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## Sixth Street closed for 3 days while Walsh Hotel is demolished

*Detour explained for traffic between Ross and State*

STAFF REPORT

**ALAMOSA** — As part of the planned demolition and removal of the Walsh Hotel, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will be closing Sixth Street in Alamosa beginning on Tuesday, Oct. 17, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the same closure taking place on Wednesday and Thursday, as well. Sixth Street closure points will be located on either side of the project site, at Ross Avenue and State Avenue.

During daytime hours, motorists should plan to follow the approved detour route along Ross Avenue, Eighth Street and State Avenue. The detour will remain in place through Thursday, Oct. 19, at 5

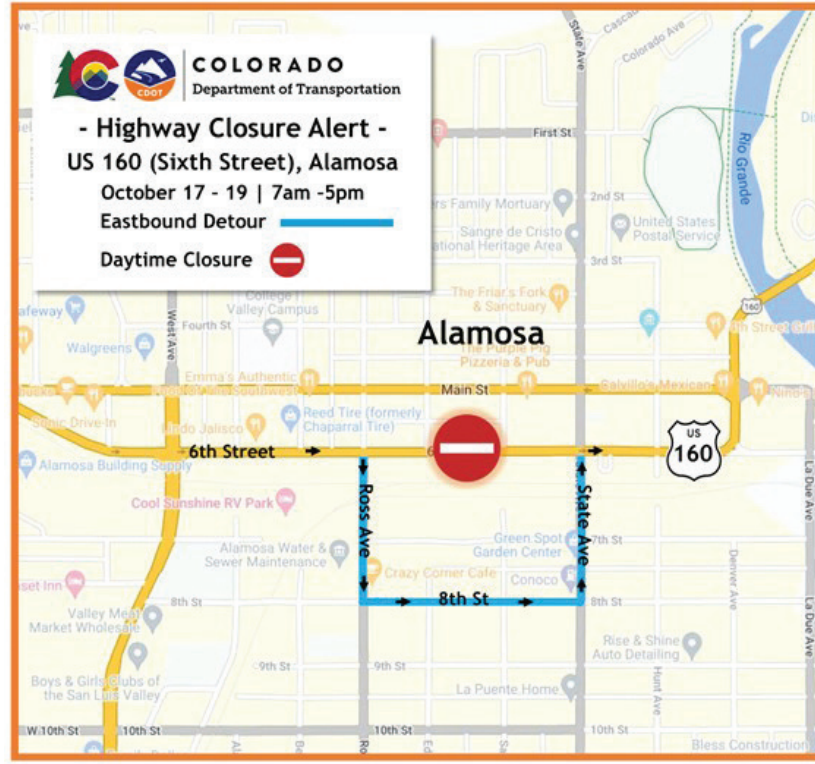
p.m. During evening hours, Sixth Street will be open to one-lane traffic.

Eastbound motorists will be guided by signage and flaggers along the detour route; Ross Avenue, Eighth Street and State Avenue.

Traffic headed westbound on Main Street will not be impacted by the closure.

The purpose of this 3-day closure is to increase pedestrian and motorist safety while demolition of the Walsh Hotel takes place.

**Map of the daytime detour that will be in place Oct. 17-19 in Alamosa. Between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., motorists traveling eastbound on Sixth Street will be detoured south on Ross Avenue, east on 8th Street, and north on State Avenue. Sixth Street closure will be between Ross and State.**



## AHS students present at national conference

STAFF REPORT

**ALAMOSA** — Alamosa High School (AHS) seniors Brock Benton and Sienna Gallegos were selected to present at the upcoming Aurora Institute Symposium in Palm Springs, Calif.

The Aurora Institute is the field's largest gathering of educational innovators working to transform K-12 education. The symposium is the premiere event for learning about next-generation learning models, anytime, anywhere learning, the latest policy developments to enable the future, research and best practices around innovations, and trends around future-focused education

transformation.

Presentations were scheduled for Monday, Oct. 16, and with students to be accompanied by two faculty — Tom Hays, AHS Mental Health Counselor and Minds In Shape Mentor/Sponsor, and Sarah Ramirez, AHS Social Studies Teacher and Tutoring Center Director — who planned to present with the students.

At the last minute, Gallegos was unable to attend due to a death in her family, but Benton, Hays, and Ramirez went on to Palm Springs for the presentations.

Brock, along with Hays, presented on "Minds In Shape", a student-led initiative for future-focused education. ■ See AHS page 3



Photo by ASD Ortega Middle School teacher Molly Heredia

**Sarah Ramirez, AHS Social Studies and Tutoring Center Director, Brock Benton, AHS Senior, and Tom Hays, AHS Mental Health Counselor and Minds In Shape Mentor/Sponsor, following the presentations in Palm Springs, Calif.**



Jessica Gallegos



Brock Benton

## Alamosa County 2024 budget is balanced

By JOHN WATERS  
Courier News Editor

**ALAMOSA** — At the meeting of the Alamosa County Board of County Commissioners on Oct. 11, Controller Maricruz Mora, presented a preliminary 2024 budget to

the county. In the prepared 2024 Budget Message, the county has a \$60.1 million balanced budget that represents a 1.13% increase over the 2023 budget of \$59.4 million.

The budget included

the goals of providing a total compensation package to employees that is in line with market conditions, allocating the necessary resources needed to maintain the county's current level of operations, and maintaining

fund balances that provide stability and control growth in county's base budget to uphold stability for unforeseen events.

Revenue is estimated to be \$54.4 million, an increase of \$949,114 from last year. This revenue

is comprised from many sources. Property tax revenue is estimated to be \$5.6 million. The county retains 25% of the and the balance is distributed to other taxing entities including school districts, ■ See BUDGET page 3

## Educator Highlight Award for September goes to Lawrence

*Beloved AES custodian 'makes all of the kids feel welcome'*

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

**ALAMOSA** — To the students and staff at the Alamosa Elementary 3-5 Building, Freddy Lawrence is a superhero. His unique power is simply caring for others.

Lawrence was recognized on Tuesday, Oct. 10, with the Educator

Highlight Award presented each month by the Adams State School of Education. He is the first school custodian to be selected for the award and judging by the serenading he received from students, a hugely popular selection.

"He makes all of the kids feel welcome. Every kid feels like they can go to him and ask him for any help," said Leah Shawcroft, one of the teachers who nominated Lawrence for the award.

"He gets at least 600 high-fives a day," she ■ See AWARD page 3



Courtesy photo

**Pictured, Alamosa Elementary 3-5 Custodian Freddy Lawrence, Adams State September Educator Highlight Award recipient, with his biggest fans.**

### Del Norte Food Bank distribution Oct. 21

**DEL NORTE** — The Del Norte Food Bank will be open for its monthly food distribution from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21.

The Del Norte food bank serves Del Norte and South Fork and is situated in the alley behind the Pioneer United Church at 630 Spruce St., Del Norte. Anyone in need of food assistance is welcome.

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

### SLV WEATHER



Sunny 72/29

Wed: Sunny, Breezy 70/27

Thurs: Sunny 70/28

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# Record



Courier photo by John Waters

Clear skies did not disappoint eclipse viewing on Saturday.

## Eclipse garners enjoyment and a sense of awe

By JOHN WATERS  
Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — On Saturday, the Alamosa Public Library hosted an eclipse viewing gathering in Cole Park that was attended by about 75 celestial-oriented participants.

Holly Van Hoy, youth services librarian, was on hand and provided free special eclipse sunglasses. As the eclipse began to peak at about 10:35 a.m., audible gasps including, wow, how cool, this is amazing, awesome (literally) could be heard from the group.

**Alamosa resident Billy Ulibarri enjoyed the eclipse with his Pugs and Rice and Beans.**

Photo by Marlys Hersey



## OBITUARIES

### Albert N. Garcia

Antonito resident Albert N. Garcia, known to everyone else by Ray Ruybalid, passed away Oct. 13, 2023, at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs. Ray was born on Feb. 16, 1944, to Victor Garcia Sr., and Virginia Ruybalid Garcia.

After he got his G.E.D. he went on to get his CDL and worked as a trucker for many years until he was able to retire.

