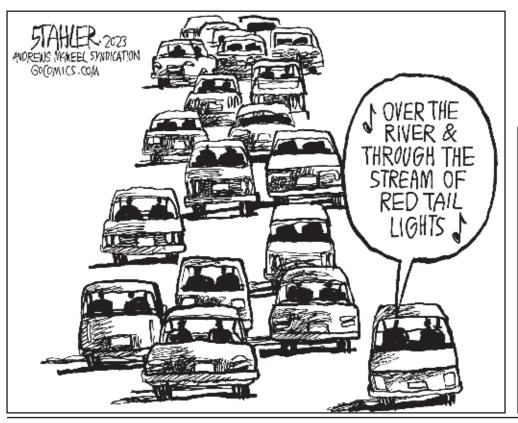
by the following poem. I'm a wise old bird,

Indeed I am,

And full of goodness as can be

If you don't think that I don't know Just ax me and

Ax me and see.



Movin' On

with Nellie

Nelda Curtiss

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Robin Williams' suicide opens discussions

his own life."

A few weeks ago, CBS and ABC reported the unexpected death of Matthew Perry in his Jacuzzi from drowning. The world knew he had struggled with alcohol and drugs through his years on "Friends." But anchors and fans alike still wonder did he revert to substance abuse this last time? What happened to Matthew Perry? Was it another planned suicide? The autopsy may give us answers.

I admit the news was hard to take. Like the 2014 tragedy when Williams took his own life, I wondered why? Remembering Williams on network TV, included excerpts from movies and sitcoms. As an English professor, I used Dead Poets Society (DPS) every semester as an opportunity to teach students to think about description, narration, and exemplification; then to analyze by using cause and effect, compare and contrast and definition.

this underlying layer came important suicide prevention. A decade earlier, and find "life is worth living after all." dialogs around depression and suicide. I brought in mental health experts from the local community, and mental health agency. We talked about what element of the story "caused" Neil to take his own life. We discussed the Plus, he no longer had the contact with com.

held its breath when Denver's 9News film revealed; we looked for the mark-KUSA anchors interrupted. "Breaking ers of Neil's choices and how he might news, Robin Williams was found dead at have chosen differently. We had honage 63. There is some indication he took est explorations of students' personal struggles and emotional

hurdles. No one left that class without knowing the local emergency numbers and the national hotline for suicide prevention which is now: 988. (SMS 988)

For over a decade, mental/behavioral health organizations have campaigned to change the stigma long associated with addressing the many mental health issues and disorders of the brain and "heart."

My own experience with depression and suicide ideation, made me realize that we need to chat with our family and keep Facetime active with friends and maybe even X posts about our thoughts slanting downward. Most of all, we need to look and listen with love. Yes, depression afflicted me throughout my public school years and through young motherhood. I had some help from friends who listened to me despite

Then again, depression was a char-schools were embracing the movement I remember how class discussions in another rural community brought one

The supermoon of August 2014 personal inter-relationships that the his children that he yearned for. Having a dedicated counselor on campus was important, especially in these crises. Still, this non-traditional student from rural North Dakota parked his aged pick-up on the tracks. His suicide brought home the need for more counselors available on campus.

Depression is not gender specific and it doesn't pick on the upwardly mobile more than the unemployed; depression is a brain not working properly like lungs that do not breathe fully or like a broken leg that needs medical inter-

Some signs of depression are: withdrawing from usual activities, giving away possessions, sleeping more than usual, lack of energy and crying for seemingly no reason. Even confusion and lack of concentration can be clues to depression.

Robin Williams in his many roles gave his fans unrelenting humor to help us through our daily lives. In DPS, Mr. Keating offered his students motivation to thrive - like poetry, life, love, and a reminder to "live deliberately," and to find out "What will your verse be?"

Call the hotline for help; call your friends. Reach out and share your feelings and quandaries. Take the chal-A few years back, local Valley high lenge that Robin Williams as Mr. Keating shouted out to the class and find acter in Neil's story in the DPS. From of suicide awareness with training in your voice (verse), open up your choices

> Nelda Curtiss is a retired college edmiddle aged student to talk to me after ucator and long-time local columnist. class. He was very depressed; he was in Reach her at columnsbynellie.com or the throes of divorce and bankruptcy. email her at columnsbynellie@gmail.

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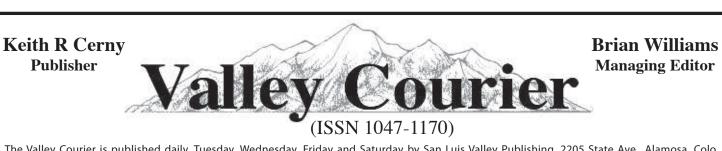
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Religion

The world offers lots of 'stuff,' but struggles with 'love'

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during his recent speech to the Alliance $_{
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liberal Western culture. Solzhenitsyn, who wrote "The Gulag Arstrength or weakness of on the level of its spiritual life than on its levenergies have been exhausted, it will not be of public life. saved from collapse by

the most perfect govern-

ment structure or by any

A tree with a rotten core

Alexander survive. For years now, quire dealing with the how stuff works. ... How leaders -- including ARC unable to plan for the fu-Solzhenitsyn is not a many of us have been past. typical cold open for an warning that the barbarians are at the gates. spect for ourselves, se- to constantly increase is ticking. But the Russian-Brit- We were wrong. They're curity or hope for the our capacity to get and

