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## SLV Today

**Trinidad State College free digital workshops**

**ALAMOSA** — Do Cover Letters Really Matter, with Dr. Emily Hammer is the subject of a workshop at Trinidad State College on June 11. No pre-registration is necessary and there is no cost to attend. The workshop will be at the TSC Valley Campus, Room 206, on June 11, at 8 a.m. For a complete schedule, visit <https://trinidadstate.edu/calendar>.

**Youth choir to perform Sunday in Center, Alamosa**

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** — Young Voices of Colorado Choir, under the direction of Jena Dickey, will sing at the Center United Methodist Church at its 9 a.m. worship service and at the United Methodist Church in Alamosa at its 11 a.m. service on Sunday, June 9.

**Park rangers tell it like it is**

**ALAMOSA** — On June 12 at 10 a.m., park rangers from Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve will be outside of the Alamosa Public Library in Cole Park to discuss the adventures and duties of working in the park. The event is free. The library is at 300 Hunt Ave., Alamosa.

**RGC Democrats meeting is June 12**

**DEL NORTE** — The Rio Grande County Democrats will have its monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 12, at the Rio Grande County Annex in Del Norte beginning at 6 p.m. Discussion will include participation in upcoming parades, local, state, and federal elections, and open leadership positions. All interested Democrats are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, email [riograndedems@gmail.com](mailto:riograndedems@gmail.com).

## SLV WEATHER

Chance of Afternoon Showers, Breezy 86/48  
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# Alamosa Riverfront Project conceptual designs ready for community input



By **JOHN WATERS**  
*Courier News Editor*  
**ALAMOSA** — The Alamosa Riverfront Project team has been working since February developing concept designs for a community-driven project that will bring river recreation opportunities to the Rio Grande at

Cole Park, while also improving river health and downstream agricultural infrastructure. The community is encouraged to participate in the first Alamosa Riverfront Project public input meeting at the Rio Grande Farm Park on **See PROJECT** page 3

**The Alamosa Riverfront Project will bring increased recreational opportunities along the river at Cole Park. A public meeting is scheduled for June 20 at the Rio Grande Farm Park in Alamosa at 6 p.m.**

Courier photo by John Waters

# Caring for the land and serving the people — one trail at a time

By **JOHN WATERS**  
*Courier News Editor*  
**RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST** — On June 5, trail crew employees of the U.S. Forest Service, Sandy Pounder and Adrian Sulahian, were busy working on the Willow Lake Trail No. 865 clearing downed trees. The phrase, “Caring for the land and serving people,” captures the Forest Service mission and these two exemplified that while working on the trail.

The 1.8-million-acre national forest has hundreds of miles of trails that are accessed by foot, horse and in some cases

by mountain bike. Working on a trail crew has the benefits of being outside in spectacular settings. The work is hard and requires extreme stamina and fitness. In Wilderness Areas of the forest, all mechanized equipment is banned so every fallen tree obstructing the trail, large and small, **See TRAIL** page 3

**On June 5, Sandy Pounder (left) and Adrian Sulahian, trail crew employees of the Rio Grande National Forest were clearing downed trees on the Willow Lake Trail in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.**

Courier photo by John Waters



1000 shadows at Cole Park in Alamosa.

# 1000 shadows take Battle of the Bands

**CONTRIBUTED**  
**COLE PARK** — The Alamosa Live Music Association (ALMA) Battle of the Bands on Saturday, June 1, at SummerFest on the Rio, was a resounding success. Five bands competed in front of a full audience, and a panel of expert judges. The winner was 1000 shadows, who had the crowd dancing in front of the stage. The prize is a \$1,000 contract to perform at Sundays at Six on Aug. 18 in Cole Park.

The band was formed in 2022 in Pueblo, consisting of co-workers and

longtime friends taking pride in writing original alternative rock music. Band members are Jim Miller, lead vocalist, Edward Dennis, rhythm guitar and backing vocals, Shaw Harrison, lead guitar, Jon Conley, bass, and Brett Pavlik, drums.

# Stampede scholarship applications open

**STAFF REPORT**  
**SAN LUIS VALLEY** — Applications are now open for the annual Ski-Hi Stampede Adams State University Foundation (ASUF) scholarship, with an application deadline of June 24.

The Ski Hi committee and ASUF have teamed up to provide three scholarships to

any male or female SLV resident that plan to attend or continue to attend ASU, both traditional and nontraditional students. During the Stampede, July 11-14, 2024, three scholarships valued at \$3,500 each will be awarded to qualifying applicants. In the year of the scholarship **See STAMPEDE** page 3



**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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# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Donaciana Benavidez

Donaciana Benavidez (Donna / Shana) 90 passed away peacefully on May 21, 2024, at home with her loving family by her side. She was born on March 28, 1934, to Eduvigen Benavidez.

Donaciana was a very loving person and raised all her nieces as nephews as her own. Donaciana was known as a grandmother to all. Her family and garden were her biggest passions along with bingo. Donaciana always had the ability to make everyone feel loved. She enjoyed telling her stories of her youth and wonderful life experiences. Her advice to everyone was



"Always love and take care of each other"

She is survived by her nieces Tina Beltran (Miguel), Bernadette Pena, nephew Ross Pena (Debbie), sister Carmen Pena (Lee), goddaughter Amalia Gonzalez (Mar-

tin), granddaughter Carmen Aguilar, and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews which she considered all her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother Eduvigen Benavidez, Sister Evelyn Pena, brother-in-law Augustine Pena, and her loving daughter Elizabeth Aguilar.

Cremation was chosen and the Rosary will be held on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. and Mass at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 425 Batterson St., Monte Vista, Colo. Interment will follow at the Del Norte Cemetery.

### Margaret E. Garcia

Margaret E. Garcia, 77, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. Margaret was born in Arroyo Seco, N.M., to Casimira Baca and Joe D. (Nicho) Cordova. Margaret married Santiago (Jimmy) Garcia in the summer of 1965 and together they had three beautiful children.

She was an amazing mother, grandmother, and the best great grandmother. She enjoyed going gambling with her kids and cooking for her family. She enjoyed going to church, picking pinon, going to bingo, spending time outdoors, and keeping in touch with her friends and family.

In her final days she really got to enjoy her life. She got one last gambling trip; she got a full week of her great-granddaughters, and she won a raffle. Even though she was taken from us unexpectedly, Margaret lived a full life all the way to the end, and she will be



dearly missed.

She is survived by her daughter Roseann (Chris) Martinez, sons Martin (Sara) Garcia, and Moses (Shelley) Garcia, grandkids Christopher (Ashley), Lucas (Chelsea), Monica (Paul), Eric, Derek (Karina), Jesse, Trey (Cristal) and Sophia, great-grandkids Gisel, Saige, EmmaRose, Gracie, Elliebeth, and

Baby Boy Garcia, sisters, Clara DeHerrera, and Francis (Arthur) Alire and many nieces and nephews, in-laws Lucy Cordova, Lorraine Cordova, Carmen, and Art (Elaine) Garcia.

She was preceded in death by her husband Santiago (Jimmy) Garcia, parents Casimira and Joe Cordova, siblings Leroy Cordova, Albert Cordova, Flora Gallegos, Mauricio Cordova, and Carmel DeHerrera.

Family, friends, and others whose lives Margaret touched are invited to St. Frances Jerome Catholic Church for a Rosary on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 6 p.m. A funeral service will be on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 10 a.m. in Center, Colo. Inurnment to follow funeral mass will be at 7-mile plaza cemetery and a meal to follow at the St. Frances Catholic Church basement.

Arrangements in care of Strohmayer's Funeral Home in Monte Vista, Colo.

### Carolyn 'Kaye' Lopez

Longtime and well-known Sanford resident and educator, Carolyn "Kaye" Lopez, 74, died June 4, 2024, at her home in Sanford surrounded by her loving family.

Kaye was born in Morenci, Ariz., on Jan. 5, 1950, the daughter of Max Duward Martin and Arlene Otteson Martin Reed. She married Locadio Lopez in Taos, N.M., on Jan. 25, 1968, and to this union five children were born, Terry, Tina, Lindy, Jason, and Brett. Lokie preceded Kaye in death on May 10, 2007.

Kaye worked for the Flavin family making turquoise jewelry then went to college and earned her degree in music and elementary education. She then took a job with the Sanford School District and worked there for more than 30 years as a Teacher, Basketball and Volleyball Coach, Band Teacher, School Bus Driver, and a sub. Kaye also kept the books and ran the clock at many school ballgames. She was an avid softball player and pitched well into her 50's.

Kaye also enjoyed raising farm animals, including her cows, horses, and chickens. She loved her



flower gardens, and most importantly loved spending time with her family. She absolutely loved her grandchildren. Kaye was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and held many callings throughout the years, including Music and Choir, Sunday School, and Seminary Teacher. She loved and cared for her students.

Kaye is survived by her children Tina (Tom) Rogers of Sanford, Colo., Lindy (Shanda) Lopez of Centennial, Colo., Jason Lopez of Centennial, Colo., and Brett (Amanda) Lopez of Sanford, Colo.; 12 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; her siblings: Coleen Martin of Sanford, Colo., Richard (Jackie) Martin of Manassa, Colo., Leana McCarroll of La Jara, Colo., Ross (Donna) Reed of St. Louis,

Mo., and Van (Claire) Reed of Johnstown, Colo.; her stepbrother Leon (Kathy) Reed of Thornton, Colo.; her sister-in-law Teri Martin of Yukon, Okla.; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, friends, and students.

Kaye was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Locadio, her son Terry Lopez, her brother Max Ray Martin, her step-siblings Sharon Sowards, Calvin Reed, Gordon Reed, LaVerne Williams, and Beverly Powell, her brother-in-law Rod McCarroll, and her niece Rebecca Martin.

A Visitation will be held from 9:45-10:45 a.m. at the Sanford Relief Society room, followed by a Funeral Service at 11 a.m. both are on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at the Sanford Wards Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Interment will follow services in the Sanford Cemetery.

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

## Summer Blitz DUI enforcement began Thursday

### By COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Colorado sunshine brings backyard barbecues, outdoor concerts, baseball games, and more. But you could miss it all this summer with a DUI. To keep roadways safe, the Colorado Department of Transportation will support the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and 69 local law enforcement agencies for The Heat Is On Summer Blitz DUI enforcement period from June 6 to 19. During the 14-day enforcement period, drivers may see saturation patrols, sobriety checkpoints and additional law enforcement officers on duty dedicated to arresting impaired drivers. If your warm weather plans include alcohol or cannabis, leave the keys at home and plan a sober ride.

"With more motorists on the road during the summer months, law enforcement is urging Coloradans to slow down, buckle up and always drive sober," said Col. Matthew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado

State Patrol. "The period between Memorial Day and Labor Day is known as the 100 Deadliest Days of Summer, as impaired driving-related fatalities tend to spike in Colorado. Keep safety top of mind this summer — plan a sober ride home."

There were 307 reported DUI arrests over last year's Summer Blitz enforcement period. So far in 2024, there have been 58 fatal crashes in Colorado that involved an impaired driver. Colorado law enforcement remains committed to keeping our roads safe and removing impaired drivers.

"So far this year, there have been over 2,200 DUI arrests during heightened enforcement," said CDOT's Office of Transportation Safety Director Darrell Lingk. "Never let your friends and family get behind the wheel impaired. If you're hosting a pool party or backyard BBQ this summer, encourage your guests to designate a sober driver or take a rideshare service. You can prevent a crash and save lives." Although most Color-

dans choose to never drive impaired, the ones that do racked up over 16,000 DUI arrests in 2023. According to NoDUIColorado.org, first-time DUI offenders can be subject to an average cost of \$13,530 in fines and penalties, including:

- Increased auto insurance: \$3,600
- Ignition interlock service: \$2,172
- Alcohol/drug treatment and education: \$1,000
- Defense attorney: \$3,650
- Arrest, court & legal fees: \$2,300
- Department of Revenue & DMV fees: \$773

About one-third of fatal crashes in Colorado involve an impaired driver. This summer, CDOT advises people to plan a sober ride home before going out. If you have a designated driver, make sure they have not been consuming alcohol or cannabis before entering their vehicle.

