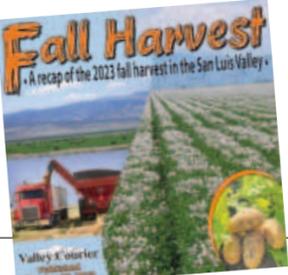




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Run for Veterans is Nov. 4

ALAMOSA — To kick off Veterans Week, and to raise funds for Alamosa's Veterans Memorial Park, join the 2nd Annual Veterans Memorial Park Race on Saturday, Nov. 4, for a 5k and 10k race.

The race will start and finish at the Alamosa Family Recreation Center, 2222 Old Sanford Rd., Alamosa. The 10k race repeats 5k lap twice. The race route is to be determined and will be posted as soon as it is finalized. Food, drinks, and an awards ceremony will follow the race. Walkers, runners, and strollers are welcome.

Proceeds from race registration fees go toward the Alamosa Veterans Memorial Park. Race registration includes a long-sleeve running shirt and post-race refreshments.

To register visit https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/Alamosa/AlamosaVeteransMemorialParkRace?mc_cid=f753226df5&mc_eid=UNIQUID.

CDOT performs shoulder work on CO 142 east of Manassa

CONEJOS AND COSTILLA COUNTIES — Beginning Monday, Oct. 30, the Colorado Department of Transportation will perform erosion control work along the shoulder of Colorado Highway 142, between Manassa and San Luis.

Operations will take place Oct. 30 through Nov. 17 between Mile Points 13 and 15. Motorists should plan for 15-20 minute delays, flaggers and one-lane alternating traffic between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. each day. Crews will work swiftly to complete the erosion control, however, this work is weather permitting.

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Cats Alive! in desperate need of donations

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — Since 2013, a local, devoted non-profit organization named Cats Alive! has been helping cats in the San Luis Valley — all kinds of cats in all kinds of situations.

For more than a decade, a small cadre of three women with a deep affinity for cats has provided support and services at all times of the day that few — if any — other

group provides. But now, like many causes, Cats Alive! has encountered hard times and the non-profit is in desperate need of donations.

"We have a terrible backlog," says Marge Hauer-Brown, who is based in Alamosa. "Especially with trapping and getting cats vaccinated or parents and kittens fixed. We have one person who has been waiting for our help for a very long time."

If the owner is physically able to trap their cat

on their own, Cats Alive! will teach them how it should be done. If that's not possible, Hauer-Brown or one of her colleagues will trap the cat themselves so the owner can then transport him or her to the vet.

Sometimes, when funds are available and the owner is unable to pay, Cats Alive! will pay for part or all the vet bill. And, in some cases, Hauer-Brown or one of the other volunteers in Mon-

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Photo courtesy of Marge Hauer-Brown

Lady Gray, now content in her new home.

Walsh demolition updates available from EPA



Courier photo by John Waters

The rubble of the former Walsh Building in Alamosa is seen in this Oct. 23 photo.

By JOHN WATERS

Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — The Walsh Building demolition of the derelict structure on 6th Street in Alamosa is almost complete. According to Katherine Jenkins, Public Affairs Specialist with the Environmental Protection Agency, "We expect to be done with most of the demolition by end of the week and will continue to haul the debris off site." The debris is being transferred to the San Luis landfill.

The agency has created a special story map website that details the timeline of the demolition of the building.

According to the EPA,

"The City of Alamosa and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CD-PHE) requested the EPA's assistance to address a dilapidated, fire-damaged structure at the former Walsh Hotel Site in Alamosa, Alamosa County, Colorado. This time-critical removal action involves the cleanup and proper disposal of debris from the structurally compromised former business office space and apartment buildings that are known to contain friable asbestos. The Site was identified by the City of Alamosa"

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Adams State is changing the world, one food studies graduate at a time

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

ALAMOSA — Food is about more than what goes into the body. Each bite signifies different policies, production methods and social implications that affect everybody in the world.

That's why the food studies program at Adams State University is a diverse menu of classes based on four intertwined ingredients — health and wellness, sustainability, business and food policy, and sociology. Students work toward a Bachelor of Arts in interdisciplinary studies as they explore the importance and impact of food on human existence.

Their head chef, so to speak, is Reilly Caldwell, the university's food studies program coordinator and lecturer. She masterfully blends her knowledge of sustainable communities with her passion for human rights, energized by the goal of educating and enlightening students whose skills can improve the world.

"I feel like food is an accessible way to feel like you're making a difference, and to actually make a difference," says Caldwell, who grew up in Maryland and received her bachelor's in sustainable development from Appala-



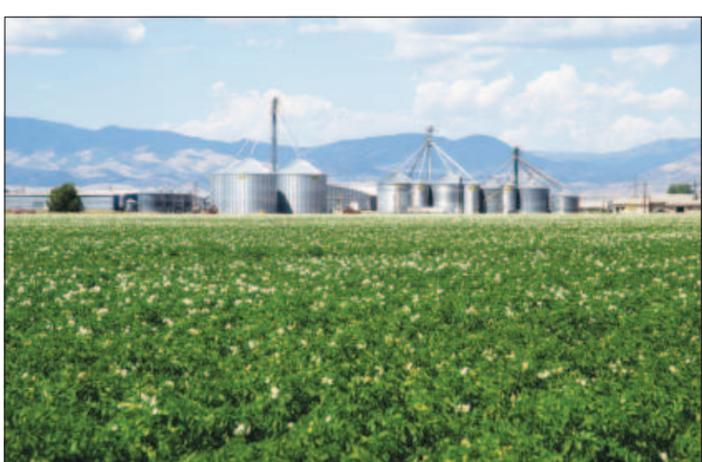
Courtesy photo

Reilly Caldwell is the food studies instructor at Adams State. Registration for spring classes begins Nov. 1.

chian State University, plus a minor in Spanish. She moved to Flagstaff, Ariz., for grad school at Northern Arizona University, where her thesis focused on the limitation of food access in Mohave County. The poverty rate there is 42 percent higher than the state's average.

She explored food shortage

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Courier file photo

U.S. potato exports reached record value and volume in the 12-month period from July 2022-June 2023. Export values increased 19.05% to \$2.2 billion, and export volume increased 3.85% to 3.3 million metric tons (fresh weight equivalent).

Potato exports reach record volume

By POTATOES USA

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U.S. potato export values increased across all categories (frozen, fresh, dehydrated, seed, ■ See POTATOES page 3

Interview with City Manager to run Tuesday

ALAMOSA — In a commitment to fair and unbiased reporting, on Friday afternoon, the Valley Courier interviewed Alamosa City Manager Heather Sanchez about some of the statements and

situations surrounding the resignation of the Alamosa Police Department's Chief of Police Ken Anderson.

That story will appear in the Tuesday, Oct. 31, edition of the newspaper.



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Record

Fundraising luncheon in Alamosa on Nov. 9

CONTRIBUTED ALAMOSA — The GFWC Woman's Citizenship Club of Alamosa is having its "Fall Flavors and Fancies" luncheon fundraising event on Thursday, Nov. 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, located on the corner of Murphy and Mullins Avenue in Alamosa.

The "Flavors" includes a hearty vegetable soup or chili con carne, cornbread, a spinach salad with cranberries, walnuts, feta, and a delicious pumpkin dessert for only \$15.

As a bonus, the "Fancies" will be a variety of creative baskets filled with wonderful items available to purchase.

This will be a perfect opportunity to shop for birthday or early Christmas gifts.

The funds will be used to support scholarships for women at Adams State University, Trinidad State College, and the club's many community projects. The tickets can be purchased by contacting Theresa Rudder at 719-588-7913 or email womancitizenshipclub@gmail.com. There will only be 100 tickets available, so be sure to get your ticket as soon as possible.

The Woman's Citizenship Club was established in 1922, is celebrating 100 years of Living the Volunteer Spirit in Alamosa, and is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is a unifying force, bringing together local women's clubs, with members dedicated to strengthening their communities and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. With nearly 80,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state and more than a dozen countries, GFWC members are community leaders who work locally to create global change by supporting the arts, preserving natural resources, advancing education, promoting healthy lifestyles, encouraging civic involvement, and working toward world peace and understanding.

For more information, visit www.GFWC.org.

Monte Vista students shine with Trout in the Classroom project



Courtesy photo

ALAMOSA — Three Monte Vista High School students and FFA members dropped by SLV Trout Unlimited's October meeting in Alamosa on Oct. 24 to thank them for assisting in getting a Trout in the Classroom project in place at the school. Pictured left to right, Lola Mott, Hailey Lopez (chapter vice president), Kevin Milder (SLV Trout Unlimited's Director of Education), and Addison Mondragon (chapter president).

Creede School District BOE president receives award

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

CREEDE — The Creede School District Board of Education opened its monthly strategic meeting on Oct. 17 to discuss several topics pertaining to the district and coming events for the school.

Superintendent Keith Crispell began the meeting with an announcement of the CASB McGuffey Award Winner.

"The award honors board members who bring commitment, passion and service to their work on the board of education. This prestigious recognition is typically awarded based on criteria of a board member being actively and positively engaged in the board's work, going above and beyond their roles and responsibilities, demonstrating a focus and having a positive influence on other board members," explained Crispell.

The award was presented to Creede School Board President Casey Adelman for his devotion to and service of the Creede School District. Crispell congratulated Adelman and the meeting moved into the next department report which was from Finance Director Lucinda Carpenter.

Carpenter said that the district was in line with the last two years and that percentages matched closely and that though the revenue looked deceptive, it was due to transferring funds to the hot lunch fund that counts as a negative revenue. Beyond that, the district is on track with the appointed budget and projections



Casey Adelman

are looking good for the remainder of the school year.

Superintendent Crispell was next on the agenda to give an update to the board. Crispell said that he attended training and CASB regional meetings where propositions II and HH were discussed. He also stated that the district's gymnasium is now equipped with the National Federation of High School's approved camera system that will allow people to view games remotely, which was something the district was working on for the past few months. Information for accessing the cameras will be available on the website at www.creedek12.net.

Crispell said that the school's new marquee sign would be installed soon and that he met with Cello to coordinate the installation. The sign will feature events, sporting event information, district information and more.

The next strategic meeting for the district will be held in November before the district's holiday break for Thanksgiving and can be accessed through their website.

OBITUARY

Marcella Archuleta



Marcella Erminda Archuleta, lovingly known as Marci, passed away peacefully on Oct. 23 at her home in Manitou Springs, Colo. She was born on May 11, 1938, in Center, Colo., to Solomon and Florra (Luna) Jaramillo.

Marci is survived by her husband of 69 years, Celestino Archuleta (Tino); her children Cathy, Dennis (Moir), Anthony (Rhoda), Paul (Donna) and Maria (Barry); her grandchildren Nicholas, Katherine (Tim), Nathan (Nicole), Carolyn (Trevor), Alex, Ryan, Landon, Oscar (Harley) and Joseph (Amy); her great-grandchildren Benjamin, Ariana, Oliver, Sam, Luna, Emma, Francisco, and Ander.

Marci was a strong, brave, beautiful, and talented woman with the ability to reach out with wonderful kindness to family and friends as well as anyone she might meet. She was the matriarch of a large family whom she loved dearly. Throughout her life, Marci was devoted to her Catholic faith. She was continually active in her Catholic community at a very young age when she began to participate with her mother in various Catholic organizations that provided Catholic prayer services for funerals and other religious events that inspired Catholic values for Hispanic families in her hometown located in the San Luis Valley. Although after moving from the San Luis Valley after she was married and settling in Colorado Springs, she continued to participate in these Catholic activities during her long visits with her family as well as her local church.

In 2009, she encouraged and worked alongside her family to restore the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, a historical mission church in La Garita, Colo.; worked to protect the remaining walls of the church's convent through the construction of a monument dedicated to St. John the Baptist; and supported the construction of the St. John Paul II Rosary Walk. These projects protected and maintained through the Archuleta Family Foundation, were important for Marci because they helped to preserve the Catholic traditions of the Hispano culture by commemorating their historical presence of early Catholic settlers of La Garita. As a result, all these structures now encompass a spiritual Center that inspires contemplative prayer, enhanced by a beautiful setting for Catholics and other visitors. At the end of her life, she continued to reach out to people with her beautiful smile and an inviting handshake to always offer a warm welcome as an important part of her Catholic faith.