Ray will always be remembered for his ornery little smile and being a trickster. He loved watching wrestling and bull riding. His favorite thing to do was steal everyone's candy especially



his sister-in-law Linda Avila's candy and piñon. For some odd reason her candy and snack always tasted better. He was a friend to all and will for-

ever be missed.

He is survived by his loving wife Judy Lucero-Garcia, special nephews Jeff Sisneros, Tito Garcia as well as many extended family members and friends.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents Victor and Virginia Garcia, brothers David Garcia and Victor Garcia Jr.

Cremation was chosen and a Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, at 1 p.m. at the Romero Funeral Chapel in Alamosa.

To leave online condolences, please visit [romerofuneralhomes.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomes.com).

### Judy Ann Koehn

Center resident Judy Ann Koehn, 75, died Oct. 13, 2023, at her home in Center, surrounded by her loving family and under hospice care.

Judy was born in Gossell, Kan., on Nov. 9, 1947, the daughter of Freeman and Della Koehn. She married the love of her life, Myron L. Koehn, in Galva, Kan., on Oct. 7, 1966, and they enjoyed over 57 years together.

Judy was a wonderful cook and loved to bake for family and friends, or anyone in need. She was a very caring person and made a difference in many people's lives through her generosity. Judy passed her love of cooking down to the generations following her, and enjoyed gardening, cleaning, and especially having tea parties

with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Judy was an active member of the Church of God in Christ Mennonite High Valley and loved to sing "Jesus Loves Me" for the children.

She is survived by her husband Myron Koehn of the family home in Center, Colo.; her children Matthew (Jeanette) Koehn of Pryor, Okla., Andrea (Joe) Koehn of Montezuma, Kan., Kate (Terry) Good of Center, Colo., Peter (Rachel) Koehn of Center, Colo., and Mindy (Louis) Reiff of Severance, Colo.; 17 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; her sister Donna (Ellwyn) Unruh of Galva, Kan.; her brother Dwight Koehn of McPherson, Kan.; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and a host of friends.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, and her sisters Lavon Unruh, and Linda Freisen.

A visitation will be held Monday, Oct. 16, 2023, from 7-9 p.m. at the High Valley Mennonite Church. A Funeral Service will be held 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023, also at the High Valley Mennonite Church. Interment will follow services in the Monte Vista Cemetery. Contributions in her memory are suggested to Hospice del Valle and may be made at 514 Main St., Alamosa, CO 81101.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online words of comfort, condolences, and remembrances for Judy's family, please visit [www.Rogers-Funerals.com](http://www.Rogers-Funerals.com).

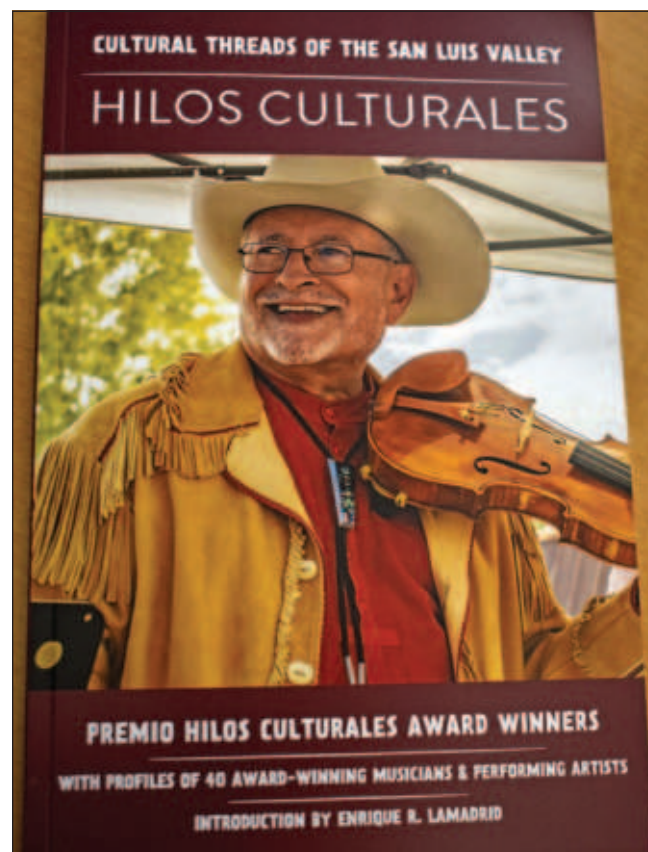
## Indio-Hispano cultural stewards highlighted in Hilos Culturales book

CONTRIBUTED

Hilos Culturales Inc. and History Colorado of Denver partnered to produce "Hilos Culturales: Cultural Threads of the San Luis Valley," a 22-year profile on 46 awardees of the Premio Hilos Culturales Lifetime Achievement Award.

The award is presented to folk musicians and folk dancers who maintain centuries-old Indio-Hispano cultural traditions of popular ritual music, traditional folk ballads, and social dances. These musical and social dance traditions have been kept vibrant throughout the Upper Río Grande region of southern Colorado and northern New Mexico and beyond, into the 21st century.

The book, "Hilos Culturales: Cultural Threads of the San Luis Valley," includes an extensive introduction by Enrique R. Lamadrid, University of New Mexico Press; and a prologue by Adams State University Charles Nicholas Saenz, Ph.D., professor of history and chair of the history, anthropology, philosophy and political science department. The book is authored by Adams State alumni Herman, '69, and Patsy, '70 & '90, Martínez, recipients of 2016



Adams State University Educators Hall of Fame.

"Working with Herman and Patsy on this project has been an inspiration," Saenz said. "Their continued dedication to celebrating the Hispano arts and culture of this region is reflected in the quality of this book. I was honored to write a prologue."

San Luis Valley Premio Hilos Culturales award recipients include: Elva Valdez, Amos and Juanita Bernal, Salomón

López, Rose Vialpando, Ann Marie and Aurora Vialpando, Luis Madrid, Glenda Maes, Lucía "Lucy" Jaramillo, Andy Manzanares, Val and Evangeline Sena, Padre José Alfonso Muñiz and Rubén Domínguez.

Book release events this fall will also include the Hilos Culturales photo/biography "Desde Ayer Exhibit" at History Colorado Museums in Fort Garland, Trinidad, Pueblo, Montrose, and Denver.

## Sawmill Meadows receives approval, begins construction

By Lyndsie Ferrell

**SOUTH FORK** — The Town of South Fork Board of Trustees approved the new affordable workforce housing project, Sawmill Meadows, during a meeting on Sept. 26. According to project engineer and owner Matt Dorsett, construction for the project began this week.

For well over a year, Dorsett has worked with the Town of South Fork to create a plan to bring affordable workforce housing to the area and with the help of grant funding through the Department of Local Affairs and his background in engineering, Dorsett has taken his dream of helping the community he loves and brought it into reality.

Dorsett and his wife, Tammy, moved to the area full-time and began a non-profit that helps young adults through the transitional phase of their life after high school and before college. It was during this time that they realized just how bad the housing situation was in South Fork.

Through conversations

with South Fork Trustee Rick Morgan, Dorsett began formulating a plan that would fit the housing needs in South Fork.

With the help of the South Fork Housing Task Force, the town, and Dorsett were awarded funding to begin preliminary work on the planning phase of the housing project through the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and have since worked to create a preliminary plat and engineering plan that was approved through both the South Fork Planning and Zoning Committee and the town board.

"As we got into this about 15 months ago, we found out very quickly through Andrew Atchley with DOLA that there were grant funds available that would be able to help with these projects. Andrew cautioned us from the beginning to make sure we knew what the need was from the local community before applying for the grants. The studies that had been done by the San Luis Valley Housing Coalition we identified that 20 to 30 units was needed,"

Dorsett said.

The initial plan is to have 20 rental units on the property and 10 ownership homes. According to the project timeline provided to commissioners, the housing project will be submitting a finalized plat, engineering, structural and house plans with the goal to pre-sell units.

Beginning in September and going through November, the project will move into the construction of infrastructure phase. The hope is to have structures in place by summer of 2024.

## SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

### Glenn Wiescamp

Memorial service to be held in Blanca Calvary church on Broadway (two blocks north of Main) on Oct. 21 at 11 a.m.

