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Celebrating the stories and memories of San Luis

By DANA MAESTAS
SAN LUIS — Join the Sangre de Cristo Cultural Heritage Center and History Colorado from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Heritage Center Museum in San Luis.

The community is invited to share their stories, thoughts, photos, and fond memories of San Luis. The Celebrating the Memories of San Luis project will help create a collection of stories that reflects the community's ties to the Sangre de Cristo Heritage Center building.

History Colorado's staff will lead a free workshop on preserving your family photos and objects at 1 p.m., a memory circle in which the community shares their stories on the museum will be held at 11 a.m., a photo scanning session, and consultation with the State Historic Fund team to co-create a map of significant sites within the community. With other activity stations, including storytelling for children.

"Participate in sharing your memories of living in Costilla County, San Luis de la Culebra, and its villages. Bring your family photos to share with the community your memories of loved ones, past and present, to scan and help create the Museum's Memory Wall," organizers stated.

Photos will be scanned, and the original returned to the owner. The copy will be placed on the Heritage Center's Memory Wall. During Halloween weekend, the Memory Wall will take the place of a community of friends, a Mexican tradition that made its way up the Rio Grande into northern New Mexico and southern Colorado.

Current and past residents of Costilla County are invited to share their memories of the Sangre de Cristo Cultural Heritage Center. Refreshments will be served. There will be raffle drawings for participants.

For more information, contact Dana Maestas at 719-588-6831 or Maria Islas Lopez (History Colorado) at maria.islaslopez@state.co.us.

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Bay receives Colorado Health Foundation award



Tara Bay upon receiving the Dr. Virgilio Licona Community Health Leadership Award from the Colorado Health Foundation on Oct. 24.

By JOHN WATERS
Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — Before a crowd of about 50 well-wishers and family members at The Barn at La Manzanilla Farm in Alamosa, the Colorado Health Foundation, presented Tara Bay, director of the Adelante Family Resource Center Alamosa, with the 2023 Dr. Virgilio Licona Community Health Leadership Award. This award celebrates the work of Coloradans tackling community health barriers and advancing health equity at the systems and community level. Bay has compassionately

served clients of La Puente and the Adelante Family Resource Center for the past 10 years to provide access and support around housing assistance, childcare, skill development, and mental health to meet the needs of families in the community, so everyone has the opportunity to thrive and live healthy lives.

"Tara has truly listened to the concerns of her community and used those voices to magnify and address health equity in the San Luis Valley," said Karen McNeill-Miller, president, and CEO of The Colorado Health

Foundation. "This is what it's all about. Celebrating Tara's passion and dedication to removing barriers to health and well-being — for everyone — is something we are proud to honor and support."

Bay told the Valley Courier, "This is an honor, you think of small towns, and you think about all of the things that never get recognized. The Colorado Health Foundation wants to recognize all of Colorado. This is such an honor.

"I could not do what I do without great flexibility in

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Halloween events throughout the Valley

STAFF REPORT

MONTE VISTA — Everyone is invited to attend the spooktacular Halloween Festival from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 27, at Fullenweider Park in Monte Vista.

The Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce, the Mystic Valley Art Council, and the San Luis Valley Heathens are hosting the family-friendly event.

The park will be decorated for Halloween and feature a straw bale maze. A trunk or treat will also be held at the park. Everyone is encouraged to attend the free event.

People can bring their kids in their Halloween costumes.

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The annual Trunk or Treat event in Crestone draws a large crowd from across the San Luis Valley.

New ASU scholarship empowers STEM students

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

ALAMOSA — Soon after Ann Stanford (86, 91) arrived in Alamosa as a first-generation, non-traditional college student interested in the sciences, she repeatedly heard Adams State's motto at the time: "Quality education with a personal touch."

Through an inspiring blend of teaching and tutelage, Stanford has lived out those words ever since.

Quality education? For more than 30 years, Stanford delivered top-level science instruction to a

variety of students in the San Luis Valley, first for the Adams State Upward Bound program and then for the Sanford School District, Good Shepherd Middle School, Rocky Mountain Hebrew Academy, Alamosa High School and Trinidad State College.

Personal touch? Stanford did more than teach kids about science; she looked for ways to create bonds with them. Throughout her career, she has aimed to serve as a role model for young women interested in the sciences. She also took

numerous students to regional and state science fair competitions, and has served as a volunteer for the San Luis Valley Regional Science Fair since her college days.

Stanford says, "I thought, 'OK, I have helped individual students, which is my job, but I want to go a step further. What can I do?'"

That spirit of giving back led her and her husband to establish the Ann and Patrick Stanford Scholarship for STEM majors at Adams State. The new endowment scholarship

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Courtesy photo

The Adams State trunk-or-treat begins at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, in the Nielsen Library parking lot.

Adams State Halloween events include trunk-or-treat

STAFF REPORT

ALAMOSA — The Adams State University College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) and departments across campus will host a trunk-or-treat from 4 until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31, in the Nielsen Library parking lot. The event is free and open to the public.

The Admissions Office and School of Nursing will host a Haunted House from 6 until 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, on the first and second floor of Richardson Hall. Enter through the south door. All ages are welcome, and tickets are \$5 per person or a donation of canned goods for the Adams State food pantry.

A Día de los Muertos altar, hosted by Tu Casa, will be on display in the Student Union Building Mall Court with a reception from 6 until 9 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2.



Courtesy photo

The annual 'Fright-Fest' sponsored by the Alamosa Police Department at the Colorado National Guard Armory was attended by over 1,000. The event is scheduled for Oct. 31.

Halloween in SLV promises to be fun, haunting time

STAFF REPORT

ALAMOSA — Halloween 2023 in the San Luis Valley is gearing up to be a banner celebration of trick or treating, trunk or treating, storytelling, skating, costume contests, and more.

There are many events in Alamosa to choose from including:

• Haunted House, 701 San Juan Ave., Oct. 27-28, and 31, 7-11 p.m.

• Día de los Muertos, Oct. 28, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Colorado Welcome Center, Alamosa

• Downtown Trick or Treating in Alamosa, Oct. 28, 1-4 p.m.

• Halloween Skate Night, Oct. 28, at the Alamosa ice rink located at the Alamosa Family Recreation Center, 2222 Old Stanford Rd., 5-10 p.m.

• Oct. 28, Halloween Party and Costume Contest, Knee Knockers Bar and Grill Alamosa, Oct. 28, 6 to 7 p.m.

• The Alamosa Bicycle Coalition is hosting

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Courtesy photo

Pictured, Patrick and Ann Stanford (left) discuss a scholarship for Adams State STEM majors, with President David and Darin Tandberg (right).



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OBITUARIES

Elias (Leo) Robert Manzanaras

Passed away peacefully on Oct. 22, 2023, in his home. He was born on Oct. 27, 1934, to Francisco Ignacio and Rosanna Maria Manzanaras. Leo was a devoted brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, godfather, and a friend to all.

Leo was born and raised in Monte Vista. He enlisted in the Army in 1957. He married Loretta (Trujillo) in 1961. They welcomed Peggy, Cindy and Michael.

Leo enjoyed playing BINGO, hunting, fishing, watching football, listening to Spanish music, and being surrounded by family. He was a mem-



ber of the Elks for many years as well as the Knights of Columbus.

Leo is survived by his children Peggy Manzanaras of Monte Vista, Cindy Martinez (Jesse) of Monte Vista, and Michael Manzanaras (Rhonda) of Pueblo West; seven grandchildren Tesa Maxwell (Dennis), Zachariah Manzanaras, Heather Gonzalez (Manuel), Savannah Marshall (Justin), Bethanie Manzanaras (Shelby), Dante Madril (Alicia), and Chloe Manzanaras; 12

great-grandchildren, one sister, Elizabeth Windham, numerous nieces, nephews, godchildren, and extended family members.

Leo was preceded in death by his wife Loretta, his parents Francisco Ignacio and Rosanna Maria, one brother and five sisters.

The rosary will be held on Thursday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. in Alamosa, at the Romero Funeral Chapel. A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, Oct. 27, at 2 p.m. in Monte Vista, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Inurnment will be held at the Monte Vista Cemetery with full military honors.

To leave online condolences, please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Gerald Lee Poe



and making jewelry. He made beautiful earrings, bracelets, and necklaces for family and friends. His jewelry will be a cherished reminder of his love for all those in his life.

In 2017, Jerry moved to Utah to be closer to some of his children and grandchildren. He treasured spending time with his family most of all. He enjoyed cooking, gardening, and sharing his life stories with anyone he came across. He loved talking about his children and grandchildren and their accomplishments. He was so proud of all of them.

Jerry served in the Vietnam War with the U.S. Army from Sept. 7, 1967, to July 4, 1969, earning a National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and a Bronze Star. He was Honorably discharged in 1973.

Jerry was a 1960 graduate of Superior High School in Superior, Ariz. He also studied at the University of Arizona and earned a bachelor's degree in Range Manage-

ment.

Jerry is survived by his five children: Levi (Miklyn) Poe of Guthrie, Okla.; Justin (Andrea) Poe of Lehi, Utah; Renee Poe of Sandy, Utah; Tanner (Julie) Poe of Sandy, Utah; and Lara (Banny) Umar of San Antonio, Texas. Jerry is also survived by 15 grandchildren: Camryn, Clayton, Jaxon, Alivia, Journi, Avalyn, Nico, Max, Oliver, Marley, TJ, Troy, Riya, Kenna, Avren, and one nephew, Iric Burden.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Marsha Burden.