Following Summer Blitz, the next DUI enforcement period will be the Fourth of July Weekend from July 3 to 8.

## Medicare Fraud Prevention Week lessons apply year-round

### CONTRIBUTED ALAMOSA

Fraud costs Medicare an estimated \$60 billion per year. It costs Medicare beneficiaries in time, stress, their medical identities, and potentially their health. It costs families, friends, and caregivers in worry and lost work when helping their loved ones recover from falling victim to Medicare fraud.

"Medicare fraud has a devastating impact on both beneficiaries and the Medicare program," said Michelle Phillips State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Coordinator. "We teach people how to avoid experiencing Medicare fraud. By preventing fraud from happening, this program helps individuals and protects the Medicare program for generations to come."

Learn how to protect yourself and your loved ones by joining the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) and their partners for Medicare Fraud Prevention Week which runs the week of June 5, or 6/5, because most people become eligible for Medicare when they turn 65.

"We're excited to teach people both about how to protect themselves from Medicare fraud and about the services that the Senior Medicare Patrol program offers. We hope that people will remember the numbers '6-5' to help us celebrate Medicare Fraud Prevention Week," said Michelle Phillips.

Everyone plays a part in the fight against fraud.

The lessons learned during Medicare Fraud Prevention Week are applicable anytime:

Medicare beneficiaries can monitor their insurance statements to make sure products and services received match what is on the statements. They can request free My Health Care Trackers from their local SMP.

Caregivers can help by being on the lookout for items such as durable medical equipment (like boxes of knee braces) lying around the house that may have been shipped to the beneficiary without their or their doctor's approval. They can remind their client or loved one to never give out their Medicare number or other personal information over the phone.

Families can help by talking to their loved ones about protecting their Medicare number just as they would a credit card number. They can help their loved ones create a Medicare.gov account to access their Medicare statements online or remind them to open and review them when they come in the mail. They can also register their phone number on "do not call" lists and go to optoutprescreen.com to opt out of mailings.

Partners and professionals can help by sharing SMP information on social media, referring clients and consumers to the SMP, and inviting the SMP to speak during a shared event.

Health care providers can help by talking to patients about health care-related scams such as

those related to durable medical equipment and genetic testing schemes. They can remind them that products and services should only be ordered by physicians they regularly see. Needed medical items should never be ordered through TV ads or unsolicited calls.

Community members can help by looking out for older neighbors. When in public, they can be aware of older individuals purchasing gift cards in large amounts. They can encourage those they know to talk to a trusted source about their Medicare questions and tell neighbors about the most recent Medicare scams. They can even consider volunteering with the local SMP!

The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) is ready to provide you with the information you need to PROTECT yourself from Medicare fraud, errors, and abuse; DETECT potential fraud, errors, and abuse; and REPORT your concerns. SMPs help educate and empower Medicare beneficiaries in the fight against health care fraud. Your SMP can help you with your questions, concerns, or complaints about potential fraud and abuse issues. It also provides information and educational presentations.

### School Menu Monday June 10, 2024

<b>BREAKFAST</b>
Cereal Bar Fruit & Milk
<b>ELEMENTARY</b>
Breaded Chicken Sandwich Tater Tots Fruit & Milk
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>
Breaded Chicken Sandwich Tater Tots Fruit & Milk
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## 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 affili-

ated 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](http://slvaa.org)

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# Valley News

## ASU BOT present legislators with awards

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

ALAMOSA – The Adams State University Board of Trustees (BOT) demonstrated its appreciation from Colorado legislators by presenting the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) and others with awards during their June 7 meeting.

Legislators honored included Senator Rachel Zenzinger, Representative Emily Sirota, Representative Shannon Bird, Representative Rick Taggart, Senator Jeff Bridges, Senator Barbara Kirkmeyer, Senator Cleave Simpson, and Representative Matthew Martinez. Sen. Simpson attended the meeting in person and the others joined virtually.

Adams State President David Tandberg appreciated the vote of confidence from the legislators who supported an increase in funding for Colorado rural higher education institu-



Senator Cleave Simpson, second from left, joins Adams State Board of Trustees Chair Duane Bussey, Adams State President David Tandberg, and BOT Member Karen Middleton during the award presentation to Colorado legislators.

tions. “Your opinion of us motivated Adams State and brought excitement to the San Luis Valley. Thank

you so much,” Tandberg said.

BOT Chair Duane Bussey echoed the sentiments, “Adams State is

important to the health of the community and your support sends a positive message.”

BOT member Karen



Courtesy photos

Adams State President David Tandberg presents Senator Cleave Simpson with special recognition for his dedication to the University at the Board of Trustees meeting on June 7.

Middleton expressed her gratitude for the bipartisan support.

The JBC Chair Shannon Bird understands the power of higher education.

“We are all in to support

you and the great work you do for the future of Colorado,” Bird said.

The BOT also toured the mechanical engineering classrooms and labs during their June 7 meeting.



The Adams State Board of Trustees tour the mechanical engineering classrooms and labs during their June 7 meeting.



Adams State President David Tandberg joins the BOT LeRoy Salazar, Rena Kirkland, Jonathan Marquez, Pam Bricker, Karen Middleton, Duane Bussey, and Arthur Ortegon for a tour of the mechanical engineering space.

## Summer reading at Zapata Historic Park starts Monday



Courier photo by John Waters

For the second year in a row, the Alamosa Public Library will be hosting an outreach program in Zapata Historic Park. This program is free, and provides free books, breakfast and lunch, and a half-day of activities. It will run Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. from June 10 to July 18 (except for Juneteenth and July 4th). June 10, they will have pizza and ice cream to celebrate the opening day. Spanish-speaking staff are available.

## Project

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Thursday, June 20, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to meet the team over dinner to learn more about the project and give your input on conceptual designs to help shape the future of Alamosa’s riverfront. Spanish translation will be available.

RSVPs are not required but are appreciated to estimate attendance. RSVP via the Facebook event, which can be found on the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project Facebook profile. Email [alamosariverfront@gmail.com](mailto:alamosariverfront@gmail.com), with further questions.

As previously reported in the Valley Courier, the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project (RGHRP) has made progress with plans to invigo-

rate the riparian corridor of the Rio Grande in Alamosa. The plan includes recreational opportunities along the river at Cole Park, improving aging and hazardous agricultural diversion infrastructure, and improving aquatic habitat.

The RGHRP is a non-profit based in Alamosa with the mission of restoring the Rio Grande for all users, recreational, agricultural, and wildlife.

Funders for the planning and design phase include the Colorado Health Foundation, Trinchera Blanca Foundation, Colorado Water Conservation Board, City of Alamosa. Partners include the City of Alamosa, SLV GO, Rio Grande Farm Park, Alamosa County, San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District, and Westside Ditch water users.

Jub Engineering and RiverRestoration have been hired to work with the community during the planning and design process. RiverRestoration has worked on a portfolio of aquatic projects in both restoration and recreation. The firm was retained by the Bend (Oregon) Parks and Recreation Department in 2010 to replace a hazardous dam on the Deschutes River and transform the area into a recreational paradise. The firm was also hired by the Town of Vail to improve the performance of the Vail Whitewater Park. Both of these sites are tourist destinations.

The plan will increase community access to river-based recreation including a put-in. The improvements will be similar to the work RGHRP did

along the Rio in Del Norte to increase recreational opportunities there.

Included in the project are improvements to the aging infrastructure for the Westside Ditch, just east of Highway 160.

Aquatic and riparian habitats will benefit from the construction of a low-flow channel, fish habitat structures, and the removal of invasive species.

In April, Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman told the Valley Courier, “This is an exciting planning process and we are grateful for the community partnerships that make this project possible. The 2017 Comprehensive Plan lists the activation of the Rio Grande as the number one community priority, so this project helps us move that effort forward.”



Courier photo by John Waters

In this June 2022 photo, these two with Volunteers for OutdoorColorado, size up a downed tree on the Willow Lake Trail. After a few hours of hard work using hand tools, the tree was cut and removed from the trail.

## Trail

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must be cut by hand using the tools the crew carries.

According to Gregg Goodland, Public Information Officer with the Forest Service,

“What they were clearing off the trail were downed trees and logs as high up the trail as they can get in a day. This is a common early-season tactic for trail crews. Since the higher country only becomes accessible later in the year, they can focus efforts on the lower-elevation sections of the forest. This typically coincides with the users that are day hiking those trails who turn around when the snow drifts become abundant. Later in the year, the crews will return to those same trails and do more clearing in the higher elevations and, if needed, heavier maintenance that was identified on the early trips.”

The 9.5-mile-out-and-back trail that Pounder and Sulahian were clearing, also has an elevation gain of almost 2,900 feet. And yes, they carry their

tools up 2,900 feet, and back down.

Nationally the Forest Service is responsible for maintaining over 160,000 miles of trails.

Forest Service trail managers apply standardized concepts and tools to administer the many miles of National Forest Service system trails. These concepts help trail managers across all forests and grasslands to design, construct, and maintain trails in a similar way that provides a consistent user experience.

Aside from employees to do trail work, the Forest Service partners with outside groups such as Volunteer for Outdoor Colorado (VOC). In a 2023 interview with the Valley Courier, Anna Zawisza at VOC said that volunteering with the group is easy, “We work statewide engaging people to do active stewardship work, that means pretty much anything that can be done on public lands without a lot of training, we are doing. Planting trees, doing wildfire mitigation of fuel.” For more information on Volunteer for Outdoor Colorado, visit: [www.voc.org](http://www.voc.org).

## Stampede

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arship application, the applicant must have participated or will be participating in any of the following events: Stampede rodeo, SLV high school rodeo, SLV

Little Britches rodeo, or the SLV Regional Fair as a 4-H or FFA participant, or be a stockholder or child of a Stampede stockholder, or be a volunteer during the Stampede event.

To apply, go to [www.skihistampede.com/asu-scholarship-application](http://www.skihistampede.com/asu-scholarship-application).

# Opinion

## Ears, we all have them

I've been thinking about ears lately. It started ten years ago when I watched an interview with actor Sally Fields. Her ears looked like a nautilus shell flattened onto an appendage to the head. Ears offer us a lot in terms of communication and elegance. Have you ever noticed that? Sally's ears had dainty diamond studs showing off the clean, organic lines of her lobule, concha and helix.

### Movin' On with Nellie



Nelda Curtiss

Without ears, we wouldn't be able to hear our names whispered by our babies or others trying to get our attention. Along with crying, hearing or listening is one of the survival skills we all grow up with.

The chirps of birds foraging through the pine needles or grass blades on the spring lawn can be a stirring sound on Monday mornings. The ears roll those single notes into the ear canal and into our heads, or brains. Sometimes, we sip our favorite morning drink or a flavored brew while listening to the bustle of nests outside our windows.

In that auditorium, the sound can turn into a powerful motivator; but then the cacophony might morph into white noise of the day. I'd rather wake to the conversations of birds than to the conversation of an electric alarm exchanging electricity for vibrating angst. The Zen alarm that grows in volume from one gong is not as pleasant as the hurried chirping of our fellow feathered finches, in my opinion.

