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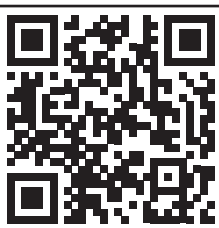
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MONTE VISTA – The 2024 Monte Vista Farmers Market begins July 12 in Chapman Park. It will be held weekly on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. throughout the summer. SNAP benefits will be accepted.

ALMA Sundays at Six begins June 30

ALAMOSA – The Alamosa Live Music Association (ALMA) is again providing free live music in Cole Park all summer long, with its Sundays at Six concert series. Head on over to Cole Park at 6 p.m. on most Sundays this summer and enjoy some quality live music. Grab your dinner and dessert from Tacos Martinez and Frosty Acres Rolled Ice Cream, whose food trucks will be on site selling their delicious offerings at each concert this summer. And please bring a non-perishable item for the food drive to benefit the Alamosa Food Pantry.

On June 30, the sound of bluegrass will fill Cole Park as Sundays at Six officially begins with Stillhouse Junkies. On July 14, indie rockers Mo Lowda and The Humble will wow the crowd, followed by the Chicano funk of Los Mochochetes on July 21. Finish July 28 with the indie stylings of Xerephine Band with Sage and Aera. Mojomama will bring their funky blues rock on Aug. 11, and Aug. 18 will feature the winner of Battle of the Bands 1000 shadows.

The final show of the season is on Aug. 28, with the variety group Groove 'N Motion. The shows will be livestreaming on ALMA's Facebook page www.facebook.com/almalivemusic.

SLV WEATHER

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Thurs: Sunny, Breezy
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Afternoon Showers,
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Opening statements heard in trial of Robert Thrash

He is charged with burglary, second-degree murder

By **PRISCILLA WAGGONER**
Courier Reporter
ALAMOSA — Opening statements were made on Tuesday in the trial of Robert Thrash, who has been charged with first-

degree burglary, a class three felony, and second-degree murder, a class two felony, in connection with the Dec. 8, 2022, fatal shooting of Phil Lucero.

Proceedings began Monday with jury selection, which, according to a clerk with the court, did not finish until after 5 p.m.

According to court documents obtained by the

Valley Courier, Thrash, 31, was employed as a bondsman for Always Open Bail Bonds at the time of the shooting. He had been told that Lucero, 30, who was a wanted suspect out on bond for failure to appear, was staying at a residence in the 2900 block of West 6th Street.

At about 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 8, 2022, Thrash and his partner, 31-year-old

David Heinstein, arrived at the residence. Thrash was armed and carrying a taser; Heinstein was only carrying a firearm.

Thrash entered the house through the front door while Heinstein stood at the back door. Lucero, upon seeing Thrash, attempted to run away but was tased. Heinstein, hearing yelling inside the house, entered the resi-
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Robert Thrash

Leaders voice support for ASD bond measure

By **PRISCILLA WAGGONER**
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — Alamosa School District's (ASD) executive leadership – Diana Jones, superintendent, and Luis Murillo, assistant superintendent – met with a group of community leaders on Monday afternoon for input
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Community leaders meet with Alamosa School District executive staff to discuss putting a \$28 million bond measure on the November ballot. Pictured left to right: Matthew Tulley, Jamie Dominguez, Diana Jones, Lisa Lucero, Joe Martinez, Aaron Miltenberger and Luis Murillo.

Photo by Priscilla Waggoner

'Young Frankenstein' will leave you in stitches

'A REVIEW'

By **KEITH R. CERNY**
Courier Publisher

CREEDE — Mel Brooks may be rolling over in his grave, with pleasure, from the nether world of the Creede Repertory Theatre's (CRT) production of the musical version based on his famous 1974 movie, "Young Frankenstein."

With some of finest choreography and vocals ever produced on CRT's mainstage theatre, the production opened before a near sell-out crowd Saturday night with a cast of 14, headlined by veteran CRT actor Graham Ward as Dr. Frederick Frankenstein (steen) and Matthew Tyler Horn as "The Monster."

"Young Frankenstein" is a 2007 musical based on the film co-written by Brooks and Gene Wilder, who played Dr. Frankenstein in the big screen version. The CRT production is based on the western version revised in 2017. Wilder's crazy hairdo in the movie was appropriately copied by Ward with the help of a wig.

Most of the original characters from the movie are featured in the musical version, including Igor with the humpback artfully portrayed by Julian Ibarra, Inga the beautiful assistant by Katie Drinkard and Frau Blücher by the ever-popular Anne Faith Butler. Throw in Alan Ball as Inspector



CRT photo by Brooke Ashlee Photography

Veteran actor Graham Ward's portrayal of Dr. Frederick Frankenstein (steen) is only one of many outstanding performances in Creede Repertory Theatre's musical production of Mel Brooks' 'Young Frankenstein.'

Hans Kemp and 50-year CRT veteran Christy Brandt as the Hermit, and you have a cast of stars.

As expected, any mention of Frau Blücher brings a loud 'winnie' from a horse in the background. Director Amanda Berg Wilson may have said it best in her program notes, "The musical has in its marrow all that made Brooks' sense of humor so singular; those vaudevilian tropes, physical comedy, parody of genre, pushing of boundaries, and bawdy sexual humor."

Those attending the musical should be prepared for some minor sexual innuendo and it is recom-

mended for audiences age 13 and above.

With much of the production played in front of the curtain, an elaborate set design of the famous Frankenstein laboratory drew rave reviews from the audience that was left in stitches most of the night.

With outstanding vocals by many in the production, and incredible choreography by Diana Dresser, both talents are featured in Irving Berlin's "Puttin' on the Ritz" that was also featured in the film, as well as several other musical numbers.

"Young Frankenstein"
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Courtesy photo

The Saguache County Search and Rescue volunteers train on June 9 with Reach Air Med and Reach 29.

Saguache County recognizes value, dedication of SAR teams

By **JOHN WATERS**
Courier News Editor

SAGUACHE COUNTY — In a statement the Saguache County Office of Emergency Management saluted the volunteers of Saguache County Search and Rescue (SAR) for their dedication and professionalism.

"Training to save lives and serve their community on the Sunday afternoon of June 9 showed a true spirit of service. The county thanks REACH

Air Med and the crew of Reach 29 for donating their flight time, fuel, and equipment to conduct this training."

Each year in Colorado, 2,800 SAR volunteers respond to over 3,000 back-country incidents across the state. According to a 2021 Colorado Parks and Wildlife study, the volunteers spend about \$1,500 of their own money on gas, equipment, and other related expenses

Since 2023, Colorado
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PROPERTY TAXES DUE
Alamosa County Property Tax second half payments are due by June 14, 2024 by 4:00 p.m. The Alamosa County Treasurer is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can reach us at 719-589-3626 as we do accept phone payments for a small processing fee.
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OBITUARIES

Linda Jean Bowman

Linda Jean Bowman passed away on June 1, 2024, at the Paonia Care and Rehab Center in Paonia, Colo. She was 76 years old.



ing, and being with her family and friends.

Linda was born Oct. 7, 1947, to Harold and Verna Keslar in Denver. She was married to Michael Bowman for 38 years. They retired in Mogote, Colo., for approximately the past 25 years and they had many wonderful family and friends there to share their lives with!

She enjoyed crafts of all kinds, sewing, cook-

ters and her good friend and caretaker, Larry.

She is survived by her brother, Leo Keslar and his wife Celia, from Paonia, Colo., as well as many nieces and nephews.

Linda was brought to Paonia Care Center to be close to her brother, Leo and wife Celia, to give her the best care possible in her last days.

No services will be held per her request. Her ashes will be placed by her husband in Mogote, Colo., at a later date.

Elva Gloria Espinosa 1937 – 2024



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our mother, Elva Gloria Espinosa, 87, on June 4, 2024. Elva was born on Feb. 28, 1937, in Los Rincones, Colo.

Elva graduated class valedictorian from Manassa High School in 1956. She married the love of her life, Otaviano Espinosa, on Feb. 23, 1957, in Taos, N.M. Shortly afterward, they started their 26-year military journey, which took them to several duty stations around the world.

Mom enjoyed selling Avon for over 10 years where she obtained several Albee Awards for outstanding sales achievement.

They spent their retirement life in Layton, Utah, where mom enjoyed spending time with family, listening to Elvis, reading, crocheting, gardening, crafts, vacationing, visiting family in Colorado, cheering on her Utah Jazz, Denver Broncos, and the fighting Irish of Notre Dame.

She especially cherished her time spent with her grandchildren for movie nights, working on puzzles, and teaching them the tradition of making Biscochitos. She was a lifelong Catholic and member of Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church. She was a loving mother who will be greatly missed not only by her



family, but by numerous friends and neighbors.

She is survived by her husband, Otaviano Espinosa, and her five children, Miguel (Sandi) Espinosa of Hooper, Utah, David (Vicki) Espinosa of Layton Utah, Cynthia Espinosa of Layton, Utah, Cathy (Benito) Robles of Kaysville, Utah, and Julie (Ted) Griffiths of South Weber, Utah; eight grandchildren, Patricia (David) Shaeffer, Valerie (Greg)

Boyles, Melanie (Brett) Townsend, Myranda (Tim) Wood, Danielle (Michael) Essler, Alina Robles, Bryce (Chyenne) Espinosa, Jacob Barney; 12 great-grandchildren; seven siblings, Vernal (Clorinda) Medina, Lupe Medina, Donna (Pat) Martinez, Manuel (Lita) Medina, Ubaldo Medina, Rose (Clink) Martinez, Gloria (Oscar) Villanova, and Debbie (Mohammad) Mogalled; and sister-in-law Judy Medina.