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ers -- British Baroness pride." Philippa Claire Stroud

questions such as, "Can this and faith that," we find a unifying story while a Catholic bishop industrial development. that will guide us as we came in "like a wreckmake our way forward?" ing ball" openly discussand "How do we facili- ing "God," "Jesus" and That quote came to tate the development of "Thomas Aguinas." mind, said Kisin, while a responsible and eduwatching throngs around cated citizenry?" But, in seem the world celebrate the a pre-conference paper, when discussing higher Oct. 7 raids on civilian Peterson and the Cana- virtues such as "love,"

said future while denigrating make stuff." Kisin, who of- the past, because those sence from those who mor. "I'm not live now and who will going to be live later," they said. all doom and "That does not mean we gloom. There have no responsibility to are positives redress the sins of those as well. Say who came before us: deyou viations once made and about then followed require don's O2 Arena. He was Hamas supporters, at course correction, but describing what he sees least they know what a that atonement and repair should be in a spirit The ARC co-found- of humility, rather than

That said, Pageau notchipelago," noted: "The and Canadian psycholo- ed the presence of a spegist Jordan Peterson -- cific "ghost" that ARC a society depends more urged the authors, busi- participants seemed hesness leaders, artists, itant to address. Scanscientists and others ning the audience, he el of industrialization. who spoke during the whispered: "There are a If a nation's spiritual three-day gathering to lot of religious people in focus on a positive vision this room." Some speakers had gently men-"transcendence Thus, ARC circulated tioned

Many people today uncomfortable populations in Israel. dian iconographer and "beauty," "truth" and "I am starting to lose YouTube maven Jona-"faith," said Pageau. faith. I don't know how than Pageau noted that What they have maslong our civilization will future progress will re-tered is "figuring out

children, the mental health crisis, the loneliness, the despair, the time in history."

cording to Kisin: Public unable to have children, sissippi.

to make stuff. How to ac- participants -- must un- ture." "We cannot have re- cumulate stuff and how derstand that the clock

However, modern cul- "there is no greater re- at all it means doing the fered serious who dwelled in the past ture is cracking and fly- turn on your invest- right thing and being commentary are no different in es- ing apart "precisely at ments than to protect willing to take the punthe moment when we and preserve our civili- ishment. ... All death is have the most stuff. The zation," he said. Media certain. We do not get refusal of people to have leaders must acknowl- to choose whether to die edge that "truth mat- or not. The only choice "more to life than clicks LIVE before we do." hopelessness, is hap- and downloads." Politipening precisely when cians must grasp that and, to a large extent, "we will not overcome GetReligion.org

At this tense moment, he concluded: "We are in Business leaders need the fight of our lives. If understand that courage means anything ters" and that there is we have is whether we

Terry Mattingly leads because we have more woke nihilism as long as lives in Oak Ridge, Tenstuff than at any visible young people are locked nessee. He is a senior felout of the housing mar- low at the Overby Center The bottom line, ac- ket, unable to pair up, at the University of Mis-

Bible Digest

Saturday, November 18, 2023 "This is the day which the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Psalms 118:24 AKJV)

Today is a gift from God. Make the most of it for His glory.

Sunday, November 19, 2023

"It is better to trust in the LORD than to

put confidence in man." (Psalms 118:8 AKJV)

This is a word to the wise. God is faithful. Trust Him completely.

Monday, November 20, 2023

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given

among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12 AKJV)

Jesus is the only way to Heaven. Do you know Him? Tuesday, November 21, 2023

"Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth." (Psalms 124:8 AKJV)

It is wonderful to have the Creator of life. Amen!

the universe to help us in the time of need. Are you trusting Him?

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

"Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones." (Proverbs 16:24 AKJV)

May God use us to spread words of kindness and love.

Thursday, November

and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." (Acts 3:19 AKJV)

The Lord can refresh the soul when we repent

us like Him.

Death could not keep Jesus the giver of

23, 2023 "Repent you therefore,

of sin and let Him make

Friday, November 24, 2023

"Whom God has raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be held of it."

(Acts 2:24 AKJV)

guard your heart, for everything you do

flows from it" (NIV). The Bible has a lot to say about your heart; not your physical heart, but what's going on inside of you—your thoughts, motives, and desires. These "hidden" things are important because they eventually come out through your words, attitudes, and the things you do. If you have a healthy heart, then it leads to a healthy life.

So, I want to ask you today: What is in your heart? Is it full of murmuring and complaining? Or is it filled with praise and thanksgiving to God?

Just like it's possible to have a physical heart murmur, I believe we can also suffer from a spiritual heart murmur. We can get into a habit of complaining or murmuring about the things we aren't happy with in life. These murmurs are often the result of jealousy, resentment, or a lack of gratitude.