Marci was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers Sam, Leroy, Nabor, and Phillip. She is survived by her sisters, Jennie Sanchez and Nancy Arellano, and her brothers Floyd, Robert,

and Claude Jaramillo.

Visitation and Rosary service for Marci will be held Monday, Oct. 30, 2023, at 9 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 2030 W. Colorado Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo. A graveside burial service will take place in the San Luis Valley at Carnero Creek Cemetery in La Garita, Colo., on Nov. 1, 2023, at 11 a.m.

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Written for Marci by Alfi Salazar

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ELEMENTARY
Meatball Sub
Tator Tots/Carrots
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Putting on a colorful show



Photo by Lyndsie Ferrell

The trees around the Valley are putting on a colorful fall show as October comes to an end. Cottonwoods around the area are shining with gold, red and orange, brightening the cool fall days.

Walsh

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as a safety concern, posing a potential asbestos exposure threat to businesses, pedestrians and community members.

"The removal action will include the cleanup and proper disposal of the asbestos containing material (ACM) contaminat-

ed debris. The EPA On-Scene Coordinator and EPA's hazmat contractor will mobilize to the site the week of October 9th and anticipate it to take four weeks to complete. The ACM-contaminated debris will be kept wet whenever it is disturbed to prevent any asbestos fibers from migrating. Rolloff boxes will be lined with heavy plastic. The

waste will be loaded into the boxes, covered with plastic liners, and sealed. The waste will be delivered to a nearby landfill which is permitted to accept ACM."

The website includes photographs detailing the demolition is available at <https://story-maps.arcgis.com/stories/4fbc79405dc24e7889d5489b72ba0923/>.

Cats

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te Vista or Antonito will drive the owner and their cat to the Monte Vista Animal Clinic on the west side of Monte Vista with whom they have a working relationship.

When the owner realizes they can no longer provide care, Cats Alive! will help them surrender the cat to the Dumb Friends League.

Cats Alive! also responds to calls from people who may be worried about a cat or a small group of cats in their area. In that case, one of the volunteers from Cats Alive! will go to the neighborhood, set the traps, and take the cats to the vet themselves where they will be vaccinated and fixed.

Afterwards, Hauer-Brown or the others will take the cats home and foster them for a few days until they're healed. During that time, they then decide what is the next best step.

"The cats will let you know when they want to go back to their home. They know their territory and where they can find food and water. When that happens, as long as we know that someone is

looking out for them and feeding them, we'll put them back on the street," she says.

Cats Alive! also fosters kittens until they're ready to go to a shelter, including what Hauer-Brown calls "bottle babies."

"Yvette [the volunteer-based in Monte Vista] takes the bottle babies when they're too young to eat on their own. It's her specialty. And that's hard work. She has to feed them every two or three hours and keep them warm. She's so, so good at that."

Sometimes, while healing in one of the volunteer's homes, it becomes clear that the cat is tame and probably once belonged to a family. In that case, they will foster the cat until they can find a no-kill shelter, usually on the Front Range, where they stand a chance of being adopted.

Hauer-Brown recalls one such case with a cat she named Lady Gray. "The vet thought she was at least 10 years old, and she was so beautiful. When the vet spayed her, they found a mummified kitty in her uterus. If she hadn't gotten help when she did, she probably would have died."

Hauer-Brown brought her home to make sure

she healed fully. Once there, Lady Gray really calmed down. So, she contacted a shelter on the Front Range who said they had someone who wants to work with older cats.

Hauer-Brown is currently fostering two brothers she calls the Brothers Grimm. "They're sweethearts and purr every time I walk in the room and meow at me because 'it's feeding time!' A little bit of you falls in love with them but you can't keep them forever. So, you foster them until you find a shelter."

But all these extraordinary, much-needed services cost money. Cats Alive! needs more traps, especially good ones with "a removable back." Yvette needs milk replacement for kittens. The non-profit needs donations to their Angel Fund, which is established at the Monte Vista Animal Clinic and pays for vaccines, spays, and neuters. They also need cat food for about 30 cat colonies that people care for across the valley, many of whom live on fixed incomes and care for cats out of the love in their hearts.

For ten years, Cats Alive! has taken on a big job with countless

Potatoes

Continued from Page 1 and chips), with double-digit rises in all but seed potatoes. The increase in export volume was led by dehydrated potatoes and chips, which rose by 25.63% and 11.19%, respectively. Overall, approximately 20% of U.S. potatoes are exported.

In the period July 2022-June 2023, Mexico became the United States' largest potato export market for the first time, followed by Canada and Japan. The entire Mexican market opened to U.S. fresh potato exports in May 2022.

The value of U.S. frozen potato exports rose by 20.43%, reaching \$1.4 billion despite a 4.54% decrease in volume compared to the previous 12 months. For U.S. frozen potatoes, the top export markets were Japan, Mexico, and South Korea. Frozen export values increased in all three countries, with a significant 25.93% growth in export volume to Japan.

The value of exported dehydrated potatoes increased by 24.00% to reach \$257 million, and volume increased by 25.63% to reach 965,523 metric tons. The top destinations for U.S. dehydrated potatoes were Canada, Japan, and Mexico, and exports increased in value and volume for each of these countries.

The value of fresh potato sales rose 15.57% from the previous 12 months to \$310.4 million, though the volume of U.S. fresh potato shipments decreased slightly by 3.07%. Canada, Mexico, and Japan were the top export markets for U.S. fresh potatoes, with both value and volume increasing to Mexico.

Although representing smaller portions of U.S. potato exports, potato chips increased in value by 11.34% and in volume by 11.19%. Seed potato exports also increased in value by 3.68%, though volume decreased by 5.82%. The export value of U.S. potato chips and seed potatoes amounted to \$219.0 million and \$15.1 million, respectively.

Trade Data Monitor compiles the data from the United States Department of Commerce, Foreign Trade Division, using the Harmonized Coding System, Schedule B. Potatoes USA accepts no liability for the content of these reports, or the consequences of any actions taken based on any information contained herein.

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national marketing and promotion board representing U.S. growers and importers. Potatoes USA, the largest vegetable commodity board, was established in 1971 by potato farmers to promote the benefits of eating potatoes. For more information on Potatoes USA's mission to "Strengthen Demand for Potatoes," visit PotatoesUSA.com.

Food

Continued from Page 1 from multiple perspectives: What were the influencing factors? The current realities? The potential solutions?

Today, Grizzly students consider and discuss those kinds of big-picture questions during courses such as FOOD 250: Community Food Systems, KIN 120: Concepts in Wellness and SOC 425: Environment and Society.

"The first class of the program is called perspectives on food, and the whole point of the class is to look at food through different lenses," Caldwell says. "We had a week about nutrition and medicine and their relationships with food. We had a week about identity and food. Another about the economy and food. At the moment, we're doing culture and food. We're learning about all of these different aspects that are intertwined — ones many of us don't necessarily think about."

In the same week, food studies students might explore how different regions and religions approach food, the complexity of economic models in the food industry, and innovative ways to approach agriculture. They get a holistic view of food, plus a career-helping deep dive into their chosen area of emphasis (health and wellness, sustainability, business and food policy, or sociology).

"The beauty of food studies is you can do so many different things

with it, but if you're a food studies student concentrating on, say, health and wellness, it directs you in a certain way," Caldwell says. The program prepares graduates for a variety of food-related careers, including agronomists, chefs, food safety specialists, community lobbyists and nutrition educators.

Food studies students also benefit from the program's partnerships with local and regional community members and businesses, which provide access to internships and hands-on learning opportunities. Those partners include Rio Grande Farm Park, SLV Local Food Coalition, Valley Roots Food Hub, Gosar Ranch Natural Foods, and Rockey Farms.

"These connections are great because I can take students out to the Rio Grande Farm Park, and they can see that kind of farming, which is very diverse and community-oriented," Caldwell says. "And then I can also take them to one of the biggest potato growers in the San Luis Valley, and they can see what a farm looks like when it's 1,900 acres. Those connections are great experiences for students, and it's also helpful for them to realize that food-related issues are right here in their own backyard."

All the while, these Grizzlies aren't just preparing for food careers. They're cultivating the tools needed to nourish and transform the world, guided by passionate educators like Caldwell.

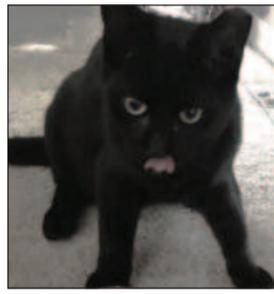


Photo by Marge Hauer-Brown

Wilhelm Grimm, mid-lick.

successes. And, frankly, without their help, there is no telling what kind of fate would befall many of the felines young and old. As Hauer-Brown puts it, they love doing what they do, and they know it's good for the community as well as the cats. They're just in desperate need of help and are hoping that the community gives them the support needed to do what they do for another ten years and beyond.

People can contribute to the Angels Fund, either directly to the clinic or by sending a check to Cats Alive! PO Box 84, Alamosa, Colorado 81101. She just asks it to be noted if the money should go to Angels Fund or cat food for the colony cats. And if people want to donate cat food, they'll take that, too, just "please no Meow Mix or Kit-n-Kaboodle."

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Opinion

Ma'am oh Ma'am, another murderous mammogram?

Ma'am oh ma'am, I was dreading my annual mammogram!

I postponed my appointment three times with the women's center at SLV Health hospital (aka SLV Regional Medical Center). In February, I rescheduled to April; then, April to August; then, August to October. Finally, I showered the night before and dressed without powder or antiperspirant (directions for preparing for this x-ray ask patients not to wear powder or deodorant as it interferes with the radiography).

I thought, "I have to face it." My thoughts included, "Go! You can do it." Like that coach featured in the Peloton commercial screaming "MOVE!", I could hear my internal dialog mostly cheering me on, "I need to keep this appointment."

It's been hard before and after this COVID stretch to overcome pullback on my psyche and my musculoskeletal frame. Somedays, it hurts to just swing my legs out of bed, much less stand-up. Along with meal prep for my service dog (Schroeder), feeding the community cats has given me purpose with my days; plus, it adds 1,000 steps to my record. That's been all that I could do. Lugging an oxygen concen-

Movin' On with Nellie



Nelda Curtiss



trator calms the need to shop or visit with any checkout teller. That's the story of why it is so hard to get out. With mammograms famous for severe squishing of breasts, mixing pain into the agenda is "not logical" — as Spock on "Star Trek" might say.

Still all the medical universities report that annual mammograms save lives because early detection is key to nipping the cancer before it grows. With that in mind, I flung the O2 concentrator's strap across my body and walked forward. Slowly but purposely, I crossed the automatic door. Once signed in, a sweet technician (I wasn't able to get her name) ushered me into the dressing room. To myself, I mused, "Why do we always have to disrobe for these things?" Thankfully the robe is large enough that my generous proportions are covered.

The operator escorted me into the exam room complete with a rolling up-

holstered chair. It became my chariot as she scooted it and me into position as I required differently-abled equipment. The mammogram machines of ten years ago were archaic compared to this digital wonder. I remember crying as the technician made the fit tighter and tighter. Every year no matter if I was in Texas, North Dakota, Massachusetts, Washington or Colorado, I would say: "It hurts. Please stop." Technologists of yesteryear were directed to compress that way.

Although my tech had to dial the compression to patient's tolerance levels, the new equipment captured images digitally. Thus, the tech no longer changed heavy film plates. As the pressure added up, she said, "Tell me when the compression is too much."

It was like a fairy tale come true not to drop tears at this 2023 mammogram. What a difference coming into the 21st century makes for this

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Stephanie Miner Women's Imaging Center. According to their website: "From 2003 to 2006, the funds raised during the walk were used to finance the construction and opening of the Imaging Center. Since then, funds from the walk have helped purchase a digital mammography machine, handicap accessible mammography chairs, gurneys, and other needed equipment. More recently funds raised from the walk were used to purchase a new ultrasound unit to enhance local diagnostic care."

I can tell the world: mammograms don't have to hurt anymore. Ma'am oh Ma'am, schedule mammograms again, now.