Elva was preceded in death by her parents, Alfirio and Elsie Medina, brothers, John and Joe Medina, sister Mary Davis, and sisters-in-law Lucille and Lucy Medina.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 210 Chapel St., Layton, Utah. Friends may visit family Friday, June 14, at Lindquist's Layton Mortuary, 1867 N. Fairfield Rd., Layton, Utah, from 6 to 7 p.m. followed by a vigil with Rosary at 7 p.m.

Interment will be held at 1 p.m. at Lindquist's Memorial Park at Layton, 1867 N. Fairfield Rd., Layton, UT 84041.

The Mass will be live-streamed and may be viewed by scrolling to the bottom of Elva's obituary page at www.lindquistmortuary.com.

Condolences may be sent to www.lindquistmortuary.com.

Perfilia Reuben Candelaria

Perfilia Reuben Candelaria, 94, affectionately known as "Perfie" departed on the morning of June 4, 2024, peacefully at her home with daughters at her side. Perfilia was born in Paiseja (San Rafael), Colo., to the union of Marcelino and Marie Irene (Rodriguez) Madril who preceded her in death along with her beautiful husband, Joe Arthur and their only son, Johnny; three brothers, Nasario, Elegario (Lee), Ubaldo (Walter); one sister, Natividad; great-granddaughter, Gabrielle Vigil; great-great-grandson, Joseph Vigil, and son-in-law, Ed Knecht.



Perfilia is survived by four daughters, Irene Knecht, Anne Gomez, Corrine Candelaria, and Laura (Chris) Perez; seven grandchildren, Perfilia (Daniel) Vigil, Veronica (Andrew Gallegos) Knecht, Sharon (Jake Korba) Roberts, Lynn (Jon) Suter, Jessica Gomez, Michael Roberts, Enrique Perez; 17 great-grandchildren, Marivel (Andrew) Yslava, Brooke (Jack Ortega) Vigil, Jacobo Vigil, Taylor Suter, Haley Suter, Chaziah (Dezira) Villa, Kiara Gallegos, Aiden Knecht, Lieta Korba, Kendra Korba, Braden Suter, Alex Korba, Constance Korba, Mason Suter, Tristan Korba, Kamylla Rose Gallegos, and Nico Korba; 10 great-great-grandchildren, Brayleigh Sisneros, Danielle, Donovan, Lailia, Lyahna Canelo and James Vigil; Isaiah and Jack Ortega, and Pheo-

nix Knight; in-laws, Elijo Candelaria, Alice (Ben Martinez) Candelaria, Marlene Candelaria, Valerie (Alfonso) Lopez and numerous nieces, nephews, godchildren, and friends.

Perfie, was not afraid of hard work. As a young girl after her daddy passed, she worked to help her mom, Irene. She then found employment as a nanny for the Hamilton's which provided additional financial stability as well as great opportunities which broadened the means to travel outside of the state of Colorado with the Hamilton's.

At the age of 21, she married her husband Joe Candelaria, a union of 71 years together. Perfilia worked along his side with their entrepreneurial ventures, J&P Phillips 66 gas-station and the Can-

delaria Waste Management services.

When not involved with the family business she worked in the kitchen at the Sacred Heart Orphanage, packing deserts for distribution and bringing plenty home-she loved her sweet rolls. Perfilia worked with Senior Resource Development Agency (SRDA) transportation department, ensuring clients had a ride to appointments and safely returning home, we are certain she'd get invited in for a visit which included coffee and a sweet roll. In addition, she worked as the Bus Aide for D60 students, enjoying the young children. I can see her smiling with that job.

Outdoorsy she was. Active with hunting both elk and rabbit, oh, and don't forget fly fishing. She would tinker for hours with the vegetable garden both planting and harvesting; tended to and nourished her rose bushes with love, creating them more beautiful each year. We continue to admire them today.

For those lives in which she touched, your memories will be plentiful and wonderful! Perfilia, as beautiful as her rose gardens, as warm as the sun which shines upon them and as soft as their petals.

Rosary 9:30 a.m. with Funeral Mass to follow at 10 a.m., Monday, June 17, 2024, both at Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

Burial will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at Imperial Memorial Gardens.

Raquel Andres 'Andy' Salazar

Mr. Raquel Andres "Andy" Salazar was born Sept. 21, 1952, to Pedro and Corelia Salazar in Antonito, Colo. He grew up with two siblings - Larry and Dorothy.



After graduating from Antonito High School in 1971, Andy became certified as an Operating Engineer with Local No. 9. He was dedicated to his many jobs. He worked as a rancher, photographer, retail employee, had his own lawn service (United Lawns), and the Colorado Plastic Card Incorporated. Andy was a part of the building crew of the Strontia Springs Dam. When the job was completed, he was awarded a beautiful belt buckle for his hard work and ser-

vice. Andy was the most amazing husband to Bonnie Salazar. They met in 1983 and married in 1992. Living life as one, they soon welcomed their only son Drew (Raquel) in 1998.

Raquel "Andy" leaves in his memory to cherish

his wife, Bonnie Salazar, his only son Drew (Raquel) Salazar, Denver, Colo.; his sister, Dorothy Salazar, Antonito, Colo.; his brother, Larry Salazar, Antonito, Colo.; his niece, Gwen (Brian Rael) Gutierrez, Albuquerque, N.M.; and great-niece, Domiana Gutierrez (Adan Gonzalez), Albuquerque, N.M.; two aunts, Lucille, Huntsville, Ala., and Theresa, Untalan, Ind.; and one uncle, Eppie (Betsy) Jaramillo, Jackson, Miss.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Pedro I.N. Salazar and Corelia Salazar, and grandparents, and great-grandfather Jose Griego.

Graveside services Saturday, June 15, 2024, at 9 a.m. at Ortiz Cemetery.

City accepting requests for vulnerable populations

CONTRIBUTED
ALAMOSA - The City of Alamosa is accepting requests from qualified entities to propose services that address and follow the city's goals on community well-being, security, and stability of residents.

The city is accepting proposals that address the needs for vulnerable populations within the Alamosa city limits. There is a designated set amount of money to be available to outside

agencies to provide services to our residents. This approach asks agencies to submit a proposal regarding a specific service with measurable goals and outcomes and a current budget.

Proposals are due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 1. All proposals should be submitted to the office of the City Manager and should clearly state on the cover sheet that they are "Requests for Assistance for Vul-

nerable Populations." Terms of service will be from Jan. 1, 2025, to Dec. 31, 2025. The city reserves the right to accept or reject all proposals.

All questions regarding this request for assistance should be directed to the office of the City Manager. Proposals can be submitted via email to dcortez@ci.alamosa.co.us or via hard copy to 300 Hunt Ave., Alamosa CO 81101.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

A.A. and N.A members

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

There are AA and NA 12-Step Meetings throughout the valley.

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

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BIRTH

Aubrey Joan Kern

Aubrey Joan Kern was born on June 7, 2024, weighed 6 pounds and 7 ounces and was 19.5 inches at birth. Mother is Briana Garcia, father is Riley Kern, both of Del Norte. Maternal Grandparents

are Bonifacio and Joan Garcia of Monte Vista. Paternal Grandparents are Randy and Jody Kern of Del Norte.

Great-grandparents: Ron and Peggy Kern, Kathie and (Late) Larry

Hanel, Joe and (Late) Edemia Mondragon (Late), Jose David Garcia and (Late) Ernestine Garcia.

Aubrey Joan Kern was born at SLV Health in Alamosa.

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Summer in the park with the Library



Courier photo by John Waters

Join the fun and great reading at Zapata Historic Park in Alamosa Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., for free books, art activities and games. Breakfast and lunch provided.

Leaders

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 on a ballot measure, requested by ASD, for a \$28 million bond to appear on the November ballot. The meeting was the first step in a much broader campaign to educate the public about the district's needs.

The timing of the meeting coincided with a mass mailing sent to all residents in the district over the weekend that detailed why the funding would be needed.

If ASD decides to pursue getting the measure on the ballot and it is passed by the voters, ASD would have access to \$28 million in funding for much needed maintenance of school buildings that can no longer safely be deferred and the ability to make important renovations and additions that will build on work already completed and grow student enthusiasm that is already on the rise, according to district officials.

Impact to property taxes would be roughly \$5 per \$100,000 actual value of residential property and \$25 for commercial.

ASD's Board of Education members have not yet voted on pursuing a ballot measure.

Gathered around a table at Linda Jalisco restaurant in Alamosa, Jones and Murillo laid out the situation to Joe Martinez, president of SLV Federal Bank; Lisa Lucero, civic leader and director of programs at SLV Area Health Education Center; Jamie Dominguez, Alamosa City Council member and co-founder of Shooting Stars Cultural and Leadership Center; Matthew Tulley, director of the SLV Joint Oversight Group; and Aaron Miltenberger, CEO and president of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley.

Jones told the group that district needs were identified in the Facilities Master Plan, which was finalized last February. Three years in the making with numerous

meetings soliciting input from various stakeholder groups, the Plan now "serves as a road map for maintenance and investments in the district's facilities."

