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## SLV Today

### Alamosa Commissioners to meet Wednesday

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa County Board of County Commissioners will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m., at 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa. The public is invited to attend in person or via Zoom with meeting ID# 270-314-6874.

### Annual Bane and Blessing Yard Sale

MONTEVISTA — The annual Bane and Blessing Yard Sale at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church located at 3rd and Washington streets in Monte Vista will take place June 15 from 8 a.m. to noon. There will be a wide variety of reasonably priced items to interest all shoppers. In addition, there will be items on the free table that will include magazines and children's paperback books. All proceeds from the sale are designated for local outreach projects.

### Rocky Mountain RAC to meet in MV

MONTE VISTA — The Rocky Mountain Resource Advisory Council will meet June 20 at the Bureau of Land Management's San Luis Valley Field Office in Monte Vista. An optional field tour will be conducted the following day.

The June 20 meeting is open to the public and will begin at 10 a.m. Members of the public may also pre-register to attend virtually via the Zoom platform.

Agenda items include a discussion on national conservation areas, the Lobatos Bridge project, status updates on solar development, the field office's acquisition of the Middle Creek parcel, and an update on fire mitigation efforts in the area around Poncha Pass.

The June 21 field tour will meet at the Monte Vista Field Office at 9 a.m. and is tentatively slated to visit Penitente Canyon, the Limekiln area, and La Jara creek. Members of the public who choose to attend must provide their own transportation.

For more information, contact the Rocky Mountain District public affairs office at 719-839-1584.

## SLV WEATHER

Chance of Afternoon Showers, Breezy 80/45

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## Denver Air Connection greenlighted to continue serving San Luis Valley Regional Airport

By JOHN WATERS  
Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — The U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded a federal Essential Air Service subsidy to Denver Air Connection (DAC) to continue passenger operations at the San Luis Valley Regional Airport in Alamosa. The airline will continue to use 30-seat Dornier 328 and 50-seat ERJ-145 aircraft. ■ See SERVE page 3

On the afternoon of June 10, these Denver Air Connection employees ready this ERJ-145 aircraft for a flight to Denver. The airline recently was awarded a federal Essential Air Service subsidy to continue serving the airport for the next two years.

Courier photo by John Waters



## Valley EMS crews respond during an emergency exercise drill at the airport

By JOHN WATERS  
Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — On Saturday, emergency responders from agencies throughout the San Luis Valley participated in a mock drill at San Luis Valley Regional Airport.

The mock scenario involved a 50-passenger ERJ-145 aircraft had crashed while on approach to the airport and was burning. Approximately 100 emergency responders participated in the drill. ■ See DRILL page 3

During the emergency exercise at the airport, the actors who were pretending to be injured from an airplane crash were removed from an old school bus that was a prop standing in for a burning aircraft.

Courier photo by John Waters



## San Luis town manager honored by Colorado Preservation

STAFF REPORT  
COSTILLA COUNTY — San Luis Town Manager Susan Sanderford has received the Colorado Preservation Inc. (CPI) Mark Rodman Award.

CPI is a statewide non-profit historic preservation organization that advocates for the preservation of place. One of the ways that CPI supports the effort of local preservation is to acknowledge the individuals and projects occurring across the state that exhibit strong preservation practices, this annual recognition is given at their Dana Crawford and Alpine Bank State Honor Awards.

In 2023 with the passing of preservation leader, Mark Rodman, CPI introduced a new award focused on local preservation.

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Left to right, Tom Witt, CPI Board President, Susan Sanderford's son, Susan Sanderford, Jennifer Orrigo, and Charles Executive Director CPI. Susan Sanderford received the Colorado Preservation Inc. Mark Rodman Award on May 20.

Courtesy photo



## 'The Queen' is Creede theatre's 2024 poster

By KEITH R. CERNY  
Courier Publisher

CREEDE — Hoping to "immortalize the spirit of this cherished storyteller," Creede native and artist Hanna Waters captured the spirit of 50-year Creede Repertory Theatre (CRT) veteran Christy Brandt in a painting of her at a young age. That portrait was chosen as the 59th season poster for CRT as revealed Saturday night at the Main Stage Theatre.

Those words from Hanna were quoted by her mother, longtime Creede framer and gallery owner Chere Waters who introduced the painting in her daughter's absence. Even though the painting

was done more than 10 years ago in honor of Brandt's 40 years at CRT, it was selected this year in tribute to her 50 years at the theatre.

Appropriately titled, "The Queen," Hanna was quoted as saying the painting "speaks to the enduring legacy of Christy Brandt herself and Creede Repertory Theatre as whole."

While announcing the unveiling, Interim Artistic Director Kate Berry said Hanna "is a writer, artist, philosopher and daydreamer." She was born and raised in Creede, later receiving her BA in studio art from Colorado College and studied classical drawing at Charles Cecil Atelier in Flor-

ence, Italy, and Atelier Lack in Minneapolis, Minn.

Waters became involved in CRT at a young age and spent a few seasons in the professional company. She said Christy and her husband Brownie, longtime CRT photographer who retired last year, "were staples in my life," while growing up. The reference photo for the painting and resulting print was taken by Brownie. "I loved the sepia tones and dreamy look in Christy's eyes," Waters wrote. "I wanted to capture a particular moment in time."

A limited number of prints of Waters' painting are available for sale at both CRT stages.



Courier photo by Keith R. Cerny

Fifty-year Creede theatre veteran Christy Brandt responds to a portrait of her at a young age (shown behind her) that was chosen as the poster for CRT's 59th season. Kate Berry (right), CRT's interim artistic director, had the honor of unveiling the original painting and poster by Creede native Hanna Waters.



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# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Felix A. Cordova Sr.



Felix A. Cordova Sr., 88, passed away peacefully in an assisted living home in Colorado Springs, Colo., on June 6, 2024. He was born in Capulin, Colo., on April 24, 1936, and moved to Los Sauces, Colo., when he was 5 years old. He was united in marriage to his "high-school sweetheart" Ella E. Salazar on June 17, 1967, and lived in Manassa, Colo., where they raised their family.

He would often tell stories of his time in the military and was proud to be an Army Veteran. Annually, he trained for the Pioneer Day 5K Run and performed his daily "Army Dozen" exercises to stay fit.

Felix cherished being a schoolteacher, explaining how it had allowed him to "touch the future" as he proudly watched his students become adults with families of their own. He continued to delight his care givers and those who visited him at the assisted living home by reciting poetry and singing hymns or any other favorite song. Felix served in the Saint Joseph's Catholic Parish and attended mass faithfully. He was proud to be a Knight of Columbus - 4th Degree.

Felix is survived by his sister Cleo (Don) Bell, Sand Springs, Okla., and brother-in-law Joe Abeyta of Saguache, Colo.; Sisters-in-law Bernice Miller of Colorado Springs, Colo.,

Elva Salazar of Canon City, Colo., and Cari Salazar of Owasso, Okla.; his children Judy (Brad) Veatch, Kathleen Newell, Cindy (Ron) Nickels, Darlene (George) Letey, and Norman (Anna) Cordova; grandchildren Andrianna Veatch, Vicente Veatch, Ermelinda Veatch, Carmen Nickels, Mary Imelda Letey, John Letey, Mary Veronica Letey, and Giovanni Ignacio Cordova; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

On Thursday, June 13, 2024, visitation will be held at Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa, 205 State Ave., from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. following with a Recitation of the Rosary led by the Knights of Columbus from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. On Friday, June 14, 2024, a Vigil Service starts at 9:30 a.m. with Recitation of the Rosary at 10:30 a.m. at St. Theresa's of the Child Jesus Catholic Church, Manassa, Colo. A Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 11 a.m. at St. Theresa's of the Child Jesus Catholic Church, Manassa. Interment will follow at the Los Cerritos Cemetery, Manassa.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To express condolences, leave words of comfort and tributes for Felix's family please visit [www.RogersFunerals.com](http://www.RogersFunerals.com).



### James Richard Hillis



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our father, grandfather and great-grandfather, James Richard Hillis, 88 of Alamosa, Colo., on Friday, June 7, 2024.

Jim was born Aug. 23, 1935, in Delhi, N.Y. He was the only child of Clark and Annis Hillis, who preceded him in death.

He grew up in Upstate New York spending his childhood with many cousins and extended family. He graduated from high school at the Delaware Academy, attended Syracuse University and eventually graduated from the SUNY Ranger's School in Wanakena, N.Y.

He worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a Range Manager and Law Enforcement Officer. He took great pride in his work and worked in California, South Dakota, and several offices throughout Colorado including Saguache and Monte Vista. He fought many, many wildfires throughout the U.S. and retired after 33 years of service.

While he was working in Rapid City, S.D., in 1966 he met and married Patricia (Williamson) Biggs. Together they had four children, Steven, Beth, Tim and Teresa. His kids were his pride and joy and he spent many hours with them playing ball in the front yard, camping, fishing, hunting, traveling and attending their sporting events.

Jim loved to tell and laugh at jokes, make up stories about "side-hill gougers" and "wampus cats"—all of which his children wholeheartedly believed! He loved to dance and spent several years taking country swing classes and ended up staying on as a fill in dance partner. He was a loyal member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and dedicated countless hours reading at Saturday night mass.

For many years he sold Amway products and enjoyed the opportunity to travel on behalf of the company, making new friends and learning new sales strategies. He enjoyed being a member of the Alamosa Republicans, as well.

The Brooklyn Dodgers were his favorite baseball team, and he was so disappointed when they went to L.A. One of the highlights of his younger years was the opportunity he was given to briefly play minor league baseball.

He was also one of Alamosa High School's most devoted fans. He attend-

ed as many sports as he could, even if his kids and grandkids weren't competing. He loved to go to the Colorado State Wrestling Tournaments in Denver and showed up 31 consecutive years to support the wrestlers! When he was no longer able to get out of the house, he missed being able to go to the sporting events the most.

He is survived by his children: Steven Hillis, Beth Quinlan, Tim (Kristi) Hillis, Teresa Hillis (Chester Baker) all of Alamosa, his grandchildren Aaron Quinlan (Jenna), Corey Quinlan (Anne), Cody Quinlan, McKenna Quinlan (James Selman), Tayleur Hillis, Kolten Hillis (Liana), Kacey Hillis, Kennedy Hillis, Amanda Martinez (Gavin), Whitney Martinez, AJ Baker and his great-grandchildren Noah Quinlan, Makissa, Cayesen, Brooklyn and Kjerstin Quinlan and Christina, Hamilton and Kaidon Selman.

A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2024. A rosary will be held at 9:30 a.m. and Funeral Mass will follow 10 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Alamosa. He will be laid to rest at the Alamosa Cemetery.

Arrangements have been made through Rogers Family Mortuary. To leave online remarks, condolence, and words of comfort for Jim's family, please visit [www.RogersFunerals.com](http://www.RogersFunerals.com).

## Rio Grande County Museum partners with Lookout Mountain Observatory Club

### STAFF REPORT

**DEL NORTE** — The Rio Grande County Museum recently announced a new partnership with the Lookout Mountain Observatory Club. The club was forced to pause events shortly after founding member Al Hibbs died two years ago, but now thanks to the current board members and the museum, the club is back and will be hosting Star Parties soon.

The Rio Grande County Museum invites the public to come join them in celebrating this new partnership on June 21, beginning at 5 p.m. Lookout Mountain Observatory Board President Terri Verbecken will be giving a presentation on popular astrological events including the birth and death of a star. Following the presentation, Verbecken, with the help of fellow board members, will give a demonstration on how to use a telescope at home and where to begin when wanting to start observing the skies.

Through this partnership, the two entities are hoping to offer star viewing capabilities through a wireless feed from the Lookout Mountain Telescope to a monitor at the museum for easier viewing conditions and location. Though the project is in the early stages, now is the time to get excited about astro-tourism coming to the museum and revitalizing Dark Sky initiatives in and around Del Norte.

The evening will be a wonderful way to meet the board, hear about the exciting things coming up this summer and to show support for the resurrection of a group that has been near and dear to the heart of Del Norte.

The town of Del Norte is wrapped in a rich history that very few know about. The small mountain town once contended to be the capital of Colorado only to lose to Denver in the early days of the town's history. One fun story that highlights the changing times of the mid-to late 1800s is

the fact that Del Norte was once home to one of the largest observatories in the nation which was built by the Presbyterian College of the Southwest.

Now to understand the history, it would be apt to begin with how the college came to be in Del Norte. According to documents provided by the Rio Grande County Museum, the Rev. George M. Darley met with the Synod of the Colorado Presbyterian Church sometime between Oct. 10 and 14 of 1883.

The Synod was looking to choose a site for the new college and had to choose between three locations. Del Norte was once again pitted against Denver for the chance to be home to the new college.

According to records George M. Darley offered the Synod, which consisted of 41 delegates, \$40,000 if they would agree to have the college built in Del Norte.

"One of the delegates felt Del Norte was not suitable and it was at this time that Rev. Darley, believing as he did, jerked the dissenting delegate over a pew by his coat collar and shook his fist in the delegates face until the man realized Del Norte was an excellent choice for the college." It was then that Del Norte was honored with the college.

In 1883 the San Luis Valley did not have any high schools and because of this the college continued to struggle until it was closed with low student attendance. The college was home to six teachers the year it was opened and included a boarding house which was donated by a wealthy woman by the name of Mrs. Stuart. The building is still in use today but is now comprised of private apartments.

It was in 1885 that college workers began building an observatory at the top of Lookout Mountain which provided an excellent location for viewing stars and planets. "Everyone helped. The town built a road near the top

and burros packed timbers up a long winding path."

In an article submitted by Rev. Darley in the San Juan Prospector he stated, "I will be at the bottom of the Mount Lookout with tools and I expect to work 10 hours a day, six days a week until it is done. Any citizen wishing to join me will be welcome."

The telescope, driving clock and other instruments reached Del Norte in December of that same year. The telescope that was housed in the observatory was built in Pittsburgh, Pa., and was 10-feet long with 9 1/2 inch glass. The driving clock could be timed with planetary bodies so that it would automatically aim the telescope to the appropriate place in the sky.

"The dome of the observatory was comprised of heavy imported tin which was soldered by Frank Hanna Sr. The dome was constructed so the window or slit through which the telescope was sighted could be turned in such a fashion that any point in the sky could be scanned."

News of the new observatory traveled by horseback to all surrounding San Juan communities, and it was said that the observatory was, "Thought to be one of the finest west of the Mississippi."

Once the structure was completed, an astrologer and mathematician Dr. Notenstein took charge of the observatory, and the college quickly became known as one of the top institutions for astronomy and theology.

The college closed its doors in 1901 due to a myriad of issues. Some of those issues included difficult transportation, lack of students, and the Spanish American War. When the college closed, the telescope was shipped to California and placed in the Mount Wilson Observatory where it then was sold into a private collection.

### PENDING OBITUARY

#### Elva Gloria Espinosa

Elva Gloria Espinosa, 92, passed away June 4, 2024. Arrangements entrusted to Lindquist's Layton Mortuary, 1867 N. Fairfield Rd., Layton, Utah.

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# Valley News

## RG County holds work session on Dominion Voting System update

By LYNDISIE FERRELL

**RIO GRANDE COUNTY** — For the past several weeks, Rio Grande County Clerk and Recorder Cindy Hill has been speaking with Rio Grande County commissioners regarding an update to current elections systems used in Rio Grande County and after the approval to move forward with the update, commissioners requested a work session to answer questions.

Rio Grande County uses Dominion Voting Systems to count ballots and has passed every audit required by the State of Colorado since the voting system installation in 2017.

There was some expectation that a Dominion representative would be at the work session, but according to RG County Administrator Skip Schoen, “they not able to make our chosen time fit with their schedule.” Schoen conveyed this in an email to Valley Publishing.

The purpose of the work session, Schoen explained, was to provide them with information on the upgrade to version 5.17 of the Dominion Democracy Suite. The commissioners and the public were provided a Dominion document describing the product changes included

with the system upgrade to version 5.17.

According to Hill the upgrade is to the existing contract and is a first amendment to the original contract signed March 31, 2017. No new equipment is being added, no programming changes have been made since 2017.

The contract renewal approved by commissioners will include new equipment and improved software scheduled to be installed in July.

Hill also explained that the new software and equipment must undergo the Logic and Accuracy Testing (LAT) and pass all Colorado State requirements before it is used in the election this fall.

During the testing LAT, judges mark 25 ballots each, all voting combinations are run, all ballot marking devices must be tested and the results are hand counted to confirm accuracy. If there are any errors detected or found the process is repeated until 100 percent accuracy is confirmed.