Private Family Services will be held. His final resting place will be in the mountains of Paradise Valley, Nev.

We want to give a special thanks to Valeo Home Health and Hospice for their exceptional care of our dad during his final days.



Paul was a carpenter for most of his life and was a Foreman for Van Iwaarden Builders of Alamosa. He loved watching sports and the time he spent with his grandkids and family. Paul will be truly missed by all who knew him.

His legacy will live on through his children; Lorraine Archuleta, Glenda Rodriguez (James Fernandez), Kenneth (Genevieve) Rodriguez, Johnny (Vivien) Rodriguez, and Daren (Elaine) Rodriguez, one sister Janie Saldania, 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

Paul was preceded in death by his wife Mary Rodriguez, Parents Luciano and Ignacia Rodriguez, siblings; Simon, Juan Rodriguez, Anita Acosta, Lupe Molinar, son-in-law Nick Archuleta, and grandson Nickoles Archuleta.

Services with recita-

PENDING OBITUARY

Emilia Gallegos

La Jara resident Emilia Gallegos passed away on Oct. 22, 2023. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Antonito.

ALAMOSA SHERIFF'S REPORT

Alamosa County Sheriff's Office

In the last three weeks, the Alamosa County Sheriff's Office has issued a total of 38 citations for speeding, including one for going 5-9 mph over the limit, 20 for going 10-19 mph over the limit and 17 for going 20-39 mph over the limit.

Additional citations include:

One citation for operating a motorcycle without endorsement.

One citation for careless driving.

Two citations for operating a vehicle without compulsory insurance.

One citation for driving under the influence.

One citation for driving under the influence blood alcohol .008 or more

One citation for following too closely.

Three citations for driving under restraint.

One citation for driving with expired tags.

One citation for failing to obey traffic signals.

Three citations for dog at large, including one for vicious animal.

In addition, the following individuals were cited:

David Vialpando of Alamosa was cited for harassment, domestic violence and false imprisonment at 10421 CR 5 South.

James Jones of Alamosa was cited for violation of a protection order at 10603 Highway 160.

Kailey Ann Morford of Alamosa was cited for criminal impersonation, resisting arrest and obstructing a peace officer at 3141 Main Street.

Raymundo Deluna, 62, of Alamosa was cited for harassment at 3333 Clark Street.

Ashley Kline of Alamosa was cited for two counts of child abuse, reckless endangerment and criminal mischief at 11338 Highway 160.

Ayanna Mondragon of Pueblo was cited for criminal impersonation at 8th Street and Adams.

Jose Trujillo was cited for harassment, domestic violence and child abuse at 1800 block of Valley Vista Boulevard.

Kevin Joseph Conti of

Colorado Springs was cited for driving under the influence per se M, driving under the influence M, reckless driving MT2, prohibited use of weapons M1, driving under restraint TIA, possessed an open alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle, possessed an open marijuana container in a motor vehicle at 14000 block of Highway 160.

Raymundo DeLuna, 62, of Alamosa was charged with resisting arrest at 3333 Clark Street.

Aaliyah Jiron of Monte Vista was cited for two counts of violation of a protection order at 8000 CR 8 South.

Tel Honeycutt, 32, of Alamosa was cited for child abuse at 5319 Highway 17 South.

Davonta Kortiz Robinson of Alamosa was cited for assault in the third degree, domestic violence and harassment at 270 Santa Fe Avenue.

Maria Poole, 27, of Pueblo was cited for possession of a controlled substance at West 8th and Adams Street.

Trump files to appear on Colorado presidential ballot

By QUENTIN YOUNG

Former President Donald Trump has formally indicated to Colorado election officials that he intends to run for president in the state in 2024.

Trump submitted candidate paperwork even as he faces a legal challenge to his eligibility to run in Colorado, and state approval of his candidacy is on hold pending developments in that case.

The secretary of state's office received from Trump on Oct. 11 a "statement of intent" to run in the presidential primary, according to documents Newsline obtained from the secretary's office. The document attests that Trump is at least 35, has lived in the country at least 14 years and is a natural born U.S. citizen. The home address he submitted corresponds to that of the Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida.

Also submitted as part of Trump's application to run was a \$500 check from his campaign to the secretary of state's office, and official approval of his candidacy from the Colorado Republican Party.

No other candidates have yet submitted bal-

lot-access paperwork for the presidential primary in Colorado.

Submission of candidate documents to the secretary of state's office, typically a routine step in the ballot-access process, carries unusual significance in Trump's case, since a set of plaintiffs is suing Democratic Secretary of State Jena Griswold in state court in an effort to block him from the ballot next year.

Represented by the watchdog group Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, the plaintiffs, including several Republican voters, argue Trump, the leading GOP candidate for president in 2024, is disqualified under a provision of the 14th Amendment. Section 3 of the amendment says no person who took an oath to support the Constitution then had "engaged in insurrection ... or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof" can hold any office in the United States.

"Donald Trump tried to overthrow the results of the 2020 presidential election," the lawsuit, filed in early September, says. "His efforts culminated on January 6, 2021, when he incited, exacerbated, and other-

wise engaged in a violent insurrection at the United States Capitol by a mob who believed they were following his orders, and refused to protect the Capitol or call off the mob for nearly three hours as the attack unfolded."

A weeklong trial in the case is scheduled to begin Monday.

Griswold, who has said Trump did "incite an insurrection," had not indicated whether she would try to keep Trump off the Colorado ballot. In September she said she welcomed the lawsuit as a way to answer legal questions around the 14th Amendment's disqualification clause. Upon receiving Trump's candidate paperwork, her legal team wrote in a court filing, "In light of the claims brought in this proceeding, the Secretary intends to hold Mr. Trump's application pending further direction from the Court."

The Colorado case is seen as the first major test of the 14th Amendment's disqualification clause since the Civil War era. Other similar lawsuits, such as one filed by Free Speech For People in Minnesota in mid-September, have been filed in other states.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

VALLEY — The San Luis Valley offers many Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous groups.

A.A. and N.A. members primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics/addicts to achieve sobriety.

There are AA and NA 12-

Step Meetings throughout the valley. The 6th Tradition states that we are not affiliated with any outside organizations, but in the spirit of cooperation, we list these meeting schedules for friends and family. For information, call 719-937-5083 or see our website: slvaa.org

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Rising star David Berkeley performing at Society Hall

By SOCIETY HALL
ALAMOSA — Society Hall is excited to welcome rising star singer-songwriter David Berkeley to the hall on Sunday, Oct. 29. Berkeley will be performing with well-known Santa Fe, N.M., bassist Susan Holmes.

The doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the show beginning at 7:30 p.m. at 400 Ross Ave., Alamosa. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door and are available online at www.societyhall.org and in Alamosa at The Green Spot, 711 State Ave. The concert will also stream live on both the Society Hall Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Berkeley seems to have won every award around for singer songwriters, not to mention been lauded by every music publication out there. And his accompanist Holmes has been part of uncounted bands and projects in and around Santa Fe, from the Bill Hearne Trio to the Santa Fe All-Stars to Busy Y Los Big Deals to the Susan Holmes Brotherhood — one of the hardest working bassists anywhere.

Berkeley's gift as a songwriter and storyteller is that he sees the tragedy and comedy in life, writing songs capable of both breaking and healing the heart. Berkeley has been called a "musical poet," by the San Francisco Chronicle, and the New York Times praises his "lustrous, melancholy voice with shades of Tim Buckley and Nick Drake."

Berkeley has released seven studio albums, one live album, and authored two books, each of which pairs with one of his albums. He was a guest on "This American Life," telling an outrageous story of a private serenade he was once hired to perform, and he has won many



Courtesy photo

Singer-songwriter David Berkeley will be performing on Oct. 29 at Society Hall in Alamosa.

songwriting awards and honors including ASCAP's Johnny Mercer Songwriting Award.

Berkeley lives with his wife and two boys in Santa Fe, N.M. In addition to his solo career, he is also one half of the wildly creative Trans-Atlantic costumed duo Sons of Town Hall. Berkeley's music has also been remixed by many of the world's top EDM DJs. He tours all over the country and world and has opened-toured with Dido, Don McLean, Ben Folds, Billy Bragg, Ray Lamontagne, Nickel Creek and many more. He was a Kerrville New Folk winner, a New Song and Rocky Mountain Folks Festival Finalist. He's performed on World Café, Mountain Stage, Sundance Film Festival, SXSW, XM Loft Sessions, and Acoustic

Café, just to name a few.

Here's a sampling of what folks have been saying about Berkeley:

"If you're into literate soulful singer songwriters, David Berkeley is the Gabriel García Márquez of beautiful-voiced troubadours." — KRUU

"Berkeley sings in a lustrous, melancholy voice with shades of Tim Buckley and Nick Drake...as his melodies ascend to become benedictions and consolations, the music shimmers and peals." — The New York Times

"Berkeley's a sixties-esque troubadour with songs to swoon by and a voice sweeter than incense and peppermints. ...he's a double fantasy of Nick Drake and Donovan." — Rolling Stone

"One of the most promising singers to emerge in recent times." — Relix

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a Spooky Alley Cat Ride on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 4 p.m. Bring your costume and enjoy a terrifying afternoon. Everyone is welcome and the best costume wins a prize. The race will start at Cole Park and end at Spare Keg on Main Street.