## School Menu Tuesday October 17, 2023

### BREAKFAST

Blueberry Muffin  
Fruit & Milk

### ELEMENTARY

Spaghetti/Roll  
Mixed Veggies  
Veggie Bar  
Fruit & Milk

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

Spaghetti/Roll  
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# Valley News

## State Speaker of the House to address JFK Dinner

By RIO GRANDE COUNTY DEMOCRATS  
RIO GRANDE COUNTY — The Colorado Speaker of the House, Julie McCluskie, will address the Rio Grande County Democrats' 3rd Annual John F. Kennedy Dinner on the evening of Saturday, Nov. 4.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the program and dinner will begin at 7:30 p.m. The event which is back after a 3-year hiatus, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will be held at the Outcalt Event and Conference at SLV Ski Hi Complex in Monte Vista.

Speaker McCluskie has served as a State Representative since 2018 and was re-elected in 2022 to represent House District 13, which includes Chaffee, Grand, Jackson, Lake, Park, and Summit counties. She is the first woman Speaker elected from the Western Slope.

Speaker McCluskie is a strong advocate for saving people money and protecting the mountain way of life. Over Speaker McCluskie's time as Chair of the JBC, she carried the state's budget — which made record investments in public schools, higher education, and health care.

Born and raised in Colorado and a graduate of Colorado State University, Speaker McCluskie and her husband, Jamie, have spent most of their married years in the Rocky Mountains. They are proud parents of two children, Ian and Cait, and enjoy spending family time in Colorado's great outdoors.

The JFK Dinner will also welcome other special guests from the Colorado government. State Representative Matthew Martinez, a freshman legislator in 2023, who has accomplished an im-

pressive agenda in higher education, veterans issues and keeping utility companies accountable is confirmed to address the crowd. Candidate for CU Regent Elliot Hood is also expected to attend. More candidates and elected officials are expected to attend and will be announced as information becomes available.

"We are excited to once again hold our highly successful John F. Kennedy Dinner. We have always strived for our event to be a gem in the mountains, and past keynote speakers and attendees have been impressed with the quality of the show. Our past special guests have included the current governor, previous senate majority leader, and current state representatives and state senators. The Colorado Speaker of the House addressing our dinner is a culmination of this caliber of guests and



Julie McCluskie

hard work to ensure our rural communities can hear from and meet our policy makers. We look forward to a continued successful event," stated Jesse Anthony Guerrero, chair of the Rio Grande County Democrats.

Tickets for the event are on sale. Prices are \$15 in advance, or \$20 at the door. Advance purchase of tickets is highly encouraged and preferred as space is limited. Sponsorship opportunities and VIP tickets are also avail-

able. To purchase tickets, email [riograndedems@gmail.com](mailto:riograndedems@gmail.com).

For up to date information on confirmed special guests and additional information, follow Rio Grande County Democrats on Facebook.

## CFSLV receives multi-year funding from Colorado Health Foundation

By JASON MEDINA  
ALAMOSA — The Community Foundation of the San Luis Valley (CFSLV) was recently awarded \$375,000 of grant funding by the Colorado Health Foundation to support Operations and Capacity Building. The Colorado Health Foundation is bringing health in reach for all Coloradans by engaging closely with communities across the state through investing, policy advocacy, learning and capacity building.

The Community Foundation of the San Luis Valley's mission is to strengthen and enrich the six-county region through engaged philanthropy, thoughtful grantmaking, strategic planning, and collaborative leadership.

"This funding from the Colorado Health Foundation is paramount to

accomplishing our organization's threefold goals for the first year. These goals include increasing our visibility as a Community Foundation, becoming a HUB for resources and advocacy for other SLV nonprofits, and breaking down barriers as it relates to philanthropy," says Jason C. Medina, Executive Director of Community Foundation of the San Luis Valley. "Our organization has been in existence since 2018, but it's time to put our proverbial 'mouth' is."

CFSLV stated it is honored to receive this grant award and apply it towards trust-building and creating intentional relationships within its communities, as well as between rural nonprofits and urban funders. Their hope is to provide broad opportunities for success to

organizations who are dedicated to serving people of color, women and children, Veterans, disabled, LGBTQ+ communities, the arts and the environment in the Valley.

"We want to empower the historically underserved and be a voice for the voiceless," says Medina.

"At the CFSLV, we are seeing firsthand the urgent need to bridge

the urban-rural divide in philanthropy. Urban funders need organizations they can invest in, and rural organizations need grant dollars to accomplish their important goals. We believe our goals, along with the initiatives of the Rural Funders Learning Network, will have significant impact on expanding the reach and impact of our San Luis Valley nonprofits. We

want to create a culture of GIVING, promote equity in areas like language justice and food justice in our communities, and supporting the necessary work our nonprofits are currently dedicated to," Medina added.

The CFSLV thanked the Colorado Health Foundation for its commitment to serving Colorado communities, and Monique Johnson,

Program Officer for being present in the San Luis Valley, and for her commitment to making these opportunities for success possible.

"Without your dedication, advocacy and support, we would not be able to continue our work at the Community Foundation of the San Luis Valley, among the many other organizations the CHF invests in," Medina stated.

## AHS

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dent-led team that combats the mental health stigma at AHS. Minds In Shape got its start when Benton was awarded a Youth Connections Grant in the Spring of 2022 and, with his vision moving forward, the team was established in the Fall of 2022. Minds In Shape focuses on destigmatizing mental health and offering diversity among mental health resources for students at Alamosa High School.

Gallegos, along with Ramirez, were scheduled to present on the Peer Tutoring Center at AHS. Planning for the Tutoring Center started in the late spring of 2020 and opened for business in the fall of 2020 for the purpose of providing peer-to-peer academic support for struggling students. The Tutoring Center is staffed by students who have successfully demonstrated mas-

tery in the given subject area and that can explain concepts in student-friendly language. The "why" behind the idea stemmed from a desire to promote academic equity for the diverse student population and additional support (post Covid-19).

Attendees of these sessions will have the opportunity to explore these two projects grounded in the evidence-based Building Blocks for Learning that have been both designed and led in partnership with youth. Further, they will learn how these projects meet the social, emotional and academic needs of students by leveraging those who understand them most: the students themselves.

After his presentation was over, Benton said, "Not only was I able to inspire and educate others, the conference experience allowed me to learn more about my own team and how we want to move forward."

## Budget

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fire districts, and special districts. The total assessed value for the county is \$223,855,871.

Sales and use tax revenue is projected to increase by 4% in 2024; based on historical trends and economic indicators. Revenue is projected to be \$3.6 million, plus \$4.5 million in tax and use revenue from the justice center.

Expenditures are expected to be \$60.1 million, an increase of \$669,509 or 1.29%.

Employee compensation and benefits comprise the largest category of expenditure. The budget includes a 50 cents per hour increase for all county employees or approximately an increase of \$1,040 per employee for a 40-hour work week. The budget also includes



Courier photo by John Waters

### Alamosa County government offices on Independence Way.

a 2% pay-for-performance pool. Health insurance premiums are projected to increase by 20%, an amount the county will absorb per a decision of the commissioners. The county employee total compensa-

tion package cost is \$18.2 million.

The preliminary budget includes population demographics including the total population of 16,377 and total households of 6,327. Of this 43% are family households, 44%

are married couples, 33% are single and 18% are living alone.

In Alamosa County, 26% of the population has an income below \$25,000, the median income is \$46,217 and 4% have income above \$200,000.

## Award

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said. "Every kid feels like they know him and are special to him. That's special because we have so many kids and for each kid to feel like they have a place here is awesome."

Color Lawrence humbled by the recognition. When Adams State's Chrissy McKinney made the surprise presentation along with Curtis Garcia, director of the Adams State School of Education, the students cheered and Lawrence choked up.

"I didn't know I was even involved in this stuff," the senior custodian said. "My purpose is honestly for the kids. I'm here for the kids every day and try to do my best and try to be here for them for whatever they need. I was not expecting this at all. Thank you everybody."

AES 3-5 Principal Michelle Rubidoux-Wilson wasn't surprised that Adams State chose to honor the school's custodian. Nor was she surprised by the reaction among students who performed a song for Lawrence with

their youthful voices and through sign language that the students are learning.

