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Rio Grande Farm Park Halloween event Saturday

ALAMOSA — Rio Grande Farm Park Halloween Trick or Treat and more events this Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. The farm park is located at 6935 CO-17 in Alamosa.

County Clerks mailing ballots for Nov. 7 election

DENVER—ColoradoCounty Clerks are mailing ballots to active registered voters for the Nov. 7 Coordinated Election.

"Colorado voters should be on the lookout for their 2023 Coordinated Election Ballot," saidColoradoSecretaryofState Jena Griswold. "I encourage every eligible Coloradan who has not yet registered to vote do so. There is still time!"

County Clerks must mail ballots by Friday, Oct. 20, to active registered voters for the Coordinated Election.

Eligible Coloradans can still register to vote and update their voter registration at GoVoteColorado.gov through Oct. 30 in order to receive a ballot in the mail. After Oct. 30. Coloradans can still register to vote, receive a ballot, and vote in-person at a voting center until 7 p.m. on Election Day.

CDOT starting shoulder work on CO 114 on Oct. 23

SAGUACHE AND GUNNISON COUNTIES -

Beginning Monday, Oct. 23, the Colorado Department of Transportation will perform erosion control work along the shoulder of Colorado Highway 114, 10-miles west of Saguache. Operations will take place

Monday through Friday between Mile Points 46 and 51. Motorists should plan for 15-20 minute delays, flaggers and one-lane alternating traffic between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. each day.

An additional paving operation is taking place far ther north on CO 114 near the US Highway 50 junction through the end of October. Motorists can expect up to 15-minute delays and alternating traffic.

SLV WEATHER

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Local businessman signs agreement with city to build downtown hotel to be located on the former

To be built where Walsh Hotel once stood

> By PRISCILLA WAGGONER Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — By unanimous vote, the city council of Alamosa has authorized Sanchez, city Heather manager, to sign a development agreement with Alamosa businessman Manish

Patel for the construction of a 90-room downtown hotel site of the Walsh Hotel.

The agreement is the culmination of negotiations that began between the city and Patel in 2019 when he indicated his strong interest in building a hotel downtown. The onset of the pandemic brought those negotiations to a halt but. as the economy returned to normal, Patel indicated an interest in resuming negotiations.

"A downtown hotel is mentioned several times in the Downtown Plan," Sanchez told the Valley Couri-

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Staybridge Suites graphics provided by the City of Alamosa

Courier photo by John Waters

Martinez will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Oct. 24.

By JOHN WATERS Courier News Editor

MONTE VISTA— On Oct. 24, Mary Martinez of Monte Vista will celebrate her 100th birthday surrounded by friends and family.

Martinez was born in Antonito in 1923 and later moved to Monte Vista, where for over 30 years she worked at the Veterans Community Living Center at Homelake.

To put Mary's long life into perspective, in 1923 Vice President Calvin president of the United States, upon the death of President Warren Harding. In 1923, for the first

U.S. lived in cities than on farms or small villages. The Warner Brothers established their movie studio, as did Walt Disney. and Clarence Birdseve invented frozen food.

During an interview with the Valley Courier, Martinez reflected on her long life. When asked what her thoughts are about turning 100, without hesitation she said, "I don't feel like I am, I've never felt like I'm getting older. I feel like I'm just me. I don't Coolidge became the 30th have a pain here or a pain there. I do feel the marks on my face, that is about

> all. I feel good." When asked how old

time, more people in the she feels she is, Martinez said, "I feel like I'm 14, maybe 15. I feel young, I don't feel old."

> Daughter-in-law ginia Martinez said that Martinez does not take any pain medications and her doctors say they wished all their patients were in as great shape and great spirits.

A devout Roman Catholic, Martinez prays the Rosary daily and attends Mass every Sunday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Monte Vista. Martinez said the rosary she wears daily is her favorite, "I sit here in quiet and say my prayers," said Martinez.

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City passes 2024 budget

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — After five opportunities for discussion of the budget, including three where the public could weigh in and two where the public could listen in on city council's work sessions, council approved the budget for 2024 during Wednesday night's meeting.

In the big picture, as explained by Alamosa City cus areas: housing, public toric preservation, etc. safety (police and fire departments), infrastructure (think streets, water, sewer, public works), economic development and outdoor recreation.

The budget is built upon a projected total revenue of \$40,001,355, which includes grant funding. The budget also allows for total expenditures of \$42,785,831. In reviewing that figure, Sanchez stated that the \$2.7 million difference was anticipated in previous years related to capital improvement projects slated for

2024. One of the most notable figures, and greatest success in terms of city priorities, relates to Capital Improvement projects which, in 2024, will total \$11.7 million in expenditures. Part of that funding is the result of the city applying for and be-

ing awarded grants. Another noteworthy figure is \$17.3 million, which reflects the amount of grants received. That \$17.3 million is comprised of \$6,638,914 for housing (38%), \$5,422,432 (or 31%) for parks and recreation and the library, \$2,644,000 (15%) for downtown projects, \$1,230,299 (7%) for public safety, \$1,295,704.93 (7%) for infrastructure, \$1,295,704.93 (7%) for Manager Heather Sanchez homeless, and \$11,500 (less to council in one final re- than 1%) for miscellaneous cap, the budget has five fo- areas such as IT and his-

> The 2024 budget also includes some "successes", that is, funding found for specific allocations that had emerged as priorities in 2023. Most notably, funding for the co-responder program will be available in the budget in the year that grant funding will no longer support those three vital positions that are part of the Alamosa Police Depart-

Also, after numerous complaints and discussions during council meetings about vandalism in the rest rooms in various parks around the city, funding was found to create a seasonal, parttime position to assist with locking and unlocking the bathrooms, a mitigation strategy that has helped in significantly reducing the amount of vandalism that ■ See **BUDGET** page 3

Saguache United Methodist to celebrate 150 years

By BILL HAZZARD **SAGUACHE** — The

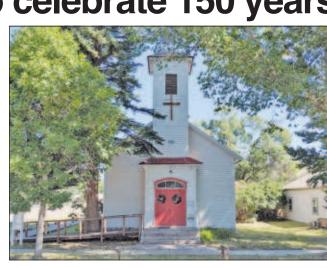
Saguache United Methodist Church marks a major milestone this year. The church is celebrating 150 years of sharing faith and ministering to the community of Saguache and nearby areas. The actual date of the incorporation was Nov. 3, 1873, but the Saguache church will celebrate a couple of weeks

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Record

APD responds to a call at **Carroll Park**

Alamosa High School briefly placed on secure status

STAFF REPORT

ALAMOSA — Alamosa Police Department patrol units were sent to Carroll Park Wednesday afternoon, at approximately 12:46 p.m., near Alamosa High School in reference to a large fight in progress approximately 10-plus individuals. There was also the report of a suspected firearm involved.

While en route, dispatch informed officers that all suspects had fled the scene and were headed toward Park Avenue, on foot. Officers arrived on scene, located numerous parties, and began a foot chase in pursuit of four remaining minor injuries. individuals.

The chase went through residential back vards and a parking lot of a local church. By 12:52, all parties were apprehended with that all exterior doors to the four individuals, all ju- the school are locked with veniles, taken into custody entrance to or exit from the by Alamosa Police Department with assistance from trol and Adams State Uni- secure status at Alamosa versity Police Department.

Chief Ken Anderson, there were numerous witnesses and this is an active investo the incident, including tigation with charges pendtwo victims who are believed to have sustained be released at this time.

Due to its proximity to the scene, Alamosa High School was placed on "secure status" during the incident. Secure status requires building prohibited.

Once APD apprehended Alamosa County Sheriff's the suspects, the scene was Office, Colorado State Pa- considered safe and the High School was released. According to APD Police At this point, there is no danger to the community, ing. No further details will

OBITUARIES

Sandra Gillman

ALAMOSA — Sandra Gillman, 77, of Alamosa, formerly of Daybreak, Utah, passed away Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023, at her home with her family by

Sandra was born in Provo, Utah, June 2, 1946, the daughter of Dean and Nona (Marchbanks) Gillman. Sandra was united in marriage to David Alfred Hales, and Richard Jollev.

Sandra is survived by children, Corbin (Jes-Angila Hales, sica) Cutler; Sisters, Laurie (Steve) Adams, and Tami;

Grandchildren, (Jasmine) Hales, Landon Hales, Ella Clark, Emma-Lea Clark, Kole Cutler, Kaylee Cutler, Dylan Cut-

ler; and many nieces and nephews.

grandson Austin Cutler. Sandra loved fashion and received her Mas-

Sandra was preceded

in death by her parents,

brother Roger Weight,

sister Nan McKenzie, and

ter's Degree in fashion at Utah Valley University. Sandra loved the beach

and water. Sandra loved to play tennis and won several trophies over her years of playing tennis. Sandra loved her Grandchildren dearly. Sandra also owned and operated several Quizno's Restaurants over the years which she operated with her family. Sandra loved watching basketball and was a loyal Utah Jazz fan. She watched every single game on TV. She loved her dog, Bitsy, as that was her best friend and roommate for many years. Rogers Family Mortu-

ary has been entrusted to the care and arrangements. To leave online remarks. condolences, tributes, and words of comfort for Sandra's family, please visit RogersFunerals.com.

Anthony E. Martinez



Our darling Anthony E. Martinez tragically left us

on Oct. 11, 2023. He left smile to everyone's face. behind a loving mother,

Marissa.

grandparents, Ernie, and will be held Friday, Oct. Sandra, who will miss him 27, 2023, at 10 a.m. at St. so much. Anthony loved Francis of Assisi Church his family, his job, his on the 7-mile plaza.