The annual Fall Farm

Festival will be held in Cole Park in Alamosa on Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Living Water Bible Fellowship, Trunk-or-Treat, 2910 Clark St., Alamosa, on Oct. 31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- Haunted Hallways at SLV Health, Oct. 31, from 4 to 6 p.m. at 2115 Stewart Ave., Alamosa.

- Trunk or Treat at the Early Childhood Council

in Alamosa at 401 Santa Fe Ave. on Oct. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.

- SLV Transportation/Red Willows will hold a Trunk or Treat, Oct. 31, from 4 to 6 p.m. Call 719-589-5734 for details.

- 7th Annual Alamosa Fright-Fest on Oct. 31 sponsored by Alamosa Police Department, 4 to 7 p.m., National Guard Armory, 1877 Old Stanford Rd.

Award

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my job and I'm thankful to Judy McNeilsmith and Lance Cheslock [both with La Puente], I have time to work on things that are really meaningful and hopefully systemically changing things in the Valley. Without that flexibility, I would not be able to do that. My staff is just amazing, and they work so hard to provide services to people in the San Luis Valley," said Bay.

Working to improve the community has been a continuous journey, and her efforts have resulted in major improvements in the systems that were failing families in the San Luis Valley. Tara has spearheaded numerous initiatives, projects, and programs, including:

- Overhauling Adelante's housing model to a supportive one, forging the Working Together network of social services, and dramatically altering the landscape of family



Courier photo by John Waters

Over 50 people attended the celebration held at The Barn at La Manzanilla Farm where Tara Bay received an award from the Colorado Health Foundation.

welfare services in all six counties of the San Luis Valley; implementing the Dependency and Neglect System Reform (DANSR) model of family court as a replacement for the traditional Family Drug Court in the San Luis Valley — the DANSR model allows families to be their own direct advocates and have legal representation;

creating the Statewide Supportive Housing Expansion project, which is currently being piloted in the San Luis Valley and various regions across the state of Colorado.

"We all have a special gift, and if we all shared it, imagine what the world would be like," said Bay. "Everybody matters, and if we're not



Courier file photo

Monte Vista has a Halloween Festival planned for Oct. 27. The event moves to Fullenweider Park.

Events

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loween costumes and participate in all the fun activities that will be available at the park. The activities being held will be a kooky build-a-skeleton art project, a riveting tomato toss, and some exciting vampire apple bobbing. In addition to the straw bale maze, there will be pumpkin decorating, a sack race for kids, a bean bag toss, and a kid's costume contest.

There will also be a bubble gum jar guessing game fundraiser along with goat petting and feeding. Get Ink will be at the park face painting. A non-perishable food item or cash will be accepted payment for the face painting.

To go along with the Halloween Festival, the Vali 3 Theater will also be showing "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" at 10 p.m. For people 21 and older, beer can be purchased at the theater for the show.

The Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce will have maps available showing the locations of the participating "Trick or Treat" businesses and residences handing out candy on Tuesday, Oct. 31. The movie theater will also be showing the family-friendly movie "Casper the Friendly Ghost," at 5 p.m. on Halloween.

DEL NORTE

The Del Norte Community Ambulance Service will be hosting a Halloween party inside the new Del Norte Fire Station located at 955 French St. in the old Del Norte High School Field House. This event will feature free games, fun family activi-

ties and, of course, candy.

In addition to the Halloween fun, the organization will also be having a chili dinner with all proceeds going toward the ambulance service. The event is set for Oct. 29 from 3 to 7 p.m. The chili dinner is \$10 for adults, \$7 for children ages 6 to 12 and children 5 years old and younger are free.

Rio Grande Hospital is hosting a Trunk or Treat from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at 310 County Road 14 in Del Norte.

SOUTH FORK

For the past seven years, the South Fork Fire Rescue and South Fork Fire Rescue Ladies Auxiliary has brought spooky fun to the South Fork community and this year the two organizations plan to put on a hauntingly good time. The Halloween Extravaganza will be on Oct. 31 from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at the South Fork Fire Rescue Fire Station and will feature Trunk or Treats, costume contests and more.

South Fork Fire Rescue Ladies Auxiliary is seeking volunteers for the event. Anyone who would like to host a Trunk or Treat or to host a game for attendees can reach out to the organization at 719-588-0656 or message them on Facebook under South Fork Fire Rescue Ladies Auxiliary page. The event does include a free dinner of hotdogs, chips, and a drink. The organization is also accepting donations of candy.

CREEDE

The fun moves up to Creede where those looking for some more frightfully fun events can come to a PG-rated haunted

house at the Creede Underground Mining Museum on Oct. 28 and 31. On Oct. 28, people can come enjoy a Trunk or Treat and Halloween Party and then wander through the underground mining museum that will be transformed into a haunted house.

CRESTONE

The annual Trunk or Treat draws celebrants from all over the Valley to downtown Crestone starting at 5 p.m.

COSTILLA COUNTY

Halloween-related events will be held in Blanca, Fort Garland, and San Luis, beginning on Oct. 27.

The Fort Garland Museum is having Fright Night at the Fort from 5 to 11 p.m. on Oct. 27.

The Blanca-Fort Garland Community Center is hosting its third annual Trunk or Treat from 3 to 6 p.m. on Oct. 29. This year's theme is Superheroes. There will not be a maze, but there will be "a haunted ice cream truck." Hot cocoa, games, popcorn, and apple cider will be available. The best trunk will receive a gift basket.

Centennial School in San Luis is having a Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31. Call Michelle Preble at 719-432-7376 or Honey Quintana at 719-588-1036, for more information.

CONEJOS COUNTY

The Conejos Library District will host pumpkin carving and decorating at 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 27, at the Antonito Branch; from 1 to 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 27, at the Capulin Branch; and from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the La Jara Branch.

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is open to Grizzly sophomores, juniors and seniors with a 3.0 GPA or higher during the award year who are working toward undergraduate degrees related to science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

"We want to encourage someone to apply for the scholarship and continue their education, and we're going to provide the financial support as much as we can for them to do that," she says.

The scholarship is rooted in Stanford's devotion to education, and its transformative power to improve lives. It's intended to financially support the kind of student she has been encouraging for years — learners who are "highly motivated by their own desire" and plan to carve out a career of contribution in a STEM field, she says.

"I believe education is everything. It's the key to a better life in every

sense of the word," Stanford says.

She says she's proud to provide encouragement and support to her alumnus.

"I owe my career and the person I am to Adams State," she says. "I feel like they helped me transform myself to become a professional in a fulfilling career and to help me live my dream. They were always there throughout my teaching career for anything and everything. They approach teaching in the Valley in such a personable way. They're a jewel in this community. I can't even imagine how many lives have been changed, touched and bettered by Adam State."

Stanford also believes in the university's ability to profoundly impact a brighter future that includes more women in the sciences. She hopes the new scholarship will serve as both an inspiration for future STEM professionals and a guiding light toward a brighter, more inclusive future.

Opinion

Safety planning

By MEGAN LANG

Tu Casa Program Director

Tu Casa, Inc. is a nonprofit, that provides free, confidential, bilingual advocacy, and outreach services to children and adult victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, and child sexual abuse throughout the SIX rural counties of the San Luis Valley. Tu Casa, Inc. strives to ensure our services are trauma-informed, person-centered, and interactions with clients are founded in an empowerment philosophy.

Tu Casa, Inc. recognizes the choice to leave an abusive partner can be difficult — and sometimes — our clients simply aren't ready to leave their partners, but still want to find a way to be safe in their homes and relationships. As a primary service offered, Tu Casa, Inc. staff work diligently to create safety plans with every survivor we meet. Often, when survivors are in abusive relationships, they feel powerless, because their partners use abusive behaviors to gain and maintain power and control over them. Creating a safety plan can help survivors take back control over their situation by allowing them to identify if they are in a dangerous relationship, providing them with tips on how to stay safe, and assisting them in preparations to leave an abusive relationship should they choose to do so.

What makes a relationship dangerous?

All relationships are unique, but abusive relationships tend to share similar patterns of power and control being exerted over one individual. There are several ways power and control can be exerted and it looks different in every relationship. However, research on abusive relationships has shown there are several patterns of abusive behavior that can be considered a "lethality indicator". Lethality signifies a situation that could cause extreme harm or death to an individual. By learning about these lethality indicators through conversations with advocates, survivors become empowered to predict whether or not their abusive relationship might



become lethal.

What are examples of lethality indicators?

The list of lethality indicators can be lengthy, but here are a few major lethality indicators:

- **Strangulation.** Has your partner ever put their hands, arms, or other body parts around your neck and applied pressure, cutting off your air flow? Most people use the term "choking" to describe this behavior, but there's a difference between the terms choking and strangulation. Choking describes when something is stuck internally in your esophagus, limiting or prohibiting your ability to breathe. Strangulation describes something much more insidious; strangulation is when someone or something applies external force to neck, cutting off air flow or blood flow to your brain. Strangulation is one of the most intimate forms of domestic violence, as your life becomes dependent on the actions of your partner.

- **Gun ownership.** We live in a rural valley; we know most people have guns in the home either as a method of self-defense or for hunting. But did you know that having guns in the home increases the risk of being murdered by your abuser by five times?

- **Stalking.** Stalking is defined as a pattern of behavior meant to make a

reasonable person fearful of another individual. Perpetrators of abuse often harass their victims or make threats to make you fear for the safety of yourself or your family.

