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# SLV Today

### **Crack sealing** to begin Nov. 14 on CO 149

MINERAL AND RIO

**GRANDE COUNTIES** — The

Colorado Department of Transportation is performing month-long surface treatment repairs on a 9-mile segment of Colorado Highway 149, beginning Tuesday, Nov. 14. Operations will take place 10 miles north of South Fork, Mile Points 10-19. Daytime work hours will range from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Surface treatment operations help treat road damage caused by harsh winter conditions creating a smoother and safer road surface for motorists. Work is weather permitting.

Operations will take place Nov. 14 through Dec. 14. Daytime work hours will range from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

#### **CDOT** to perform surface treatment in Alamosa

ALAMOSA COUNTY -

The Colorado Department of Transportation will perform crack sealing operations in Alamosa, beginning next week. Work will occur along a 2-mile segment of US Highway 285 between Sixth Street and County Rd 9 South, Mile Points 32-34. Motorists should plan for full stops and up to 20-minute delays through the end of November.

Crews will work swiftly to complete the repairs. Work is weather permitting.

Operations will take place Nov. 13-30. Daytime work hours will range from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through

## **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.

#### **SLV WEATHER**

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# Ef's closing its doors Dec. 23

'It's time to make that shift into the community'

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER Courier Reporter

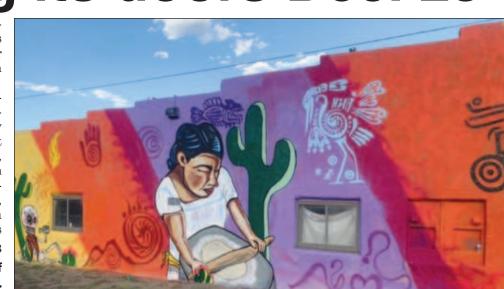
ALAMOSA — Efs restaurant is closing its doors on Dec. 23. Owners Jamie and Cristalray Dominguez say they'll continue to cater, and the food truck will be in the community more, but the restaurant where

vos rancheros, burritos and skillet breakfasts for almost 15 years will soon be a thing of the past. It's a big decision, bring-

ing to a close a generational history of family restaurant ownership that began with Efrem Ortiz, Jamie's stepfather, when he opened the Lamplighter Restaurant in 1995, which, after moving to a new location, became Ef's

■ See **EF'S** page 3 The mural on the wall of Ef's Restaurant.

people have gathered to Photo courtesy of Jamie Dominguez



# **Monte Vista salutes Veterans**

Romero receives George Washington Badge of Merit Award

STAFF REPORT MONTE VISTA Monte Vista celebrated

Veterans on Friday, Nov. 10, with a parade downtown and ceremony at Faith Hinkley Veterans Memorial Park.

U.S. Army Veteran Steven Romero received the local George Wash-

■ See **SALUTE** 



Photos by Brian Williams

Monte Vista celebrated Veterans on Friday, Nov. 10, with a parade downtown and ceremony at Faith Hinkley Veteran's Memorial Park. Veteran Steven Romero received the **George Washington Badge of Merit Award.** 

Left: The Monte Vista Veterans ceremony concluded with the retiring of the colors by the Rio Grande County Color Guard.



# arson Mountain may get a new name



Courier photo by John Waters

Kit Carson Mountain is nestled near these peaks in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Currently, the Colorado Geographical Naming Advisory Board is considering a name change. Recently, the Saguache County Board of Commissioners voted in favor of changing the name to a yet-to-be-determined name.

Saguache County Commissioners support a name change

> By JOHN WATERS Courier News Editor

SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUN-TAINS — Kit Carson Mountain in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains is under consideration for a name change in a proposal before the Colorado Geographical Naming Advisory Board. The proposition references Carson's violence against Navajo and Apache tribes in the 1800s. Carson was a frontier legend, fur trapper, wilderness guide, Indian agent, and U.S. Army officer. In 1865, Carson became the

The board was created by Governor Jared Polis in 2020 to evaluate proposals concerning name changes, new names, and name controversies of geographic features and certain public places in the State of Colorado and then make official

recommendations to the governor.

In an interview with this reporter in September 2022 regarding the possibility of changing the name of Kit Carson, Polis said, "First, we give heavy weight to what local residents want. The geographic naming board sends recommendations to me that we advance to the federal government. Often it begins with a classroom of students, or local officials, and it builds - and

the naming board is part of that. It ■ See NAME page 3

# Theatre holiday production opens Dec. 1

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

**ALAMOSA** — Laughpresents "The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong." Tickets go on sale online Monday, Nov. 13, at theatre.adams.edu. "The One-Act Play That

Goes Wrong," directed by John H. Taylor, Ph.D., is the 20th holiday season atre company on the open-

ing night of their winter utterly disastrous. This play. Dr. Taylor notes: "From their pre-show acter is the perfect gift this tivities to the final moholiday season as Adams ments of their ill-fated State University Theatre performance, everything possible goes wrong. While giving their best effort, these actors are still perfectly awful, but wonderfully funny.' In this 80-minute come-

dy written by Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer and Henry Shields, it is opening production the theatre night of the Cornley Unidepartment has produced versity Drama Society's since 2004. This family- newest production, "The friendly farce follows the Murder at Haversham antics of an amateur the Manor," where things are quickly going from bad to

1920s whodunit has everything you never wanted in a show — an unconscious leading lady, a corpse that can't play dead, and actors who trip over everything (including their lines). Nevertheless, the accident-prone thespians battle against all odds to make it through to their final curtain call. Part Monty Python, part Sherlock Holmes, this awardwinning comedy is full of laughs and comic surpris-

"I chose to direct this play because, in these trv-■ See THEATRE page 3



The Adams State Theatre Annual Holiday Performance opens December 1, on the SLV Federal Bank Main Stage, located in the Theatre Building.



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# Record

# Prayer vigil held for missing woman Edna Quintana



A prayer vigil was held for Edna Quintana on Saturday, Nov. 4, at Saint Agnes Catholic



Father Eric Haarer led the prayer vigil on Nov. 4 at Saint Agnes Catholic Church for Edna Quintana, who has been missing since May 3.

#### By MARIE MC-**COLM** SAGUACHE

Quintana who has been missing since May 3.

Quintana and Suzanne Morphew and James disappeared and were both found deceased.

Quintana grew up and lived in Saguache County for many years and was well known. Many of the people who attended the vigil hugged before walking into the church.

everyone to the vigil. Father Eric Haarer gave an the missing people.

a statement from Morphew family who was found deceased in the same mountain area where Edna allegedly disappeared.

ter, Suzanne Morphew. After over 3 years my A prayers, and prayers of prayer vigil was held for many were answered. I Edna Quintana on Sat- felt a burden lifted and urday, Nov. 4, at Saint a new peace settled in Agnes Catholic Church. my heart. Several days Approximately 60 peo- passed and further conple attended the vigil for versation with authorities revealed to me that circumstances in the The vigil honored way that Suzanne's remains were discovered. I was to hear of Edna's Montoya, two people who disappearance for the first time. I would also hear about the active search which took place for Edna, on Sept. 22, in Saguache County to the eyes of the authorities looking for Edna. I believed this to be a divine encounter for these two women and for their Eddie Garcia welcomed families. At that moment there was a debt of gratitude written on my opening prayer and then heart for Edna and will Iris Garcia talked about continue for all of those in authority who are do-Debbie Quintana read ing their assigned tasks and looking for missing people. Today we remember Edna Quintana, her family, and friends, searching for a loved one is a journey nobody ever "To the family of Edna imagines they will take. Quintana gathered to It is wrapped with mopray and remember ments of great sadness. her. This year on Sept. It's a painful journey of Edna Quintana's where-22, two women's paths ambiguous loss alone. crossed through each My experience proves other's. A divine encounthat we must have God's ter in which my fam- help and intervention. ily found closure, while Therefore, I ask that toyours found new light day prayers be offered shining on your loved to those in authority, one. I was notified by who are given the task the sheriff that remains of finding Edna. They eryone who attended the



**Edna Quintana** 

phew's sister." Edna's sister, Marilyn Quintana, also got up and read a poem for her sister and with tears running down her face said, "Her two sisters, her brother, and her mom, miss her very much and want her back. We ask everyone to please keep Edna's name active. We do not want anyone to forget that she is still not home. We hope and pray that she is found safe. Please everyone help us keep her case and name active. Edna, we love you, we miss you, and we just want you home."

If anyone knows of abouts or has seen her since the date she disappeared, you are encouraged to contact your local law enforcement authority or the Colorado Bureau of Investigations.

The family thanked evhad been found and they need strength and per-service and asked that were positively identi- severance. I am with you everyone continue to fied as my beloved sis- in spirit Suzanne Mor- pray for her safe return.

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Luis Valley offers many Anonymous Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous groups.

er alcoholics/addicts to organizations, but in the achieve sobriety.

NA 12-Step primary purpose is to that we are not affili- website:slvaa.org

VALLEY — The San stay sober and help oth- ated with any outside spirit of cooperation, we

#### calls special session on property taxes following failure of Proposition HH **By BRIAN EASON** Caught in the middle taxpayer refunds in of the debate are school Colorado Newsline districts and local governments, which stand to lose out on hundreds

AND JESSE PAUL

Gov. Jared Polis on Thursday called state lawmakers into a special legislative session to cut property tax rates and blunt the impact of large increases in home values awaiting homeowners next year.

The session will begin Friday, Nov. 17 at 9 a.m.

Polis' announcement comes just two days after voters overwhelmingly rejected his preferred solution, the sprawling property tax relief and school funding measure known as Proposition HH. The initiative was aimed at combating a 40% increase in property values that would cause a corresponding jump in property tax bills next

The General Assembly is working under a tight timeline if it hopes to curb the state's rising cost of living. If no tax cut is approved before early December, a sharp increase in Colorado property taxes due in April will be locked in.

The timing—less than a week ahead of Thanksgiving — puts pressure on lawmakers to reach a deal quickly or risk interrupting their holiday plans. It takes at least three days to pass a bill in the legislature.

"We need to act for short-term property tax relief now," Polis said at a Thursday announcement at the governor's mansion.

The governor's call for a special session comes despite the lack a majority of lawmakers can agree upon. Pro- 60-40 margin. gressives are now pushing for more targeted relief to low- and middle-income Coloradans, while Republicans are seeking "clean" tax cuts that avoid a long-term reduction in taxpayer refunds under the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, or TABOR.

of millions of dollars in revenue each year if the state cuts property taxes without increasing financial support for local services.

Colorado governor

Polis, a Democrat, kicked off a news conference at the governor's mansion Thursday by swinging a baseball bat at a clear case labeled break in case of emergency — the failure of Proposition HH.

But while he said the special session has long been plan B, he offered little guidance for lawmakers at Thursday's announcement.

"Our plan is to try to assemble a legislative majority for providing the maximum amount of property tax relief that we can," Polis said, when asked what specifics he would like to see in a bill.

Polis said the special session would be limited to short-term solutions for the current property tax year, but urged lawmakers to take up longterm changes when it reconvenes in January. He proposed a blue ribbon commission to study a broader overhaul that he said should include an annual cap on property tax growth.

In the meantime, Polis offered three potential sources of funding for lawmakers to fund reimbursements schools and local governments. Two of them come straight from of a clear proposal that Proposition HH, which voters just rejected by a

When lawma aside \$200 million in general fund money to offset some of the financial impacts to local seralso would have tapped the state's TABOR surplus, which funds state

years when the economy grows faster than the state spending cap.

Polis offered a third option Thursday: taking as much as \$200 million from the state's reserves, which today holds 15% of general fund spending.

Local government advocates, who opposed Proposition HH because it offered relatively little compensation for their lost revenue, told The Colorado Sun they have been working to come up with proposals of their

Ann Terry, the director of the Special District Association, told The Sun this week she was "thrilled" voters rejected Proposition HH.

"We recognize there is more work to be done, and we have a coordinated stakeholder process to provide real property tax change going forward," Terry said.

But looming over the discussions is a measure conservatives placed on the 2024 statewide ballot that would cap annual property tax increases statewide at 4%. The measure has no funding mechanism to offset the financial hit to local services, such as schools, fire districts and librar-

The hastily called session comes as local government officials are scrambling to meet December deadlines to set their budgets for next year. Tax bills go out in January and are due in April.

The last time law-

makers convened for a special session was in 2020 to approve stimulus spending during the proved the ballot mea- coronavirus pandemic. sure, the legislature set Before that, then-Gov. Hickenlooper John called lawmakers back to the Capitol in 2017 to fix a bill-drafting error vices. Proposition HH that was costing local districts millions of dollars in marijuana rev-

### **OBITUARY**

### **Angela Benavidez**

held her as a matriarch, but she had many nieces her in their hearts. It's not uncommon for somewas to them, and how she remained close was there for them when they needed someone.

Her parents immigrated to Colorado and had a large family of six boys and six girls. She would often talk about growing up with them and working with them on the family farm. The simple times when she would hang out with her friends and work in the hospital as an on-the-job trained nurse. She married my father, Steve, they went on to have five of us kids.

Luis Valley.

They moved from Las

My mom was the man- Heart Catholic Church.

ager for what used to be Interment will follow

On Nov. 7, 2023. Our the Cliff Brice Conve- at the Alamosa Cemmother, Angela Barbara nience Store and retired etery. To leave online Benavides, left us peace- from there and moved fully in her sleep. She to Alamosa, Colo., a few romerofuneralhomes. had just turned 93 years years after we lost our com. The care of arrangeold in October. She lived father. She was active ments has been entrusta long life and touched in the Catholic Church ed to Romero Valley Fumany people. Not only (both in Fort Garland neral Home of Alamosa. did she have her children and Alamosa), and was and grandchildren that a Third Order of Mount Carmel Carmelite. Through the church, she and nephews that held met and knew many peo-

Mom recently one to ask about her or her beloved baby brothtell me how special she er, Uncle Pete. They though old age prevented them from being able to visit each other. She was ready to see her Little Mama and "your dad". So yes, we ALL will miss her

very much, but she was tired and needed to move on from this life — a life free of all the elements of the 93-year-old body. Services with Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Alamosa, Colo., at 9:30 a.m. with the Mass of the Res-Cruces, N.M., to the San urrection to follow at 10 a.m. also at the Sacred

condolences, please visit

No flowers or donations please. My mom was quick to offer a prayer for anyone. She felt needed it. So, I ask you please send up a prayer for her



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# Valley News

# Salute

■ Continued from Page 1 ington Badge of Merit Award, a plaque. Phillip Mackey explained that the award is now known as the Purple Heart Medal.

