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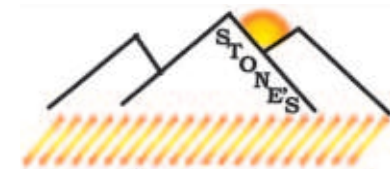


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## SLV Today

### Transportation meeting on May 23

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Transportation Planning Region will meet 10 a.m., Thursday, May 23, in the Commissioners Room of the Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa.

This will be an in-person meeting with a virtual online option available for those unable to attend in person. All meetings of the SLV TPR are open to the public.

Below is link to join the meeting online:

SLV Transportation Planning Region

May 23, 2024 10:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 852 7706 3934

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### Creede office to open May 28

CREEDE — The Divide Ranger District announced May 17 that their Creede office will begin providing visitor information services on Tuesday, May 28.

The office will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and closed for lunch daily from 12:15 to 1 p.m. Forest product permits and recreation passes will only be available at the Creede office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

"Our commitment to the Creede community remains steadfast and we are pleased to be able to open the office once again for the summer season," said Divide District Ranger Patrick Moran. "We also plan to host new educational activities at the office this summer!"

Permits and passes are available Monday through Friday at the Del Norte office.

The Creede office is at 304 S. Main St., Creede. The office phone number is 719-658-2556.

For information on the Rio Grande National Forest, call 719-850-2374.

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## Rep. Martinez legislative victories largely focused on rural issues

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER  
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — The 120-day Colorado legislative session was packed again with a whopping 705 bills introduced, up from 617 in 2023. As of the last day of the session, 186 of those bills had been passed and signed into law by Governor Jared Polis, including six bi-cameral, bi-partisan bills sponsored by Rep. Matt Martinez (D-D62), ending another

successful session for the first-term representative from the San Luis Valley.

Of those six bills, four were co-sponsored with Senator Cleave Simpson (R-D6). Both lawmakers serve on the Agriculture, Water and Natural Resources Committee, now a year-round committee — versus interim — thanks to previous efforts of Sen. Simpson.

The focus of many of the bills centered on issues impacting rural

communities, beginning with HB24-1282 "Ninth-Grade Success Grant and Performance Reporting".

Introduced by Martinez and Simpson, HB24-2383 is an expansion of a current grant where Center Consolidated School District was one of the original grantees.

"We looked at Center as a lead-off school in this grant program," Martinez told the Valley Courier. "This bill gives teachers and counsellors

the tools to really be able to get one-to-one contact with ninth-graders to see if they're struggling with schedules, home issues or other things and to then get the support they need in the 9th grade, which is a real turning point."

Rep. Martinez, who frequently refers to data in introducing and measuring impact of legislation, said, "With this grant, Center saw their graduation rate from high school teachers and counsellors



Rep. Matt Martinez

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## San Luis Peoples Market prepares for a summer reopening

Colorado Department of Agriculture grants \$200K for cleanup

By JOHN WATERS  
Courier News Editor

SAN LUIS — The historic market in San Luis formally known as the R&R Market is undergoing a renovation as part of larger plans by the owner, the Acequia Institute. For starters and emblematic of the direction the store will be taking, the market

is now called the San Luis Peoples Market

The market opened in 1857, almost two decades before Colorado became a state, and was operated by generations of the Romero family until they sold it to the institute in 2022. In 2023 after discovering

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The San Luis Peoples Market (formerly the R&R Market in San Luis) is being renovated and having hazardous materials removed. A sculpture by San Luis sculptor Huberto Maestas is in the foreground.

Courier photo by John Waters



## OEDIT comes to the San Luis Valley



Staffers and executives with Colorado's Office of Economic Development and International Trade, Economic Development Council and San Luis Valley Development Resource Group stand in front of a distinctive Colorado Pacific Rio Grande Railroad engine. The railroad was highlighted by SLVRDG as one of the most exciting, new business ventures to be a part of the SLV economic landscape.

First-ever visit yields good connections, beginning of strong relationships

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER  
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — Officials and staff members with Colorado's Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT), along with members of the state's

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## Saguache Commissioner candidate Kinney says he will listen

By AADAM KINNEY

SAGUACHE COUNTY — As the Saguache County Primary draws near, I ask that you please consider the caliber of leadership and community service you expect from your elected officials, and vote Adam Kinney for Commissioner, District 1.

Here's what I believe. You deserve to be treated with respect, dignity, and kindness.

You deserve to be invited to participate and included in the decision-making process.

You deserve to be informed and kept up to date.

Most importantly, you deserve to be heard, listened to, and have your voice and needs considered.

No amount of policy accomplishments can be counted as lasting successes when so many lifelong residents and newcomers alike feel unheard and dismissed.

There is no greater priority for your elected officials than to remember that the people of Saguache County are the governing force through which all

decisions, actions, and considerations must move.

Every day I am learning more and more about the needs and challenges that we face as a county. Budget adherence, water, waste management and re use, resource preservation, youth, and senior advocacy, and, especially, planning for an unknown future. Every day I am becoming more capable, stronger, and better equipped to meet the challenge head on, because I am taking the time to listen to the people who are

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Adam Kinney

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# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Jason Mizokami



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Jason Mizokami of Alamosa, age 47, on May 15, 2024. Jason was a beloved husband, father, papa, brother, cousin, friend, and colleague, whose sudden departure has left a profound void in the lives of many.

Jason was born on March 7, 1977, in Tucson, Ariz., to Ron and Cindy Mizokami. He graduated from Alamosa High School in 1995, where he loved playing baseball, drawing, and fixing up his Jeep. After high school, he worked at SunWest where he met the love of his life, Karen. They married in 2001 and built the most wonderful life together with their two amazing children, Jayden and Mia.

Deeply rooted in tradition, he was completely devoted to his family. He treated Karen like a queen, adoringly picking her up every day for lunch and dropping anything and everything if she needed him. He was Karen's biggest supporter on her journey to complete Bachelor's and Master's degrees.

Jason loved rooting for Jayden on the football and baseball fields and had tremendous pride in him, who was not only son but also his best friend. Mia was Jason's pretty princess, he would do anything to spend time with her and see her smile. He enjoyed watching play basketball and cherished her artistic talents - he was always there.

He was playfully grumpy, fiercely protective, and quietly generous as a husband and father. He strived to make sure his kids grew up to be good people - and he succeeded.

Jason was a thoughtful, level-headed, dependable, and loving son, brother, and grandson. He moved back home without hesitation to help his father Ron run their business, Apex Produce, and care for his wonderful grandmother Agnes while she was fighting cancer. Upon Ron's death in 2021, he continued to care for his mother Cindy and truly

became the rock of the Mizokami family. Always the considerate son, he checked on his mom constantly, accommodating all of her wants and needs, making sure she never went without.

As a brother and cousin, he was wise, encouraging, and nonjudgmental, always a calming presence. He provided a listening ear and was a ceaseless reminder that family always comes first. As a papa, he was doting, affectionate, and always ready with a smile and quiet laugh for Maverick and Zander.

Jason had a great love and deep level of respect for his mother and father-in-law. He worked hard to make them proud of the way he cared for their daughter and grandkids, and he worked hard to carry Pete's legacy on at Sorum Tractor/Redlund Equipment.

Outside of his family, Jason was known for his incredible work ethic, showing up to work every day at Sorum Tractor/Redlund Equipment to "turn wrenches" as he lovingly called it. He took great pride in learning everything about balers from his father-in-law, Pete and then teaching his son Jayden the ways of his trade. He was extremely dedicated to the farmers throughout the San Luis Valley who depended on him to get their farm equipment running without a hitch, often working overtime to ensure each piece of machinery was perfect. He touched the lives of many with his kindness, professionalism, and loyalty.

He was preceded in death by his father Ron Mizokami, his paternal grandparents Sam and Agnes Mizokami, his maternal grandparents Stan and Dora Medina, uncle Sid Medina, aunts Jeanne White and Marlene Arellano, cousins Darren Mizokami, Avery Garcia and Matthew Medina.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Karen Mizokami; two children Jayden (Kacey Hillis) and Mia; mother Cindy Mizokami; brother Eric Mizokami; sister Kara Mizokami-Stout (Adam); cousin Isaiah Valenzuela who he considered his son; father and mother-in-law Pete and Jane Devine; sisters-in-law Jessica Weinette (Mike) and Susan Holder (Jeff); brother-in-law Ricardo Devine (Stacey); and many nephews, nieces, grandkids, and other family members and friends.

Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial service on May 20, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Living Water Bible Fellowship in Alamosa. A reception will follow the service at Living Water. In lieu of flowers, a college fund has been set up for Jayden and Mia at San Luis Valley Federal. Please make checks payable to Karen, Jayden or Mia.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to their entire family and many friends, San Luis Valley farming community, Jason's work family at Sorum Tractor/Redlund Equipment, Karen's work family at Valley-Wide Health Systems, The Alamosa Mean Moose Family and to Jayden and Mia's many friends that have shown support to them during this time, with special thanks to Kacey Hillis and Shania Garcia for being by their sides unconditionally.

Jason will be deeply missed more than words can ever say by all those who knew and loved him.

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

### Karen R. Zimmerman



Karen R. Zimmerman passed away peacefully on May 15, 2024, in Alamosa, Colo. Born on Aug. 31, 1943, in Denver, Colo., Karen's life was filled with hard work and caring for others.

Karen's early years were spent growing up in the city of Denver. After graduating from George Washington High School, she journeyed down to Alamosa and enrolled in Adams State College, a place that would shape her future in ways she never imagined. It was there she met the love of her life, Robert Zimmerman. The couple married on March 15, 1963, and spent the next 61 years together building a life filled with love, laughter, hard work and shared dreams.

In 1970, Karen and Bob decided to take a chance and bought the ranch east of Alamosa, where they raised registered Columbia Sheep. Karen took an active role in raising the sheep and especially loved lambing season. The ranch was not just a home but a hub of activity, where Karen's talents as a mom, and ranch wife were a force to be reckoned with. She kept the farm running smoothly while also tending to her beautiful yard and vibrant flower beds. Her

amazing cooking was legendary, her kitchen was often the heart of gatherings, where stories were told, and memories made. She dedicated her life to supporting Bob, raising her four children, instilling in them the values of hard work, compassion, and the value of family.

Karen's work on the farm extended to her community where she dedicated time to being a 4-H leader, providing guidance to her club kids. When Bob decided to enter local politics, Karen jumped in to support him. She became active on several local, state and national political campaigns. In addition to her political activities, Karen loved her work and the lifelong friendships forged at Alamosa Floral and First Christian Church in Alamosa.

Karen's legacy is carried on by her devoted husband, Robert Zimmerman of Alamosa, and her

children: Mark Zimmerman of Alamosa, Trever (Carrie) Zimmerman of Alamosa, Tracy (Justin) Rogers of Alamosa, and her brother Don Borgeson of Angel Fire, N.M. Her grandchildren Randi, Jaymi, Megan, Kelby, Tyler, Case, Makenzie, and Kamryn, will cherish the special memories and time spent with their Grandma Karen. She is also survived by many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Relda Borgeson, her in-laws Ralph and Edna Zimmerman, her son, Michael Zimmerman and special neighbors and friends, Chuck and Pearl Baker and George and Delphine Mead.

Karen lived a full life making lasting impressions on those who knew her. Her strong-willed spirit will be the subject of many stories yet to be told and will be carried on for generations.

Per Karen and her families wishes, private services will be held at a later date.

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

# Alamosa trash drop-off hauls in large items

CONTRIBUTED

ALAMOSA — Alamosa County recently hosted a large trash item drop-off which was successful, despite a dreary, soggy day. Over 100 vehicles dropped off large items including electronics, tires, mattress, metal and appliances.

County commissioners and county staff were on hand to help sort the materials and everyone who brought items was quite appreciative of the opportunity. Alamosa County plans to host this event annually as the commissioners and staff decided this is a great way to assist property owners in getting rid of unwanted items. Although the SLV Regional Landfill is always the proper place to take some of these items, sometimes people will dump large items out on rural roads or vacant land instead of taking it to the landfill.

Alamosa County would



Courtesy photo

### Alamosa County large item trash day was a success.

like to thank Ace in Your Pocket, WSB Computer Services, SMD Roll-offs and SLV Recycling for

their great partnership and professionalism in helping make the day a great success.



Rio Grande County Commissioners along with Rio Grande County Sheriff Anne Robinson presented Cayden Larimore with this year's County Sheriffs of Colorado scholarship on May 8. Larimore was accompanied by his family.

Photos by Lyndsie Ferrell

# RGC Sheriff's Office awards scholarship through CSOC

By LYNDISIE FERRELL

RIO GRANDE COUNTY - In a special meeting hosted by the Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners and the Rio Grande County Sheriff's Department, Rio Grande County Sheriff Anne Robinson presented Cayden Larimore from Sargent School District with this year's County Sheriffs of Colorado Scholarship.

Larimore has had an exceptional record in the Sargent School District. In the letter he submitted for the scholarship he states, "I started my freshman year in 2020, the same year that an aviation class was introduced into Sargent High School. I signed up for the class, thinking it would be interesting to learn about the world of flying, something that had never piqued my interest before." Through the aviation class taught by Jay Sarason, Larimore found his calling and dove into the world of aviation.

"I was fortunate enough to have an extremely ambitious teacher for this class, who inspired me more than I could have ever imagined. This teacher, Jay Sarason, spent just as much time with students outside of the classroom as inside. He took us on field trips, teaching us to fly for free, and helping in any way that he could. The first time that I went flying with Jay, I was instantly hooked," he said.

Rio Grande County Sheriff Robinson opened the award ceremony with the scholarship program's philosophy statement, "To carry out our commitment to the Honorary Members of the association, County Sheriffs of Colorado (CSOC) established a scholarship program in 1978. Since then, the program has continued as a meaningful expression of the sheriffs' and CSOC's respect for education and training. We consider these scholarships as an investment in the future of Colorado's communities."

Robinson continued highlighting Larimore's plans stating that he wants to attend the Airline Transportation Pilot Program and obtain his certificate to fly a commercial airline.

"Larimore has a laundry list of involvement and community oriented, and we appreciate his dedication," Robinson said.

The judges that helped review the applications for the scholarship chose Larimore as a deserving applicant. Larimore accepted the scholarship in the presence of Rio Grande County Commissioners, his flight instructor Bill Shoen and his family.

Outside of scholarships, CSOC provides training and resources to peace officers throughout Colorado.

"Peace officers know the dangers of the job when choosing this career. The profession requires hard

work and long hours, with risk of injury and death looming daily. Officers are at high risk for suicide, divorce, post-traumatic stress syndrome and substance use disorders because of repeated exposure to high-stress, life-threatening situations. These first responders do this important work anyway. They show up each day because the rewards of serving their communities cannot be measured.

"CSOC works to ensure these peace officers have the best professional training available, helping to reduce the dangers and mitigate the personal risks inherent in the profession as they serve their communities."

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# Valley News

## Class of 2024 is ready to graduate



Courtesy photo

**The Alamosa High Class of 2024 in this photo taken on Tuesday, where it all started, back at Alamosa Elementary. According to the school, this is an incredible class of seniors with three Boettcher Scholarship finalists and 10 students who graduate with a 4.0 GPA. Congratulations to all the graduates. The Alamosa High School graduation is scheduled for Saturday, May 25, at 9 a.m.**

## OEDIT

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Economic Development Committee (EDC), came to the San Luis Valley on Wednesday for a first-ever, in-person tour of the area prior to holding a regularly scheduled Economic Development meeting.

The visit, facilitated and hosted by the San Luis Valley Development Resource Group (SLVDRG), started off with a presentation by Matt Prince, General Manager of the Colorado Pacific Rio Grande Railroad. The recent purchase of the railroad by the Soloviev Group has resulted in revitalizing railroad operations, including (but far from limited to) the goal of improving targeted railroad crossing and installing some very costly but high priority crossing lights in various parts of Alamosa County.

The day's visit concluded with a festive, standing room only dinner at the Friar's Fork where specific members of the community were invited to sit down and break bread with state

officials, most of whom were visiting the San Luis Valley for the first time.

Sarah Stoeber, executive director of SLVDRG, addressed the crowd, not only welcoming OEDIT and EDC to the region but also speaking about the importance of including agriculture in all discussions, not only because of the important role it plays in the history and culture of the area about also in recognition that agriculture is the primary driving force of the Valley's economy.

In special recognition, she also introduced those in attendance to a small but mighty group of high school students from Monte Vista's Future Farmers of America program, who genuinely impressed the crowd with their confidence in speaking to a large group and delightful sense of humor.

"If you ever need to get a job done well," Stoeber said after the group sat down, "make sure to include someone who's been involved with FFA. They are some hard-working people."

Eve Lieberman, OEDIT executive director,

also took a moment to make a few comments about the purpose of visiting the San Luis Valley, praising the area for its rich cultural diversity and history and stating it was "meaningful to have people on the ground, making connections and building relationships that will last into the future."