During the meeting, Rio Grande County commissioners heard from six experts, three representing each side of the conversation, those for and against the use of Dominion Voting Systems. Each person had a five-minute time limit beginning with



Photo by Lyndisie Ferrell

**Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners hosted an informational work session on an update to the Dominion Voting System currently used at the county for elections. Rio Grande County Clerk Cindy Hill explained the contract renewal with Dominion and the steps she takes to ensure secure elections within the county.**

those against the use of Dominion.

Dr. Walter Daugherty, an expert in Computer Science and Professor Emeritus at Texas A&M University was the first to speak. He asked commissioners to consider seven questions as they gained more information on the Dominion Voting System.

Daugherty was a co-author for the Mesa County Report Number 3 which found the Dominion Voting System created unauthorized databases and deleted election records. Daugherty continued stating that the first question that needed to be asked was whether or not these issues had been addressed and corrected by Dominion.

Throughout the rest of Daugherty’s comments,

he highlighted other potential issues posed by the voting system and said Dominion Voting Systems tested in Texas were tested twice and failed both times by the Secretary of State.

Next to speak against the Dominion Voting System was Ret. Air Force Col. Shawn Smith, a former senior military evaluator for Space, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Systems under Director, Operational Test and Evaluation (DOT and E) Office of the Secretary of Defense.

“I want to address and focus on the election systems that you have in your county. The voting systems are not made here. The problems with the voting systems nationwide are the same and

from the same sources,” said Smith. Smith said that the voting system used by the county was insecure, though it passed all testing done in compliance with state regulations. “These systems are not secure.”

Smith was followed by IT expert Mark Cook who spoke about how hard it was for the general public to understand how these systems work and that he has been working on the Dominion Voting Systems for four decades. Cook said there are concerns about Dominion’s inability to conform to basic transparency regulations by potentially covering up several errors throughout their use in counties around the country.

Those who spoke for the use of Dominion were from the Colorado County Clerk Association (CCCA), including Executive Director Matt Crance, Weld County Clerk Carly Koppes, and Jackson County Clerk and President of the CCCA, Haley Johnson.

Johnson was the first to speak stating, “The CCCA is comprised of all 64 county clerks in the State of Colorado and a four-member executive board. We are very active in the proposed changes to elections, motor vehicle and other services throughout the state.”

Johnson explained the purpose of the CCCA. The Colorado County Clerks Association is a non-governmental entity and includes in its membership the 64 County Clerks of Colorado and their designees. County clerks are elected through a vote of the residents of the county they serve, or they are appointed by the city council.

Next to speak was Weld

County Clerk Koppes. “All the mail ballot envelopes go through signature verification, and as you all are very well aware, in-person voting is still available. Only 6 percent of voters in Colorado actually use that option, so we listen to our voters. We are all paper ballot here in Colorado for those who have expressed that concern.”

After Koppes, CCCA executive Director Crance finished the meeting by answering some of the questions raised during the conversation including whether the CCCA maintained election records to which he responded, “Yes, absolutely, one hundred percent, yes.”

Koppes said that it was not required by the state to maintain the operating system logs and that wireless devices on voting systems components are not illegal regardless of what other experts may have to say.

At the end of the presentations, Rio Grande County Commissioner Scott Deacon said that he voted against the renewal of the Dominion Voting System because of the discrepancies.

“If Dominion is selling this product, then where are they,” he asked.

Commissioner Gene Glover said that he also had more questions than answers.

“We are blessed to have Cindy; we all know that. I have some concerns about Dominion overall,” he said.

Rio Grande County Administrator Schoen in closing reminded everyone “this was an informational work session to obtain additional information for the county commissioner.”

## Drill

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50 EMS responders participated in the event as did 24 actors who were the “passengers” on the doomed flight.

During the exercise, crews for the airport, Denver Air Connection, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Alamosa County Administration, Alamosa EMS, Alamosa Sheriff’s Office, the Alamosa Fire Department, Adams State Police, SLV Health, Costilla EMS, Rio Grande County EMS, and the Del Norte Airport all took part in the drill. The exercise enabled all of the crews an opportunity to work together in responding to a mass casualty event.

Alamosa County Commissioners Lori Laske and Vern Heersink were two of the “passengers” on the flight who sustained “injuries,” and were assisted by EMS workers. Heersink said, “Our airport crew, emergency management, and first responders are the ones who do all the work. I’m happy to help out portraying an injured passenger so these folks can practice their craft.”

Eric Treinen, Alamosa County Emergency Manager said this, “I think the biggest positive is we had multiple agencies working together with an incident command system that normally we don’t on this size scale. It was very positive that we were able to all work together and get the job done. We did have some communication breakdowns. We did have a few hick-ups, and this is why we do these exercises, so we can learn in a controlled environment and



Courier photos by John Waters

**Alamosa County Commissioner Lori Laske participated in a mock emergency exercise at the San Luis Regional Airport on Saturday.**



**In this frenetic scene at the mock exercise at the airport in Alamosa, over 16 EMS agencies from throughout the Valley participated in responding to a passenger aircraft crash. The pretend injured were transported to SLV Health in Alamosa and the Conejos County Hospital in La Jara.**

make those changes.”

Alamosa Fire Department Chief Bill Stone said this, “Having sat in on a lot of the planning, there is a lot of time and effort. The folks who put this together did a tremendous

job... overall I think everyone did a great job in the various positions that they assumed during this event. There are always going to be challenges during an event like this, and how you respond to

those challenges is important and I think people reacted pretty well.”

The emergency drill is an event the Federal Aviation Authority mandates all passenger airports conduct every three years.

## Honor

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on individuals making a strong difference in their communities.

Sanderford is the second individual to

receive this award as a result of her commitment, vision, dedication and partnerships - often spearheading preservation projects within the community of San Luis.

CPI has worked on many projects within

the Valley to include the People’s Market (the R&R Market being listed as one of Colorado’s Most Endangered Places) as well as the Sangre de Cristo Heritage Center, which received a financial grant from

CPI’s Rural Revitalization grant program last year.

CPI commends Sanderford’s ability to move preservation forward locally. CPI recognized her commitment on May 20.

## Service

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jet aircraft between Alamosa and Denver for the next two years under the terms of the agreement. The Essential Air Service is designed to guarantee that small airports like Alamosa continue to have passenger service.

Denver Air Connection spokesman Jon Coleman told the Valley Courier, “We thank the USDOT for their hard work in the EAS program. We are grateful to the City and County for their continued partnership and support. We’ve seen steady growth in enplanements over the last year, and will continue to bring the San Luis Valley the reliable air service the region needs and deserves. We’ve seen such use of the early and later flights, we plan to keep those in place for the foreseeable future, including next winter.” DAC first began serving the airport in June 2022.

According to federal documents, “By this Or-

der, the U.S. Department of Transportation (the Department) selects Key Lime Air Corporation d/b/a Denver Air Connection (DAC) to provide Essential Air Service (EAS) at Alamosa, Colorado, for the two-year term from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026.

“DAC will provide Alamosa with a total of 12 weekly nonstop round trips to Denver International Airport (DEN), using 30-seat Dornier 328 jet aircraft or 50-seat ERJ-145 aircraft, at a first-year annual subsidy of \$5,679,884, and a second-year annual subsidy of \$6,077,476.2 Back-ground By Order 2022-5-9 (May 13, 2022), the Department selected DAC to provide EAS at Alamosa, for a two-year term from June 8, 2022, through June 30, 2024. DAC provides Alamosa with 12 nonstop round trips per week from San Luis Valley Regional Airport (ALS) to DEN using 30-seat Dornier 328 jet aircraft or 50-seat ERJ-145 aircraft at an annual subsidy rate of \$5,242,836.”



# Lifestyles

## Outdoor power equipment helps weather a storm or power outage

(NAPSI) — Storms are growing more powerful and frequent, so having the right outdoor power equipment on hand and using it safely is important, says the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI). Home and business owners should think ahead before foul weather or a power outage occurs.



Courtesy photo

**With a little forethought and the proper equipment, you and your home or business can stand up to just about any natural disaster.**

“Any season can be storm season now,” says Kris Kiser, President & CEO of OPEI, an international trade association representing manufacturers and suppliers of outdoor power equipment, small engines, battery power systems, portable generators, utility and personal transport vehicles, and golf cars. “It’s smart to invest in portable and whole house generators and to have other outdoor power equipment on hand, such as water pumps and chainsaws to handle water damage or flooding and damage from fallen trees.”

He notes that outdoor power equipment is evolving all the time. “There’s a power source for every need including battery/electric, propane, solar and gasoline,” he says, noting each has different maintenance and care requirements. “It’s important that you know how to safely operate your individual equipment. And, remember, always read and follow the manufacturer’s manual and never disable safety features.”