Rubidoux-Wilson said she has worked with Lawrence since he started his custodial job at the old Polston Elementary School more than 20 years ago. It was five years ago that he was promoted to chief custodian at the Alamosa Elementary 3-5 Building.

His work ethic, said the school principal, is off the charts. "He's just overall really amazing. Everybody needs a Freddy, but you can't have ours."

Every day, educators in the Valley make a difference to our kids and families. To make a nomination for the Adams State Educator Highlight Award, email [teachered@adams.edu](mailto:teachered@adams.edu).

This monthly award recognizes Adams State University School of Education alumni, prominent local teachers, and other educators working within or hailing from the San Luis Valley. In so doing, Adams State University hopes to build familiarity with the community as a serious destination for future educators.



# Lifestyles

## Fatal train derailment in Pueblo leads Colorado lawmakers to call for more safety measures

By CHASE WOODRUFF

Colorado Newsline

A group of Democratic Colorado lawmakers said Sunday night that they were “disappointed but not surprised” to learn of a major train derailment that left one person dead and shut down Interstate 25 north of Pueblo.

The derailment occurred at about 3:30 p.m. Sunday as a southbound BNSF coal train crossed a bridge a mile south of the Purcell Boulevard exit, spilling the contents of at least six coal cars onto the highway, officials said. A 9-mile stretch of I-25 remained closed in both directions Monday morning, with the Colorado Department of Transportation warning of an “extended closure.”

The Colorado State Patrol confirmed on Monday that the driver of a tractor-trailer, a 60-year-old California man, was killed in the incident. The truck was traveling northbound on I-25 and was crushed when the derailed cars fell from the overpass. Officials from the National Transportation Safety Board are responding to the scene to investigate the accident, CSP public information officer Troy Kessler said.

“Sadly, this event is not surprising,” the five lawmakers said in a joint statement. They included state Sen. Faith Winter of Thornton, the Senate assistant majority leader

and chair of the Senate Transportation and Energy Committee, along with Sens. Lisa Cutter of Jefferson County, Nick Hinrichsen of Pueblo, Sonya Jaquez Lewis of Longmont and Kevin Priola of Henderson.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said on Sunday that he had been in contact with Gov. Jared Polis and federal rail officials regarding the incident.

“State and local authorities are leading the immediate emergency response, and we will be ready to help in any way needed to support a swift return to normal use for the highway and rail routes affected,” Buttigieg wrote on X, formerly Twitter.

The derailment follows several other high-profile train accidents across the country in 2023, beginning with a derailment and chemical fire in East Palestine, Ohio, in February. Widespread concerns about the risks of a proposed oil train project in eastern Utah, which would dramatically increase hazardous materials shipments on Colorado railroads, have also put pressure on state lawmakers to address rail safety.

In advance of the 2024 legislative session, lawmakers on the interim Transportation Legislation Review Committee voted earlier this month to move forward with a bill to address “numerous safety issues with our rail system in Colo-



Photo courtesy of Colorado State Patrol

Emergency crews respond to the derailment of a coal train onto Interstate 25 north of Pueblo on Oct. 15.

rado.” It will likely include provisions to limit the length of trains and to require the installation of more trackside detectors to alert rail operators to equipment issues that pose derailment risks. Parts of the proposal mirror federal legislation that was introduced in the aftermath of the East Palestine disaster but has since stalled.

“Efforts on this legislation began in the immediate aftermath of the disastrous hazardous material train derailment in East Pal-

estine,” wrote lawmakers. “Through the aftermath and investigation of that derailment, it

became clear that our increasing risk of accidents, with ever-increasing severity when they do occur.”

### Fire Prevention Week

In the Friday, October 13 issue of the Valley Courier some of the names for the Mosca & Hooper Fire Department were inadvertently left out. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

## MOSCA & HOOPER Fire Department

- Chief Blaine Witherspoon
- Asst. Chief Greg Rogers
- Asst. Chief Paul New
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- Capt. Mark Rogers
- Lt. Robert McKinley
- Lt. Cory Lane
- Kyle Beiriger
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### 2023 Statewide Ballot Issues

The Colorado Constitution (Article V, Section 1(7.3)) requires the Colorado Legislative Council to publish the ballot title and legal text of each statewide ballot measure.

A “YES/FOR” vote on any ballot issue is a vote in favor of changing current law or existing circumstances, and a “NO/AGAINST” vote on any ballot issue is a vote against changing current law or existing circumstances.

#### Proposition HH Reduce Property Taxes and Retain State Revenue

**Question:**

Shall the state reduce property taxes for homes and businesses, including expanding property tax relief for seniors, and backfill counties, water districts, fire districts, ambulance and hospital districts, and other local governments and fund school districts by using a

portion of the state surplus up to the proposition HH cap as defined in this measure?

#### Proposition II

#### Retain Nicotine Tax Revenue in Excess of Blue Book Estimate

**Question:**

Without raising taxes, may the state retain and spend revenues from taxes on cigarettes, tobacco, and other nicotine products and maintain tax rates on cigarettes, tobacco, and other nicotine products and use these revenues to invest twenty-three million six hundred fifty thousand dollars to enhance the voluntary Colorado preschool program and make it widely available for free instead of reducing these tax rates and refunding revenues to cigarette wholesalers, tobacco product distributors, nicotine products distributors, and other taxpayers, for exceeding an estimate included in the ballot information booklet for proposition EE?



### Asuntos de la Boleta Estatal de 2023

La Constitución de Colorado (Artículo V, Sección 1(7.3)) exige que el Consejo Legislativo de Colorado publique el título y el texto legal de la boleta de cada medida de boleta a nivel estatal.

Un voto de SÍ/PRO sobre cualquier asunto de boleta es un voto a favor de cambiar las leyes actuales o circunstancias existentes, y un voto de NO/CONTRA sobre cualquier asunto de boleta es un voto en contra de cambiar las leyes actuales o circunstancias existentes.

#### Propuesta HH Reducir los impuestos a la propiedad y retener los ingresos estatales

**Pregunta:**

¿Debe reducir el estado los impuestos a la propiedad para hogares y negocios, incluyendo ampliar la desgravación del impuesto a la propiedad para las personas mayores, y además subvencionar a los condados, los distritos de agua, los distritos de bomberos, los distritos de ambulancias y hospitales, y otros gobiernos locales y financiar los distritos escolares

utilizando una parte del superávit estatal hasta el límite de la propuesta HH como se define en esta medida?

#### Propuesta II

#### Retener los ingresos fiscales por nicotina que excedan la estimación del Folleto de información

**Pregunta:**

Sin aumentar los impuestos, ¿puede el estado retener y gastar los ingresos de los impuestos sobre cigarrillos, tabaco y otros productos de nicotina y mantener las tasas impositivas sobre los cigarrillos, el tabaco y otros productos de nicotina y usar estos ingresos a fin de invertir veintitrés millones seiscientos cincuenta mil dólares para mejorar el programa preescolar voluntario de Colorado y hacerlo ampliamente disponible de forma gratuita en lugar de reducir estas tasas impositivas y reembolsar los ingresos a los mayoristas de cigarrillos, a los distribuidores de productos de tabaco, distribuidores de productos de nicotina y otros contribuyentes, por exceder una estimación incluida en el folleto de información de la boleta estatal para la propuesta EE?



# Lifestyles

## CPW announces closure on Arkansas River near Salida to allow dam removal

By COLOR PARKS AND WILDLIFE  
 SALIDA — Colorado Parks and Wildlife is closing a short segment of the Arkansas River beginning Thursday, Oct. 23, to facilitate removal of a low-head dam located 1.5 miles upstream from the Mount Shavano State Fish Hatchery.

The closure will be in place from the Chaffee County Road 166 Bridge to the Salida Boat Ramp.

The dam was first built around 1956 to collect water for the hatchery downstream and then rebuilt in 1988 with an adjacent boat ramp.

Removing the dam will benefit the Gold Medal river's fish — brown trout, rainbow trout and native white suckers — by opening about 85 miles of river upstream to fish migration. Barriers like the dam limit genetic diversity by essentially dividing the population into two segments.

The ability of fish to move freely in a river also helps to prevent overpopulation by balancing the amount of habitat and forage with the number of fish it can support.

In addition, removal will eliminate a deadly threat to the thousands who boat on the Arkansas River each year. Water spilling over the dam churns at the bottom, creating a powerful suction that can capsize and trap boaters or swimmers.