One of the district's priorities in the Plan was construction of a new building to house ASD's Alternative High School and the Alamosa Online School, two separate schools operating under the leadership of one principal.

For the past two years, those two schools have been located in the administration building while administration staff have been sharing office space with Early Childhood Council in a building on Santa Fe, some distance from ASD's four campuses.

The decision to build a new facility was prompted, Jones said, by the district being told that the space on Santa Fe occupied by administrative staff was needed for other purposes.

Administrative staff obviously need office space,

Review

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 is the second feature to open at CRT this summer as Ken Ludwig's wildly popular "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery" continues in the Ruth Humphreys Brown Theatre just a few blocks south on Creede's main street.

Still to come are "The Importance of Being Earnest", opening June 28, and the world premiere of "Prima's Guide to Funerals" hitting the stage on July 12.

"Prima's" is a comedy and is set along the waters of the Rio Grande in the San Luis Valley and was written by up-and-coming New Mexico playwright Leonard Madrid.

Also featured at CRT in its 59th season is "On the Stage of Sondheim", a summer concert series opening on July 27, and the ever-popular improv comedy show "Boombtown." For a full schedule and to purchase tickets, go to www.creederep.org
 "Young Frankenstein" will continue on the main stage through Aug. 31.

SAR

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 residents can get a \$29 Keep Colorado Wild Pass when registering a car, motorcycle, recreation vehicle, or light truck through the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The \$29 pass is included in your registration total unless you choose to opt out. It is estimated the pass will bring over \$41 million in revenue to Colorado Parks and Wild-

life (CPW), \$2.5 million to SAR teams, and about \$1 million to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center.

According to CPW, "Backcountry Safety - Your pass supports the volunteer and equipment needs of search and rescue professionals across Colorado and avalanche safety programs through the Colorado Avalanche Information Center. Because of your support and the tremendous generosity of our search and rescue re-

sponders, Colorado will be a safer place to play."

Just south of Saguache County, the men and women of the Alamosa Volunteer Search and Rescue (AVSAR) are ready to respond to backcountry emergencies in the county. The unofficial motto of the group is, "Our purpose is to coordinate and conduct search and rescue operations in Alamosa County so that others may live." They can be reached at www.avsar.us.

Thrash

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 dence with his weapon drawn, according to court documents.

A struggle ensued between Thrash, Lucero and Heinstein, during which Lucero got control of Heinstein's firearm and shot him in the shoulder. Thrash then fired his weapon, shooting Lucero five times. Lucero later died from his wounds.

The opening statement for the prosecution was made by Deputy District Attorney Joseph Hensley, who is co-counsel assisting District Attorney Anne Kelly in the case.

Hensley described for the jury the events of Dec. 8, 2022, beginning with Thrash, a bondsman who had posted bond for Lucero's bond. When Lucero failed to appear in court, Thrash "was out a thousand dollars."

Hensley said Robert Thrash, "not officer Thrash, not deputy Thrash, not trooper Thrash, but Robert Thrash, a bondsman," approached the residence on West 6th Street "without requesting assistance from law enforcement."

He then entered the residence "without permission," and then, Hensley said, "chased Lucero," "tased Lucero" and then, "after Mr. Lucero struggled with David Heinstein for Mr. Heinstein's gun, Robert Thrash shot

Mr. Lucero five times with a nine millimeter pistol," killing him.

Hensley said the jury would hear from investigators, others who analyze the evidence including doctors and others who were inside the home.

He then told the jury to consider three things when hearing the evidence presented - specifically, the approach, the entry and the chase.

Hensley told the jury Thrash did not call law enforcement for assistance, "even though he knew that was the appropriate action." When Thrash approached the house, "he was carrying two pistols, a taser and body armor. What was his mindset?" Hensley asked.

Regarding the entry and the subsequent chase, he described Thrash as "barging into the house" without permission and then going after Lucero, "who had only been staying there for a few days." Thrash then "chased Lucero and tased him", rather than letting him leave or try to run.

"Where was [Lucero] going to run?" Hensley asked.

He then got into a physical struggle with Lucero, rather than assessing or trying to leave. "The defendant stayed in that home for two whole minutes before shooting Phil Lucero. Not once did he attempt to leave until af-

ter shooting Phil Lucero." Riley Selleck, the public defender representing Thrash, framed the shooting as a matter of self-defense.

Selleck told the jury they were going to hear about other issues, "about bondsmen and what bondsmen are supposed to do and not do. You'll hear criticism about Mr. Thrash's performance as a bondsman."

"That is not what this case is about," Selleck said. "This case concerns Mr. Thrash's right to defend himself and, even more importantly, defend the life of his partner, Mr. Heinstein."

Selleck said it was relatively well known that Lucero was wanted for failing to appear, and, prior to Dec. 8, 2022, Thrash had been contacted by several people with information regarding Lucero's whereabouts. The individuals with information were interested in the reward money associated with Lucero being found.

One of those people, Selleck said, was a man named Gonzales who, with Thrash, planned to go to the house and say something to get Lucero to come outside, at which time Thrash could take Lucero to jail. However, when Thrash and Heinstein followed Gonzales to the residence, they never saw Lucero come out of the house.

Since Thrash had been

preferably closer to district schools, and the two schools need more classroom space. The only choice was to build a new facility for the Alternative High School and the OnLine School with a price of \$12 million.

In what is yet another example of an executive leadership team that has become very adept at turning challenges into opportunities, Jones ended her recap of the situation with a significant announcement.

ASD has submitted a bid to purchase the Friday Health building located on Main Street in downtown Alamosa. The building, which housed the Friday Health Insurance company until it went bankrupt, is large enough to accommodate the administrative staff plus much needed expansion of Alternative High School and OnLine School, negating - should the bid be successful - the need to build a new facility. There is even the possibility of room "left over" to rent to someone else.

contacted by the owner of the house, Selleck said, Thrash knocked on the door.

Selleck said the jury will hear conflicting testimony, including what the homeowner says she did when Thrash entered the home. He said Thrash identified himself as the bondsman, after which the homeowner let him in.

Selleck then listed the other points described by the prosecution that, he said, are "disputed." He acknowledges that Thrash did have concerns about approaching Lucero, which is why he had his taser ready to use. But, as Selleck described it, Lucero attacked Thrash and went for his taser, which Thrash deployed, not at Lucero's back but "his front."

"This wasn't a chase," Selleck said.

Selleck said the struggle did occur, but Heinstein, who didn't have a taser, did have a firearm during which Lucero managed to get ahold of. Lucero "threatened to kill Heinstein" and then shot him in the shoulder.

Selleck said Thrash "warned Mr. Lucero to let go of the gun then pulled out his gun and shot Mr. Lucero five times."

"This is about Mr. Heinstein's life, Mr. Thrash's life and Mr. Thrash defending both of their lives," Selleck said.

The trial is expected to last through June 18.

Topping off a win-win situation, the purchase price for the building is \$2.3 million, almost \$10 million less than the cost of a new building. "We're saving \$12 million by spending \$2.3 million," Jones said.

The district is losing some enrollment, Jones said, as is happening in districts literally across the state. That makes expansion of the Alternative High School and Online School even more important as enrollment is not declining in those two schools.

The Facilities Master Plan also identifies the need for significant investments in infrastructure.

"We have between \$30 million to \$45 million in deferred maintenance and needs across the district," Jones said. "These projects just can't be put off any longer. Much of the equipment has lived past its projected lifespan."

The Plan also calls for some much-needed additions, such as ADA compliant rest rooms, and renovations, such as bringing natural light into some of Ortega Middle School's (OMS) classrooms that currently have no windows.

Murillo explained that priority projects like bringing exterior light into classrooms is based on research showing that darker, more confined classrooms can pose challenges to students who have experienced trauma in the past. It also builds on the excitement and boost in morale experienced by OMS students and staff when, for the first time, a renovated

HVAC system allowed them to breathe fresh air in the classroom.

Both Jones and Murillo believe that, should a bond be approved by the voters, that would send a signal to the BEST grant selection committee that the community supports ASD, increasing the likelihood of receiving a grant for \$10 million that had previously been declined.

Choosing to gather input on asking voters to approve a bond now, versus some other time, was a calculated decision on the part of the executive team.

"We have the momentum," Murillo said. "This has been a year of celebration, starting off with the unprecedented, successful Back to School Bash and then the very encouraging results in the District Performance Framework. And then there was U.S. News and World Report listing Alamosa elementary and middle schools among the best in the country. If we're going to make these investments, now is the time to do it, to keep that momentum going. We're looking forward to hear what the community has to say."

Martinez, Lucero, Dominguez, Tulley and Miltenberger were unanimous in their support of the bond and agreed to help Murillo and Jones with educating the public. "An investment in our community's kids is an investment in the future," Martinez said. "This is important."

Additional meetings, forums and open houses will be held over the next few months. A decision to get the bond on the ballot must be made by August.

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Opinion

It's a perfect storm for fire insurance

Westerners have begun looking at their homes differently these days. Are those trees too close? Should I move all that firewood stacked up next to the deck?

Meanwhile, in California, some fire insurers have lost so much money they've pulled out of the state. Overall, fire insurance is becoming as expensive and unpredictable as the natural disasters — not just wildfires but also hail and windstorms — that are driving up rate increases. In some places, increases are as much as 1,000% for houses and condos nestled close to trees.