Alamosa County Commissioner Lori Laske told the Valley Courier, "I really enjoyed speaking with staff from OEDIT and learning about the incredible programs they have. I know we already have two businesses in the valley - Adams State and SLV Health - that are involved in Enterprise Zone projects. I was just amazed to learn about programs I knew nothing about and look forward to exploring more possibilities in the future."

## Matt

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increase from 59 percent to 79 percent. That's a 20 percent increase in graduation. That's significant."

Martinez explained that ninth-graders are three to five times more likely to fail a class than any other year. For every "F" a student receives, they are 30 percent less likely to graduate.

"This is really a big, big push to make sure that we're catching these students before they fail and making sure that they have the tools they need to graduate from high school."

In a year with a very tight budget, Rep. Martinez and Sen. Simpson were able to get \$2 million for the program.

HB24-1249 "Tax Credit Agricultural Stewardship Practices", another bi-cameral, bi-partisan bill, provides "Tax credits for ag producers, farmers and ranchers for agricultural practices that employ good stewardship," Martinez says, "such as increasing soil health, improving water efficiency, providing more diverse ecosystems, rotating crops, planting cover crops, using integrated livestock grazing on crop land and range improvement."

Depending on what practices ag producers put into effect, the tax

## Kinney

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most affected by any given issue.

I will not make false promises, but I can give you my word, if you elect me as County Commissioner, I will continue this listening, learning, and improving every day for as long as I have the honor of serving. I will always ask myself how I can do better tomorrow.

I will attend CGFOA government finance courses to learn as much as I can about fiscal responsibility on the county level so that I can most efficiently manage your tax dollars.

I will make myself accessible and available to hear your concerns and ideas for the duration of my service.

No doubt, I will make mistakes. Then I will look to my community to inform me, and I will course correct.

young families are facing here today. Raising healthy children, putting food on the table, honoring the old ways while adjusting to an onslaught of changes. This perspective is invaluable and necessary for us to prepare for the future in Saguache County.

Lastly, my experience and track record of serving on the municipal level have more than prepared me for the logistical, fiscal, and procedural aspects of the job. I hit the ground running the day I decided to run for County Commissioner, and I won't quit until my time is up.

I will give this everything I've got, and you will know that your voice matters.

Vote Adam Kinney Our County, Our Future

To provide equal time to the candidates, the Valley Courier has extended an offer to incumbent County Commissioner Tom McCracken, to offer voters a similar statement.

## Market

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asbestos and lead-based paint the market closed pending cleanup. The Acequia Institute was founded in 2006 by Dr. Devon Pena who taught at Colorado College for many years and is now on the faculty at the University of Washington. The organization is a non-profit foundation that supports environmental food and justice. The Move Mountains Youth Project is part of the institute and is a leadership program that incorporates art, entrepreneurship, community action, and respect for the Earth.

Under the leadership of Dr. Devon Pena, the store is being renovated and recently had a specialized contractor, Adept Solutions of Colorado Springs, work on removing lead-based paint and asbestos. With the help of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund, the Acequia Institute, which is working on behalf of the market, received a grant on May 14 for \$200,416. The grant will cover the cost of asbestos abatement and lead-based paint and mold removal, making it possible for the market to reopen this summer.

"As the only full-service grocery store in San Luis, Colorado, the reopening of San Luis Market will help ensure Coloradans in the valley have access to healthy food in a safe store, and I am glad the state could provide a grant to help reopen this community landmark," said Governor Jared Polis.

"We're committed to supporting disproportionately impacted and underserved communities in Colorado," said CDPHE's Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division Director, Tracie White. "The Colorado Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund transforms properties, and helps small businesses, like the San Luis Peoples Market, keep their community healthy by providing essential services."



Courier photo by John Waters

**Lynette Ramirez, (left to right) and Dr. Devon Pena from the San Luis Peoples Market are joined by Kathy Ben from Adept Solutions as they discuss the progress being made to remove hazardous materials from the market.**



Photo from the Denver Public Library Digital Collections

**In 1857, Jose Dario Gallegos opened Gallego's Mercantile in San Luis. Generations later, it had a name change to the R&R Market. Today the store is called the San Luis Peoples Market. In this 1876 photo, customers gather in front of the market with a horse-drawn carriage.**

In a recent tour of the market, Pena laid out his vision for the store which will offer as many local products as possible, some will come from the nearby 181-acre farm owned by the institute. As part of that local branding, the market is now called the San Luis Peoples Market. The vision is to turn the market into a community food co-op. Due to the hazardous material renovations underway, this reporter was allowed a brief glimpse of the market-to-be.

Pena is focused on nutrition, "When we bought the market it had hundreds of cans of Campbell's soup, and we still have them and we won't be selling them." We will be stone-grinding tortillas, we have heirloom bolita beans and we just received new drought lentils to grow."

Pena is also starting a local chapter of the mutual aid society, "Sociedad Protección Mutua de Trabajadores Unidos. The society was founded in 1900 to protect Hispano workers from discrimination and provide loans, unemployment aid, and funeral assistance. The Concilio Superior building that serves as the group's headquarters is undergoing

restoration. The grant from the Colorado Department of Agriculture is the second influx of funding to the town recently.

The Town of San Luis has also recently received a federal \$500,000 — Environmental Protection Agency (EPA funded through the bipartisan infrastructure law. The funds are all revitalization-focused, with projects ranging from the removal of asbestos, mercury, and other hazardous materials.

EPA officials were in San Luis last month and in an interview with the Valley Courier, EPA Regional administrator KC Becker said the grant was made possible by working with grant facilitator JSI International. "This is a great thing, they have to handle the burden of all the federal compliance. For these small grants, it is hard to apply, you need a full-time person to do the paperwork. With this, you can reach smaller communities. I love it, we can get dollars all over the place."

The San Luis Peoples Market said it plans to host a grand reopening ceremony during Santa Ana Fiesta days, which falls on the last weekend of July.

potato growers, SB24-137 "Planting of Uncertified Potatoes" addresses the highly concerning Y virus which is having a negative impact on potato farmers.

Sponsored and introduced early in the session by Rep. Martinez and Sen. Simpson, SB24-237 requires that uncertified potato seed stock be tested and approved by the certifying authority of Colorado before planting.

"This was the infamous potato bill that's coming straight from the producers in the Valley where there's a big Y virus outbreak that has been happening the last few years. The virus prevents seed growers from selling their seeds internationally because they have to be under a certain percentage of Y virus contaminant in their seed. This bill requires that, in order to plant uncertified potatoes, a potato grower must submit the uncertified potato seed stock for testing and have the certifying authority approve the potatoes for planting. The grower must also ensure the uncertified potatoes are no more than one generation removed from certified or qualified parent potatoes and submit the uncertified potato seed stock to the certifying authority for testing."

This virus has led some growers to stop producing seed altogether until this virus can be gotten under control. By requiring testing, we can hopefully eradicate the potato virus that has been impacting these farmers to a great extent."

Other legislation SB24-168 "Remote Monitoring Services for Medicaid Members" calls for reimbursing Medicaid for telehealth remote monitoring for outpatient clinical services, such as glucose monitoring. Introduced and sponsored by Martinez and Simpson, the bill increases access to key health care services in rural areas or areas with a shortage of primary care providers. Increasing health care access is a priority that has shown up in legislation passed by both lawmakers over the past two years.

credit can yield significant financial benefits, ranging from "\$15 per acre up to \$150 tax credit per acre for producers who employ at least three of the practices with a maximum tax credit of \$300,000 in a single year."

Rep. Martinez also shepherded passage of HB24-1461. Legislation that "cleans up" Martinez's prison education bill that passed last year. "We corrected some conflicting statutes," he says.

In another "really, really big plus", HB24-1048 will allow veterinarians to provide telehealth services. The bill, "Providing Veterinary Services Through Telehealth", was another one of Martinez's bi-cameral, bi-partisan pieces of legislation.

"This came out of the year-long Agriculture, Water and Natural Resources Committee," he said. "Once a veterinarian has established care, which can happen by something as simple as vaccines for companion animals or checking herds, he or she will then be able to provide veterinarian care over the phone," he says. "This will really help people. Instead of having to load livestock or drive long miles for more remote locations, regulations are loosened up to allow vets to provide services via telehealth."

A much-needed bill for



# Opinion

## Centauri eighth-graders 'Hard Work' Service Project

Low clouds provided a near full sky cover as we arrived at the slightly damp Elk Creek Trailhead on Thursday, May 16. We hoped and prayed for the rain to hold off as we discussed the promise of a break in the clouds that was forecast for later. The green Forest Service uniforms worn by 10 of us lent an official atmosphere to the coming workday. As it should. In about an hour, we would be joined by over fifty students from the Centauri eighth grade class, and we needed to look like we were in charge!