"Removing this low-head dam will eliminate a significant safety concern for instream recreationists and will re-establish critical connectivity for aquatic species in the Arkansas River," said April Estep, deputy regional manager of CPW's Southeast Region. "CPW is excited to complete this important project and grateful to our partners, including the Chaffee County Board of County Commissioners, which



Photo courtesy of Colorado Parks and Wildlife

For decades, this 'low-head dam' on the Arkansas River west of Salida provided water to Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Mount Shavano State Fish Hatchery about 1.5 miles downstream. CPW is closing a segment of the Arkansas River beginning Oct. 23 to remove the dam.

provided \$100,000 toward the \$1.1 million removal effort."

During the six-week closure, signs at access points will direct boaters, rafters and others traveling instream how to avoid the construction. River users are encouraged to CPW's Salida-based Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area (AHRA) at 719-539-7289 for updates.

"This is a very popular stretch of water," said Tom Waters, park manager for the AHRA,

which encompasses 152 miles of the Arkansas River from Leadville to Pueblo. "It's exciting to be reopening the river so that aquatic species that live in the river can again move freely up and down the river corridor.

"Even more important, it will provide safer passage for recreational users in this popular stretch of river. The environment, the river enthusiasts and the community will benefit from the removal of

this low-head dam."

The dam has not been used as a water supply for the fish hatchery since 2000 after whirling disease was detected in the Arkansas River a few years earlier. Whirling disease is caused by a parasite that infects rainbow trout, leaving them deformed and swimming in circles before it quickly kills the youngest fish. CPW spent \$1.5 million at the hatchery to convert it to clean spring water to raise its fish.



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# Sports

## Alamosa softball team qualifies for state tourney

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

**ALAMOSA** – The Alamosa High School softball team qualified for the Class 3A State Tournament after taking second place at the Class 3A Region 3 Tournament Saturday at Twin Rivers park in Greeley.

The Lady Mean Moose punched their

ticket to state after defeating Wellington 7-6 in eight innings.

The Lady Eagles scored a run in each of the first two innings, but the Lady Moose scored three in the top of the third. Both teams scored a run in the fourth, and Alamosa scored a run in the sixth while Wellington scored two.

Both scored once in the seventh, and

the Lady Moose scored once in the top of the eighth.

They then faced third-ranked University in the regional championship game, however, they lost to the Lady Bulldogs 11-1.

University scored two runs in the first and third innings, then blew the game open with a seven run fourth. The Lady

Moose scored their only run in the fourth.

Alamosa (13-9) is the 15th seed and will face second-seeded Strasburg Friday at 12:15 p.m. at the Aurora Sports Park.

Should the Lady Mean Moose win, they will play either Delta or Wiley at 2:30 p.m. on Friday.

The semifinals and championship game will be played on Saturday.

## Sargent remains in first place with win over Sanford

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

**SARGENT SCHOOL** – The Sargent High School volleyball team remained on top of the Southern Peaks League standing on Saturday as it defeated Sanford in five sets at the Sargent gym.

“It’s exciting,” said Sargent coach Sami Cotton. “We have to take care of Monte Vista and Trinidad next week.”

“Sargent’s a great team,” said Sanford coach Melissa Faucette. “They did a great job.”

The Lady Mustangs scored the first point of the first set, but the Lady Farmers ran off three straight points. The teams then traded side outs before Sanford went on a 6-1 run to take a 9-6 lead.

Sargent then had a 4-0 rally to regain the lead at 10-9. Sanford went back in front at 11-10, but the Lady Farmers scored two straight points for a 12-11 edge.

After the Lady Mustangs tied the score at 12-12, the Lady Farmers went on a 7-4 run to go back on top at 19-16. Sanford scored four unanswered points for a 20-19 lead, but Sargent scored three straight points for a 22-20 lead.

The teams exchanged side outs for the rest of the set and the Lady Farmers won 25-23.

Sanford scored the first two points of the second set and then extended its lead to 5-1. The teams traded side outs before the Lady Mustangs stretched the lead to 9-4.

Sargent came back with a 4-1 rally to pull within 10-9. After exchanging possessions again, Sanford scored two consecutive points for a 15-12 lead.

The Lady Farmers ran off four consecutive points to take a 16-15 lead. The Lady Mustangs scored three straight points for an 18-16 lead, but Sargent tied the score at 18-18.

The teams traded side outs again before Sanford scored four of the final five points to win the second set 25-22.

The Lady Farmers scored the first point of the third set, but the Lady Mustangs took the lead with a 3-0 run.



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

**Sargent High School’s Kandace Pargin (5) hits the ball over the net which Sanford’s Jewel Caldon (9) goes up for the block. The Lady Farmers won in five sets.**

Sargent tied the score at 3-3, however, Sanford scored three consecutive points for a 6-3 advantage.

The Lady Farmers scored four in a row for a 7-6 lead. The Lady Mustangs tied the score, but Sargent went on an 11-4 rally to take an 18-10 advantage.

The teams traded possessions however, Sargent scored the final two points for a 25-16 win.

Sanford scored the first two points of the fourth set and eventually increased the lead to 11-5. Sargent then scored five straight points to close within 11-10, and after exchanging the next four side outs, the Lady Mustangs went on a 6-1 run to push the lead to 19-13.

The Lady Farmers scored four consecutive points to reduce the deficit to 19-17. Sanford increased the lead to 22-17, but Sargent went on a 4-1 run to pull within 23-21.

The Lady Mustangs scored the final two points to take a 25-21 win and even the match at two sets apiece.

Sanford scored the first point of the fifth set. The teams then exchanged 2-0 runs with Sargent taking a 4-3 lead.

The teams traded possessions before the Lady Mustangs went on a 3-0 run to take an 8-6 lead.

The Lady Mustangs had a 9-8 edge, but the Lady

Farmers scored the final seven points for a 15-9 win.

Reese Anderson led the Sargent offense with 36 assists. The Lady Farmers had a balanced hitting attack with Makayla Brown leading with 15 kills. Kandace Pargin had 14 kills, Kimmy Pargin had 12, Catie Deacon had seven and Anderson had six.

Brown led in service aces with three including two of the final points of the match. Deacon, Anderson and Azzy Lister each had one.

The Sanford offense was led by Avery Koenig with 32 assists. Shasta Bond led the Lady Mustangs hitting game with 13 kills, followed by Jewel Caldon, Riley Willett and Claire Crowther each with eight. Koenig had five kills.

Brooklynn Reynolds, Koenig, Bond, Crowther and Rose Schwartz each had one service ace.

Sargent (14-5, 4-1) will travel to Monte Vista on Thursday and host Trinidad on Saturday.

“Trinidad will be the league championship game, so we’re looking forward to it,” Cotton said.

Sanford (10-8, 4-3) has concluded league play. It will next play at Mancos on Friday.

“We need to keep working and keep battling,” Faucette said.

## Lady Mean Moose gymnasts place second in home meet

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

**ALAMOSA** – The Alamosa High School girls gymnastics team hosted its second and final home meet of the season Saturday at Ortega Middle School as Canon City and Pueblo Central came to town.

The Lady Mean Moose finished in second place with 156.6 points, trailing the Lady Wildcats with 160.4. The Lady Tigers scored 117.1.

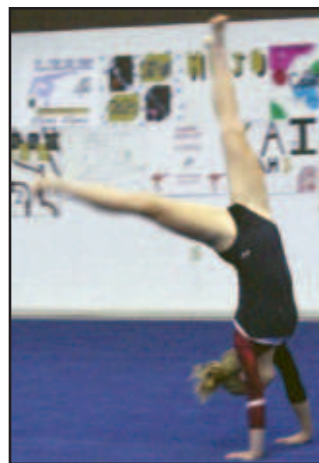
“This is our second-highest score of the season,” said Alamosa coach Analicia McNulty. “It was a little bittersweet because it was our seniors’ last home meet. But they all performed really well, so I’m ecstatic that they had a good last home meet under their belt.”

Two Alamosa gymnasts finished in the Top 3 in the All-around standings as Holly McDaniel was second with 32.5 points, and Haylie Martin was third with 32.3.