Nelda Curtiss is a retired college educator and long-time local columnist. Reach her at columnsbynellie.com or email her at columnsbynellie@gmail.com.

CSU and 4-H grow here

By LARRY BROWN

SLV Area Extension Director and Ag Business Agent

My hat is off to our farmers and ranchers as they complete harvest and prepare the soil for next year's crop, wean their calves and lambs, and market their 2023 production. At Colorado State University San Luis Valley Area Extension, we are growing our capacity and marketing our education every day, with the intent of providing great service and creating great value for our community.

Why do we exist? Why do we get out of bed in the morning and go to work, and why should anyone care? I make certain I keep asking myself this question every day. In SLV Area Extension, everything we do is designed to foster healthy youth and families, prosperous farms, ranches, and businesses, and strong, resilient, proud communities.

Our CSU Ag Business Management (ABM) team was in the Valley earlier this month with a producer's workshop and an ag lender's workshop. Both were well attended.

The market outlook is strong for calves and bred heifers, strong to moderate for hay, moderate for grain and potatoes. Our economists talked a lot about the margin squeeze our producers are facing due to the inflated prices of fuel, fertilizer, equipment, repair parts, interest on operating loans, and oh yes — water.

Every producer will need a very sharp pencil to manage for a profit, and while I realize every producer has a bookkeeping system, some may not have good access to financial projection tools. This is something we can help with. Our ABM team has developed easily accessible, spreadsheet software to help you zero in on your cost of production, run multiple projections on what I call "what-if scenarios", and provide sensitivity analysis

that automatically builds out a chart showing the scope of your breakeven and profitability in case your projections end up being too high or too low.

If you are interested in putting this to work in your planning and marketing this fall, contact me and I can get you the software and can help you get started. Our ABM team will be at the Southern Rocky Mountain Ag Conference Feb. 6-8, 2024, with sessions on markets outlook, enterprise and whole farm breakeven and profit analysis, and agriculture estate and succession planning.

We will continue to have the ABM team come to the Valley annually in March to create and update enterprise budgets for our main crops and livestock, based on actual income and expenses provided by SLV producers, so be watching for that workshop next spring as well.

This time of year, I also get questions on high nitrates in alfalfa that has frosted, and high prussic acid in some of our cover crops and other forage crops. This is a very simplified explanation, but fundamentally what is happening is when the plant gets frosted, it interrupts the normal metabolism process and the nitrates and prussic acid get trapped in the forms and at levels that can be poisonous to livestock. So do not guess. If there is any question, test. Most ag consultants help with forage analysis, and so do we.

I can help advise you on how to sample your forage, and then you can submit it to either the CSU laboratory or a private lab which I can connect you with as well. And even if you do not have a concern for these toxicity problems, let's test instead of guess at the nutritive value, and let's balance your livestock rations so that you feed what they need and only spend what is really necessary in supplements through the winter.

Another program I am proud to help bring to the Valley is a version of the

"Coffee Break Project," which has been so helpful to the ag community in southeast Colorado for several years now. The slogan is "Do you look after your neighbors as close as your crops or herd," and yes, this is health and well-being program. The group we are building through my office is focused on the ag community, and there is another group in the Valley focused on the Veteran community. Honestly, who does not need some friend-to-friend and neighbor-to-neighbor support! Just call me for more information on this project.

Meanwhile, Janae, our family and consumer science specialist is giving numerous canning and food preservation classes, and she continues to offer Serve-Safe classes and certification to keep our restaurants and commercial kitchens super safe places to eat. She also continues to lead Aging Mastery classes for all us seniors.

Carol, our Juntos youth specialist, is currently helping facilitate two Strengthening Families and Familias Fuertes programs for middle school age students and their parents. This is an incredible program that improves communication skills within the family and builds prevention skills in our youth. She is also organizing her next cohort of Juntos, a program which helps more kids graduate high school and engage in some form of training or education after graduating.

Our county youth program coordinators, Cody, Barb, Lychelle, and Heather, are helping Jennifer and I keep the 4-H program afloat while we get a new 4-H agent hired. We just had our annual 4-H Achievement night last week, recognizing both members and volunteer leaders for their hard work and accomplishments for the year. Enrollment of new members and re-enrollment of existing members is now open. Jennifer, in addition to keeping the entire office hum-

ming, can help you with the 4-H enrollment process.

And we continue to rebuild and re-grow our staff and our capacity to serve this community. We are in the process of hiring another agriculture agent. This is a brand-new position we were able to create to take an integrated approach to help farmers and ranchers research and improve upon all the new changes in production practices necessary because of the need to reduce consumptive irrigation water use. This agent will be researching production and marketing of low water use and alternative crops. They will also be working on how best to establish permanent ground cover on the fields being dried up to prevent the topsoil from blowing away and to prevent these abandoned fields from becoming weed beds.

The other, extremely exciting news is that the Outcalt Foundation has given us the funding to hire a second 4-H agent for three years. The Valley 4-H program should have never had fewer than two 4-H agents, but it has been 12 years since we have had two. This gift will allow us to hire a second agent by the first of the year.

Simultaneously, we are launching a campaign to build an endowment fund with which we will be able to make this a permanent position. This is the only way I have been able to figure out that will create a stable, long-term, second youth agent position. So, as you are planning your community giving, please consider this just cause. And if you have already given for 2023, please remember this in 2024.

All this rebuilding has been made possible because everyone has stepped up and increased their support. This includes CSU, SLV community members, and all six of the SLV counties. So regardless of which county you live in, when you see any of your county commissioners, please tell them thank you for supporting the SLV Area Extension program.

And when you get ready to mark your ballot on Proposition HH, please, please read and study and please make certain you fully understand it, because it is tricky. Please understand that if it passes, your counties will not be able to fund services like extension, ambulance services, and law enforcement at the levels they are now.

If anything, you have read in this article interests you, please come see us in our Monte Vista office located on the west side of the Monte Vista Co-op property. You can also call us at 719-852-7381 or email us at L.Brown@colostate.edu; or Jennifer.Norris@colostate.edu. CSU Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.

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Dorothy Sayers: Fiction as tools for a classical education

As president of the Detection Club, Dorothy L. Sayers led initiation rites featuring ceremonial

garb, flickering candles and the spooky presence of Eric, a human skull.

With a flair for the dramatic, Sayers required British mystery writers to take an oath, which included: "Do you promise that your detectives shall well and truly detect the crimes presented to them, using those wits which it may please you to bestow upon them and not placing reliance on, or making use of, Divine Revelation, Feminine Intuition, Mumbo-Jumbo, Jiggery-Pokery, Coincidence or the Act of God?"

New members promised "moderation" in -- this is a partial list -- the use of conspiracies, death rays, ghosts and trapdoors, while "utterly and forever" avoiding "Mysterious Poisons unknown to Science." And of course: "Do you solemnly swear never to conceal a vital clue from the reader?"

The Detection Club was founded in 1930, with G.K. Chesterton as presi-

dent. Sayers was a founding member and became its third president, followed by Agatha Christie.

Famous for her Lord Peter Wimsey detective novels, Sayers' career defied simple labels. As a young woman, she worked for the S.H. Benson advertising agency in

London. Among Christians, she is best known as a colleague of C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien and others in the Inklings writers circle in Oxford. Sayers wrote poetry, theological essays and theatrical works for the stage and BBC Radio. She was gifted in multiple languages and spent the final years of her life translating Dante's "The Divine Comedy" into English.

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"Her parents gave her a classical education that allowed her to navigate her world, the tools to support herself. When she struggled and made mistakes, she was able to repent and get back on track," said medieval scholar Lesley-Anne Williams, who lectured on "Dorothy L. Sayers: Advertising, Murder and Classical Education" during last week's annual Inklings Festival at the ecumenical Eighth Day Institute in Wichita, Kansas.

"Her Christian faith played a role in everything she did, including her detective novels," said Williams. "She wanted to write fiction that was well done, in a style that she understood, respected and enjoyed. She always demonstrated great skill and craftsmanship."

The Lord Peter Wimsey tales emerged during the golden age of British detective fiction, after World War I -- the "war to end all wars" -- had rocked the moral and cultural foundations of Europe. The popular, and profitable, mystery novels in this era offered complex, logical puzzle plots with detectives using evidence that included chemistry, medicine, physics and

psychology.

Some British intellectuals were attempting to restore shaken public faith that good could defeat evil. Sayers, Chesterton and other masters of detective fiction truly believed that the great mysteries of their troubled age "were solvable," said Williams in one of her lectures.

"I don't think that we're in a golden age of mystery now. I think part of that is, you have to have a belief that there is a truth that can be known," she said. Thus, a yearning for absolutes could be "one of the reasons why people like mystery novels. They

are kind of self-contained. You can trust the author to do certain things. ... There is justice here and you have to have a belief in justice, you have to have a belief in truth to do that kind of mystery."

In a 1957 eulogy for Sayers, Lewis stressed that his friend didn't want to preach. She was striving to communicate clearly to a broader audience.

"There is in reality no cleavage between the detective stories and her other works," wrote Lewis. "In them, as in it, she is first and foremost the craftsman, the professional. She always

saw herself as one who has learned a trade, and respects it, and demands respect for it from others.

We who loved her may (among ourselves) largely admit that this attitude was sometimes almost comically emphatic. ...

"As the detective stories do not stand quite apart, so neither do the explicitly religious works. She never sank the artist and entertainer in the evangelist."

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On Religion



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Bible Digest

(Psalms 103:2-3 AKJV) Amen! Thank you Lord.

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

"The evil bow before the good; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous."

(Proverbs 14:19 AKJV) God wins! Evil will be defeated.

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

"He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30 AKJV)

This should be the attitude of all followers of Jesus.

Thursday, November 2, 2023

"He that believes on the Son has everlasting life: and he that believes not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God stays on him."

(John 3:36 AKJV) What you believe about Jesus

now will determine what He will do for you later.

Friday, November 3, 2023

"They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel." (Psalms 106:13 AKJV)

We would save ourselves a lot of trouble if we would just wait for the Lord to lead.



The Reality of Being More Than a Conqueror in Life

Romans 8:37 (NIV) says, "...In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." But do we really know what it means to be more than a conqueror? I know it took many years for me to learn what it means and how to live the victorious life Jesus died to give us as believers.

I remember many years when I went to church faithfully every week, yet my private life was pathetic. It was so frustrating because I really loved God and was a born-again believer, but I wasn't experiencing victory over the problems in my life so that I could really live for God and help people.

As I eventually grew in my personal relationship with Jesus and spent time studying the Word, I came to understand what it means to be more than a conqueror and how I could get there. And if I can do it, so can you.

To be more than a conqueror means that before you ever get a problem, you already know that whatever problem comes your way, you can overcome it through Christ! You live with confidence that God loves you no matter what and He will never leave you nor forsake you. And when you have this kind of relationship with God, you aren't constantly afraid of bad news or of things that may happen that aren't in your plan. When the unexpected happens or you're disappointed, you won't be devastated by it.

See, when you truly understand who you are in Christ—who God says you are and everything that's yours through a relationship with Jesus—you discover there's nothing that can happen that is too much for you...because there's nothing that's too much for Him! First John 4:4 confirms it: "Little children, you are of God [you belong to Him] and have [already] defeated and overcome them [the agents of the antichrist], because He Who lives in you is greater [mightier] than he who is in the world" (AMP).

It's so important for us to get this truth down in our hearts and see ourselves as more than conquerors through Jesus, because if we don't, then our enemy, Satan, will be able to confuse us and keep us from victory. And all the enemy wants to do is kill, steal, and destroy what God wants us to have (John 10:10). He wants to diminish you—make you small-minded and small in spirit so you'll live a small, frustrated life.

But we don't have to live that way. Every person who declares that Jesus is Lord, repents of their sin, and gives their heart to God is a child of God and belongs to Him (Romans 10:9-11). In Christ, we are forgiven and made right with God. We have the strength and power to do what His Word says to do and live the full and fulfilling life He has for us.

Do you realize what this means? It means that as we spend time with God in prayer and studying the Bible, we can access the wisdom and strength we need to make right choices and behave right. It doesn't happen all at once or overnight, but we will make progress every day that we seek God this way.