In May of 1969, Romero was sent to Fort Ord, Calif., for basic training before being shipped to Vietnam in October of that same year and spent time with the First Infantry Division. He was transferred to the 25th Infantry Division for the remainder of his tour. In September of 1970, he was sent to Fort Carson, Colo., and completed his tour of duty

The parade was headlined by the Monte Vista High School Pirates Marching Band fresh off placed second at the 1A State Bandmasters Association competition.

on May 7, 1971.

Name

County

A couple of hundred peo-

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starts with local residents."

On Nov. 7, Saguache

voted in favor of a name

change, Commissioner Tom

McCracken said the com-

missioners did not choose a

In a statement to the

Valley Courier, Commis-

sioner Liza Marron wrote,

"Kit Carson was noted for

his bravery in settling the

West, however, he was in-

volved in the massacres of

indigenous peoples and sup-

pression of the Apache and

Dine among others. This

genocide should not be cel-

"It turns out two lower

peaks of Kit Carson Moun-

tain have already been re-

named; Challenger and Co-

lumbia. I would be in favor

of a rename of the highest

peak, while consulting the

Commissioners

ple lined the parade route, took photos and video, waved as the cars, trucks, tractors and marching band went to the park next to Bill Metz Elementary on the corner of Broadway and First Avenue.

A large American flag was held high above the street near the park by Monte Vista and Del Norte fire ladder trucks.

Following the parade, people moved to the bleachers in front of the Faith Hinkley Memorial for the 45-minute ceremony.

U.S. Air Force Veteran Richard Nagley was the guest speaker. He is also the president of the Veterans Coalition of the San Luis Valley.

Nagley spoke of the history of Veterans Day, which was first proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson on Nov. 11, 1919, to commemorate the end of World War I. It was originally

community of Crestone and the Ute and Dine people." The 14,165-foot peak is

in the Rio Grande National Forest and in documents presented before the geographical naming board, a 2021 letter from U.S. Forest Service Supervisor Dan Dallas stated, "I am in complete support of the proposal as drafted." Dallas continued that in consultation with tribal governments support for the name change was offered and the Navajo Nation officially responded with a statement that in part read, "The Navajo Nation fully supports renaming Kit Carson Mountain..."

If the state board recommends a name change to Polis and he accepts it, the proposal then goes before the federal U.S. Board on Geographic Names domestic names committee (BGN). Name changes for natural features such as Kit Carson must be, "for a comcalled Armistice Day. It celebrates all who have served in the U.S. military. He also noted that Nov. 10 was the 283rd birthday for the U.S. Marine Corps.

Nagley asked the Veterans in attendance to stand, and the crowd thanked them for their service with a hardy round of applause. He also asked people to become involved with Veterans services and to become an advocate.

Rio Grande County Commissioner Scott Deacon led the ceremony with a prayer.

Rio Grande County Commissioner Gene Glover led the wreath ceremony. The families of Army Sgt. Faith R. Hinkley and Marine Sgt. Glen E. Martinez placed wreathes at the base of the memorial in the park that honors each person's contributions to Monte Vista.

Hinkley, 23, died Aug. 7, 2010, in Baghdad, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked her unit

pelling reason," according to the federal body.

The summit was first called Frustum Peak by the Wheeler Survey. In that expedition, Lieutenant George Montague Wheeler, United States Army Corps of Engineers, led expeditions for surveys west of the 100th Meridian between 1869 and 1879.

The summit was named Kit Carson Peak by a 1906 BGN decision. In 1970, the BGN voted to change the name to Kit Carson Moun-

According to the federal geographic naming board, in 2008, a proposal was submitted to the BGN to change the name of Kit Carson Mountain to Mount Crestone, stating that most locals in Crestone referred to the peak as Crestone Peak and that the name Kit Carson Mountain applied to a different mountain to the east. The proponent of that in Iskandariyah, Iraq.

Martinez, 31, was one of five Marines killed May 2, 2008, when their Humvee hit a roadside bomb in Fallujah.

The ceremony concluded with the traditional retiring of the colors by the Rio Grande County Color Guard. SLV VETERANS DAY EVENTS

Saturday, Nov. 11 American Legion — Dickey-Springer Post 113, and the Ladies Auxiliary will host the annual Veterans Day Parade on Main Street in Alamosa. The parade begins at 11 a.m. The parade recognizes veterans, past and present.

Saturday, Nov. 11 — Civil War Veteran Capt. Jose Maria Sanchez will be celebrated at the Sangre de Cristo Catholic Church in San Luis at 10 a.m. He will then be given a military service at the San Pedro Cemetery by an Honor Guard provided by American Legion Post 142 and VFW

change also proposed that the highest unnamed summit on Kit Carson Mountain be named Tranquility Peak. In 2010, a proposal was submitted to apply the name Kit Carson Peak to the same unnamed summit. In 2011, the BGN voted not to approve any of these proposals and reaffirmed

# Iheatre

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ing times, we need a little levity. It feels like we all could use some laughter to escape the realities of our world today. And during the holiday season, as we gather as family and friends, what better way to spend time together than laughing and enjoying the silly, over-the-top silly antics in this slapstick comedy," said Taylor.

Public performances of "The One-Act Play That

Main Stage, located in the Theatre Building. The Share the Magic benefit performance for La Puente Home is Dec. 2 and the Adams State alumni performance is 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10. The production is sponsored in part through the generosity of Billings Electric and Valley Lock and Security.

general public and free to fice.

Photo by Brian Williams Following the parade, people moved to the bleachers in front of the Faith Hinkley Memorial for the 45-minute ceremony. Veteran Richard Nagley was the guest speaker. The San Luis Valley Theatre Company is present-

ing a comedy play called

"Breaking and Entering" at

Society Hall, 400 Ross Ave.,

Alamosa. Veterans are wel-

come to attend at no charge.

The SLV Big Band will host

a Veterans Day concert at

7 p.m. at Ortega Middle

School. Admission is free.

Donations will be accepted.

Saturday, Nov. 11

Saturday, Nov. 11 Proud Military Parents group is hosting its first annual Coffee with a Veteran from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11. This event will take place at the Colorado Veterans Community Center of Homelake in Monte Vista. The event will be open to the public

Post 6101 of San Luis.

Saturday, Nov. 11 –

Name changes do happen.

of Mount Evans was official-

ly changed to Mount Blue

Sky by the federal board.

The process was a several-

year collaboration between

tribal, state, county, and lo-

Goes Wrong" run at 7:30

p.m. Dec. 1, 8, and 9; and

2 p.m., Dec. 3, on the San

Luis Valley Federal Bank

Mountain decision.

cal governments.

The Colorado Geographithe previous Kit Carson cal Naming Advisory Board will next meet on Jan. 24, In September, the name 2024, from 5 to 7 p.m. and will be on Zoom with meet-

> Requests for comment from Crestone Mayor Karina Danforth were not received by press time.

ing ID 885-7290-3329 with

the password 266179.

Associated Students and

Faculty (AS&F) with current Adams State I.D. Starting November 13, tickets may be purchased online at theatre.adams. edu. For telephone or inperson ticket orders, the box office number is 719-587-8499. The box office will open from 3 until 5 p.m. Monday Friday the week before Thanksgiving and again starting on Nov. 27. AS&F tickets for faculty, staff, and students must be or-Tickets are \$13 for the dered through the box of-

# Ef's

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Hideaway restaurant. The tradition continued when, after Efrem closed Ef's Hideaway in 2009, Jamie and Cristalray re-opened six months later under the name Ef's.

But it's time this decision was made, as becomes obvious in a conversation with Jamie and Cristalray, Efrem and Nancy (Jamie's mother) Ortiz and the Dominguez's second youngest daughter, Ja'Nya.

"Running a restaurant is hard on a person's body," says Ortiz, holding out wrists stiff with carpel tunnel syndrome after years of cooking. "It's a business you have to be married to if you're going to be successful. I know about that. But when they opened Ef's, Jamie and Cristalray took it way beyond what we did. They leap frogged into something new.'

When Jamie and Cristalray took over Ef's, they had already been in the business for 14 years. They knew what was involved. Events out of their control — like 9/11, the recession in 2008, supply chain is-

sues, and inflation — will hit rural businesses hard, restaurants especially Ef's was still successful in difficult times, only raising their prices once over the next 15 years even as costs continued to climb.

hit, the Dominguez family munity who think it's the re-examined their lives.

"I saw the restaurant business as an opportunity to learn, but Efrem said it best. You have to be married to it. Well, Cristalray and I are already married," Jamie says, drawing a laugh from the family.

"We're not throwing in we're doing, how we're living and spend our time. We want to take a chance and explore the rest of our lives. We know it's a change. We're looking at four generations who've been involved in this restaurant.'

"But with our construction business, the restaurant and the community work we're doing, we're burning the candle at both ends, and there's not much candle left," Cristalray says. "So we asked, how do we want to live the rest of our lives? Slaving away?"

horse instead of just keeping up with it," Jamie says, drawing another laugh.

"We didn't really plan on this happening right now," Cristalray continues, "but it's already set in motion, and we're getting a lot But when the pandemic of support from the comright thing for us to do.

And Ef's is not going away entirely.

"I love cooking, so I'll still be doing that and we'll be taking the food truck out more than in the last few years," Cristalray says. "But instead of being torn between that, runthe towel. It's our choice to ning the family business do this. We assessed what and my employees being able to make money, we'll be doing things together, as a family.'

The Dominguezes have also created a new path with a strong community presence through the work they do at Shooting Stars Cultural and Leadership Center and elsewhere. They connect that accomplishment to Ef's, as well.

"Ef's has left a footprint on the community. It's the foundation of everything that we are as a family and part of this community. People who really know us know what Ef's has done We want to lead the in the past," Jamie says.

years, Cristalray For has made food for funerals, often missing the funeral herself as she prepared for free — food for the families and friends. The gesture was so significant that, when an elderly customer passed away, the Dominguezes were mentioned in her eulogy

When the COVID-19 pandemic shut down all the restaurants, they met with the school district to provide meals for the students, even in the summer. The district also wanted to provide breakfast, so Ef's provided breakfast while continuing to distribute food boxes.

"The cops used to escort us when we took our floats to the South Side and delivered gifts to the Alamosa Housing Complex and other places. One year, a cop named Cooper asked if he could take some gifts up to this place where he'd just arrested the dad on a warrant. At first, the family didn't open the door but when they saw me behind him, they opened up and Cooper gave the kids a bike and other toys. For Cooper, it was really what he needed. And for the family, they got to see cops in a new way."



Photo courtesy of Jamie Dominguez

Left to right, Efrem and Nancy Ortiz and the Dominguez family: Nakkia, Cristalray, Jamie, Dekaj, Taneka and Ja'Nya.

After that, the Alamosa Police Department (APD) started giving toys they had bought to Dominguez to distribute. APD's car club even started touring with Five Star Riders.

'That's when Ef's really shifted into a role that was more than just a food industry. We already knew the community because of the restaurant. We had a connection. And, because of Ef's, we also had resources.'

Change can be difficult, even when it's welcomed, as is true with 21-year-old Ja'Nya, the second youngest of Jamie and Cristalray's four daughters.

"I started at Ef's in middle school," she says. "Now, I'm the only one who can do it all." She tears up. "I hate work but it's always been there. I never thought about it going away. (My parents) are so much happier being in the community. This needs to

happen." "The restaurant has taught us how to see good and bad in the world and to learn from both," says Jamie. "I'm grateful to Efrem and Nancy for making Ef's possible. I'm grateful to everyone for many years of support. We're looking forward to what's ahead.'

# Adams State University

# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

SUNDAY • 12 MONDAY • 13

TUESDAY • 14

Lunchtime Talk in

**WEDNESDAY • 15** 

Water Resources at Great Sand Dunes Andrew Valdez, park

STEM: Importance of

geologist, 12 p.m. Porter Hall 130 Free Native American

Heritage Month: String Games 5 p.m. McDaniel Hall 101 Zacheis Planetarium

Senior Recital: Joshua

Puente, piano 7 p.m.

Leon Memorial Hall

# **THURSDAY • 16**

Zacheis Planetarium Free Movies: 5:30 p.m. The Hot and Energetic Universe and

From Dream to Discovery: Inside NASA **Faculty Lecture:** Art and Land

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# Revealed -Nikki Haley's husband and his Djibouti call

By ANN COULTER

Will Republicans ever rebel against the execrable primary debates foisted on us every four years? Vetting presidential candidates is one of our most important civic duties, but the Republican National Committee offshores the job to journalists who pretend to be neutral — the better to slay Republicans on behalf of the Democrats — and inject themselves into the proceedings, a la Candy Crowley correcting Mitt Romney when Romney was right and her correction was wrong. (Three hundred more examples upon request.) Moderators consider any debate a failure when they haven't done 90% of the

Despite my repeated demand for presidential debates with no moderators, like Lincoln and Douglas did, the worst possible people keep popping up to host these events, making them a total waste of time, like a David Brooks column.

I'm a very busy person, but as a public service, I have written a series of questions for the useless wastes of space "moderating" this week's Republican debate. Perhaps not as riveting as questions from a talking snowman about global warming, but still pretty

Today, my questions will focus on Nikki Haley, who is surging in the polls principally because, as my regular readers know, Republican megadonors are the most out of touch, headup-their-butts twits the country has to offer. (Just ask Presidents Jeb Bush, Carly Fiorina, Rudy Giuliani, Fred Thompson and Phil Gramm.)