To get ready for inclement weather, homeowners should follow these tips.

1. Before a storm identify which equipment could be needed. Chainsaws or pole saws can trim and clear limbs and shrubs that may break off or get damaged by high winds. String trimmers, pruners and chainsaws can remove other material from around your home that may make it vulnerable to

wildfires.

A portable generator powers key appliances and charges cell phones when utilities go down. A whole house generator can keep the lights and appliances on and running. Before an outage, plan where the generator will be set up (never in a home or garage, and always away from your home and any air intake) and determine how to secure it if needed. Buy and install a carbon monoxide detector. Get outdoor-rated extension cords for portable generators and consider adding an approved generator cover for rainy weather.

Water pumps can get water and muck out of basements and homes. Be sure you know how to operate the pump. Never pump substances that your equipment is not designed to cope with. Pay attention to avoid overheating and follow all safety precautions.

A utility type vehicle can transport people and supplies quickly in an emergency. Keep the vehicle stable and drive slowly. Do not turn mid-slope or while on a hill. Consider taking a UTV safety course.

2. Always read and follow the safety and usage recommendations provided by outdoor power equipment manufacturers. Nev-

er disable safety features. Practice how to operate equipment before you need it. Follow all recommended safety measures on the product as well as in the owner’s manual.

3. Have the right fuel on hand and charge batteries ahead of bad weather. Most gasoline-powered equipment uses E10 or less fuel and most manufacturers recommend adding a fuel stabilizer. Fuel that is more than 30 days old may phase separate and cause running problems, so it’s important to purchase fuel just ahead of a storm. Store fuel safely and only use an approved fuel container. Only use manufacturer-recommended batteries.

4. Pay attention to your energy level and health. Preparation for bad weather, a power outage and storm cleanup can be taxing. Do not operate power equipment when tired or overly fatigued. Drink plenty of water and take regular breaks. Always use safety gear such as chaps, gloves, eye protection and hearing protection when operating equipment.

5. Always keep children and pets away from operating outdoor power equipment. Outdoor power equipment are not toys, and should never be used in a manner not intended by the manufacturer.

## Plutonium found in air near former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant

By SARA WILSON  
*Colorado Newsline*

There are measurable levels of plutonium in the area planned for recreational trail development near Rocky Flats, experts warned in a recent court filing.

Chemist Michael Ketterer and retired FBI agent Jon Lipsky measured levels using air filters at three locations near Rocky Flats during a high winds April 6, when dirt was visibly blowing through the air, they said.

They reasoned that two plutonium isotopes originating from the former nuclear weapons plant and current Superfund site were present in the air.

“It is concluded, to a reasonable level of scientific certainty, that Rocky Flats plutonium is being dispersed under episodic high-wind conditions prevalent at the site, from contaminated source areas on the (Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge), and is being transported east-

ward towards non-Federal lands and populated areas,” Ketterer wrote in a May 21 affidavit in federal court.

Rocky Flats operated in the later half of the 20th century as a manufacturing plant for nuclear weapon parts, but the FBI raided the site in 1989 on suspicion that a private contractor violated environmental laws. It shut down and was then designated an Environmental Protection Agency Superfund site, undergoing a clean-up that wrapped up in 2005. Much of the site is now a national wildlife refuge.

A proposed Rocky Mountain Greenway project in the area would connect Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Two Ponds and Rocky Flats — all national wildlife refuges — through a trail system and further open the land up for recreational use.

Watchdog community groups, including the Physicians for Social Responsibility, are seeking a preliminary injunction against construction

through the contaminated area of Rocky Flats. They argue that opening the area to the public threatens “irreparable harm” to neighbors due to the presence of plutonium. Plutonium exposure can lead to bone, liver and lung cancer, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Once construction begins and people begin walking on the site, the court filing says, the soil will be more susceptible to erosion and it will be easier for wind to pick up and spread contaminated particles.

“A prompt ruling could alleviate many of the irreparable injuries alleged by Plaintiffs by preventing the dispersal of additional soil-based plutonium into the air from the forthcoming construction work,” the June 6 filing, notifying the court of Ketterer’s work, says.

The lawsuit brought by the Physicians for Social Responsibility is pending. The case is in the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C.

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# Lifestyles

## Colcha embroidery class held at Saguache Museum

**By MARIE MCCOLM SAGUACHE** – On Sunday, June 2, the Saguache County Museum held a free Colcha embroidery class for the public. Pre-registration was encouraged but not required to attend the class. Some of the finest Colcha embroidery artists from around the Valley attended the class. They were there to teach people the art of Colcha embroidery. Approximately 30 people were at the event.



Photos by Marie McColm  
The finished work of local Colcha embroidery artists was on display during an introductory class held at the Saguache County Museum on June 2.



About 30 people attended an introductory class on Colcha embroidery at the Saguache County Museum on June 2.

The class was funded entirely by a Traditional Folk Arts Grant from Colorado Creative Industries. Each person who attended was given a cloth tote bag that contained strands of yarn, a large needle, a threader, a small pair of scissors and a flat burlap canvas to embroider on. There were six tables laid out for people to sit, and each teacher went from table to table to help participants learn a basic Colcha stitch.

cha stitch dates to colonial times. Colcha is the Spanish word for bed covering. The stitch refers to Spanish colonial needlework. The stitch originated in New Mexico and Southern Colorado. The Colcha stitch utilizes a technique of needlework that lays long and short pieces of yarn together, to create or fill in a large picture or pattern in multiple colors, textures, and designs.

The introduction to the class began with the Colcha embroidery teachers introducing themselves and showing off some of their works of art. Many of the art pieces that were shown contained fine detail stitching in multiple colors and patterns.

Many people who attended the class enjoyed walking around and looking at the artwork placed in the room by the teachers. There are many different stitches in Colcha embroidery, but during the class, the participants were only taught the basic stitch.

One of the pieces of art was for Cinco de Mayo. In it there was a man with a sombrero playing a guitar, a donkey, a bunch of hanging red chiles, and a lady with a water basket on her head, wearing a multi color skirt. In the background was a beautiful lake with cacti laid out in front, along with flying birds in the sky. It was embroidered using the Colcha stitch. The artist said she spent over 200 hours on the piece.

Host of the class, Adrienne Garbini said she hoped to put more classes together and advance them. The participants were invited to lunch that was also funded by the grant.

According to Omeka.net, the history of the Col-

For more information about the Colcha embroidery class, you may contact the Saguache County Public Museum.

## Simple ways to get a better night's sleep

(METRO) – Sleep is a vital component of a healthy lifestyle. The National Institutes of Health says good sleep improves brain performance and mood and helps reduce the risk of many diseases and disorders, including heart disease and obesity. In fact, sleep is as important for good health as diet and exercise.

adversely affect melatonin production and contribute to a poor sleep environment.

Too often people do not get enough sleep or poor quality sleep. Sleep needs change as a person ages, with young children and teens requiring between nine and 10 hours per night. Most adults need at least seven hours each night. According to Dr. Kenneth Wright, Jr., a sleep researcher at the University of Colorado, a person can make up for a poor night's sleep by sleeping in the next day, but habitual loss of sleep cannot be recuperated in a weekend.

- Exercise each day. Aim for daily exercise, which can make it easier to fall asleep at night. Avoid exercise a few hours before bed, however.

Men need to focus on sleep to feel their best. These sleep strategies, courtesy of The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the NIH, can promote better sleep.

- Spend time outside each day. At least 30 minutes of sunlight and fresh air each day can promote a better night's sleep.

- Be consistent. The body will adapt to a sleeping schedule when you go to bed and wake in the morning at the same time each day. Try not to vary your schedule between weekdays or weekends, or even when on vacation.

- Watch your naps. Naps should be short and taken before mid-afternoon.