McDaniel was also second on the balance beam with 7.7 points, second on the floor exercise with 8.4, tied third on the vault with 8.7 points, and sixth on the uneven bars with 7.7.

Martin was second on the vault with 8.8, third on the beam with 7.6, third on the floor with 8.2, and tied for sixth on the bars with 7.7.

Also placing for Alamosa in the all-around standings



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

**Alamosa’s Haylie Martin performs on the floor exercise in Saturday’s home meet against Pueblo Central and Canon City.**

were Emilee Cook and Braelyn Martinez who both tied for fifth with 30.4 points each.

Cook tied for third on the vault with 8.7, was fourth on the bars with 7.8, was eighth on the floor with 7.4, and was 10th on the beam with 6.5.

Martinez was sixth on the beam with 7.3, seventh on the floor with 7.6, eighth on the vault with 8.1, and 10th on the bars with 7.4.

Other Lady Mean Moose gymnast marks included McKenzie Jones who was sixth on the vault with 8.3, eighth on the bars with 7.6, and 11th on the beam with 6.2; Jenelle Hernandez who was fifth on the beam with 7.4, sixth

on the floor with 7.7, and ninth on the vault with 8.0; Kai Tandberg who was 11th on the bars with 7.4; and Kianna Morales who was ninth on the floor with 7.3.

Pueblo Central’s Karlee Knabenshue won the all-around with 34.1 points. She also won three of the four events as she scored 9.2 on the vault, 8.65 on the bars and 8.95 on the floor. Another Lady Wildcat, Autumn Zumpf won the beam with 7.8.

Alamosa will wrap up the regular season this coming Saturday as it will travel to Canon City. Pueblo Central will also be in attendance at this event.

“We have a meet in Canon City this weekend, then we’re going to get ready for regionals,” McNulty said. “It’s going to be one last outing before we go to regionals.”

The meet begins at 9 a.m.

**Regional meet site determined**

Alamosa learned which regional tournament in which it will compete on Monday.

The Lady Mean Moose will be at the Arvada West Regional on Oct. 28 beginning at 10 a.m.

Also competing in this regional are Arvada West, Broomfield, Denver East, Fort Morgan, Green Mountain, Heritage, Lone Star, Niwot, Pomona and Roosevelt.

## Sports Bulletin

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

### SCOREBOARD

#### FRIDAY

##### Prep football

Alamosa 36, Manitou Springs 14

Del Norte 14, Center 12

Monte Vista 42, Ignacio 7

Sanford 1, Sargent 0, forfeit

**Prep girls volleyball**

Alamosa def. Pueblo

South 25-8, 25-14, 25-18

Antonito at Sierra Grande – no report

Centennial def. Mountain Valley 25-21, 29-27, 25-20

Mountain Valley def. Centennial 25-20, 25-17, 25-15

##### College men’s swimming

Texas-Permian Basin 156, Adams State 42

### College women’s swimming

Texas-Permian Basin 114, Adams State 78

#### SATURDAY

##### Prep football

Antonito at Sierra Grande JV – no report

Branson/Kim 68, Mountain Valley 19

##### Prep girls gymnastics

Pueblo Central 160.4, Alamosa 156.6, Canon City 117.1

##### Prep girls softball

Alamosa 7, Wellington 6, 8 inn.

University 11, Alamosa 1, 5 inn.

##### Prep girls volleyball

Alamosa def. Delta 25-19, 25-14, 25-20

Antonito at Centennial – no report

Centauri def. Pagosa Springs 25-16, 22-25, 25-17, 25-15

Center def. Monte Vista 25-18, 25-20, 25-18

Mountain Valley def. Creede 20-25, 21-25, 27-25, 27-25, 16-14

Rye def. Del Norte 9-25, 25-9, 25-10, 25-14

Sargent def. Sanford 25-23, 22-25, 25-16, 21-

25, 15-9

##### College football

Chadron State (Neb.) 53, Adams State 14

##### College women’s volleyball

Chadron State (Neb.) def. Adams State 25-17, 25-23, 25-21

##### College men’s swimming

Colorado School of Mines 178, Adams State 26

##### College women’s swimming

Colorado School of Mines 146, Adams State 39

Colorado State Pueblo 145, Adams State 40

#### SUNDAY

##### College men’s soccer

Colorado-Colorado Springs 7, Adams State 0

##### College women’s soccer

Adams State 1, Colorado Christian 1, tie

#### SCHEDULE

##### TUESDAY

**Prep girls volleyball**

Sangre de Cristo at Hoehne, 11 a.m.

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# Classifieds

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**JOURNEYMAN BLOCK AND BRICK MASONS** needed F/T in DURANGO, CO. Please contact Trig Masonry (970) 385-4404. (10/24/23)

**CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26J** is paying years of service and single health insurance benefits. Apply now to become part of our dynamic district as we are now accepting applications for the position of **ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER**, for the remaining 2023-2024 School Year. Qualifications: Must hold a valid State of Colorado Teacher's License or such alternative as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Applications can be found on the District Website <https://www.center.k12.co.us/page/employment-opportunities> or contact the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (11/4/23)

**SLV AHEC IS** seeking a dedicated, energetic, and passionate High School Student Health Career Pipeline PROGRAM COORDINATOR to join our team. SLV AHEC has a long history of providing important and helpful services for the SLV by addressing community needs, and has historically been a powerful agent of change, creating programs that often grow to become their own entities. For more information email [nakayla@slvahec.org](mailto:nakayla@slvahec.org) or call 719-298-0177. SLV AHEC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (10/21/23)

**MAINTENANCE PERSON WANTED** for a 50 unit apartment complex in ALAMOSA, CO. Duties include but not limited to cleaning, minor plumbing, minor electrical, drywall repair, painting, and grounds keeping. Fax or email a letter of interest and/or resume to 712-274-1230 or [nrieman@landmarkmanagement.com](mailto:nrieman@landmarkmanagement.com) Equal Employment Opportunity. (10/20/23)

**SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT IS** accepting applications for a **SECONDARY PARAPROFESSIONAL**. Applications can be downloaded at [www.sanford-schools.org](http://www.sanford-schools.org). Sanford School is an EOE&E. (10/18/23)

**SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for a **JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL COACH**. Applications can be downloaded at [www.sanford-schools.org](http://www.sanford-schools.org). Sanford School is an EOE&E. (10/18/23)

**FIRST SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY FUND** is seeking an **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** who is a visionary leader with a passion for making a lasting impact in rural entrepreneurship and the financial system, and a track record of driving organizational growth and fostering positive change. For details and to apply, visit <https://fswcf.org/careers/>. (10/18/23)

**WANTED RELIEF DRIVER** hauling US Mail. 1-2 days a week, \$25 hour. 719-850-9866. (11-1/23)

**LOCAL NONPROFIT ALPINE ACHIEVERS INITIATIVE** is hiring a **DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**. Full-time/part-time TBD. Position can be mostly remote. Major responsibilities include creating a development strategy, writing grant applications, working with donors, and building a fundraising plan. Salary \$34,37-\$39,78/hr. Applications will be reviewed beginning 10/20/2023. Visit [alpineachievers.org](http://alpineachievers.org) for position description and instructions. (10/31/23)

**SUBSTITUTES TEACHERS NEEDED** at the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT in DEL NORTE! Call or email: Sophia at 719-657-4040, x4000 ([scruz@urtigers.co](mailto:scruz@urtigers.co)) for more information, go on-line: [urtigers.co](http://urtigers.co), or stop by the district office at: 950 French Street, Del Norte, CO to pick up an application. You do not have to hold a college degree or be a certified teacher to substitute; however, you must be a high school graduate and have a substitute license from CDE (Colorado Department of Education). (10/27/23)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT** has received a grant for a full-time JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR - for the next 3 years, starting in the 2023-2024 school year. Applicants must have a Master's Degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain an appropriate Colorado school counselor license. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Annie Hardy, DEL NORTE Jr./Sr. High Principal at [ahardy@urtigers.co](mailto:ahardy@urtigers.co) or contact Mrs. Hardy at 719-657-4020. Applications for certified staff positions can be picked up at the District Office or online at [www.urtigers.co](http://www.urtigers.co). (10/27/23)