Here are a few of the questions that need to be answered:

1. Ambassador Haley, you mention your husband's military service often, and by "often," I mean "on a 5-second loop." In nearly every public appearance, you say some variation of this:



[Read with feeling]

"Our family, like every military family, is ready to make personal sacrifices when our loved one answers the call. We could not be prouder of Michael and his military brothers and sisters. Their commitment to protecting our freedom is a reminder of how blessed we are to live in America.'

Your husband's first deployment was to Afghanistan in 2013, to teach Afghans to grow crops other than opium. This did not have the slightest effect, and today, the country is growing more opium than before your husband's deployment.

Please explain how trying to teach Afghans to grow crops other than opium, which led to their growing even more opium, "protect[ed] our freedom."

- 2. In fact, explain how getting Afghans to grow less opium would have "protect[ed] our freedom" — even if it had worked. Which, again, it did not.
- 3. I realize there's an excellent reason for sending billions upon billions of hard-earned American dollars around the globe to people who hated us before, hate us after, and which never accomplishes the stated objective, but please remind us what it is.
- 4. Exactly how much money should we confiscate from the American people to spend on countries notable for not being our country? My number is

zero. What's yours? We're looking for a specific figure, not a seminar on foreign

5. Your husband is currently making us safer in Djibouti, Africa, a place obviously top of mind for most Americans.

Our mission there is vital and only

the most obtuse would mock it. According to the Defense Department, American military exercises there consist of keeping the locals entertained with art bazaars, Ramadan meals and field • "U.S. service members who deploy

- to [Djibouti] engage with our allies and Djiboutian partners through hosted events and volunteer opportunities in the community." — Navy Capt. Suzanne J.M. Krauss, commanding offi-
- It's "a really lovely thing" to see U.S. personnel engaging the community in such positive ways. — Acting Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Mara Karlin • "For the past 16 years, the base has
- U.S. military members with Djiboutians through art." — U.S. Department of Defense Please explain to voters, who lack a nuanced understanding of strategic

hosted a biannual bazaar that connects

objectives, how this posting "protect[s] our country and our freedoms"?

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is, we can't spend all of our military budget on Djiboutian art bazaars, Ramadan meals and field trips. Equally important is paying the military, agriculture, policing, educational, retirement and civil service expenses for the country of Ukraine.

You have warned congressional Republicans that to stop the flow of taxpayer money to that country, on top of the \$100 billion we've already sent, could cause Ukraine to lose the war.

If that should that happen, which of these is your greatest fear:

- Millions of poverty-stricken Africans and Latin Americans will pour into Ukraine within three years;
- One hundred thousand Ukrainians will die every year from drugs brought across its borders, including enough fentanyl to kill every man, woman and child several times over;
- Tens of thousands of children will be smuggled in and forced to work at dangerous jobs on 17-hour, overnight
- Hundreds of terrorists will stream into Ukraine each year.
- 7. Who is the campaign consultant to female presidential candidates convincing you, Fiorina and Hillary Clinton that to be taken seriously as a possible commander in chief, you have to be Suzy Warmonger, constantly threat-6. Now, obviously, as crucial as it ening to start wars all over the world?

### **LETTERS**

# What quality of life do we want for Alamosa?

and city council are making in regard to homelessness in Alamosa that impact this community so deeply. I am always interested in what the "boots on the ground" people are experiencing. In the interview with Ken Anderson (at the time our chief of police) stated "These decisions have to be addressed. It needs to be understood that our officers are not expendable. They're the people who have to deal with the increased crime and danger and unimaginable scenarios that come from these decisions." I have felt for years that councils and boards have meetings and retreats and come up with what they think are good ideas. The breakdown in this process is that someone else is responsible for managing and maintaining these

ideas. The councils and boards often camping and moving through this I would like to take a deeper look have no first-hand experience or "boots area. When the railroad was in bankwhat costs to the people that manage the unimaginable scenarios and the dangers to the greater community?

Anderson stated in his interview that Alamosa has a homeless population equivalent if not bigger than that of Durango. Can we examine the factors why we have such a large homeless population for our size of city? From the articles I have read in the paper, the city council and city manager seem to commend each other for their work on homelessness. Yet we have just had an election. Those of us who live a mile or two outside the city limits do not get to vote for city council. Yet their decisions impact our lives in the country. The river east of

into the decisions the city manager on the ground" of what it takes to ruptcy/receivership the homeless were maintain these ideas. And in this case, on the road by the tracks. As just one example a woman collapsed from an overdose in the neighbor's driveway. I think myself as well as others would deeply appreciate knowing the city council and city manager took our concerns seriously about the growing homeless population in Alamosa. In the Valley Courier article on the city council meeting when Anderson handed over his badge; I did appreciate the remarks by city counselor Liz Hensley, "We're taking risks. We must be willing to re-evaluate and if something isn't working, cut our losses." What quality of life do we want for Alamosa? Are we willing to examine the decisions that have been made, and take a deeper look into what path Alamosa has homeless periodically these decisions are leading us?

## Keep the government open

Contact your representative today to keep the government open past the Nov. 17 shutdown deadline.

A shut down will hurt us all. Military service members, TSA, and Air Traffic controllers are among the many federal employees who have to report to work without pay. Congress, how-

ever, gets paid without fulfilling their it could cost the US economy \$6 billion work duties. Farmers will be unable to get market loans to help harvest their crops, holiday travel is at risk and oth-

er essential services will be affected. While some harm starts immediately, the damaging effects grow immensely over time. It has been projected that each week of a shutdown,

weekly.

Find your representative's contact information at house.gov.

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On Religion

# Religion

# German bishops press for same-sex union blessings

Early in his Pope papacy, told Francis journalists: "If someone is gav and he searches for the Lord and has good will, who am I to judge? Citing those

Terry Mattingly words,

on Synodality developments, a German bishop has officially asked his clergy to start performing rites blessing Catholics in same-sex relationships. He also included couples with secular divorces, as opposed to church annulments, who are then married outside the church.

"Both with regard to believers whose marriages have broken down and who have remarried, and especially with regard to same-sex oriented people, it is urgently time -- especially against the background of a long history of deep hurt -- for a different perspective," wrote Bishop Karl-Heinz Wiesemann of the Diocese of Speyer, in a translation from the German posted by the Catholic Conclave blog.

In the Sermon on the many of you have been released a 40-page report

ing in the Syn- LGBTQ+ issues. odal Path and also voted for possibility of blessing ceremonies for ples. I stand by

bishop stressed

hope for future Synod new rites will not be "celrather about a blessing." This change in diocesan policy means that "no one who carries out such blessings has to fear sanctions."

Performing these blessings will require "empathy and discretion," wrote Wi-

"It may be that the domestic setting (possibly also with the blessing of the shared apartment) is more suitable. ... A blessing ceremony can also take place in the church," noted the bishop. "The celebration must differ in words and symbols from a church in ancient doctrines is not wedding and, as an act of blessing, should expressly reinforce the love, commitment and mutual responsibility that exists in the ing ... that do not transmit couple's relationship."

At the end of recent The goal, he added, is Vatican meetings, Synod "a pastoral attitude ... as on Synodality participants issued an apostolic letter

Mount, Jesus proclaimed, practicing for a long time. that didn't mention chang-"Judge not, lest you be That's why I campaigned es on hot-button topics for a reassessment of ho- such as married priests, mosexuality in the ordination of women church teach- as deacons and a range of

> However, Bishop Georg Batzing, president of the German bishops, noted signs of possible shifts in future synod sessions -- even same-sex cou- on "gender identity or sexual orientation" disputes that "raise new questions."

The global synod statethat ment added: "Sometimes existing anthropological ebrating a sacrament, but categories are not sufficient to grasp the complexity of what emerges from experience or from science, and therefore this calls for further investigation. We must take the necessary time for this reflection and devote the best of our energies to it, and not fall into simplistic judgments that hurt people or damage the body of the Church.'

Before this synod meeting, Pope Francis urged "pastoral charity" when considering blessings, adding that the "defense of objective truth" enough. "For this reason, pastoral prudence must adequately discern whether there are forms of blessa mistaken conception of marriage," he wrote.

Now, Pope Francis has

gy)" -- seeking a "paradigm shift" to a "fundamentally contextual theology" that doesn't settle for "abstractly re-proposing formulas and schemes from the past." This post-synod letter

proclaimed: "Theology can only develop in a culture of dialogue and encounter between different traditions and different knowledge, between different Christian confessions and different religions, openly engaging with everyone, believers and nonbeliev-

Bishops in Germany and other rapidly shrinking that if church "theology, versity of Mississippi.

Emmanuel Chapel - Independent Bible Church 1432 Hwy 149, South Fork 19-873-5411

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

San Luis Valley Christian Center 105 S. Broadway (3rd & Broadway), Monte Vista

Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Bible Study

410 Main Street, La Jaria
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)

raver House Church

10 Main Street, La Jara

Monday, 7 p.m. - Youth Thursday, 7 p.m - Bible Study

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

-- "Ad theologiam promov- European churches have, the magisterium, or tradiendam (to promote theolo- in recent years, openly tion" continues to ignore pushed for the modernization of Catholic doctrines modern Germans will stop on sexuality. Last year, listening, including young bishops in Belgium approved a text allowing rites blessing same-sex couples. And 93% of participants in German sessions preparing for the Vatican synod backed a document approving "blessing celebrations for people who love each other."

> During a synod press conference, Bishop Franz-

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

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

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

Sunday. 9 a.m.

United Church of La Jara

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

Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am

400 Ross Avenue, Society Hall, Alamosa

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

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

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

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

with a final practice at 8:15am on

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

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Christian

Sunday are at 9 am - Services

Worship Service Sunday 3:00 p.m.

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

Instrumental Classes 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Bible Studt Wednesday 7:00 p.m

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

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

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

Alamosa Christian Reformed, 719-589-3493 1861 Rd 10 S., Alamosa Pastor Philip VanderWindt

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group meets, every Friday at 7 p.m.

South Fork Chuch of Christ

205 Birch St, South Fork, 719-873-1259

Nathan Wheeler Pastor

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.

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

Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm

Hwy. 160 Del Norte next to Rio Grande Medical

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

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

Worship & Children Sunday

Cornerstone Community Church

Clinic Pastor Mark 719-657-9107

teachings

Episcopal Saint Thomas Episcopal Church 607 4th Street, Alamosa

Saint Stephen the Martyr 729 3rd Avenue, Monte Vista

Sunday, 10 am Service First Christian Church

Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service

518 First St. (First & State) Alamosa 589-6805

Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Central Church of Christ

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Classes Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study Healing Hearts, a Bible-based 12 step

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

Word of Faith Christian Center

The Peak Community Church 510 San Juan, Alamosa

Christian Fellowship Church

1300 West 12th St., Alamosa

Christian Independent Alamosa Christian Church

Christian Reformed

Alamosa Church of Christ

408 Victoria Avenue, Alamosa

Pastor Carl Sutter

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Day 10 a.m.

Pioneer United Church in Del Norte, Colorado

A Congregation of Evangelical Covenant Order

Hooper Church 3rd and Adams, Hooper the "signs of the times,"

Catholics. Asked to clarify, Overbeck added: "We put Jesus Christ at the center of faith in a common quest without clinging to habits and traditionalisms which, if critically examined, have no priority in the hierarchy of truth."

Terry Mattingly leads Josef Overbeck of Essen GetReligion.org and lives -- a diocese with 321 par- in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. ishes in 2002, but only 40 He is a senior fellow at the parishes in 2022 -- said Overby Center at the Uni-

# **Bible Digest**

Saturday, November 11, 2023

"A soft answer turns away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." (Proverbs 15:1 AKJV)

Save yourself some problems. Follow the truth above. Be kind and patient.

Sunday, November 12, 2023

"The thief comes not, a murderer but for to steal, and to kill, from the beand to destroy: I am come ginning, and abundantly. more (John 10:10 AKJV)

He will do the same for AKJV)

2023

"Better is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith." (Proverbs 15:16 AKJV)

Little with God is much (Psalms 119:11 AKJV) better than having the riches of this world.

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 "You are of your father

devil. and the lusts of your father you will do. He was

that they might have life, stayed not in the truth, and that they might have because there is no truth to you? in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: Jesus has given me for he is a liar, and the abundant life and I know father of it." (John 8:44 the world, that whoever

Monday, November 13, is a lie. The devil is the fa- 12:46 AKJV) ther of lies. Think it over. 15, 2023

> "Your word have I hid in my heart, that I might

not sin against you.'

This verse holds an important key to victory over sin. Memorize God's Word and get the victory.

Thursday, November 16, 2023 "For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of

God." (John

12:43 AKJV) What is most important

Friday, November 17, 2023

"I am come a light into believes on me should not If it is not the truth, it abide in darkness." (John

Come out of the dark-Wednesday, November ness of sin and deception and walk in the light of Jesus. He can make all

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Pastor Stephen Burns • 719-852-2980

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Apostolic Alamosa Apostolic Churcg 510 Fist St., Alamosa Meets Sundays 1-2 p.m. 2-3 p.m. - Lunch 3-5 p.m. - Worship Service Antonito Apostolic Church 710 Main St., Antonito

Meets sundays 11-12 p.m. - Sunday School 12-1 p.m. - Worship service

9056 Hwy 285 South, Alamosa - 719-587-3351 Dan Dawning Pastor, 719-588-7307 Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - Service iver of Life Church

Rivel of Lille Childrig 2602 Clark Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Service Center Assembly of God 7th & Miles + P.O. Box 507, Center, CO 81125 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. Assembly of God

Sons And Daughters Of God Ministry 677 Madison Street, Monte Vista Pastor Leonard Sandoval, 719-849-0212 Sunday 10.00 a.m Service Wednesday 7.00 p.m Prayer

New Life Fellowship 520 7th St., Del Norte, 81132 Adult Sunday School - 9:00

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

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

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Sunday, 11:00 am - Service Wednesday, 6:30pm - Community Get to Know Calvary Baptist Church

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

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

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Sunday, 10:45 am - Morning Worship
Sunday, 10:45 am - Morning Worship
Sunday, 12 Noon - Potluck Dinner
Sunday, after dinner - Afternoon Worship
Thursday, 7:00 pm - Mesita, Bible Study and

Prayer meeting

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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
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School: 330 Faraday Street, Monte Vista
Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Services
School: K-8, Monday-Thursday

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# **Accessing God's Power** Through Grace and Faith

God has a great plan for each person's life, and He wants us to enjoy every day of our lives. But we can't do it if we live in fear and lack confidence. Confidence is the belief that you're able to do what you need to do. God gives us confidence, but we need to know how to access it by faith. God-given confidence is actually

the grace of God. We usually hear grace defined as God's undeserved favor or God doing something for you that you don't deserve. But it's really more than that. It was life-changing for me to learn that grace is also God's power, freely given to me, to enable me to do with ease what I could not do on my own with any amount of struggle or effort. Think about this for a minute.