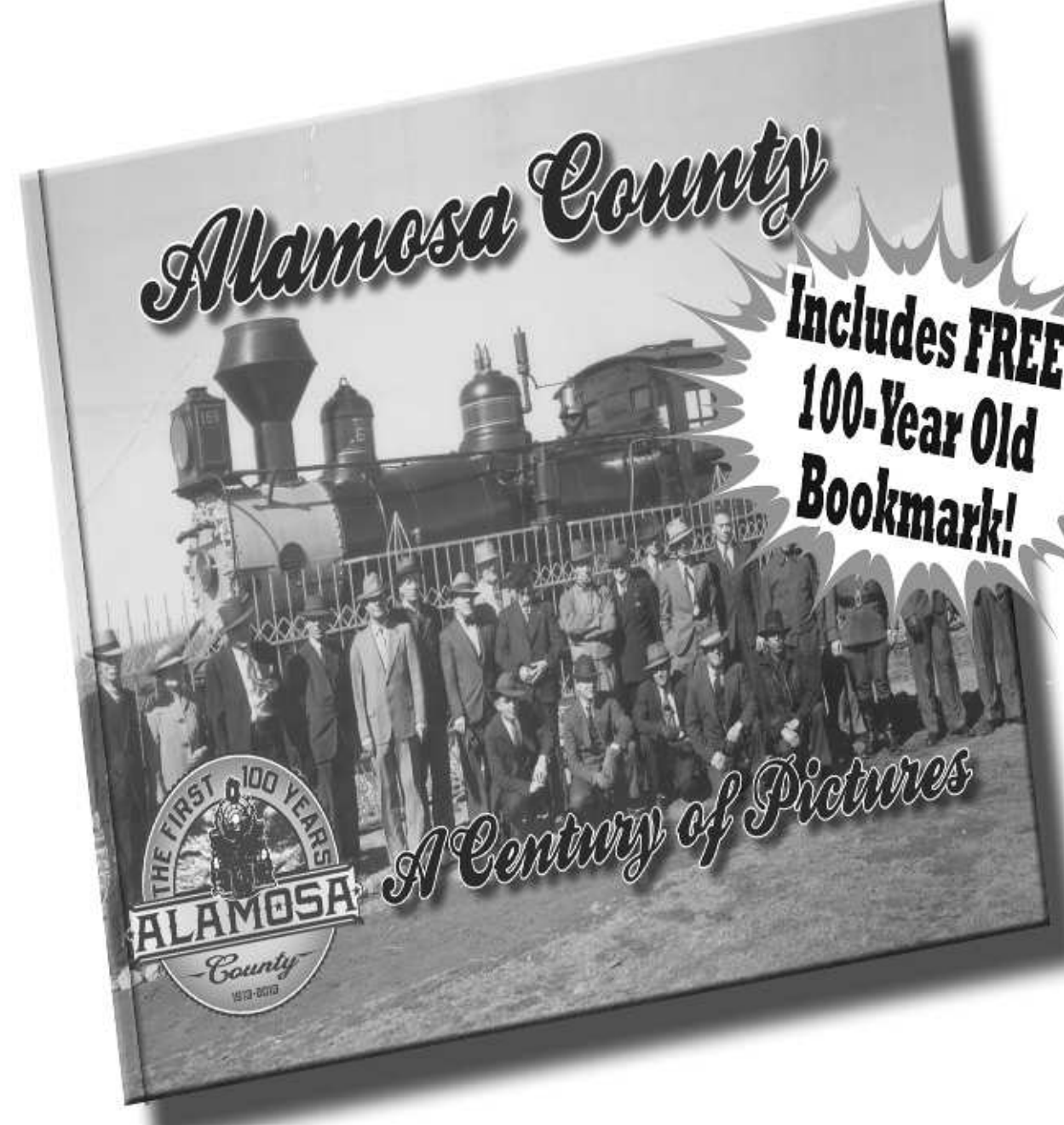
- Limit exposure to light at night. The body naturally responds to darkened conditions by stimulating the production of melatonin, which is a hormone that helps regulate the sleep-wake cycle. Too often people keep lights on at night or look at phones or watch television, which can

- Skip caffeine and alcohol later in a day. Caffeine consumption can impede the ability to fall asleep because it is a stimulant. Although alcohol is a depressant and can make it easy to fall asleep, the sleep that is taking place after consuming alcohol, particularly late at night, will not be quality, restorative sleep.
- Keep meals at night very light. Heavy meals that force the body to spend hours digesting can interrupt sleep onset and quality.

- Maintain a dark, cool and quiet bedroom. A dark, cool and quiet bedroom is a positive sleep environment.

If sleeping habits do not improve after making these changes, individuals should speak with a health care provider to determine if there is an underlying condition that is compromising sleep, such as restless leg syndrome or obstructive sleep apnea. Although sleeping pills can offer relief once in a while, they should not be seen as long-term solutions to sleeping disorders. Doctor can be useful allies in helping individuals get better sleep.

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# Sports

## Pirates third, Moose fifth, Vikings sixth at tournament

Lamar defeats Bayfield for championship

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

**ALAMOSA**—The annual Alamosa 18U Tournament came to an end Saturday at Ortega Middle School.

The games on Saturday included Alamosa defeating Center 19-1 for fifth place, Monte Vista defeating the Alamosa JV team 10-0 for third place, and Lamar crushing Bayfield 16-0 in the championship game.

### Alamosa 19, Center 1

The Vikings were the visitors on the scoreboard and they scored their only run in the top of the first inning. Jadon Martinez was hit by a pitch, Caden Ruggles drew a walk, and Ivan Guadarma was also hit by a pitch to load the bases with one out. Martinez then stole home to give Center its only lead of the game.

The lead did not last long as the Mean Moose scored eight runs in their half of the first.

Carlos Garcia and Nelson Arambula both reached on fielder's choices, and Garcia came around to score on a wild pitch. Arambula scored on a passed ball to give Alamosa a 2-1 lead.

Jonah Pittman and Jo David drew walks, with Pittman stealing home, and David scoring on a wild pitch.

A.J. Baker struck out, but the ball got past the Center catcher and Baker was safe on first. Ryan Higareda and Jaidyn Burciaga both walked. Baker came home on a passed ball, and Higareda and Burciaga both scored on the same wild pitch.

Josh Gonzales was hit by a pitch and went to third on a wild pitch. He scored on Tony Griego's double.

The Mean Moose put the game of ice with 11 runs in the second. Garcia led off with a walk, and Arambula was hit by a pitch. Garcia stole third and scored on Pittman's groundout.

David walked and Baker reached on an error to bring home Arambula. Higareda walked to fill the sacks, and Burciaga singled to plate David and Baker. Gonzales singled home Higareda, and Griego singled to score Burciaga.

Xavier Lujan reached on an error, and Arambula singled home Gonzales and Griego. Pittman's single plated Garcia. Arambula scored on an error, and David singled home Pittman to wrap up the scoring.

The game ended after three innings on the 12-run rule.

Griego started on the mound for Alamosa and he threw a no-hitter. He allowed only one run, and he struck out four, walked one and hit two batters.

Nickolas Palma started for Center and he took the loss. He allowed eight runs and two hits and he struck out one, walked five and hit one batter. Ruggles relieved Palma in the second and he gave up five runs and no hits and he had no strikeouts and three walks. Martinez finished the game and he surrendered six runs and seven hits and he struck out none, and walked none.



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

**Alamosa's Tony Griego sends a pitch to the plate in the Mean Moose's game against Center in the Alamosa 18U Tournament Saturday at Ortega Middle School. Griego pitched a no-hitter in Alamosa's 19-1 victory over the Vikings.**

Alamosa had nine hits and was led by Griego who went 2-2 with a double and two RBIs.

### Monte Vista 10, Alamosa JV 0

The Pirates were the visiting team and they took off to an early lead with four runs in the top of the first inning. The added six more runs in the second.

The game ended after four innings on the 10-run rule.

Kobe Jiron and Jakoby Ross combined for a two-hit shutout.

Camden Montoya went the distance to the Alamosa JV and he struck out three and walked five.

The Mean Moose's hits were collected by Montoya and Alex Vailpando.

Statistics for Monte Vista were unavailable.

### Lamar 16, Bayfield 0

The Thunder scored three runs in the first, third and fourth innings. They broke the game open by scoring seven runs on the fifth.

The game ended after five innings on the eight-run rule.

Lamar pitchers Ryker Ratcliff and Alex Aguilar combined to throw a one-hit shutout.

#### Alamosa 19, Center 1

Center	100 - 1 0 2
Alamosa	8(11)x - 19 9 1
Palma (L), Ruggles (2), Martinez (2) and Ruggles, Palma (2), Griego (W) and David.	

#### Monte Vista 10, Alamosa JV 0

Monte Vista	460 0 - 10 10 0
Alamosa JV	000 0 - 0 2 5
Jiron (W), Ross (4) and J. Baumgardner. Montoya (L) and Estrada.	

#### Lamar 16, Bayfield 0

Lamar	303 37 - 16 13 1
Bayfield	000 00 - 0 1 2
Ratcliff (W), Aguilar (5) and Thacker. Wilmer (L), Queen (1), Cornelia (5) and Forsythe.	