**INSTRUCTIONAL COACH NEEDED** at DEL NORTE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL. Candidate should be proficient in all areas of teaching and learning with an emphasis on professional practice and the teaching and learning cycle. The coach will be responsible for consulting with and supporting the instructional teaching staff in using resources that impact student learning. The coach will provide support and professional learning to instructional staff as needed. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to Annie Hardy, Principal at [ahardy@urtigers.co](mailto:ahardy@urtigers.co). (10/27/23)

**INTERVENTIONIST NEEDED** AT DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. We are seeking a hard-working and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team. Applicants must have a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at [aduda@urtigers.co](mailto:aduda@urtigers.co) or contact Amy at 719-657-4050. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: [urtigers.co](http://urtigers.co). (10/27/23)

**SOUTH FORK PROPANE** is hiring a **CLASS B CDL PROPANE DRIVER**. Call 719-873-5857 for info. (10/20/23)

**OTERO COLLEGE CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES** is accepting applications for Migrant and Seasonal Head Start - **MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST**. Job descriptions and applications are available at the CDS website: [www.cdsheadstart.com](http://www.cdsheadstart.com). For more information contact Michelle Weaver, 719-384-3103 or [michelle.weaver@otero.edu](mailto:michelle.weaver@otero.edu). Otero College Child Development Services is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Title IX/Section 504 employer. (10/17/23)

**WANTED EXPERIENCED PRESSMAN**. Must be reliable, flexible, and dependable. Apply in person, 2205 State Street, ALAMOSA. (TFN)

**NEED A SECOND INCOME?** child support? Car Repairs? Taxes Due? Earn up to \$800/month DELIVERING THE VALLEY COURIER. Contact Keith at 719-589-2553. (2/26-TFN)

**303 - ANTIQUES**

**ANTIQUA GREEN SIX COCA COLA GLASSES** with handles 16oz, \$40. Call 719-298-2175. (10/20/23)

**304 - LAWN & GARDEN**

**SPRINKLER REPAIR & INSTALLATION**. Quick Service! Call evenings & weekends: 719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593. (10/27/23-monthly)

**307 - APPLIANCES**

**USED WASHER & DRYER**, great condition, \$500/obo. Call 719-589-6254 or 719-589-3134. (11/1/23)

**324 - SEED & FEED**

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**345 - WOOD**

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**350 - FARM EQUIPMENT**

**MILLER DISK 25 FT. WIDE**. \$20,000. Call 719-850-1143. (10/17/23)

**353 - FARM & LIVESTOCK**

**LARGE SQUARE BALES STACKING SERVICE: 3X3, 3X4, 4X4**. Phone Tim 719-553-6327. (10/20/23)

**360 - MISC. FOR SALE**

**SOLD MY WHEELCHAIR IN 2 DAYS**. WONDERFUL, HEARTWARMING EXPERIENCE. A WIN-WIN FOR BOTH OF US! Yolanda.

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**BIG BOY'S TOYS: 2 HARLEYS, 2-4 WHEELERS, 1 SIDE-BY-SIDE**. Call Doug for details, 719-851-0812. (10/17/23)

**ZACH'S EUROPEAN MOUNTS**. Professional work, low prices. 719-580-0398. (TFN)

**368 - PETS & SUPPLIES**

**FREE KITTENS TO GOOD INSIDE HOME(S)**. Call or text 719-250-7597. (10/31/23)

**OOPS! GOT PUPPIES WHO NEED A HOME?** San Luis Valley ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY is a nonprofit ANIMAL RESCUE dedicated to stopping the euthanasia of healthy adoptable pets. Having pets altered is the number one way to stop pet overpopulation. If your pet has had puppies contact us. We will take the puppies into our rescue and spay the mama dog for free after the puppies are weaned. If needed, we will also provide dog food & gas money to get the dogs to us to help in this situation. Spay/neuter is one of the greatest gifts you can provide your pet, your family, and your community. We have found good responsible homes for over 8,000 animals. Contact 719-587-9663 (WOOF); email: [woof@slvaws.org](mailto:woof@slvaws.org). (TFN)

**401 - BUSINESS PROPERTIES**

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**415 - HOMES FOR SALE**

**40 TO 80 acre parcels** or more, HOUSE RECENTLY REMODELED, 2 miles of frontage on Hwy. 285. Excellent place for an RV Park. 719-850-1897. (10/25/23)

**420 - LOTS & ACREAGES**

**40 TO 80 ACRE PARCELS** or MORE, house recently remodeled, 2 miles of frontage on Hwy. 285. Excellent place for an RV Park. 719-850-1897. (10/25/23)

**426 - MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE IN ALAMOSA County: 1980 GLENWOOD TRAILER HOUSE** \$6,700. Must be moved. 402-269-7172. (E-TFN)

**525 - GUNS**

**ZACH'S EUROPEAN MOUNTS**. Professional work, low prices. 719-580-0398. (TFN)

**601 - APARTMENTS FOR RENT**

**ALAMOSA: PARTIALLY FURNISHED BEDROOM** Apartment, newly remodeled. Great location, \$700/month, \$700 deposit, no pets. 719-580-5400. (10/18/23)

**606 - BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR RENT**

**OFFICE FOR RENT**, 10'x10', 315 State Avenue, ALAMOSA. 719-580-3338. (11/8/23)

**611 - HOUSES FOR RENT**

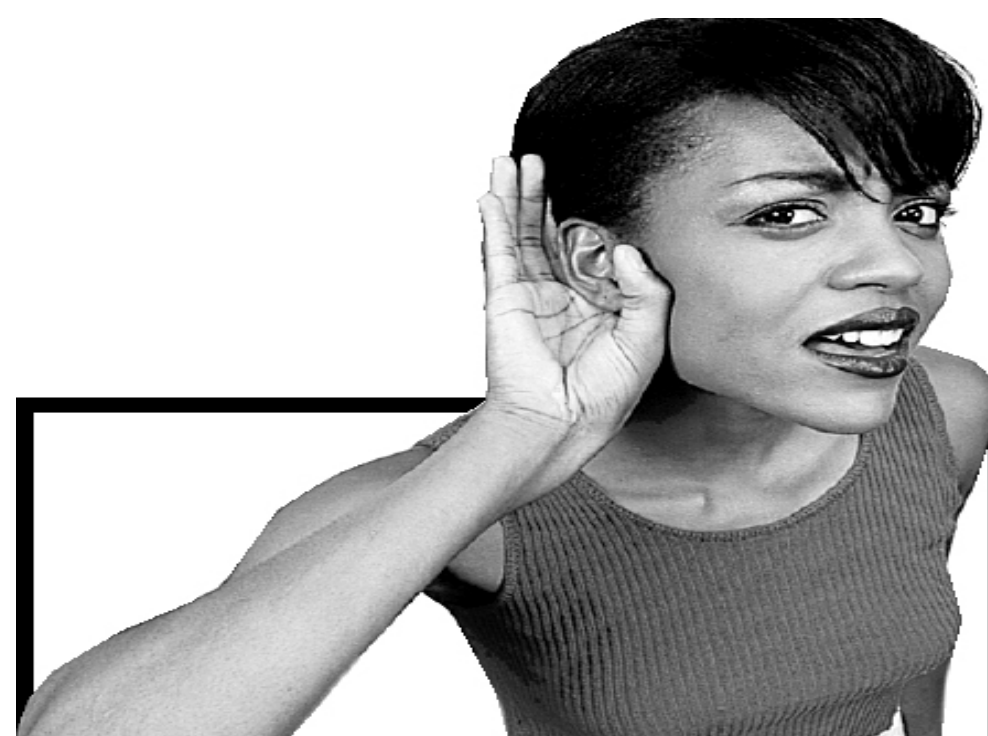
**KUDDOS TO THE VALLEY COURIER** FOR RENTING OUR HOUSE IN 2 DAYS! Thanks, Gerry.