I really want you to understand who you are in Christ as a born-again believer. You were never meant to be frustrated, discouraged, or feel like you're always just trying to get through the day. God has more for you than that!

When you make a mistake and the enemy comes and tells you, "You're no good," you don't have to take on the guilt and condemnation he wants to put on you. No! You can immediately confess your mistake to God, thank Him for forgiving you and cleansing you with the blood of Jesus, and move forward in the victory of His grace and forgiveness (1 John 1:9).

Here's a scripture that has helped me take hold of who I am in Christ and live with victory over the hardships of this world: "In this [union and communion



with Him] love is brought to completion and attains perfection with us...because as He is, so are we in this world" (1 John 4:17 AMP).

I encourage you to learn who God really is. Get a deeper understanding of His character and His heart for you. Spend time with Him, read His Word, and let Him love you. Know that He loves you unconditionally. God is good, and He wants to bless you and help you. When we know this truth, we don't have to be tormented by doubts about whether God cares or whether He will take care of us.

Whatever your situation is today, God knows about it. He sees you and hears the cry of your heart. And if you will give Him your problems and do what He tells you to do, you will access His overcoming love, grace, and power and be more than a conqueror. Because in Christ, as He is, so are we in this world!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's five-part teaching resource *Bold, Confident and Courageous*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

All-Denominational
Emmanuel Chapel - Independent Bible Church
0432 Hwy 149, South Fork
719-573-5411
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Church of the Living God
11611 2nd Avenue, Hooper
719-378-2080
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship
Sunday, 6 p.m. - Book of Acts Study
Monday, 7 p.m. - Youth
Thursday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study

San Luis Valley Christian Center
305 S. Broadway (3rd & Broadway), Monte Vista
719-852-6168
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship
Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Bible Study

Prayer House Church
410 Main Street, La Jara
Pastor Jaime Flores • 719-298-0007
Sunday Morning Service, 10:30 am
Wednesday Family Ministry, 6:30 pm
Friday Night Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Sargent Community Church
6967 N. County Rd. 2 E., Monte Vista (across from Sargent School)
Pastor Stephen Burns • 719-852-2980
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Back Row Church - Church Community
In the Alamosa Presbyterian Church Building
Alamosa
www.backrowchurch.com
Kim Nipple • 303-532-9342
Worship Service - Wednesday Evening at 5:00 pm

Apostolic
Alamosa Apostolic Church
510 First 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

Apostolic Pentecostal
Church of Champions, Acts 2:38
9056 Hwy 285 South, Alamosa - 719-587-3351
Dan Dawning Pastor, 719-588-7307
Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - Service

Assembly of God
River of Life Church
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.
Wednesday Worship, 7:00 p.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
719-657-3360
Adult Sunday School - 9:00
Services - 10:00

Bahai' Faith
meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m on Zoom.
Email hartline@ojoade.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
2910 Clark Street, Alamosa
719-589-6351
Sunday, 9:00 & 10:45 am Worship Services**
Sunday, 10:45 am Children's Ministry (PreK-5th grade)
Sunday, 10:45 am Teen Bible Study (6th-12th grade)
Tuesday 7:00 pm Young Adults College Group
Wednesday 6:30 pm Bible Quizzing (1st-6th grade)
Wednesday 6:30 pm Reign Youth Group (6th-12th grade)
Wednesday 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study*
Saturday 5:00 pm Worship Service**
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** Nursery is available (twice-prek)

College Heights Baptist Church
Pastor Anthony Bowden
2045 Church Avenue, Alamosa
Sunday, 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. - Sunday School
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Morning Worship

San Luis Valley Baptist Church
930 State Avenue, Alamosa
719-589-5938
Pastor R.L. McDonald
Wednesday 7 p.m. - Worship
Saturday, 2 p.m.
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Sunday School
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship

Calvary Bible Chapel
7160 Brush Lane, Alamosa
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Worship
Sunday, 10:20 a.m. - Sunday School
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Ministry of the Word
Small group studies meet during the week.

Calvary Blanca
Pastor Matthew Leonard - 719-379-3317
Sunday, 9:30 am - Bible Study
Sunday, 11:00 am - Service
Wednesday, 6:30pm - Community Get to Know You

Calvary Baptist Church
2160 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista
Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Bible Study
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship
Tuesday, 6 p.m. - C.L.A.Y. Youth
Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study

Catholic
Sacred Heart Church
715 4th Street, Alamosa
Saturday, 4:00 p.m. - Mass
Saturday, 6:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass
Sunday, 8 a.m. - Mass
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Mass

Hooper Church
3rd and Adams, Hooper
Sunday, 9 a.m. - Morning Worship

Meditation, Kriya
Mountain Institute
Alamosa - (575)758-5876

United Church of La Jara
522 Walnut, La Jara
719-274-5250
Terry Buckman, Pastor
Cell Phone: 339-8444
Office Hours: Mon. 9:00 am - 12:00
Sunday 9:00 am - Contemporary
Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am

Christian Science Services
400 Ross Avenue, Society Hall, Alamosa
Services - Sundays at 10:00 p.m.
The second Wednesday of each 4 p.m.
Thanksgiving Day 10 a.m.

Pioneer United Church in Del Norte, Colorado
A Congregation of Evangelical Covenant Order
Presbyterians
630 Spruce St. (1.5 blocks south of Hwy. 160)
Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Sunday
Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday
Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Sunday

Church of the South Fork
0116 Lander Dr., South Fork, Co. 81154
Sunday are at 9 am - Services
School Room. Choir is held on Wednesday
at 6pm during the summer months
with a final practice at 8:15am on
Sunday

Christian
Bethel Christian Church
Pastor Erik Lira
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.

Word of Faith Christian Center
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Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, 6:00 p.m. M.O.S.H. Youth Night

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

Pentecostal
Alamosa Pentacostal Church
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Sunday School Sunday 1:00-1:45
Worship 2:00-3:00

Christian Fellowship Church
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Pastor Martin Montoya • 719-587-6197
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Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship
Sunday, 6:30 p.m. - Victory Service
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Revival

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Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship
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1861 Rd 10 S., Alamosa
Pastor Philip VanderWindt
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Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Worship

Churches of Christ
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Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship
Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study
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South Fork Church of Christ
205 Birch St., South Fork, 719-873-125

Sports

Mean Moose strengthen playoff hopes with win over Woodland Park; tie for league championship

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – After starting the season winless in five games, the Alamosa High School football team finished strong by winning its final four games.

Friday, the Mean Moose capped off the regular season with a 43-7 win over Woodland Park at the AHJS stadium. Not only that, they find themselves on the threshold of making the state playoffs.

“We kind of turned this thing around,” said Alamosa coach Drew Sandlin. “We knew some tough games at the beginning of the year would help us and looks like they are.”

Also with Florence’s 14-13 win over La Junta, the Mean Moose finish in a three-way tie for the Tri-Peaks League championship with the Huskies and Tigers.

Woodland Park had the ball first but punted. The Mean Moose took possession at their own 20 and proceeded to march 80 yards on just six plays with Dyson Woodward tossing a 25-yard touchdown pass to Brant Jackson. After a roughing the kicker penalty on the Panthers, Alamosa went for two points and was successful as R.J. Meis ran in the conversion for an 8-0 lead.

The Mean Moose got the first turnover of the game as Carlos Garcia recovered a fumble. Unfortunately, Alamosa turned the ball over on downs.

But Alamosa got another takeaway almost right away as Tony Griego intercepted Marqus Schoenberger. This time the Mean Moose turned the turnover into points as Woodward and Jackson hooked up again, this time a 2-yard touchdown. Ryan Higareda made the point-after for a 15-0 lead.

Alamosa extended the lead early in the second quarter with Meis running for a 10-yard touchdown. Higareda again made the extra point and the Mean Moose led 22-0.

Woodland Park had an opportunity to score midway through the second quarter. Schoenberger got the Panthers into scoring position with a 43-yard pass to Evan Bamesbergre, but the drive stalled. Woodland Park came away empty as Myles Wiley missed a 36-yard field goal attempt.

The Mean Moose got one more touchdown just before halftime as Woodward ran 20 yards on the quarterback keeper for the score. Higareda again made the point-after and Alamosa led 29-0 at halftime.

The Mean Moose had the ball first in the second



Left: Alamosa High School’s R.J. Meis (26) runs with the ball against Woodland Park. Right: Xavier Ramirez sacks Marqus Schoenberger. The Mean Moose won 43-7.

Courier photos by Ken Hamrick

half and they got on the scoreboard again. Woodward threw his third touchdown pass of the game, this time a 26-yard strike to Michael Motz. Higareda made the extra point for a 36-0 advantage.

Woodward accounted for his fifth touchdown of the game and his second on the ground with a 5-yard scoring run. Higareda made the extra point for a 43-0 lead.

The Panthers averted the shutout late in the game as Matteo Pizzaro tipped and intercepted Griego’s pass. Pizzaro returned the play 30 yards for a touchdown. Wiley made the PAT.

Alamosa had 337 yards of total offense with 247 coming in the passing game. Woodward completed 16 out of 24 passes for 223 yards with Jackson being his top receiver with eight receptions for 102 yards. Motz had three catches for 56 yards, Karter Tolsma had three receptions for 33 yards, Kevin Gonzales had two catches for 34 yards, and Meis had two catches for 22 yards.

The Mean Moose had 90 rushing yards and were led by Woodward with 67 yards on 11 carries.

Woodland Park was held to 112 yards of total offense – 18 rushing and 94 passing.

Schoenberger completed 10 of 26 passes for 94 yards. Griffin King was the leading receiver with four catches for 35 yards. Bamesbergere had two receptions for 47

yards and Parker Shreeve had two receptions for six yards.

Aidan Hood led the Panthers’ ground game with 24 yards on 10 carries.

Alamosa finished the regular season with a record of four wins and five losses. It will now wait to see if it made the Class 2A 16-team bracket, but Sandlin knows it will be a road game against a tough opponent.

“We’ll be a lower seed for sure,” Sandlin said. “If we go to Delta, we’ve been there a couple of times, so hopefully we’ll play some good football.”

	Alamosa 43, Woodland Park 7			
	0	0	0	7 - 7
Woodland Park	0	0	0	7 - 7
Alamosa	15	14	14	0 - 43
First quarter				
A - Jackson 25 pass from Woodward (Meis run), 7:46				
A - Jackson 2 pass from Woodward (Higareda kick), 3:11				
Second quarter				
A - Meis 10 run (Higareda kick), 10:28				
A - Woodward 20 run (Higareda kick), 0:57				
Third quarter				
A - Motz 26 pass from Woodward (Higareda kick), 8:59				
A - Woodward 5 run (Higareda kick), 5:13				
Fourth quarter				
WP - Pizzaro 30 interception return (Wiley kick), 4:40				

Falcons crush Pirates to win league title

STAFF REPORT

LA JARA—The Centauri High School football secured its seventh-straight league title with a dominating 45-0 victory at home over rival Monte Vista.

The Falcons (7-2, 5-0 1A South Central) scored in every quarter and had two scores in all, but the third quarter. Junior standout Parker Buhr led the onslaught with four rushing touchdowns — one in each quarter.

“I thought our kids were focused all week in practice and came out and showed that they were focused and ready to play,” said CHS coach Kyle Forster. “Man, they played well tonight. We were a little banged up, but the guys showed up and played out. It was awesome.”

Both teams entered Friday night’s game riding five-game winning streaks. The Falcons have owned the rivalry, having won seven straight.

The Pirates last beat the Falcons in 23-14 in 2015 and secured the 1A Southern Peaks title with the win. Monte Vista earned back-to-back league titles with a 4-1 record in 2016.

The two teams have finished first or second in league to each other since 2012 — CHS has won nine and MVHS has won three during the span.

Centauri scored its first touchdown by taking its third possession of the game 87 yards in 11 plays. Buhr did most of the work, accounting for 50 rushing yards. Back-to-back runs of 9 and 10 yards gave the Falcons first-and-goal at the 1. Carson Shawcroft capped off the 3-plus



Photo by Brian Williams

Centauri High School standout running back Parker Buhr scores the third of his four touchdowns in a 45-0 win over rival Monte Vista on Friday night at home.

minute drive with a 1-yard scoring plunge to put the Falcons up 6-0. Josh Polkowske added the PAT to make it 7-0 with 6:12 left in the first quarter.