- **Leaving or attempting to leave an abusive relationship.** Research shows that when a survivor is ready to end an abusive relationship, the risk of being murdered by their abuser increases significantly. This is because the perpetrator feels a loss of power and control over the survivor and they may exert deadly force to try to regain it. A question you might want to ask when creating a safety plan may include: "what threats has the perpetrator made to me if I've attempted to leave in the past?"

If you've experienced any of these lethality indicators in your relationship, we hope you'll consider reaching out to Tu Casa, Inc. for help creating a safety plan. Tu Casa, Inc. recognizes survivors are the experts of their own relationships, and we urge you to trust your own instincts. If you feel you may need help determining if you're in an abusive relationship, or if you're in need of help to feel safe again, Tu Casa, Inc. is here to help.

Creating a Safety Plan

A safety plan is a personalized document that includes ways you can remain safe while in a relationship, plan-

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ning to end a relationship, or after you leave a relationship. Tu Casa, Inc. likes to describe these documents as "living", meaning they grow and adapt as needed, as your relationship or situation changes. Safety plans often include ways to stay emotionally safe, financially safe, and physically safe.

Tu Casa, Inc. isn't here to tell you what to do, but we're here to help you determine the best plan of action for your own situation. We recognize every relationship is different, so every safety plan is going to be different too!

Well thought out safety plans will include all the important information you need and will help you walk through several possible scenarios, unique to your own lived experience. It may seem silly to plan it all out, but when we're in crisis situations, sometimes our brain doesn't allow us to make logical decisions in the moment, so having a written safety plan to look back on can be helpful.

If you're ready to make a safety plan, reach out to Tu Casa, Inc. via our 24-hour hotline at 719-589-2465 and ask to speak with an advocate. Advocates and volunteers are ready 24/7 to work with you if you have questions regarding your safety and to offer guidance to anyone who wants help creating their own safety plan.

LETTERS

Proposition HH — A wolf in sheep's clothing

Editor,

I was pleased to see that the county commissioners of both Alamosa and Rio Grande counties recommend against voting for proposition HH.

In theory, it would reduce property taxes only for a period of time. But it would reduce and ultimately eliminate the TABOR refunds we've (Colorado taxpayers) been receiving the last few years. The Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) limits the amount of money the state government can collect and retain. Collections in excess of the limit are returned to taxpayers as a TABOR refund.

Last year, the TABOR refunds were \$750 for single taxpayers and \$1,500 for marrieds. Proposition HH will trump TABOR and allow the state to retain the excess. This projects to add \$2.2 billion to state revenue which the legislature is expected to wisely spend.

First, property taxes are and should be the domain of our local governments, not the state. And why trust the legislature to appropriately backfill reduced property taxes to the county and school districts that should have gone to them from the start?

Second, it attempts to sugarcoat this

largess by allowing this excess to be spent on education, refunds to local governments and rental assistance.

Third, the proposal is scheduled to last through the year 2032, BUT the legislature may extend the proposition after that without further voter approval. How do you think that will work out?

Fourth, if you own a \$1,000,000 agricultural property, the Ballot Information Booklet says you can expect a property tax reduction of somewhere between \$0 and \$795. Nice to have some concrete data upon which to make your decision.

Fifth, if you are a renter, don't expect

your landlord to pass on any potential tax reduction realized. So probably nothing for you.

Finally, just because property values have increased doesn't translate into your property taxes increasing commensurately. The taxing authorities have budgetary restraints.

In short, Proposition HH is a poorly written, deceptive, classic 'bait and switch' scheme. Don't fall for it. Vote no!

Lyle Hood
Retired CPA
Alamosa

Saguache County Board of Commissioners vote to oppose Prop HH

Editor,

Saguache County Board of Commissioners have voted to oppose proposition HH, a measure on the upcoming November ballot.

If approved by voters, this measure would greatly impact the next 10 years of budgets for county governments as they rely largely and sometimes solely on property taxes as their revenue

source.

Our Saguache County constituents request improvements to transportation, housing, public safety, and other services, and we, the Saguache County Commissioners are concerned that Prop HH could reduce our local governments' ability to respond to these public expectations, unfunded mandates, and additional regulatory re-

quirements.

If Proposition HH were to pass it would mandate reductions in local property taxes for at least 10 years, resulting in billions of dollars of lost revenue for county governments without any reduction in service obligations.

Saguache County Commissioners said, "Prop HH will have a long-term negative effect on TABOR with a mini-

mal short-term benefit."

Property taxes are crucial for county governments to provide services, facilities and infrastructure needed and desired by their communities for public health, welfare, and safety.

Lynne Thompson, Chairman
Liza Marron, Commissioner
Tom McCracken, Commissioner

Del Norte Fire Protection District opposes Proposition HH

Editor,

The Del Norte Fire Protection District is opposing Proposition HH on the November 2023 ballot and asking voters to vote no as well!

If this proposition passes the Del

Norte Fire Protection District, as well as all special districts, will lose between 10%-15% of their funding within the next 3 years.

Our Fire Protection District operates on a very limited budget and a reduc-

tion in taxes collected will result in a reduction in services that the Fire Protection District is able to offer.

The language used in Proposition HH is very confusing and attempts to convince the voters that it is property tax

relief.

In reality most property owners will see significant tax increases within the next 5 years.

The passage of Proposition HH will end all TABOR refunds. Proposition HH will allow state legislatures to disburse funds without the vote of the people. Local control will be gone, and the governor and legislature will control our local funds.

Please do not be deceived by the confusing language of a proposal that takes away local control. Proposition HH will have a detrimental effect on this community and the ability to provide fire protection services to you, the residents of the Del Norte Fire Protection District!

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Lifestyles

Many Colorado families stick with home schooling in wake of pandemic

By SARA WILSON
Colorado Newswire

On a Friday morning in September, Brynn Stephens and her three children were baking banana bread, cookies and black bean brownies from scratch in their Monument home. It was one of the first crisp days of fall, and the oven kept everyone warm as they mixed dry ingredients, converted fractions from the recipe and watched the baked goods rise.

It was also the middle of a school day. The children, ages 11, 8 and 6, were simultaneously getting a math and chemistry lesson, putting concepts to real-life practice.

Stephens is one of thousands of parents who began home-schooling their children in Colorado during the COVID-19 pandemic and chose to keep them out of public schools even as education settled into a new normal.

"We finally made the decision during the COVID-19 shutdowns. They were in 'online school,' and we saw what a disaster it was. We decided to give home schooling a try and it's just stuck," she said.

The number of home-schooled students in Colorado had already been increasing in the years before the pandemic but then shot up when there was a sudden shift from in-person learning to computer-based learning at home and schools across the country navigated how to best teach students during an evolving global pandemic. The sometimes-rocky experience of Zoom-based school led many parents to question whether home schooling was a better option for their child.

In fall 2019, there were 7,880 full-time home-schooled students in the state, according to the Colorado Department of Education. In fall 2020, that number doubled to 15,773. It has dropped as more students return to traditional public school learning, but there were still 8,674 home-schooled students in fall 2022, higher than every year except one in the 10 years before the pandemic. Colorado's numbers fit into a national trend of years when home-school numbers rose, followed by a pandemic surge.

A census household survey from 2020 that tried to measure the impact of COVID-19 on American families found that the percentage of families in Colorado that home-school their children jumped from from 3.4% in the spring to 8.7% in the fall, placing it in the middle of states. Nationally, there was a 5.6 percentage point increase of households that were home schooling, according to survey data.

The increase varies across Colorado. Colorado Springs School District 11 saw a nearly 175% increase in home-schooled students from 2019 to 2022. The increase was nearly 100% in Pueblo School District 60, 50% in Cherry Creek School District 5 and 30% in El Paso County School District 49.

During the same time period, other districts saw a decrease in full-time home-schooled students. Summit School District in Summit County had a 30% decrease and the Thompson School District in Larimer County had a nearly 70% decrease.

The state does not collect data on the ages, grade levels or ethnicity of home-schooled students, but data from some of the largest school districts shows that in general, most home-schooled students are in early elementary school, and the numbers drop off the closer the grade is to senior year. For example, there were 160 home-schooled first-graders in Denver Public Schools in 2021. That same year, there was just one home-

schooled high school senior, according to data provided from the district.

Pandemic a 'turning point' for parents

Steve Craig, the executive director of the Christian Home Educators of Colorado, said the organization helps between 3,000 and 4,000 families navigate the process of home schooling in Colorado. He said CHEC has seen about a 50% increase in the number of families it works with since the start of the pandemic, and that number is staying steady.

"COVID-19 was certainly a turning point for a lot of folks. There was a period of time where everyone was home-schooled in a sort of way, and it gave parents an opportunity to have more control and have more visibility into their child's education," he said. "Parents learned that they can be successful in doing this."

Research has generally shown that students who are home schooled are adequately prepared for college, though there could be a slight disadvantage when it comes to math as they learn increasingly difficult concepts outside of a traditional classroom.

Home schooling in Colorado is fairly straightforward and addressed in state statute. Parents need to submit a letter of intent to a school district of their choosing at least two weeks before they start. They are responsible for selecting and paying for books, supplies, tests and a curriculum, and they need to make sure their child is getting lessons in reading, writing, math, history, civics, literature, science and the U.S. Constitution.

Some parents buy a curriculum that covers everything while others pick and choose individual subject curricula that make sense for their child's learning style and interests. Depending on where they live, home-school students can access enrichment and support programs, such as a science class with specialized lab equipment, offered by local school districts.

Home-schooled students take tests every other year beginning in third grade and submit their results to the school district to evaluate their progress.