## Sports Bulletin

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### SCOREBOARD FRIDAY Baseball

Alamosa JV 23, Center 3  
Monte Vista 11, Alamosa 6  
Bayfield 11, Center 10  
Lamar 14, Monte Vista 2  
Bayfield 10, Alamosa JV 0  
Lamar 12, Alamosa 7

### SATURDAY Baseball

Alamosa 19, Center 1  
Monte Vista 10, Alamosa JV 0  
Lamar 16, Bayfield 0

### SCHEDULE FRIDAY Rodeo

Alamosa Round-UP ranch rodeo, 6:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY Motorsports

Alamosa-Round-UP demolition derby, 6:30 p.m.

### ALAMOSA PARKS AND RECREATION BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

### 12-14 Baseball At Ortega Middle School south field TUESDAY

Sanford B vs. White Sox, 5 p.m.  
Sanford A vs. Blue Jays, 6:30 p.m.

### 12-14 girls softball At Lee Field #1 TUESDAY

Monte Vista 1 vs. Alamosa, 6 p.m.  
Monte Vista 2, vs. Alamosa, 7:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY

Gunnison vs. Alamosa, 4 p.m.  
Gunnison vs. Alamosa, 5:30 p.m.

### 9-11 baseball At Cole Park THURSDAY

Pirates vs. Dodgers, 5 p.m.  
Angels vs. Cubs, 6:15 p.m.  
Rockies vs. Red Sox, 7:30 p.m.

### 9-11 girls softball At Lee Field #3 TUESDAY

Gunnison vs. Ace of Bases, 4 p.m.  
Gunnison vs. Battitudes, 5:30 p.m.

### 7-8 coed machine pitch At Sunset Field WEDNESDAY

BatBusters vs. Longhorns, 5:30 p.m. (southwest)  
Predators vs. Sliders, 5:30 p.m. (northeast)  
Thunderdogs vs. Strikers,

### 6:30 p.m. (northeast) Men's softball league At Lee Field 2 TUESDAY

Happy Mountain/NGNL vs. WOLO, 7 p.m.  
99 Problems vs. REC/Deuces, 8 p.m.  
REC/Deuces vs. Platinum, 9 p.m.

### THURSDAY

99 Problems vs. Happy Mountain/NGNL, 7 p.m.  
Happy Mountain/NGNL vs. REC/Deuces, 8 p.m.  
WOLO vs. Platinum, 9 p.m.

### Coed Leisure softball AT Lee Field WEDNESDAY

La Puente Homers vs. BombSquad, 7 p.m. (Field 1)  
Top Notch vs. The Misfits, 7 p.m. (Field 2)  
WOLO vs. CRP Dust Devils, 7 p.m. (Field 4)  
Cutthroats vs. WOLO, 8 p.m. (Field 1)  
All Valley Towing vs. Tandberg's Angels, 8 p.m. (Field 2)  
Livingstone Trucking vs. Battitudes, 8 p.m. (Field 4)  
The Undertakers vs. SOS Misfits, 9 p.m. (Field 1)  
Bros Before Throws vs. Where My Pitches At, 9 p.m. (Field 2)  
Steel Line vs. The Dirty Dozen, 9 p.m. (Field 4)

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**Introduction:**  
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**Scope of Work**  
The selected auditor will be expected to perform the following tasks:  
- Conduct an audit of the Town's financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.  
- Review internal controls and make recommendations for improvements, if necessary.  
- Provide a management letter outlining findings and recommendations.  
- Assist in the preparation of required financial reports and statements.

- Any other tasks deemed necessary for a comprehensive audit.

**Proposal Submission:**  
Interested firms are invited to submit their proposals by email. Proposals should include the following:  
- Firm profile, including relevant experience and qualifications.  
- Proposed audit approach and methodology.  
- Proposed timeline for completion of the audit.  
- Fee schedule and estimated total cost.  
- References from past clients, preferably in the public sector.

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### NOTICE

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### SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET

The proposed 2024/2025 Sargent School District RE-33J preliminary budget has been submitted to the Board of Education and is available for public inspection. The budget is available by contacting the district administrative office by phone at 719 852-4023, option 4 or emailing [rquintana@sargent.k12.co.us](mailto:rquintana@sargent.k12.co.us). The Board of Education will consider the adoption of the proposed budget at a hearing to be held on Monday, June 24, 2024, in the High School Library. Any interested taxpayer may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to final adoption of the budget by the Board.  
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Plaintiff: TODD EMORY  
v.  
Defendants: JERRY E. DAVEY AND LORRAINE P. DAVEY and all heirs, creditors and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action.  
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DESCRIPTION GIBBS-ROBINSON TRACT  
That portion of Tract 33, San Luis Lands, as shown on the 1913 survey plat thereof, located in Sections 16 and 21, Township 3 North, Range 72 West, 6th Principal Meridian, Costilla Estates Survey, So-Called, lying south of Colorado State Highway No. 142, and within the occupation fences surrounding said parcel, more particularly describes by metes and bounds as follows, to wit:  
Commencing at the Northeast Corner of said Section 21, being a recovered original stone; thence N73°28'17"W a distance of 3344.31 feet to a point on the south right-of-way line of said Colorado State Highway No. 142 and the True Point of Beginning; thence S00°48'19"E along an existing fence a distance of 5641.06 feet; thence N89°22'08"W along an existing fence a distance of 134.26 feet; thence N83°29'10"W along an existing fence a distance of 264.42 feet; thence N00°56'04"W along an existing fence a distance of 5664.31 feet to a point on the south right-of-way line of said Colorado State Highway No. 142; then along the south right-of-way line of said Colorado State Highway No. 142 for the following two (2) courses: thence following the arc of a curve to the right (Curve Data: Central Angle = 04°08'52"; Radius = 5655.00 feet; Chord bearing = S82°26'49"E; Chord Length = 409.29 feet) a distance of 409.38 feet; thence S80°22'23"E a distance of 4.38 feet to the True Point of Beginning, containing 52.34 acres, more or less. This tract is subject to any and all existing easements including, but not limited to, easements for the existing irrigation ditches.  
DESCRIPTION EMORY TRACT  
That portion of Tracts 34 and 35, San Luis Lands, as shown on the 1913 survey plat thereof, located in Sections 16 and 21, Township 3 North, Range 72 West, 6th Principal Meridian, Costilla Estates Survey, So-Called, lying south of Colorado State Highway No. 142 and North of Culebra Creek and within the occupation fences surrounding said parcels, more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:  
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### Colorado Housing and Finance Authority Announcement of Public Hearings

For the 2025-2026 Housing Tax Credit Qualified Allocation Plan Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA) will hold three public hearings in Colorado regarding the 2025-2026 Housing Tax Credit Qualified Allocation Plan (the Plan). The purpose of these hearings is to receive input on the Plan's proposed changes. Please visit [chfainfo.com/gap](http://chfainfo.com/gap) to view a draft of the 2025-2026 Housing Tax Credit Qualified Allocation Plan.

The first hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, from 11:00am to 12:00pm at CHFA's main office located at 1981 Blake Street, Denver, CO 80202.

The second hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, from 2:00pm to 3:00pm at CHFA's Western Slope office located at 348 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501.

The third hearing will be held virtually on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, from 10:00am to 11:00am via Zoom. Please visit <https://url.chfainfo.com/gap-public-hearing> to register to attend. If you are unable to attend any of these hearings, written comments will be accepted through Friday, August 30, 2024, and should be submitted at: <https://url.chfainfo.com/QAP-comments>.

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No. 3980.  
Published in the Valley Courier on June 11, 2024.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ADOPTION OF MODEL TRAFFIC CODE

NOTICE is hereby given of a public hearing before the Alamosa City Council at 7:00 p.m., July 3, 2024, at Council Chambers, City Hall, 300 Hunt Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101, for the purpose of considering Ordinance No. 10-2024, adopting by reference the "Model Traffic Code" 2024 edition, as the traffic ordinance of the City of Alamosa, Colorado.

Copies of the Model Traffic Code are on file at the office of the City Clerk and may be inspected during regular business hours. If enacted as an ordinance of this City, the Model Traffic Code will not be published in full, but in accordance with state law, copies will be kept on file.

The Model Traffic Code 2024 edition is published by the Colorado Department of Transportation, Traffic Engineering and Safety Branch, 2829 West Howard Place, Denver, CO 80204. The subject matter of the Model Traffic Code relates primarily to comprehensive traffic control regulations for the City. The purpose of the Ordinance and the Code adopted therein is to provide a system of traffic regulations consistent with state law and generally conforming to similar regulations throughout the state and the nation.