A rosary will be held Lisa, brother, Moses, and Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023, two sisters, Felecia and at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Church in Monte Vista, Along with his loving Colo. A memorial service

coworkers, and the gym. Arrangements in care His attitude was always of Strohmayer's Funeral bright, and he brought a Home.

Russell Maxwell

Russell Glen Maxwell Johnathon, was born January 7,1961 in Lawton, Oklahoma. Russ passed suddenly on Oct. 13, 2023, in Highlands Ranch, Colo., after a brief

illness. He graduated from high school in Arnett, Okla., in 1979. Russ had a passion for cars and loved watching racing of all types which he shared with his kids and grandkids. Russ spent 42 years working in car dealerships in the San Luis Valley and Northern Colorado. He worked as a tech-

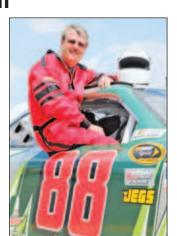
service manager. Penny Russ married Robinson from Hooper, Colo., on April 25, 1981, in Shattuck, Okla. They had two children, Dennis (Tesa) Hooper, Colo., and

nician, service advisor and

Anagrace, Zachery, and Elizabeth who are all the greatest joy

and loves of his life. Russ is survived by his siblings Carson (Loretta) Bivins, Carol Gatlin (Gary), Michelle Maxwell and Craig Nix. Also, survived by six nieces, five nephews, nine great-nieces, four great-nephews, two great-great-nieces and one great-great-nephew, aunts Dean Baggs, Edith Kitchen and Marla Stapp, motherin-law Jolene Robinson and Matt Robinson.

sister-in-law CJ Robinson. by his mother Ruth Nix, stepfather Bob Nix, brother Dennis Bivins, uncles Leroy, Claude, and Willie Stapp, aunt Linda "Sissy" Stapp, grandparents Bu- camping. ford and Dora Stapp, and Tasha Lugg (Billy) of Fred-Pop and Leola Watson, farick, Colo. He was Grandpa ther-in-law Clarence Rob- will be announced at a lataka Hampa to KayleeAnn, inson and brother-in-law er date.



enjoyed watching He was preceded in death sports especially the Den-Broncos, ver Colorado Rockies, and OU Football. In his spare time, he enjoyed time with his family, hunting, fishing, and

Cremation has been chosen. A Celebration of Life

Martinez-Aponte wins Boots on the Ground Award

CONTRIBUTED THE VALLEY—The

San Luis Valley Joint Interagency Oversight Group (SLV Joint IOG) recently honored partner agency staff members with the "Boots on the Ground" award in recognition of employees who exemplify the spirit of cross-systems collaboration.

The award recipient for October is Tiffany Martinez-Aponte of Tu Casa and Children's Advocacy Center.

"Tiffany went above and beyond in community collaboration. She sat as a community member in a restorative process at Center for Restorative Program (CRP) called a community group conference. The gathering is an opportunity for individuals who have caused harm to take responsibility for their actions, the impacted parties to share how they were affected, and then for the group to create agreements together to make things as right as possible moving forward. Ma-Tiffanyshared her exthroughout the circle, helping the young people understand how their actions not only impacted the parties directly involved, but also the broader community. She was a huge help in coming up with the agreements and is continuing to work with two participants from ongoing project. She is Health to take time (several Services,



From left to right are: Matthew L. Tulley (SLV IOG Director), Tiffany Martinez-Aponte (Outreach/Education Coordinator), and Roxy Gehring (Restorative Justice Diversion Program Coordinator). Martinez-Aponte received the Boots on the Ground award for October.

and strength-based so- Health Colorado Inc., lutions when conflict Boys and Girls Club of arises.," according to the San Luis Valley,

the oversight group. 1451, the SLV Joint IOG currently includes Alamosa and Saguaagencies participate including the 12th Jutention Continuum program, Alamosa IOG. County Department of that conference on an mosa County Public velop busy with her work at Alamosa School Dis- vision of individualized, Tu Casa as it is, and trict, Center for Restor- strength-based, familyso it meant a lot to us ative Programs, Colo- centered, and culturthat she was willing rado Division of Youth ally sensitive services hours into the evening) Health Partnerships, families. The SLV Joint to join CRP in holding Crossroads' Turning IOG works to increase young people account- Points, San Luis Val- the quality and approable and helping them ley Early Childhood priateness of services move forward! Her Council, San Luis Val- while encouraging costongoing project with ley Behavioral Health sharing and reducing these young people also Group, San Luis Valley service duplication and shows her commitment BOCES, Signal Behav- fragmentation.

community-based ioral Health Network, Saguache County De-Established in 2008 partment of Social Serand funded through vices, Saguache County Colorado House Bill Public Health Department, Center School District, Moffat Consolidated School Dische counties. Over 20 trict, Mountain Valley School District, Valley-Wide Health Systems dicial District, Proba- Inc., La Puente Inc., Tu tion Department, the Casa, and Teri Sisne-Colorado Youth De- ros, Family Representative for the SLV Joint

The goal of the over-Human Services, Ala- sight group is to decollaborative Department, approaches for the pro-Colorado to children, youth, and

School Menu

Friday

October-20, 2023-

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous

A.A. and N.A members sober and help other alco-

VALLEY — The San Step Meetings throughout Luis Valley offers many the valley. The 6th Tradi-Anonymous tion states that we are not affiliated with any outside organizations, but in the spirit of cooperation, we primary purpose is to stay list these meeting schedules for friends and famholics/addicts to achieve ily. For information, call 719-937-5083 or see our There are AA and NA 12- website:slvaa.org

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Budget

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is happening.

And, finally, through the elimination of several seasonal positions, the city was able to create a position that, while performing regular duties as part of the job, will be trained to take over when the golf course retires. superintendent which is projected to happen in the next few years.

One final area relates to employee compensation, which will be significantly increased this year with city employees receiving anywhere from an 11% to 15% pay raise. Of that, 4% is due to a rise in the Cost of Living, 7% is described as necessary for retention and recruitment and the remaining 4% is a merit increase for those employees performing at a high stan-

dard on the job. It is projected that the new pay raise will be equal to an expenditure of \$1.1 million.

According to Jolene Webb, director of Human Resources with the city, there are 221 employees working for Alamosa, 110 of whom are full-time with the remaining 111 being part-

City Manager Heather Sanchez has informed city

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The rosary was made lo-

cally by parishioners at St.

Virginia Martinez of-

fered, "She is pushing

her prayer into that [Ro-

sary] she is always pray-

ing, everyone who comes

by she says she is pray-

ing for them. Everybody

council that the 7% pay adjustment is needed for recruitment and retention, following a survey that found that 7% as being a figure where 50% of other, similar municipalities paying more than that amount and 50% of like communities paying less.

Currently, Webb reports that the city has a 13% annual turnover rate among full-time and permanent part-time employees, with some departments accounting for more turnover than others. While high, given the cost of recruiting and training only for a fully trained employee to leave for a different position, that 13% is lower than the national average of 20%, as quoted to a consultant hired by the city in relation to employment with a local gov-

The hardest positions to hire and retain are generally those requiring specialized skills, such as having a CDL or being a diesel mechanic. In a class all its own, police departments are also struggling with hiring and retaining officers, a challenge that is currently true across the nation.

"There are many vacancies that we have to advertise multiple times because we do not get qualified applicants," Sanchez told the Valley Courier. "This

in town or church knows

her, by mom or grandma.

At church, the little kids



Courier file photo

The Alamosa City Council approved the 2024 budget at its meeting on Wednesday.

has included maintenance personnel, seasonal positions, recreation positions, streets positions, etc. It's at all levels and across all departments. Our specialized fields have also had turnover and multiple postings without getting applicants."

Webb reported that the city currently has three vacancies, including one with the Alamosa Police Department, a street technician, and a position in wastewater treatment.

"All three of those positions have had a significant change in market value,' Webb said.

Sanchez also cited a December 2022 in-depth conversation during city council meeting when she was describing significant challenges in not just retaining but also hiring qualified applicants as the department had not been fully staffed for more than two years.

She also cited a more current situation. "Mechanics with the city had other job

opportunities for more money," she said. "They shared with us that they were looking but hated to leave the city since they like working here. They asked if we were going to take seriously looking at the market. We said we were, and they have stayed." Sanchez further added

"some department heads had been offered jobs that pay \$50,000 more a year.

"Filling vacancies has become increasingly difficult for the city with many advertisements having to be run repeatedly. The number of qualified applicants has continued to drop for positions in every department due to a constricting labor market and the increases that have occurred in the private sector market."

The hope is that a substantial increase ranging from 11% to 15% in 2024 will help to make the city more competitive and reduce employee turnover.

cos might do this season she offered, "Up and down I think.'

Martinez and her family will have a birthday celebration on Oct. 24 and a larger party with about 100 friends and family members planned later in the week. Martinez has one son, two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one greatgreat-grandchild.

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Five original trustees made the Article of Incorporation for the Methodist Episcopal Church at Milton, an early settlement of Saguache County which sat a little over a mile southeast of Saguache. About all that remains of that town today is an old barn, but in its day, Milton was a thriving village competing for importance with Saguache.

months, the church itself was constructed. Milton, however, had lost a very contentious county seat election to Saguache and over time, many of the citizens moved from Milton into Saguache.

The church building, after some neglect, was eventually lifted intact and slowly rolled into Saguache in late 1884 and dedicated the following July. Therefore, the history of the Saguache United Methodist Church began with that church in Milton.