John Contreras, the principal of the Cherry Creek Options Homeschool Program in the Cherry Creek School District, said he has seen a wider range of reasons parents are choosing to home-school their children.

"Home schooling used to have a stereotype with one section of our community. I don't think that's true anymore. There's more diversity in the context for why people home-school," he said.

Home schooling is commonly thought to be a practice adopted by conservative, often Christian, families, who want to avoid a perceived liberal bias in public schools. Recent research shows that parents choose to home school their children for reasons including a safety concern about the school environment, a preference for an increase in family time, and a desire to provide a non-traditional education.

Impact on public funding

Students who home-school full time are not eligible for any public funding. Neither the family that home schools nor the associated school district receive state funding, which varies across districts. If a student interacts with a school district for some classes, extracurricular activities or enrichment programs, they are not considered full-time home-schooled students.

Under the 2023 School Finance Act, the base per-pupil funding was about \$8,000, meaning that in

a hypothetical scenario where 10 students in a district leave a public school for home schooling, the district would get about \$80,000 less from the state that year.

Flexibility in schedule, learning styles

With increased visibility into the classroom that came with pandemic learning, Stephens did not like some of the things she witnessed in her children's education. One day, as she tried to facilitate online learning for her two oldest children, a teaching assistant publicly chastised her son on Zoom for receiving help from Stephens on a craft project, she said.

"It became a passive aggressive thing every time we got on the computer. It got to a point where we're, like, making a snake out of construction paper. We don't need a Zoom call for that," she said.

It was a minor grievance, but it highlighted Stephens' belief that her children would thrive academically in an environment with more personalized attention.

"This is me being able to push them to their potential, as opposed to them being left behind in a classroom because maybe they don't understand something or they aren't being pushed," she said.

Her daughter, for example, has always been a strong reader but has now accelerated to a high-school comprehension level. Her son has been able to get a grade level ahead in math.

The rise in home schooling in Colorado and across the country comes during a flashpoint in culture wars over school curricula and lingering tension over pandemic vaccine and masking requirements for children. The conversation and politics around how topics like race and sex should be taught in school has intensified since the pandemic. The debate has spilled into multiple Colorado school board races as conservative groups rally against the instruction of LGBTQ topics, sex education and critical race theory — the advanced academic field that examines how racism has shaped public policy. Critical race theory is not taught in Colorado K-12 schools and is not part of the academic standards.

Parents who home-school have control over how, and if, their child learns about those concepts.

"Those are the ones we hear about, the parents that are troubled with some of the things being delivered and kind of forced on their kids at school, and so they're looking for a solution to protect their kids from values and worldviews they don't support," Craig said.


"A lot of families really embrace home schooling because it gives them an opportunity to pass along their values and worldview in a more effective way."

Jeltema said her decision to home-school her three daughters was not entirely a faith-based decision to avoid culturally fraught topics, but faith played a role.

"I've been able to provide my daughter with a biblically based education as part of her curriculum. If she were in public school, we'd be limited to providing that foundation in the fringe time slots available," she said.

Stephens said she doesn't want someone else teaching her children sex education, especially her middle school-age daughter. That belief extends to other issues.


"There's a lot of stuff out there that I don't think schools should be teaching, like gender ideology, CRT if they ever bring that in. Science, literature, English, et cetera, are education. The rest is what you're taught at home," she said.



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Sports Bulletin

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SCOREBOARD TUESDAY Prep girls volleyball

Hoehne def. Sargent in four sets - scores unavailable
Pagosa Springs at Monte Vista - no report
Sanford def. Sangre de Cristo 27-29, 25-23, 25-17, 25-21

SCHEDULE THURSDAY Prep girls volleyball

Ignacio at Sargent, 5 p.m.
Alamosa at Fowler, 6 p.m.
College women's soccer
Colorado State Pueblo at Adams State, 3 p.m.
College women's volleyball
New Mexico Highlands at Adams State (RMAC Power Pod), 6 p.m.

FRIDAY Prep football

Sierra Grande at Granada, 1 p.m.
Sangre de Cristo at Miami-Yoder, 2 p.m.
Dolores at Sanford, 6 p.m.
Monte Vista at Centauri, 6 p.m.
Sargent at Dove Creek, 6 p.m.
Center at Trinidad, 7 p.m.
Ignacio at Del Norte, 7 p.m.
Woodland Park at Alamosa, 7 p.m.
Prep girls volleyball
Cotopaxi at Antonito, 1 p.m.
Cripple Creek-Victor at Creede, 3 p.m.
Sanford vs. Trinidad (Rye Invitational), 4 p.m.
Sangre de Cristo, South Park at Center, 4 p.m.
Sanford at Rye (Rye Invitational), 5:30 p.m.
College men's soccer
Adams State at Colorado Mesa, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY Prep football

Mountain Valley at Antonito, 1 p.m.
Prep cross country
Alamosa at Class 3A State Tournament (at Norris Penrose Event Center), 12:20 p.m. (boys), 1:40 p.m. (girls)
Centauri, Del Norte, Sargent at Class 2A State Tournament (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
Custer County at Sangre de Cristo, noon
John Mall at Del Norte, 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.
Monte Vista at Mitchell Invitational, TBA
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.

Sanford wins tough match against Sangre

By KEN HAMRICK

Courier sports editor
SANFORD - The Sanford High School volleyball team won in four sets when it hosted Sangre de Cristo Tuesday at Sanford's gym, but it wasn't an easy win.

The visiting Lady Thunderbirds won a wild first set 29-27, but the Lady Mustangs swept the next three by scores of 25-23, 25-17 and 25-21.

"We did a great job," said Sanford coach Melissa Faucette. "Our bench came in to take control and help us win that game."

"We battled," said Sangre coach Jamie Bogner. "It's emotional. We did well."

Sangre scored the first two points of the first set, but Sanford answered with a 6-1 run to take a 6-3 lead. The teams traded side outs before the Lady Mustangs scored three straight points to push the lead to 10-5.

The Lady Thunderbirds came back with five consecutive points to tie the score at 10-10. But Sanford had a 10-3 rally to go back on top at 20-13.

Sangre scored four points in a row to narrow the deficit to 20-17. It continued the momentum and came back to close within 23-22.

The Lady Mustangs got a kill from Bella Peterson for a 24-22 edge, but the Lady T-birds tied the score at 24-24.

Keylee Anderson put Sanford back in front, but Sangre scored two straight points for a 26-25 led. The Lady Mustangs deadlocked the score at 26-26, but Palma Enriquez scored a kill for a 27-26 Sangre lead.

Claire Crowther tied the score with a kill, but Sangre scored the final two points with Kylie Smit



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

Sanford High School's Riley Willett (13) blocks Sangre de Cristo's Idahlia Garcia's (18) shot in Tuesday's match at the Sanford gym. The Lady Mustangs defeated the Lady Thunderbirds in four sets.

recording the set-winner for a 29-27 win.

The Lady Thunderbirds scored the first point of the second set, but Sanford scored the next three. Sangre ran off four unanswered points to regain the lead at 5-3.

The Lady Mustangs tied the score at 5-5, but the Lady T-birds had a 3-0 run for an 8-5 edge. The teams exchanged side outs before Sangre extended the advantage to 12-8.

The teams again traded side outs until Sanford went on a 4-1 run to close within 16-15. Sangre scored two points in a row, but the Lady Mustangs scored eight consecutive points to regain the lead

at 23-18.

The Lady Thunderbirds scored five of the next six points to close within 24-23, but Anderson slammed a kill to give Sanford the second set and tie the match at one set apiece.

Sangre scored the first two points of the third set, but Sanford tied the score at 2-2. After a brief Lady T-bird side out, the Lady Mustangs scored two more points to take a 4-3 lead.

Sangre regained the lead at 6-5, but Sanford got the lead back at 7-6. The Lady Thunderbirds scored three points in a row, but the Lady Mustangs went on a 5-2 run to take back the lead at 12-11.

Sangre scored four

consecutive points for a 15-12 edge. But Sanford scored five straight points to take a 17-15 lead.

After a brief Lady T-bird side out, the Lady Mustangs scored seven unanswered points for a 24-16 advantage. Sangre had another side out, but Riley Willett slammed a kill to give the set to the Lady Mustangs by a score of 25-17.

Sangre opened the fourth set by scoring the first four points. Sanford answered with a 6-0 run, but the Lady Thunderbirds tied the score at 6-6.

The Lady Mustangs then had a 6-2 run to take a 12-8 lead. Sangre closed the deficit to 12-11,

but Sanford scored three points in a row for a 15-11 advantage.

The Lady T-birds closed to within 15-13, however, the Lady Mustangs went on an 8-2 run to increase their lead to 23-15.

Sangre made one last run as they closed to within 24-21. But Crowther's kill proved to be the match-winner.

Avery Koenig led the Sanford offense with 42 assists and Makynlee Faucette had six. Anderson led the hitting game with 18 kills, followed by Crowther with 16, Willett with nine and Shasta Bond with eight.

Koenig and Ava Jarvis led Sanford in service aces with two apiece. Brooklynn Reynolds, Anderson, Bond, Peterson and Crowther each had one.

Presley Wilson had 14 assists to lead Sangre and Bella Rodriguez had 10. Idahlia Garcia led in kills with nine, followed by Wilson with eight, Enriquez with eight, and Smit with seven.

Enriquez led in aces with three and Hallie Henry had two.

Sanford (11-9, 4-3 2A SPL) will close out the regular season this coming weekend at the Rye Invitational.