Early spring in the Valley is a drive



through these Sand Hill Crane love songs when their flights bring them to our fallowed fields. With our ears tuned and ready, we stream to the corners of the Monte Vista Wildlife Refuge to hear their fowl rhetoric. This year seemed sparse by comparison to just a few years back when the flocks stretched further and sang louder. In 2005, I remember reaching out and almost touching their wings at the viewing stations. This year there were so few of the red heads that the phone zoom wasn't enough to get a sharp picture of them.

But still my ears listened closely to their chorus, as did my cocker spaniel and his ears. While his ears slide scents and sounds of prey into his brain, he was reticent to stay put in the car even though his urges were to chase. My command to stay kept him dogged there.

Men and women decorate ears with feathers, shells, and wood sometimes. None of which hasten sounds to the inner

chambers. In some cultures around the world, the decorations on our ears attract the opposite sex; in our own amalgamated culture, decorations on our ears can be subtle and smart even while enticing another's eye to notice. We might listen to the pick-up line or the start of conversation in the grocery check-out lane then notice the dangling of the jewelry before smiling and loading the car.

"Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear," says the Bible in various chapters of Mark, Matthew and Revelation. But as a wealthy nation full of spiritual guides we are evidently hard of hearing. The reason isn't our ears, adorned or naked, but how our brains process information.

Sometimes we hear fake news and buy in. Sometimes we hear substantiated news and think it is bogus. Discerning is a powerful tool to cultivate and use in our social media driven world. What is true is that our democracy depends on how we

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hear with our ears in these disparaging times.

In reading we must listen to who the narrator is and detect what the narrator might gain from our buy in. In a democracy, the news (newspapers, broadcast media, print journalism) is our eyes and ears that uncover seen and unseen actions leaders may want hidden. We must ask the questions and get answers. What do leaders gain by our kowtowing to their visions and feigning allegiance to their rhythms?

Tyrants have come to power throughout earth's history when people did not listen to what's happening in the world. Tyrants have come to power when alerts were ignored and when people chose apathy. We have ears; let's hear with our whole brain.

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## Let the fun begin

As you know, Miss Trixie and I arrived safe and sound once again in Colorful Colorado and we are glad to be out of that Texas heat and into this nice cool weather.

It didn't take long for Miss Trixie to get us busy with activities and just this past week we were able to score some wild asparagus, make two trips to Amish Country, and do a Wal-Mart run and have supper with dear friends.

Not only that but Ol' Dutch crowded in two stints driving the van for Mountain Man Rafting/ Narrow Ridge Outdoors, so I had a little money to boot. I really do enjoy that job as it lets me be along the Rio Grande River every day and who can ask for anything more than that?

It is kind of a long story about my love affair with the mighty Rio which all began when I was 6 years old, and our fam-

### Trout Republic



by Kevin Kirkpatrick

ily was driving through South Fork. I took one look at the South Fork River and began to lobby to stay here to fish that stream.

I did not know if my begging and pleading did any good or maybe my dad, Fast Freddy, was just ready to stop for the day but soon we found ourselves in a cabin on the river and I got to fish in that clear stream. My mother's postcard home to the grandparents proudly declared that I had caught six fish my first time using a fly rod.

The rest is history, I suppose, as we began coming here every summer to vacation and cool off. This year marks 61 years that Ol' Dutch has been fishing these wonderful streams and hiking the beautiful forests.

My dream was always to live here in the mountains and so when I retired at 52 years old, I moved here permanently and have not looked back since. That isn't the only milestone being marked this year as Miss Trixie and I celebrate 12 great years together - although she may want to downgrade a few of those to mediocre.

It's been a real blessing to be in such a wonderful place. I encourage you to get outside this summer as much as you can and enjoy God's creation.

And don't forget all the other activities coming up such as Creede Bingo on Monday nights, the South Fork city garage sale, the Creede Ladies Aid sale, the Amish dinners and Amish auction, the Farmers Market in South Fork, Logger days and the list goes on and on and on.

Ol' Dutch has been fishing quite a bit. I can report that they are biting well and taste wonderful prepared in foil out on the grill. Miss Trixie, Cooper and I have been dining regularly on flakey Rainbow Trout. I hope you wet your line and get some for yourself, too.

I have already mentioned that Mountain Man/ NRO was already running raft trips and you really should make it a priority to get over to South Fork and take a guided trip on the Rio.

The water is high, and the rafting is superb so call Mountain Man/ Narrow Ridge Outdoors today at (719) 873-0188

and schedule your summer fun while enjoying a 10% discount through the month of June if you mention Trout Republic, Ol' Dutch or Miss Trixie.

They also offer guided kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, rock climbing and other outdoor pursuits so there is something for everyone to enjoy.

And if that is not enough incentive there is a high likelihood that Miss Trixie and maybe even Ol' Dutch will be driving you to the unloading spot. Then you can gauge for yourself what a long-suffering wonderful person she must be to put up with Ol' Dutch.

Drop a line if you're bored and need recommendations for activity in the area, Miss Trixie just loves to put people into motion. Hope to see you soon enjoying this wonderful state and all this area has to offer.

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## That's baseball, Suzyn

By STEVEN ROBERTS

I heard this story from former Sen. Jack Danforth many years ago. An ordained minister, he would occasionally conduct evening services at the National Cathedral, which sits atop the highest point in Washington. So it gets the best radio reception in the region.

On summer nights, long before satellite transmissions, a dozen cars would be parked near the cathedral. But their occupants were worshipping a different god than the parishioners gathered inside the sanctuary. They were listening to baseball on their car radios, tuned to the stations back home -- in Cincinnati and Cleveland, Detroit and St. Louis -- that carried their favorite teams.

I remembered this story recently when John Sterling -- who had broadcast 5,631 New York Yankees games over 36 seasons -- suddenly retired. I started listening to Yankees games in 1949, when I was 6, and for many fans of my vintage, our love of the game is closely tied to the radio.

"Listening to the familiar cadence of a baseball play-by-play announcer is comfort food for the sports soul," says my pal Buzz Bailey, a lifelong Red Sox rooster.

We all have our own loyalties -- and heroes. I grew up with Mel Allen, a native of Alabama who used to celebrate a "Ballantine Blast" (Ballantine beer was the team's main sponsor) in his warm Southern accent: "Going! Going! Gone!" But now, when I'm at the ballpark and a Yankee crushes a round-tripper, I rise to my feet and mimic Sterling's ageless exhortation: "It is high! It is far! It is gone!"

Like so many broadcasters before him, Sterling became a cultural fixture in his home territory. He had kitschy personalized descriptions for each Yankee when he hit a homer (Alex Rodriguez detonated "an A-bomb by A-Rod") and he engaged his longtime partner, Suzyn Waldman, with endless banter that rippled happily

through countless summer nights.

One of his most famous lines was prompted by an unusual or unexpected play. "That's baseball, Suzyn," he would intone, and that phrase, which shows up on T-shirts and coffee mugs around New York, sums up any confounding turn of events well beyond the ballfield.

Baseball on the radio is so comforting because it's so intimate, so personal. You're simply listening to an old friend tell stories. "My father was almost 50 when I was born, and he lived his entire life without listening to the Red Sox win the World Series," recalls Bailey. "But he had the radio on every night so that he and I could hear the voice of our team recount every heartbreaking strikeout and error from April through October."

Baseball is particularly well-suited to the radio. Sports like hockey and basketball are too fast, and football too complex, to be

conveyed completely by only a voice. Baseball's leisurely pace, which drives many younger fans crazy, means that each pitch, each play, can be described, discussed and dissected by knowledgeable announcers -- and compared to previous plays that occurred the day, the year, the decade before.

The first radio broadcast of a baseball game occurred in 1921, for the Philadelphia Phillies versus Pittsburgh Pirates, and fan bases were often framed by how far radio signals would carry. Their range defined geographical and tribal boundaries as clearly as rivers or mountains.

Throughout the upper Midwest, for example, Cub Nation was nurtured by a vast network of stations that included WHO in Des Moines, Iowa, where a young Ronald Reagan got his start calling the team's games in the 1930s.

In the lower Midwest, the St. Louis Cardinals reigned, and my friend Al Hartman

was an ardent fan while raising his young family in Memphis, Tennessee. He traveled often for work, and planned evening trips to places like Nashville and Little Rock, Arkansas, to coincide with Cards games on station KMOX.

"There were nights when the games would run long and I would sit out in the motel parking lot to listen until the end!" he recalls. "I find that when I listen to familiar announcers, the game is more personal and there is a bond that I don't get even when watching it live."

I've had that bond with Allen or Sterling for most of my life, and I still can't get used to the young voices that are earnestly trying to take over their role. But as Sterling would certainly say, if he heard my complaints, "That's baseball, Suzyn."

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# Religion

## The United Methodists steer left in a sea of red ink

While the "Kingsfold" hymn melody was traditional, the modern text of "Creator of the Inter-twined" captured the progressive course steered by the recent General Conference of the embattled United Methodist Church.

"Creator of the inter-twined, you made us all



**Terry Mattingly**

Civil War. With a 523-161 vote, these words vanished from the Book of Discipline: "The practice of homosexuality ... is incompatible with Christian teaching." This had long banned "self-avowed practicing homosexuals" from ordination.

modernize church law and doctrine while Global South conservatives, especially growing churches in Africa, could retain old traditions.

Nevertheless, on May 28, the largest overseas UMC jurisdiction -- the 1.2 million-member United Methodist Church in the Ivory Coast -- voted to exit. The Ivory Coast Conference statement said the General Conference voted to "sacrifice its honorability and integrity to honor the" LGBTQ+ cause, thus distancing itself from "Holy scripture," the "supreme authority in matters of faith and life."

heterosexual marriage." -- "Sexual orientation" became a mandatory diversity category for church commissions and in agencies, alongside race and gender.

-- The denomination's archives commission announced a "Center for LGBTQ+ United Methodist Heritage," a decision hailed by the UMC's Queer Clergy Caucus.

-- After Jan. 1, 2025, national UMC agencies and regional conferences will no longer be prohibited from using church funds to promote acceptance of LGBTQ+ causes.

for the denomination's establishment. The official UMC News recently announced a \$346.7 million budget for 2025-2028, a 43% cut from the previous 4-year period.

In 1967, total United Methodist membership was 11 million, and it is now estimated to be 4.9 million, noted Ryan Burge of Eastern Illinois University, a nationally known expert on trends in American religion. After decades of consistent decline, statistical models had predicted that UMC membership would not fall to 4.9 million until 2038, he noted, in his Graphs About Religion

newsletter. And at the local level, conflicts continue.

"It remains to be seen," he added, "if those who didn't leave are now even more committed to the cause of the United Methodist Church, or if there will continue to be fallout from this denominational split."

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unique: / each one with ears to hear faith's call, / each one with voice to speak. / Each worships where the call is heard, / in forest, temple, dome, / on mountain top, in upper room -- / each one must find a home," sang the delegates on April 30. The final line added: "From different sources comfort comes, / each seeks for the divine: / your voice speaks many languages, / just one of them is mine."

While insiders grasped the symbolism of this interfaith affirmation, the news at this pandemic-delayed gathering focused, as expected, on biblical authority and sexuality. This General Conference urgently moved to modernize many UMC doctrines and laws after the exit of 7,659 congregations in America's biggest church split since the

While embracing the ordination of openly LGBTQ+ clergy, the General Conference made these related changes:

-- The Book of Discipline's list of chargeable offenses for clergy was edited to remove "immorality including but not limited to, not being celibate in singleness or not faithful in a heterosexual marriage" and "conducting ceremonies which celebrate homosexual unions; or performing same-sex wedding ceremonies."