For instance, I can remember a time years ago when my next-door neighbor was given a brand-new coat—the very coat I had been praying for! I thought, Surely, they delivered it to the wrong house by accident. Instead of being happy for her, I seethed with jealousy and grumbled about how I deserved it more than she did. The truth is, God can never bless us

to the degree He wants to until we learn how to truly be happy for other people. If all we can do is complain about what others have and what we don't have, it just keeps us stuck. Israelites are the perfect The

example. Because of their unbelief and bad attitudes, they literally wandered around in the wilderness for 40 years. The Bible says "All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this

wilderness!" (Numbers 14:2 NIV). They complained when they were hungry, and so God supernaturally provided them with manna every morning. Although they were satisfied

What's in Your Heart? because they wanted meat instead (Exodus 16:11-16; 17:1-7

> It's easy to read about the Israelites and think, How could they be so ungrateful? However, we often do the very same thing! We can pray to have children, then later complain about all the hard work that comes with it. Or we can desire a bigger house and then get upset because we have to spend more time cleaning it.
> I used to be a chronic complainer. I

would make my list and ask God for all the things I wanted, while complaining about the things I already had. One day the Lord spoke to my heart and said, Joyce, if you're not thankful for what you have now, why should I give you more to complain about?" That got my attention! Maintaining a grateful heart is the

cure for a spiritual heart murmur. Psalm 50:23 says, "He who offers a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving honors Me; and to him... I shall show the salvation of God" (AMP). When we are thankful, it opens the door for God to answer our prayers and bring blessings into our lives What we focus on has the ability to

make us either happy or miserable. We can either dwell on the negative things or choose to magnify the good. When we choose to be thankful, we become happier, and we bring more joy to those The old saying "Count your

blessings" is terrific advice. I think it's easy to get used to all of the wonderful things God does for us and take them for granted. That's why it's so powerful to take even just a few minutes each day to thank Him for the blessings in our

It felt a little awkward at first, but I've made a habit of being thankful. As I go about my day, I'll thank God for His help with my work, the beautiful day He has provided, and even the coffee I get to drink. I praise Him for the people He has placed in my life and for the



strength He gives me to keep on going when I feel too busy or overwhelmed.

It's not only important to thank God for who He is and all that He does for us, but we also need to regularly thank the people who make our lives better. I think you would be amazed how much your relationships would improve if you simply began saying, "I appreciate you" from time to time.

Are you dealing with a heart murmur of your own? Have you been tempted to complain about the things you don't like instead of focusing on the blessings in your life? If so, I encourage you to practice being a person of gratitude. Voice your thankfulness to God for the wonderful things He does for you each and every day.

As you do, you will fill your heart with joy and gratitude...and release the power of God's goodness into your life like never before.

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Sunday, 9 a.m. - Morning Worship

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

Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am

400 Ross Avenue. Society Hall. Alamosa

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The second Wednesday of each 4 p.m.

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School Room. Choir is held on Wednesday at 6pm during the summer months

with a final practice at 8:15am on

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A Congregation of Evangelical Covenant Order

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

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

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

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Sunday, 10 am Service First Christian Church

Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service

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Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study

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Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm

Hwy. 160 Del Norte next to Rio Grande Medical

Sunday 9:50 a.m. free breakfast

Sunday 10:20 a.m. Contemporary

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Worship & Children Sunday

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Christian Fellowship Church

1300 West 12th St., Alamosa

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Alamosa Church of Christ

408 Victoria Avenue, Alamosa

Pastor Carl Sutter

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

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3rd and Adams, Hooper

United Church of La Jara

Terry Buckman, Pastor Cell Phone: 339-8444

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Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. Church of the Living God

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

2-0100 Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Bible Study raver House Church 10 Main Street, La Jara Pastor Jaime Flores - 719-298-0007 Sunday Morning Service, 10:30 am Wednesday Family Ministry, 6:30 pm

Friday Night Bible Study, 7:00 pm Sargent Community Church 6967 N. County Rd. 2 E., Monte Vista (across from Sargent School)
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Adult Sunday School - 9:00 Services - 10:00

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Sunday, 10:45 am Children's Ministry (PreK-5th grade) Sunday, 10:45 am Teen Bible Study (6th_12th grade) Tuesdáv 7:00 pm Young Adults/College Group Wednesday 6:30 pm Bible Quizzing (1st-6th grade) Wednesday 6:30 pm Reign Youth Group (6th-12th grade) Wednesday 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study* Saturday 5:00 pm Worship Service** Small Groups meets throughout week, please call for info Nursery is available (6wks-preK) College Heights Baptist Church

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Sunday, 11 a.m. - Morning Worship San Luis Valley Baptist Church 930 State Avenue, Alamosa Pastor R.L. McDonald Wednesday 7 p.m. - Worship Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship

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Calvary Blanca Pastor Mathew Leonard - 719-379-3317 Sunday, 9:30 am - Bile Study Sunday, 11:00 am - Service Wednesday, 6:30pm - Community Get to Know Calvary Baptist Church

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719-589-3493

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5:00 p.m. Worship

alamosafellowship@gmail.com Sunday 4:30 PM Worship in the north wing of the Alamosa Presbyterian Church Independent, Fundamental Baptist First Baptist Church of Costilla County 9717 County Rd H, Mesita - 719-206-001

Pastor Paul Jones
Sunday, 9:45 am - Sunday School
Sunday, 10:45 am - Morning Worship
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Sunday, after dinner - Afternoon Worship
Thursday, 7:00 pm - Mesita, Bible Study and Prayer meeting