Immediately following the hearing, the City Council will consider passage of the adopting Ordinance.

Dated this 11th day of June, 2024.  
CITY OF ALAMOSA, COLORADO  
Holly C. Martinez, City Clerk  
First notice of hearing: June 11, 2024.  
Second notice of hearing: June 22, 2024.  
No. 3983.  
Published in the Valley Courier on June 11, & 22, 2024.

### NOTICE OF PASSAGE Ordinance No. 7-2024

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at a regular meeting of the Alamosa City Council duly called, Council finally passed and adopted Ordinance No. 7-2024, an ordinance amending the UDC definitions of "dwelling, single-family detached" and "family" to occupancy based on building codes rather than a hard number cap for unrelated persons.

Further notice is hereby given that the full text thereof is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the Office of the City Clerk.  
Alamosa City Council  
Holly C. Martinez  
City Clerk  
No. 3984.  
Published in the Valley Courier on June 11, 2024.

### NOTICE OF PASSAGE Ordinance No. 8-2024

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at a regular meeting of the Alamosa City Council duly called, Council finally passed and adopted Ordinance No. 8-2024, an ordinance amending the established pay plan for City officers and employees.

Further notice is hereby given that the full text thereof is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the Office of the City Clerk.  
Alamosa City Council  
Holly C. Martinez  
City Clerk  
No. 3985.  
Published in the Valley Courier on June 11, 2024.

### NOTICE OF PASSAGE Ordinance No. 9-2024

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at a regular meeting of the Alamosa City Council duly called, Council finally passed and adopted Ordinance No. 9-2024, an ordinance approving two intergovernmental agreements with the Colorado Department of Public Safety (Colorado State Patrol) to provide radio dispatch service to the Alamosa Police Department and to the Alamosa Fire Department based on the City's proportionate share of statewide calls.

Further notice is hereby given that the full text thereof is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the Office of the City Clerk.  
Alamosa City Council  
Holly C. Martinez  
City Clerk  
No. 3986.  
Published in the Valley Courier on June 11, 2024.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING On Ordinance No. 10-2024

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 10-2024, an ordinance for the regulation of traffic by the City of Alamosa, Colorado; adopting by reference the 2024 edition of the "Model Traffic Code" with certain deletions and additions; and repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith.

This ordinance was accepted on first reading on June 5, 2024, and a Public Hearing thereon set for Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. This hearing will be held in Alamosa Council Chambers, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado.

Further notice is given that any and all persons of interest may appear at said hearing and be heard in this matter, and that the full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the office of the City Clerk.  
Alamosa City Council  
Holly C. Martinez,  
City Clerk  
No. 3987.  
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING On Ordinance No. 11-2024

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 11-2024, an ordinance approving an intergovernmental agreement among the Alamosa Police Department, Monte Vista Police Department, Alamosa County Sheriff's Office, Conejos County Sheriff's Office, Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office and the 12th Judicial District Attorney's Office for a multi agency task force to address drug related criminal activity within the San Luis Valley.

This ordinance was accepted on first reading on June 5, 2024, and a Public Hearing thereon set for Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. This hearing will be held in Alamosa Council Chambers, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado.

Further notice is given that any and all persons of interest may appear at said hearing and be heard in this matter, and that the full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the office of the City Clerk.  
Alamosa City Council  
Holly C. Martinez,  
City Clerk  
No. 3988.  
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**LAKE CITY HOSTS** a Wednesday Market for locally-grown foods and artisans in June, July, August. INTERESTED IN BEING A VENDOR? lakecitydir.com/vibrant-economy. (6/26/24)

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**VALLEY EDUCATORS CREDIT UNION** is accepting applications for a TELLER/MEMBER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE. Successful candidate should have excellent communication and customer service skills, ability to listen, follow directions and identify the needs of others. They should possess a positive, friendly attitude, integrity, be a team player and ability to multi-task. Prior teller experience is a plus. To apply, email résumé to [laura@vecu.us](mailto:laura@vecu.us) or stop by our office at 910 Main Street in ALAMOSA to pick-up an application. VECU has been serving the SLV community for over 60 years and is an equal opportunity employer. (6/11/24)

**SAN LUIS VALLEY HEALTH** is seeking a full-time FACILITIES MANAGER to join our team! This position will train, lead, and direct custodians and housekeepers in the EVS department with daily, weekly, and monthly tasks and projects. The pay range for this position is \$21.98 - \$30.69. For more information and to apply please visit our careers page at [www.slvh.org](http://www.slvh.org). (6/28/24)

**THE SANGRE DE CRISTO SCHOOL DISTRICT** is looking for a K-12 MUSIC TEACHER. Interested applicants can contact Dave Crews at 719-420-1422. (6/14/24)

### 221 - HELP WANTED

**SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT** is seeking an anticipated LEAD PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER for the 24-25 school year. Applicants must possess a Level 2 in Colorado Shines and preferred Lead Teacher Certificate. Salary schedules are available on the district website. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, and transcripts at <https://www.southconejos.com/page/how-to-apply> (Vacant Until Filled). (6/25/24)

**SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for BUS DRIVERS for the 2024-2025 school year. Must possess a valid Colorado driver's license and a commercial driver's license (CDL) or be able to obtain one. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, transcripts, and certifications at <https://www.southconejos.com/page/how-to-apply>. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. (vacant until filled). (6/25/24)

**THE NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year for a CENTAURI MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Teaching License or be able to obtain proper endorsement. Please call Brian Ricatone with questions at 719-849-5140. Applications are available at the District Administration Office, 17887 US Hwy 285, LA JARA, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at [www.northconejos.com](http://www.northconejos.com). Submit application to central office or email to [rmccarroll@northconejos.com](mailto:rmccarroll@northconejos.com). EOE. (6/14/24)

**COME BE A** part of the growing CENTENNIAL-R1 team! We are seeking applications for an ELEMENTARY TEACHER, SECONDARY MATH TEACHER, LIBRARY PARAPROFESSIONAL, CUSTODIAL, REGULAR BUS ROUTE or ACTIVITY BUS DRIVER, and a variety of SUBSTITUTES. Positions will remain open until filled. Each position has unique responsibilities, yet all require the same application process. Please submit a resume, three letters of recommendation, pertinent transcripts, and a background check/valid CDE license with an application. Submit applications through <https://www.applitrack.com/centennialsschool/> onlineapp or email [kimba.rael@centennial.k12.co.us](mailto:kimba.rael@centennial.k12.co.us). All full-time positions qualify for a competitive benefits package and salary as outlined through our Master Agreement, which is available at [centennial.k12.co.us](http://centennial.k12.co.us). The starting pay range for certified staff is \$36,872 to \$49,509; 9-month staff is \$20,613- \$26,205; and 12-month staff is \$29,812-\$33,354; route/activity driver pay is based on route/mileage; substitute pay is \$120/day. We are doing great things in SAN LUIS; it's the perfect time to join our team. (6/22/24)

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**MECHANIC POSITION AVAILABLE** at **VALLEY TRACTOR REPAIR, MONTE VISTA, CO.** This is a full-time position offering top pay with benefits. Contact Ric or Tony for qualifications, 719-852-0200. (6/19/24)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT** is seeking a **MUSIC or THEATRE TEACHER** for the 24-25 school year. Applicants must possess a Colorado Teaching License or be eligible to apply for one. Salary schedules are available on the district website. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, and transcripts at <https://www.southconejos.com/page/how-to-apply> (Vacant Until Filled). (6/25/24)

**AT HOME CHILD CARE PROVIDER** needed at the **UPPER RIOGRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT**. 150 days per year which includes all days that teachers are at school. Applicants must have a high school diploma and experience working with young children is a plus! Please submit your application and resume to: Aaron Horrocks, Superintendent, at 950 French Street, Del Norte, CO, 81132, or call at 719-657-4040, x4000. Applications may be retrieved on-line at [urtigers.co](http://urtigers.co) or at the District Office. (7/3/24)