After not allowing Monte Vista (6-3, 4-1) to get a first down on the next possession, Troy Huffaker blocked a punt to set up the Falcons second score of the

opening quarter. CHS recovered the ball at the Pirates’ 20-yardline.

Buhr scored his first touchdown three plays later when he carried the football around the left side of the line and into the endzone from 13 yards out to extend the lead to 13-0. The PAT was blocked. Centauri needed only three plays to

tack on its third TD, a 22-yard scoring pass from sophomore quarterback Sean Jarvies to senior Kiler Ullery, who made a great catch in the corner of the endzone, early in the second quarter.

Buhr crossed the goal line for a second time with just under 2 minutes left in the half. His 5-yard touchdown run gave the Falcons a 25-0 lead that they took into halftime.

Monte Vista never got anything going offensively in either half against Centauri’s swarming defense. The Pirates did not get a first down until late in the first quarter.

“They just came out and hit every play,” Forster said. “To get a shutout against that team is something special.”

Buhr added touchdown runs of 4 yards and 17 yards in the third and fourth quarters.

Jarvies connected with sophomore Marcos Atencio on a 12-yard scoring late in the third quarter and gave the Falcons a 38-0 lead. Huffaker’s second blocked punt gave the Falcons excellent field position.

Centauri will take a six-game winning streak into the playoffs next week. The Falcons will learn this weekend if they host or travel for the first round.

“Come who or come where, they are going to have to play us and if we can play like that good things can happen,” Forster said.

Sports Bulletin

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SCOREBOARD THURSDAY

Prep girls volleyball
 Alamosa def. Fowler in four sets - scores not reported
 Ignacio def. Sargent 25-23, 14-25, 25-17, 28-26

FRIDAY

Prep football
 Alamosa 43, Woodland Park 7
 Centauri 45, Monte

Vista 0
 Dolores at Sanford - no report
 Dove Creek 50, Sargent 8
 Granada 52, Sierra Grande 22
 Ignacio at Del Norte - no report
 Sangre de Cristo at Miami-Yoder - no report
Prep girls volleyball
 Cotopaxi at Antonito - no report
 Cripple Creek-Victor at Creede - no report
 Rye def. Sanford 25-11, 25-8, 25-12
 Sanford v def. Trinidad in three sets - scores not reported
 Sangre de Cristo def. Custer County 25-14, 25-18, 25-15
 South Park at Center - no report

College men’s soccer
 Colorado Mesa 4, Adams State 0

SCHEDULE SATURDAY

Prep football
 Mountain Valley at Antonito, 1 p.m.
 Center at Trinidad, 7 p.m.
Prep cross country
 Alamosa at Class 3A State Meet (at Norris Penrose Event Center), 12:20 p.m. (boys), 1:40 p.m. (girls)
 Centauri, Del Norte, Sargent at Class 2A State Meet (at Norris Penrose Event Center), 9 a.m. (girls), 10:20 a.m. (boys)
Prep girls gymnastics
 Alamosa at Class 4A Regional Tournament

(at Arvada West), 10 a.m.
Prep girls volleyball
 Center at Sierra Grande, 11 a.m.
 Centauri vs. Clear Creek (Buena Vista Invitational), noon
 John Mall at Del Norte, noon
 Monte Vista vs. Atlas Prep (Mitchell Invitational), noon
 Centauri vs. Rifle (Buena Vista Invitational), 2 p.m.
 Centauri vs. Meeker (Buena Vista Invitational), 4 p.m.
 Centauri vs. Gunnison (Buena Vista Invitational), 6 p.m.
 Sanford at Rye Invitational, TBA
College football
 South Dakota Mines at Adams State, 1 p.m.

College women’s volleyball
 Chadron State (Neb.) at Adams State (RMAC Power Pod), 6 p.m.

College women’s basketball
 Adams State at Colorado (exhibition), 1 p.m.

SUNDAY
College men’s soccer
 Adams State at Westminster (Utah), 2:30 p.m.
College women’s soccer
 Adams State at Colorado-Colorado Springs, 1 p.m.
College women’s basketball
 Adams State at New Mexico (exhibition), 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

College women’s soccer
 New Mexico Highlands at Adams State, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY
College men’s basketball
 Adams State at Weber State (exhibition), TBA

FRIDAY
Prep girls gymnastics
 Alamosa at Class 4A State Meet (at Thornton), 3 p.m.
College women’s volleyball
 Adams State at Fort Lewis, 6 p.m.
College swimming
 Adams State at Nebraska-Kearney Invitational, TBA

Lifestyle



Courtesy photo

Hot Creek Trucking is owned by Zeke and Victoria Gallegos. They haul year-round.

Gallegos family talks about growing and hauling hay, alfalfa

By MARIE MCCOLM
MONTE VISTA — Zeke and Victoria Gallegos have been enjoying the weather in the San Luis Valley. They have been farming for a few years now. Their business, Hot Creek Trucking, and their farm has been growing steadily and is doing well.

The couple is no stranger to the changing weather in the San Luis Valley. They grow alfalfa and grass hay. They also sharecrop with other farmers. They drive an 18-wheeler and sell both hay and alfalfa here the San Luis Valley and south into New Mexico.

The couple said they have been busy growing and hauling this year.

“Overall, it was a good season for hay. We put out around 15,000 small bales of alfalfa grass at one farm and another 10,000 of grass hay at another place. They all came up in pretty good shape. I would say it was a successful season, but it’s not completely over,” Zeke said.

Zeke said that they haul year-round.

“We will definitely sell and haul into the colder months. We also have grass contracted up north to fulfill to customers for the winter clear into the spring. The two places we haul to are Albuquerque and Santa Fe,” he said.

Victoria said the good snowpack contributed to their and others success this year.

“The snowpack earlier in the year really helped the moisture levels for the farm,” Victoria said. “The moisture really helps a lot, for irrigating and just everything on the farm. Water was plentiful this year. Overall seems like the Valley put up a lot of good hay this year everywhere, too.”

The Gallegos family works hard every year growing, baling, and selling the Alfalfa and grass hays. Their son Ezekiel Jr. helps on the farm as well.

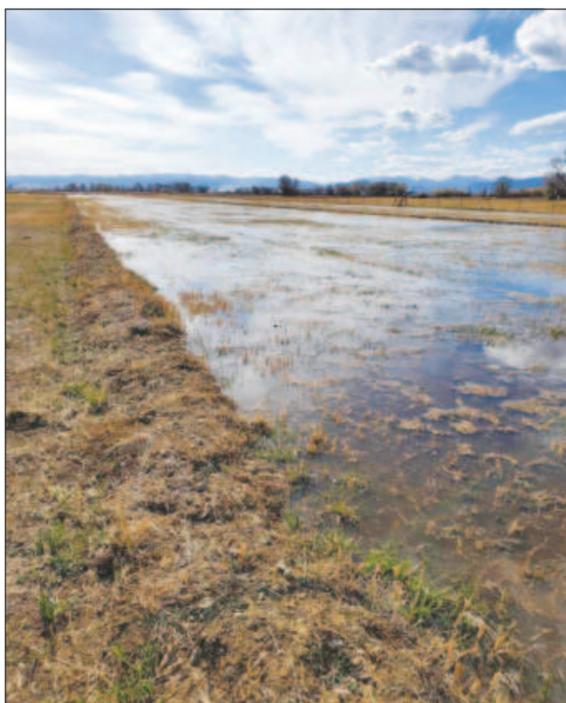
“He has helped a lot more this season too,” said Zeke. “He likes the tractor; he enjoys driving and baling the hay.”

Zeke said a usual season consists of three alfalfa cuts with the first coming in June.

“We usually start cutting the alfalfa the first of June, the second cut usually happens the first of July, this is when we always get rained on too, we call it the ‘monsoon season.’ The last cut we do on the alfalfa is usually the last of August, so about three cuts total. There’s a lot of hard work involved in the farming process. Many people aren’t aware of how much work, but it is a lot. We flood irrigate around 100 acres. Flood irrigating is an all-night job too. We take



Ezekiel Gallegos Jr., helps on the family farm.



The Gallegos family grows, bails and sells alfalfa and grass hays in the San Luis Valley and New Mexico. They flood irrigate about 100 acres.

the siphons out to the field. When the water is there, you irrigate all night. You must constantly change the siphons, even if it’s 3 in the morning, you are out there. Farming is fun, but it’s a lot of work,” Zeke said.

Victoria said that everyone gets their hands dirty on the farm.

“I do the harrowing; I drag the ditch; he usually does all the irrigating,” Victoria said. “Our kids have

enjoyed growing up on a farm. We enjoy it too. If we could send out a message to anyone younger thinking of farming, we would say do it. It’s a lot of hard work but I think that everyone should experience being a farmer once in their lifetime. People don’t realize it, but without farmers, well it’s a cycle, chickens, eggs, crops, if you think about it without farmers, there’s no food.”

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2023CW3011; ALAMOSA COUNTY; Curtis Farms, LLC, c/o Karl Kuenhold, Esq., Law Office of Karl Kuenhold, LLC, 719-589-3688, karl@kuenholdlaw.com . APPLICATION FOR A CHANGE OF WATER RIGHTS. Applicant owns two decreed irrigation wells in the Southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 39 North, Range 10 East NMPM. This application seeks to obtain supplemental wells for the existing two unconfined wells which are not able to produce the decreed volumes of water. It further seeks a replacement well for one of the two existing wells, WDD12012380 (Permit 47942-F) were decreed Case No. W-2434 as Wells No. 11 and Well No. 6. Well No. 11 was drilled in 1930 and Well No 6 was drilled in 1954. Finally, it seeks to make the wells alternate points of diversion for one another.

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2022CW3046; RIO GRANDE COUNTY; Worley Family Farms LLLP, and BKC, LLC c/o Karl Kuenhold, Esq., Law Office of Karl Kuenhold, LLC, 719-589-3688, karl@kuenholdlaw.com . Introduction and Background: This Amended Application adds two additional wells to the wells previously identified in the original application to form a "South Humidification Pool" for the storage and processing facilities described and allows the two wells at the Hi-Land and Blue-Sky facilities to be alternate points of diversion for an existing commercial well. The other claims are as previously pled. In the First Claim below, Applicant requests the water court decree the administrative change of water right approved by the State Engineer on January 12, 1994. In the alternative, Applicant requests the court grant an additional change of water right from Wells No. 13 and No. 14 in Case W-324 to Well 43118-F for the entire 5.29 acre-feet of consumptive use made available by the dry-up of 3.2 acres as required by the permit issued. In the Second Claim, Applicant proposes to change a portion of the water (up to 19.76 acre-feet CU) from Well No. 12 in Case W-324 to a drilled in 1975. Due to unknown circumstances, the wells were not decreed at the time they were permitted and drilled. This application seeks to decree these water rights as absolute and to make the wells alternate points of diversion for one another. This application also seeks a change of water rights to allow three other decreed wells on this quarter, WDD12011137, WDD12011133 and WDD12011136, to be alternate points of diversion for one another and for WDD12014209, Permit 019394-F and WDD12014210, Permit 20156-F.

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2023CW3012; ALAMOSA COUNTY; Cooley Farms, Inc. c/o Karl Kuenhold, Esq., Law Office of Karl Kuenhold, LLC, 719-589-3688, karl@kuenholdlaw.com . APPLICATION FOR A DECREE ADJUDICATING WATER RIGHTS. This application seeks to confirm and decree the water rights in two wells located in the SW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 39 North, Range 10 East NMPM. The wells, WDD12014209, Permit 019394-F and WDD12014210, Permit 20156-F were permitted and drilled in 1975. Due to unknown circumstances, the wells were not decreed at the time they were permitted and drilled. This application seeks to decree these water rights as absolute and to make the wells alternate points of diversion for one another. This application also seeks a change of water rights to allow three other decreed wells on this quarter, WDD12011137, WDD12011133 and WDD12011136, to be alternate points of diversion for one another and for WDD12014209, Permit 019394-F and WDD12014210, Permit 20156-F.