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927 Weber Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Sierra Vista Branch (Spanish Language) 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Lutheran

Lutheran
St. Peters Lutheran Church & School
Church: 1821 Grande Avenue, Monte Vista
School: 330 Faraday Street, Monte Vista
Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Services
School: K-8, Monday-Thursday Trinity Lutheran Church & School

52 El Rio Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship *Small Bible Study Groups Throughout the Week* - Pre-School through 5th grade Church: 589-4611, School: 589-3271 Conejos Canyon Community Chapel 20062 State Hwy, 17 (between mile posts 21 and 20) 52 El Rio Drive, Alamosa

2002 Salet Myr, freeWeethine pois 217 Fellowhip Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service Mountain Valley Church 408 State St. 17, Alamosa Pastor: Richard Pinkerton

589-2899 or 588-7662 Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service Presbyterian Church of Monte Vista 702 Second Avenue, Monte Vista (719) 852-2555

Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Sunday Worship Seventh-day Adventist Seventh-day Adventist Church 315 Craft Drive, Alamosa

Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship United Methodist Mosca United Methodist Church 538 Barker Street, Mosca 970-270-3078

Pastor Steve Dunkel Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa *North Wing of Alamosa Presbyterian Church Service & Youth Programs at 10:30 am Sunday.

Valley Church of the Nazarene

Pastor: Chris Yocom 228 Madison, Monte Vista - (719) 852-5858 churchoffice@valleynaz.com Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes 9 a.m.

Wednesday Dinner at 6 p.m. Small Group Classes at 7 p.m.

Thursday
Teen Activities (beginning at 6:30 p.m.)
*Nursery is available during all services Visit website at www.valleynaz.com for online bulletins and service information or call the

number above. Church of Scientology 511 Main Street, Sutie #12, Alamosa 719-587-5554 Monday and Wednesday, 7-10p.m.. - Services

Grace Assurance Ministry
Church without Religion 9851 CR 4 S, Alamosa, CO Sunday Mornings - 10:30 Randy Brown - 719-588-7004 Eric Wolf - 719-480-3977

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TSC's Masterson named NJCAA men's cross country Coach of the



2023 SLV football scores

ADAMS STATE GRIZZLIES (3-8, 2-7)			
lept. 2	LINCOLN (CALIF.)	35-16 W	
ept. 9	At West Texas A&M	7-28 L	
ept. 16	At Colorado School of Mines*	7-70 L	
ept. 23	FORT LEWIS*	25-24 W	
ept. 30	At New Mexico Highlands*	21-14 W	
Oct. 7	At Colorado State Pueblo*	10-43 L	
Oct. 14	CHADRON STATE (NEB.)*	14-53 L	
Oct. 21	At Colorado Mesa*	7-42 L	
Oct. 28	SOUTH DAKOTA MINES*	9-63 L	
Nov. 4	At Black Hills State (S.D.)*	28-35 L	
Nov. 11	WESTERN COLORADO	24-45 L	
RMAC	games		
ALAMOSA MEAN MOOSE (4-6, 4-1)			

	ALAMOSA MEAN MOOS	E (4-0, 4-1)
Aug. 25	PUEBLO CENTRAL	12-40 L
Aug. 25 Sept. 1	GUNNISON	14-23 L
Sept. 8	At The Classical Academy	20-21 L
Sept. 15	PAGOSA SPRINGS	12-21 L
Sept. 29	At La Junta*	18-35 L
Oct. 6	LAMAR*	48-8 W
Oct. 13	At Manitou Springs*	36-14 W
Oct. 20	At Florence*	27-25 W
Oct. 27	WOODLAND PARK*	43-6 W
Nov. 4	At Delta+	14-49 L
Tri-Peak	ts League games	
Class 2	A State playoffs	

ANTONITO TROJANS (0-4)
38-80 L

Sept. 22	At Primero	25-76 L
Oct. 7	At Manzanola	26-52 L
Oct. 28	MOUNTAIN VALLEY	0-55 L
	CENTAURI FALCONS (7-3, 5-0)	
Aug. 25	At Pagosa Springs	16-20 L
Sept. 1	FLORENCÉ	13-0 W
Sept. 8	BUENA VISTA	12-14 L
Sept. 22	At Bayfield	41-16 W
Sept. 29	CENTER*	43-6 W
Oct. 7	At Del Norte*	42-6 W
Oct. 12	TRINIDAD*	63-0 W
Oct. 20	At Ignacio*	38-6 W
Oct. 27	MONTE VISTA*	45-0 W
Nov. 4	At Wray+	27-59 L

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*South Co	entral League games	
+Class 1 A	A State playoffs	
	CENTER VIKINGS (1-8, 1-4)	
Sept. 1	At North Fork	6-48 L
Sept. 4	PLATTE CANYON	6-40 L
Sept. 8	At Peyton	14-26 L
Sept. 15	RYE	14-42 L
Sept. 29	At Centauri*	6-43 L
Oct. 6	IGNACIO*	18-53 L
Oct. 13	At Del Norte*	12-14 L
Oct. 20	MONTE VISTA*	6-58 L
Oct. 27	At Trinidad*	49-0 W
*South Co	entral League games	