In Colorado, Tiffany Lockwood said she was dropped twice by fire insurance carriers over the 10 years she's lived in Evergreen, a heavily forested suburb of Denver.

A former Florida resident, Lockwood, 59, only has one way out in case of a wildfire — and even then she'll have little warning. "When I lived in Florida," she said, "we knew four days ahead when a hurricane was coming. Here we get 40 minutes."

Lockwood thinks insurance companies are running scared and giving impossible directives. One insurer asked her to remove all the shrubs and trees within 30 feet of the house. But the plan meant taking down a lot of her neighbor's trees, too.

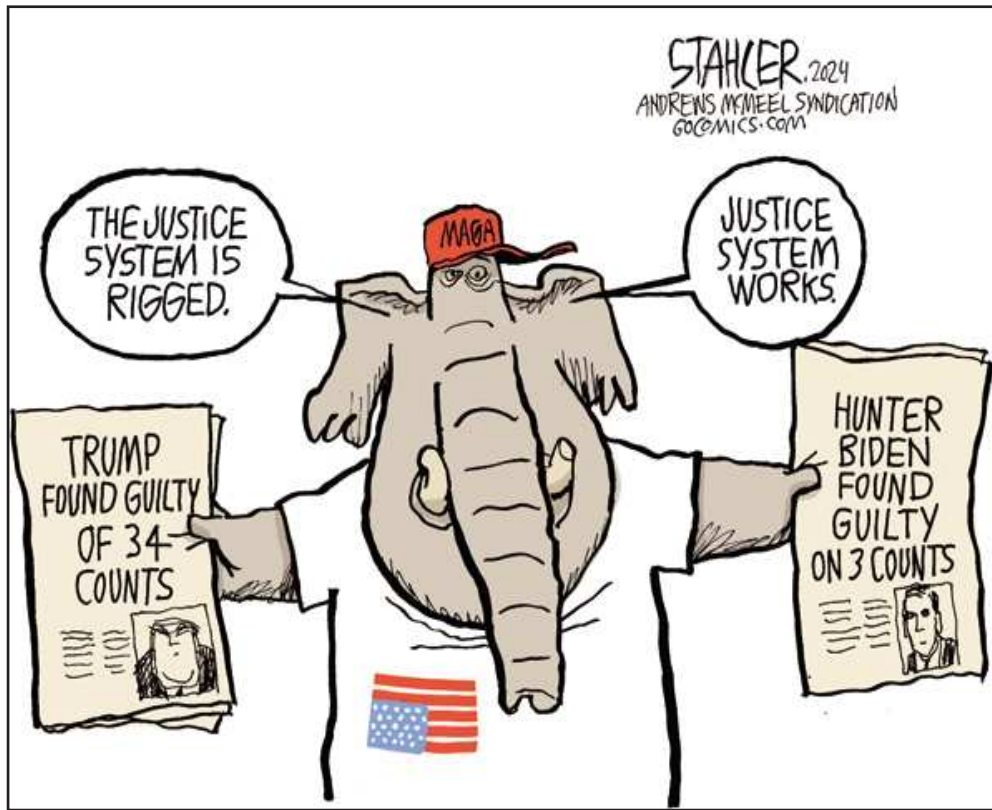
Evergreen's attraction is that residents live amidst towering conifer trees. But red zones on fire maps are being expanded all over Colorado after several recent large forest fires and the wind-driven Marshall grassfire outside of Boulder, in December 2021. It destroyed more than 1,000 suburban homes and was the state's most expensive fire yet. Formerly "safe" places are now described as at-risk.

Jeff Geslin lives in high and dry La Plata County, in southwestern Colorado, surrounded by 35 acres of piñon and juniper trees. He and his wife Lorna are used to remediation plans, he said, and when their insurance increases, "I just pay it, no questions asked."

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But they were shocked when their condo association in Summit County, governing their second home, lost its insurance policy.

"It might be because we're close to Forest Service land," Geslin said, "which must be more risk." Every condo owner was assessed \$6,772 extra for the new policy the Homeowners Association managed to find — an increase of 1,000%.

Colorado State Senator Dylan Roberts is working on legislation to insure larger structures. "I've gotten calls about insurance for the last year if not two years," he said. "The single-family upset has quieted down, but the big thing I hear about is HOA and condo buildings."

The state already has what is called the Fair Access to Insurance Requirements (FAIR) Plan in place for smaller buildings when insurance companies refuse to underwrite traditional coverage. It's backed by private insurers and administered by an appointed board of insurance professionals.

"We hope to insure no one," said FAIR Plan board member Carole Walker. She's the executive director of an insurance trade group covering, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming and Utah.

"This is insurance of last resort," she said, "as we don't want to compete with private insurers. They're struggling after 10 straight years of unprofitability in property insurance."

The FAIR Plan board, which plans to sell



Photo courtesy Lena Deravianko, Unsplash

How long before this house in Douglas County is uninsurable?

policies late next year, hired industry veteran Kelly Campbell as executive director this May. It will offer bare-bones coverage with high deductibles and low maximum amounts. The plan would offer coverage of \$5 million per commercial structure and \$750,000 per house.

"Everything has escalated," said Walker. "Colorado is in that perfect storm of catastrophes. The number of claims and the cost to pay those claims is at a record pace. Add in the escalating number of events like hail and wildfire, and it's the hardest insurance market in a generation."

Walker says Colorado established a resiliency code board via state law in 2023, with a mandate of hardening structures with fire-resistant siding, metal roofs and landscaping. "We need confidence back in the marketplace," she said about the

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Two candidates, mired in the past

By DAVID M. SHRIBMAN

One candidate worried about the country being a "house divided" by slavery but saw a future where "it will cease to be divided." Another spoke amid the wreckage of the Great Depression, declaring, "I decline to accept present conditions as inevitable or beyond control." A third said the country required "a new generation of leadership." And one campaigned for a second term and to have a chance of "building a bridge to the 21st century."

None of these candidates is running this year. None of this year's candidates is speaking an idiom remotely like Abraham Lincoln (1860), Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1932), John F. Kennedy (1960) or Bill Clinton (1996).

Some American elections -- eight by my count, perhaps more according to academic presidential historians or armchair pundits -- clearly have been about the future and are marked by clashes between different visions of the country in coming years or decades. They speak more of getting the country ready for new challenges than about critiques about the past.

This is not that kind of election. It is more than the fact that President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump are old men, their formative years far in the past. Biden was born as the Germans and the Soviets were struggling in the World War II Battle of Stalingrad. Trump was born the day the United States, the only nuclear power in the year after the end of World War II, proposed to the new United Nations that the production of additional atomic weapons be banned.

It is more than the fact that 77% of the country is younger than the two men who are the major-party candidates for the White House. That figure is unusually low; a century ago, more than 95% of the country was younger than Trump and Biden are today.

It is, instead, that the two candidates are rooted in a long-ago America, a country less complicated, less diverse, less challenged by multiple power centers abroad.

Even applying my guiding principle to the question of generational politics -- that how old you are matters less than when you were young -- the sell-by date of these two candidates has passed long ago.

In the America of their birth, there

were no major-league baseball teams west of St. Louis or south of Washington, the AFL and CIO had not yet merged, the Philippines were still under American rule, India was still a British colony, and the state of Israel did not exist. Biden turned 18 during the Congo Crisis. Trump turned 18 during the Beatles' first appearance in Australia. Today, the Congo Crisis is all but forgotten in the United States. The Beatles disbanded 54 years ago -- before Republican Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, a leading candidate to become Trump's running mate, was born.

Biden went to Washington when Richard Nixon was president, Mike Mansfield of Montana was Senate majority leader, Carl Albert of Oklahoma was speaker of the House, Rep. Wilbur Mills of Arkansas was an important power broker as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and more than 10% of his Senate colleagues were segregationists. All these people are now dead.

Trump first appeared on the front page of The New York Times the year Biden joined the Senate. Three years later, the newspaper carried a picture of him standing beside his Fleetwood Cadillac, which carried the New York license plate "DJT," the letters by which he was known before he became POTUS. That was the year in which Biden, delivering the commencement address at the University of Scranton, said, in words his rival (and perhaps

Biden himself) would employ today, "I don't think there has ever been as much doubt in America as there is today."

It wasn't always this way in the United States. In 1828, Andrew Jackson ran for the White House with a new vision of the nature of American democracy. In 1896, the fight was between an advocate of a monetary system based on silver (the view of William Jennings Bryan, the Democratic nominee) or gold (the view of William McKinley, who prevailed in the contest). In 1980, Ronald Reagan ran against President Jimmy Carter and offered a different view of the size and reach of the future of the federal government. A dozen years later, a young governor with the ore tailings of the baby boom (Bill Clinton) ran against a World War II veteran (President George H.W. Bush, marked by the Cold War). And the mere appearance of Barack Obama as the Democratic nominee in 2008 was a shout about changing American demographics.

Trump's campaign speeches are laced with venom about the grievances he says he has experienced and are marked by talk of "retribution" for past offenses. (Some of his allies, to be sure, have been assembling a package of dramatic changes in the federal bureaucracy, but the candidate rarely mentions them, and whether he has the memory, will or desire to pursue that blueprint is uncertain.) Biden wants to "finish the job,"

which is to say to push priorities he already established.