-- This statement was removed: "Although all persons are sexual beings whether or not they are married, sexual relations are affirmed only with the covenant of monogamous,

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

**All-Denominational**  
Emmanuel Chapel - Independent Bible Church  
0432 Hwy 149, South Fork  
719-573-5411  
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

**Church of the Living God**  
11611 2nd Avenue, Hooper  
719-378-2080  
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship  
Sunday, 6 p.m. - Book of Acts Study  
Monday, 7 p.m. - Youth  
Thursday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study

**San Luis Valley Christian Center**  
305 S. Broadway (3rd & Broadway), Monte Vista  
719-852-6168  
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship  
Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Bible Study

**Prayer House Church**  
410 Main Street, La Jara  
Pastor Jaime Flores - 719-298-0007  
Sunday Morning Service, 10:30 am  
Wednesday Family Ministry, 6:30 pm  
Friday Night Bible Study, 7:00 pm

**Sargent Community Church**  
6967 N. County Rd. 2 E., Monte Vista (across from Sargent School)  
Pastor Stephen Burns • 719-852-2980  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

**Back Row Church - Church Community**  
In the Alamosa Presbyterian Church Building  
Alamosa  
www.backrowchurch.com  
Kim Nipple • 303-532-9342  
Worship Service - Wednesday Evening at 5:00 pm

**Apostolic**  
Alamosa Apostolic Church  
510 First St., Alamosa  
Meets Sundays 1-2 p.m.  
2-3 p.m. - Lunch  
3-5 p.m. - Worship Service

**Antonito Apostolic Church**  
710 Main St., Antonito  
Meets Sundays  
11-12 p.m. - Sunday School  
12-1 p.m. - Worship service

**Apostolic Pentecostal**  
Church of Champions, Acts 2:38  
9056 Hwy 285 South, Alamosa - 719-587-3351  
Dan Dawning Pastor, 719-588-7307  
Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - Service

**Assembly of God**  
River of Life Church  
2602 Clark Avenue, Alamosa  
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship  
Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Service

**Center Assembly of God**  
7th & Miles • P.O. Box 507, Center, CO 81125  
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

**Assembly of God**  
Sons And Daughters Of God Ministry  
677 Madison Street, Monte Vista  
Pastor Leonard Sandoval, 719-849-0212  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Service  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Prayer

**New Life Fellowship**  
520 7th St., Del Norte, 81132  
719-657-3360  
Adult Sunday School - 9:00  
Services - 10:00

**Bahai Faith**  
meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. on Zoom.  
Email: hartline@qjade.org for a Zoom invite

**Baptist**  
**Grace Community Baptist Church**  
431 Lincoln Ave., Monte Vista  
Rev. Bill Walstrom, 719-937-1451  
Worship: 9:30; Sunday School: 11:00 am  
Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm

**Living Water Bible Fellowship**  
2910 Clark Street, Alamosa  
719-589-6351  
Sunday, 9:00 & 10:45 am Worship Services\*  
Sunday, 10:45 am Children's Ministry (PreK-5th grade)  
Sunday, 10:45 am Teen Bible Study (6th-12th grade)  
Tuesday, 7:00 pm Young Adults/College Group  
Wednesday, 6:30 pm Bible Quizzing (1st-6th grade)  
Wednesday, 6:30 pm Reign Youth Group (6th-12th grade)  
Wednesday, 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study\*  
Saturday, 5:00 pm Worship Service\*  
Small Groups meets throughout week, please call for info  
\*Nursery is available (twice-weekly)

**College Heights Baptist Church**  
Pastor Jesse Crecone  
2045 Church Avenue, Alamosa  
Sunday, 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Morning Worship

**San Luis Valley Baptist Church**  
930 State Avenue, Alamosa  
719-589-5938  
Pastor R.L. McDonald  
Wednesday 7 p.m. - Worship  
Saturday, 2 p.m.  
Sunday, 10:20 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship  
Sunday, 6 p.m. - Evening Worship  
Spanish Ministry- Iglesia Bautista Rehobot  
Pastor Sal Garcia, 589-3020

**Calvary Bible Chapel**  
7160 Brush Lane, Alamosa  
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Worship  
Sunday, 10:20 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Ministry of the Word  
Small group studies meet during the week.

**Calvary Blanca**  
Pastor Althea Leonard - 719-379-3317  
Sunday, 9:30 am - Bible Study  
Sunday, 11:00 am - Service  
Wednesday, 6:30pm - Community Get to Know You

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
2160 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista  
Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Bible Study  
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship  
Tuesday, 6 p.m. - C.L.A.Y. Youth  
Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study

**South Fork Baptist Church**  
0130 Four Seasons Dr. (Old Chizum Bldg), South Fork  
Sunday, 9:00am - 9:30am  
Sunday, 10:30am - Worship  
For more information - Pastor Paul Moon - 719-496-7702

**United Presbyterian Church of Antonito**  
P.O. Box 665, Antonito  
Office Hrs. Tues, 9:00am-12:00

**Catholic**  
Sacred Heart Church  
715 4th Street, Alamosa  
Saturday, 4:00 p.m. - Mass  
Saturday, 6:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass  
Sunday, 8 a.m. - Mass  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Mass

**Hooper Church**  
3rd and Adams, Hooper  
Sunday, 9 a.m. - Morning Worship

**Meditation, Kriya**  
Mountain Institute  
Alamosa - (575)758-5876

**United Church of La Jara**  
522 Walnut, La Jara  
719-274-5250  
Terry Buckman, Pastor  
Cell Phone: 339-8444  
Office Hours: Mon, 9:00 am - 12:00  
Sunday 9:00 am - Contemporary  
Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am

**Christian Science Services**  
400 Ross Avenue, Society Hall, Alamosa  
Services - Sundays at 10:00 p.m.  
The second Wednesday of each 4 p.m.  
Thanksgiving Day 10 a.m.

**Pioneer United Church in Del Norte, Colorado**  
A Congregation of Evangelical Covenant Order  
Presbyterians  
630 Spruce St. (1.5 blocks south of Hwy. 160)  
Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Sunday  
Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday  
Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Sunday

**Church of the South Fork**  
0116 Landon Dr., South Fork, Co, 81154  
Sunday are at 9 am - Services  
School Room. Choir is held on Wednesday  
at 6pm during the summer months  
with a final practice at 8:15am on

**Christian**  
**Bethel Christian Church**  
Pastor Erik Lira  
Worship Service Sunday 3:00 p.m.  
Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
Bilingual Services  
Monday Free Music Classes  
Instrumental Classes 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Voice & Bass Guitar 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Word of Faith Christian Center**  
401 Sante Fe, Alamosa  
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
Friday, 6:00 p.m. M.O.S.H. Youth Night

**The Peak Community Church**  
510 San Juan, Alamosa  
Sundays, 6 p.m. - Fellowship  
Sundays, 7 p.m. - Worship & More

**Pentecostal**  
Alamosa Pentecostal Church  
184 East 2nd St., Alamosa - 719-589-0475  
Pastor Carl Sutter  
Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday School Sunday 1:00-1:45  
Worship 2:00-3:00

**Christian Fellowship Church**  
The Door  
1300 West 12th St., Alamosa  
Pastor Martin Montoya • 719-587-6197  
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship  
Sunday, 6:30 p.m. - Victory Service  
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Revival

**Christian Independent**  
Alamosa Christian Church  
410 McQuerry, Alamosa  
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship  
Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - Family Night & Youth Group

**Christian Reformed**  
Alamosa Christian Reformed, 719-589-3493  
1861 Rd 10 S., Alamosa  
Pastor Philip VanderWindt  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Worship

**Churches of Christ**  
**Alamosa Church of Christ**  
408 Victoria Avenue, Alamosa  
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Classes  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Bible Study  
Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study  
Healing Hearts, a Bible-based 12 step group meets, every Friday at 7 p.m.

**South Fork Church of Christ**  
205 Birch St., South Fork, 719-873-1259  
Nathan Wheeler Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

**Central Church of Christ**  
200 Franklin Street, Monte Vista, 719-852-3811  
David L. Baker Preacher  
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Class  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. - Worship  
Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study

**San Luis Valley Church of Christ**  
704 Del Sol, Alamosa, 719-589-2114  
Sunday Bible Study 9 am  
Sunday Worship 10 am  
Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm

**Cornerstone Community Church**  
Hwy. 160 Del Norte next to Rio Grande Medical Clinic  
Pastor Mark 719-657-9107  
Sunday 9:50 a.m. free breakfast  
Sunday 10:20 a.m. Contemporary  
Worship & Children Sunday

**Episcopal**  
Saint Thomas Episcopal Church  
607 4th Street, Alamosa  
Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service

**Saint Stephen the Martyr**  
729 3rd Avenue, Monte Vista  
Sunday, 10 am Service  
**First Christian Church**  
518 First St. (First & State) Alamosa  
589-6805  
Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - Church Service  
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study

**Valley Fellowship**  
240 East 5th Street, Center - 719-754-3904  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary  
Worship, Prayer and Bible Study  
\*Bible Studies during the week, call for information.

**First United Methodist**  
2005 Mullins Ave., Alamosa - 719-589-2243  
"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"  
Morning Worship - Sunday, 11:00 am  
Children's Church - Sunday, 10:30 am

**Community Churches**  
United for Christ Community Church (SBC)  
"Community Centered Around Love"  
7th & Broadway in Blanca - 719-379-3317  
Sunday School 9:30-10:30  
Worship Service 11am

**Bible Believer's Community Church**  
11762 E US HWY 160, Alamosa, Co 81101  
719) 206-3239  
Sunday worship 10:30  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm  
www.bbcchurch.co

**Presbyterian**  
Alamosa Presbyterian Church  
330 San Juan Avenue, Alamosa  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship

**Hispanic Pentecostal**  
Iglesia Pentecostal Unida LA  
907 Tenth St. Alamosa - 719-587-3546  
Guadalupe Salazar Pastor  
Wed. 7:00 p.m. Service  
Sat. 7:00 p.m. Youth Service  
Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Sun. 5:00 p.m. Worship

**New Hope Church**  
"The Church on the Hill"  
25258 Hwy 160, South Fork, Co, 81154  
Pastor John Jayne • 719-873-1202  
www.newhopest.com  
Morning Worship - 10:00 am  
Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 - 9:45

**Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa**  
330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101  
almosafellowship@gmail.com  
Sunday 4:30 PM Worship in the north wing of the Alamosa Presbyterian Church

**Independent, Fundamental Baptist**  
First Baptist Church of Costilla County  
9717 County Rd H, Mesita - 719-206-0011  
Pastor Paul Jones  
Sunday, 9:45 am - Sunday School  
Sunday, 10:45 am - Morning Worship  
Sunday, 12 Noon - Potluck Dinner  
Sunday after dinner - Afternoon Worship  
Thursday, 7:00 pm - Mesita Bible Study and Prayer meeting

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**Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
Alamosa Y S A Ward  
300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa  
Sunday, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Alamosa

**Second Ward**  
927 Weber Drive, Alamosa  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Alamosa Third Ward**  
300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Alamosa Fourth Ward**  
927 Weber Drive, Alamosa  
Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Sierra Vista Branch (Spanish Language)**  
300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa  
Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

**Lutheran**  
St. Peters Lutheran Church & School  
Church: 1821 Grande Avenue, Monte Vista  
School: 330 Faraday Street, Monte Vista  
Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Services  
School: K-8, Monday-Thursdays

**Trinity Lutheran Church & School**  
52 El Rio Drive, Alamosa  
Sunday, 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study  
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship

\*Small Bible Study Groups Throughout the Week\*  
-Pre-School through 5th grade  
Church: 589-4611, School: 589-3271

**Conejos Canyon Community Chapel**  
20662 Slate Hwy. 17 (between mile posts 21 and 20)  
Fellowship Sunday, 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service

**Mountain Valley Church**  
408 State St., 17, Alamosa  
Pastor: Richard Pinkerton  
589-2899 or 588-7662  
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service

**Presbyterian Church of Monte Vista**  
702 Second Avenue, Monte Vista  
(719) 852-2555  
Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Sunday Worship

**Seventh-day Adventist**  
**Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
315 Craft Drive, Alamosa  
Sunday, 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study  
Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship

**United Methodist**  
**Mosca United Methodist Church**  
538 Barker Street, Mosca  
970-270-3078  
Pastor Steve Dunkel  
Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m.