### Land, Water and People



Gregg Goodland



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and debris from the old rings. In true teenager form, the students made impromptu games and competitions as they hauled very heavy bags of debris to the dump trailer. There was lots of laughing.

The groups were given the decision space to determine the precise locations the fire rings would be installed. Once decided, they then dug the holes for the mounting pins. Reeling back from the dust, the concrete sacks were dumped in the holes and the students then carefully mixed the water in and set the pins. One final check with the level and the topsoil was scraped back over to cover the remainder of the open hole.

I was there only as an observer and photographer. I had to work fast to visit that many groups of enthusiastic kids several times as they progressed through the project. The adult group leaders were amazingly patient as they quietly encouraged the students to work as a group, solve problems and complete their tasks. But complete them they did, and fast!

Some of the kids had been to the Elk Creek area before but, some had not. Regardless, we could easily tell that the students really appreciated being outside that day. One girl even didn't want to go onto the bus for lunch, saying "can't we stay outside?" That is definitely a win for us outdoor people!

It was a special experience for many, and the Ranger District couldn't be more pleased. A lot of hard work was done that morning, and we believe it



Courtesy of Rio Grande National Forest

Centauri eighth-graders watch as Forest Service personnel demonstrate how to install a fire ring.

was a good introduction to one of the aspects of managing your public lands. As fun as it was though, one young lady exclaimed to me, "this is really hard work! I don't think I'll be joining you Forest people as a job!" I'm still smiling from that statement.

Martinez said "it should go without saying, but we are very grateful for the opportunity to connect with our local youth in this meaningful way. Our time and investment are important to the stewardship of our national forests but equally important to our profession, is our growth and investment into

the local communities that surround us. We strive to be the best partner we can with them, as they are also our communities."

Like many of our employees, including Martinez, we all think that some of these great young workers just may end up working for us. See you in a few years!

*Gregg Goodland is the Public Affairs Officer for the Rio Grande National Forest. As an avid outdoor enthusiast, he encourages individual stewardship and responsible use of our public lands.*

## Comical pets can fix what bothers ya!

Everybody needs some comedy sometimes. And my home has its share!

I used to house a cockatiel named Pretty Bird whose personality was LOUD. He was my alarm clock when the sun rose over the Sangres. All day, he'd watch neighborhood birds flirt outside the window; sometimes he tickled his beak in the brass bell or he'd sit where he could slip his head into a cardboard roll and listen for feedback—a little like SETI listening for the stars feedback. One day, he jumped from his gym atop his cage to my hat. The hat hung upside down and looked like a gi-

### Movin' On with Nellie



Nelda Curtiss

ant cup. As I turned back around, my feathered friend was hidden in the cup of the hat. When I looked again, he poked his head up and eyed me. "Good morning pretty bird," he said. Then he ducked out of sight. Again, he lifted his head above the rim; and "Come here right now," chimed out. He did this again and again. It was a hide-and-seek or a "laugh about."

Sometimes we don't know how smart our dogs are. Lena, my brown cocker spaniel, loved Pretty Bird the cockatiel very much and engaged him nose to nose until a peck on her nose moved her paws backwards. Lena, short for Thumbelina, could find any loose paper when she was left alone. She was an automatic shredder! The only drawback was that I collected the shreds with a "reach-for-it tool." Not even the Colorado Bureau of Investigation could reconstruct a

whole document after her shredding game.

Lena sported wide eyes and a stumpy wag to let me know she wanted outside. Once the door closed, she jumped on the porch bench, and hopped around the whole deck. I was puzzled for a long time and wondered what prompted the "puppy" mode. Lena snatched moths in-flight. (That's one way to supplement her dog food.) As I watched her reactions, I suspected that she lived for springtime and those nightly snacks.

Back then, Schroeder was the newest addition to the family, and he was a rescue from the Colorado Cocker Spaniel Rescue. He still is bubbly and loving puppy at thirteen years old. He came to our house knowing the commands of "sit," "no," "come," and he's learned "shake," "leave it," "bring me your toy," and "stay." He certainly knows how to express his feelings like when he dives into my lap and flips around like a

baby.

Way back when, Schroeder and Lena each got their own "chew-bone." While one gnawed, the other stood on standby; and when the one left the bone, the standby stole the deal. One afternoon, they stood eye to eye; their tails were wagging, and one bone stood between them. While Schroeder engaged Lena's eyes, he slyly covered the bone with his right paw and sneakily dragged the bone until it was next to him. He scooped the bone up in his mouth and it was his, not hers.

I laughed out loud at his cleverness! Yes, sometimes our pets are comedians and just the prescription to relieve stress.

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### LETTER

## Former sheriff supports Kinney for Saguache commissioner

Editor, I am writing this letter to voice my full support for Adam Kinney in his

endeavor to become Saguache County Commissioner for District 1. Having interacted with Adam on several occasions, it has been refreshing to see a bright, young man, full of energy and enthusiasm, seeking to help move Sa-

guache County forward as a commissioner. Knowing that Adam has been involved in the Crestone town council for the past 20 years, he has knowledge not only of governmental functions, but also of the fiscal challenges that the county faces. Adam is a great communicator, and more importantly, he is a great listener. I feel that Adam will be very transparent in his dealings with his constituents in District 1, as well as all citizens of Saguache County.

Having been the Sheriff of Saguache County for three terms, I understand the challenges that our county commissioners face. It is exciting to see new interest in our representation on the Saguache County Commission. Adam Kinney is up to the challenge, and I solicit your support for Adam's endeavor to become Saguache County Commissioner from District 1.

*Mike Norris  
Saguache County Sheriff retired*

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# Religion

## Hollywood: Church of the masses? Not in this digital world

As the creator of classics such as "It's a Wonderful Life" and "You Can't Take It With You," director Frank Capra knew how to touch the hearts and souls of moviegoers.

The self-described Christmas Catholic took that power seriously. "No saint, no pope, no general, no sultan, has ever had the power that a filmmaker has," he once said. This was the "power to talk to hundreds of millions of people for two hours in the dark."

The power of today's digital media is much more complex than that, said Barbara Nicolosi Harrington, a former Catholic nun turned screenwriter and Hollywood script doctor.

"Hollywood has been the church of the masses, but I don't think that's still true. At least, we cannot say that movie theaters are the sanctuaries they once were for most people, especially for the young," said Harrington, author of "Behind the Screen: Hollywood Insiders on Faith, Film, and

Culture." When she was young, she explained, mainstream entertainment "was everything. Hollywood created the images that told us what was cool and what it meant to be a success and to be loved."

Now, when she talks to young people, they have a completely different relationship with mass media. The voices and images of Hollywood are competing with legions of "influencers" who reach the masses through omnipresent smartphones.

"There are so many competing screens and so much of the content is truly asinine," she said. Young people accept that, but believe that they and their peers can decide what is true and what is false in that digital universe. When messages hit home, social media maven then connect users with creators, activists or networks linked to the content.

"Kids think they're in control," said Harrington, reached by telephone. "But how can you tell what is

right and wrong if it's TikTok and its algorithms that decide what you see? ... You think that you get to decide what is right for you and what voices will guide you. But is that true these days?"

The big question is whether millions of parents, pastors, teachers and counselors realize how much the balance of power has shifted in mass media and entertainment. This is the question I have been trying to address in a Substack newsletter that I call Rational Sheep -- a name drawn from the prayers in the Orthodox Christian baptism rite.

A quarter of a century ago, in an essay called "The Liturgy of Mass Media," I noted the importance of the work of scholar Quentin Schultze and a circle of Calvin University researchers in their book "Dancing in the Dark."

"Usually adults simply ignore youth-oriented popular art. ... By ignoring youth art, however, adults ignore the children in their care," they wrote. In the cable-television age, one pattern was clear: "Instead of watching TV with their families, teens generally watch it alone or in peer groups and talk

little to their parents about their viewing." All of these mass media signals became "maps of reality," providing "stories, metaphors and symbols that explain life and suggest responses to its quandaries and mysteries."

Back then, said Schultze, reached by telephone, the goal was to teach "discernment" to adults and young people as they wrestled with the mass media forces in their lives, trying to put what they saw, heard and read into "a biblical context" of good and bad, beautiful and ugly.

"Now we feel like we're in the ocean up to our eyeballs just trying to find out what

is happening," he said. "We are dealing with interwoven digital networks -- local, national and global -- that change and morph based on how people use them."

It's hard to practice discernment while smartphones serve as a "divide and conquer" technology that divide people of various ages into different audiences when dealing with politics, business, morality, education, family life and, yes, faith.