All this seems congruent with the sullen mood of the country. Writing in 1953 about the beginning of the fourth year of the Civil War in his classic "A Stillness at Appomattox," the historian Bruce Catton wrote, "What lay ahead was almost certain to be worse than what had gone before." That's a concise assessment of the country's outlook today, when talk of a civil war is tossed around promiscuously.

Overall, the campaign, like all elections where the past is a bigger factor than the future, is a policy desert.

"Actual policy is playing a far smaller role this year than in past elections," said Jake Haselswerdt, a political scientist at the University of Missouri's Truman School of Government and Public Affairs. "For Biden, the vision of the future is what he's already tried to do. For Trump, his plans to revamp the executive branch is essentially all about himself, giving him a chance to address his grievances."

The 2024 election should be a chance for the nation to address its grievances. Instead, there is a sense in the country that the race between two men the public would rather not have as their major-party finalists is itself one of the country's grievances.

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Lifestyles

Annual South Fork Fishing Derby returns on June 15

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**
SOUTH FORK—

There is no better way to celebrate Father's Day weekend in South Fork than to gather the family and head out to the South Fork Youth Fishing Clinic on Saturday, June 15. For people with children under the age of 15, now is the time to make plans and head out for a day full of fishing.

The fishing clinic will be at Saddlebrook Pond. Registration is at 8 a.m. Several area businesses and volunteers come out for the event and help children learn the fundamentals of fishing in the Colorado wilderness. The Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) will be present to walk each child through several stations that range in angler techniques. Participating children who finish the clinic

will be offered a new rod and reel from CPW at the end of the day. Lunch is provided at noon.

Officials usually begin by separating the participating children into groups that will venture from one station to the next. CPW representatives teach the young anglers about casting techniques, how to prepare their poles for fishing and how to bait their hooks. The children line up and either use their own poles or use poles provided by the CPW for the lesson before heading out with their family and friends to put new techniques learned to practice.

In addition to casting and pole basics, the children will be learning about rules and regulations from CPW officers. Volunteer officers sit down with each group and talk to them about the



Photos courtesy of South Fork Visitor Center
The annual Youth Fishing Clinic in South Fork will take place on June 15 at Saddlebrook Pond just west of South Fork along Wolf Creek Pass.

rules for fishing.

Officers explain that each child can keep up to four fish to take home on any given day, but that

they could catch and release the fish as much as they wanted.

Other laws explained are that in certain areas, only specific fishing methods are allowed, like whether the location is open to lure fishing only or bait and lure techniques are allowed.

Officers emphasize the importance of having a parent check the regulations of certain areas before embarking on a fishing trip. The children will also learn that once they reach the age of 16, they must purchase a Colorado state fishing license to fish legally.

Saddlebrook Pond is across from Moon Valley along Highway 160 heading up Wolf Creek Pass. For more information or to get directions to the clinic, please contact the South Fork Visitor Center at 719-873-5512.



Courtesy photo
Classical guitarist Javier de los Santos entertains the crowd at the Alamosa Public Library on Friday, May 24.

Library Concert Series brings classical Spanish guitarist to Alamosa

SPECIAL TO THE VALLEY COURIER

ALAMOSA — For a few moments in May, the classics that reside quietly on the shelves in the Alamosa Public Library were serenaded with classics of a different nature.

Musician Javier de los Santos, who lives in Grand Junction, was at the library for a live performance featuring the music of Spanish composers from the 1800's through modern times as one of the performers in the Alamosa Library Concert Series.

Between songs, he would take a moment and explain the history and the stories that the pieces of music were created for.

The pieces he performed included works from Mateo Albeniz, Enrique Granados, Regino Sainz de la Maza, Joaquin Malats, Francisco Tarrega, Cele-

donio Romero and Tomas Marco.

De los Santos has performed extensively in México, the U.S., Spain, and Brazil, and holds a Master of Music in Guitar Performance from the University of Denver's Lamont School of Music where he studied with Maestro Ricardo Iznaola. He is also the president and artistic director of the Western Colorado Guitar Society based in Grand Junction, where he teaches performance and music theory at Colorado Mesa University. In 2009, he was named the first-place winner of the 2009 Denver Classical Guitar Society Solo Debut Competition.

The Alamosa Library Concert Series was made able thanks to a grant from the Alamosa Live Music Association. c



Annual Villa Grove-Bonanza Volunteer Fire Department fundraiser BBQ

STAFF REPORT SAGUACHE COUNTY—

On June 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., join the firefighters from the Villa Grove-Bonanza Volunteer Fire Department for a day of fun and food at the Villa Grove Fire Station.

There will be BBQ sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, bratwurst and all the fixings, the cost is \$15 adults, kids under 5 are free, 6-12 are \$5. There will be a silent auction starting at 2 p.m.

In 2023 the Villa Grove-Bonanza VFD responded to 59 emergency calls, 27 car accidents, seven wildland fires, five structure fires, five EMS assistance calls, vehicle and trash fires and other emergencies.

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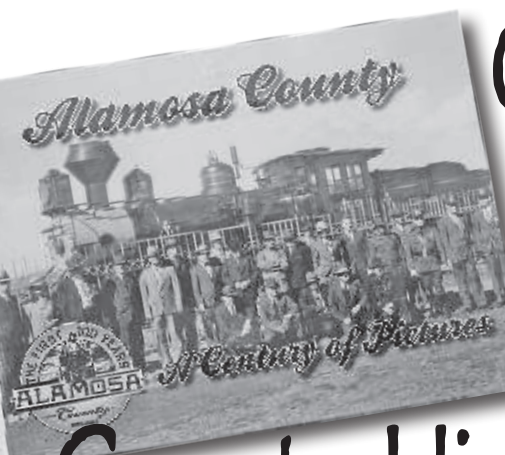
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Sports

11 SLV baseball players named All-State by CHSAA

By KEN HAMRICK
Courier sports editor
ALAMOSA – The Colorado High School Activities Association released its All-State baseball teams last week with 11 student-athletes from the San Luis Valley being recognized.

All 11 are honorable mention selections in their respective classifications. Six of the locals are from Class 2A schools with half of them from Monte Vista. The All-State Pirates included sophomore Azariah Hurtado, sophomore Kobe Jiron, and junior Kaden Mellott

Mellott was Monte Vista's top hitter with a .387 batting average. He also had six doubles, two triples and 15 RBIs. He was also the Pirates' top pitcher with an 8-2 record and a 2.01 earned run average. He also struck out 101 and walked only 16. He had 11 stolen bases.

Hurtado batted .329 with nine doubles, three triples, two home runs and 31 RBIs. As a pitcher, he went 1-0 with a 4.00 ERA with 10 strikeouts and seven walks. He stole 20 bases.

Jiron batted .262 with five doubles, three triples and 13 RBIs. He was also the second pitcher in the rotation and he went 5-3 with a 2.01 ERA and he struck out 55 and walked 32. He also stole 23 bases. Monte Vista went 19-5 overall and it won the Southern Peaks League championship with an 11-0 record and it advanced to the state tournament.

Del Norte had two selections in seniors Nicolas Atencio and Gage Trujillo.

Atencio batted .532 with nine doubles, one triple and 20 RBIs. As a pitcher he had a 2-4 record with a 1.52 ERA, 87 strikeouts and 19 walks. He also stole 18 bases.

Trujillo had a .352 batting average with four doubles, one triple and 13 RBIs. Pitching-wise, he had an 0-1 record with a 5.73 ERA, nine strikeouts and six walks. He had 17 stolen bases.

The Tigers were 11-10 overall and 10-4 in league play.

The final local Class 2A All-State player is Sanford senior Cash Caldon. He batted .553 with five doubles, two triples and 25 RBIs. As a pitcher, he was 2-3 with an 11.09 ERA, 23 strikeouts and 29 walks. He also stole 19 bases.

The Mustangs went 12-8 overall and 6-5 in league play.

The remaining five locals are from Class 1A schools with three of them coming from Sierra Grande. The list includes junior Kobe Mizokami, sophomore Rolando Najera and senior Brian Ontiveros.

Mizokami batted .520 with two doubles, a home

run and 15 RBIs. Pitching-wise, he had a 3-0 record with a 7.11 ERA, 25 strikeouts and 14 walks. He also stole 37 bases.

Najera had a .690 batting average with five doubles, two triples, one home run and 22 RBIs. He also stole 31 bases.

Ontiveros batted .686 with five doubles, four triples and 17 RBIs. As a pitcher, he had a 6-1 record with a 7.78 ERA, 51 strikeouts and 15 walks. He stole 35 bases.

The Panthers had a 13-3 overall record and they were 4-0 in league play.

Centennial had one selection in senior Manny Benton. He had a .600 batting average. He also stole 16 bases.

The Rams were 2-10 overall and 0-4 in league play.

Rounding out the local All-State players is Antonito senior Darius Cisneros-Gomez. He had a .485 average with two doubles, a triple and one home run. He stole 24 bases.

The Trojans had an overall record of 7-9-1 and they were 2-2 in league.