*South Ce	ntral League games	
	DEL NORTE TIGERS (3-6, 2-3)	
Aug. 19	GUNNISON	0-49 L
Sept. 1	ROCKY FORD	48-12 W
Sept. 8	At Cedaredge	0-41 L
Sept. 22	At Salida	12-30 L
Sept. 29	At Monte Vista*	18-62 L
Oct. 7	CENTAURI*	6-42 L
Oct. 13	CENTER*	14-12 W
Oct. 21	At Trinidad*	36-0 W
Oct. 27	IGNACIO*	6-14 L
*South Ce	ntral League games	

Oct. 27	IGNACIO*	6-14 L
*South Co	entral League games	
	MONTE VISTA PIRATES (6-3,	4-1)
Aug. 24	At Rocky Ford	50-0 W
Sept. 1	At Colorado Springs Christian	20-48 L

Sept. 8	GUNNISON	14-48 L
Sept. 22	PEYTON	52-14 W
Sept. 29	DEL NORTE*	62-18 W
Oct. 6	At Trinidad*	64-12 W
Oct. 13	IGNACIO*	42-7 W
Oct. 20	At Center*	58-6 W
Oct. 27	At Centauri*	0-45 L
*South Co	entral League games	

MC	OUNTAIN VALLEY WOLVES (4-5,	1-4)
Aug. 26	HANOVER	48-16 W
Sept. 1	WALSH	6-59 L
Sept. 8	At La Veta*	26-60 L
Sept. 23	SIERRA GRANDE*	0-47 L
Sept. 29	At Miami-Yoder	41-39 W
Oct. 7	SANGRE DE CRISTO*	56-7 W
Oct. 14	At Branson/Kim*	19-68 L
Oct. 20	At Primero*	52-80 L
Oct. 28	At Antonito	55-0 W
*Southwest	League games	

	SANFORD MUSTA	ANGS (6-4, 2-	2)	
Sept. 1	SWINK		52-8 W	
Sept. 9	At Simla		0-53 L	
Sept. 15	At Fowler		20-16 W	
Sept. 23	At Questa (N.M.)		46-0 W	
Sept. 29	DOVE CREEK*		28-30 L	
Oct. 6	NORWOOD		52-14 W	
Oct. 13	At Sargent*	Forfeit	1-0 W	
Oct. 20	At Mancos*		0-58 L	
Oct. 27	DOLORES*		58-8 W	
Nov. 4	At Byers+		16-28 L	
*Mountain League games				
	n State playoffs			

SANGI	SANGRE DE CRSITO THUNDERBIRDS (3-7, 0-5)			
Aug. 24	PRIMERO*	7-62 L		
Sept. 2	KIOWA	26-20 W		
Sept. 8	ANTONITO	80-38 W		
Sept. 15	BRANSON/KIM*	0-54 L		
Sept. 23	Idalia (at Cheraw)	20-59 L		
Sept. 29	SIERRA GRANDE*	13-48 L		
Oct. 7	At Mountain Valley*	7-56 L		
Oct. 13	At La Veta*	6-52 L		
Oct. 20	MANZANOLA	56-20 W		
Oct. 27	At Miami-Yoder	16-44 L		
*Southwest League games				

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	SARGENT FARM	MERS (4-5, 1-3)		
Aug. 26	At South Park		38-0 W	
Sept. 1	SPRINGFIELD		42-0 W	
Sept. 8	HOEHNE		0-46 L	
Sept. 15	At Custer County		40-16 W	
Sept. 29	MANCOS*	Forfeit	0-1 L	
Oct. 6	At Dolores*		42-12 W	
Oct. 13	SANFORD*	Forfeit	0-1 L	
Oct. 21	At Hayden		14-58 L	
Oct. 27	At Dove Creek*		8-50 L	
[*] Mountain League games				

SI	ERRA GRANDE PANTHE	
Aug. 25	MANZANOLA	62-6 W
Sept. 1	EADS	58-47 W
Sept. 8	At Branson/Kim*	40-45 L
Sept. 15	HANOVER	32-24 W
Sept. 23	At Mountain Valley*	47-0 W
Sept. 29	At Sangre de Cristo*	48-13 W
Oct. 6	LA VETA*	31-36 L
Oct. 12	At Primero*	67-64 W
Oct. 27	At Granada	22-52 L
Nov. 4	ARICKAREE+	66-20 W
Nov. 11	At Stratton+	12-45 L
*Southwes	t League games	
+Six-man	State playoffs	

Sports Bulletin

SCHEDULE FRIDAY College men's

basketball Adams State vs. East-

ern New Mexico – late

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

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

College men's

wrestling Adams State at Bob

Smith Open (at Hays,

Kan.), 9 a.m.

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Beginning at 12:30 pm on Mondays, for every 100 same day points earned, receive a Wheel Game on the kiosk. You can spin up to 4x.
Once you earn 500 same day points, claim your voucher to Spin the Lucky Cash* Wheel and Win even more!



Thursdays 12:30 pm-7:30 pm, 15 players are drawn to drop the puck and win up to \$500 Cash* and \$500 Bonus Cash*.

> *Rules apply. Visit Ohkay Winners Club for complete details.