There were a few Methodist ministers who came through the area well before 1873. The Rev. Joseph Williams, according to his diary, passed over Cochetopa Pass and through the Saguache area in 1842. After Colorado became a territory, several Methodist circuit riders came through and preached in homes here and there on an irregular

The first of these traveling ministers was the lowship Hall from about Rev. John L. "Father" Dyer in 1867, followed by the Rev. Jesse Smith and the Rev. George Murray and possibly others.

L. Rickards and the Rev. B.A. Washburn, though, who were both assigned to this area from 1873-1874. They organized guache UMC is located at the church body at Mil- Christy Avenue and 6th

Samuel Ashley, P.H. Wilcox and Preston Hotchkiss. These five men made and signed the Article of Incorporation.

The church has experienced many highs and lows in its 150 years. There have been many periods when it was difficult to find and keep a pastor. There were other years when the church enjoyed huge growth in membership and pastors who remained for several years.

In more recent years, The church body had the church yoked with the its beginning at Milton Center United Methodand within just a few ist Church, a yoke which lasted 60 years. Through the entire history of the church, it has been the members, and often the women of the church, who have sustained it during the lean and difficult times.

> money for Raising church needs, continuing Sunday School and prayer meetings held the church together even during the worst periods. This up-and-down history illustrates quite clearly that a church is not the building, it is not the pastors, it is not the conference, but it is the body of people of the community. Seventy-some ministers later, after Rickards and Washburn, the Saguache church is still sharing the

> faith in the community. The Saguache UMC, therefore, is holding a 150th Year Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, and it will begin with a worship service at 11 a.m. This will be followed by an open house and reception in the Fel-

12:30 to 3:30 p.m. There will be a community Bible display and a historical photo display of pastors, the church over It was the Rev. John the years and weddings

and other special events.

The Saguache congregation is preparing for a remarkable day. The Saton, along with local men Street in Saguache.

Hotel

Mary

Joseph's.

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er, "generally as an anchor and way to draw visitors downtown." She then referred to the page in the plan where a downtown hotel in that location was specifically indicated as a preference by members of the public, which did not include city staff or members of the city council.

It is too early in the process for specifics of the hotel to be known, but Sanchez shared with council that Patel is shooting for a hotel with a 90-room capacity and is currently considering plans from the Hyatt Studios brand and Staybridge Suites. The plan also sets a 50-foot maximum for any new building built downtown.

The development agreement involves three pieces of property already owned by the negotiating parties specifically, the cityowned 45,000 square-foot lot where the Walsh Hotel (currently in demolition) once stood and the 18,750 square-foot lot (known locally as the Pink Elephant site) Patel owns that is directly east of the Walsh on the other side of State Avenue. Further to the east, the Pink Elephant site is bordered by another lot, owned by the city of Alamosa and measuring 11,500 square feet. Combined, the Pink Elephant site and the lot to the east total 30,100 square feet, all unpaved and cur-

According to the development agreement, the city will deed over the 45,000 square foot lot to Patel. In exchange, Patel will deed over the Pink Elephant 18,750 square foot lot, giving the city ownership of that entire 30,100 square foot area.

rently used for parking.

Patel further agrees to construct a parking lot on the 30,100 square foot land with the agreement that some of the parking spaces will be dedicated, as needed, to hotel use from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. the next day.

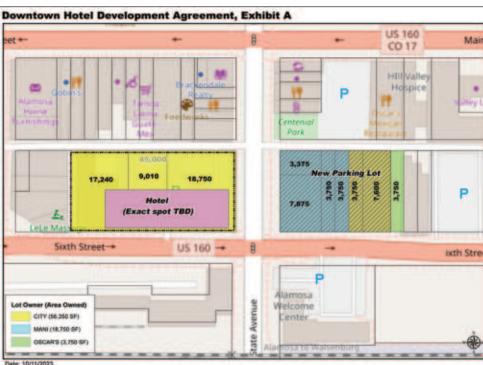
come up and just give her hugs like she was their grandma. She is very kind, very loving, and generous. As a mother-in-law, I could blessed than with her." tinez until his death and has one son Tony who was

have never been better Martinez was married for 63 years to Ben R. Marpresent for the interview. Regarding her work at

Homelake, Martinez offered, "You work with the members, you treat them the best you can. You talk and joke with them and treat them the best you can. It was nice, I liked it, I really liked that."

cos football fan, she watches their games regularly. When asked how the Bron-

As an avid Denver Bron-



Map designates land to be deeded to Patel and the City of Alamosa.

In return, the city agrees to reimburse Patel for construction of the parking lot from the new sales tax funds paid by the hotel. In that way, Sanchez emphasized, the city is not using any funds from the existing budget to repay Patel but, instead, reimbursing him for the construction from a portion of the sales tax funds generated by the ho-

Depending upon the number of parking spaces required by code, how many of those parking spaces will be located on the hotel property and how many will be needed on the parking lot across the street, a cap will be set for the amount Patel will be reimbursed for the cost of construction. In speaking to council,

tel he built.

Sanchez acknowledged that the agreement may seem, at first glance, to be inequitable deeding 45,000 square feet of land to Patel and being deeded 18,750 square feet of land in return. But, she said, that cost

will be offset by the influx of new revenue the downtown hotel will create. Using an algorithm accepted as an industry standard in calculating the economic year, of \$20.2 million. impact of a hotel on the surrounding economy, it's

anticipated that hotel con-



struction and operation for example creation of new jobs — will have a direct positive impact of \$21.9 million on the city. Once multipliers are applied as those dollars are circulated in the local economy, that projected impact increases

to \$39.2 million. In the following years, the direct impact to the local economy is estimated to be \$11.9 million with a to-

tal estimated impact, each Once Sanchez had completed her review of the Manish Patel addressed council, stating he had lived in Alamosa for 15 years. He believes the hotel will be "good for the community, good for the downtown area and good for economic growth" in "the city that is [his] home." As Deacon Aspinwall,

planner for the city of Alamosa, later told the Valley Courier, the development agreement also includes deadlines, including a July 2024 deadline for plans to be completed and a July 2027 deadline for the hotel to be ready for occupancy. development agreement,

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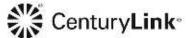
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CenturyLink also participates in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which provides eligible households with a discount on broadband service. The ACP provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands.

For both programs, a household is defined as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Services are not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in these programs. Consumers who willfully make false statements to obtain these discounts can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from these programs.

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The root of all evil

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by Kevin Kirkpatrick

For those of you who follow Ol' Dutch and Miss Trixie on their weekly adventures, you know there is never a dull moment. And just like the character Roseanne Roseannadanna, who was played by the great Gilda Radner, used to say, "it's always something.

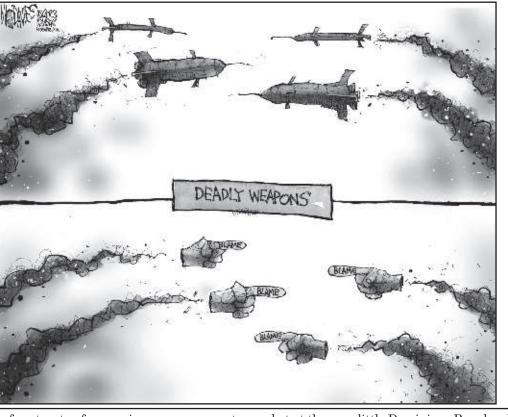
And this past week did not disappoint al-

though the stress did get to Ol' Dutch more than usual as it involved money. And most importantly His money. I don't think there is anything that

stresses me out more than dealing with money whether it be an abundance or lack thereof and this past week dealing with a Credit Union sent me off into orbit.I was so high I probably could have seen John Glenn circling the earth had I stopped long enough to look out the window. It all started so innocently enough when

Ol' Dutch found himself with a little bit of extra mammon to invest. And interest rates being what they are, I had perused the Internet until the keys on the computer wore out but finally found a 6.1% interest rate at a local credit union. Now it's been a long, long time since I had been in one of these financial institutions as I normally use a bank for all transactions but I thought how hard can it be to just

So off I went and soon I was embroiled in a process and I found out it can be about four-hours-hard which should have been my first clue that something was about to go awry. Finally dotting the i's and crossing the t's I escaped from there albeit without



a free toaster for opening a new account. But nonetheless I felt pretty good about getting a high rate of return. That is until I got home and Miss Trixie checked the account for me.And it's a good thing she did as I soon was made aware that by the time I drove home the Credit Union had reduced the interest from 6.1 to 4.79%.

I soon found out that there was no way to actually call the branch which raised my blood pressure a notch or two. But what they did not know is that there is one thing that you never do to Ol' Dutch and that is come between him and his money. I do love it and I know that is a sin but I pray a lot and ask forgiveness so all is good on the eternal life part of me anyway.

But any who, the next morning found me back at the credit union and sans a mandatory appointment, I walked into the offices of the fearless leader there unannounced. Miss Trixie had tagged along with me so that I didn't blow a proverbial

gasket at the poor little Dominican Republic girl who had found herself in over her

Finally she got a manager and he tried to explain that the extra interest was still under approval and was now going to be 5.98%. It appears to me that these folks who deal only with money and only with numbers could not even run a calculator.

There is a story about the Kirkpatrick clan that says they were riding with Robert Bruce the future King of Scotland and he had stabbed a man in a saloon. The Kirkpatricks went back and "made sure" the man was dead. Hence the "I Make Sure" on our family crest. So when they asked what I wanted to do I motioned with historical accuracy and finality by drawing my finger across my throat. I was done with that place.

This caused a mad mass confusion as they had to figure out how to cancel a year long CD and get my money back but two

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hours later I left, check in hand and found a real bank with working calculators and a matching rate.