Everyone who accepts Jesus as their Savior is taught that we're saved by grace through faith. Ephesians 2:8-9 (NKJV) says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." But the same way we are saved is the way we are supposed to live. In other words, once we are born again, God wants us to do everything in life by grace through faith.

This has been one of the greatest revelations of my life. I remember how exciting it was to realize that God is not just there to help us when we have an emergency. God wants to be involved in every single thing we do on a day-to-day basis. There's nothing you're involved in that God doesn't care about, and He wants you to pray and ask Him to help you with every detail of your life. He doesn't want you to live striving in your own effort to do anything. God wants

to be your close, personal, intimate I was a Christian for years before I learned how to access God's grace, or

power, to live my everyday life. First, I had to get an understanding that once was saved, God didn't expect me to live right by my own strength. Just as I couldn't "earn" salvation through my own works or effort, I also couldn't really change my heart or behavior in my own strength. Jesus says in John 15:4 (NIV), "...No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. Every day we need to come to God

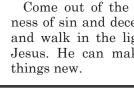
and tell Him, "God, I can do nothing without You. Nothing in my life is going to work without You. Apart from You, there is nothing good in me. My confidence is in You. I need You all the time. I believe You and trust You, Lord." When we humble ourselves before God and ask Him for help, we can access His grace through

So, to help you do that, I want to share three things that commonly short-circuit our faith, cutting off our access to God's power: complaining, self-pity, and pride. Complaining is a negative attitude

that keeps us from being thankful for all God has done, is doing, and will do. It is a sin we need to repent of, and then be determined to thank God in all things, at all times. His grace and blessings always outweigh the things we think are wrong in our life.

Self-pity is simply a "poor me" attitude. It is a form of idolatry because it causes you to focus on yourself and think, "What about me?" But we can't be pitiful and powerful at the same time, so let's decide to give up all self-pity. Pride takes credit for what God has

done and steals His glory. It makes us independent of God, and we can't bear good fruit apart from Christ. Before I learned how to live my life by God's grace, I was a mess. I was





a nagging wife, a manipulator, and controlling. And I wasn't satisfied living like that. Then God helped me by opening my eyes to see that I couldn't really change until I started taking His Word seriously and trusted Him to change me. When I made a firm decision to pray and study the Word in areas where I was weak, then God's grace gave me the power I needed to overcome the things that were wrong. And I keep going forward in my journey with God the same way today.

God has all the power you need to do anything you need to do. He loves you and wants to give you His power to live your daily life with joy. Lean on Him with absolute trust in His wisdom and goodness, and live with God-given confidence. For more on this topic, order

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# Sports

# Liberty Common ends Centauri's season

By KEN HAMRICK

Courier sports editor
ALAMOSA - The
Centauri High School
volleyball team played two
more matches at the Class
3A State Tournament
Friday at the Denver

Coliseum.

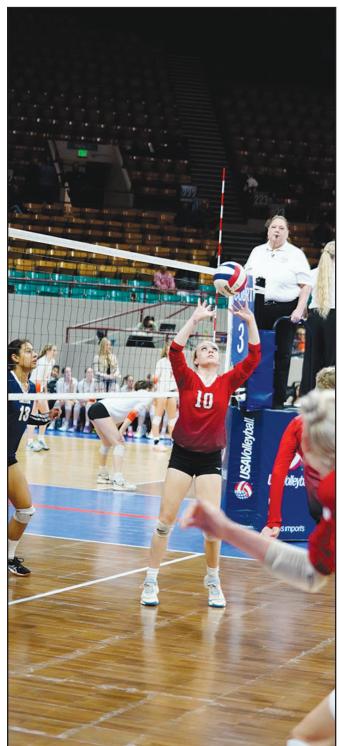
The eighth-seeded Lady Falcons first played 10th-seeded Colorado Springs Christian in the first round of the contenders bracket, and they defeated the Lady Lions in three sets. The scores were 25-19, 25-16 and 25-19.

Centauri then played sixth-seeded Liberty Common in the second round of the contenders bracket. The Lady Falcons won the first set 25-20, but the Lady Eagles won the next two by scores of 30-28 and 25-19. Centauri won the fourth set 25-21 to knot the match at two sets apiece, however, Liberty Common won the fifth set 15-9 to end the Lady Falcons' season.

Statistics were unavailable for either match.

Centauri finished the season with a record of 20 and eight losses.





Courtesy photos by Shelly Polzin Left: Centauri High School's Cameryn Wilfong (10) sets up a kill attempt in Friday's Class 3A State Tournament match against Colorado Springs Christian at the Denver Coliseum. Top right: Jaelyn Jackson (4) records a dig. Bottom right: Kailyn Polzin hits the ball over the net. The Lady Falcons defeated CSCS in three sets, but lost to Liberty Common in five sets to end the season.





# Sierra Grande Veteran's Day 5k run is today

By KEN HAMRICK

Courier sports editor

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

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

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

T-shirts will be mailed to all participants.

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

# Sports Bulletin

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

#### SCOREBOARD FRIDAY

Prep girls volleyball Centauri def. Colorado Springs Christian 25-19, 25-16, 25-19 Liberty Common

def. Centauri 20-25, 30-28, 25-19, 21-25, 15-9 **College women's** 

volleyball Regis def. Adams State 25-15, 25-23, 25-

College men's basketball Adams State 70, Texas-Permian Basin 67

as-Permian Basin 67

College women's

basketball

Adams State 63,

Adams State 63, Cameron (Okla.) 53

**SCHEDULE** 

SATURDAY Prep football Sierra Grande at Stratton (six-man state playoffs quarterfinals),

1 p.m.

#### College football

Western Colorado at Adams State, 1 p.m. College women's

volleyball Colorado-Colora-

do Springs at Adams State, 5 p.m.

College men's basketball Adams State vs.

Adams State vs. Western New Mexico (South Central Region crossover at Salt Lake City), 10 a.m.

College women's basketball

Adams State at Midwestern State (Texas) (AshbrookComfortInn Suites Classic), 5 p.m.

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 NCAADivisionIIChampionship (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-Kings-

ville 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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# Lifestyle

# First Friday Art Reception features Kosmowski family

Baca Grande Library hosted the First Friday Art Reception on Friday, Nov. 3, featuring the Kosmowski family. About 20 people attended the reception. Light refreshments were served. Noemi Kosmowski and her husband, Chris, were two of the featured artists with several of their paintings

hanging on the walls. The Kosmowski's are singers as well, and while the crowd drank their choice of water, soda, or wine that was served, the two sang many songs including, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," and many other well-known favorites. Noemi Kosmowski spoke

about her art in between the music.

"Thank you all for coming to see all this work that we have done," she said. "I have many paintings here. My husband Chris of 41 years is also a painter. He

has painted many things I was walking. I was raised **CRESTONE** — The over the years. He used to in my father's art studio. I only paint sports, and musi- have been painting all my cians, and now he is painting modern landscapes. He also paints T-shirts. There is a gentleman who came never paint or marry an today, and he is wearing Chris's T-shirt. He paints bigger paintings also and has some on display in Vail, but they are giant ber painting with her kids paintings. I am a spiritual painter, but I really paint anything. I paint Budha, I cannot do anything else. I Jesus, Uganda. You name think this was fate. It's like it I am doing it, dragons, spiritual wolves. I love to paint spiritual things. Thank you all for coming. Please eat, drink, and en-

Noemi Kosmowski said that she has been painting her entire life. She cannot remember a time when she was not painting.

this for me. I am from three generations of artists," she

life. The only time I didn't paint was when I was a teenager. I said I would artist and exactly the opposite is what happened to me."

She said she can rememwhen they were little.

"It is a tough choice, but great performers on stage, it drives me every day. I paint until midnight every night. I go home, I eat, I talk with my family, and I paint," she said.

Noemi Kosmowski spoke about the paintings hanging at the Baca Grande Library and being a teacher.

"I teach art also. I have "The painting it is in my classes at my studio in blood. My genes decided town," she said. "These are my three pictures here. One of them looks like my said. "I was painting before students did it, they helped



sPhoto by Marie Mccolm

During the First Friday Art Reception, the Kosmowski family performed and talked about their art.

work on."

Kosmowski pointed at three pieces of art. One of them looked like two dragonflies intertwined on a leaf, the painting that her students helped her with. One was a vision of two peacocks standing together, and the third appeared to be

throughout the circle.

The Kosmowski's recently opened a small art gal-thing. If you look around lery in town, and they are there is art in paintings, proud of the gallery.

"We like that our art is displayed there," she said. "We were made the offer art. If I am not painting, I to join other people there. It is a tiny gallery but perfect for our paintings. Ev- is my life. It is how I live; it a spiritual circle with dif- erything around you is art. is my fate."

me. The other two I did the ferent splashes of color The art is the one thing that is most important to me. There is art in everythere is art in everything. The coffee mug you drink out of is art. The world is am thinking about painting and about the art. Painting



turing the Kosmowski family.

# **Bolerjack concert at Calvary Bible Chapel**

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Award-winning Christian vocal duo, Blake and Jenna Bolerjack, will be in concert at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17, at Calvary Bible Chapel. As husband and wife, Blake and Jenna communicate their faith through music with gentleness and a testimony of love and commitment with their marriage; a chemistry easily seen as Jenna share their story they sing and serve together.

Blake's soaring vocals and Jenna's sweet fulness through that harmonies are sure to journey. inspire and encourage. All ages will enjoy their mix of classic and inspi-

rational styles. The Bolerjacks have completely unique way; traveled for 17 years full-time with concert ministry appearing in churches, theaters, festivals, and conventions across the United States renew your hope and as well as Canada and spirit and that is what multiple tours to Germany. Blake is also an song- is located at 7160 Brush award-winning writer and they have Lane in East Alamosa been featured on TBN (south of the U.S. govand VTN television networks nationwide and building on Highway have topped the Singing News charts with mul-

Along with their powerful music, Blake and call 588-5011.

tiple radio hits.



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day, Nov. 17, Bible Chapel. Courtesy photo



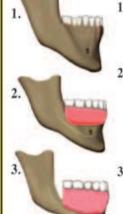
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Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302(3), you are notified that the following is a resume in Water Division 3, containing notice of applications and certain amendments filed in the office of the Water Clerk during the month of October 2023 for each county affected. 23CW3015 Applicant: Sustainable Water Augmentation Group, Inc. ("SWAG"), Post Office 23CW3015 Applicant: Sustainable Water Augmentation Group, Inc. ("SWAG"), Post Office Box 601, Center, CO, 81125 with all correspondence connected herewith being sent to Applicant's counsel, Bradley C. Grasmick or Ryan M. Donovan, Lawrence Custer Grasmick Jones & Donovan, LLP, 5245 Ronald Reagan Blvd., Suite 1, Johnstown, CO 80534, 970-622-8181. Application for Approval of Plan of Augmentation, Change of Water Rights, and Appropriative Right of Exchange in Saguache, Alamosa, and Rio Grande Counties. 1.1. Summary of Application: 2.1. Background: Identification of Structures to be Augmented. Applicant's members own or otherwise control 267 groundwater wells ("Member Wells") and Susciented water rights decreed to withdraw groundwater from the Confined Aquifer and Unconfined Aquifer within Response Area No. 1. A table of the Member Wells is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. Groundwater withdrawn by Member Wells from the Confined Aquifer in Response Area No. 1 does not constitute "new withdrawal[s] of ground water," as that term is defined in the Confined Aquifer New Use Rules. As such, the Member Wells are not subject to the Confined Aquifer New Use Rules. Additional Member Wells may be added to the plan for augmentation claimed in this Application pursuant to the terms and conditions subject to the commendation claimed in this Application pursuant to the terms and conditions of the final decree entered in this matter, and pursuant to Applicant's bylaws and policies. Member Wells shall include any replacement well or alternate point of diversion well authorized in connection with any of the identified Member Wells. Water diverted pursuant to the decreed water rights at the Member Wells has historically been used to irrigate approximately 17,897 acres and other agricultural-related commercial uses within Saguache, Alamosa, and Rio Grande Counties. Of the 17,897 acres irrigated by the Member Wells 8,436 acres are irrigated solely by water accruing to the Unconfined Aquifer or the Confined Aquifer within Response Area No. 1 from any and all sources other than those which are decreed for recharge of the Unconfined Aquifer or Confined Aquifer which an owner mainthe deed of recharge of the Oricollimited Adulted of Collimited Adulted without an owner maintains dominion and control pursuant to the water court decree confirming the recharge use of the water, hereinafter "Native Water," which is diverted by the Member Wells pursuant to the decreed water rights for each Member Well, approximately 9,385 acress are irrigated by a combination of Native Water and water derived from the decreed water rights of the San Luis Valley Irrigation District, and 164 acress are irrigated by a combination of Native Water and water derived from the decreed water rights of the Rio Grande Canal Water Users Asposition. Applicant's Member Wells are currently expelled in the plan of water management. sociation. Applicant's Member Wells are currently enrolled in the plan of water managemen