**701 - AUTOS FOR SALE**

**1 DAY ADVERTISED IN THE VALLEY COURIER**, SOLD MY CAR! GREAT SERVICE! Samuel.

**736 - MOTORCYCLES**

**BIG BOY'S TOYS: 2 HARLEYS, 2-4 WHEELERS, 1 SIDE-BY-SIDE**. Call Doug for details, 719-851-0812. (10/17/23)



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# Comics

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fodder for cows
  - 4 Fine and liberal
  - 8 Rock group
  - 12 "The \_\_\_ of Innocence"
  - 13 Ratite bird
  - 14 Succulent plant
  - 15 \_\_\_-de-sac
  - 16 Duffer's game
  - 17 Horse of a certain color
  - 18 TV's \_\_\_ Ripa
  - 20 Prolonged
  - 22 Black gold
  - 23 Color
  - 24 Use a divining rod
  - 26 Spicy
  - 27 Corp. bigwig
  - 30 Break
  - 31 Wire measure
  - 32 George Bernard \_\_\_
- DOWN**
- 1 Chop
  - 2 Chills and fever
  - 3 Tuna type
  - 4 Sock pattern
  - 5 Letter after pi
  - 6 Discern
  - 7 Protected place
  - 8 Flatboat
  - 9 "That means \_\_\_!"
  - 10 Flood survivor
  - 11 Gainsay
  - 19 Leans
  - 21 Zealot
  - 24 Kind of coffee
  - 25 River in France
  - 26 Clue
  - 27 Something difficult
  - 28 Nobleman
  - 29 Possesses
  - 31 Reliable supporter
  - 32 Trite
  - 37 "As I \_\_\_ saying ..."
  - 38 Movie house
  - 39 Singer — Joel
  - 41 Flaggpole
  - 42 Vessel with a spout
  - 43 Singer Falana
  - 44 Jalopy
  - 46 College administrator
  - 47 Fall mo.
  - 50 Silent assent

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 5 Letter after pi
- 6 Discern
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## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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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



"He's got his grandfather's nose."

## ALLEY OOP



## ARLO & JANIS



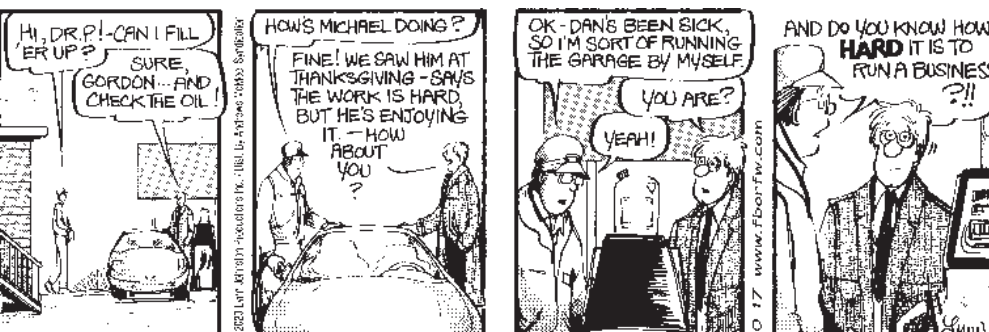
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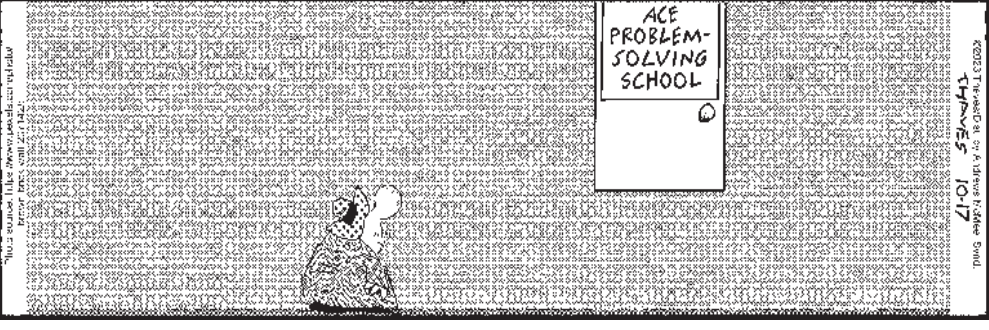
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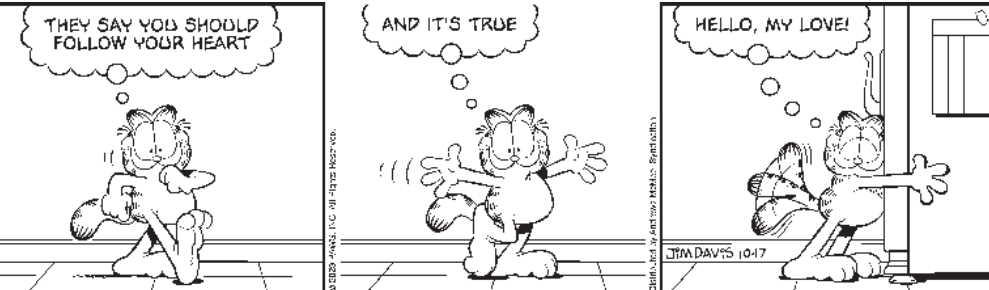
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## FRANK & ERNEST



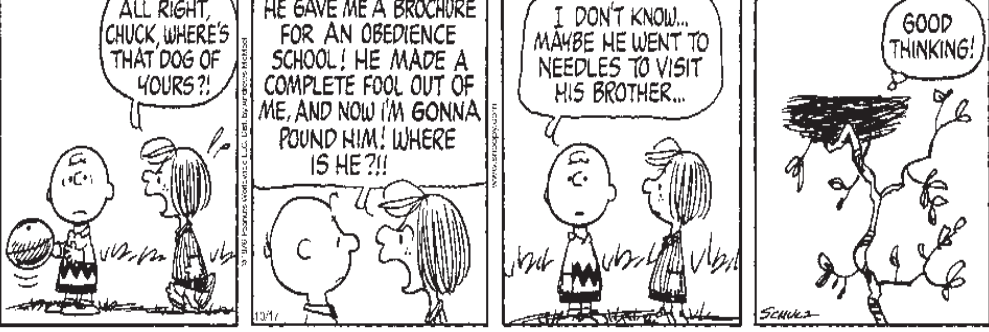
## GARFIELD



## THE GRIZZWELLS



## PEANUTS



# Boy's bad behavior hobbles collective parenting effort

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are raising our two daughters (6 and 7) alongside my sister and her son (10). My sister and her baby daddy separated before their child's birth because he was physically and emotionally abusive. However, the law allows him to still be in the boy's life.

I love my sister and my nephew, which is why we are raising our families as a village. The problem is, we are seeing similar characteristics in my nephew's behavior toward our daughters. He's manipulative and a little "overly familiar" toward my eldest daughter. She looks up to him, and he uses it to get her to do what he wants.

Now my 7-year-old is emotionally abusing and ostracizing my 6-year-old. I'm torn because my gut tells me to move and get my girls away from my nephew, but he, too, is a child, and I want to continue to support him so he can grow into a decent man. However, I am not willing to sacrifice my girls for his potential. What to do? -- CAUTIOUS MOM/AUNTIE

DEAR MOM/AUNTIE: Your children must come before your sister's son. Because your older daughter is now modeling her

cousin's misbehavior and acting out against her little sister, it's time to discourage that behavior and limit, if not sever, the contact she has with her cousin before it creates lasting damage. You cannot save everyone. It is your duty to protect your daughters from any negative influence.

DEAR ABBY: My son and his wife are renting a property from me and my husband at a very reasonable rate in today's not-so-reasonable world. We recently found out they got a cat, even though the lease they signed clearly states no pets are allowed.

My son said we are taking this personally instead of approaching this as landlords. How can we NOT take this personally? He and his new wife have broken our trust. The ironic thing is, if we approached this only as landlords, we would evict them immediately.

What can we say to get them to understand how hurt we are without ruining the relationship? They are expecting a baby soon. We have already gotten the "sorry, not sorry" text. This is tearing us up as parents. -- RULES ARE RULES IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR RULES: Tell



## ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

your son you feel disrespected because he adopted a cat without clearing it with you. Although he may have said he wants you to act like the landlord you are, as a tenant, he is in violation of the terms of the lease he signed.

Whether or not you decide to give him and his wife an exception for their cat and allow them to keep the animal, PLEASE refer him to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website (CDC.gov). Precautions must be taken by pregnant cat owners in order to avoid contracting toxoplasmosis, a parasitic infection, which can be passed to a fetus during pregnancy.