Now I know that all credit unions are

probably not like this branch as some of

them are sure to have calculators this late in civilized history and a few may actually have bank officers with more than a month's experience but if this had been the Lottery, Ol' Dutch hit all those numbers on his first try out of the bank box. Thinking this was a portent of good luck

to come, I did buy the big Lottery ticket but alas, didn't win the billions. Looks like therefore I will be writing this column again next week as I cannot afford to bug

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GOP candidate: The 2024 race is 'stuck'

By BYRON YORK

An extraordinary document emerged from the 2024 Republican presidential race this week, and it isn't getting enough attention. It's a memo from the super PAC supporting Tim Scott, the GOP senator who was once seen as a promising contender but has recently slipped in polls both nationally and in early primary states. Scott is now in seventh place in the RealClearPolitics average of national polls. He is tied for fourth in Iowa, sixth in New Hampshire and fourth in his native

Written by Rob Collins, co-chief of Trust In the Mission PAC, or TIMPAC, the wellfunded organization supporting Scott's campaign, the memo announced that the PAC was canceling millions of dollars in planned spending on TV ads this fall. "The Fall Republican primary is stuck," Collins writes. "Donald Trump leads a cluster of statistically tied contenders by a wide margin. Vote share of non-Trump candidates trades up and down, but no campaign has achieved break away velocity. The fundamentals of the race remain unchanged: President Donald Trump occupies a lane by himself."

The Scott campaign had planned to spend millions on ads this fall. But, so far, only Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and then former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, have emerged as challengers to Trump,

and they have only "traded vote share," according to the memo. Trump remains far, far ahead. After extensive research, Collins and the Scott effort have decided that "the electorate is locked up and money spent on mass media isn't going to change minds until we get a lot closer to voting." Therefore, the memo continues, 'we aren't going to waste our money when the electorate isn't focused or ready for a Trump alternative."

A move like TIMPAC's is often seen as the first tolling of the candidate death knell. In this case, it might be. So far, Scott has campaigned hard and has spent about \$20 million on TV ads, both from his campaign and the super PAC. He is well-liked everywhere, but there is a difference between being well-liked and being a presidential contender. Since a wellreceived beginning, Scott has endured a long, slow decline. His worst moment came at the first Republican debate, on Aug. 23, when Scott was often passive, failing to step out and make the impression his backers hoped he would.

That has led to the place no candidate wants to be, when reporters start asking when he will quit. "Scott in the past week has dismissed questions about whether he intends to drop out soon," reports Politico. The new TIMPAC memo will only increase the questioning.

On the other hand, the Collins memo

makes some trenchant observations about the state of the Republican campaign now, observations that reach far beyond Tim Scott. The main fact is this: Donald Trump has a huge lead, and all the other candidates can do is wait to see if something happens. What is "something"? It could be Trump's upcoming criminal trials, or it could be something else. But the bottom line is that, at this moment, Trump's lead appears insurmountable, and some event -- details TBA -- will have to happen to change that.

'Some will challenge our theory of the election, but we would ask these critics to produce any evidence that shows any candidate, at this time, at any spending level, breaking through," Scott writes. He points out that Win It Back, an anti-Trump super PAC created by the conservative Club for Growth, recently admitted that the \$6 million it has spent on ads opposing Trump have made no progress.

"Every traditional postproduction ad attacking President Trump either backfired or produced no impact on his ballot support and favorability," super PAC head David McIntosh wrote. Now, the Scott Super PAC has experienced its own version of ad failure. So they are getting out of the television ad business until things improve — if things improve. "Once the voters truly engage and are ready for a new conservative direction — we will be

ready to engage in broadcast media to help Tim earn our party's nomination," the TIMPAC memo says.

The TIMPAC memo makes it clear that Scott will stay in the race until that time comes. Maybe he will, and maybe he won't; it is easier said than done. But that is exactly what every other candidate is trying to do. It presupposes two things: One is that something will change, and two is that the candidate can last until it

does. Neither is assured. But that is the state of the Republican race now. And one last thing: Therein lies opportunity. Yes, it is possible, even likely, that Trump's lead will go on and on and he'll win the nomination and everybody else will lose. But there has never been a race with this level of uncertainty before. Next year promises to be highly eventful, and there is no guarantee Trump, facing trials and voters, will maintain his current level of support. And if he does not, the Republican candidate who is best prepared, who has put himself or herself in the best position, will take advantage of Trump's problems. We don't know who that might be, or if it will happen at all. But that's what Tim Scott and all the other GOP candidates not named Trump are

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doing right now.

Op-Ed: National Newspaper Association calls proposed new postal rates 'punitive'

By NATIONAL NEWSPAPER

ASSOCIATION The proposed Jan. 21, 2024, postage in-

crease for community newspapers is nearly four times the rate increase proposed for other users of the mail. In an announcement last Oct. 6, the United States Postal Service announced it expected a 7.3% increase for the local Within County mailing rate for newspapers.

The average proposed increase for First-Class mail is 1.9%, even though the First-Class stamp rate would rise by 2 cents to 68 cents. The proposed increase for advertising mail is also 1.9%, though the increase

within that mail class used by local newspapers to distribute shoppers and other advertising mail increases ranging from 2.1 to 3.9%, depending upon mail density. The rate for Periodicals mail destined for outside the publisher's county would settle at a more modest 1.59%. That rate is also used by national magazines and other na-

USPS is permitted to increase rates without direct approval by the Postal Regulatory Commission, although the PRC is required to review the proposed rates for illegalities and calculation errors. The increase is intended as the first half of a semi-annual increase and to go into effect Jan. 21, 2024.

National Newspaper Association Chair John Galer, publisher of The Journal-News in Hillsboro, Ill., said the dramatic rate increase for local newspapers was a

"It certainly seems as if the Postal Service wants to discourage newspapers from using the mail. At a time when local journalism is already in peril and more newspapers are using the mail to reach subscribers, this increase is simply punitive," Galer said. "We expect both our subscribers and other stakeholders in our community to push back at the subscription increases that will be made necessary by

the Postal Service's action." Ironically, the Postal Service's principal justification for the steep increase is that the PRC now requires USPS to share more of the savings created when publishers do some of the work that postal workers would otherwise have to do, such as presorting the mail and transporting it to destination post offices. Traditionally, USPS has shared far less than 100% of the savings when it passes along mail discounts. But because PRC is pushing the postal system to be more generous in sharing the savings, USPS is simply raising the basic rate so it can show a more acceptable dis-

"Raising our prices so it can claim it is creating a fair discount is the sort of math we associate with shady deals," Galer said. "Our industry has been doing a lot of mail preparation work for years to help keep postal costs down. For us to now be punished for that work simply adds outrage to our disappointment."

The Postal Service is now guided by the Delivering For America plan introduced by Postmaster General Louis DeJoy to help the Postal Service compete for the package and parcel business. Twice-a-year postage increases have been part of the DFA plan, which allows USPS to raise rates to the fullest extent allowed above inflation.

The details of the postal rate announcement are available on the PRC's website at

PortalPrc (arkcase.com).



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Lifestyles

Wildlife and Transportation Summit highlights the successes of recent policies and projects

By COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

CASTLE ROCK — As snowstorms begin to develop in the high country, big game herds will move to lower elevations seeking vegetation and water These movements across Colorado's terrain mean wildlife will be crossing roads and highways more frequently as they push toward their winter ranges. Motorists need to be more diligent when driving, especially between dusk and dawn, when wildlife-vehicle collisions are more likely to occur.

While motorists can make a difference by being more conscientious when driving, the Colorado Wildlife and Transportation Alliance is also working to resolve conflict between animals and vehicles. This week, the Alliance brought together like-minded partners from several agencies, municipalities, and organizations at the 2023 Wildlife & Transportation Summit held in

Douglas County. "It was exciting to see the diverse partners come together and hear about their interests, passions and commitments to help the state of Colorado address the drastically high rates of wildlife-vehicle collisions," said Dan Gibbs, executive director for the Colorado Department of Natural Resources. "Let's harness the energy in this room to continue to identify opportunities for projects and hone in on the highway sites that will best benefit from mitigation features like overpasses, underpasses and high wildlife fencing."

year's summit was a field standing between CDOT As well, representatives life underpasses recently creasing collaboration demia, nonprofits, and built along the Interstate and coordination be- engineering also partici-

rado Springs and Castle and the 2022 CO Senate

"Prior to these wildlife features being built and included in the I-25 life crossing projects. Gap project a few years ago, this was one of the strate to our federal and last areas remaining on state leaders the incredthe front range where ibly beneficial impact we could connect large these initiatives have on animal movements from safe passage for people the plains, across this and wildlife," said Micorridor, to the Rocky explained Mountains," Chuck Attardo, CDOT I-25 South Corridor Environmental Manager. "So this I-25 corridor is the link right here, it was an important missing piece. This is where we absolutely had to enhance the highway system for the benefit of big game and small mammals to maintain their movements from prairies to mountains, while at the same time reducing animal

hits."

visit, the summit also ininformational presentaaimed at improving safety for wildlife and motorists and improving habitat connectivity. In the six years since the first Wildlife & Transportareducing wildlife-vehicle at the local level. collisions. Policies and initiatives include the ers in attendance at 2018 U.S. Department the summit were indiof Interior's Secretarial Order to improve the cal municipalities and quality of big-game winter range and migration eral agencies including corridor habitat, a 2019 CDOT, CPW, Federal Executive Order by Col- Highways Administraorado Governor Polis to tion, Southern Ute Inconserve Colorado's big dian Tribe, U.S. Fish & game winter range and Wildlife, National Formigration corridors, a est Service and Bureau A highlight of this Memorandum of Under- of Land Management. trip to two of several wild- and CPW aimed at in- from the fields of aca-

Bill 151 which created the state's first wildlife mitigation fund for wild-

"It's critical to demonchelle Cowardin, Wildlife Movement Coordinator for CPW. "Our goal is to capitalize on the momentum of these recent measures and to continue to identify the needs, gaps, and opportunities for long-term and proactive approaches to maintain healthy wildlife populations in Colorado and at the same time build successful partnerships at local, state, and federal levels.'