sociation. Applicant's Member Wells are currently enrolled in the plan of water management operated by the Special Improvement District No. 1 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (the "Subdistrict"). 2.2. Plan for Augmentation. Applicant seeks approval of a plan for augmentation (the "SuMG Plan") pursuant to Colorado law, including but not limited to the "Rules Governing the Withdrawal of Groundwater in Water Division No. 3 (the Rio Grande Basin) and Establishing Criteria for the Beginning and End of the Irrigation Season in Water Division No. 3 for all Irrigation Water Rights" (hereinafter the "Rules"). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein will have the same meaning as in the Rules. Rule 6.1.2 specifically recognizes groundwater withdrawals in Water Division 3 can occur pursuant to plans for augmentation. In addition, Rule 6.1.3 permits withdrawals of groundwater in Water Division 3 pursuant to substitute water supply plans approved pursuant to CRS § 37-92-308. The SWAG Plan is an "Alternate Plan" as that term is used in Rule 8.6. Member Wells may continue to operate and be covered in full, or in part, by the Subdirict's Annual Replacement Plan ("ARP"), both during the pendency of this Application and, at Applicant's election, upon entry of a decree approving the SWAG Plan. 2.3. Change of Water Rights. Applicant seeks approval of a change of use from irrigation to augmentation, replacement, either by direct delivery, or following recharge, storage, or exchange, with the right to totally consume the consumable portion of the Atkins Ditch Water Right by first use, reuse, or successive uses. Applicant seeks a decree approving the Addition of other water rights become decrease approving the Addition of other water rights become decrease approving the Addition of other water rights become decrease approving the Addition of other water rights become decrease approving the Addition of other water rights become decrease approving the Addition of other water rights become decrease approving the Addit or successive uses. Applicant seeks a decree approving the addition of other water rights to be used for augmentation purposes pursuant to CRS §§ 37-92-305(8)(c) and 308. 2.4. Appropriative Right of Exchange. One of the claimed uses of the changed Atkins Ditch Water Right is recharge. There may be times when recharge credits accrue to the Rio Grande River in excess of Applicant's replacement requirements and obligations under the Rio Grande Compact. Applicant seeks a decree approving a substitution and exchange whereby that such are water can be exphanged to the bedgets of the Atkins Ditch. 3. Statements Plan compact. Applicant seems a decree approving a substitution and exchange whereby the recharge water can be exchanged to the headgate of the Atkins Ditch. 3. Statement of Plan for Augmentation: 3.1. Structures to be Augmented. The structures to be augmented pursuant to the SWAG Plan includes the Member Wells described in Exhibit 1, wells added to the SWAG Plan pursuant to the terms and conditions of a decree to be entered in this matter, and any replacement well or alternate point of diversion well authorized in connection with any of the identified Member Wells. 3.2. Rule 10. The SWAG Plan will operate in compliance with Rule 10. 3.3. Determination of the Timing, Location, and Amount of Stream Depletions.

3.1.1. Applicant's Proportional Obligation to Replace or Remedy Injurious Stream Depletions. Rule 5.11 requires that wells operating pursuant to Rules 6.1.1 - 6.1.3 "bear proportionally the obligation to replace or Remedy Injurious Stream Depletions." Consistent with and in satisfaction of Rule 10.2 and Rule 7, Applicant will utilize the Response Functions for Response Area No. 1 derived from the RGDSS Groundwater Model to determine the Right Response Area No. 1 derived from the RGDSS Groundwater Model to determine the Right Response Area No. 1 derived from the RGDSS Groundwater Model to determine the Right Response Area No. 1 derived from the RGDSS Groundwater Model to determine the Right Response Area No. 1 derived from the RGDSS Groundwater Model to determine the Right Response Area No. 1 derived from the RGDSS Groundwater Model to determine the Right Response Area No. 1 derived from the RGDSS Groundwater Model to determine the Right Response Area No. 1 derived from the RGDSS Groundwater Model to determine the Right Response Area No. 1 derived from the RGDSS Groundwater Model to determine the Right Response Area No. 1 derived from the RGDSS Groundwater Model to determine the Right Response Area No. 1 derived from the RGDSS Groundwater Model to determine the Right Response Area No. 1 derived from the RGDSS Groundwater Model to determine the Right Response Area No. 1 derived from the RGDSS Groundwater Model to determine the RGDSS Groundwater Model to RGDSS Groundwater M intiming, location, and amount of Stream Depletions resulting from groundwater withdrawals by the Member Wells, including those Member Wells which have as their decreed supply groundwater from the Confined Aquifer. Stream depletions and SWAG's proportional obligation to replace or Remedy Injurious Stream Depletions will be calculated using the response function workbook, the most recent version of which is attached as Exhibit 2. The timing, amount, and location of Injurious Stream Depletions will be updated during the pendency of this Application to effort the most current date covered the properties. his Application to reflect the most current data regarding pumping by all Wells in the Subdistrict and projected recharge of imported water into the Unconfined Aquifer in Response Area No. 1 according to the most current ARP. If application of the Response Functions for all of Response Area No. 1 determines a negative stream depletion (i.e., accretion) for any of the administrative stream reaches, currently defined as RG1, RG2, or RG3, then no replacements shall be required for that reach. If application of the Response Functions for all of Response Area No. 1 determines an accretion is a unstranged to the supplication of hell sponse Area No. 1 determines an accretion in an upstream reach, then such accretion shall subject to appropriate transit losses, be applied as an offset to Injurious Stream Depletions owed in a downstream reach. Depletions in the months of November, December, January, and March are assumed to be owed to New Mexico due to Rio Grande Compact obligations that are defined by the cumulative sum of depletions and accretions in all three administrative reaches, and which must be replaced or Remedied within the calendar year administrative reaches, and which must be replaced or Hemedied within the calendar year in which the depletions are simulated to occur 3.3.2. Location of Stream Depletions. Based on the most current application of the RGDSS Model and the corresponding Response Functions, Applicant's Member Wells may cause Stream Depletions to the Rio Grande River in the RG1, RG2, and RG3 administrative reaches. 3.3.3. Sources available to replace or Remedy Injurious Stream Depletions. 3.3.3.1. Atkins Ditch Water Right. The Applicant owns the Atkins Ditch Water Right, which is the subject of the change of water rights claim described below. Section 1.12 of the Subdistrict's plan of water management defines "Non-Benefited Subdistrict Land" to

of the Subdistrict's plan of water management defines "Non-Benefited Subdistrict Land" to include "land irrigated with groundwater pursuant to, and in compliance with, the provisions of a validly decreed plan for augmentation. Some land irrigated with groundwater may be only partially covered by a plan for augmentation in which case that land will be Subdistrict Land and will only be treated as non-benefited to the extent valid augmentation exists for groundwater withdrawn." Upon entry of a final decree in this matter, lands included in the SWAG Plan may be treated as Subdistrict Land and Injurious Stream Depletions associated with the irrigation of such lands by groundwater withdrawn by Member Wells may be re-No. 3654

placed pursuant to the Subdistrict's plan of water management and ARPs. 3.3.3.2. Applicant seeks approval to add additional temporary and permanent sources of augmentation, recharge, and replacement water to the SWAG Plan pursuant to CRS §§ 37-92-305(8)(c) and 308. Without limitation, this specifically includes (1) water rights owned by Applicant in the following priorities associated with the Meadow Glen Ditch: 1.2 c.f.s., Priority No. 348, River Height 2119 ft; 1.8 c.f.s. Priority No. 323, River Height 2041 ft, 1.2 c.f.s. Priority No. 1903-21A River Height 2010 ft; 14 c.f.s. Priority No. 1903-57C River Height 5173 ft; 5.33 c.f.s. Priority No. 1916-23, River Height 5266 ft, 20.0 c.f.s. Priority No. 1916-30B, River Height 5307 ft. and (2) water rights owned by Applicant in the Voss Seepage Ditch, Priority No. 1922-1972. 3.3.3.4. Applicant may enter into forbearance agreements with water rights owners on the Grande River as needed. 3.4. SWAG Plan for Achieving and Maintaining a Sustainable Water Supply. Rule 10.4 requires that plans for augmentation contain terms for achieving Nater Supply. Rule 10.4 requires that plans for augmentation contain terms for achieving and maintaining a Sustainable Water Supply in accordance with Rule 8. SWAG's Plan is an Alternate Plan within the meaning of Rule 8.6, and as such, it may include a method or standard for determining, achieving, and maintaining a Sustainable Water Supply. In addition, pursuant to Rule 8.7, which applies to all plans authorized under the Rules, the SWAG Plan provides for the proportional division of the responsibility for achieving and maintaining a Sustainable Water Supply as between all Well users in each of the Response Areas in which the Wells included in the Plan are located. Rule 8.7 further requires that the proportional division of the responsibility for achieving and maintaining a Sustainable Water Supply "be assed upon each Well's past, present, and future groundwater withdrawals." 3.4.1. Sustainable Consumption Level. Applicant has determined a "Sustainable Consumption Level," or SCL, for its Member Wells. The SCL for the Member Wells is based on the historical user. The Member Wells pursuant to their individual groundwater decrees limited by the amount of Native Water recharged to and stored in the Unconfined Aquifer and Confined Aquifers in Response Area No. 1, which is available to satisfy that pumping, as compared to the sustainable historical withdrawals of Native Water from all other wells in Response Area No. 1. The SCL is exclusive of water available to Member Wells by virtue of the surface water recharge decrees decreed in Case Nos. W-3979 (Rio Grande Canal Water Users Association) for Applicant's members who own shares in the Rio Grande Canal Water Users Association, Applicant's members who own shares in the Rio Grande Canal Water Users Association, W-3980 (San Luis Valley Irrigation District) for Applicant's members who own land within the boundaries of the San Luis Valley Irrigation District, 13CW3002 (Santa Maria Reservoir Company) for Applicant's members who own shares in Santa Maria Reservoir Company, and any other decree issued by the Water Court in Water Division No. 3 approving the use of water for the purpose of recharging the Unconfined Aquifer and subsequent withdrawal for irrigation and other uses. The SCL is calculated in proportion to the historical pumping of Native Water from all wells in Response Area No. 1. The SCL was determined based on surprise of the from the school of the sch pumping of the

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Member Wells during observed periods without mining of the Unconfined Aquifer along with analysis of physical measurements of stream flow which were shown to have a high correlation to inflows to the Unconfined Aquifer aquifers and physical measurements of ground-water withdrawals. Applicant's initial SCL is calculated to be 14,641 acre-feet per year. This SCL value is preliminary and may be adjusted as more information becomes available to Applicant. 3.4.2. Recovery Consumption Level. The SWAG Plan incorporates the same recovery objective found in § 3.4.2 of the Subdistrict's plan of water management, that being the recovery of storage levels in the Unconfined Aquifer between 200,000 and 400,000 acre-feet below the storage level that was projected to exist on January 1. 1976 As of the acre-feet below the storage level that was projected to exist on January 1, 1976. As of the end of the most recent calendar year, 2022, the storage level in the Unconfined Aquifer was approximately 896,142 acre-feet below the lower limit of the recovery objective. The Member Wells' proportional obligation of this amount is approximately 92,144 acre-feet, which amount is based on the past use of all wells in Response Area No. 1, including the Member Wells, from the period beginning in the year 2002. This is an estimate of the Member Wells proportional obligation for the recovery of the Unconfined Aquifer which may be refined, and Wells, from the period beginning in the year 2002. This is an estimate of the Member Wells proportional obligation for the recovery of the Unconfined Aquifer which may be refined, and which will be updated annually during the pendency of this application. Applicant will reduce its annual consumption of Native Water to an amount that is sufficiently lower than the SCL ogenerate sustained and consistent progress towards Applicant's proportional obligation towards the recovery of the Unconfined Aquifer. This reduced level of consumption of Native Water is referred to as Applicant's "Recovery Consumption Limit" or the "RCL." The total initial RCL for all Member Wells is 11,285 acre-feet per year, on a 5-year rolling average. The difference between the SCL and the RCL represents contributions by Applicant towards its proportional obligation to recover the storage levels in the Unconfined Aquifer. The RCL, and subsequently the SCL, will be implemented by instituting an enforceable pumping limit on Member Wells. The RCL value is preliminary and may be adjusted as more information becomes available to Applicant 3.4.3. Retirement of Selected Member Wells. In addition to reducing consumption of Native Water through a pumping limit, Applicant proposes to retire certain Member Wells ("Retired Wells"), which Retired Wells are identified on Exhibit 1 and denoted as proposed to be fallowed. The Retired Wells have historically been used on approximately 39 circles, upon which Applicant controls. The Retired Wells historically resulted in an average annual consumption of Native Water of 5,051 acre-feet over the most recent ten-year period 2013-2022. Applicant may, either during the pendency of this Application or following entry of a decree approving the SWAG Plan, substitute other Member Wells are Retired Wells and vice versa, provided that the pumping limit then in effect (based on either the SCL or RCL) is not increased. Water rights for the Retired Wells shall not be considered Member Wells under this Plan. At Applicant's e Applicant will provide the information required by Rule 10.5.1 regarding projected operations under the Plan for each year and by Rule 10.5.2 to document the sufficiency of operation under the plan for each year. Applicant may develop appropriate forms to report the information required by Rule 10.5 in a format and layout acceptable to the Division Engineer. 3.6. Participation in Subdistrict ARP. The Applicant's members reserve the right to operate in whole or in part pursuant to the Subdistrict's ARP. Applicant may also operate separate from whole of in part pursuant to C.R.S. Section 37-92-308 while this Application is pending. If Application spending of Application is pending, If Applicant operates under the Subdistrict's ARP, it may utilize some or all the Member Wells historically used on the SWAG Farm such that full retirement of those wells will be delayed until such time as operations under the SWAG Plan begin. 4. Change of Water Rights 4.1. Water Rights to be Changed: Applicant acquired the Atkins Ditch Water Right by deed dated May 10, 2022 and the lands upon which the Atkins Ditch Water Right were historically used by deed of the same date. The Atkins Ditch Water Right subject to this Application include the following priorities: 0.30 c.f.s., Priority No. 57, River Height 126 ft; 0.67 c.f.s., Priority No. 90; and 0.08 c.f.s., Priority No. 143. 4.2. Previous Decrees: Final Decree in the Matter of the Adjudication of the Priorities of Water Rights in Water District 20, Costilla County District Court, entered May 1, 1896; Case No. W-2967, entered January 3, 1974, by the District Court in and for Water Division No. 3. 5.2. 4.3. Point of Diversion: A point on the North Bank of the Rio Grande River whence the North Quarter corner of Section 28, Township 40 North, Range 5 East N.M.P.M., bears North 31°18½' West 2,125.00 feet distant. 4.4. Historical Use: The Atkins Ditch Water Right has historically been used for irrigation on a property referred to as the "Shadow Ranch", in Sections 21, 22, and 28, Township 40 North, Range 5 East, N.M.P.M., Rio Grande County, Colorado. 4.5. Proposed Change: In addition to the currently decreed irrigation use, Applicant seeks to add the following uses to the Atkins Ditch Water May 10, 2022 and the lands upon which the Atkins Ditch Water Right were historically used decreed irrigation use, Applicant seeks to add the following uses to the Atkins Ditch Water Right: augmentation, replacement, exchange, with the right to fully consume the consum-