**DIRECTOR FOR INFANT CARE CENTER** needed at the **UPPER RIOGRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT**. Please submit your application and resume to: Aaron Horrocks, Superintendent, at 950 French Street, Del Norte, CO, 81132, or call at 719-657-4040, x4000. Applications may be retrieved on-line at [urtigers.co](http://urtigers.co) or at the District Office. (7/3/24)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**LEAD TEACHER FOR INFANT CARE CENTER** needed at the **UPPER RIOGRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT**. 150 days per year which includes all days that teachers are at school. Please submit your application and resume to: Aaron Horrocks, Superintendent, at 950 French Street, DEL NORTE, CO, 81132, or call at 719-657-4040, x4000. Applications may be retrieved on-line at [urtigers.co](http://urtigers.co) or at the District Office. (7/3/24)

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**221 - HELP WANTED**

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**DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** is seeking an energetic, caring individual to serve as a **SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAEducator**. Applicants must have a high school diploma and prior experience working with students with special needs is preferred. Please submit your application to Amy Duda, DNES Principal at 950 French Street, Del Norte, CO 81132; [aduda@urtigers.co](mailto:aduda@urtigers.co); or call at 719-657-4050. The position will be open until filled. You can pick up an application at the District Office or on-line at [urtigers.co](http://urtigers.co). (7/3/24)

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### NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Furry foot
  - 4 "Woe —!"
  - 8 Old
  - 12 Guitarlike instrument
  - 13 Goad
  - 14 Used to be
  - 15 Position wrongly
  - 17 Before long
  - 18 Elk horn
  - 19 Way out
  - 21 Western Indian
  - 22 Poet's "always"
  - 23 Buddies
  - 26 Like father, like —
  - 28 "Eureka!"
  - 31 Farm bird
  - 32 Engrossed
  - 33 Preschooler
  - 34 "To — is human ..."
  - 35 Church area
  - 36 Away from home
  - 37 Calendar abbr.
- DOWN**
- 1 Mountain lion
  - 2 Blood-related
  - 3 Toward sunset
  - 4 Aits
  - 5 Steeple
  - 6 Make a face for the camera
  - 7 Irish river

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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- 8 Cognizant
- 9 Source of power
- 10 Statue in Piccadilly Circus
- 11 Private places
- 16 Astringent stuff
- 20 Man
- 23 Cook
- 24 Mister, in Munich
- 25 Beyond compare
- 26 Except
- 27 Unclose, poetically
- 29 60 minutes
- 30 ABA member
- 32 Not yet refined
- 35 Barber's cry
- 39 Desolate
- 40 Chills and fever
- 42 "— at the Gates"
- 43 Actor — Buscemi
- 44 Brake part
- 45 Grueling
- 46 Egg yellow
- 48 —bitty
- 49 Old Greek portico
- 50 Grade
- 53 Bake sale item

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## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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1	6	7	9	5	3	8	4	2
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HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

## HERMAN

"So, did any of your other clients lose money on the stock market besides me?"

## ALLEY OOP

WHAT'S THE FIRST STOP ON OUR TRIP, DOC? WE'RE GOING TO STONEHENGE! OH, I LOVE STONES. BUT WE CAN SAVE THE TRIP AND JUST LOOK AT MY ROCKS! STONEHENGE ISN'T JUST ROCKS, ALLEY. THEY'RE ARRANGED IN A SPECIFIC AND VERY THOUGHT-PROVOKING WAY. OH. THANKS FOR NOTHING, STUPID BOOK.

## ARLO & JANIS

YOU WERE TERRIFIC WHEN YOU PITCHED IN AT THE OLD BISTRO. YOU'LL ACE THIS! OK, THEN, WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP? WELL, LET'S SEE... WE NEED A SOUS CHEF, A CASHIER, A PREP COOK, AN ASSISTANT MANAGER, A DISH WASHER, A GOFER... MAYBE I SHOULD START WITH 'GOFER' THOSE WEREN'T CHOICES. THAT WAS THE JOB DESCRIPTION!

## BIG NATE

MAYBE FRANCIS IS RIGHT. MAYBE I DO HAVE TROUBLE FOCUSING. I DEFINITELY ZONE OUT IN CLASS WHEN TEACHERS TALK ABOUT BORING STUFF... BUT WHY? MAYBE I LITERALLY CAN'T CONCENTRATE! MAYBE MY BRAIN JUST ISN'T WIRED THAT WAY! MAYBE I SHOULD START WITH 'GOFER' NOW WHY DID I COME INTO THIS ROOM?

## THE BORN LOSER

I WANT TO PUT DINNER ON SOON, WHEN WILL THE BASEBALL GAME BE OVER? OH, DEAR, THAT WILL BE TOO LATE FOR US TO EAT... HOW ABOUT IF WE EAT AT HALFTIME? NOT FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS.

## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

I CAN'T TALK RIGHT NOW, DAWN—APRIL'S IN MY ROOM AGAIN. APRIL, GO PLAY WITH EDGAR. HE'S OUTSIDE. THEN GO FIND SOME TOYS! NO WANNA. SO GO TURN ON THE TV, OK? GO FIND SOME DUMB, STUPID CARTOON OR SOMETHING. NO WANNA. DIS IS BETTER.

## FRANK & ERNEST

CITY BEAUTY PAGEANT THEY THREW ME OUT AS A JUDGE... I FLIPPED A COIN TO DECIDE THE WINNER AND PICKED THE ONE WHO LOOKED LIKE ABE LINCOLN.

## GARFIELD

YEW! I DON'T PARTICULARLY LIKE BEING IN THE SAME ROOM WITH CAT FOOD. THAT'S ONE MORE REASON TO LIKE IT.

## THE GRIZZWELLS

JASMINE CAN YOU TELL ME WHY YOU WANT GO OUT WITH ME... WELL, IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE A WIMPY RUNT WITH A BODY SOMEWHERE BETWEEN POPPIN' FRESH AND AN ENGORGED TICK. NOT TO MENTION, YOU HAVE THE MIND OF A GARDEN SLUG CROSSED WITH ROADKILL... AND DON'T GET ME STARTED ON YOUR ANNOYING PERSONALITY... ...IN TWENTY-FIVE WORDS OR LESS? CAN'T BE DONE.

## PEANUTS

COME ON ALONG, MARCIE WE'LL GO OVER TO THE COUNTRY CLUB, AND GET JOBS AS CADDIES... WE'LL MAKE A FORTUNE I CAN'T TELL A PAR FROM A BIRDIE, SIR... THOSE ARE BOWLING TERMS, MARCIE... DON'T EMBARRASS ME!

# Brother puts abusive wife ahead of remaining family

DEAR ABBY: My older brother has had a tumultuous marriage to a manipulative, alcoholic, just-plain-mean woman. It has been bad over their entire 40-year marriage, including her physically assaulting him. He called the police the last time and had them take her away. She eventually kicked him out, and he went to stay at our younger brother's home. He later got a hotel room and was away from her for two weeks. Then he decided to save money by returning to the home but staying in their camping trailer. She invited him in for dinner, was very nice and they got back together. Now she has given him an ultimatum, stating that my younger brother and I do not treat her like "family." So he called us and said he has to cut ties with us. This is so disheartening. I told him I don't accept that -- he's my brother and was my protector when I was a kid -- but he said this is how it is. I am distraught. Our mom died five years ago, and our blood family is just the three of us. I don't want to lose my brother. I always accepted his wife as the woman he chose to be with, regardless of her obnoxious behavior. I even

used to call her weekly, only for her to always manage to say something mean-spirited toward me. I eventually decided the phone works both ways and stopped calling. We always went to every event she invited us to and have maintained a friendship with her children that my brother adopted. I need your input on how to get through my loss, or how to remain in contact with my brother regardless. -- CONDITIONAL SIS IN MICHIGAN

DEAR SIS: Your brother is in a binding hostage in his abusive marriage. Because he has reunited with his abuser does not mean the cycle won't repeat itself. In other words, in time, he may be back. In the meantime, let him know you love him and will always be there for him should the need arise. As for how to get through this painful period, stay busy. Do not give yourself time to sit and brood. Then make a point of counting all the blessings you have in your life and realize that, for the time being, your brother is where he wants to be. DEAR ABBY: I was a member of a nonprofit group for a couple of years. The wife of the leader bought me an old upright piano, thinking I would use it in a church they were



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starting. I was grateful for the piano and have used it a lot. It's lovely. The nonprofit disbanded and we no longer see these people. They haven't asked for it back or for any money. It would be a hardship to give them \$200, and it seems like it was a gift. Do you think I need to give them \$200? -- A GIFT IN THE WEST

DEAR GIFT: If your conscience is telling you to remind them you have the piano and ask if they wish to be compensated, then make the call. It may make you feel better. Because you were not asked to return it, it is possible they won't ask you for money. But if they do, try to work out an installment plan that won't cause you stress.