"It's hard to be discerning when you're not even sure what many of these messages and symbols mean," said Schultze.

"Children in our homes who are only three to four years apart are literally growing up in different worlds." While it's hard to know what parents, clergy and teachers should be doing, he added, "One thing is certain -- you can't ignore what is happening and act like it doesn't matter."

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Terry Mattingly

## Bible Digest

**Saturday, May 18, 2024**  
"After this manner therefore pray you: Our Father which are in heaven, Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:9-10 AKJV)

The world would be a better place if we lived like those who reside in Heaven. Let's bring a little Heaven to earth by living for the Lord.

**Sunday, May 19, 2024**  
"Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust does corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust does corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." (Matthew 6:19-20 AKJV)

We need to constantly examine our priorities. What do we treasure the most?

**Monday, May 20, 2024**  
"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." (Matthew 6:24 AKJV)

Who are you serving? God knows.  
**Tuesday, May 21, 2024**  
"And as Jesus passed forth from there, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said to him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him." (Matthew 9:9 AKJV)

It is a privilege to have Jesus speak to our hearts. When He speaks, follow Him.

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024**  
"Honor the LORD with your substance, and with the first fruits of all your

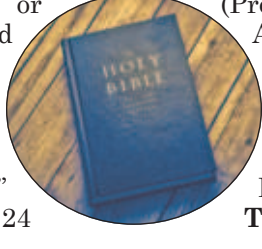
increase: So shall your barns be filled with plenty, and your presses shall burst out with new wine." (Proverbs 3:9-10 AKJV)

Are you honoring the Lord? If not, you are missing out on His blessings.

**Thursday, May 23, 2024**  
"And he said to them, Why are you fearful, O you of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm." (Matthew 8:26 AKJV)

Jesus can calm the storms of our lives also. Let Him speak peace to your situation.

**Friday, May 24, 2024**  
"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." (Psalms 9:17 AKJV)  
The Lord is the Judge of all. Are you ready to stand before Him? Don't forget God.



## Take a Step into Your Destiny



When it comes to running their race and fulfilling the dreams that God has placed in their hearts, I believe a lot of Christians are stuck in the starting blocks. They aren't sure how a situation is going to turn out or exactly what they should do... so they do nothing.

Instead of running the race that God has set out for them (Hebrews 12:1), they are letting worry and anxiety keep them frozen at the starting line.

You see, God has an amazing plan for your life and so many good things in store for you...if you are willing to take a step.

God wants you to participate in the miracle He is doing in your life. If you think that you're going to wake up one day and supernaturally be at the finish line, you're going to be disappointed. It doesn't work that way.

In our relationship with God, each one of us is given the great opportunity to walk out our faith. Just as Adam and Eve walked with God in the cool of the garden, or just as the disciples walked with Jesus on the roads of Galilee, we are called to walk with the Lord on a daily basis.

But many times, because we aren't sure of all the steps, we don't even take the first one. We're waiting for God to tell us how the next five years of our lives are going to work out, and God is telling us what to do today.

I've learned in my relationship with God that He doesn't always give me the entire plan—He usually just gives me the next step. God keeps secrets and hides things from us so we will walk in faith and continue seeking Him. He always reveals what we need to know at the right time.

Your dream may be to have a ministry that reaches the world, but God is asking you to take step one—share the Gospel with your neighbor across the street.

You may be praying that God will give you your own business, but God is asking you to take step one—show up for work on time and be faithful at the job you have now.

You may be trying to figure out how to lose a certain amount of weight, but God wants you to take step one—exercise for 20 minutes today.

We have a tendency to get so wrapped up in the destination that we never even begin the journey! So, what is God asking you to do today? Faith is always active—always. It is not passive. Faith requires that you move forward into what God is telling you to do.

you spot a certain word in there? "Afraid." It is not the will of God for fear to rule in any area of your life—especially your walk with Him. Don't be afraid to take a step because you think it will be the wrong one. God sees your heart. He knows that you are trying to please Him and live in obedience to His Word.

He is not a cruel, angry God who is going to punish you if you take a misstep along the way. He sees your heart is right and you are trying to take a step toward His plan for your life...and He is going to bless you for your desire to walk in your destiny.

So, take a step—God is waiting for you!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's three-part teaching resource *Living on Purpose for a Purpose*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting [www.joycemeyer.org](http://www.joycemeyer.org).

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## 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 Burns • 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](http://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 [hatline1@gojaoe.org](mailto:hatline1@gojaoe.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-prek)

**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.

**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 Baptist Church**  
Pastor Matthew 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, 9:30am  
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

Sunday - 9:45am - Sunday School  
10:45am - Service

**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 Santa 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, 11:00 a.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. - Worship  
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

**Cornstone 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**  
**First United Methodist Church**  
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**  
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Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service

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Sunday, 11 a.m. - Sunday Worship

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Sunday School Classes 9 a.m.



# Sports



Courtesy photo by Melissa Morrison

**Sanford High School's Lincoln Reynolds runs the anchor leg in the Class 1A boys 4x200-meter relay. The Mustangs finished second in the race.**



Courtesy photo by Mandy Pittman

**Alamosa High School's Sarah DeLaCerde competes in distance events for the Lady Mean Moose. DeLaCerde finished fourth in the 800-meter run.**

## High school spring sports regular season standings

### BASEBALL

#### Class 3A/2A Intermountain League

Team	League		Overall
	W-L	W-L	
Montezuma-Cortez	7-1	15-8	
Pagosa Springs	4-4	11-10	
Bayfield	4-4	7-15	
Alamosa	4-4	7-16	
Centauri	1-7	8-15	

#### Class 2A Southern Peaks League

Team	League		Overall
	W-L	W-L-T	
Monte Vista	11-0	17-3-0	
Trinidad	8-2	10-9-0	
Del Norte	10-4	11-9-0	
Sanford	6-5	12-7-0	
Center	4-7	5-15-0	
Sargent	5-9	5-15-0	
South Park	1-9	3-16-0	
Custer County	2-10	2-20-1	

#### Class 1A Southern Peaks League

Team	League		Overall
	W-L	W-L-T	
Sierra Grande	4-0	13-3-0	
Antonito	2-2	7-9-1	
Centennial	0-4	2-10-0	

### GIRLS SOCCER

#### Class 3A Intermountain League

Team	League		Overall
	W-L-T	W-L-T	
Alamosa	4-1-1	8-6-2	
Bayfield	2-1-3	6-7-3	
Montezuma-Cortez	1-2-3	3-5-3	
Pagosa Springs	0-3-3	6-5-3	

#### Class 2A Southwest League

Team	League		Overall
	W-L-T	W-L-T	
Crested Butte	4-0-0	14-2-1	
Telluride	3-1-0	5-8-1	
Ridgway	2-2-0	7-6-0	
Ignacio	1-3-0	1-11-0	
Del Norte	0-4-0	1-12-0	

## A good day for Sanford in Day 2 of state track

By **KEN HAMRICK**  
*Courier sports editor*  
**ALAMOSA** – The second day of the Colorado High School Activities Association's state track meets took place Friday at Jefferson County Stadium in Lakewood.

### Class 1A Sanford

Sanford picked up several points in the Class 1A girls meet. Holly McDaniel won the triple jump with a leap of 33-2 ¼, and Erica Miller took second place in the 800-meter run in 2:25.82. The Lady Mustangs' 4x200-meter relay team of Ashley Dominguez, Kate McDaniel, Bella Peterson, and Brooklynn Reynolds had a seventh place finish in 1:53.79. The Mustangs also scored some points on the boys side. The 4x200 team of Kaden Cary, William Malouff, Tucker Canty, and Lincoln Reynolds took second place in 4x200 in 1:34.81, and Canty also took seventh in the 800 in 2:07.18.

The Sanford girls are in third place after the second day with 31 points.

They trail Merino with 61 points and Idalia with 33.

The Mustang boys are tied for 17th place with 11 points.

### Creede

Creede entered two athletes in the Class 1A girls high jump. Jasmine Laing tied for fifth place at a height of 4-10, and Lila Fairchild tied for seventh at 4-8.

The Lady Miners are in 24th place with six points.

### Sangre de Cristo

The Thunderbirds had only one athlete perform on Friday as Brody Artaachevarria placed 11th in the 800 meters in 2:09.17.

### Class 3A Alamosa

Three Lady Mean Moose competed in the Class 3A 800-meter run. Sarah DeLaCerde was the only Alamosa runner to score in the event as she finished in fourth place in 2:17.89. Also running were Elizabeth McQuitty who was 10th in 2:21.85, and Madeline Castillo who was 16th in 2:25.73.