able portion, either directly, or following storage and/or recharge on the Shadow Ranch, as described in in paragraph 4.4 above. 4.6. Historic Consumptive Use: Over the study period of 1975-2020, the average annual historical consumptive use of the Atkins Ditch Water Right is estimated to be 162.4 acre-feet. This amount is preliminary and may be adjusted as more information becomes available to Applicant. 4.7. Return Flows: Annual return flows associated with the historical use of the Atkins Ditch Water Right on the Shadow Ranch averaged approximately 50.7 acre-feet. This amount is preliminary and may be adjusted as more information becomes available to Applicant. Return flows associated with the historical use of the Atkins Ditch Water Right may consist of surface returns which will accrue to the Rio Grande River in the same month as diversions. and deep percolation returns which will be accord to River in the same month as diversions, and deep percolation returns which will be lagged to have in the same information and expensions, and deep perconator terms wind with graged return flows will be determined using the IDS AWAS software, the bounded alluvial aquifer Glover methodology, and site-specific alluvial aquifer characteristics. Return flows associated with the historical use of the Atkins Ditch Water Right accrued to the Rio Grande River in the NE ¼, Section 28, Township 40 North, Range 5 East, N.M.P.M., Rio Grande County, Colorado. To prevent injury to other decreed water rights, return flows associated with the Atkins Ditch Water Right will be replaced above water lights, letter from the substitute a National Billich water hight will be replaced above the calling water right by using a portion of the water associated with the Atkins Ditch Water Right, either directly, or following storage and/or recharge, or with other water rights owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by Applicant and approved for such use. 5. Appropriative Right of Exchange. 5.1. At such times as when recharge water is delivered to the Rio Grande River pursuant to the changed Atkins Ditch Water Right and in accordance with the plan for

Right of Exchange. 5.1. At such times as when recharge water is delivered to the Rio Grande River pursuant to the changed Atkins Ditch Water Right and in accordance with the plan for augmentation requested in this Application in excess of Applicant's replacement requirements and Rio Gande River Compact obligations, such recharge water may be substituted and exchanged for water diverted at the headgate of the Atkins Ditch. The exchange-to and exchange-from points and the claimed flow rates are set forth below. The substitution and exchange will only operate at such times when there is a live stream between the point of delivery to the Rio Grande River and the Atkins Ditch headgate. Exchange-to Location: The Atkins Ditch headgate described in paragraph 4.3 above. 5.3. Exchange-from Location: Recharge accretions will accrue to a reach of the Rio Grande River in the S½ of the NW of the NW ¼, and the NW ¼ of the SW ¼, all in Township 40, Range 5 East N.M.P.M. There are no known decreed water rights which divert from the Rio Grande River in the exchange reach. 5.4. Amount Claimed: 1.0 c.f.s., conditional 5.5. Appropriation Date: September 29, 2023. 5.6. Uses: Augmentation, replacement, exchange, with the right to fully consume the consumable portion, either directly, or following storage and/or recharge on the Shadow Ranch 6. Name and Address of Owners of Structures: The Member Wells, water rights, and other structures referenced in this Application are owned by the following persons or entities: 6.1. Applicant, contact information is described in Paragraph 1 herein. 6.2. Santa Maria Reservoir Company, 147 Washington Street, Monte Vista, CO 81144. 6.4. San Luis Valley Irrigation District, 296 Miles Street, Monte Vista, CO 81144. 6.4. San Luis Valley Irrigation District, 296 Miles Street, Monte Vista, CO 81144. 6.4. San Luis Valley Irrigation District, 296 Miles Street, Monte Vista, CO 81144. 6.4. San Luis Valley Irrigation District, 296 Miles Street, Center, CO 81125. 6.5. Gunbarrel Road Alamosa, LLC, 1521 Westbranch CO 81125. 6.14. Margaret Dianne Goldman, 4015 N. 78th Street, Unit 106, Scottsdale, AZ 85251. 6.15. JADA Holdings, 5500 Ming Avenue, Suite 350, Bakersfield, CA 93309. 6.16. James M. Ford Estate, 3011 Lane 10 N, Hooper, CO 81136. 6.17. Jim Ford Farms Inc, 3011 Lane 10 N, Hooper, CO 81126. 6.19. Shirley J. Myers Trust, 10516 County Road 51, Center, CO 81125. 6.19. Shirley J. Myers Trust, 10516 County Road 51, Center, CO 81125. 6.20. Ernie Myers, 5642 County Road 53, Center, CO 81125. 6.21. Gerald Myers, 10516 County Road 100, Center, CO 81125. 6.22. Jared Myers, 59343 County Road B, Center, CO 81125. 6.23. Willie Myers, 705 Spruce Street, Del Norte, CO 81132. 6.24. Nevitt Ford 626, LLC, 2128 E. Cloud Road, Queen Creek, AZ 85142. 6.25. Skyline Land Company, LLC, 701 W 16th Street, Suite 101, Yuma, AZ 85364. 6.26. Myers Family Farm, LLC c/o Ernie Myers, 2596 County Road 52, Center, CO 81125. 6.27. Neufeld Farms, 10130 N County Road 104, Hooper, CO 81136. Exhibit 1:

Hooper, CO 81136. Exhibit 1 Type of Use Well Name Appropriation Date W1843 WELL NO Irrigation, SKY VLY 07 48338-F Evaporation W0140 WELL NO SE-SE-1-Irrigation W1365 WELL NO 4/30/1910 Steck 2705087 W1912 WELL NO SW-NW Irrigation NO 5-R W2556 WELL NO 6/30/1955 W1504 WELL NO Stock

This application contains ten pages and one exhibit.

You are notified that you have until the last day of December 2023, to file with the Water Clerk a verified statement of opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions or a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of opposition or protest must also be served upon the Applicant or the Applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service must be filed with the Water Clerk. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$192.00. Forms may be obtained from the Water Clerk's Office or our website at www. courts.state.co.us. Jennifer Pacheco, Water Clerk, Water Division 3, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101

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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.

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 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 Planholder'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-

Bidders must be licensed to perform work within the state of Colorado.

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. Published in the Valley Courier on October 27, 28, 31, November 1,

3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, & 21, 2023.

#### 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. 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 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 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, November 20th, 2023, at 2:00 PM. SOQ must have a notation on the en-

velope 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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#### 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. Due to many factors proposed budget may change before final ap-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.

published at a later time. Mitchell Jarvies

Notice is also given that 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

Chairman, Conejos County Commissioners Published in the Valley Courier on November 11, 14, & 15, 2023.

### DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 3, STATE OF COLORADO TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS FILED IN WATER DIVISION 3. Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302(3), you are notified that the following

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

office of the Water Clerk during the month of October 2023 for each office of the Water Clerk Galling ....
county affected.
2023CW13: Concerning the Application for Water Rights of Randall K. and Linda M. Palmgren; 50026 County Road C, Center, CO 81125, rhalmgren@earthlink.net, 719-754-2557. Application for Change of

2023CW13: Concerning the Application for Water Rights of Randall K. and Linda M. Palmgren; 50026 County Road C, Center, CO 81125, rpalmgren@earthlink.net, 719-754-2557. Application for Change of Water Right in Saguache County. PART A - APPLICATION FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION WELL ON THE SE1/4 SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, NMPM (FIELD NO. 5) Decreed water right for which change is sought: Name of structure: Well No. 5-R, Case No. 82CW199, WDID 2705122 (Well No. 5-R). Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: April 27, 1984, Case No: 82CW199. Court: Water Court Division 3. Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: Center of the SE1/4 of Section 9, Township 41 North, Range 8 East, NMPM, At a point 1,320 Feet from the East Section Line, in Saguache County, Colorado. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer of the Closed Basin. Permit Number: R390-RF (390-R-R). Well Depth: 93 feet. Appropriation Date: June 30, 1955. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute (gpm) or cubic feet per second (cfs): 1,200 GPM, absolute, being 2.67 cubic feet per second (rfs): 1,200 GPM, absolute, being 2.67 cubic feet per second (rfs): 1,200 GPM, absolute, being 2.67 cubic feet per second (rfs): 1,200 GPM, absolute, being 2.67 cubic feet per second (rfs): 1,200 GPM, absolute, being 2.67 cubic feet per second (rfs): 1,200 GPM, absolute, being 2.67 cubic feet per second (rfs): 1,200 GPM, absolute, being 2.67 cubic feet per second (rfs): 1,200 GPM, absolute, being 2.67 cubic feet per second (rfs): 1,200 GPM, absolute, being 2.67 cubic feet per second (rfs): 1,200 GPM, absolute, being 2.67 cubic feet per second (rfs): 1,200 GPM, absolute, being 2.67 cubic feet per second (rfs): 1,200 GPM, absolute, being 2.67 cubic feet per second (rfs): 1,200 GPM, absolute, being 2.67 cubic feet per second (rfs): 1,500 GPM, absolute, being 2.67 cubic feet per second (rfs): 1,500 GPM, absolute, being 2.67 cubic feet per second (rfs): 1,500 GPM, absolute, being

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sprinkler at or below the permitted and decreed flow rate of 1,200 gpm. The supplemental well will be drilled on Field No. 5 to a depth not to exceed the top of the confining clay series. Applicants are proposing to have the new supplemental well and Well No. 5-R with individual and combined maximum pumping rates of 1,200 gpm and a combined annual volumetric limitation of 375 acrefeet. Well No. 5 is within the Rio Grande Water Conservation District 1,200 gpm and a combined annual volumetric limitation of 375 acrefeet. Well No. 5 is within the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Groundwater Management Subdistrict No. 1 boundary and is enrolled in the annual replacement plan of the Subdistrict. The new supplemental well will contract into Subdistrict No. 1. Field No. 5 lies within the service area of the San Luis Valley irrigation District. Attached Exhibit 1 (available in the Alamosa Court Clerk's Office) is the pumping history for Well No. 5-R derived from the Colorado Division of Water Resources database. Location information: Well No. 5-R is located as decreed with a GPS location from the DWR database of: UTM NAD83 403373 mE, 4185312 mN The supplemental irrigation well to Well No. 5-R will be located within the SE1/4 of Section 9, Township 41 North, Range 8 East, NMPM (Field No. 5). PART B - APPLICATION FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION WELL ON THE SW1/4 SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, NMPM (FIELD NO. 6). Decreed water right for which change is sought: Name of structure: Well No. 3R, Case No. 82CW198, WDID 2705520 (Well No. 3R). Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: April 29, 1987, Case No. 82CW198. Court: Water Court Division 3. Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: SW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 9, Township 41 North, Range 8 East, NMPM, at a point 1,300 Feet from the South Section Line and 1,300 Feet from the West Section Line, in Saguache County, Colorado. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer of the Closed Basin. Permit Number: R388-RF, 0,888-RP, 0,801 point pascoled to structure in gallons per minute (gpm) or cubic feet per second (cfs): 1,200 GPM, absolute, being 2.67 cubic feet per second (dfs): 1,200 GPM, absolute, being 2.67 cubic feet per second (dfs): 1,200 GPM, absolute, being 2.67 cubic feet per second (dfs): 1,200 GPM, gallons per minute (gpm) or cubic feet per second (cfs): 1,200 GPM, absolute, being 2.67 cubic feet per second of time. Decreed use or uses: Irrigation. No further restrictions on area or amount of use in the decree. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: 1,200 GPM. Detailed description of proposed change: Applicants request a supplemental irrigation well to Well No. 3R for irrigation of the SW14 of Section 9, Township 41 North, Range 8 East, NMPM (Field No. 6). Well No. 3R has been pumping more than 1,000 gpm for many years before recent production has dropped off below 800 gpm. Well No. 3R has consistently produced from 56 to 232 acre-feet per year for irrigation of Eigld no. 6. Production from the unpenfiend equifectors. irrigation of Field no. 6. Production from the unconfined aguifer has decreased dramatically in the past several years. Applicants request a supplemental irrigation well to Well No. 3R to maintain the water supply to the sprinkler at or below the permitted and decreed flow rate of 1,200 gpm. The supplemental well will be drilled on Field No. 6 to supply to the sprinkler at or below the permitted and decreed flow rate of 1,200 gpm. The supplemental well will be drilled on Field No. 6 to a depth not to exceed the top of the confining clay series. Applicants are proposing to have the new supplemental well and Well No. 3R with individual and combined maximum pumping rates of 1,200 gpm as previously decreed. Well No. 3R is within the Rio Grande Water Conservation District Groundwater Management Subdistrict No, 1 boundary and is enrolled in the annual replacement plan of the subdistrict. The new supplemental well will contract into Subdistrict No. 1; Field No. 6 lies within the service area of the San Luis Valley irrigation District. Attached Exhibit 1 (available in the Alamosa Court Clerk's Office) is the pumping history for Well No. 3R derived from the Colorado Division of Water Resources database. Location information: Well No. 3R is located as decreed with a GPS location from the DWR database of: UTM NADB3 402578 mE, 4185324 mN. The supplemental irrigation well to Well No. 3R will be located within the SW14 of Section 9, Township 41 North, Range 8 East, NMPM (Field No. 6). Name and address of reputed owners: Randall K. and Linda M. Palmgren, 50026 County Road C, Center, CO 81125. You are notified that you have until the last day of December 2023, to file with the Water Clerk a verified statement of opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions or a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of opposition or protest must also be served upon the Applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service must be filed with the Water Clerk. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$192.00. Forms may be obtained from the Water Clerk's Office or our website at www.courts.state.co.us. 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office of the Water Clerk during the month of October 2023 for each