Courier file photos by Ken Hamrick
Monte Vista's Kaden Mellott



Monte Vista's Kobe Jiron



Sierra Grande's Kobe Mizokami



Sierra Grande's Brian Ontiveros (left)



Monte Vista's Azariah Hurtado



Sanford's Cash Caldon (right)



Sierra Grande's Rolando Najera



Del Norte's Nic Atencio



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 4. Felines
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 7. Daytime light

DOWN
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 2. Not certain
 3. Corrals dogs on walks
 4. Portable bed
 6. East coast state

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FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS POSITION open at the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Applicant must pass a background check and be able to work independently, be a forward-thinking 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. (7/3/24)

THE TOWN OF CENTER is seeking applications for a full-time **STREETS & PARKS SPECIALIST** DEPARTMENT. The applicant should be able to operate various pieces of equipment, such as lawn mowers, trimmers, chainsaws, dump trucks, snow plows, tractors, backhoes, and street sweepers. The applicant will also need to be able to work with underground sprinklers and irrigation systems and may assist with Animal Control. He/she needs to be self-starter, and have the ability to plan ahead and look to the future as the town grows. Salary will be \$16 to \$20 dollars an hour, based on experience. Benefits include 100% health paid for employee, with competitive plans in dental, vision, and life insurance, generous PTO vacation earnings as well as up to a 3% match for retirement IRAs. Must have a valid driver's license and be able to pass a drug test. Applications are available on the Town's website or can be picked up at Town Hall. If you have any question's contact Jaime at 719-754-3497. Applications must be turned in by close of business on June 14, 2024. (6/14/24)

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; 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. (7/3/24)

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED FOR the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT, CDL & NON-CDL DRIVERS. Will pay for CDL license and training with contract. Must be able to pass a background and pre-employment drug test. If interested, please contact Demo Trujillo, 719-657-4040 x4007, dtrujillo@urtigers.co. Applications can be retrieved online at: www.urtigers.co. (7/3/24)

CAFETERIA STAFF NEEDED at UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Must have a 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@urtigers.co. Applications can be retrieved online at: www.urtigers.co. (7/3/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

PART-TIME SECRETARY AT SACRED HEART CHURCH. Monday thru Friday - Hours 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (25 hrs. a week). Should be bilingual and have some Microsoft programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher) and google email/calendar knowledge. Please submit resume to admin@sacredheartalamosa.org or come to the office for an application. If you have any questions, please call the office at (719) 589-5829, ext. 11. (6/12/24)

SAN LUIS VALLEY HEALTH is seeking a highly organized and detail oriented **EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT** to work closely with the Chief Medical Officer. The Executive Assistant will provide high level administrative support to the CMO which will include managing schedules and arranging meetings. This position will play a crucial role in maintaining effective communication between medical staff leaders, hospital administration, and legal counsel. As Executive Assistant, you will serve as an essential link between senior management and medical staff to coordinate the operational processes of physician and allied health credentialing, meeting management, and flow of information while also maintaining strict confidentiality and ensuring compliance with organizational policies and accrediting and regulatory agencies. The pay range for this position is \$19.95 - \$27.84. For more information and to apply please visit our careers page at www.slvh.org (6/12/24)

TOWN OF DEL NORTE MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK. Town of Del Norte is hiring **PART-TIME** Municipal Court Clerk. High school graduate or GED equivalent and two years of office, legal, and court clerical. Will work closely with Town municipal judge for operations and procedures of the municipal court system. With knowledge of legal terminology and practices. Oversees and maintains the court dockets, records of all pending and disposed cases, and ensures accurate and updated information. All administrative and technical duties in support of municipal court. Send resume to Town of Del Norte - Attention Town Clerk. Resumes may be submitted by email to delnorte1860@outlook.com or mailed to Del Norte Town Hall, 140 Spruce Street, DEL NORTE, CO 81132. EOE. (6/12/24)

NOW HIRING: PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANT. Job Description: A Public Works Assistant is an on-call, **PART-TIME** position with no benefits, supervised by the Public Works Superintendent. The Public Works Assistant assists the Public Works Superintendent to service the sewer system, water system, roads and bridges, drainage, buildings, parks, Town properties, and cemetery. Required Knowledge, Qualities, Skills, And Abilities: Working knowledge of the language, principles, methods, materials, and equipment common to municipal public works repairs and maintenance of parks, roads, grounds, and buildings. Ability to operate and maintain small snow removal equipment, mowers, and a variety of power and hand tools. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with Town officials and employees, representatives of other agencies and organizations, and members of the community. Required Education, Training, And Experience: A valid Colorado driver's license or equivalent, and high school diploma or equivalent. Previous experience in a parks or public works department preferred. All applicants should fill out an application (located at <http://townofcrestone.colorado.gov/>) to submit along with a resume and cover letter to crestonetownoffice@gmail.com. (6/19/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONIST / SCHOOL ASSESSMENT COORDINATOR, needed at DEL NORTE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL for the 2024-2025 school year. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic team. Applicants must have a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Annie Hardy, Principal at ahardy@urtigers.co or contact Annie at 719-657-4020. Applications can be found online at: urtigers.co. (7/3/24)

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DEL NORTE HIGH SCHOOL is seeking a qualified **SECONDARY BUSINESS TEACHER.** We are seeking an experienced, hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, and vibrant team. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License with a Secondary Business endorsement. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Annie Hardy at ahardy@urtigers.co or call Mrs. Hardy at (719) 657 - 4020. Applications can be accessed online at www.urtigers.co. (6/15/24)

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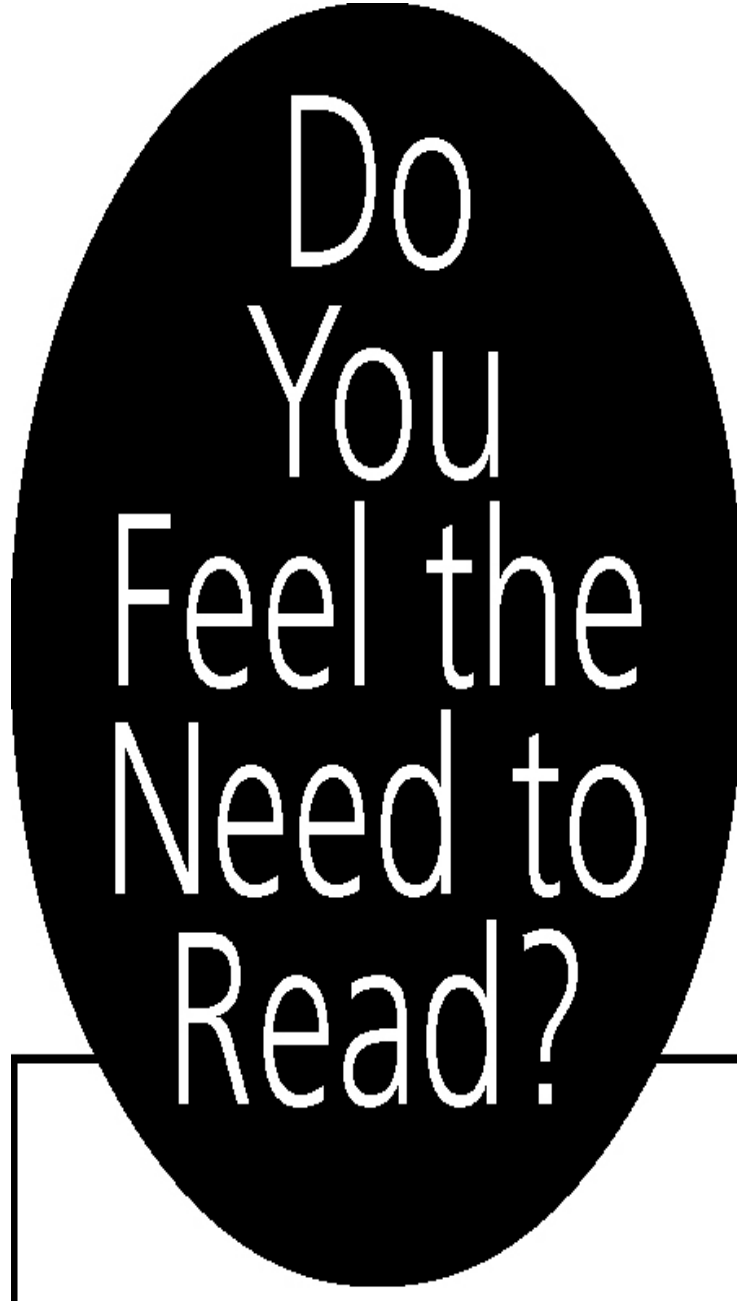
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- 1 Move up and down
 - 4 Hurried
 - 8 Relaxation
 - 12 Eisenhower's nickname
 - 13 Big book
 - 14 Microsoft gaming brand
 - 15 Exist
 - 16 Devastation
 - 17 Remedy
 - 18 Wise
 - 20 "For — sake!"
 - 21 Craze
 - 22 Wide stripe
 - 23 Arab chief
 - 26 Ocean mammal
 - 30 Label
 - 31 Ordinance
 - 32 Marching band instrument
 - 33 Encourage
 - 35 Night bird
 - 36 Edge
 - 37 Groom's attendant (2 wds.)

- 39 Beat**
- 41 Lout
 - 42 Mal de —
 - 43 Bleachers
 - 46 Hamlet
 - 50 Arizona tribe
 - 51 Tight closure
 - 52 Swamp
 - 53 " — Small World"
 - 54 Domesticated
 - 55 " — Then There Were None"
 - 56 Noble gas
 - 57 Cut
 - 58 Matter, in law
- DOWN**
- 1 Favoritism
 - 2 Gumbo ingredient
 - 3 Microwave alert
 - 4 Run naked
 - 5 Hit hard
 - 6 Give off
 - 7 Part of Scand.
 - 8 Movie clip

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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 - 34 English schoolboy
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 - 39 Air gun ammo
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 - 43 Climb
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ALLEY OOP

DOC, I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND YOUR AFFINITY FOR OBSCURE MODES OF TRAVEL! WHY DIDN'T WE USE THE TIME CUBES?