"We play Trinidad and Rye on Friday, and we'll wait for seeding for regionals next week," Faucette said. "We're hoping that we're in the 26-30 mix. It with be great if we can hold the RPI."

Sangre de Cristo (12-9, 5-0 1A SPL) will conclude the regular season by hosting Custer County on Saturday.

"We're excited to see what they'll do," Bogner said. "We've gotten so much better. We'll fight through it."

High school standings as of Monday

FOOTBALL CLASS 2A TRI-PEAKS LEAGUE		
Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
La Junta	4-0	8-0
Florence	3-1	5-3
Alamosa	3-1	3-5
Woodland Park	2-2	3-5
Lamar	0-4	3-5
Manitou Springs	0-4	3-5

CLASS 1A SOUTH CENTRAL LEAGUE		
Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Centauri	4-0	6-2
Monte Vista	4-0	6-2
Del Norte	2-2	3-5
Ignacio	2-2	3-5
Center	0-4	0-8
Trinidad	0-4	0-8

CLASS 1A SOUTHERN PEAKS LEAGUE		
Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Centauri	7-1	13-5
Alamosa	7-1	15-7
Pagosa Springs	3-5	7-11
Bayfield	3-5	5-14
Montezuma-Cortez	0-8	2-16

CLASS 2A SOUTHERN PEAKS LEAGUE		
Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Sargent	6-1	16-5
Buena Vista	5-2	11-7
Del Norte	5-2	9-12
Trinidad	4-3	14-5

8-MAN MOUNTAIN LEAGUE		
Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Mancos	4-0	7-1
Dove Creek	2-1	6-2
Sanford	1-2	5-3
Sargent	1-2	4-4
Dolores	0-3	2-6

6-MAN SOUTHWEST LEAGUE		
Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Branson/Kim	5-0	7-1
Sierra Grande	3-2	6-2
Primero	3-2	5-3
La Veta	3-2	5-4
Mountain Valley	1-4	3-5

CLASS 3A INTERMOUNTAIN LEAGUE		
Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Bayfield	5-0-1	9-4-1
Pagosa Springs	4-1-1	6-7-2
Alamosa	2-4-0	2-12-0
Montezuma-Cortez	0-6-0	2-11-1

CLASS 3A TRI-PEAKS LEAGUE		
Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Wiley	7-1	18-4
Rocky Ford	7-1	16-10
Lamar	6-2	18-9
La Junta	6-2	15-11
Alamosa	4-4	13-10
Woodland Park	3-5	7-16
Dolores Huerta	2-6	7-7
James Irwin	2-6	4-13
Florence	0-8	0-23

CLASS 1A SOUTHERN PEAKS LEAGUE		
Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Sangre de Cristo	0-5	3-6
Center	2-5	7-12
Crested Butte	1-6	9-12
Monte Vista	1-6	5-13

CLASS 2A SOUTHERN PEAKS LEAGUE		
Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Sangre de Cristo	0-5	3-6
Center	2-5	7-12
Crested Butte	1-6	9-12
Monte Vista	1-6	5-13

CLASS 3A SOUTHERN PEAKS LEAGUE		
Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Sangre de Cristo	0-5	3-6
Center	2-5	7-12
Crested Butte	1-6	9-12
Monte Vista	1-6	5-13

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Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Sangre de Cristo	0-5	3-6
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Scarecrow Bash displays, like this one at Del Norte Bank, can be seen all over Del Norte. The community can vote online for their favorites in both residential and business categories until Oct. 28.

Del Norte Chamber's Scarecrow Bash hitting town

By LYNDISIE FERRELL

DEL NORTE — Displays of pumpkins, skeletons and scarecrows of all shapes and sizes are hitting the streets in Del Norte for the annual Del Norte Chamber of Commerce Scarecrow Bash and now is the perfect time to take a drive or walk through town to vote for any one of the displays.

The chamber began this event several years ago to spruce up town for the fall season and promote different business and community involvement. The event has grown the last two years and has become an anticipated event for visitors and residents alike.

Each contestant participating in the event receives bragging rights for the next year and a chance to help brighten the streets of Del Norte. The event is a great way to celebrate the end of summer and beginning of the chilly winter months in the Valley.

Through the next week, the chamber will be highlighting each participating display on their Facebook Page under Del Norte Chamber of Commerce and people are encouraged to vote for their favorite. There are two categories to vote for, favorite business display and favorite residential display! To vote, please visit the chamber's Facebook page or by going to

www.delnortechamberofcommerce.wildapricot.org.

The Scarecrow Bash ends Oct. 28 and winners will be announced shortly after.

Next up for the chamber is the annual Parade of Lights held on Dec. 15 this year. Though the event is a ways off, the chamber is seeking firework donations now to make the night even better. The event will feature business open houses, a presentation at the Rio Grande County Museum on the infamous "Christmas Camp, John C. Fremont's Fatal Fourth Expedition," several chances to enjoy warm beverages, bonfires, and a chance to meet Santa.



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UPCOMING GRIZZLY ATHLETIC EVENTS



Thursday, October 26

Women's Soccer vs Colorado State University Pueblo at Alamosa, Colo.

3:00 p.m.

Women's Volleyball vs New Mexico Highlands University at Alamosa, Colo.

6:00 p.m.

Friday, October 27

Women's Volleyball vs New Mexico Highlands vs Chadron State at Alamosa, Colo.

6:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer at Colorado Mesa University at Grand Junction, Colo.

7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 28

Football vs South Dakota Mines at Alamosa, Colo.

1:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball at University of Colorado at Boulder, Colo.

1:00 p.m.

Women's Volleyball vs Chadron State College at Alamosa, Colo.

6:00 p.m.



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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 953-23
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
 On July 31, 2023, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.
 Original Grantor(s)
 Leonard Snow and Holly Snow
 Original Beneficiary(ies)
 San Luis Valley Federal Bank
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
 San Luis Valley Federal Bank
 Date of Deed of Trust
 May 24, 2018
 County of Recording
 Alamosa
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust
 May 25, 2018
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
 369995
 Original Principal Amount
 \$176,000.00
 Outstanding Principal Balance
 \$167,843.76
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay the installments of principal and interest due April 1, 2023, through July 1, 2023.
 THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
 Lot 7 of the Four D's Subdivision, the Plat of which was filed February 11, 1971, under Reception No. 167134 in the office of the Clerk and Recorder, County of Alamosa, State of Colorado. Together with all water and water rights, ditches and ditch rights, wells and well rights, and rights of way appurtenant thereto.
 Also known by street and number as: 5597 County Road 9.6 South, Alamosa, CO 81101.
 THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
 NOTICE OF SALE
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
 THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 11/29/2023, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
 First Publication 10/4/2023
 Last Publication 11/1/2023
 Name of Publication Valley Courier
 IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
 DATE: 07/31/2023
 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado
 By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
 Jeffrey E. Motz #35972
 Paul E. Motz #7740
 Motz Law Firm, LLC P.O. Box 779, Alamosa, CO 81101 (719) 589-6676
 Attorney File # 369995
 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
 No. 3584.
 Published in the Valley Courier on October 4, 11, 18, 25, & November 1, 2023.

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 36-21.5-103 (e)(j). 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 Authel #C14 8x10 Car seats, sinks, barrels, crates, tile, other miscellaneous items
 Peter Authel #C19 8x10 tile, miscellaneous items
 Abigayle 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.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The SAN LUIS VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT will hold their annual meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 1:00 PM in the
 Ski Hi Conference Center
 (East End of Building)
 Refreshments will be Provided
 Please plan to attend!
 No. 3639.
 Published in the Valley Courier on October 25, 2023.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and particularly to the electors of the San Luis Valley Irrigation District in Alamosa, Rio Grande and Saguache Counties, Colorado.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of December, 2023, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock a.m. and 6:00 o'clock p.m. At that time, one (1) Director for Division III will be elected to serve one (1) 3-year term.
 Nomination petitions are available from:
 Amy S. Dean, District Secretary
 296 Miles Street
 Center, Colorado 81125
 amy@slvid.org
 Nomination petitions must be filed no later than Friday, the 3rd day of November, 2023, and no earlier than Friday, October 27, 2023.
 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absent voter's ballots may be filed with the Secretary of the District at the above address not earlier than forty-five days (Friday, the 20th day of October, 2023) before the election, not later than 4:00 o'clock p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the election (Friday, the 1st of December, 2023).
 San Luis Valley Irrigation District
 By s/s Amy S. Dean
 No. 3640.
 Published in the Valley Courier on October 25, 2023.