The girls 4x400-meter relay team of Kaylee Gonzales-Moore, McQuitty, Castillo and Lily Heersink qualified for the finals after placing ninth in 4:16.10 in the preliminaries. The Mean Moose ran in two boys relay teams, but did not qualify for finals in either of them. The team of Chris Brooks, Brant Jackson, Jesse Maestas, and Brayden Moeller finished 14th in the 4x100 in 44.85 seconds, and Jeremiah DeLaCerde, Jackson, Cody Williams, and Moeller were 14th in the 4x400 in 3:34.44. The Mean Moose are tied for 19th with five points while the Alamosa girls are tied for seventh with 16.

In Paralympic events, Matthew Hollingsworth was seventh in the mixed long jump at 11-0, and Bethany Pittman was 10th in the same event at 5-4.

### Centauri

One Centauri athlete was inadvertently omitted from Friday's story. Alyvia Norton tied for 11th in the Class 3A girls high jump at a height of 4-9.

### Class 2A Center

Two Center athletes competed in field events on Friday.

For the Lady Vikings, Ciara Paiz placed seventh in the long jump at 15-6 ½.

For the Center boys, Andree Meraz was eighth in the discus at 127-4.

Center is tied for 29th in the girls 2A meet with three points, and it is tied for 26th in the boys meet with two points.

### Del Norte

Del Norte concluded its time at the state meet as Damon Ledford-Vigil tied for ninth place in the pole vault at 11-9.

The state meet concludes today. The first events are at 8:30 a.m.

## Sports briefs

### Gym Rat Jam is May 27 at Centauri

**ALAMOSA** – The Third Annual Memorial Day Gym Rat Jam will take place on May 27 at Centauri High School. It is a 5-on-5 double elimination tournament.

There are six divisions – open men and women, high school boys and girls and middle school boys and girls.

The tournament is limited to eight teams per division. Teams must pre-register by noon on May 26. No walk-ups the day of the event.

The cost is \$150 per team.

### Youth baseball/softball deadline approaching

The Alamosa Parks and Recreation District's deadline for last chance in registering for youth baseball/softball is on May 20.

To register go to the web site at [www.alamosarec.com](http://www.alamosarec.com) or drop by the rec center at 2222 Old Sanford Road.

Volunteer coaches are also needed. If interested, contact recreation supervisor Don Mendoza at [dmendoza@ci.alamosa.co.us](mailto:dmendoza@ci.alamosa.co.us).

All volunteer coaches must attend the coaches meeting on May 22 at the rec center.

For more details, view the flyer on the web site or call the recreation center at (719) 589-2105.

## Sports Bulletin

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

### SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY Prep baseball

Del Norte at Buena Vista (Class 2A Region 8 Tournament), 10 a.m.

Ellicott at Monte Vista (Class 2A Region 7 Tournament), 10 a.m.

Rangely vs. Dawson School (Class 2A Region 7 Tournament at Monte Vista), noon

Sanford at Limon (Class 2A Region 1 Tournament), 12:30 p.m.

Rangely/Dawson School winner vs. Ellicott/Monte Vista winner (Class 2A

Region 7 Tournament at Monte Vista), 2 p.m.

Estes Park/Fowler winner vs. Del Norte/Buena Vista winner (Class 2A Region 8 Tournament at Buena Vista), 3 p.m.

Rye/Ignacio winner vs. Sanford/Limon winner (Class 2A Region 1 Tournament at Limon), 3 p.m.

#### Prep track and field

Alamosa, Centauri at Class 3A State Meet (at Lakewood), 8:30 a.m.

Center, Del Norte, Sargent at Class 2A State Meet (at Lakewood), 8:30 a.m.

Creede, Sanford, Sangre de Cristo, Sierra Grande at Class 1A State Meet (at Lakewood), 8:30 a.m.

#### MONDAY Prep girls golf

Alamosa, Monte Vista at Class 3A State Tournament (at The Olde Course,

Loveland), 8:30 a.m.

#### TUESDAY

##### Prep girls golf

Alamosa, Monte Vista at Class 3A State Tournament (at The Olde Course, Loveland), 8:30 a.m.

#### THURSDAY

##### College outdoor track and field

Adams State at NCAA Division II Championships (at Emporia, Kan.), TBA

#### FRIDAY

##### College outdoor track and field

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#### SATURDAY, MAY 25

##### College outdoor track and field

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# Lifestyle



Photos courtesy of Amy Wetherill

Mineral County Search and Rescue teams trained for swift water emergency response at the end of April in preparation for the coming runoff season in the western end of the San Luis Valley.

## First responders urge caution during runoff season

By LYNSIE FERRELL

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** — As warmer weather comes to the San Luis Valley, local law enforcement, emergency managers and first responders urge the public to use caution on the rivers in the Valley and to pay attention to swift-water conditions as the runoff season moves toward peak flows.

In an interview with Valley Publishing, Mineral County Sheriff Terry Wetherill, Mineral County Emergency Manager Clint Leggitt and Rio Grande County Emergency Manager Brian Burrell spoke about the coming runoff season and gave some tips on how to be safe while still enjoying the rivers around the Valley.

According to reports from several agencies, runoff levels for the 2024 runoff season are on the lower side but according to local officials, that does not remove the danger of swift water and peak river flows during this spring season. "Depending on the rate of snow melt and any kind of rain on snow event, the water levels in rivers and tributaries can continue to rise though I think we are near the peak for the year. It is still important to use caution while out on the river," said Mineral County Emergency



Manager Leggitt.

As water levels rise, more dangers must be considered when recreators head out on the water. "People need to consider bridges. When a river is at its peak, the height of water rafts and bridges must be considered. It is also important to pay attention to personal safety devices such as life jackets and helmets. If you do go overboard or fall into the river, make sure you know what to do to protect yourself, such as moving into a defensive swimming position," said Mineral County Sheriff Wetherill.

Though local officials are not expecting a high runoff year, teams are still working to prepare for an emergency should one arise. At the end of April teams with the Mineral County Search and Rescue conducted swift water training which included training with ropes and mock rescue.

"We advise people who plan to go out on the river to always go in pairs or if fishing alone, to be knowledgeable of how to react in case of an emergency. If you are not experienced, then find someone who is and have them go with you or teach you fundamentals. And please, if you're out on the river, wear a life jacket," said Wetherill.

In addition to safety protocols, it is also important to be aware of floating debris. Trees, limbs and other obstacles that can damage rafts or cause someone to lose balance while wading in the river are floating through the water. Undercurrents can be dangerous in deep areas when the river is moving at peak flows.

Anyone wanting to know more about swift water safety can visit [www.swiftwatersafety-institute.com](http://www.swiftwatersafety-institute.com) to learn safety protocols or receive training.



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# Classifieds

## 221 - HELP WANTED

**SAGUACHE COUNTY ANNOUNCES** an Opening for A Full-Time EMERGENCY MANAGER. Job responsibilities include - Maintaining an integrated emergency management system for Saguache County including mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery projects. Manage budget, grants and accounting for the Office of Emergency Management. Promote training opportunities, monitor NIMS compliance, plan and execute exercises and take corrective action. Work with State, Regional and Federal agencies to ensure coordinated disaster planning and response. Job requirements: Incident Command System experience, high school diploma or equivalent; bachelor's degree preferred. Minimum three years of related experience in emergency response or management if possible, and a valid Colorado driver's license. In addition to the starting salary rate of \$55,000/yr., the County Employee benefit package includes vision, dental, and health insurance coverage, paid time off, and a generous 401a retirement plan. Prospective employees applying with Saguache County, please note that the chosen candidate will be required to submit and pass a pre-employment drug screening, which will include testing for marijuana use and criminal background check, before being hired. Applications and a complete job description are available at the Saguache County Administration Office, 505 3rd Street, PO Box 100, SAGUACHE, CO 81149 - 719-655-2231 or on the Saguache County website - [saguachecounty.colorado.gov](http://saguachecounty.colorado.gov). Completed applications can be hand delivered or mailed to Saguache County Administration - at the address listed above, sent by email to [wmaez@saguachecounty.co.gov](mailto:wmaez@saguachecounty.co.gov), or faxed to 719-655-2635. Application Deadline: Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 3PM. Saguache County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (5/21/24)