I LIKE TO TAKE IT SLOW AND ENJOY THE VIEW.

WE WERE IN A SUBMARINE, DEEP IN THE OCEAN WITH NO LIGHT!

YES, BUT THE SUBMARINE ITSELF WAS QUITE LOVELY, WASN'T IT?

IT WAS CRAMPED AND COLD. AND IT SMELLED.

OK, FINE. I WANTED TO FILL MY PUNCHCARD. AFTER 12 SUB RIDES, I GOT THIS COOL TOTE BAG!

IT'S MY OTHER SUBMARINE IS A GILDED SPOON!

ARLO & JANIS

WE USE A LOT OF ROUX, SO WE MAKE A LARGE BATCH IN THE OVEN AND FREEZE IT.

IT TAKES LONGER, BUT IT FREES US TO DO OTHER THINGS.

OH, ARLO WOULDN'T APPROVE OF THAT!

DON'T TELL ME DAD'S A PURIST! IT'S NOT ROUX IF IT'S NOT MADE ON A STOVETOP!

RIGHT? NO.

BUT STIRRING THE ROUX IS A HANDY EXCUSE TO DRINK A GLASS OF WINE.

BIG NATE

AH! CAN I COME IN, ARTUR? HALLO! I NEED A STUDY BUDDY FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES FINAL!

FRANCIS WON'T DO IT BECAUSE HE SAYS I CAN'T FOCUS, AND DAPHNE'S ALREADY IN A STUDY GROUP THAT LEAVES YOU.

SO... I AM THIRD CHOICE?

YOU'RE THE FOURTH, ACTUALLY.

HOKAY! I TRIED AN ONLINE TUTOR, BUT SHE WASN'T AS HOT AS I THOUGHT SHE'D BE.

THE BORN LOSER

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY WAYS IN WHICH I HAVE SUFFERED SINCE YOU MARRIED MY DAUGHTER?

NO, BUT I DO KNOW OF ONE WAY IN WHICH YOU HAVEN'T SUFFERED...

IN SILENCE!

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

APRIL, I TOLD YOU... STAY OUTTA MY ROOM!

FRANK & ERNEST

COULD YOU HELP ME SHIFT THIS AROUND? I'M FREEZING MY TAIL OFF!

GARFIELD

HEEE! HEE! HEE!

I'M SURE IT'S HARD TO KEEP A STRAIGHT FACE

HAI HAI HAI!

THE GRIZZWELLS

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU PLAYED ON A BASEBALL TEAM.

IT'S TRUE.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE POSITION?

USUALLY, FLAT ON MY BACK UNDERNEATH THE BLEACHERS WHILE EVERYONE ELSE WAS RUNNING LAPS.

PEANUTS

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I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT, MARCIE.

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Wife prepares to run off with husband's best man

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "George" for 35 years. I was pregnant when I married. We had dated only five months. We came from families that believed you had to "do the right thing" and get married. I love my husband, but never as deeply as I thought I should.

I had feelings for someone else ("Dennis") before I got married, but we were always in different relationships when we'd see each other. He was my husband's best man at our wedding, and they were friends for many years. He moved away and we had not seen each other for 25 years. Dennis and I recently reconnected, and when we first saw each other, it was like I was hit by a truck full of emotions.

Dennis makes me feel ways I never felt before. We have long talks about how much we missed each other. We can tell each other anything. I'm the happiest I have ever been in my life, but once again, things are complicated. I still live with my husband, although I'm in the process of moving out as soon as I can. Dennis has to take care of his mother and can't just walk off.

We want to be together.

We have never done anything more than hug and share passionate kisses. George will be hurt, but should I keep putting my happiness last just to please someone else? When do I deserve to be happy? -- ABOUT TO FLEE

DEAR ABOUT TO FLEE: You have a right to be happy and so does George. Have you and Dennis been discussing marriage during any of those long talks? Does George know you are planning to move out and why? How does Dennis' mother (who is very much in the picture) feel about his romance with you? How do you plan to support yourself if your romance should not work out?

Be sure you have answers to these questions before you pack your bags, because if you don't, you may find you slammed the door on a satisfactory marriage to a man whose only flaw was that he wasn't Dennis.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-husband is dying of cancer. I got pregnant shortly before we divorced. I left him because he physically, psychologically and emotionally abused me. I never told him about his son. In fact, I lied and told him the



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

child was someone else's. I did it to protect our child.

Now that my ex is dying, I feel guilty. He never had any other children. Should I tell him he has a son? -- FEELING GUILTY IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR FEELING GUILTY: That's an interesting question. My first reaction is to let sleeping dogs lie. From your description of your ex-husband, he would have used the child as a pawn to further abuse you. However, you didn't mention whether your son knows who his father is. If he does, he might want to meet him before he expires. This is something only you can decide.



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Alamosa Round-Up has it all

The Alamosa Round-UP has been a part of the San Luis Valley Heritage for over 40 years. With multiple days of exciting events, it is the biggest event in Alamosa.

The 2024 Alamosa Round-UP kicks off June 14th with the Ranch Rodeo. Saturday June

15th, brings the Demolition Derby. The following weekend, June 20, kicks off with the Mutton Bustin and Local Barrel Race Qualifier, Friday and Saturday Nights bring The Professional PRCA Rodeo, Saturday also includes Cowboy Church at 9:00 am. Saturday

Night after the Rodeo is the 6th Annual Round-UP Concert, featuring professional saddle bronc rider and country music artist Justin Lawrence!!!

Real Country Music is coming to Our Small Town!! The Alamosa Round-UP is proud to be a part of such a wonderful community!! The Alamosa Round-UP is supported by The City of Alamosa, Visit Alamosa, and over 85 local families and businesses! This truly is Alamosa's Round-UP- Nominated TOP 5 PRCA Rodeo of the Year, and



Mountain States Circuit Rodeo of the Year.

Top Cowboys and Cowgirls from around the country as well as future champions don their hats, chap up and put on a show for the fans.

PRCA Rodeo

The top Cowboys and Cowgirls in the sport of professional rodeo make their way to Alamosa to compete in all 7 major events of rodeo. (Bareback Riding, Steer Wrestling, Tie-Down Roping, Saddle Bronc Riding, Team Roping, Barrel Racing, and Bull Riding) The Alamosa

Round-UP is proud to be a part of The All American Series, of The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association! Over 350 Cowboys and Cowgirls make their way to beautiful Alamosa each year to compete for over \$45,000 in Prize \$\$\$.

Entries are now open for The Ranch Rodeo (June 14, 2024) and The 2024 Mutton Bustin Qualifier (June 20, 2024). Local Barrel Race Entries will be taken the night of the Barrel Race- 5 - 6 : 3 0 pm (June 20, 2024). Tickets are also available through the website.



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Alamosa Round-Up 2024

Schedule of Events



Thursday June 20

6:30 pm Mutton Bustin
Local Barrel Race Qualifier

Friday June 14
6:30 pm Ranch Rodeo

Friday June 21

10:00 am PRCA Slack
6:30 pm PRCA Rodeo



Saturday June 15
6:30 pm Demolition Derby

Saturday June 22

9:00 am Cowboy Church
6:30 pm PRCA Rodeo
& Justin Lawrence Concert



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Justin Lawrence in Concert

Saturday Night June 22, 2024 after the PRCA Concert Justin Lawrence will take the stage. In true Chris LeDoux style, this Professional Saddle Bronc Rider will rock the house. His combination of Old School Country covers, True Cowboy originals and Down Home party music are hard to beat!

A cowboy who learned to play music on the road riding broncs in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. He sings songs of the western lifestyle and the Great cowboy legends. With hits like "God Bless My Folks", "To-

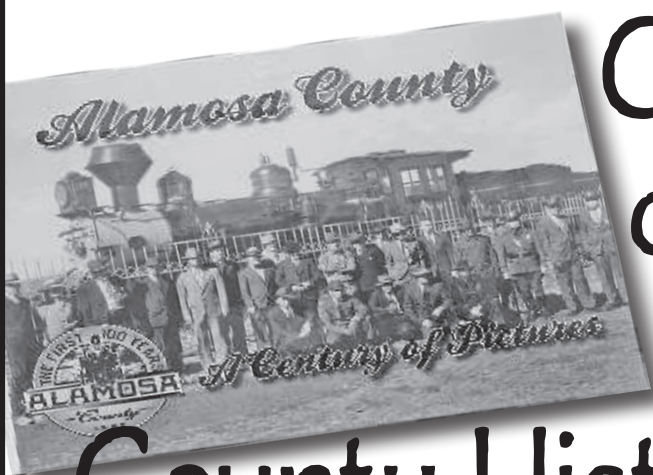
night We Ride" and "Pickup Man", Justin is quickly making a name for himself in country music. He is already known in the rodeo world as a true Cowboy/Country Artist.

Join us in welcoming Justin back to the Alamosa Round-UP Concert stage June 22. The cost of the concert ticket is included with Rodeo admission. Following the rodeo, the arena fence will be opened and spectators can enjoy the concert, dance, and hang out right on the arena floor. Tickets can be purchased at the gate starting at 5:00 pm, or online at www.alamosaroundup.com.