**Unitarian Universalist**  
**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**  
330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa  
"North Wing of Alamosa Presbyterian Church  
719-587-5529  
Service & Youth Programs at 10:30 am  
Sunday.

**Valley Church of the Nazarene**  
Pastor: Chris Yocom  
228 Madison, Monte Vista - (719) 852-8588  
churchoffice@valleymaz.com  
Sunday  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes 9 a.m.

Wednesday  
Dinner at 6 p.m.  
Small Group Classes at 7 p.m.

Thursday  
Teen Activities (beginning at 6:30 p.m.)  
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## Bible Digest

**Saturday, June 8, 2024**  
"Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth you are the Son of God." (Matthew 14:33 AKJV)

**Sunday, June 9, 2024**  
"This people draws near to me with their mouth, and honors me with their lips; but their heart is far from me." (Matthew 15:8 AKJV)

**Monday, June 10, 2024**  
"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows his handiwork." (Psalms 19:1 AKJV)

**Tuesday, June 11, 2024**  
"As for God, his way is

perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him." (Psalms 18:30 AKJV)

**Wednesday, June 12, 2024**  
"And Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16 AKJV)

**Thursday, June 13, 2024**  
"Then said Jesus to his

disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." (Matthew 16:24 AKJV)

**Friday, June 14, 2024**  
"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come to me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 19:14 AKJV)

How many parents are keeping their children from coming to Jesus? This is a tragedy. Lord, help us.



We must follow Jesus on His terms. Are you a follower of Jesus?

## Make Your Life a Life That you Love!

How do you feel about your life? Would you say you love it? Or do you just get through each day, enduring the things you don't want to do, putting up with the things that frustrate you, wishing you had someone else's life? Do you believe you will finally be happy someday... when you have this or that?

People often say things like: "I'll be happy when I have a different job." "I'll be happy when I'm married." "I'll be so glad when the weekend gets here!" "I'd be so happy if I had children." And then after the children come... "I'll be so happy when these kids are finally grown and out of the house!"

It's a mistake for us to go through life thinking we can't be happy until we have something we want or our circumstances change. The truth is we'll always find something to be unhappy about until we learn to be happy in the Lord.

I know about this from personal experience. I got a very bad start in life, and it made me a miserable, angry, insecure person who didn't trust anybody because I believed if I didn't take care of myself, nobody else would. And that caused me to be very selfish and self-centered.

But God didn't create us to live selfish lives, spending all our time trying to get what we want. He put a desire in us to have pleasure, but we will never really experience His blessings—His peace, joy, love, and all the good things He wants to give us—if we live with a "What about me?" mentality.

John 10:10 (AMP) says, "The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance to the full, till it overflows."

The enemy—the devil—wants to steal our joy and destroy our lives. But

Jesus came and died on the cross to give us abundant life, "to the full, till it overflows"! And it's a tragedy when born-again Christians don't enjoy their lives because they have a "barely getting by; hanging on till Jesus comes to get me" mentality.

If you're unhappy and want to love your life, I want to give you two keys to help you get there.

The first key is to **make an attitude adjustment**.

Having a negative, critical attitude and feeling sorry for ourselves sours everything. We all have things we could complain about, but it doesn't do any good, so we're just wasting our time and energy when we give in to it.

Make a determined decision to have a more thankful attitude in your day-to-day life. Thank God for the good things you can think of right now, and actively look for more things to add to the list each day. This will help you stay focused on God's goodness.

Another way to improve your attitude is to get your mind off yourself and think about others more. Ask God how you can be a blessing and help make someone else's life better. When we're paying attention to others, it's easy to find something we can do, whether it's giving an encouraging word or compliment, a random act of kindness, or a hug. There's really no end to the ways we can show God's love to someone around us.

The second key is to **have a proper perspective**.

Loving or hating a thing often comes down to how you look at it. It's possible you can have more joy in your life simply by looking at it from a different perspective.

Whatever you focus on, that is what you're going to get. If you focus on trouble long enough, that's all you'll expect, and it will likely develop.



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What we choose to focus on gets larger in our lives. If we don't have a proper perspective of it from God's point of view, it will grow and get out of balance. For example, in marriage, people sometimes get so focused on the things they don't like about their spouse that they totally forget all the good things they love about them.

I know life is not easy, and we all have to deal with hardship at times. But when you're struggling, realize that although you have some trouble, things could be worse.

I certainly don't mean to make light of a serious issue you're facing; my purpose with this point is to help you keep your perspective based on God's Word and His promises. Because when you choose to trust Him in every circumstance, He will always be bigger than your problems!

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# See you at Sunday School

# Lifestyles

## 100 years ago in the San Luis Valley - June 1924

By BARBARA KRUSE  
**SAN LUIS VALLEY**— June 1924 was marked by an unusual amount of wind and warm weather, but the Monte Vista Journal noted that there was no lack of irrigation water and lots of snow at the high elevations. Rain will no doubt soon come as ranchmen have commenced to hay. The Masonic Picnic was attended by 1,500 people who came in 500 cars. Each year the Manchurian government comes to the United States to purchase registered sheep. A number of Rambouil-

let sheep from the King brothers, of the SLV, were bought and considered the most desirable type of livestock. The continued drilling for oil in Hooper by Valley Oil claims to have the deepest well ever drilled in Colorado. Sticky shale and fossils were coming up in the well which had reached a depth of 4,270 feet. They were awaiting a gusher. Mayor Emperius welcomed 1,000 people in attendance at the first Alamosa revival meeting. The month-long revival was held in a tabernacle, built

in one day by volunteers, and designed to hold 1,500 people and a 100-voice choir. Several automobile accidents were reported; one involving moonshine and Alamosa boys riding the bank, another involved two Fords having an enthusiastic meeting. Family quarrels are said to have caused an Alamosa man to shoot and seriously wound his wife. The man sat down at the jail steps and waited for an officer. His wife of 1 1/2 years said he had not supported her for 6 months. Harry Cochran was cross-

ing a bridge above the South Fork Junction when a rod came loose under his car, caught on the floor of the bridge, and threw the car over the bridge into the river. Cochran and his passenger survived and went to work the next day. A Minnesota man came to Colorado for tuberculosis treatment but was not accepted at Craig Hospital because he was not a Colorado resident. His wife found a job cooking at a mining camp around Wagon Wheel Gap. He was caught in Monte Vista with a 25-gallon keg of a highly intoxicating beverage. The judge did not know how to handle the prisoner who was little more than an invalid with obvious, advanced tuberculosis and had no money. He was dismissed but had to surrender his vehicle. A two-county sweep resulted

in the confiscation of six stills, 200 gallons of liquor and thousands of gallons of mash. Twelve men were jailed from Alamosa and Costilla counties. Perennial peppergrass or white top weed was making an appearance in the SLV. In some parts of the valley it has taken over whole tracks of land. Combating this weed is not an easy matter. Any method to keep the foliage from appearing above the surface, thus starving the roots is the plants undoing. A man simply lighting his breakfast fire caught a can of kerosine on fire which exploded and ignited his house which burned to the ground. Firemen arrived at the Getz South Farm to find ten women bravely organized into a bucket brigade. They opened the main gate on the irrigation ditch and the fire, which was in the barn, was

out in fifteen minutes. The 60 x 120-foot tent of the Taylor Players was reduced to rubble when it was destroyed by fire. The same newspaper page announced the Larkin Players in town, at a tent theater, to appear for one week, on the railroad grounds and said to be of unusual merit. A Boston wool dealer declared the SLV as the finest place in the country to establish woolen mills. Local sheep produce one thousand pounds of wool annually which could make one million yards of cloth. The 1915 film Birth of a Nation was showing at the Armory in Monte Vista. "A feller has no time for hate, Out Fishin'" He isn't eager to be great, Out Fishin'" He isn't thinking thoughts of self, But he is away, just himself, Out Fishin'".

## Make your next family vacation more affordable

(METRO) – The cost of everyday items continues to stretch many people's budgets, even as financial experts note that inflation is cooling off. When individuals feel a pinch in their wallets, non-essentials, such as vacations, often are on the chopping block. But they may not have to be. After remaining below 3 percent for a long time, the U.S. Consumer Price Index began to rise in 2021, ultimately reaching 9.1 percent in June 2022 (it has since fallen to more manageable levels, hitting 3.5 percent as of March 2024), according to Forbes. Although inflation may be "deflating," typically once the costs of goods and services rise, they are more likely to remain that way. It still may be a few years before consumers grow accustomed to these prices. Higher prices are exacerbated by the fact that the cost of living is still outpacing what people are bringing home. A 2023 survey from Bankrate revealed that, of the workers surveyed whose wages rose, only 33 percent said their

income kept up with or exceeded increases in household expenses due to inflation. Families who are watching their pennies but still want to vacation this year can rest assured there are ways to travel without breaking the bank. **Visit a national park** National Parks are located throughout the country and around the world. The U.S. National Park Service says that entry to many of these parks is free, and those that are not free charge much lower entrance fees than typical family attractions like theme parks. **Be a visitor in your own city (or one nearby)** Who says you have to travel far to have a good time? Enjoy the sights closer to home that you may never have experienced. Some day trips to attractions within driving distance can cut costs when a family is traveling together. **Split a rental home cost** Rental sites like Airbnb and VRBO give you plenty

of options when traveling. It may be more cost-effective to rent a large home at a particular destination with several bedrooms or sleeping areas and take a vacation with extended family or friends to divide up the costs. **Buy or rent an RV** The RV lifestyle has grown by leaps and bounds. While always a popular way to see the country, RVing interest exploded during the pandemic, when people wanted safer options for getting away. An RV is essentially a hotel on wheels, so the opportunities for affordable vacations are innumerable once the initial RV investment is made. Plus, people who purchased RVs at the height of COVID-19 may be looking to unload their relatively brand-new vehicles at discounted costs. **Tailor splurges** If you want to splurge on a more expensive vacation, cut back on other luxuries, such as limiting how many meals you eat out or how many new vacation outfits you buy. Put dollars toward the most important elements of the trip.



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# Lifestyle

## CPW cautions public to avoid Arkansas River below Lake Pueblo due to high, cold water flows

By COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

**PUEBLO** – Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is urging the public to avoid the Arkansas River below the Lake Pueblo State Park dam as flows have exceeded 3,000 cubic feet per second (CFS) due to recent normal runoff from spring snow melt in the mountains and locally heavy rains.

CPW is warning that the currents in the river below the dam are fluctuating dramatically, causing surges in the water levels. And the water is extremely cold below the dam – just 54 degrees – because of the spring runoff from the high mountains around the Upper Arkansas River Valley.

“We urge everyone to stay out of the river until the flows calm down,” said Joe Stadterman, CPW’s park manager at Lake Pueblo. “And anyone fishing along the banks should wear life

jackets. This is an especially important time to be safe around the river.”

Spring runoff from snowmelt typically causes water levels in Lake Pueblo, in the Arkansas River below the dam and through the city of Pueblo to jump dramatically. Recent warm weather is bringing snowpack down into the river quickly.

This week, water is being released at a rate of about 3,905 CFS. That translates to a discharge rate equal to one cubic foot of water per second or about 7.5 gallons per second.