**SAGUACHE COUNTY ANNOUNCES** An Opening For A Full-Time HOUSING DIRECTOR. Experienced individual sought for the position of Housing Director for the Saguache County Housing Authority. Responsibilities include being the management agent for two apartment complexes owned by the Saguache County Housing Authority. Applicants must possess professional office and interpersonal skills, property management experience, and a high level of initiative. The starting salary will be \$55,000 per year depending on experience. A valid Colorado Driver's license is also required. In addition to the starting salary rate of \$55,000/yr., the County Employee benefit package includes vision, dental, and health insurance coverage, paid time off, and a generous 401a retirement plan. Prospective employees applying with Saguache County, please note the chosen candidate will be required to submit and pass a pre-employment drug screening, which will include testing for marijuana use and criminal background check, before being hired. Applications and a complete job description are available at the Saguache County Administration Office, 505 3rd Street, PO Box 100, SAGUACHE, CO 81149 - 719-655-2231 or on the Saguache County website - [saguachecounty.colorado.gov](http://saguachecounty.colorado.gov). Completed applications can be hand delivered or mailed to Saguache County Administration - at the address listed above, sent by email to [wmaez@saguachecounty.co.gov](mailto:wmaez@saguachecounty.co.gov), or faxed to 719-655-2635. Application Deadline: Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 3PM. Saguache County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (5/21/24)

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**JT TIMBER FALLING** is hiring LOG TRUCK DRIVERS. Class A CDL. Starting at \$25/hr (\$37.50/hr Overtime). Great benefits are available. Home every night and based out of BLANCA, COLORADO. Call 719-379-4066 or visit [JTtimber.com](http://JTtimber.com) to apply. (6/12/24)

**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 & MIDDLE SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION 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)

**PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR.** The HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ALAMOSA is hiring for the position of Maintenance Supervisor. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree in business administration and or a minimum of 3-5 years of business and supervisor experience. Knowledge in residential and/or commercial building trades, good communication skills, experienced with tools, machinery, and equipment, manage maintenance department, repairs, and capital improvements for multiple properties, manage supplies, tools, and equipment, ability to qualify as an HQS inspector, basic computer skills, maintain records, physical ability to perform required duties. The Alamosa Housing Authority offers a competitive salary and benefits. Minimum salary starting at \$65,520.00. Letter of intent, resume, and references should be submitted to (or mailed to) 213 Murphy Drive, Co. 81101 by May 24, 2024. Equal Opportunity Employer (5/25/24)

**ALAMOSA COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE** is seeking a DATA ENTRY CLERK. This job requires data entry skills and working knowledge of the Assessor's Office to ensure accurate property data is generated to maintain complex records. Responsibilities include: Working independently or in a team setting, entering deed transfers (land splits/combination and replats of parcels into database), entering address changes into the computer system, answering phones and assisting the public at the front counter, coping maps, daily mail runs, participating in professional training, and perform all other duties as required by the County Assessor. \$17.00-\$19.00 per hour, full time, full benefits. Background check and drug screening required. Applications may be obtained online at [www.alamosacounty.org](http://www.alamosacounty.org). Inquiries may be directed to [humanresources@alamosacounty.org](mailto:humanresources@alamosacounty.org). (5/25/24)

**ART TIME DAY STAFF** needed at LA PUENTE HOME. Need Mature, dynamic, compassionate people that are able to deal with all types of clients. Must be able to work weekends. Must be at least 21+. Bilingual preferred. Looking for the unique applicants who will be a part of an awesome team of individuals helping others. Beginning pay is \$15.00 per hour. 20 hours per week available with the option to pick up more. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of helping others. Send your resume to [hr@lapuente.net](mailto:hr@lapuente.net). (5/22/24)

**THE BRIDGE AT ALAMOSA** has a PERSONAL CARE PROVIDER position available. Please come by The Bridge at Alamosa, 3407 Carroll Street, right next to Wal-Mart, to apply. (5/21/24)

## 221 - HELP WANTED

**LOOKING FOR A** rewarding and fulfilling career? Are you a positive, self-motivated individual? Consider a career with the MONTE VISTA HEADSTART. FISCAL OFFICER is responsible for the fiscal management and fiscal reporting to the Office of Head Start and the Grantee Board. Must be proficient in QuickBooks and Microsoft office applications. Qualifications are: Experience in business or fiscal management, BA accounting, Business Management, or related field. Salary between \$47,000 and \$52,000 depending on education and experience. Year round position. 5 weeks paid holidays breaks, 10 hours sick/vacation per month, simple IRA, HSA account available. For more information, you may contact the director at [director@mvheadstart.org](mailto:director@mvheadstart.org) or call 719-852-3215. Positions opened until filled. (5/22/24)

**JOB OPENING: FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE / JANITORIAL** position. Resumes can be dropped off at Sacred Heart Church office, 726 3rd Street, ALAMOSA or email to [Admin@SacredHeartAlamosa.org](mailto:Admin@SacredHeartAlamosa.org). (5/22/24)

**MOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT** has the following COACHES POSITIONS open for the 24-25 season: HS FOOTBALL; MS FOOTBALL; HS WRESTLING; HS VOLLEYBALL; MS VOLLEYBALL; ASSIST POSITIONS for HS coaching also open. Send inquiries/resumes to Mr. Stagner @ [Stagnerb@valley.k12.co.us](mailto:Stagnerb@valley.k12.co.us) or call 719-655-2578. (5/28/24)

**MOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT** has the following openings for the 24-25 school year: KINDERGARTEN, K-12 ART, MS SCHOOL TEACHER, HS ELA, HS SOCIAL SCIENCES, K-12 PE, HS SCIENCE, K-12 PRINCIPAL. Send inquiries/resumes to Mr. Stagner @ [Stagnerb@valley.k12.co.us](mailto:Stagnerb@valley.k12.co.us) or call 719-655-2578. (5/28/24)

**POLICE OFFICER FOR THE MANASSA POLICE DEPARTMENT**, must be POST certified. Please pick up application at the Town Hall during business hours; Monday- Wednesday 8-4. (5/25/24)

**THE CITY OF MONTE VISTA** is accepting applications for a SEASONAL PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKER. This position is approximately 16 weeks, 40 hours/wk. Duties include mowing, trimming, watering parks and trash pickup. Wage is \$16.00-\$17.00 per hour. Applications and job description are available at [www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov](http://www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov) or pickup/return applications to the City of Monte Vista, Human Resources, 95 West First Ave., Monte Vista, CO. 81144. Open until filled. (5/31/24)

**POTATO WAREHOUSE IN CENTER** IN NEED OF WORKERS. There are SEVERAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE. Hours 8:00 am-???. Competitive wages. Please inquire at MOUNTAIN KING SPUD GROWERS, 1090 South Miles Street, Center, CO. (6/5/24)

**SHIPPING CLERK NEEDED** for a POTATO WAREHOUSE IN CENTER. CO. Hours are generally 8am-6pm Monday thru Friday, and possibly a few hours Saturday mornings. FAMOUS software experience and knowledge a must. Salary is negotiable. Please inquire at MOUNTAIN KING SPUD GROWERS, 1090 South Miles Street, Center, CO or email resume or application to [tuna@mtknk.com](mailto:tuna@mtknk.com). (6/5/24)

**3 SEASONS YARD SERVICE.** Call 719-588-1183. (6/1/24)

**SPRINKLER REPAIR & INSTALLATION.** Quick Service! Call evenings & weekends: 719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593. (5/24/24-monthly)

## 324 - SEED & FEED

**HORSE & COW HAY:** GRASS, GRASS/ALFALFA, ALFALFA. 3x3 bales, various quality and pricing. 719-850-8917. (5/29/24-monthly)

## 341 - GARAGE SALE

**GARAGE SALE: SATURDAY** 18th, 8am to 3pm. 1417 Ross Ave; inside the back house. Baby clothes & antiques. (5/18/24)

**YARD SALE: FRIDAY** 5/17 & Saturday 5/18, 8am, 702 9th Street, ALAMOSA. (5/18/24)

**YARD SALE: 1 Princess Ann, ALAMOSA.** 5/18, 8am-2pm. Clothing / Formal \$20; Crafting, Jewelry, Antiques, and more. (5/18/24)

**YARD SALE: SATURDAY,** May 18th - 8:00-4:00. 6925 Juniper Lane, ALAMOSA (across from the KOA). (5/18/24)

## 345 - WOOD

**PECAN WOOD CHUNKS** for sale. Great for smoking meat! 719-588-1183. (6/1/24)

## 353 - FARM & LIVESTOCK

**REGISTERED BLACK ANGUS BULLS** For Sale. Low pap scores, calving ease and grove, OLDEST ANGUS HERD in COLORADO. Smalley's Angus. 719-588-4664 or 719-378-2459. (6/4/24)

**ATTENTION FARMERS & RANCHERS.** Show special. Seal leaking stock tanks, ponds, or reservoirs with BENTONITE. 719-580-6652. (5/24/24)