The two-day Summit wrapped up with a dis-Aside from the site cussion on what's next for wildlife and transportacluded educational and tion in Colorado. In addition to seeking additional tions which reinforced funding for the Wildlife the benefits of federal Mitigation Fund creand state initiatives ated by Senate Bill 151, the Alliance was encouraged to continue to support implementation of on-the-ground projects. Participants highlighted the need to build on work tion Summit in 2017, with partners, specificalthe Alliance is proud of ly with county decisionthe progress those ini- makers who can help the tiatives have made in Alliance achieve its goals

Wildlife stakeholdviduals from several locounties, state and fed-25 corridor between Colo-tween the two agencies pated in the summit.

New backyard avian influenza case confirmed in Colorado

DEPARTMENT OF **AGRICULTURE**

BROOMFIELD The US Department of (USDA) Agriculture's National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) confirmed a new case of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in a backyard flock in Weld County, the Colorado Department of Agriculture reported.

The flock experienced a high mortality event, losing 20 of 24 chickens in the flock, after exposure to sick and dying wild geese on the premises. The remaining birds in the flock were euthanized.

"We had a much-needed reprieve of HPAI detections in the country from this spring to summer. Unfortunately, as we see the fall movement of migratory birds through the United States, including Colorado, we are beginning to see HPAI cases increase again," said Colorado State Veterinarian Dr. Maggie Baldwin. "We will continue to work with commercial poultry and egg producers as well as backyard flock owners

to ensure they adhere to

strict biosecurity prac-

tices that can help keep

birds safe and decrease

Since April 2022, Colorado has experienced the largest foreign animal disease outbreak in state's history with the loss of more than 6.2 million domestic poultry due to HPAI. CDA continues to update the HPAI Response page with current information, online at ag.colorado.gov/HPAIresponse.

The USDA's Defend the Flock program has resources for bird owners, including sample biosecurity plans, videos, ians and producers must and tips on how to keep a healthy flock.

Additionally, the Colorado Department of Ag- narian's office at 303-869riculture has tips on biosecurity, informational the voicemail message webinars, a form to report any sick birds, and more information about HPAI on the Avian Influenza page at ag.colorado. gov/hpai.

INCREASE BIOS-

birds from HPAI. The

USDA Defend the Flock

sources for keeping poul- Wildlife office.

ECURITY: Poultry owners must immediately increase biosecurity measures to protect their

the spread of the virus." tion. Commercial poultry producers can use this toolkit to assess their biosecurity practices and preparedness.

> MONITOR: Monitor your flock for clinical signs of HPAI, including monitoring production parameters (feed and water consumption, egg production) and increased illness and death. Any changes in production parameters that could indicate HPAI should be reported.

> · REPORT: Veterinarreport any suspicious disease events in poultry flocks to the State Veteri-9130. If it is after hours, will indicate which veterinarian is on call.

If you have sick birds or birds that have died from unknown causes, help is available at the Colorado What bird owners can Avian Health Call Line at CSU, 970-297-4008.

Wild birds: If you find three or more dead wild birds in a specific area within a two-week period or if you see live birds showing clinical signs of disease, contact your lowebsite has helpful re- cal Colorado Parks and



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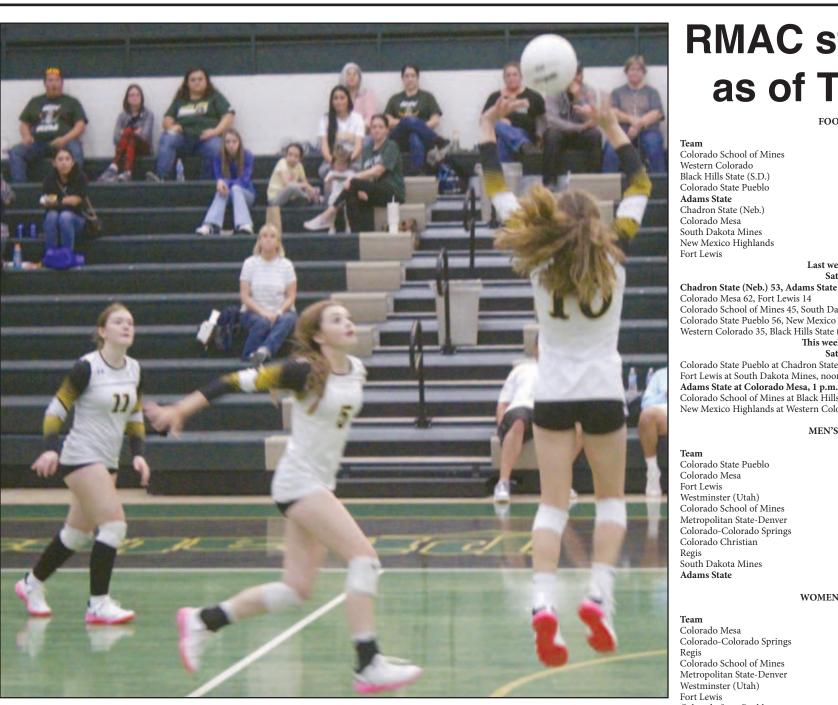
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Courier photos by Ken Hamrick Sargent High School's Reese Anderson (10) sets up a kill attempt for Kandace Pargin (5) in Thursday's match at Monte Vista. The Lady Farmers defeated the Lady Pirates in four sets.

Sargent assured of at least a share SPL championship

By KEN HAMRICK

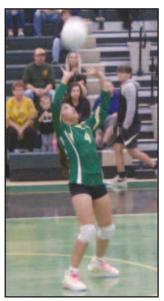
Courier sports editor MONTE VISTA - The Sargent High School volleyball team defeated Monte Vista in four sets Thursday at the Monte Vista gym.

The win assured the Lady Farmers of at least a tie for first place in the Southern Peaks League.

"We don't to tie," said Sargent coach Sami Cotton. "We're ready to take it to Trinidad on Saturday."

The Lady Farmers got off to a fast start as they won the first two sets by scores of 25-13 and 25-17. The Lady Pirates,

however, took a big lead



Monte Vista High **Destiny** School's Thursday's

in the third set and fought off a Sargent rally to win

The Lady Farmers sealed the victory in the fourth set as they won

"Monte Vista is a tough team," Cotton said. "Our league is kind of interesting. We're all beating each other, so it's pretty competitive. We're happy about the tough game and we're excited to beat them."

Sargent (15-5, 5-1) will host Trinidad on Saturday. The match begins at 1 p.m.

"They started the season ranked pretty high," Cotton said. "They've taken some lumps and so have we. So it will be a good test for us."

Monte Vista (4-13, 1-6) has concluded SPL play. The Lady Pirates will next travel to Fairplay to take on South Park. The match begins at 3 p.m.

RMAC standings as of Tuesday

FOOTBALL Colorado School of Mines Western Colorado Black Hills State (S.D.) Colorado State Pueblo Chadron State (Neb.) Colorado Mesa South Dakota Mines New Mexico Highlands Fort Lewis Last week's scores Saturday

Chadron State (Neb.) 53, Adams State 14 Colorado Mesa 62, Fort Lewis 14 Colorado School of Mines 45, South Dakota Mines 22 Colorado State Pueblo 56, New Mexico Highlands 7

Western Colorado 35, Black Hills State (S.D.) 20 This week's schedule Saturday Colorado State Pueblo at Chadron State (Neb.), noon Fort Lewis at South Dakota Mines, noon

Colorado School of Mines at Black Hills State (S.D.), 1 p.m. New Mexico Highlands at Western Colorado, 1 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER W-L-T W-L-T Colorado State Pueblo 11-2-1 5-1-0 Colorado Mesa Westminster (Utah) 6-4-4 Colorado School of Mines 4 - 4 - 5Metropolitan State-Denver Colorado-Colorado Springs Colorado Christian 1-2-3 3-4-6 3-9-2 South Dakota Mines 3-11-0

WOMEN'S SOCCER Conf Overal W-L-T Team Colorado Mesa 11-0-1 Colorado-Colorado Springs 6-0-1 8-2-3 10-3-1 Regis Colorado School of Mines 9-2-3 Metropolitan State-Denver Westminster (Utah) Fort Lewis 6-2-5 Colorado State Pueblo Black Hills State (S.D.) Western Colorado 1-6-01 - 10 - 2Colorado Christian New Mexico Highlands 0-6-1

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9 a.m.

Alamosa at Class 3A State Tournament (at

Alamosa at Sterling (Sterling Invitational),

Alamosa vs. Lamar (Sterling Invitational),

Crested Butte at Mountain Valley, 11

Manzanola at Sangre de Cristo, 11 a.m.

Alamosa vs. Wiggins (Sterling Invitational),

Sierra Grande at Las

1 p.m. Center at Creede,

Adams State at Colo-

try

Adams State at

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Sports Bulletin

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

SCOREBOARD THURSDAY Prep girls volleyball

Sargent def. Monte Vista 25-13, 25-17, 24-26, 25-18

SCHEDULE FRIDAY Prep football

Mountain Valley at Primero, 1 p.m. Monte Vista at Cen-

ter, 6 p.m. Manzanola at Sangre de Cristo, 6 p.m.