099 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

STROKE AND CARDIOVASCULAR disease are leading causes of death, according to the American Heart Association. Screenings can provide peace of mind or early detection! Contact Life Line Screening to schedule your screening. Special offer - 5 screenings for just \$149. Call 1-833-939-0353. (8/18-TFN)

221 - HELP WANTED

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109 - HEALTH & WELLNESS

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173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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221 - HELP WANTED

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CITY OF MONTE VISTA is accepting applications for the position of FINANCE DIRECTOR. The Finance Director has direct responsibility and supervision of all aspects of the Finance Department which includes fund accounting, financial reporting, payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, pension and retirement accounting, revenue collections, purchasing, auditing, budgeting, preparation of the Annual Finance Report, and monitors the financial position of the municipality. Five (5) years progressively responsible experience in Accounting and Finance and a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Public or Business Administration with an emphasis in accounting, financial management or a related field is required. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered. This is full time employment. The salary range is \$70,000-\$75,000 DOE, plus full benefits. To apply please visit: www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov or applications can be picked up at City Hall, 95 W. 1st Ave Monte Vista, CO 81144. Please provide updated resume with application. Position will remain open until filled, first review November 9, 2023. EEO ADA. (11/14/23)

EXPERIENCED PLUMBER NEEDED. Pay range is \$25-\$35 per hour. Licensed preferred. Call DEREK'S PLUMBING 719-588-0682. (11/28/23)

MOUNTAIN VALLEY SERVICES is a rapidly growing construction company wanting an additional team member to work as a full-time MECHANIC located in ANTONITO, Colorado. This position requires a working knowledge of repairing heavy equipment, trucks and most vehicles. Salary will be commensurate with experience and skills related to these requirements. Applications can be obtained by emailing tyler.mt.valley@gmail.com or calling 719-376-5365. Deadline for application is November 1st, 2023. (11/3/23)

LUBE TECH/GENERAL SERVICE: HIRING BONUS. Competitive wages. Health, dental, 401k, PTO and paid holidays. Monday-Friday. Pick up application at AUTOMOTIVE CONCEPTS in ALAMOSA or email resume to info@autoconcepts.us (11/3/23)

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HELP WANTED: COOK & WAITRESS (will train) at the Wagon Wheel in LA JARA. Contact Margie, 719-274-5965. (11/1/23)

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ANTONITO HOUSING AUTHORITY IS accepting applications for OFFICE ASSISTANT. Applications can be picked up at 526 River St., ANTONITO. (10/28/23)

ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT IS now accepting applications for the following position: GIRLS HEAD BASKETBALL COACH (AHS). Applications are available online at <https://www.alamosa.k12.co.us/> For more information, contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (10/28/23)

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221 - HELP WANTED

SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT IS accepting applications for a CUSTODIAN. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools.org. Sanford School is an EOE&E. (11/4/23)

TOWN OF LA JARA IS accepting applications for a full-time MAINTENANCE WORKER. Applicants must have experience operating heavy equipment such as backhoes and tractors and lawn equipment, as well as knowledge of general maintenance repairs, street repairs, weed control, mosquito spraying and understanding or willingness to gain knowledge of water and sewer operations. Applications may be picked up at La Jara Town Hall, 221 Broadway. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For more information call 719-274-5363. (11/3/23)

TOWN OF LA JARA IS accepting applications for POLICE OFFICER. Must be currently Colorado POST certified; willing to submit to background and criminal history checks as well as a psychological test. Salary ranges from \$43,000.00 to \$45,000 depending on experience. The Town of La Jara offers an excellent benefit package that includes vision, dental and medical insurance, PTO and paid holidays. Applications may be picked up at La Jara Town Hall, 221 Broadway. (11/3/23)

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221 - HELP WANTED

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SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT IS accepting applications for a Junior High School GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools.org. Sanford School is an EOE&E. (10/31/23)

NOW HIRING EXPERIENCED PLUMBER. Looking for a hardworking, drug-free, dependable individual with a clean driving record. Journeyman's license a plus. Please call 719-379-2770. (10/25/23)

221 - HELP WANTED

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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 2033-2024 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 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. (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. (10/27/23)

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410 - AUCTIONS

ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT will be having an AUCTION for ARTIFICIAL TURF on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Ortega Middle School north of the Baseball Fields. There will be 64 Artificial Turf Rolls ranging from 18-30 inches in diameter, as well as artificial Turf Scraps - Various sizes. Purchased turf must be removed the day of sale. (10/28/23)

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 - 17 "It's a — to Tell a Lie"
 - 18 Hit again and again
 - 20 "I give up!"
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 - 34 Down Under the bird
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 - 36 Sulk
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 - 43 Sweetie
- 46 Time to come**
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- 54 Roulette bet**
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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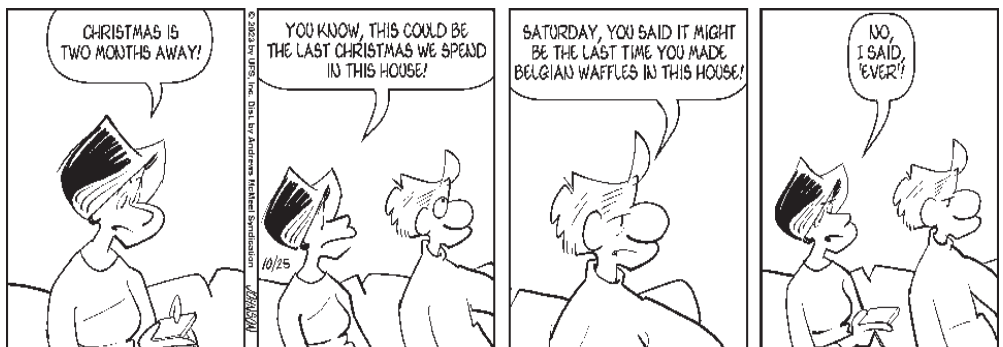
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- 30 Discharge
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- 33 Proceed (2 wds.)
- 36 Gore
- 37 Hunting dog
- 39 Health resort
- 40 Wildebeest
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- 43 Benefit
- 44 Go — smoke
- 45 Understands
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- 48 Spin around
- 49 Tips
- 52 Chart-topper
- 53 Genus of macaws

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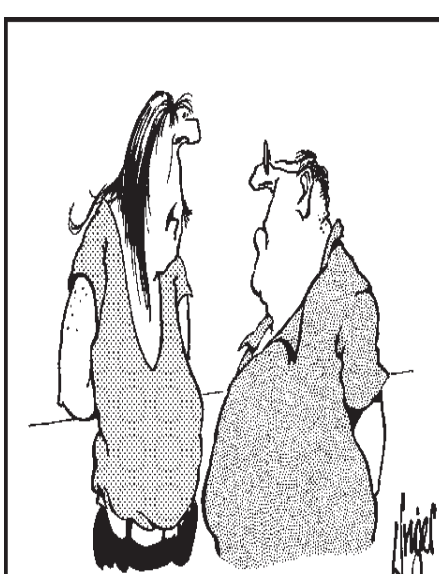
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HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

HERMAN



"If women change after marriage, I'm in luck! My fiancée can't cook and argues every five minutes."

Result of doctor visit is a case of confusion

DEAR ABBY: I am a man in my 50s. A few months ago, I had a routine doctor's appointment, with a new primary care physician. I intended the appointment to be a complete, regular physical. I don't (thankfully) have any major physical health issues that I know of. But I was always taught it is wise to have periodic physical exams, in case there is a less obvious medical issue, as well as get to know one's doctor.

I went for the physical exam. I was not asked to undress as I have been with all my previous doctors. The doctor seemed nice, but I found it strange that I wasn't examined physically. I find it hard to understand how a doctor could properly examine me without me undressing. The doctor should be used to seeing bodies, and I cannot understand why the doctor or staff were reluctant to ask me to undress.

I found this all very confusing. Perhaps there was some miscommunication? I don't know if this is unusual, temporary or a new normal that I haven't heard about. Next time, should I be more clear about wanting to be examined thoroughly,

or should I change doctors? -- COVERED UP IN VIRGINIA

DEAR COVERED UP: Contact the doctor, explain that in the past you have always had a complete physical which involved you disrobing and ask why it didn't happen during your last visit. If the answer you receive is unsatisfactory, change doctors.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married nine years. We are active in our church. I am very involved with our women's ministry, but my husband has an issue with our leader, "Nedra." Nedra has bad-mouthed my husband to my face. I went to my pastor with the issue, and I am, basically, waiting on God to fix it.

Our WM team meets multiple times a week, which means I leave my husband home alone for dinner on those nights. (I always make sure he has dinner when I'm not home.) Our meetings can go on for an hour and a half to two hours, and my husband is always upset when I get home from them.

I don't know what to do. He's not upset that I'm going to the meetings; he's upset at how long they last.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Nedra doesn't like him, and he doesn't like her, especially since he knows what she said about him. I feel stuck in the middle. What do I do? -- LADY OF FAITH IN TEXAS

DEAR LADY: If these meetings occur more than twice a week, your husband may have a point. Whether he and Nedra like each other is beside the point, unless what he resents is that you are with that "witch." He may feel it encroaches on time you should be spending together. It's time you and your husband have a calm discussion about the frequency and length of those meetings so an acceptable compromise can be reached. Start now.

Lifestyle

RERC receives more input for improvement, change during meeting

By MARIE MCCOLM MONTE VISTA — Approximately 60 people attended the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities (RERC) kickoff meeting — Create Connect Recreate — on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at the Outcalt Event and Conference at SLV Ski Hi Complex in Monte Vista.

The meeting was organized by the City of Monte Vista, the RERC steering committee and the San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!).

City Manager GiGi Dennis was present, along with other city staff. Mick Daniel of San Luis Valley Great Outdoors was present along with many community members who attended as well.

The meeting's purpose was to inform the public about the RERC action plan and to discuss other items the community may bring to the table related to the plan.

The action plan encourages economic development in the City of Monte Vista. At the end of 2021, SLV GO! applied for and in 2022 received an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant. Only 25 rural communities across the country were awarded the grant.

The RERC grant helped form the action plan by bringing stakeholders and the community together for meetings. From these meetings, the action plan was formed and recently approved by the Monte Vista City Council.

In February of this year, a large 3-day RERC meeting was held to bring together ideas and strategies for the action plan for the town. Federal partners attended the meeting and workshops, sharing ideas and networking strategies on what the RERC plan would need to succeed in Monte Vista.