The granting of this application will not result in any expansion of use and will not result in any injury to senior water rights. Land ownership: Applicants own the real property on which the wells are located. You are notified that you have until the last day of November 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 No. 3623.
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following individuals are indebted to Alamosa Storage for past due rent. Auction will be conducted pursuant to 38-21-5-103 (1)(c)(III) thru 38-21-5-103 (e)(I). Auction will be conducted online with selfstorageauction.com starting November 6, 2023. Alamosa Storage reserves the right to bid on any unit. Sale of a unit is subject to cancellation in the event of a settlement between landlord and obligated party.

- Erica Andrews #29 10x20x8 Miscellaneous items
- Keith Rios #C3 8x20x8 Kitchen table, mattress, box spring, beds frames, bikes, smoker, etc.
- Peter Authelet #C14 8x10 Car seats, sinks, barrels, crates, tile, other miscellaneous items
- Peter Authelet #C19 8x10 tile, miscellaneous items
- Abigailye Farmer #B22 8x10 Aquarium tanks, freezer, mini fridge, and table
- Tim Lopez #4 5x10 Miscellaneous items
- Tim Lopez #77 10x10x8 Miscellaneous items
- Tim Lopez #B16 8x10 clothes, boxes of miscellaneous items, bike
- Jennifer Montoya #B29 8x10 Construction tools

No. 3628.
Published in the Valley Courier October 20, 21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 31, November 1, 3, & 4, 2023.

NOTICE

Rio Grande County is soliciting sealed bids from qualified contractors for 2023 AIRFIELD PROJECTS, to be constructed for RIO GRANDE COUNTY, COLORADO. Bids will be received at the County Office until 1:00 pm on Tuesday, November 28, 2023. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on Tuesday, November 28, 1:00pm at the County Office, 925 6th Street, Room 207, Del Norte, CO 81132. An Optional Pre-Bid Conference will be held on November 07, 2023 at 1:00 pm at the Astronaut Kent Rominger Airport, 883 Co Rd 22, Del Norte, CO 81132.

The project consists of a 2-inch asphalt overlay to Runway 6-24, a new 450 feet Proposed Taxiway 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 via 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 is compiled by bids 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 Documents.

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.

No. 3642.
Published in the Valley Courier on October 27, 28, 31, November 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, & 21, 2023.

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2023CW3013: 1Name, Address and Telephone Number of Applicants: John Artaechevarria, 3632 County Road 60, Center, CO 81125. 212.203.9566. asier@mailbox.org c/o Linda Bower, Lawrence Custer Gramsick Jones & Donovan, 5245 Ronald Reagan Blvd, Suite 1, Johnstown, CO 80634, (970) 622-8181, linda@lwwaterlaw.com. Application for Change of Water Rights in Saguache County. Addition of a Supplemental Well on Field No. 10: SE 1/4 Section 29, Township 41 North, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M. Decreed Water Right for Which Change is Sought: 2.1. Name of Structure: Well No. 1; Well Permit No. 21863-F/ WDD12013625. 2.2. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: May 24, 1979, Case No. W-3935 in District Court, Water Division No. 3 2.3. Location of decreed structure: Center of SE 1/4 Section 29, Township 41 North, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., at a point 1320 feet from South Section line and 1320 feet from East Section line, in Saguache County, Colorado. 2.4. Decreed Source of water: Unconfined aquifer. 2.5. Priority Date of Appropriation: November 1, 1976. 2.6. Decreed Use: Irrigation 2.7. Total Amount decreed to structure: 1000 g.p.m.= 2.23 c.f.s. 2.8. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: 1000 g.p.m. 2.9. This well is included in the Annual Replacement Plan for Subdistrict One. 3. Proposed Change: Applicant seeks approval to construct a supplemental well to be used in combination with Well Permit No. 21863-F to irrigate 160 acres as permitted within the SE 1/4 Section 29, T41 N., R. 10 E. The subject well will be located within the SE 1/4 of Section 29, T41 N., R. 10 E at Easting 421000 Northing 4180787. There will be no increase to the current limitation on pumping (400 AF average annual amount of water diverted) or area of use for Well Permit No. 21863-F. The depth of the supplemental well will not exceed 100 feet or the top of the confining clay series. 4. Name and Address of Owners of Structures: Applicant John Artaechevarria, 3632 County Road 60, Center, CO 81125. 212.203.9566. The original application contains three pages. You are notified that you have until the last day of November 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 81101 No. 3624.
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23CW3014: (W-2399, 89CW26, 95CW32, 02CW22, 06CW08, 09CW28, and 16CW3009) Town of Crestone ("Crestone") Attention: Town Clerk, P.O. Box 64, Crestone, CO 81131, 719-256-4313. Direct pleadings to: Peter D. Nichols, Megan Christensen, Berg Hill Greenleaf Russett LLP, 1712 Pearl Street, Boulder, Colorado 80302, 303-402-1600. APPLICATION FOR FINDINGS OF REASONABLE DILIGENCE IN SAGUACHE COUNTY. 2. Description of Conditional Water Rights. A. Name of Structure: Well No. 2-R. 1. Type: Well. ii. Date of Original Decree: July 27, 1978, Case No. W-2399, District Court in and for Water Division 3. Modified by Case No. 06CW08, decreed on December 14, 2006. iii. Subsequent decrees awarding findings of diligence (Case No. and date of decree): Case Nos. 87CW26, October 5, 1989; 95CW32, June 18, 1996; 02CW22, September 23, 2003; 09CW28, August 7, 2010; 16CW3009, September 7, 2017 (all in Water Division 3). iv. 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Remarks: Well No. 2-R was originally drilled under Permit No. 58135-F and is currently permitted under Permit No. 62140-F. Case No. 06CW08 decreed Well No. 2-R as a replacement well for Well No. 2. The water right for Well No. 2 was decreed in Case No. W-2399 on July 27, 1978, for 225 gpm absolute for fire protection, with an appropriation date of December 31, 1900, and for 225 gpm conditional for domestic and municipal purposes, with an appropriation date of December 15, 1976. The decree in Case No. 06CW08 reduced the conditional domestic and municipal water right for the replacement well, Well No. 2-R, to 170 gpm and transferred 55 gpm of the conditional domestic and municipal water right to Well No. 2-R-A (see below). The decree in Case No. 06CW08 also limited the annual diversion from Well No. 2-R to 274 acre-feet. Well No. 2-R is connected to a 114,000 gallon storage tank and is a part of Crestone's central water system. x. Land ownership information: Applicant. B. Name of Structure: Well No. 3. i. Type: Well. ii. Date of Original Decree: July 27, 1978, Case No. W-2399, District Court in and for Water Division 3. iii. Subsequent decrees awarding findings of diligence: Case Nos. 87CW26, October 5, 1989; 95CW32, June 18, 1996; 02CW22, September 23, 2003; 09CW28, August 7, 2010; 16CW3009, September 7, 2017 (all in Water Division 3). iv. Legal description of point of diversion: NW1/4 SW1/4, Section 7, Township 43 North, Range 12 East, NMPM, a distance of 2600 feet from the South Section Line and 1117 feet from the West Section Line, Saguache County, Colorado. GPS location is UTM NAD 83, Zone 13S: 438671 mE, 4205511 mN. See Exhibit 1. v. Source of water: Alluvial aquifer tributary to North Crestone Creek. vi. Appropriation dates and amounts: a. December 31, 1900 for 125 gpm (0.28 cfs), absolute, for fire protection. b. December 15, 1976 for 125 gpm (0.28 cfs), conditional, for domestic and municipal purposes. 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23CW3016: (W-2399, 89CW26, 95CW32, 02CW22, 06CW08, 09CW28, and 16CW3009) Town of Crestone ("Crestone") Attention: Town Clerk, P.O. Box 64, Crestone, CO 81131, 719-256-4313. Direct pleadings to: Peter D. Nichols, Megan Christensen, Berg Hill Greenleaf Russett LLP, 1712 Pearl Street, Boulder, Colorado 80302, 303-402-1600. APPLICATION FOR FINDINGS OF REASONABLE DILIGENCE IN SAGUACHE COUNTY. 2. Description of Conditional Water Rights. A. Name of Structure: Well No. 2-R. 1. Type: Well. ii. Date of Original Decree: July 27, 1978, Case No. W-2399, District Court in and for Water Division 3. Modified by Case No. 06CW08, decreed on December 14, 2006. iii. Subsequent decrees awarding findings of diligence (Case No. and date of decree): Case Nos. 87CW26, October 5, 1989; 95CW32, June 18, 1996; 02CW22, September 23, 2003; 09CW28, August 7, 2010; 16CW3009, September 7, 2017 (all in Water Division 3). iv. Legal description of point of diversion: SW1/4 NW1/4, Section 7, Township 43 North, Range 12 East, NMPM, a distance of 2450 feet from the North Section Line and 900 feet from the West Section Line, Saguache County, Colorado. GPS location is UTM NAD 83, Zone 13S: 438610 mE, 4205581 mN. See Exhibit 1. v. Source of water: Alluvial aquifer tributary to North Crestone Creek. vi. Appropriation dates and amounts: a. December 31, 1900 for 225 gpm (0.50 cfs), absolute, for fire protection. b. December 15, 1976 for 170 gpm (0.38 cfs), conditional, for domestic and municipal purposes. Annual diversions from Well No. 2-R are limited to 274 acre-feet per year pursuant to the decree entered in Case No. 06CW08. Of the 170 gpm decreed to Well No. 2-R for domestic and municipal purposes, 20 gpm was made absolute in Case No. 09CW28, and 150 gpm remains conditional. vii. Use: Fire protection, domestic and municipal use. viii. Depth: 185 feet. ix. Remarks: Well No. 2-R was originally drilled under Permit No. 58135-F and is currently permitted under Permit No. 62140-F. Case No. 06CW08 decreed Well No. 2-R as a replacement well for Well No. 2. The water right for Well No. 2 was decreed in Case No. W-2399 on July 27, 1978, for 225 gpm absolute for fire protection, with an appropriation date of December 31, 1900, and for 225 gpm conditional for domestic and municipal purposes, with an appropriation date of December 15, 1976. The decree in Case No. 06CW08 reduced the conditional domestic and municipal water right for the replacement well, Well No. 2-R, to 170 gpm and transferred 55 gpm of the conditional domestic and municipal water right to Well No. 2-R-A (see below). The decree in Case No. 06CW08 also limited the annual diversion from Well No. 2-R to 274 acre-feet. Well No. 2-R is connected to a 114,000 gallon storage tank and is a part of Crestone's central water system. x. Land ownership information: Applicant. B. Name of Structure: Well No. 3. i. Type: Well. ii. Date of Original Decree: July 27, 1978, Case No. W-2399, District Court in and for Water Division 3. iii. Subsequent decrees awarding findings of diligence: Case Nos. 87CW26, October 5, 1989; 95CW32, June 18, 1996; 02CW22, September 23, 2003; 09CW28, August 7, 2010; 16CW3009, September 7, 2017 (all in Water Division 3). iv. Legal description of point of diversion: NW1/4 SW1/4, Section 7, Township 43 North, Range 12 East, NMPM, a distance of 2600 feet from the South Section Line and 1117 feet from the West Section Line, Saguache County, Colorado. GPS location is UTM NAD 83, Zone 13S: 438671 mE, 4205511 mN. See Exhibit 1. v. Source of water: Alluvial aquifer tributary to North Crestone Creek. vi. Appropriation dates and amounts: a. December 31, 1900 for 125 gpm (0.28 cfs), absolute, for fire protection. b. December 15, 1976 for 125 gpm (0.28 cfs), conditional, for domestic and municipal purposes. Of the 125 gpm decreed to Well No. 3 for domestic and municipal purposes, 46 gpm was made absolute in Case No. 02CW22, and 70 gpm remains conditional. vii. Use: Fire protection, domestic and municipal. viii. Depth: 170 feet. ix. Remarks: The existing Well No. 3 was drilled and a pump installed in 1999 under Permit No. 45333-F-R to replace