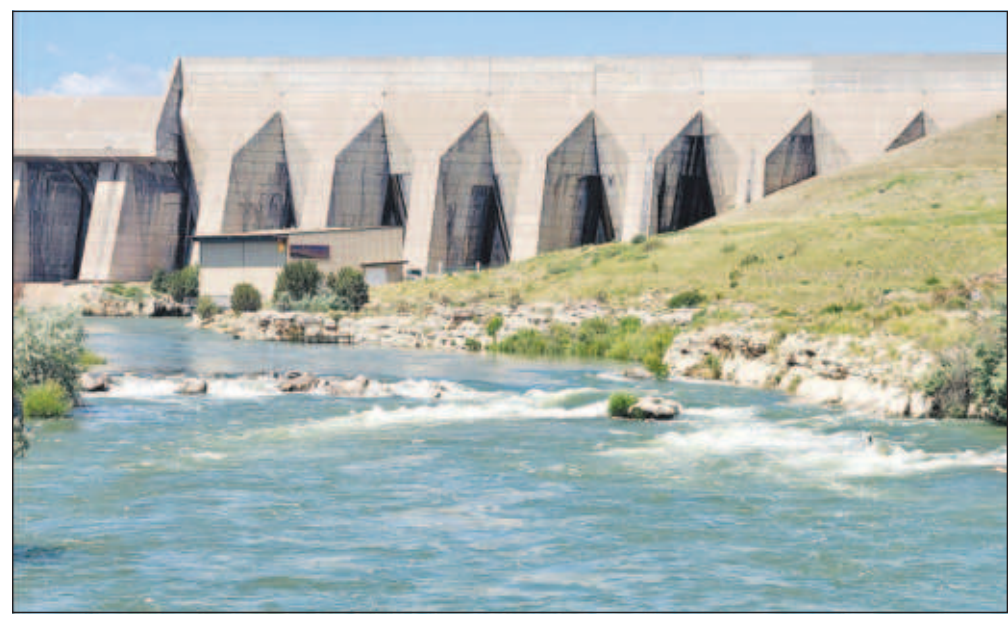
“The tailwaters below the dam are a popular place to fish and tube,” Stadterman said. “But this is not a safe time for any activities in the water. Everyone should wait until this river advisory is lifted and the flows are back to normal.”

CPW manages recreation at Lake Pueblo in partnership with its owner, the U.S. Bureau

of Reclamation. The bureau built Lake Pueblo in 1970-75 as part of the Fryingpan-Arkansas water diversion, storage and delivery project. It provides West Slope water to upwards of 1 million Front Range residents, primarily in southeastern Colorado, as well as agricultural irrigation.

**Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is urging the public to avoid the Arkansas River below the Lake Pueblo State Park dam.**

Photo courtesy of Colorado Parks and Wildlife



## New CDOT campaign brings awareness of dangers of hot cars in summer

By COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

As Colorado heads into its hottest months of the year, the Colorado Department of Transportation is launching an awareness campaign to educate parents and caregivers about the dangers of vehicular heatstroke. The campaign urges drivers to never leave a parked vehicle unattended with children, older individuals and people with disabilities inside.

Heatstroke can happen inside vehicles with outdoor temperatures as low as 57 degrees. But at higher temperatures the risk is far greater as the temperature inside parked vehicles can approach 100 degrees in a matter of minutes. Last summer, there were 134 days over 80 degrees in Grand Junction, 100 days over 80 degrees in Denver, 96 days over 80 degrees in Fort Collins, and 89 days over 80 degrees in Colorado Springs.

Over the last 25 years in Colorado, vehicular heatstroke has resulted in the death of seven children, but with zero reported deaths over the past decade.

provide help or call 911 if they see anyone inside a hot car who appears flushed, distressed or dehydrated.

Many people may question how tragedies like this occur, but mistakes can happen. Over half (52%) of vehicular heatstroke deaths in children occur because they were left in a vehicle by mistake. Whether it is a minor distraction or a change in one’s routine, all it takes is one moment of going on “autopilot” for a driver to leave an unattended passenger, especially if they are in the backseat. CDOT recommends leaving a passenger’s belongings, such as a toy or stuffed animal, in the front seat or entering your passenger’s destination in your GPS as a reminder.

“The best way to protect the most vulnerable passengers from vehicular heatstroke injury is to put a system in place to double-check the back seat, or ‘Look Before you Lock’ every time,” said Britney Lombard, CPST-I, Injury Prevention Manager, Children’s Hospital Colorado. “It’s always worth the extra few seconds to ensure the back seat is clear.”

Children knowingly left in cars by their caregivers account for 21% of vehicular heatstroke fatalities nationwide.

“Running inside for a quick errand does not justify leaving someone unsupervised in a vehicle,” said CDOT’s Office of Transportation Safety Director Darrell Lingk. “Time away from your vehicle can be unpredictable. Short errands can quickly turn into long lines or unforeseen delays. Parking in the shade or cracking a window will not prevent the interior of a car from becoming dangerously hot.”

Eighty percent of the total heat rise inside a vehicle occurs in the first 30 minutes, when temperatures can exceed 150 degrees, according to No-HeatStroke.org. A child’s body temperature rises three to five times faster than adults, and older individuals are also more sensitive to heat.

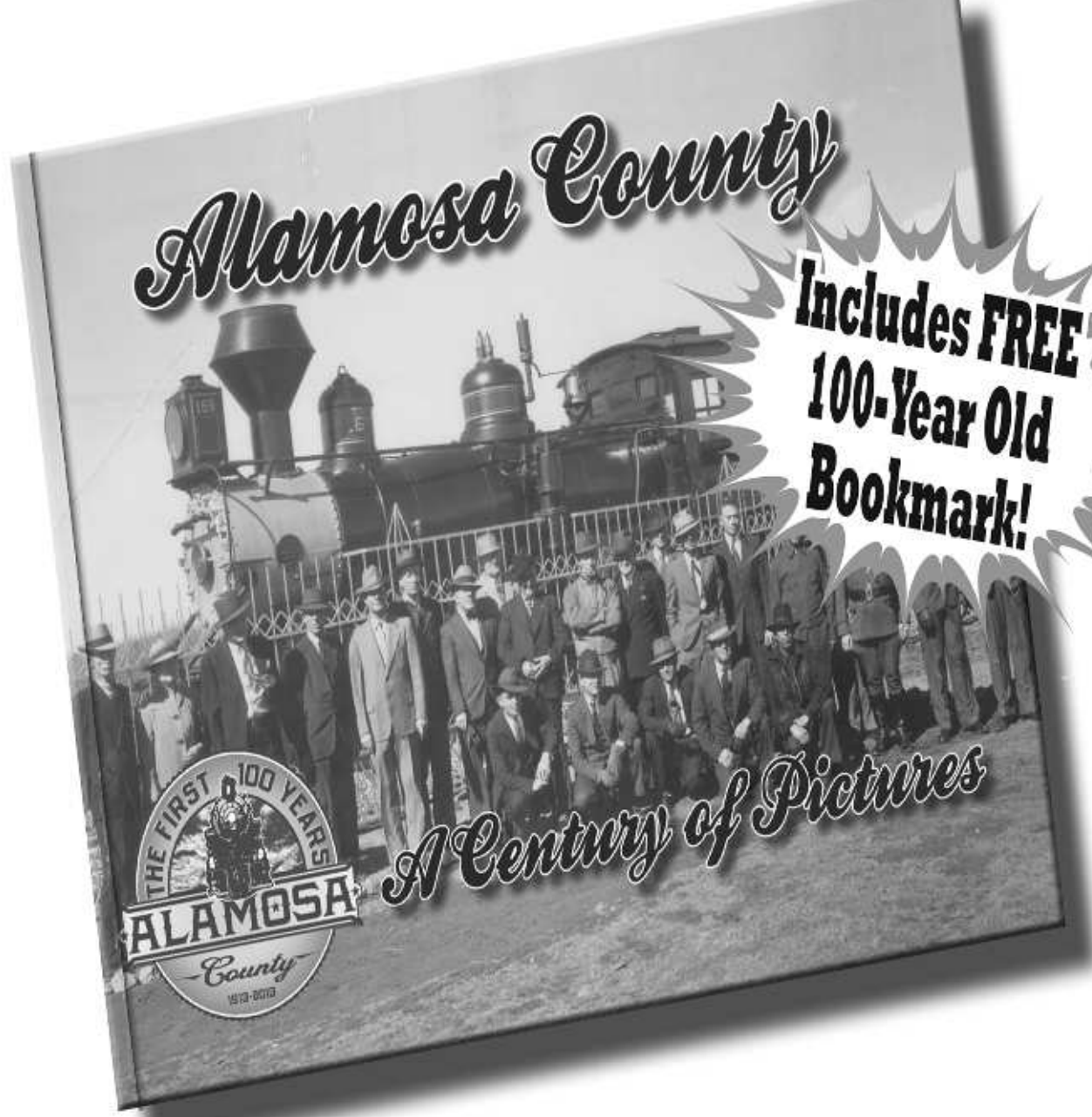
Additionally, people with disabilities are at a higher risk of heatstroke if they are left unattended in a hot car, as they may not be able to exit on their own or communicate their needs to a caregiver. Is essential for bystanders to

Everyone must take precautions to keep the state’s hot car deaths at zero, not just parents and caregivers. According to NHTSA, over 25% of pediatric vehicular heatstroke deaths occur when a child gains access to an unlocked car and gets trapped. It is vital for anyone with a vehicle to lock their car doors so children and other vulnerable individuals cannot gain access to an unsupervised vehicle. Even if you don’t have a child of your own, a child in your neighborhood could get into your unlocked vehicle. If a child is missing, quickly check all vehicles, including the trunk.

If you notice an unattended passenger in a hot car, act immediately and call 911. In 2017, Colorado passed HB17-1179, which provides Coloradans immunity from civil and criminal liability for a person who forcibly enters a locked vehicle to provide aid to an at-risk person or animal.

Learn more about the circumstances leading to hot car injuries and deaths and how you can prevent tragedies like these from happening at [www.nhtsa.gov/campaign/heatstroke](http://www.nhtsa.gov/campaign/heatstroke).

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# Sports

## Alamosa 18U baseball tournament gets underway

**By KEN HAMRICK**  
*Courier sports editor*  
**ALAMOSA** – The annual Alamosa 18U Baseball tournament got underway Friday at Ortega Middle School with four local teams competing.

However, it will be the two out of town teams that will play for the championship today.

**Monte Vista 11, Alamosa 6**

The Mean Moose opened up the tournament in Pool A as it hosted Monte Vista.

The Pirates were the home team and they struck for three runs in the bottom of the first inning. Kobe Jiron led off with a walk and he stole second and third. He scored on a wild pitch for the first run of the ball game.

Kaden Mellott continued the inning by also drawing a walk. He went to third on Azariah Hurtado's double, and Mellott scored on Jeremiah Baumgardner's groundout. Hurtado came home on a wild pitch for a 3-0 lead.

The Mean Moose took the lead with four runs in the top of the second. Jonah Pittman led off with an infield single, and A.J. Baker received a base on balls. An error put Pittman on third, and he scored on a wild pitch.

Jo David was safe on a fielder's choice, and Josh Gonzales was hit by a pitch. Tony Griego singled home Baker, and Brennan Maez's ground ball took a bad hop for a single to plate David and Gonzales for a 4-3 Mean Moose lead.

The Pirates regained the lead with a two-run fourth. Judah Howe struck out, but the pitch got past the catcher and Howe reached first base. He went to second on a balk and scored on Domyon Naranjo's double. Naranjo went to third on an error and scored on a wild pitch.

Monte Vista scored six times in the fifth. Jakoby Ross and Hurtado were both hit by pitches, and Jeremiah Baumgardner reached on a fielder's choice. Kaden Madrid's infield single plated Ross and Hurtado, followed by Howe drawing a walk. Jeremiah Baumgardner came home on a wild pitch, and Madrid scored on a passed ball.