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Mutton Bustin'

Thursday June 20
6:30 p.m.

This year's Mutton Bustin' is sure to delight crowds of all ages, as close to 60 little cowboys and cowgirls don their vests and helmets to take on the wild woolies!! To enter go to- www.alamosa-roundup.com

Entries close June 17th, 2024

The object is clear, stay on as long as you can, and get the highest score. Kids ages 4-7 will give it all they have, and show off their cowboy and cowgirl skills!!! With prizes including Champion Buckles and Justin Boots who can blame them for giving it a go. The top 4 riders in each age group will return to ride again during the PRCA

Rodeo. Top 4 (4-5 year olds) will return Friday Night June 21st, and the Top 4 (6-7 year olds) will ride again on Saturday Night June 22nd. The 2024 Round-UP Mutton Bustin' is Sponsored by- McDonalds, Big R, 1st South-west Bank, Alta Convenience

Stores, Justin Boots, Wilbur Ellis, and SMD Services. The 2024 Local Barrel Race will be held after the Mutton Bustin', June 20th, 2024. Entries for the Local Barrel Race will be taken by the Rodeo Secretary on grounds from 5-6:30 pm.



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Saturday night Derby is back

Demolition Derby at its finest is headed to The Alamosa Round-UP THIS SATURDAY NIGHT June 15th 2024 @ 6:30PM. This Fast Driving, Car Crashing, Metal Smashing, Spark Flying Action has become a favorite Event in Alamosa. The Mini Car's and Big Cars bring the action. New this year the ATV Motocross Barrel Race! The Old School Class is back!! Where else can you cheer on your neighbor, and friends as they smash into each other!!

Last year's Derby was the Best in Years, with cars flipping upside down, launching on top of each other and some of the hardest hits of all time!!! You're not going to want to miss this!!



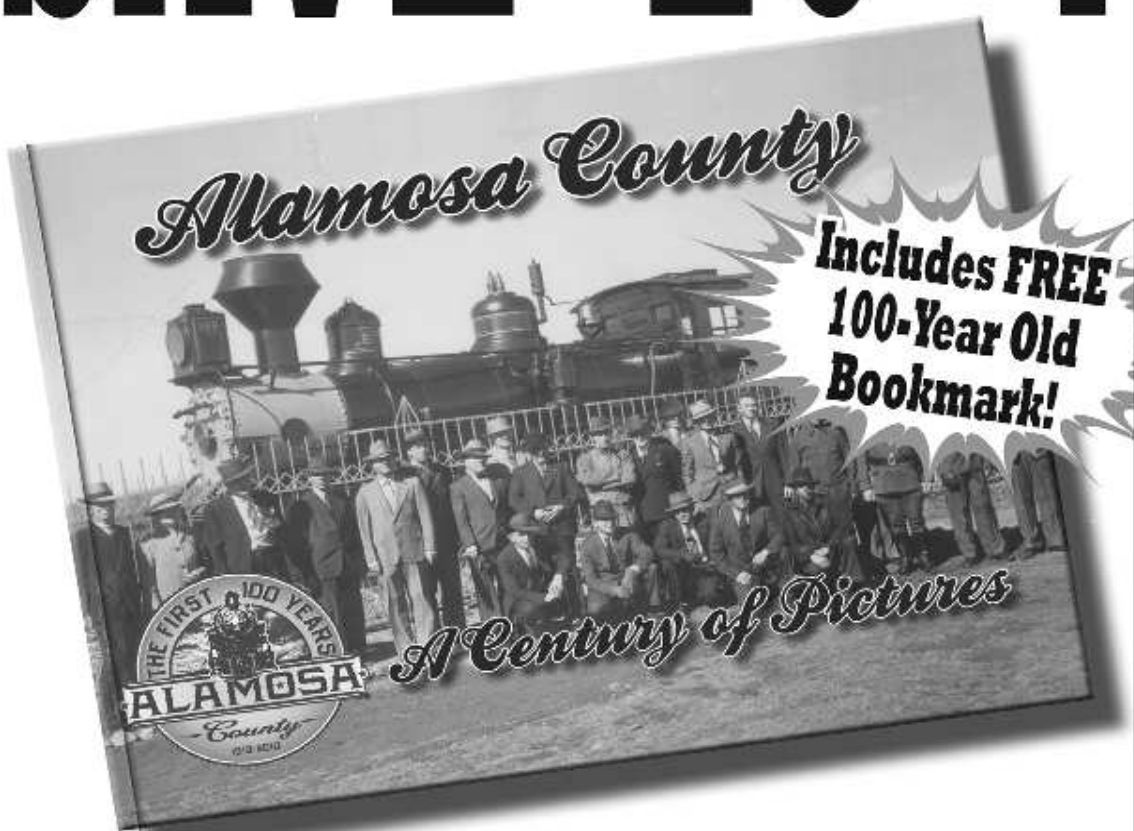
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The grocery Race will also be back this year. Thanks to our Grocery Race Sponsors US Tractor and Harvest, McDonalds, and City Market!! There is fun to be had for all!!

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Alamosa Round-Up PRCA Rodeo

This years PRCA Rodeo will be Friday June 21 @ 6:30pm and Saturday, June 22 @ 6:30pm

The Alamosa Round-UP has been nominated Top 5 Small Rodeos in the PRCA! A Tremendous Honor!!

As well as, Rodeo of the Year in The Mountain States PRCA Circuit.

What is a PRCA Rodeo?

Legend has it that rodeo was born on July 4, 1869 when two groups of cowboys from neighboring ranches met in Deer Trail, CO, to settle an argument over who was the best at performing everyday ranching tasks. That competition is considered to be the first rodeo which evolved into rodeo as we know it today.

Today's professional rodeo cowboy is a bit different from his 1800s predecessor, but the ideals and showmanship and hard work are still valued by today's competitors. A cowboy's standing in the rodeo community is still dependent on his skill with a rope or his ability to ride a bucking animal. The cowboy code still dictates that a cowboy ought to help his fellow competitors, even though they might be competing for the same paycheck.

Thus: The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association



Bareback Riding
Bareback riders endure more

abuse, suffer more injuries and carry away more long-term damage than all other rodeo cowboys.

To stay aboard the horse, a bareback rider uses a rigging made of leather and constructed to meet PRCA safety specifications. The rigging, which resembles a suitcase handle on a strap, is placed atop the horse's withers and secured with a cinch.

It's a tough way to make a living, all right. But, according to bareback riders, it's the cowboy way.



Saddle Bronc Riding
Saddle bronc riding is rodeo's classic event, both a complement and contrast to the wilder spectacles of bareback riding and bull riding. This event requires strength to be sure, but the event also demands style, grace and precise timing.

Saddle bronc riding evolved from the task of breaking and training horses to work the cattle ranches of the Old West. Many cowboys claim riding saddle broncs is the toughest rodeo event to master because of the technical skills necessary for success.



Bull Riding
Rodeo competition, in the be-

ginning, was a natural extension of the daily challenges cowboys confronted on the ranch - roping calves and breaking broncs into saddle horses.

Bull riding, which is intentionally climbing on the back of a 2,000-pound bull, emerged from the fearless and possibly fool-hardy nature of the cowboy. The risks are obvious. Serious injury is always a possibility for those fearless enough to sit astride an animal that literally weighs a ton and is usually equipped with dangerous horns.

Regardless, cowboys do it, fans love it and bull riding ranks as one of rodeo's most popular events.



Steer Wrestling
Speed and strength are the name of the game in steer wrestling. In fact, with a world record sitting at 2.4 seconds, steer wrestling is the quickest event in rodeo.

The objective of the steer wrestler, who is also known as a "bulldogger," is to use strength and technique to wrestle a steer to the ground as quickly as possible. That sounds simple enough.

Here's the catch: the steer generally weighs more than twice as much as the cowboy and, at the time the two come together, they're both often traveling at 30 miles per hour. Speed and precision, the two most important ingredients in steer wrestling, make bulldogging one of rodeo's most challenging events.



Team Roping
Team roping, the only true team event in ProRodeo, requires close cooperation and timing between two highly skilled ropers - a header and a heeler - and their horses. The event originated on ranches when cowboys needed to treat or brand large steers and the task proved too difficult for one man.

The key to success? Hard work and endless practice. Team roping partners must perfect their timing, both as a team and with their respective horses.



Tie-Down Roping

As with saddle bronc riding and team roping, the roots of tie-down roping can be traced back to the working ranches of the Old West. When calves were sick or injured, cowboys had to rope and immobilize them quickly for veterinary treatment. Ranch hands prided themselves on the speed with which they could rope and tie calves, and they soon turned their work into informal contests.

As the event matured, being a good horseman and a fast sprinter became as important to the competitive tie-down roper as being quick and accurate with a rope.

Barrel Racing

Barrel Racing has no judges, which means the event has no subjective points of view. Time is the determining factor. Barrel racing is graceful and simplistic—one woman, three barrels, a horse and an ever present stopwatch. The clock is the one and only judge. Ride quickly and win. Hesitate and lose.



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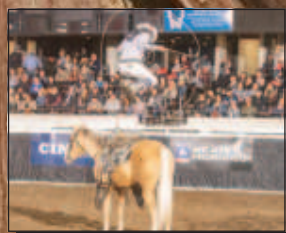
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