Classifieds

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Nautical chart
 - 4 Woman of rank
 - 8 Animal enclosure
 - 11 "Believer"
 - 12 Spread for bread
 - 13 Test
 - 15 Maple fluid
 - 16 "The — in the Willows"
 - 17 Kind of palm
 - 18 Ledge
 - 20 Enticed
 - 22 Leonine cry
 - 24 Mauna —
 - 25 Environment
 - 28 Loose end of a rope
 - 32 — even keel
 - 33 Savoir-faire
 - 35 Dolor
 - 36 Mythical bird
 - 37 Machu Picchu location
 - 38 Remove, in printing

- 39 Place for a bracelet**
- 41 Craftsman
 - 43 — Lingus
 - 45 Twisted
 - 46 Greek gods' home
 - 50 Letter stroke
 - 53 Stand
 - 54 Pole on a ship
 - 56 Cousin to the guitar
 - 57 Paradise
 - 58 Arch type
 - 59 Bee follower
 - 60 Scrap
 - 61 Interpret
 - 62 Crazy — of old comics
- DOWN**
- 1 Lass
 - 2 Eastern nursemaid
 - 3 Soft-cover book
 - 4 Like skim milk (2 wds.)
 - 5 — Pasha
 - 6 Fender mishap
 - 7 Sing a certain way

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 8 Long-distance friend (2 wds.)
- 9 Leave
- 10 Neck part
- 14 Angry
- 19 Beef portion
- 21 Nearly all
- 23 Be deserving of
- 25 Circle dance
- 26 Soon
- 27 Skater
- 29 Dumb-founded
- 30 Fizzy drink
- 31 Sharp
- 34 Hold back
- 37 Look furtively
- 38 Wine and —
- 40 Sorrowful cry
- 42 Made a dry run
- 44 Hearsay
- 46 Raw material
- 47 Adriatic resort
- 48 River of Flanders
- 49 Wise man
- 51 Home furnishings giant
- 52 Paws
- 55 "20,000 Leagues Under the —"

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

HERMAN

"Let me do the talking."

ALLEY OOP

YOU BUILT THIS HELICOPTER, DOC? YES.

YOU COULD HAVE BUILT ONE ALL ALONG? OF COURSE.

BUT INSTEAD, YOU MADE US BELIEVE THAT WE WERE STRANDED ON THE ISLAND? HOPELESSNESS IS A POWERFUL MOTIVATOR.

I HOPE SOMETHING MOTIVATED YOU TO BUILD A PARACHUTE, DOC. HEY, QUIT SHOVING ME, GOOLA!

ARLO & JANIS

I DON'T WANT TO ANNOY YOU. I WAS THINKING YOU MIGHT ENJOY BATHING IN PEACE.

DON'T WORRY! I'LL TELL YOU WHEN YOU'RE ANNOYING ME.

AND I MISS MY FAVORITE WAITER! YEH?

NOW, IF IT'S A STAFFING SHORTAGE... MAY I START YOU WITH SOMETHING TO DRINK? NO!

BIG NATE

YOU SHOULD REDO YOUR CANDY RANKINGS, NATE. PUT SOMETHING ELSE AT THE TOP.

SORRY, TEDDY. GOOD & PLENTYS ARE MY FAVORITE.

WELL, JUNIOR. MINTS ARE MY FAVORITES!

I DON'T HAVE A FAVORITE CANDY!

I PREFER A NICE, HEALTHY CARROT STICK!

FREAK. I SUPPOSE I COULD DO IT IN CHOCOLATE FIRST.

THE BORN LOSER

HA! I KNEW YOU COULDN'T GUESS THE NUMBER BETWEEN ONE AND TEN THAT I WAS THINKING OF!

HEY, BUT I GOT IT, DIDN'T I?

YES... BUT IT TOOK YOU ELEVEN TRIES!

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

WHATCHA MAKING, LIZ? GREENLAND.

I'M BUILDING A MAP OUTTA PAPIER-MACHE. MR. GIBBOX SAYS WE HAFTA CHOOSE AN ISLAND AN' SHOW HOW IT'S SHAPED BY FOLLOWING THE COLORS AN' NUMBERS IN THE ATLAS.

THAT'S CALLED A RELIEF! NOT YET.

IT'LL BE A RELIEF WHEN IT'S FINISHED.

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OH, SHOOT! I FORGOT THE TUNA

YAAAAH

THE GRIZZWELLS

IT ISN'T YOU, PIERPOINT, IT'S ME

...YOU DON'T FLATTER ME ENOUGH

PEANUTS

RIDING TO THE LIBRARY ON THE BACK OF MOM'S BIKE IS SCARY...

THAT STUPID GERMAN SHEPHERD ALWAYS CHASES US!

GOING HOME ISN'T SO BAD...

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BONK!

Friend hasn't delivered promised craft project

DEAR ABBY: I'm having an issue with my longtime best friend. We no longer live in the same state, but we talk several times a week and try to visit every year. We both love crafting, and two years ago, I started making her a big, beautiful counted cross-stitch and had it custom framed. The project took several months, and she knew I was making it. She offered -- I didn't ask -- to make me a quilt from T-shirts I had collected over the years from various places I had been. So I cut the logos/graphics off the shirts and mailed them to her. She told me it would take her only a week to make the quilt. That was two years ago. It has been a year since I drove six hours each way to deliver my cross-stitch gift to her, and she still hasn't made the quilt. I have since moved even farther away. I miss home, and I really want the quilt. I have asked her about it several times. The quilt would mean so much to me, especially now that I'm more than 1,000 miles away, but she keeps making empty promises about finishing it. Meanwhile, she has found the time to create crochet and cross-stitch items for her extended family and remodel her

kitchen. I'm so hurt about the whole thing that I'd like to ask her to return the T-shirt pieces to me. At least that way I could hire someone to make me the quilt. Am I being unreasonable? -- WAITING IN THE SOUTH

DEAR WAITING: What you are considering is not only reasonable, but also rational. The next time you and your friend chat, tell her you understand what a busy person she is. Explain that you would like her to find the time to return the fabric you sent so you can make other arrangements to have the quilt made. Smile when you say it so your tone will be "warm and friendly." That way, the friendship can continue if you wish.

DEAR ABBY: At the beginning of the year, I broke up with my boyfriend. I went to a clinic to get tested for STDs, and everything turned out fine. A few months later, I started dating another guy I'd met last year. Everything was great until I realized he is HIV-positive. When I asked him, he denied it. When I returned to the clinic to get tested again, I was told I am now HIV-positive. We had been using protection, but stopped. I haven't told my family yet, but he knows.

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

How can I give my family this news? -- LOVED BUT CONFUSED

DEAR LOVED: Before you make any announcements to your family, schedule an appointment with your physician to discuss this diagnosis. You need to be put on antiviral medication as soon as possible. If you are still with this loser, he should be put on medication as well. Not only does his life depend on it, but he could infect many more partners. Once you have begun the treatment your doctor prescribes, inform your family. Do not be shocked if they want you to put the person who failed to mention he is HIV-positive and then infected you in the rear-view mirror.



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• A recap of the 2023 fall harvest in the San Luis Valley •



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Agriculture Commissioner is bullish on the state of Colorado agriculture

By JOHN WATERS
Courier News Editor

"The state of agriculture in Colorado is incredibly strong," said Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) Commissioner Kate Greenberg in an interview with the Valley Courier. "We continue to have excellent production in the face of challenging conditions. We have an incredibly diverse agricultural state; from our large commodities, and large-scale production on the Eastern Plains, we are leaders in grain, dairy, corn, and wheat. The San Luis Valley is a national leader in potato production. The Valley has quinoa production, which is incredibly unique to Colorado. Cattle and beef are our number one commodity and it is going strong, we were blessed with a good winter. We have been dealing with drought and the impacts of that.

"All in all, agriculture is going strong, we are dealing with some tricky challenges across Colorado agriculture, as we are seeing across the country and the globe. We have resilient communities and adaptive farming practices."

Commenting on her last several years at the department and looking forward, Greenberg offered, "The last two years, including this last state legislative session, we've been seeing so much momentum

around adaptability, resilience, and opportunity in agriculture. We had our share of extreme weather events; we broke the record for the largest hailstone on the Eastern Plains, and the Valley has been very dry even though the state has been out of drought for the first time in many years. We are dealing with the variability in moisture and precipitation. We have challenges with labor, getting access to labor, and adapting to Colorado's new labor laws, which we hope will show Colorado's competitive advantage in being a state that values our agricultural workforce.

"Technology in agriculture is growing at a very rapid rate and is part of that adaptability. In the past legislative session, Colorado was the first state in the nation to pass a right-to-repair law. We are excited, Gov. Polis is a huge supporter of this, and the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union led this effort. Now it is legal for farmers and ranchers to fix their equipment or to go to their service provider or dealer. Previously, the dealer was the only option for Colorado producers."

Greenberg expanded on new technology adding, "Agrivoltaics is a really exciting, although very nascent (at least in the U.S.) form of generating renewable energy

and producing food on the same acreage. We are seeing solar farms go up across the state to meet our renewable energy targets which is critical for climate mitigation and adaptation. We are seeing this take agricultural land out of production and we are interested in seeing how we can do both, rather than have one or the other. Agrivoltaics is a way of doing both [produce food and energy.]

"We have a big focus on infrastructure investment in the food system, Colorado will be receiving just over \$4 million in resilient food system infrastructure grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. We will be able to put that money into our rural communities and help grow our small and mid-scale processing and help diversify the food system and help support local businesses."

Looking forward Greenberg offered, "Over the last four years the areas that we have grown very intentionally at CDA (Colorado Department of Agriculture) have been around drought and climate resilience. We've built our new Agricultural Drought, and Climate Resilience Office, and we launched our STAR soil health program (Colorado Saving Tomorrow's Agricultural Resources Program) which is growing exponentially.



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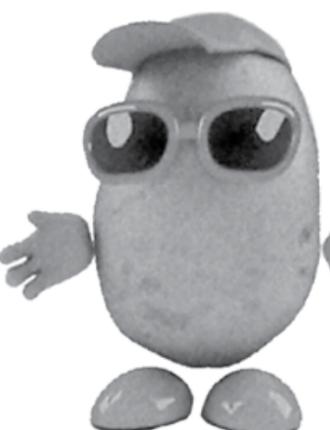
Colorado Department of Agriculture Commissioner Kate Greenberg (far right) is pictured with fruit and vegetable inspectors from the department in Monte Vista.

"We are beefing up our conservation work and we have been growing our marketing and investing in resilient economies. On marketing, we are expanding our Colorado Proud program, and expanding our international work. We are integrating our market and conservation work, we are bringing on two climate marketing specialists who can go out, and

create new market opportunities for our producers in climate-smart ag. This is just not altruistic work, it is helping solve climate change, which is critical, but it is also very good for business."

Greenberg addressed the federal farm bill that has yet to be passed by Congress, "I would say there is an unfortunate co-

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Southern Rocky Mountain Ag Conference registration opens

By LARRY BROWN

SLV Area Extension Director and Ag Business Agent

MONTE VISTA — Registration for the 2024 Southern Rocky Mountain Agriculture Education Conference and Trade Show opens in November. The conference will be Feb. 6-8, 2024, at the Outcalt Event and Conference at SLV Ski Hi Complex. The theme of the 42nd annual conference is “Adapt and Innovate: A conference on balancing fundamentals and innovation.” You can register by going to the website, www.agconferencesrm.com.

The conference will begin each morning with a breakfast for registered participants. There will also be lunch each day for those registered, and a social hour the first two days. All these meals are sponsored by various San Luis Valley businesses.

We will have legislative, economic, and market updates from Colorado Farm Bureau, Rocky Mountain Farmer’s Union, CO Bank, and Potatoes USA.

The Colorado State University Ag Business Management team will present a comprehensive market analysis and outlook, ag family estate and succession planning, and will demonstrate spreadsheet tools for determining cost-of-production and for projecting cash flow and profitability of different management strategies.

The SLV Research Center and Extension teams will present research findings on various potato production, storage, and disease topics. We will explore various innovative technologies for measur-

ing soil moisture and for improving irrigation efficiency.