Sanford at Mancos, 6 p.m.

Alamosa at Florence, 7 p.m.

Centauri at Ignacio, 7 p.m.

Prep cross country Antonito, Centauri, Centennial, Center, Del Norte, Monte Vista, Sargent at Class 2A Region 3 Meet (at Buena

Vista), 11 a.m. Alamosa at Class 3A Region 2 Meet (at Monument Valley Park, Colorado Springs), 2

Prep boys soccer

Lake County at Ala-

mosa, 4 p.m.

Prep girls softball Alamosa vs. Strasburg (Class 3A State Tournament at Au-

rora), 12:15 p.m. Prep girls volleyball

Mountain Valley at Primero, 1:30 p.m. Sanford at Mancos,

2 p.m.

Del Norte at Swink, 3 p.m.

Monte Vista at South Park, 3 p.m. Antonito at Center,

Sierra Grande at Co-

topaxi, 4 p.m. College men's soccer

Metropolitan State Denverat Adams State, 3 p.m.

College women's soccer

Adams State at Metropolitan State Denver,

6 p.m. College women's

volleyball Metropolitan State Denver at Adams State, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY Prep football Del Norte at Trini-

dad, 1 p.m. Sargent at Hayden, 1 p.m.

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Prep girls softball

Aurora), TBA

Prep girls volleyball

10 a.m.

Alamosa vs. Merino (Sterling Invitational), 11:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Animas, 1 p.m. Trinidad at Sargent,

5 p.m.

College football

rado Mesa, 1 p.m. College cross coun-

RMAC Championship (at Denver), TBA College women's

4 p.m.

Lifestyle

It is time to assess outdoor spaces and remove potential tangle hazards for antlered wildlife

By COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

DURANGO — Halloween decorations can create a real scare when antlered wildlife get tangled up in them, and that's only a small fraction of the human-created hazards deer, elk and moose can encounter in yards each fall. All of these hazards can be prevented by the public doing its part.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife asks Coloradans to assess their outdoor spaces and remove potential tangle hazards for antlered wildlife that are in migration from summer habitat to winter range while they seek mating opportunities.

CPW officers respond every year to incidents where antlered animals have become dangerously entangled. Common hazards include hammocks, holiday decorations, garden items such as tomato cages as well as soccer goals and netting from sports such as tennis and volleyball.

People can do their part to be a good neighbor to wildlife by putaway summer recreational and landscaping equipment that is not in use and to make sure holiday lights and decorations are secured tightly wherever they are hung.

"Right now, is a good opportunity to clean up your yard and to remove items a curious animal might stick its nose in or get wrapped up in," said CPW Assistant Area Wildlife Manager Steve McClung out of the Duimpairments can affect caught on an antler." their mobility, vision

Bucks can be especially prone to these situations this time of year. During the rut - or breeding season – bucks will rub their antlers on objects to mark territory and signal their presence to other bucks. The rut has started for deer mid-November through December.

drink."

When animals such as deer and elk become entangled, the stress involved and the physical exhaustion caused by trying to break free can lead to death.

Wildlife officers can your area. often get deer untangled if they are nearby calling with informaand notified in a timely manner. In some cases, they will cut off the observed, its behavior, animal's antlers to free whether it is tied to an it. In other instances, object or still mobile they can remove the and if the hazard is object. Some cases do not require human as- from eating, drinking or sistance if the entangle-breathing. ment is not preventing the animal from eating animal from an enor drinking or if there tanglement yourself. A

mal could get caught up in other items that would prevent it from being mobile. In those instances, the animal will be free of the burden when it sheds its antlers.

"We need to know about these situations quickly," McClung said. "It's best if we can get to these animals before they've undergone too much stress and have exhausted themselves. Darting them also creates stress and can lead to mortality if the animal has already been stressed too much.

"If the animal is not tethered to what it is tangled in, it can be difficult to chase them through a neighborhood and get into a position to dart them, or sometimes they disappear and we their hooves and antnever catch up to help lers can cause serious them. The sooner we get injury. information, the more likely we will be able to ing season, it is imporassist that animal."

CPWrecommends holiday lights and decorations be placed higher than six feet or attached tightly to trees and buildings. Lights or webs that hang low or are draped insecurely over vegetation easily object or person appears get tangled in antlers.

Because decorations have grown in popularity, CPW has responded to increased incidents of wildlife getting tangled in everything from fake spider webs and plastic skeletons to plastic pumpkins typically used for fall, and there has altrick-or-treating.

"Deer are curious this year in Aspen. and want to check out something that's hang- in neighborhoods may ing along their path or appear docile and not rango office. "And when a bucket to see if it's pay much attention to you're putting up deco- food," McClung said. the presence of humans rations, keep wildlife in "They may stick their much of the year but mind. We see animals nose in and get those ob- may behave aggressiveget wrapped up all the jects stuck around their ly this time of year. time, and all of these face or get the handle

It has also become inand ability to eat and creasingly popular for people to bring holiday decorations onto public lands for social media photo opportunities. CPW reminds the public to pack out whatever they pack in and to never leave decorations out where they can present a danger to wildlife.

If you see wildlife that and will hit its peak in does become entangled, report it directly to CPW by calling the office local to you or through Colorado State Patrol if it is outside of normal business hours. When calling CSP, they will relay your information to the on-call wildlife officer in

> Be prepared when tion regarding the animal's location and time preventing the animal

Never try to free an is low risk that the ani-stressed animal may act



John Livingston/CPW photo A mule deer buck in Durango is pictured with holiday lights tangled in its antlers in 2022.

more aggressively and

During the fall breedtant to give antlered wildlife more space and to use increased caution in their presence. During the rut, these animals have a one-track mind looking for a mate. They can become agitated if any other animal, to be posing a challenge. Halloween Dogs are often targets and can be badly injured by a buck's antlers.

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DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO

Court Address 8955 Independence Way Alamosa, CO 81101 Telephone: (719) 589 - 4996

HAVEN FAIR and ALVIN HOLDEN, JR., Plaintiff,

ALLIE RAY. EARNEST WILSON, NATHANIEL WILSON,

PREATO WILSON, WILLIAM H. WILSON, JR., WILLIAM H. WILSON, SR.,

WILLIAM H. WILSON, SR., and FAMILY.

and all other persons who claim as heirs, devisees, creditors or otherwise under said defendants, and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action

Defendants
Attorney: Motz Law Firm, LLC
Name: Jeffrey E. Motz

Jeffrey E. Motz 410 San Juan Ave. P.O. Box 779 Alamosa CO 81101

Phone Number: (719) 589-6676 E-mail: jeff.motzlaw@gmail.com

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2023 CV 030012

EVIZE OF GOOD IZ Division C SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION) THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-

NAMED DEFENDANTS:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend

against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action by filing with the Clerk of this Court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within thirty five (35) days after the service of this Summons upon you. Service of this Summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty five (35) days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice to you This is an action to quiet title to the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa and State of Colorado, to-wit:

The SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 5, Township 37 North, Range 9 East

DATED: September 19, 2023
MOTZ LAW FIRM, LLC
By: Jeffrey E. Motz
Jeffrey E. Motz
Jeffrey E. Motz

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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2004, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by Mary Lucille Millsap as grantor(s) in favor of Academy Mortgage, LLC d/b/a Academy Mortgage Lending Group, LLC as beneficiary and Public Trustee of Alamosa County as trustee, and was recorded on May 11, 2004 as Reception Number 316643 in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder, Alamosa County, Colorado; and WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Sec-

retary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and WHEREAS, beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust is now owned by

the Secretary pursuant to an assignment dated August 20, 2015, and recorded on October 2, 2015, as Reception Number 360940, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder Alamosa County, Colorado; and WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and condi-

tions of the Deed of Trust in that the payment due on September 7, 2022, was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan

to currency; and WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of September 29, 2023 is \$231,578.59; and WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be

immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on August 28, 2023 as Reception Number 389652, notice is hereby given that on November

08, 2023 at 12: 0 0 p. m. local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at

public auction to the highest bidder: Lot 2, in Block 8, Carroll Subdivision, Addition No. 1 to the City of

Alamosa, Alamosa County, Colorado. Commonly known as: 713 Plachy Drive, Alamosa, CO 81101 The sale will be held at the Alamosa Combined Court at 8955 Inde-

pendence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid

\$231,578.59. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to

the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$23,157.86 [10% of the Secretary's bid] in the form of a certified

check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$23,157.86 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the

be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver The secretary may grain an extension of time within within to derive the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expi-ration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee

conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will

shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an

amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it The scheduled to lectosure sale shall be cancelled of adjustment in is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary o

HUD, before public auction of the property is completed. Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below

s/ Jennifer Rogers Foreclosure Commissioner IDEA Law Group, LLC

Jennifer C. Rogers 4530 S. Eastern Ave., Ste. 10 Las Vegas, NV 89119 877-353-2146 No. 3589.

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District Court of Conejos County, Colorado

PO Box 128 Conejos, CO 81129

(719) 376-5465 In the Matter of the Estate of: Waldo Benjamin Torres aka Waldo Ben Torres aka Waldo B Torres aka Waldo Torres Deceased COURT USE ONLY

Jerome A. DeHerrera, Atty Reg. No. 35893 ACHIEVE LAW GROUP LLC 146 W. 11th Avenue Denver, CO 80204

Phone: (303) 725-2769 E-mail: jdh@achievelawgroup.com Case Number: 2023PR30013 Division C Courtroom NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-

12-801, C.R.S. NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of : Waldo Benjamin Torres , Deceased

ber: 2023PR30013 All persons having claims against the above named estate are re-quired to present them to the personal representative or to

District Court of Conejos, County, Colorado or Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado on or before February 13, 2024 (date)*, or the claims may be forever barred.