2023CW12: Concerning the Application of Water Rights of Triple M Properties, LLC; 1796 S County Road 3 East, Monte Vista, CO jeremym32@hotmail.com, 719-580-1177-Mark 719-580-1176-Mike. Application for Change of Water Right in Rio Grande creed water right for which change is sought: Name County. De structure: Well No. 4, Case No. W-1005, Permit no. 3924-F, WDID 2010023(Well No. 4). Date of original decree: 2/13/1975. Case No. W-1005, Court: Division 3 Water Court. Legal description of structure NW1/4 SE1/4 Section 9, Township 38 North, Range 8 East NMPM, at a point 2300 feet from the South Section line and 2620 feet from the ast Section line, in Rio Grande County, Colorado This well has been GPS'd by the Division of Water resources at UTM

Zone 13S NAD 83 coordinates: 402552 Easting, 4156722 Northing. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer. Appropriation date: March 7, 1963. Total amount decreed to structure: Absolute: 1400 gpm (3.12 cfs). Decreed use: Irrigation. Amount of water applicant intends to change: Absolute 300 gpm (0.67 cfs). Decreed water right for which change is sought: Name of structure: Well No. 1-R, Case No. 98CW20, Permit no. 1870-R-R, WDID 2013776. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: April 7, 2000, Case No: 98CW20 Court: Division 3 Water Court, Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: SE1/4 Section 9, Township 38 North, Range 8 East NMPM, in Rio Grande County, Colorado, at a point 2600 feet from South Section line and 2600 feet from East Section line. This well has been GPS'd at UTM Zone 13S NAD 83 coordinates: 402564 Easting, 4156783 Northing. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer. Appropriation Date August 31, 1944. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per nute (gpm) or cubic feet per second (cfs): Absolute 500 gpm (1.11 cfs). Decreed use: Irrigation. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: Absolute: add 300 gpm from Well No. 4 to the existing 500 gpm in Well No, 1-R. Complete statement of change: Applicant requests that 300 gpm be removed from Well No. 4 and added to Well No. 1-R so that it may legally produce more than 500 gpm. Both Well Nos. 4 and 1-R produce from the unconfined aquifer and are decreed to be used on the same lands. Currently. Well Nos. 4 and 1-R combine with Well No. 3, Case No. W-1005, Permit No. 11405-F, WDID 2010022 (Well No. 3) to supply water to a center pivot sprinkler system that irrigates the majority of the SE 1/4 Section 9, T38N R8E, NMPM. These wells are pumped into a common reservoir that supplies the sprinkler and the sprinkler corners. Ditch water from the Monte Vista Canal also fills the reservoir. There would be no expansion of use, the same limits imposed in Case No. 98CW20 would remain in effect. All the irrigation wells are enrolled in Subdistrict #2. Location information: All wells are located within the SE1/4 of Section 9. T38N, R8E, NMPM, Name and address of reputed owners: Triple Properties, LLC., 1796 South County Road 3 East, Monte Vista, CO 81144. You are notified that you have until the last day of December 2023, to

facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions or a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of opposition or protest must also be served upon the Applicant or the Applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service must be filed with the Water Clerk. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$192.00. Forms may be obtained from the Water Clerk's Office or our website at www.courts.state.co.us. Jennifer Pacheco, Water Clerk, Water Division 3, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101 Published in the Valley Courier on November 11, 2023



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2023ĆW14: Concerning the Application of Water Rights of Scott Consaul, 0835 E County Road 10 N, Center, CO 81125; consaulfarms@ gmail.com; 719-588-6202. Application for Change of Water Right in Saguache County. Decreed water right for which change is sought: A. Name of structure: WDID 2008039, Permit 24754-F-R, 80CW0029 Well No.7 and WDID 2013837, Permit 42016-F, 00CW15 Well No. 7S. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: 3/30/1981: 7/2/2002 Case Nos: 80CW29; 00CW15. Court: District Court; Water Division 3. Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: Well No.7 (80CW29) Center of the SW 1/4 Section 35, Township 41 N Range 9E NMPM, at a point 1320 feet from the South section line and 1320 feet from the West section line in Saguache County. Well No.7S (00CW15) SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 Section 35, Township 41 N Range 9E NMPM, at a point 1300 feet from the South section line and 600 feet from the West section line in Saguache County Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer. Appropriation Date: March 13, 1980. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute: Absolute 1000 GPM. Decreed use: Irrigation Absolute 1000 GPM. Detailed description of proposed change: With this filing we seek approval to construct a 1000 gpm supplemental well to be used in combination with Well No. 7 in 80CW29 (WDID 2008039, Permit 24754-F-R) and Well No. 7S in 00CW15 (WDID 2013837, Permit 42016-F) to irrigate up to 129 acres in the SW 1/4 Section 35, Township 41 North, Range 9 East NMPM. Applicant also seeks to allow 00CW15 Well No 7S to individually and in combination with the other 2 wells withdraw 1000 gpm. All three wells would be able to individually and in combination with each other withdraw 1000 gpm. The new supplemental well will be located in the SW 1/4 of Section 35, Township 41 North, Range 9 East, NMPM. There will be no increase to the current limitation of pumping for the 3 wells combined nor any increase in area irrigated by the 3 wells. The depth of the new supplemental well will not exceed the depth of the blue clay layer and the well will produce from the same decreed source as well numbers 7 and 7S: the unconfined aquifer. Actual location of new location of structure (PLSS): Saguache County, NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 35, Township 41 N, Range 9 E, NMPM, Points of diversion: UTM format: Easting 415402 Northing 4178784 Zone 13.

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

2023CW15: Concerning the Application of Water Rights of Diaz Fam-

ily Farms, LLLP, 0721 Lane 2 N, Alamosa, CO 81101, diaz@martine zfarms-eagleproduce.com. Application for Change of Water Right in Alamosa County. Decreed water right for which change is sought Name of structure: Well No. 3 (W309 and 83CW70) Permit no. 15826 15826 F, WDID 2005684. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: 7/27/1984 Case No: W309 and 83CW70 Court: Division 3 Water Court. Legal description of structure as described in most re-cent decree that adjudicated the location: SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 39 North, Range 9 East NMPM, at a point 1280 feet from South Section line and 1300 feet from West Section line, in Alamosa County, Colorado, Decreed source of water: Unconfined, Appropriation Date: October 14, 1971. Total amount decreed to structure: Absolute 1000 gpm. Decreed use or uses: Irrigation and stockwater Amount of water that applicant intends to change: Absolute 1000 gpm. Name of structure: Well No. 3S (83CW70), Permit no. 26678-F, WDID 2005685. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: 8/24/1984 Case No: 83CW70. Court: Division 3 Water Court. Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 39 North Range 9 East NMPM, in Alamosa County, Colorado, at a point 630 feet from South Section line and 1300 feet from West Section line, in Alamosa County, Colorado. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Appropriation Date: October 14, 1971. Total amount decreed to structure: Absolute 500 gpm. Decreed use or uses: Irrigation. Amount of water applicant intends to change: Absolute 500 gpm. Detailed description of proposed change: Part 1: We request that the locations for both wells (Well No. 3 and Well No, 3-S) be confirmed by the Court. Both wells are located in the NW of the SW 1/4 of Section 20, Twp. 39N, Range 9E NMPM have been GPS'd by DWR staff. Both wells have always been located at these locations. Part 2: Applicant requests that the flow rate of Well No. 3-S be changed from 500 gpm to 1000 gpm. Well No. 3-S will remain decreed as an alternate point of diversion to Well No. 3 (W309). It is requested that both wells be allowed to individually and in combination with each other be allowed to pump 1000 gpm. This request would allow us to qualify for a metering variance through the DWR so that they can be measured using one meter. Both Well Nos. 1 and 2 produce from the unconfined aquifer and are decreed to be used on the SW 1/4 of Section 20, Twp. 39N, Range 9 East, NMPM. The decreed limit of 475 acre feet will remain the same. There would be no expansion of use. Both wells are enrolled in Subdistrict #1 and would continue to do so. If applicant is changing or adding a point of diversion (including the drilling of a replacement well more than 200 feet from the decreed location), please provide the new location of the structure; or if applicant is changing the decreed point of diversion to conform to the actual location please provide the actual location; Well No. 3/Permit No. 15826-F PLSS: Alamosa County, NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 39N, Range 9E, NMPM. Points of diversion: Location information in UTM format: Easting 410310 Northing 4162722 Zone 13. Location information: Well No. 3-S, Permit No. 26678-F PLSS: Alamosa County, NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 20, Township 39N, Range 9E, NMPM Points of diversion: Location in UTM format: Easting 410119 Northing 4162725 Zone 13. Name and address of reputed owners: N/A. You are notified that you have until the last day of December 2023, to file with the Water Clerk a verified statement of opposition setting forth

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2023CW16: Concerning the Application of Water Rights of Diaz Family Farms, LLLP, 0721 Lane 2 N, Alamosa, CO 81101, diaz@martinezfarms-eagleproduce.com. Application for Change of Water Pickt in August 1997. Right in Alamosa County. Decreed water right for which change is sought: Name of structure: Well No. 3 (W1000) Permit no. 496-R-R, WDID 2006648. Date of original decree: 1/11/1974. Case no. W1000 and 719CW12. Court: Division 3 Water Court. Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree: SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Secstion 9, Township 39 North, Range 9 East NMPM in Alamosa County, Colorado. Decreed source of water: Unconfined. Appropriation Date. December 31, 1940. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute (gpm): Absolute 791 gpm. Decreed use or uses: Irrigation Amount of water that applicant intends to change: Absolute 791 gpm. Decreed water rights for which change is sought: Name of structure: Well No. 4 (W1000) Permit no. 497-R, WDID 2006264. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: 1/11/1974 Case No: W1000 and 79CW12 Court: Division 3 Water Court. Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree: NW 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 9, Township 39 North, Range 9 East NMPM, in Alamosa County, Colorado. Decreed source of water: Unconfined. Appropriation date December 31, 1950. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute (gps): Absolute 837 gpm. Decreed use: Irrigation. Amount of water applicant intends to change: Absolute 837 gpm. Decreed water rights for which change is sought: Name of structure: Well No. 3 & 4A (79CW12), Permit no. 22877-F, WDID 2005383. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: 12/13/1979 Case No: 79CW12. Court: Division 3 Water Court. Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree: At a point which is 20 feet from South Section line and 1320 feet from West Section line in the center of the SW 1/4, Section 9, Township 99 North, Range 9 East NMPM, in the County of Alamosa County, State of Colorado. Decreed source of water: Unconfined. Appropriation date: December 31, 1950, and December 31, 1940. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per gpm from Well No. 4). Decreed use: Irrigation. Amount of water applicant intends to change: Absolute 1000 gpm (791 gpm from Well No. 4). No. 3 and 209 gpm from Well No. 4). Detailed description of proposed change: We request to make all 3 wells alternate points of diversion to each other. Well No. 3 &4A is already decreed as an alternate point of diversion to both Well Nos. 3 and 4. We request that each of the a wells in this application be able to individually and in combination with each other be allowed to pump 1628 gpm (the total decreed flow rate to Well Nos. 3 and 4), This request would allow us to qualify for a metering variance through the DWR so that we can use one meter to measure all 3 wells. All three wells are decreed to produce from to hieastife all 3 wells. All files wells are decleded to produce from the unconfined aquifer and are permitted to be used on the SW 1/4 of Section 9, Twp, 39N, Range 9 East, NMPM. There would be no expansion of use. All three wells are enrolled in Subdistrict #1 and would continue to do so. Change in point of diversion or change in decreed point of diversion: Location information: Well No. 4/Permit No. 497-R. PLSS: Alamosa County, NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 9, Township 39N, Range 9E, NMPM. Points of diversion: Location information in UTM format: Easting 411570 Northing 4165958 Zone 13. Location information: Well No. 3, Permit No. 496-R-R. PLSS: Alamosa County, SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 9, Township 39N, Range 9E, MMPM. Points of diversion: Location information in UTM format: Easting 411573 Northing 4165786 Zone 13. Location information: Well No. 3 and 4A/Permit No. 22877-F. PLSS: Alamosa County, NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 9, Township 39N, Range 9E, NMPM. Points of diversion: Location information in UTM format: Easting 411969 Northing 4165901 Zone 13. Name and address of reputed owners: N/A You are notified that you have until the last day of December 2023, to file with the Water Clerk a verified statement of opposition setting forth