Naranjo was also hit by a pitch, and Connor Mellott doubled home Howe and Naranjo for an 11-4 advantage.

Alamosa attempted a comeback in the sixth. Baker and Ryan Higareda both walked and both came around to score on wild pitches.

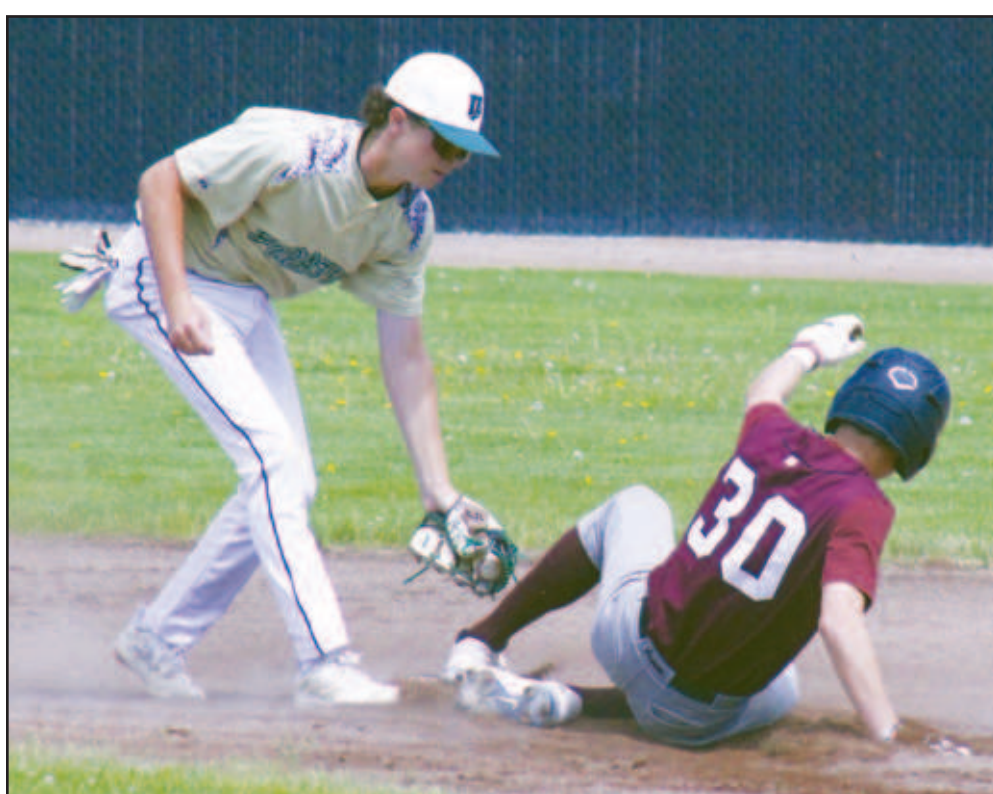
The game ended after six innings on the two-hour time limit.

Xavier Lujan went the distance as the Mean Moose's pitcher but he took the loss. He allowed 11 runs and six hits and he struck out three, walked six and hit three batters.

Jeremiah Baumgardner started for the Pirates and he earned the win. He gave up four runs and five hits with three strikeouts, three walks and he hit one batter. Hurtado finished the game and surrendered two runs and no hits and he struck out two and walked four.

Alamosa had only five hits and were led by Maez who went 2-2 with two RBIs and Pittman who went 2-3.

Monte Vista had six hits



Courier photos by Ken Hamrick  
**Above left: Monte Vista's Kobe Jiron (12) dives back into first base before Alamosa's A.J. Baker can make the tag. Below left: Alamosa's Jonah Pittman (30) steals second before Monte Vista's Connor Mellott can apply the tag. Right: Alamosa's Xavier Lujan catches a pop fly in Friday's tournament game. The Pirates defeated the Mean Moose 11-6.**

and were led by Jiron who went 1-2, Hurtado who went 1-2 with a double, Madrid who went 1-2 with two RBIs, Naranjo who went 1-2 with a double and one RBI, Connor Mellott who went 1-3 with a double and two RBIs, and Deon Baumgardner who went 1-2.

**Lamar 14, Monte Vista 2**

The Pirates were the visiting team in this game and they scored both of their runs in the top of the first. Ross drew a walk and went to third on Kaden Mellott's double. Ross came home on a passed ball, and Kaden Mellott on an error.

The Thunder tied the score in the bottom of the first. The score remained tied until the third when Lamar scored five runs.

The Thunder put the game away with seven runs in the bottom of the fourth.

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

Kaden Mellott started on the mound for the Pirates and he was dealt the loss. He allowed seven runs and four hits and he struck out five and walked five. Howe finished the game and he gave up seven runs and seven hits and he had one strikeout and one walk.

Monte Vista had five hits and was led by Kaden Mellott who went 2-2 with a double.

**Lamar 12, Alamosa 7**

The Thunder were the visiting team on the scorecard and they took the lead with three runs in the top of the first.

The Mean Moose scored twice in their half of the inning. Griego and Maez both received walks and Carlos Garcia was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Griego scored on a wild

pitch and Maez came home on an error.

Alamosa took the lead with two runs in the third. Higareda and Griego both drew walks and both came around to score on wild pitches.

Lamar took the lead back with two runs in the fourth.

Alamosa tied the score with a run in its half of the fourth. Pittman and Lujan both drew walks, and Pittman scored on Baker's sacrifice bunt.

Lamar came back with five runs in the fifth and two in the sixth for a 12-5 advantage.

The Mean Moose made another comeback effort in the bottom of the sixth. Lujan walked and David was hit by a pitch. Lujan scored as Jaidyn Burciaga reached on an error, and another error brought David home.

Alamosa put another runner on base, but the game ended after six innings on the time limit.

Pittman started on the mound for the Mean Moose and he took the loss. He allowed seven runs and eight hits and he struck out one, walked seven and hit one batter. Burciaga finished the game and gave up five runs and four hits and he struck out none and walked two.

Alamosa had three hits and were led by Higareda who went 2-2.

**Pool B**

Bayfield won Pool B as it held off a Center charge to win 11-10, and it defeated the Alamosa JV team 10-0.

The Alamosa JV defeated Center 23-3.

**Today's schedule**

The schedule for today will have Alamosa vs. Center in the fifth-place game at 10 a.m., Monte Vista against the Alamosa JV for third place also at 10 a.m., and

Lamar vs. Bayfield in the championship at 12:30 p.m.

**Monte Vista 11, Alamosa 6**

Alamosa	040	002	-	6	5	1
Monte Vista	300	26x	-	11	6	2

Lujan (L) and Garcia. J. Baumgardner (W), Hurtado (5) and Madrid.

**Lamar 14, Monte Vista 2**

Monte Vista	200	00	-	2	5	4
Lamar	205	7x	-	14	11	2

K. Mellott (L), Howe (3) and Madrid. Thacker (W), Shelton (4), Moreno (5) and Winder.

**Lamar 12, Alamosa 7**

Lamar	300	252	-	12	12	2
Alamosa	202	102	-	7	3	1

Harbour, Buxton (3, W) and Hose, Winder (5), Pittman (L), Burciaga (5) and David.

**Alamosa JV 23, Center 3**

Center	110	1	-	3	1	8
Alamosa JV	349	7	-	23	14	5

Cozens (L) and Palma. Treissen (W) and Estrada.

**Bayfield 11, Center 10**

Bayfield	512	3	-	11	7	3
Center	004	6	-	10	1	4

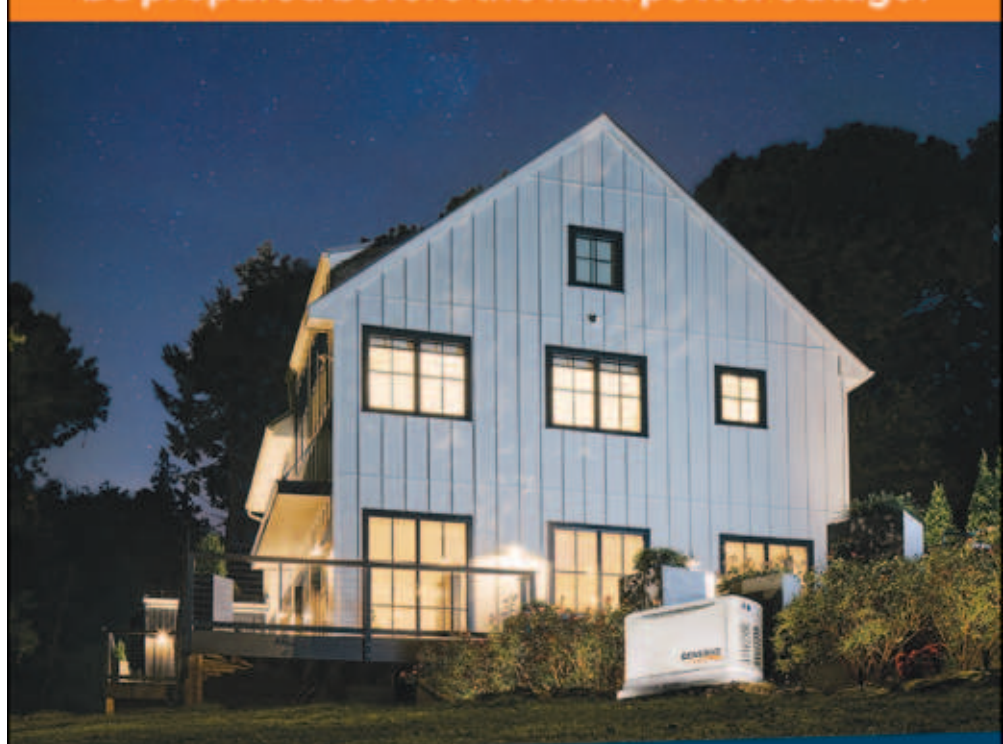
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**Bayfield 10, Alamosa JV 0**

Alamosa JV	000	0	-	0	0	2
Bayfield	712	x	-	10	5	1

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SCOREBOARD  
**FRIDAY**  
 Baseball

Alamosa JV 23, Center 3	fifth-place game), 10 a.m.
Monte Vista 11, Alamosa 6	Monte Vista at Alamosa (Alamosa 18U Tournament third-place game), 10 a.m.
Bayfield 11, Center 10	Bayfield vs. Lamar (Alamosa 18U Tournament championship), 12:30 p.m.
Lamar 14, Monte Vista 2	
Bayfield 10, Alamosa JV 0	
Lamar 12, Alamosa 7	

**SCHEDULE**  
**SATURDAY**  
 Baseball

Center at Alamosa (Alamosa 18U Tournament

**FRIDAY**  
 Rodeo

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**AT HOME CHILD CARE PROVIDER** needed at the UPPER RIO GRANDE 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. 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 RIO GRANDE 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. Applications may be retrieved on-line at [urtigers.co](http://urtigers.co) or at the District Office. (7/3/24)

**LEAD TEACHER FOR INFANT CARE CENTER** needed at the UPPER RIO GRANDE 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. Applications may be retrieved on-line at [urtigers.co](http://urtigers.co) or at the District Office. (7/3/24)

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**SUBSTITUTES TEACHERS/LONG TERM SUBS** needed at the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT in DEL NORTE! Call or email: Sophia at 719-657-4040, x4000 ([scrutz@urtigers.co](mailto:scrutz@urtigers.co)) for more information, go on-line: [urtigers.co](http://urtigers.co), or stop by the district office at: 950 French Street, Del Norte, CO to pick up an application. You do not have to hold a college degree or be a certified teacher to substitute; however, you must be a high school graduate and have a substitute license from CDE (Colorado Department of Education). (7/3/24)