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SEE THE NEED MEET THE NEED

La Puente's network of programs assist San Luis Valley (SLV) community members affected by poverty. We endeavor to support individuals and families so they can stabilize, strengthen, and ultimately thrive. As such, a common saying among staff is "see the need, meet the need." We encourage you to join us in this mission and lend a helping hand to others!

IN THE SLV 10X THE NATIONAL **AVERAGE EXPERIENCE** HOMELESSNESS



La Puente's Community Shelter provides over 11,000 nights of lodging per year



Over 1,200 students have participated in VEGI's gardening and nutrition lessons



La Puente's Shelter soup kitchen serves 50,000+ meals a year!

The Food Bank Network of the

San Luis Valley provides over 300.000 meals every year!

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THE AMOUNT OF CHILDREN REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES IN THE SLV IS

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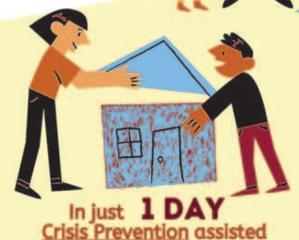
140+ families are supported by Adelante Family Resource Center every year on their journey to stability



PALS, La Puente's children's program, provides one-on-one mentorship, small group activities, and therapy for kids experiencing instability in their home lives.



ReThreads annually distributes over 13,000 free clothing and household items



85 HOUSEHOLDS with obtaining energy assistance.

20% OF PEOPLE IN THE SLV LIVE BELOW THE POVERTY LINE

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YOU CAN HELP MEET THE NEED!



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To help us meet the needs of our community, please consider supporting La Puente Home Inc. this Colorado Gives Day! www.coloradogives.org/organization/Lapuente

Public Notices

NOTICERio 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,

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 brightal copies of the bit documents are available from the country at www.riograndecounty.org. Those downloading the contract documents 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-

rado. 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 condi-

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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 Systhe 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

requirements include: 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

c. Recommend, prioritize, and provide costs for improvements identi-fied in the analysis.

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

Statements of Qualifications will be accepted until Monday, Novem-

ber 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 Zaragoza 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 Shawcroft (kshawcroft@sunrise-eng.com).

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. No. 3644.

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The Alamosa County Commissioners are accepting applications for one (1) board position on the SLV Regional Airport Advisory Board. 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 air-port 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.

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 Marketing 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 at The Depot, 610 State Avenue, Alamosa. 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.

Expectations of a board member is to attend the meetings and ac tively 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/commissionsboards

Applications will be accepted until filled. Send your information to Belina Ramirez, Executive Assistant, 8900-A Independence Way, Ala-

mosa, CO 81101 or to igreeman@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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NOTICE

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 Plan-ning Commission Board meetings.

Those interested in applying for the board member position must submit 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, Ala-mosa, 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. No. 3672. Published in the Valley Courier on November 15, 18, & 25, 2023.

County Court District Court Denver Juvenile Court Court Address

304 Main St., San Luis, CO 81152 In the Matter of the Petition of

X Adult: AUSTIN ALLEN MARTIN or _Parent/Petitioner:

for Minor Child: For a Change of Name to: COURT USE ONLY

Date Filed:

Division:

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Public Notice is given on 09/19/23 that a Petition for a Change of Name of a _Minor Child or X-Adult has been filed with the COSTILLA

COUNTY Court.
The Petition requests that the name of Austin Allen Martin First Name Middle Name Last Name

be changed to
AUSTIN ROCKY MONTOYA
First Name Middle Name Last Name

By Shelly Gallegos Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk

No.3678



099 -**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

FIRST CHRISTIAN 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! (11/18/23AS)

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

FOUND: COOLER **11/12/23** on Hwy. 17. Describe contents 719-740-0004. (11/25/23AS)

173 - PROFESSIONAL **SERVICES**

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> 221 -**HELP WANTED**

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Spuds. (AS) NORTH CONEJOS **SCHOOL** DISTRICT is accepting applica-tions for (1) Centauri HIGH SCHOOL HEAD TRACK COACH. Applications are available at North Conejos School District, 17887 US Hwy 285, LA JARA, CO or can be downloaded at www.northconejos. com. Submit application to Mr. Darren Edgar, Superintendent. Application deadline is until

position is filled. EOE.

HELP WANTED

DRIVER/LABOR: MUST HAVE dependable ¾ ton+ full size pickup, good driving record, must be de-pendable, have CON-STRUCTION EXPERI-ENCE, & pass a drug test. Call 719-992-1396. (12/22/23AS)

ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is now accepting applications for the following posi-tions: GIRLS ASSIS-TANT BASKETBALL COACH (AHS). Applications are available online at https://www. alamosa.k12.co.us/ For more information, contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (11/25/23AS)

BOOKKEEPER: LO-CAL, WELL-RE-SPECTED NON-PROFIT agency hiring a full-time bookkeeper. Responsibilities include payroll and benefits administration and support for other accounting projects. We're looking for a motivated, valuesdriven individual with experience in Quick-Books, Excel. Initiative essential; training and support provided. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of serving others. Salary \$40k-45k, DOE, full benefit package. Send cover letter, resume/request job description to hr@lapuente.net, 719-589-5909 ext238. www.lapuente. net (12/20/23AS)