Achieve Law Group, LLC Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice 146 W 11th Ave.

Address Denver, CO 80204 City, State, Zip Code No. 3603. Published in the Valley Courier on October October 13, 20, & 27,

Notice of Request for Proposal for Ditch Cleaning and Maintenance

Subdistrict No. 5 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District is seeking proposals from qualified equipment owners and operators to clean and maintain the channel along approximately 4,600 feet of irrigation ditches in Saguache County. The contractor will be responsible for supplying the equipment needed for the channel cleaning and will also be responsible for complying with existing regulations. In your response please include your qualifications to conduct this type of work, a cost estimate for completing the work and a timeline for completing the project. For further questions, including arranging a site visit or to obtain a map, please contact Chris Ivers at 719-589-6301 or chris@rgwcd.org. Proposals will be accepted through Octo-ber 25th, 2023, and may be submitted in person or by mail to 8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO, 81101, or by e-mail to chris@

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County Court ffiDistrict Court Denver Juvenile Court SAGUACHE_County, Colorado
Court Address:501 4rn STREET, SAGUACHE CO

In the Matter of the Petition of:

or $\label{eq:fiparent} \textit{fipParent/Petitioner: DENISE MARTINEZ for Minor Child:JAIDEN}$

DANIEL ATENCIO
For a Change of Name to: JAIOEN MARTINEZ

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Case Number:2023CV3
Division C Courtroom

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Public Notice is given on OCT 10, 2023 (date) that a Petition for a Change of Name of a

ffiMinor Child or Adult has been filed with the SAGUACHE Court. The Petition requests that the name of JAIDEN DANIEL ATENCIO First Name. Middle Name Last Name

be changed to

JAIDEN MICHAEL MARTINEZ
First Name Middle Name Last Name

By Pearl Gutierrez
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk

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County Court ffiDistrict Court Denver Juvenile Court SAGUACHE_ County, Colorado
Court Address:501 4TH STREET, SAGUACHE CO
In the Matter of the Petition of:

ffiParent/Petitioner: DENISE MARTINEZ for Minor Child:JAYLAH ATENCIO
For a Change of Name to:JAYLAH MARTINEZ

COURT USE ONLY Case Number:2023CV4
Division C Courtroom

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Public Notice is given on OCT 10 2023 (date) that a Petition for a

ffiMinor Child or Adult has been filed with the SAGUACHE Court. The Petition requests that the name of JAYLAH. DANIELLE ATENCIO

First Name Middle Name Last Name be changed to
JAYLAH DANIELLE MARTINEZ
First Name Middle Name Last Name By Pearl Gutierrez

Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES & HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Our organization is accepting competitive proposals for 12 self-help homes in Monte Vista: In the Tierra del Sol Subdivision. We invite All contractors/sub-contractors to submit their proposal to CRHDC. Suppliers are welcome to submit proposals as well. Lumber mat'l & trusses

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Carpet, pad & installation Carpet, pad & Sheet Vinyl Cabinets, countertops & installation

Garage door & installation Spray Foam insulation Blower Door Testing

Gutters & installation Sub-contractors or suppliers may obtain specifications & proposal packets during business hours 7:00 am to 3:00 pm @ 1016 West Avenue, Alamosa, CO Deadline for bids is November 1, 2023 by 4:00 pm.

CRHDC reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all proposals and waive all formalitie

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FOR YEAR 2024

NOTICE is hereby given that a Proposed Budget has been submitted to the Town of Center Mayor and Town Board of Trustees for the ensuing year of 2024 on October 10, 2023; a copy of such Proposed Budget has been filed in the Office of the Town of Center Town Manager, where the same is open for public inspection; such Proposed Budget will be considered at the following Regular Meeting of the Town of Center Town Board to be held at the Center Town Hall, 294 South Worth Street, Center, CO 81125 on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 Regular Town Board Meeting for final adoption

Any interested elector of the Town of Center may inspect the Pro-posed Budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget. For more information please contact the Town of Center, 294 South Worth Street, Center, CO 81125, Telephone (719)754-3497 during regular business hours Monday through Friday.

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NOTICE

The San Luis Valley Housing Coalition will submit an application to the Colorado Division of Housing (DOH). The purpose of this application is to request up to \$510,000 to develop 10 homes for purchase at Church Street and Jackson Street, South Fork, CO. The request of funding from DOH is to benefit persons with low and moderate incomes by increasing the availability of affordable housing in South Fork Colorado, Rio Grande County. It is not the intent to cause displacement from any existing housing; however, if persons are dis-placed from their existing residences reasonable housing alternatives shall be offered.

All interested persons are encouraged to contact the applicant for further information. Written comments should be sent to PO Box 592 Alamosa, CO 81101 or dawn@slvhc.com and will be forwarded to DOH for consideration during the application process. Members of the public may request a public meeting and should arrange a request with the Applicant. Applicant shall post notice of

meeting (Date, Time, and Location) to ensure other members of the public are aware of meeting. If reasonable accommodations are needed for persons attending the public meeting, please contact the No. 3626. Published in the Valley Courier October 20, 2023.

NOTICE

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 Authelet #C14 8x10 Car seats, sinks, barrels, crates, tile, other

Peter Authelet #C19 8x10 tile, miscellaneous items Abigayle Farmer #B22 8x10 Aquarium tanks, freezer, mini fridge, and

Tim Lopez #77 10x10x8 Miscellaneous items Tim Lopez #B16 8x10 clothes, boxes of miscellaneous items, bike Jennifer Montoya #B29 8x10 Construction tools

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NOTICE is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the for the ensuing year of 2024; a copy of such proposed budget

has been filed in the office of Town of Romeo , where the same is open for public inspection; such proposed budget will be considered at meeting of the to be held at on October 19, 2023 at 6:30pm. Any interested elector of may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adop-



099 -**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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221 -**HELP WANTED**

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WANTED LOCAL DRIVER WITH CDL license to HAUL HAY. Driving experienced preferred. Must have clean MVR, drug testing required, off weekends & holidays. If interested, call 719-843-5446. (11/7/23)

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

TOWN OF LA JARA is accepting applications for a full-time MAIN-TENANCE 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 under-standing 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) V C L C A T HOMELAKE is seeking permanent full-time REGISTERED NURSE (RN eligible for Sign-On Încentive), CUSTODI-AN, DINING SERVIC ES, and CNA (CLIENT CARE AIDE) positions for our 24-hour Skilled Nursing Home as well as TEMPORARY CNA (PRN) POSITIONS. We offer competitive salary, retirement plan (Public Employees Retirement Account (PERA), 401K/457), health and dental insurance options, life insurance, short term disability, 11 paid holidays/year, paid sick, vacation and bereavement for permanent positions. Must have a current driver license; pass a CBI/FBI background check, and drug screen. Interested candidates in the above positions must complete an official State application. http://agency. governmentjobs.com/ colorado Contact Nina Esquibel for assistance at 719-852-8215. For questions regarding available open shift(s) for RN, & CNA positions, contact Christina Gillenwater, ADON at 719-852-5118. (10/24/23)

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

HELP WANTED FULL-TIME SALES

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Valley Publishing has an immediate need in advertising sales (full-time). Any sales experience is appreciated but will train. Email resume to General Manager Brian Williams at bwilliams@valleypublishinginc.com

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ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is now accepting applications for the following position: GIRLS HEAD BAS-KETBALL 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)

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is currently accepting applications for (1) MANASSA ELEMEN-TARY PHYSICAL ED-UCATION TEACHER, start date of November 6, 2023. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Teaching License or the ability to obtain one. Applications are available at the Administration office, 17887 US Hwy 285, La Jara, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. Application deadline is until position is filled. Submit application to Mr. Darren Edgar, Superintendent. EÖE. (11/1/23)

ADAMS STATE UNI-VERSITY is hiring a CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT AD-VISOR/RECRUIT-ER. This is a twelvemonth exempt, at-will, full-time position with a competitive salary and benefits. The primary responsibility of the position is managing student records and recruiting and advising high school con-current students. This individual will report to the Executive Director of Extended Studies. A bachelor's degree with relevant experience is required. Some in state travel is also required. For more information, please visit https://www. adams.edu/hr/employ-

ment/. (10/21/23)MONTE VISTA **HEAD** START is accepting application for a Teacher Aid. This position is full time 38 hours/ week. Must have a Colorado Shines Level 2 or equivalent. Starting pay is \$15.50 to \$16.25 depends on experience. Applications are available at Monte Vista Head Start, 2863 Sherman Ave., MONTE VISTA, Colorado. For more information, you may contact the Director by email, Director@ MVheadstart.org or call 719-852-3215. An employment application must be complete. Position open until filled. (10/21/23)

UNABLE TO DRIVE. NEED TRANSPORTATION biweekly for shopping. Live 2 miles from Splashland. Text 719-480-1990, Robert will return call. Prefer senior citizen, retired individual. (11/1/23)

WORKING TO-**GETHER FAMILY** ADVOCATE- LA PU-ENTE seeks a motivated, qualified person to improve parent/child education, increase family self-sufficiency and build community partnerships. We will train the candidate with the best written and oral communication skills. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of serving others. Send resume/work references to hr@lapuente. net . (10/31/23)LOCAL NONPROFIT ALPINE ACHIEVERS

INITIATIVE is hiring a part-time RECRUIT-MENT COORDINA-TOR. Position will be flexible 25 hours/week, mostly remote, busiest January-April. Primary functions will be recruiting AmeriCorps service members. See full job description and application instructions at alpineachievers.org. (10/25/23)