**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](mailto:dtrujillo@urtigers.co). Applications can be retrieved online at: [www.urtigers.co](http://www.urtigers.co). (7/3/24)

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**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)

**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)

**PART-TIME SECRETARY AT SACRED HEART CHURCH.** Monday thru Friday - 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@sacredheart-alamosa.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)

**SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT IS** accepting applications for a PART-TIME LIBRARIAN. All candidates must pass background checks. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools.org. Sanford School is an EOE&E. (6/8/24)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**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)

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AT ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY** is seeking a FIELD PLACEMENT COORDINATOR. This position is responsible for coordinating field experiences across all Education programs, undergraduate and graduate, and works with program coordinators, and administrative personnel, as well as outside partners and constituents to provide high-quality experience for our pre-service educators. This is a twelve-month full-time, exempt position. The pay range for this position is \$46,476 - \$52,164 commensurate with experience and education. A master's degree in an education related field is required and experience in educator preparation is preferred. For more information and to apply, please visit https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/ (6/11/24)

**SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT IS** accepting applications for a HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent, or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. All candidates must pass background checks. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools.org. Sanford School is an EOE&E. (6/8/24)

**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)

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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)

**CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26Jt** is paying years of service and single health insurance benefits. Apply now to become part of our dynamic district as we are now accepting applications for the position of ELEMENTARY TEACHER, for the 2024-2025 School Year. Qualifications: Must hold a valid State of Colorado Teacher's License or such alternative as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Applications can be found on the District Website https://www.center.k12.co.us/page/employment-opportunities or contact the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (6/12/24)

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**ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY** is looking for candidates to fill the position of BUDGET ANALYST within the BUSINESS & FINANCE DEPARTMENT. You can apply https://adams.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/ENUS/ASU/details/Budget-Analyst\_R188. We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions please reach out to our Human Resources department 719-587-7990. (6/8/24)

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### NEA Crossword Puzzle

#### ACROSS

- 1 Sauté
- 4 — -de-camp
- 8 Time long forgotten
- 12 Regret
- 13 E pluribus
- 14 Molecule part
- 15 — My Children
- 16 Hindu princess
- 17 Hershey candy
- 18 Ticklish Muppet
- 20 Spritelike
- 22 Rowing need
- 23 Slippery —
- 24 Opens a present
- 28 Solemn promise
- 31 Strongbox
- 32 Go from place to place
- 34 Greek dawn goddess
- 36 "Who — kidding?"
- 37 Foot part

#### DOWN

- 1 Monk's title
- 2 Law
- 3 Tuna variety
- 4 Dawn goddess
- 5 Chef — Garten
- 38 Pole on a ship
- 39 "Green" emotion
- 41 Senses
- 43 "Holiday —"
- 45 "That's yucky!"
- 46 Run of luck
- 49 Foray
- 51 Settled on a branch
- 52 Ancient Briton
- 54 "Wynken, Blynken and —"
- 56 Dance wear
- 57 Authentic
- 58 Wildebeest
- 59 Lake north of Ohio
- 60 Czech river
- 61 Witness

#### Answer to Previous Puzzle

L	O	S	S	G	O	D	A	R	M	S			
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- 6 Sand pile
- 7 Writer — Zola
- 8 City in Washington
- 9 Elevator name
- 10 — Hashana
- 11 Ambulance letters
- 19 Female animal
- 21 Ice at sea
- 24 "Born in the —"
- 25 Moniker
- 26 Paid athlete
- 27 Peddled
- 29 Shared wisdom
- 30 Emcee
- 33 Flight formation
- 35 Rds.
- 37 "Auld Lang —"
- 38 Enormous
- 40 Morality
- 42 Leather-back
- 44 Mother-of-pearl
- 46 Aspersion
- 47 Small monkey
- 48 Ship part
- 50 Completed
- 51 Broke a fast
- 53 Science room
- 55 Payable

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## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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#### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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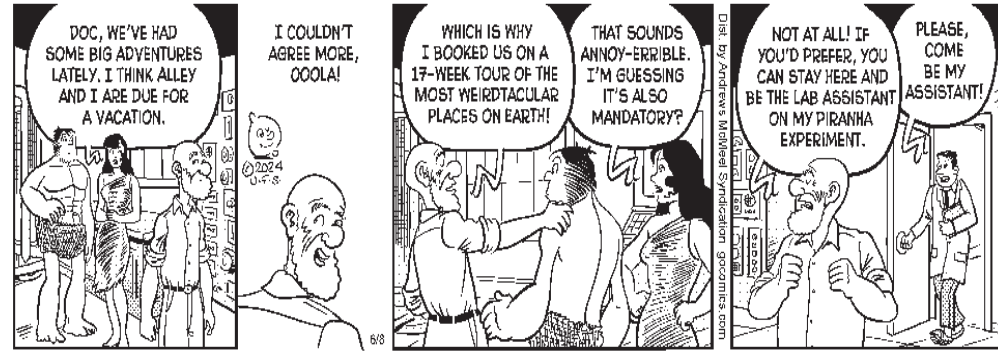
**HOW TO PLAY:**  
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

## HERMAN

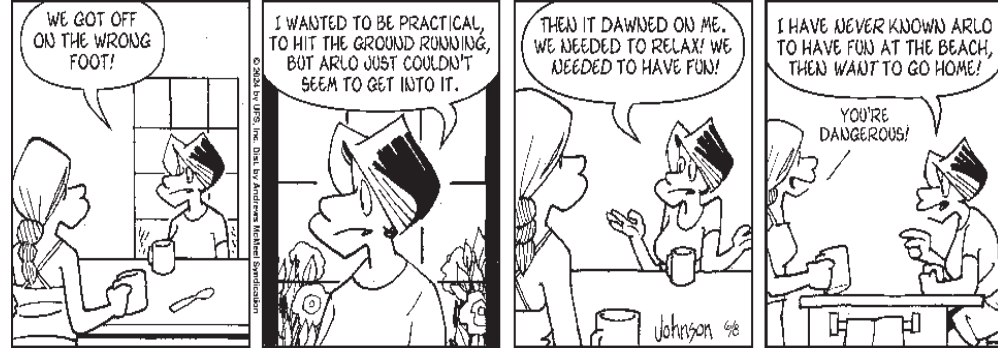


"I was abandoned by my parents as a baby, and raised by a family of rabbits."

## ALLEY OOP



## ARLO & JANIS



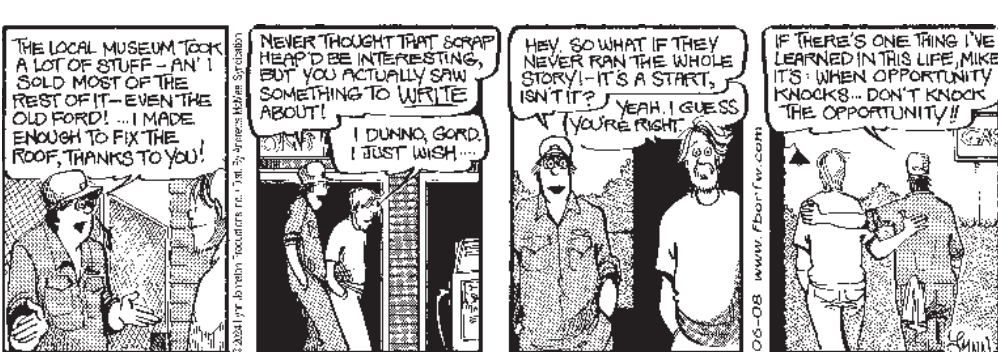
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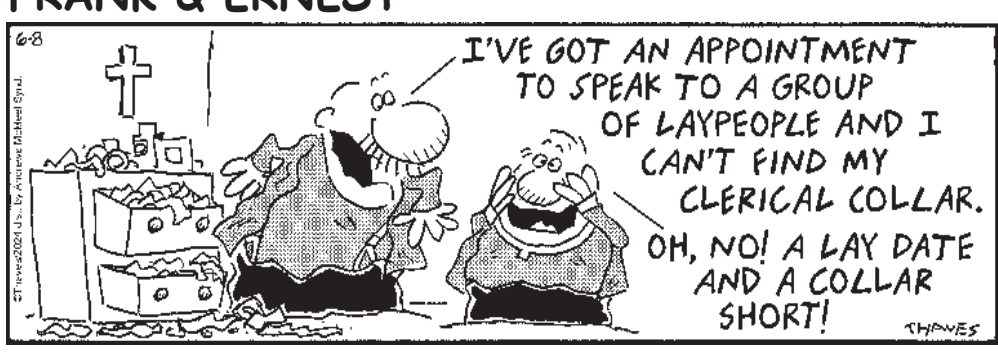
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## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



## FRANK & ERNEST



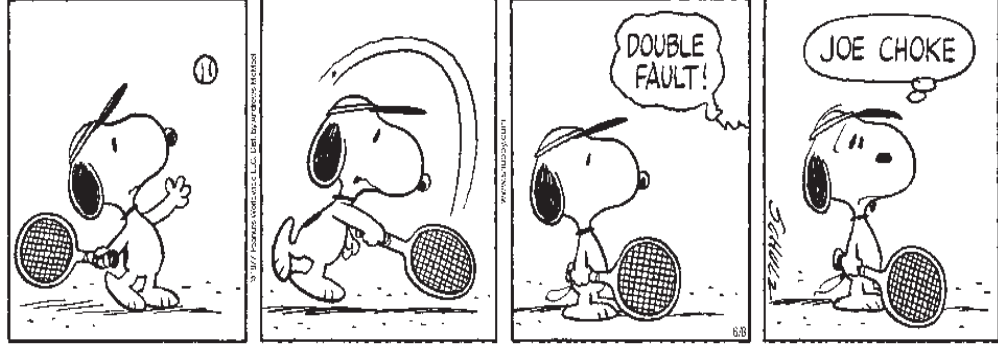
## GARFIELD



## THE GRIZZWELLS



## PEANUTS



# Family friend is sidelined amid milestone celebrations

DEAR ABBY: I have been friends for 20 years with a kind and caring woman, "Brenda." We always shared life moments, until recently. I thought of her children as my own. Her son got married (not in a formal or traditional wedding) and didn't want anyone there except his parents, siblings and a few friends. I was hurt that I wasn't included, since Brenda included integrated herself into my life even when I may not have wanted her to.

I couldn't even fathom celebrating something without her, and I am deeply disappointed she isn't fighting for me. Brenda doesn't want to make waves with the "new" in-laws and her kids. I don't want to give a gift or share in future events as a "B lister." How do I get over this slight and not hold it against her or her children? -- SORE IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR ABBY: Here's how: Understand the pecking order in that family. The mother-to-be and her parents are in control, NOT BRENDA, who I'm sure is embarrassed as heck by what's happening. Her dear friends were excluded from the wedding, and now this. Forgive Brenda, refuse any invitation in which you are expected to give gifts to her daughter-in-law, go on with your life and stop making this all about you.

DEAR ABBY: I am a gay man who lost my domestic partner five years ago. My neighbor is a single father of a 12-year-old son. When I first met him, he told me he once had a domestic partner. He talks openly about his personal life (he was married to a woman before living with his son's mother).

He does small jobs at my house, and I have taken him and his son out to din-



## ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

ner. He writes messages to me about three times a week, and he told me he plans to have me to dinner soon. He treats me kindly. I think he may be interested in me, but I don't want to be presumptuous. If I'm misinterpreting the situation, I would be satisfied with being friends and good neighbors. But I would like to find out if he wants to pursue a relationship. What would you recommend I do? -- INTERESTED IN TEXAS

DEAR INTERESTED: I recommend you stand pat. Be his friend and a good neighbor until he makes a move that clearly indicates he would like more. That way you won't burn any bridges.