SLV GO! Executive Director Mick Daniel on Wednesday said they were going to present the plan and seek feedback.

"We are here to talk about the RERC Action Plan," he said to the group. "Even if you all disagree with it, we ask that you just listen to it.

We are going to talk about what community members and other members came to talk about back in February. We also want to get feedback from the community now and get new ideas from all of you on the plan. Some of these ideas might be new to you. If you have any questions please ask, that's what this is all about.

The steering committee really helped with all of this. We want to thank them."

Monte Vista City Manager GiGi Dennis then spoke about what is possible when people work together. She spotlighted some successful community projects of diverse sizes.

"We want to talk about a few of the community successes that have already happened," she said. "You will see in the slides up here the skate park. The skate park is 10 years old, but it came about because the people in Monte Vista stood up and said we want this, we need this for our kids. With state and local funding and lots of volunteers, they put together a plan and built that beautiful skate park out there."

Dennis also spoke of the mini libraries that were installed this year at Sanchez, Chapman, and Marsh parks, with the help of funding from the LOR Foundation. She explained that the libraries were added to honor community member Mike Blenden's wife who passed away and was an avid reader and beloved community member.

Dennis also spoke about the success of the Outcalt Center at Ski Hi noting,

"This was also a vision here. It all began with a vision and that's how it started, that is how everything starts."

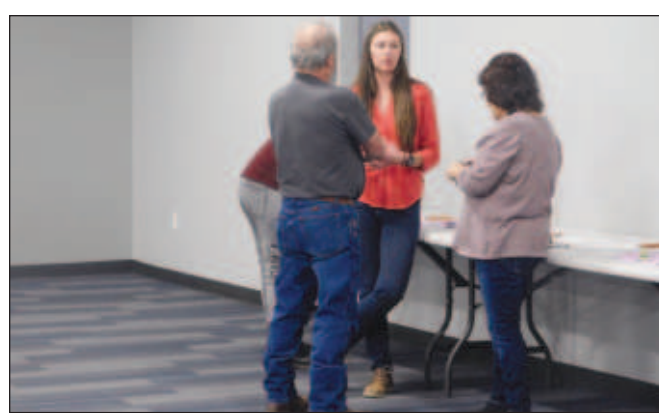
Dennis then transitioned to the RERC's domino effect.

"What the RERC has brought us," Dennis said. "A beautiful lady with the US Forest Service said I think you guys should apply for a grant called Urban Forestry. So, we applied for it. We asked for a million dollars. What the grant does is it takes an inventory of all our trees; it will allow us to trim up and cut down and put in a little bit of irrigation. We will be planting 500 trees in the city, 100 trees for 5 consecutive years. This is just a part of it all."

A video was also shown at the meeting of many city staff and local non-profit and revitalization organizations, speaking about the RERC action plan.

Next, everyone was divided into groups. Each group covered one of the five goals of the RERC action plan.

Goal 1 — supporting equitable access to trails and other outdoor recreational assets by overcoming transportation and other barriers.



Approximately 60 people attended the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities (RERC) kickoff meeting — Create Connect Recreate — on Wednesday, Oct. 18, in Monte Vista.

Goal 2 — supporting pathways and trails for the community.

Goal 3 — increasing downtown amenities and vibrancy.

Goal 4 — helping local entrepreneurs, artisans, businesses, and residents capitalize on outdoor recreation in the region.

Goal 5 — cultivating a shared ethic of stewardship and conservation of natural resources, to protect land, water, and wildlife.

People were asked to share ideas regarding the goals and ways in which they felt they could capitalize on the goals and make them a reality.

After the meeting, Daniel said he was excited with the turnout and energy.

"I think it went really well," Daniel said. "I was excited to see all the people here. I think RERC, to be honest, I am just blown away by the progress that's already been made. The councilors adopted a plan, like that's amazing and some incredible progress in just 6 months. I forgot to mention that we just got another \$10,000 from the outdoor recreation round table for goal one here. I am excited to see people get interested and involved in all of this with their community; that's what this is really all about. Hopefully, these really cool projects come out here in and for Monte Vista; they will make a big difference in the community."



Photo by Marie Mccolm
San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!) Executive Director Mick Daniel speaks during the Rural Communities (RERC) kickoff meeting — Create Connect Recreate — on Wednesday, Oct. 18, in Monte Vista.

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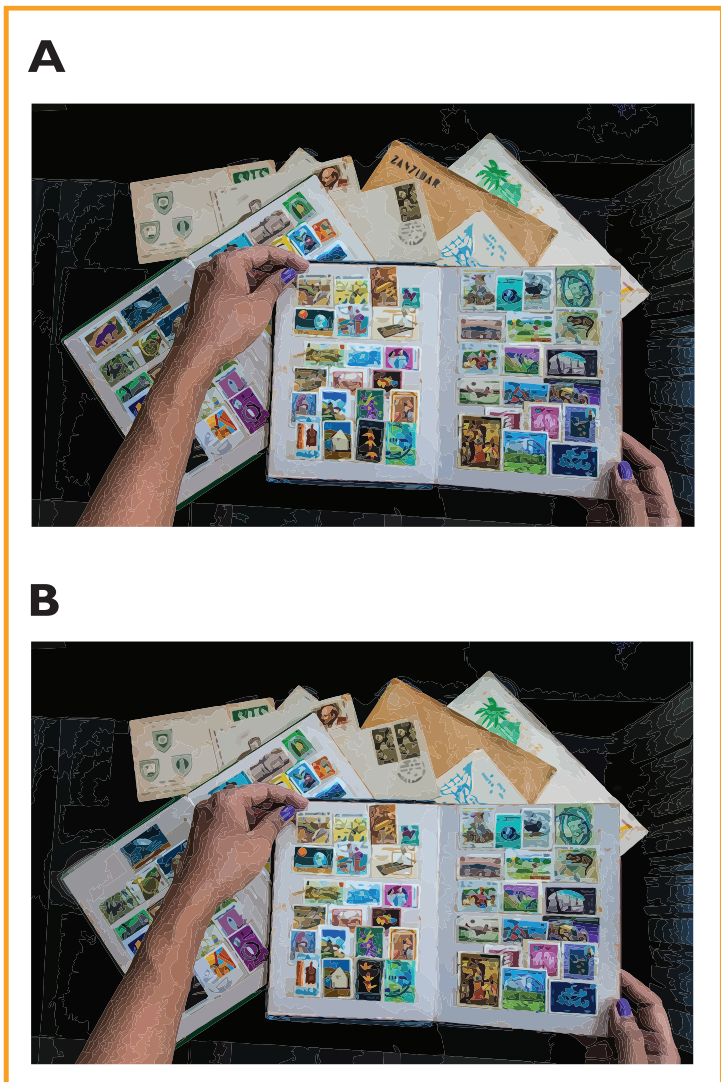
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ENGLISH: Stamp
SPANISH: Sello
ITALIAN: Francobollo
FRENCH: Timbre
GERMAN: Briefmarke

What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. "Zanzibar" missing from brownish envelope 2. Black stamp bottom left row of book upside down 3. Extra stamp on envelope above book 4. Missing stamp top left corner left book

THIS DAY IN...



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Winners announced in third annual 'Best of the SLV'

VALLEY- Nearly 17,000 votes were cast in the 2023 "Best of the San Luis Valley" online voting, an almost 60 percent increase over 2022. The annual contest is sponsored by the *Valley Courier* and Valley Publishing's six weekly papers.

A record number on nominations by category were also received in that portion of the contest, numbering over 1,100 and nearly doubling the number of nominations made last year.

The winners by category will be shared online today as well as in the printed columns to follow, declaring the "Best of the Best" in the San Luis Valley.

Several SLV businesses dominated voting by winning in more than one category, including Friar's Fork Restaurant, specializing in Italian cuisine, which also was nominated earlier

this year as one of the best new restaurants in the country. They were voted tops for Italian restaurant, romantic restaurant, best place to take an out of town guest, and best bartender.

Seven local businesses won in three categories: Sauvecito Grill, Garcia Auto, Lindo Jalisco, SLV Federal Bank, Kristi Mountain Sports, Rio Grande Hospital and Scrumpy Moo's. Winning in two categories were: Big John's Furniture, Cottonwood Dental, Spare Keg Brewerks, City Market, The Bridge retirement home, Colorado Realty, Chief Liquor, and Lucky Bamboo Asian Restaurant.

Many of the winners have consistently been voted the best since the contest started 10 years ago as the "Best of Alamosa."

Here are the results:



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Sauvecito Grill

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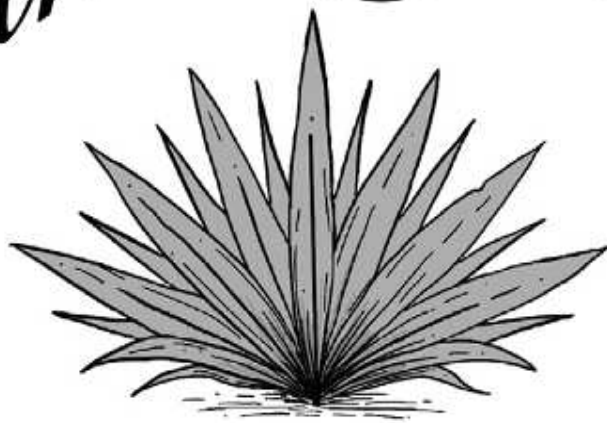
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