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office of the Water Clerk during the month of October 2023 for each

county affected. 23CW3017 2023CW3017 IN MINERAL COUNTY - APPLICATION FOR SURFACE WATER RIGHT City of Creede c/o Richard J. Mehren, Molly K. Haug, Moses, Wittemyer, Harrison and Woodruff, P.C. 2595 Canyon Blvd., Suite 240, Boulder, CO 80302 1. Name, mail ing address, email address, and telephone number of applicant: City ing address, email address, and telephone number of applicant: City of Creede, Colorado ("Creede", c'd Louis Fineberg, City Manager, 2223 N. Main Street, P. O. Box 457, Creede, CO 81130, (719) 658-2276 2. Name of structure: Creede Hydropower Diversion Structure. 3. Location of structure and point of diversion: The location of the Creede Hydropower Diversion Structure is as follows: 3.1 PLSS description: SE 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 25, Township 42 North, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M., Mineral County, Colorado. 3.2 UTM description: Creede will construct the Creede Hydropower Diversion Structure at one of the following two locations: 3.2.1 30433.63 mE, 1491581.16 mN, Zone 13 South, NAD 83. 3.2.2 330418.00 mE, 4191593.00 mN, Zone 13 South, NAD 85. The two locations for the Creede Hydropower Diversion Structure described in paragraphs 3.2.1 and 3.2.2. power Diversion Structure described in paragraphs 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 power Diversion Structure described in paragraphs 3.2.1 and 3.2.2, above, are within 100 feet from each other and are shown as a single location on the map attached as Exhibit A. The source of the UTM coordinates is a handheld GPS unit. 4. Source: Willow Creek, tributary to the Rio Grande. 5. Amount claimed: 18.0 cfs, CONDITIONAL. To the extent Creede diverts and places all or any portion of the claimed water right to beneficial use while this Application is pending before the Water Court, Creede will seek to make absolute in the decree to be entered by the Water Court in this case all or any portion of the water right that is so diverted and placed to the claimed beneficial use. 6. Priority: 6.1 Date of appropriation: October 17, 2023. 6.2 How appropriation was initiated: By forming the intent to appropriation be eintered by the Water Court if inits case ain of any point of the water right that is so diverted and placed to the claimed beneficial use. 6. Priority: 6.1 Date of appropriation: October 17, 2023. 6.2 How appropriation was initiated: By forming the intent to appropriate the claimed water right; by filing the application in this case to adjudicate the claimed water right; by the Board of Trustees formally acting to authorize the hydropower project; by planning and hiring consultants to construct the Creede Hydropower Pipeline and hydropower infrastructure. 6.3 Date water first applied to beneficial use: N/A. 7. Use: Hydropower production. 8. Name(s) and address(es) of owner(s) or reputed owner(s) of the land upon which any new or existing diversion or storage structure is or will be constructed or upon which water is or will be stored, including any modification to any existing diversion or storage structure is or will be constructed. 8.2 Creede Hydropower Pipeline: Creede owns in fee portions of the land that where the Creede Hydropower Diversion Structure: Creede. 8.2 Creede has a prescriptive easement for the Creede Hydropower Pipeline across the land owned by the following landowners: 8.2.1 Aguinco General Partnership, P. O. Box 4389, Aspen, CO. 81612. 8.2.2 BPOE (Elks Club), P. O. Box 117, Creede, CO. 81130. 8.2.3 Jimmy and Kathy Adelman, P. O. Box 588, Creede, CO. 81130. 8.2.4 Terry Wetherill, P. O. Box 143, Creede, CO. 81130. 8.2.5 Jason Trujillo, P. O. Box 381, Monte Vista, CO. 81144. 8.2.6 Creede Consolidated School District No. 1, P. O. Box 429, Creede, CO. 81130. 8.3. Creede Hydropower Return Structure: Creede. 9 Remarks: The use of the water diverted under the claimed water right will be off-channel and non-consumptive. Water will be diverted from Willow Creek at the Creede Hydropower generating facility and returned to Willow Creek at the hydropower generating facility and returned to Willow Creeke Hydropower Diversion Structure with no change to the time diverted under rights that divert from W Creede Hydropower Diversion Structure with no change to the timing, quality or quantity of the creek flows. There are no water rights that divert from Willow Creek in the intervening reach between the Creede Hydropower Diversion Structure's point of diversion and the point where the diverted water will be returned to Willow Creek and there is no instream flow water right in the intervening reach between the Creede Hydropower Diversion Structure's point of diversion and the point where the diverted water will be returned to Willow Creek. 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#### 163 - LOST & **FOUND**

(11/29/2023AS)

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)

#### 173 - PROFESSIONAL **SERVICES**

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# **HELP WANTED**

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. (12/15/23)

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DEL NORTE JR/ SR HIGH SCHOOL is accepting applica-tions for a SECOND ARY FOREIGN LANGUAGE 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 require ments 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 ahardy@urtigers.co or contact Mrs. Hardy at (719) 657-4020 for more information. Applica-tions can be downloaded from www.urtigers. co. (12/15/23)

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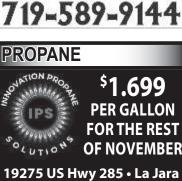


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Pay: from \$20.00 per hour, depending on experience; benefit eligibility after probationary period

Job Purpose: Trinchera Ranch is looking for an experienced and

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Prepare breakfast, lunch, and dinner for large parties, small gatherings, and in private chef settings
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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

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

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HOKAY, BUT TO ME THAT DOES NOT SOUND LIKE GOOD NEWS

YEAH, I GET THAT BUT

THAT. BUT FANTASTIC!

#### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

#### **NEA Crossword Puzzle**

41 Fodder for

horses

42 Distress

43 Range in

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51 Calendar

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**DOWN** 

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2 Curved molding

3 Apple

7 Half a

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5 Pit

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4 Woodcut-

6 Paint layer

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- Chap-

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46 Sleep

50 Hatch

#### **ACROSS** 1 Bowl over 4 True statement 8 "You can say

again!' 12 The "I" 13 Woodwind instrument

14 Patriot Nathan 15 Apiece

O'Neal 17 The Emerald Isle 18 Storm 20 Worn out

16 Actor -

21 Starship Enterprise 22 Young fox 23 Intone 26 Fruity

beverage 30 Maior airport 31 Sunbather's goal

32 Regretted 33 Stew pot 35 Sweep under the 36 Pester

37 Promised 39 "Sir" or "Madam"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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9 Difficult 10 "I cannot 34 Stuck 38 Petrol tell-11 Look after

19 Play on words 20 Actor -Carrey 22 Chess piece

23 Grilled item 24 Dry outer covering 25 Competent 26 Speak well

27 Mom's sister 28 "Let's Make a

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45 Pigeon 46 Takes legal action 47 Thunderous sound 48 Best or Ferber

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49 Tall grass 51 Ivan Terrible

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HOW TO PLAY:

PREVIOUS SOLUTION											
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# HERMAN



"Where else will you get an eight-seater for that price?"

# Bachelorette party planning foreshadows expensive trip

DEAR ABBY: My best friend is getting married next year and is planning for her bachelorette party. Right now, they are looking at places that have a three- or four-night minimum and would cost each person more than \$500. (That's just to rent the place.) It wouldn't cover

food, gifts, etc. My friend isn't a fancy, extravagant person, so Í was shocked by the length of time I'll need to take off from work and the amount of money I will have to spend. I worry if I try to (nicely) say something, it will come across as not caring about her, her wedding or doing this for her. It's not that I can't afford it, and I think I should have some time off available, but it's going to cost more than I'm comfortable with. Am I being

unreasonable? I wouldn't

want to not make her feel

special. -- SOUR ON IT

IN INDIANA

DEAR SOUR: You are not being unreasonable. You are practical, and your reasoning is sound. If your friend's bachelorette party will be more of a financial stretch than you can COMFORT-ABLY afford, you need to level with her, because the wedding will cost you even more. What isn't reasonable is for her to

expect everyone to drop

everything and blow their budgets in order for her to "feel special."

DEAR ABBY: I had a best friend I got together with weekly. She decided she needed to move away to a quieter place. Of course, I was disappointed, but I supported her decision because it was right for her. She promised me nothing would change, but we lived too far apart for our weekly visits to continue, so I hoped we would talk weekly by phone.

She canceled our last get-together, saying she was stressed and busy preparing for the move. I told her I understood, and I'd give her space and time to settle in and would wait for her call when she was ready. The call never came. We have seen each

other a few times in the years since she moved, always at her suggestion. I gently reminded her of the phone calls we used to make and mentioned getting together a few times, but I received no response. Must I just let her go? I want to tell her how much I miss her friendship, but I'm afraid it will make her feel guilty or obligated. -- GŘIEV-ING IN CANADA

DEAR GRIEVING: Yes, you should let her go. Your friend no longer

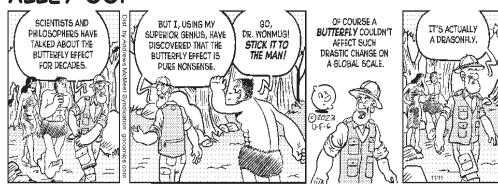


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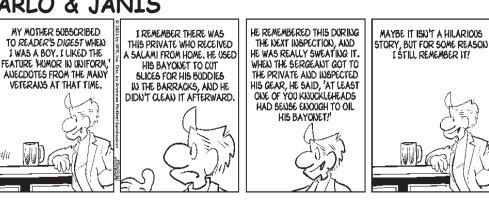
feels the tie to you that she did when the two of you lived close by. If you want to tell her how much you miss her friendship, you are entitled to do that. But please recognize that not all friendships last forever; some have an expiration date, and the one you had with her appears to be one of them.

DEAR VETERANS: For your service to our nation, I salute you. My thanks to each of you on this Veterans Day. You are the personification of patriotism, self-sacrifice and dedication to our country. I would also like to recognize your families for the sacrifices they, too, have made while you were serving your country. -LOVE, ABBY

## ALLEY OOP



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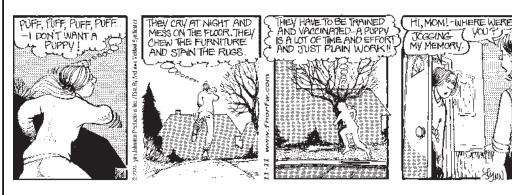
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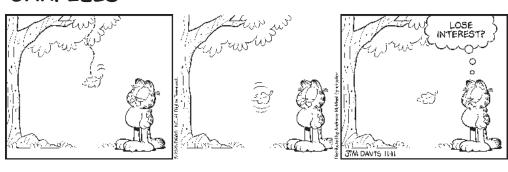
## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



## FRANK & ERNEST



### GARFIELD



### THE GRIZZWELLS





# Lifestyle



# Creede sets dates for a Holiday in Creede

By LYNDSIE **FERRELL** 

CREEDE — The picturesque small mountain town of Creede is gearing up for the coming holiday season and has set some dates for the annual Chocolate Festival and the second annual Holiday in Creede. Creede is preparing to pull out all the stops and plans to transform into a winter wonderland for the holi-

Thanks to the efforts of several local businesses and organizations the Holiday in Creede was a huge success last year. The market features local vendors, artists, local businesses, local food, and entertainment, including holiday productions by Creede Repertory Theatre. This combined with the atmosphere of the small mountain town creates the perfect holiday setting with old holiday

Beginning with the run-down Main Street.

market flair.

brings the best of day shoppers. Creede to the forefront, olate, or cocoa and must 16 from 11 a.m. un-dates and locations.



The annual Creede Chocolate Festival and Second Annual Holiday in Creede markets will kick off at the end of November and run through the holidays at the end of December.

be homemade.

Visitors must pur- will feature children's annual Creede Choco- chase tickets at the activities, vendors for late Festival on Nov. 24 Creede and Mineral holiday shopping, adult and 25, the town will County Chamber of beverages allowed withbe kicking off a month Commerce for the event in the boundaries of the of holiday festivities in and are asked to vote market near Basham December. The festival for their favorites by Park, and entertaingoes from 11 a.m. until the end of each day. ment from Eliana Joy 4 p.m. each day and the During the two-day pe- Jay Trio thanks to the annual Parade of Lights riod, guests can wan- Creede Musical Arts will be on Friday night, der through downtown Collective. Nov. 24, at 5 p.m. and Creede's many shops and vendors that will be tory Theatre will also The annual event open and ready for holi- be hosting a produc-

partici- Festival, there are still throughout December. pants to make a unique several opportunities chocolate treat to share to enjoy the charming dor, email creedefarmwith ticket holders for downtown holiday deco- ersmarket@gmail.com two days. Rules for the rations and take part in or to volunteer to help event are simple, the the Holiday in Creede set up decorations, foltreat must contain choc-markets that will be low Creede Holiday Fesolate, carob, white choc-held on Dec. 9 and Dec. tivities on Facebook for

til 3 p.m. Each market

The Creede Repertion of "Jacob Marley's After the Chocolate A Christmas Carol"

To sign up as a ven-

# New book to hit Adventure Walk in Del Norte Town Park

By LYNDSIE FERRELL

Del Norte Public Library is ready to set the stage for the coming holiday season and Town Park.

through the Early "Snowday," a fun and with the book. interactive book for all

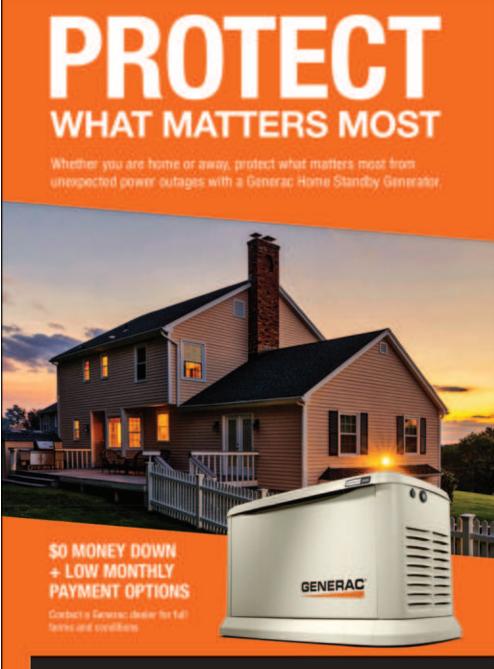
with family for the holi- check the book out to days and comes with a enjoy it more from home DEL NORTE — The wide variety of activi- along with some activities parents can do with ties. "It is a really great children either at home way to get outside, enjoy or in the library.

in partnership with was installed by the Del and friends. It is a wonthe Rio Grande County Norte Public Library derful addition to the Museum, has planned in partnership with Del Norte community some family fun for the the Upper Rio Grande and has been very suc-Adventure Walk this School District, Early cessful," said Del Norte winter in the Del Norte Childhood Council of Public Library Director the San Luis Valley and Susan Williams. Thanks to the help other generous organiof Kathryn Trujillo zations and donors in library will also be part-2022. Every few weeks, nering with High Valley Childhood Council of a new book is placed Community Center on the San Luis valley, along the kiosks in the Dec. 1 to bring particithe Rio Grande County park that tell a story as pating students to the

In addition to the book day tale read to them by ages. The book is the along the Adventure Williams and then enjoy perfect fit for a snowy Walk, families can also cookie decorating with walk through the park go to the library and museum staff.

reading and activities The Adventure Walk while being with family

The museum and the Museum and Del Norte families enjoy the river museum for an after-Public Library will be walk and feature differ- noon of holiday fun. Stusponsoring the book entactivities associated dents will come to the museum to hear a holi-



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