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

DEL NORTE JR/ 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 identifica-tion, and ELL classroom supports. If interested, please send a completed application, resume, and cover letter to Annie Hardy, DNHS Principal at ahardy@urtigers.co or contact Mrs. Hardy at (719) 657-4020 for more information. Applica-tions can be downloaded from www.urtigers. co. (12/15/23AS)



Dates of Employment: Starting ASAF Employment Terms: Temporary to start with potential for full-time,

year-round employment Expected Hours: 40+ hours/week, weekends, holidays

Pay: from \$20.00 per hour, depending on experience; benefit eligibilty after probationary period

Ity after probationary period
Job Purpose: Trinchera Ranch is looking for an experienced and
talented Line Cook for the Guest/Hunting Lodge.
Essential Duties/ Responsibilities:
- Prepare breakfast, lunch, and dinner for large parties, small
gatherings, and in private chef settings
- Ensure that food comes out simultaneously, in high quality, and
in a timely fashion
- Work with a wide variety of cuisine including game and health-

in a timely fashion

Work with a wide variety of cuisine including game and healthconscious fare

Put away items from food order, stocking of all pantries,
organizing and heavy lifting required

Ability to work weekends, overtime, and holidays

Adhere to and implement sanitation regulations and safety

regulations.

Ability to work independently and as part of a team
Perform other Ranch duties as assigned

Job Qualifications: Knowledge: Strong knowledge of cooking methods, kitchen equip-

ment, and best practices.

Skill: Upscale food presentation, preparation of game and health-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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- 1. Private parties only. 2. Ad must be 20 words or less.
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- Multiple items in 1 ad may not equal more than \$50.00.

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ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is now accepting applications for the following position: ORTEGA MIDDLE SCHOOL REGISTRAR/COUNSELING OFFICE SECRETARY. Applications are available online at https:// www.alamosaschools. org/ For more information, contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600 or tvigil@alamosaschools. org. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (11/18/23AS)

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 benefit 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 submit-ted 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. (11/29/23AS)

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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. Ån 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)

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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)

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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 Division and/or special assignments necessary to protect and serve the needs of individuals relating to law enforcement. Hiring annual salary is \$49,400 - \$59,383 DOQ, FLSA Non- 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. 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

deadline - open until filled. (12/2/23AS) CITY OF ALAMOSA is seeking a full-time POLICE CHIEF to provide administrative leadership, direction, planning, and organiz-ing the activities of the Police Department in law enforcement and crime prevention. Hiring annual salary is \$103,869 - \$113,300 DOQ, FLSA 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 ap-

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deadline - open until filled. (12/2/23AS) ROBINS CON-STRUCTION IS looking for an experienced (5+ years preferred) CONCRETE FORE-MAN in residential, commercial, and heavy civil construction to join our team. Must have ability to per-form 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)

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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 proac-tive. Offer retirement, medical, dental, vision insurance and paid vacation/ holidays. Pay based on experience. (11/18/23AS)

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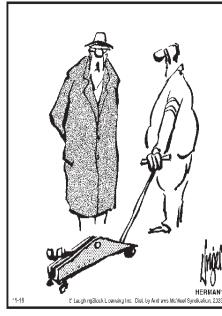
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"Your wife stuck in the bath again?"

Girlfriend ranks kids over boyfriend in importance

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend and I started dating a couple years ago after getting out of long-term relationships. We have kids from those relationships, and she is still in court over custody. We haven't been able to buy a house yet, mostly because of the cost of the court battle, so we live apart and can't spend as much time together as we'd like. However, when we do have the time, she usually wants her kids to join. She says she wants her kids everywhere with her. She has also told me I will never come first. I have custody of my son and want to spend time with him, too, but I think we need to spend time as a couple and make our relationship important. I feel both the relationship and the kids should be priorities, but not always one over the other.

Recently, we learned a band we both love and grew up listening to is coming to our town. We were excited about going, but she wants to buy tickets for herself and her son, because he said he likes the band when he hears his mom listening to it. He is 10, and whenever we do things like this, he ends up playing games on his phone all night. I end up being babysitter, buying drinks and food for him, taking him to

the bathroom, etc., which

prevents me from relaxing

and enjoying my time. The tickets are not cheap, and if we bought them separately, we would not be able to get seats together. She said she's definitely buying tickets for herself and her son and hopes I can make it and maybe she'll see me there. This event is something I felt would be special for us to share together, but it appears she doesn't feel the same. Am I selfish for wanting to spend time with her at this concert, without kids? -- CRAVING DATE

NIGHT IN VIRGINIA DEAR CRAVING: don't think you are selfish for wanting to have a date night with your girlfriend. In fact, I think one should be scheduled with her on a regular basis. This woman does not appear to be as into you as you are into her. Another thing that concerns me is your statement about her making you responsible for her son when the three of you attend an event together. A trip to the bathroom I can understand, but SHE should take her son to the snack stand if he wants something. Something is

out of balance here, and I hope you will think long and hard before investing in a house together. DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together for 20 years, married almost 10. He is

angry with my adult chil-

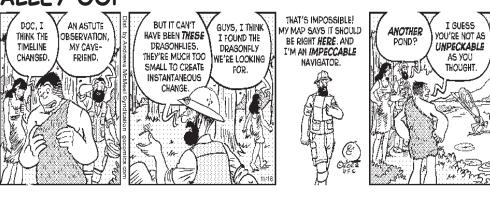


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dren for not coming to our wedding. (I had told them if they couldn't be happy for me, stay away.) He avoids any social interaction with them. Last weekend, there was a formal affair for my brother, and again, my husband didn't join me. I'm sick of hearing "he is the way he is" and can't suck it up for my sake. He's now sleeping in the guest room. I love him, but I'm sick of the nonsense. Any advice? -- TIRED OF IT IN CON-NECTICUT DEARTIRED: Because

you and your husband are at an impasse, my advice is to seek couples counseling from someone who is licensed to give it. Your doctor or health insurance provider could give you a referral.