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221 -**HELP WANTED**

ANTONITO HOUSaccepting applications for OFFICE ASSIS-TANT. Applications can be picked up at 526 River St., ANTONITO. (10/28/23)

FULL-TIME CUS-TODIAN/MAINTE-NANCE POSITION open at the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. This is a 4-10 hour day (Monday-Thursday) with some weekends as needed. Applicant must pass a background check, be able to work independently, and be a forwardthinking individual with an overall team approach to all tasks at hand. Applicant must also be able to work in all weather conditions (snow removal/general landscaping). If interested, please contact Demo Trujillo, 719-657-4040 x4007, dtrujillo@ urtigers.co. Applications can be retrieved online at: www.urtigers.

co. (11/10/23) COSTILLA COUN-TY IS SEEKING a CASEWORKER for the DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES. Annual Salary DOQ. Duties include: Intake and/or ongoing social casework services to families/adults, performing assessments, counseling, and crisis intervention. Investigate abuse, neglect and other forms of maltreatment of children and adults. Bachelor's Degree required. Applications can be picked up at the Costilla County Department of Social Services and returned at Services and returned at Costilla DSS, Attention Jackie Vigil, 233 Main Street, San Luis Colora-do, 81152. Inquires call (719) 672-3481. EOE. (10/25/23)

221 -**HELP WANTED**

ALAMOSA SCHOOL **DISTRICT** is now accepting applications for the following position: ASSISTANT COOK (District Wide). 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. (10/20/23)

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

CAFETERIA STAFF **NEEDED** at UP-PER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Must have high school diploma and some knowledge of working in a kitchen or a willingness to be trained. Pay is dependent on prior experience. Please contact Leslie Martinez at 719-657-4040, x1100 or email her at lmartinez@ <u>urtig</u>ers.co. (11/8/23)

SOUTHERN COL-ORADO FARMS (CENTER, CO) is hiring an OFFICE MAN-AGER/ACCOUNTING LIAISON. Full-time. Applicants must have accounting degree/experience or equivalent. Major responsibilities include preparation of financial reports for analysis, data management of crop costs, inventory management, and administrative duties. Annual salary is \$45k-\$50k DOE. Send resume to emartinez@ southerncoloradofarms. com. (10/25/23)

221 -**HELP WANTED**

CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26Jt 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 posi-tion of ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCA-TION 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. Appli-cations can be found on the District Website https://www.center.k12. co.us/page/employmentopportunities or contact the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until

ing a dedicated, energetic, and passionate High School Student Health Career Pipeline PROGRAM COOR-DINATOR 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 or call 719-298-0177. SLV AHEC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (10/21/23)

Position is Filled. EOE.

SLV AHEC IS seek-

(11/4/23)

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

221 -**HELP WANTED**

BAGGERS/STACK-**ERS NEEDED IMME-DIATELY** at WORLEY & MCCULLOUGH. Please fill out application at 2471 East County Road 7 North, MON-TE VISTA, CO 81144. (10/24/23)

DEREK'S PLUMB-ING HIRING LI-CENSED JOURNEY-MAN PLUMBER. Pay based on experience. Call 719-588-0682. (10/24/23)

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

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 nnieman@ landmarkmanagement. com Equal Employment Opportunity. (10/20/23) LOCAL NONPROFIT **ALPINE** ACHIEVERS

INITIATIVE is hiring a DEVELOPMENT DI-RECTOR. 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 for position description and

instructions. (10/31/23)

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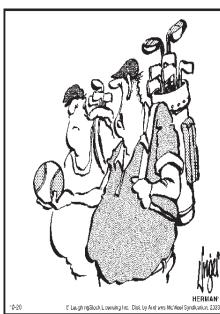
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Family walks on eggshells amid fertility struggles

DEAR ABBY: My son married a wonderful woman. Sadly, they are having great difficulty conceiving a baby. They have opted out of many conventional medical procedures because of their religious beliefs, for which I admire them.

While their struggles persist, another close family member has recently had a baby. My daughter-in-law has chosen not to see this family member or the baby because of the emotional pain of not being able to conceive herself. My son, who I know is torn, is supporting his wife. Our visits with them never include the new mom, dad and baby. My son has met the baby twice on the down-low without my

Our hearts are heavy. Our nuclear family has always been close, but this is putting a strain on the rest of us, although we empathize with my DIL's emotional pain. What advice can you offer for this situation? -- SADDENED IN THE EAST

DEAR SADDENED: Your daughter-in-law's circle of friends (not to mention family) is going to shrink to nothing if she persists in hiding from anyone who has reproduced. Unless her religious beliefs discourage psychological counseling, she should absolutely reach out for some, and your son

(who is already seeing the

new baby on the down-low)

should insist upon it. DEAR ABBY: I have always had a great relationship with my in-laws. My father-in-law, "Jerry," is a contractor who has generously helped us with renovations and other work around our condo. We moved to a house last year and expressed interest in a new bathroom floor. We bought all the materials and removed the old floor so he could install the new

When Jerry offered to buy us a new vanity, we thanked him and accepted. After ordering it, he now wants us to put some money toward the sink and faucet. (We also owe him for air fare to an out-of-state wedding.) My husband, "Eddie," is mad and doesn't want to give his dad anything because he says Jerry "can afford it," while some months are more difficult for us. I don't know if I can morally live with not giving my fatherin-law what we owe him. -- INDEBTED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR INDEBTED: And ... the difference between you and Eddie is this: You have character, while your husband is ungrateful and entitled. Your father-inlaw should be paid what is owed him. Warn Eddie that

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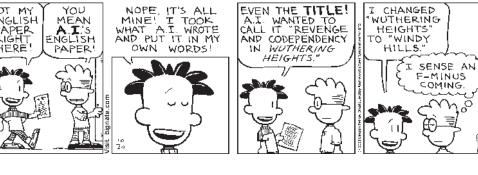
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South Fork Chili Cookoff heats up bowls of success

By LYNDSIE FERRELL **SOUTH FORK** — The South Fork Visitor Center Chili Cookoff was considered a smashing success on Thursday, Oct. 12. Eager tasters filled the South Fork Community Center and more than 21 contestants competed in the best of the best in

three categories.

This year's theme was "Star Wars," and each competitor did a wonderful job decorating the tables and surrounding room which made for a wonderful evening of neighborly fun. Chili contestants lined the expanse of the community center offering their own take on green chili, red chili, and salsa. People gathered outside and waited for their chance to come in and taste some of the best chili and salsa around.

events that took place in South Fork over the past summer, the Chili Cookoff was given new life thanks to the partnership of the Town of South Fork, the South Fork Visitor Cen-Friends Foundation.

Foundation Luke Brennan paid off uniquely flavored chili in

and brought in about 15 Colorado!" contestants who were eager to keep the event going.

Brennan's determination coupled with new visitor center Director Larry Tumbleson and his wife Sharon's creative spark made for an evening of fun, hospitality, and the chance to meet with family, friends, and neighbors. In the years past, the event was something to and now that the cookoff has received new life, the hope is that the community will look forward to it once again.

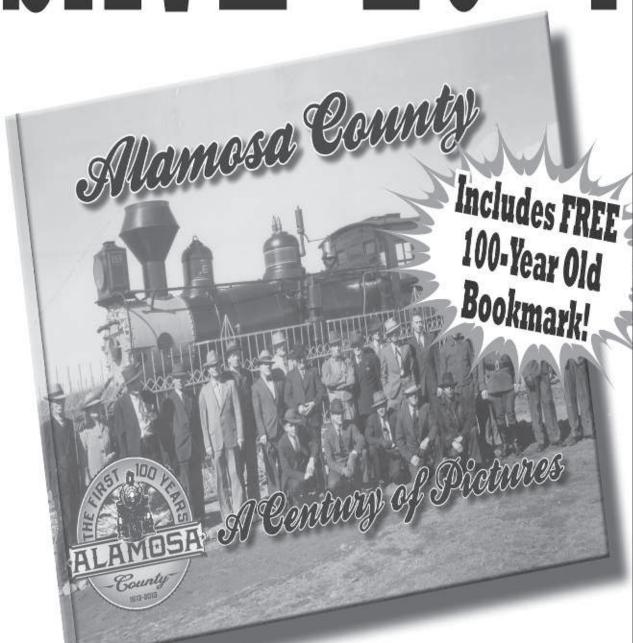
you to all our wonderful supporters and volunteers. Thanks goes out to the Rio Grande Club and Resort for their generous contribution of two food and beverage certificates and rounds of golf certificates for raffles and Like many of the other awards. Huge thanks to the South Fork Friends Foundation for supporting, getting the word out and rounding up more contestants. To Dennis Shepherd and the Silverthreader Club for providter, and the South Fork ing drinks and desserts. volunteers Travis То Over the past month, Cross, Dustin Hund and the event came close wife Casey for cleanup to being canceled until and support and to all one last marketing ploy the contestants for their from South Fork Friends time and effort in providpresident ing some of the best and

The event's winners were as follows: first place for the Red Chili Category was Ali Butler and Caitlyn Steffens and second place for the Red Chili Category went to the South Fork Friends Foundation. First place for the Green Chili Category was Jim and Monica Pemberton and second place went to Ramones Mexican restaurant. First everyone looked forward for the Salsa Category went to South Fork Fire Rescue and second place went to Jones Riley.

The South Fork Friends Foundation also earned "Great job and thank the Best Table Decoration award for the night.



More than 21 contestants participated in the South Fork Chili Cookoff on Thursday, Oct. 12.



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