There will also be sessions on several low-water use, alternative crops: some which are producing amazing forage yields, and others which are starting to show real promise as potential cash crops, including millet.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Temple Grandin from CSU, a world-renowned authority on humane livestock handling and accomplished author and speaker on thriving with autism. Her keynote address will be the same title and topic as her most recent book, “Visual Thinking: The hidden gifts of people who think in pictures, patterns, and abstractions.” She will follow that with a presentation on her livestock handling techniques, and she will sit on a panel delving into virtual livestock fencing, alongside producers and agency partners who have first-hand experience using this exciting and challenging new technology.

Other livestock topics will include fundamentals and innovations in calving and lambing, and neonatal survival. We will also talk about testing instead of guessing when it comes to knowing the nutritive value of hay and forage.

We will have a health and wellness room, which will include sessions on Agribility, and COMET training. COMET stands for “changing our mental and emotional trajectory” and will help each of us with a few basic skills so that we can “look after our neighbors as close as we do our crop and herd.”

Our water day will include topics

on climate forecasting, and how to use this and other tools for water budgeting and planning. We will also discuss innovative technologies to improve water use efficiency

from snowpack to head gate.

To learn more details of the speakers and topics, and to register, go to www.agconferencesrm.com. Or you can also call us at 719-

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Caden Allen is shown competing in the fence work at the 2023 Snaffle Bit Futurity in Fort Worth, Texas, on his 3-year-old filly "Tuff Chic."

Alamosa teen takes title at Snaffle Bit Futurity

Crowned champion in field of adults

By KEITH R. CERNY
Courier Publisher

ALAMOSA — Some people are said to have been "born in the saddle."

That could define 15-year-old Caden Allen of rural Alamosa and a sophomore at Centauri High School. He is the son of nationally renowned horse trainer

Blue Allen and Jeannie Allen and the grandson of Darius and Judy Allen. Darius was a long-time Alamosa County Commissioner and still ranches near here.

"Caden's ridden and helped on the ranch since he was big enough to put him in the saddle," Blue said. "And he's been showing horses since he was 6 or 7."

Caden was recently crowned "Level 1 Non-Pro" champion at the 2023 Snaffle Bit Futurity in Fort Worth, Texas, in what his dad called the "super bowl" of

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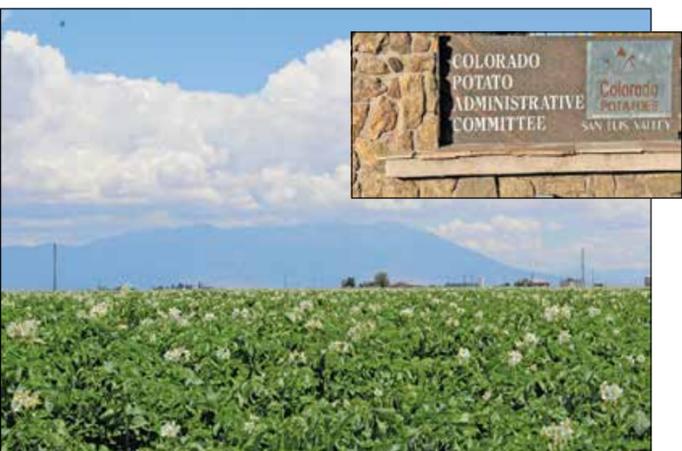
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The 2023 potato harvest in the San Luis Valley has ended. Rainy conditions early in the season presented a challenge, but overall, the Valley's number one crop still had a strong showing in 2023, according to information provided by the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee.

2023 potato harvest recap

By HELEN SMITH

Colorado Potato Administrative Committee

MONTE VISTA — As hard as it is to believe, the 2023 potato harvest has come to a close for the San Luis Valley. Initial impressions from the producer community seem to indicate that the crop has been able to meet demand thus far. Rainy conditions early in the season presented a challenge, but overall, the Valley's number one crop still had a strong showing in 2023.

According to the third-quarter analysis from United Potato Growers of America, the San Luis Valley was the second-highest region in the nation for the production of russet potatoes. Supply is expected to remain steady with the newly harvested crop. The volume of product was 4.8 percent higher than the three-year average and 17.6 percent higher than last year. The prices showed a 25.6 percent improvement over the three-year

average, however, there was a 24.2 percent decrease from 2022.

While there are some red, yellow, and specialty varieties that are available locally, russets account for the vast majority of product that comes from the Valley. Fresh market potatoes continue to be shipped across the country. San Luis Valley potato growers shipped 34,235 truckloads for the 2022-2023 season; this means that if shipments left for 365 consecutive days; that would be roughly 94 truckloads leaving the Valley every day.

The report further noted that potatoes are expected to bring a cost saving to consumers due to lower prices at grocery stores. Better costs have the potential to lead to increased retail promotion. Increased promotion can lead to increased demand.

Tyler Mitchell of Mike Mitchell Farms shared the following thoughts about the 2023 season,

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- A Letter from Thomas Jefferson to George Washington (1787)

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“The harvest started out pretty slow from the rain we received the second week in September. Many growers were just getting ready to start harvest or had recently begun harvesting, so most growers were behind from the get-go.”

He went on to note, “The following weeks had nice weather, so that made for really nice harvest conditions, and many were able to catch up and finish on schedule, but a few finished later than

they are used to. The crop was good overall, I think the Valley as a whole finished up with better-than-expected yields.”

Mitchell concluded that, “Quality is good too for the most part.”

Mark Peterson of Peterson Farms observed that early season moisture did cause a few rot issues for some producers, however, conditions improved further into harvest. He said he thought the crop quality was good. He also pointed out that yield did not see consistent results with some fields showing great production while others seemed to be lacking. He

observed that quality of seed also seemed to be a factor in the resulting crop. Peterson conveyed that he was fairly pleased with the results from his own fields.

“Overall, it was pretty good,” he said.

While the results may vary from year to year, there is no doubt that potatoes are still the number one crop for the San Luis Valley. The 2023 harvest has served as a reminder that both the Valley and the nation as a whole have a strong reliance on potato production. People love potatoes and they are America’s favorite vegetable.

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inciding of political moments and the expiration of the 2018 farm bill. That bill was extended through a continuing resolution that Congress is currently operating under. If the government shuts down, Nov. 17 is the deadline by which Congress needs to figure out if it will shut down. If they shut down, we do not have a farm bill and that is a huge risk for rural America. For agriculture, the farm bill is the foundation of our country’s agriculture and rural communities in so many regards, not just in production. Think about housing and everything USDA Rural

Development provides for our communities including housing, utilities, and broadband access. All of those programs operate through the farm bill. We are paying very close attention to where Congress is heading. If Congress can’t figure out how to do its job, we are failing rural America by leaving the farm bill in the dust and that leaves me very concerned. I am very hopeful that will not happen, and we will have a functioning government and we will be able to move forward by renegotiating the next farm bill.”

In 2022, the United States was allowed to export potatoes to Mexico beyond the 16-mile border zone that previously had existed. When asked how that new policy is work-

ing out, Greenberg offered, “It is going well. We are in the second year to have full access to Mexico for our exports. Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack and Mexican Secretary [of Agriculture] Villalobos signed the deal to allow for that increased access. Hats off to our fruit and vegetable inspectors down in Monte [Vista] they are essential to our export market. We can’t export without our inspections through CDA. This team works nights and weekends, they are almost always on-call—especially at critical times of the year. We will continue to make sure we have a smooth export market. That starts with us and our inspection process here. We are really pleased to see this continue to be a benefit to our producers in Colorado.”

Allen

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the National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA). He was the only non-adult competing in a field of nearly 30 horsemen and placed sixth in the same event on a different horse.

Riding his 3-year-old filly “Tuff Chic,” Caden topped the competition in the three aspects of the event: herd work, reined work, and fence work. He also placed sixth on his 3-year-old gelding “Time to Travel.”

Herd work involves working a group of cattle and cutting out up to three head, while fence work involves boxing out a cow and working it in the arena. In reined work, riders run a pattern and demonstrate their ability to maneuver their horse and come to a sliding stop.

Just a few weeks earlier, Caden placed first and second in the Mid-America Non-Pro class in Douglas, Wyo.

Proud father Blue has been training horses for the general public for 22 years and has also competed since 2003. He has trained horses all over the world, including in Europe and New Zealand. The Allen ranch is 10 miles southwest of Alamosa, across the road from the Colorado Farm Brewery.



Courtesy photo
A close-up of 15-year-old Caden Allen of Alamosa shows him on his filly ‘Tuff Chic’ during the 2023 Snaffle Bit Futurity in Fort Worth, Texas.

Caden’s next competition will probably be the NRCHA Stallion Stakes in Las Vegas, Nev. Fillies are allowed in the event, but they must have been sired by a specific stallion.

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RGWCD pays 2 producers \$1.2 million to reduce groundwater use in the SLV

Money awarded through SB22-028

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — The impact of the 2022 legislation that allocates spending \$30 million to purchase and retire groundwater rights in the San Luis Valley is becoming evident with two local producers receiving a total of \$1,661,622 in the transaction.

The bill, sponsored by Senator Cleave Simpson and titled the Groundwater Compact Compliance and Sustainability Fund, allocated a total of \$60 million to be split between the Rio Grande River basin and the Republican River basin “to help finance groundwater use reduction and sustainability efforts...such as efforts to buy and retire irrigation wells and irrigated acreage in the river basins.”

After numerous, significant discussions focused on the most effective, fair, and equitable way of spending the funds, the board of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (RGWCD) set clear guidelines for how the money will be spent, including the requirement that any disbursement of these funds must support a definitive, verifiable reduction in

groundwater withdrawals. Specifically, the board requires that, in exchange for a disbursement of funds, the owner must agree to a permanent suspension of all groundwater withdrawals from all of the wells associated with the tract of irrigated land described in the application including the transfer of all of a participating well owner’s well permit(s) and associated water right decrees, that are assigned to the wells that can irrigate the tract of land.

The board set the price to be paid at \$3,000 per acre foot of water based upon a five-year average of the five highest years of groundwater withdrawals from 2013 to 2022. The board also set a total payment cap, for each quarter section of \$650,000.

According to Amber Pacheco, RGWCD’s Deputy General Manager, the board of Subdistrict No. 1 is offering an extra incentive of \$1250 per acre foot on top of the \$3,000 paid by RGWCD. That incentive is capped at a total disbursement of \$270,833 and, according to Pacheco, will be paid out of the 2024 budget.

The process also involves all applications going to the state engineer’s office for approval prior to final approval by the conservation district.

The \$1.2 million disbursement

was made at the conclusion of the first round of applications. When asked how many other applicants are awaiting approval, Senator Simpson told the Valley Courier that there are currently applications totaling a potential disbursement of \$3.6 million being reviewed by the state engineer with another \$3.1 million in applications under review of the board. “So, we’re basically looking at about \$7 million being considered,” Simpson said.

The applications are being accepted in cycles with the first program cycle running from June 29, 2023, to Sept. 29, 2023. Since the entire amount allocated by the legislature is \$30 million and Simpson said only \$7 million is under consideration, it’s highly likely that a second cycle will open up. The guidelines are not specific when that cycle will begin, although it’s stated that notification will be posted seven days in advance. The guidelines do state that the second cycle will end on Dec. 29, 2023.

According to Simpson, the conservation district has until June of 2024 to commit to disbursement of the \$30 million. At that time, the



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The Rio Grande flows through Alamosa.

district will meet with representatives from the Republican River basin to see where they stand on their allocations. There is the possibility that whatever funding has not been committed locally will be transferred to the Republican River basin.

But Simpson also made it clear that any funds not committed by August of 2024 will be returned to the Colorado Water Conservation Board, for whatever use they see fit.

Based on an allocation of \$3,000 per acre foot, \$30 million would roughly transfer into a permanent reduction of 10,000 acre-feet from the aquifers per year.

When asked if he was concerned about not making full use of the \$30 million funding to reduce groundwater withdrawals allocated by SB22-028, Simpson said he “wasn’t worried” about that happening.

“There’s a lot of interest in this. And we got applications, reviewed them, approved them, and made our decision in just 100 days,” he said. “That’s a pretty good turnaround.”

Anyone with questions or seeking more information can read the document published by the conservation district at www.rgwcd.org/ Announcements or by calling 719-589-6301.

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