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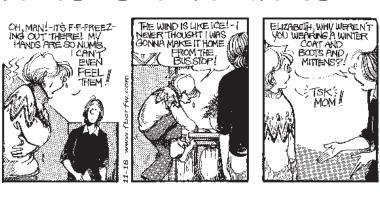


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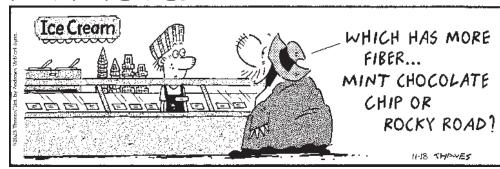


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Fall has been a great season for all of us over at HVCC! The kiddos have been having a

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learned so many valuable lessons on teamwork, skills and strategy.

Boys' Basketball registration is currently open, so sign up now! The registration for the co-ed Hot Shots (Kindergarten-2nd) will close Dec. 15. The registration for the 3rd-6th grade boys' team will close Dec. 1. You can register your kiddos online at thehvcc. org by clicking on the Sports category and seming will begin again on lecting the appropriate team. Make sure to get Our Girls' Basketball them signed up as soon

activities are coming to with the kids before we an end this week. The kids has so much fun getting to learn how to code, all about different places around the world, creating culinary masterpieces and why science is so cool. As the holidays approach, we will be transitioning back to our regular HVCC activities and programming.

This Friday was our last field to Hooper for the year! The kids had a swim party to celebrate everything they learned these past few months. We love going to the pool with them, but with winter coming in, it's getting just a bit too cold to keep up our swim lessons!

That covers what's been happening over at HVCC! We're excited to

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According to the Cen- from severe illness. ters for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there's still time to get your flu shot because flu typically peaks in February and can continue into May. Since it takes up to two weeks to build protection against the flu. getting vaccinated now will help protect yourself, your friends and your family from the flu as you gather during the holidays.

Like Thanksgiving, getting your flu shot is an annual event

flu shot every year be- over-the-counter viruses vary from year disinfectant

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Three no-stress tips for tidying up at holiday time (NAPSI) — If the holiright: Make your life easier by Treat stains

days are at your house Chocolate. this year, you may find sauce. Wine. For every with Pinalen Multipurthey can be even more food option on the table, pose Cleaner to quickly magical when you have a there are just as many deodorize and deep clean good plan for cleaning up before and after the company comes. Keep Holiday Host-

ing A Delight, Not A Chore As you prepare for the

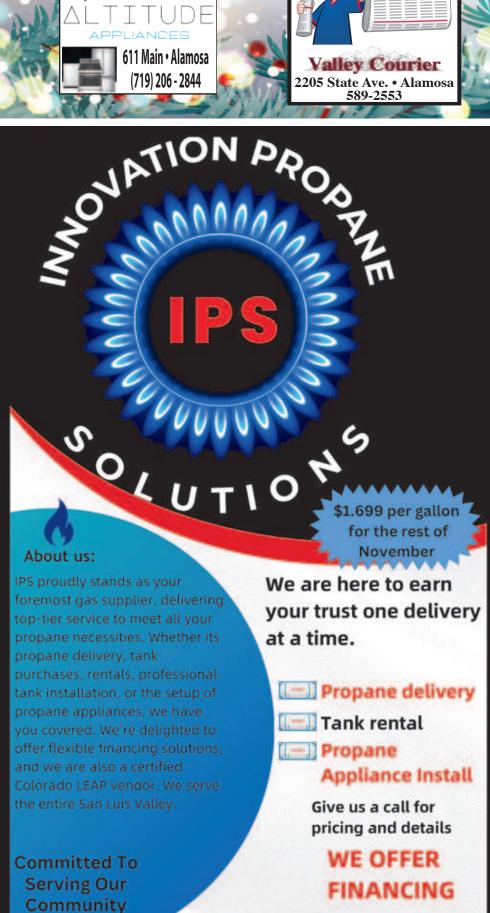
season — and all the celebrating it entails — keep these home cleaning tips in mind...and look foryour loved ones.

stains that could arrive the house from top to botwith that delicious meal. Using Ensueño Liquid Detergent, which has both stain-fighting power and color-fading protection, can mean a deep clean that ensures clothes products such as Pinalen and tablecloths come out Original. Not only does

bright and stain-free. Keep cleanup simple: degrease, but the pine oil ward to stressing less and After everyone's gone smells just like the holispending more time with home, there may still be day season. some chores to be done.

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