## 360 - MISC. FOR SALE

**MUST SELL: 6'X10' enclosed STORAGE TRAILER.** 7'x10' very LOW TRAILER. Small ARC WELDER. New 3" Skill BAND SAW. 4" BELT SANDER. Men's Carbondale BICYCLE. 2" black powder mortar. BEAVER pelts. Some LEATHER. Some ARCHERY. Trophy white tailed HEAD MOUNT. Craftsman RIDE ON LAWN MOWER. 719-850-1032. (6/4/24)

**2 RECLINERS \$150.** Bissell PET SHAMPOOER \$50. Call 719-376-2384. (5/24/24)

## 401 - BUSINESS PROPERTIES

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## 426 - MOBILE HOMES FORSALE

**FOR SALE IN ALAMOSA County:** 1980 GLENWOOD TRAILER HOUSE \$6,700. Must be moved. 402-269-7172. (E-TFN-AS)

## 525 - GUNS

**ZACH'S EUROPEAN MOUNTS.** Professional work, low prices. 719-580-0398. (TFN-AS)

## 601 - APARTMENTS FOR RENT

**OFFICE SPACE FOR Rent** in DEL NORTE: Remodeled 800 sq. ft. corner unit in a quaint and well-maintained four-plex. Pets and smokers are not permitted. \$800/mo., inclusive of water and sewer. Please call 719-850-0750. (5/25/24)

**FOR RENT IN DEL NORTE:** Remodeled 1+ BEDROOM, 3/4 BATH unit in a quaint and well maintained four-plex. Pets and smokers are not permitted. \$700/mo., inclusive of water and sewer. Please call 719-850-0750. (5/25/24)

## 601 - APARTMENTS FOR RENT

**MODERN & SPACIOUS APARTMENT** for Rent in PRIME CRESTONE LOCATION. Welcome to your new home! Nestled in the heart of Crestone, this beautifully appointed apartment offers both comfort and convenience in every square foot. Key Features: Location: Prime Crestone location, offering easy access to local amenities and attractions. Size: Approximately 1,250 square feet of living space. Rent: \$1600 per month (inclusive of electricity, trash disposal, propane, sewer, and water services). Deposit: \$500 (plus first and last month's rent). Pets: Unfortunately, no pets allowed. Application Process: All potential tenants are required to undergo an interview and background check. Schedule a Viewing: Don't miss out on this opportunity to call this apartment home! Contact us today to schedule a viewing and start the application process. PO Box 64, Crestone, CO 81131; (719) 256-4313; [crestonetownoffice@gmail.com](mailto:crestonetownoffice@gmail.com) (6/19/24)

Accepting applications for 1 bedroom apartments. Must be 62 or older or disabled **Cielo Vista**

**Apartments** 166 S. Willis Center, Colo **754-3664**

TTY 1-800-659-2656 This institution is an equal opportunity provider & employer

Accepting Applications for 2 & 3 bedroom family units **Valley Grande Apts.** 2256 E. Drive Monte Vista, CO **852-4302**

TTY 1-800-659-2656 This institution is an equal opportunity provider & employer

Accepting Applications for waiting list for 2 & 3 bedroom apartments. Family units available **West View Villas** 510 Dunham Monte Vista, Colo **852-3949**

TTY 1-800-659-2656 This institution is an equal opportunity provider & employer

Accepting applications for 2 & 3 bedroom apartments. Rent based on income for qualifying households. **Gomez Manor Apts.** 804 State St. Antonito, Colo. **376-2388** TTY 1-800-659-2656 This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer

Accepting applications for 2 bedroom apartments. Family living at an affordable price. **Guadalupe Hacienda Apts.** 404 W. 8th Antonito, Colo. **376-2025** TTY 1-800-659-2656 This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer

Accepting applications for 2 bedroom apartments. **611- HOMES FOR RENT**

**THREE BEDROOM, ONE bath** in ALAMOSA. One car garage. PETS NEGOTIABLE. 719-588-5303. (5/25/24)

**FOR RENT IN DEL NORTE:** Remodeled 2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH home on a corner lot. Near biking/ hiking trailhead. Pets and smokers are not permitted. \$875/mo. Please call 719-850-0750. (5/25/24)

**2 STORY HISTORIC RENOVATED 4 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATH.** Appliances furnished. Deck, shop, garage, large fenced in backyard. Excellent neighborhood; 416 2nd Ave., MONTE VISTA. \$1850/month, plus utilities. Yearly lease; available 6/1/24. Contact 719-852-5101 or 719-852-5350. (5/28/24)

**630 - ROOMS FOR RENT**

**ONE NICE FURNISHED ROOM,** close to downtown ALAMOSA. New carpet & paint. \$525 monthly, utilities included & free wifi. Must have \$1K per month verifiable income. References required. 720-436-5550. (5/21/24)

## 701 - AUTOS FOR SALE

**AWESOME GRADUATION GIFT!** NISSAN MURANO SE 2003, V6 3.5L, dual exhaust. AWD. Sun Roof, Leather & Heated Seats, to name a few. Extremely Well Maintained; mechanically & cosmetically (have the invoices to back it up). Garage Kept. Only 2 owners. \$5,000. Text or call 719-369-4941. Must see & drive to appreciate! She'll love it! (E-TFN)

## 737 - RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

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# Comics

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tease playfully
  - 4 Partner
  - 8 Car with a meter
  - 11 Salad fish
  - 12 Receptive
  - 13 Have bills
  - 14 Aide, abbr.
  - 15 Unmixed, said of liquor
  - 16 Prohibition
  - 17 Ladybug
  - 19 Nobleman's address
  - 21 Potter's need
  - 22 "The Canterbury —"
  - 23 Oil bottle
  - 25 — and means
  - 27 "On — Majesty's Secret Service"
  - 28 Leader
  - 30 Stony
  - 34 Fateful day for Caesar
- DOWN**
- 1 Trick
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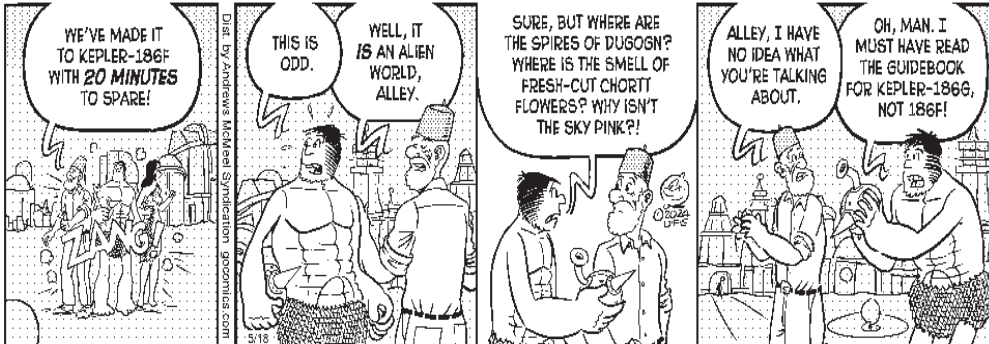
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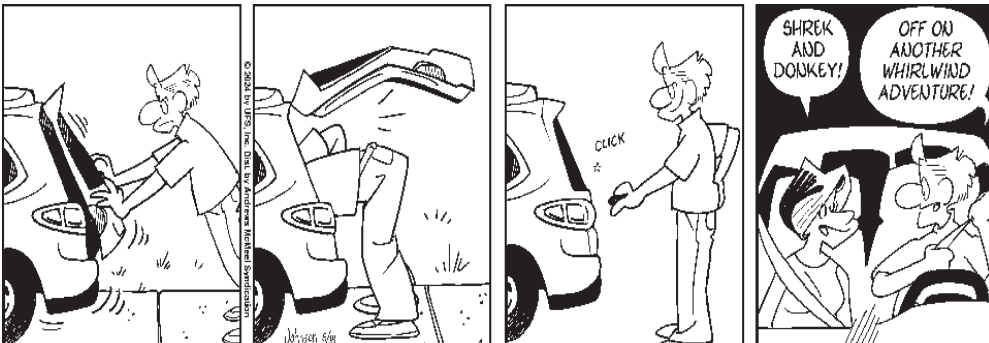
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- 7** Being
- 8** Programming language
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- 10** Stoops
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- 24** Ruddy
- 25** Become smaller
- 26** Word in a recipe
- 29** Moray
- 31** Food of the Greek gods
- 32** Fish eggs
- 33** Tierra —
- 35** "Shoo!"
- 37** Blackthorn fruit
- 40** Rhetorician
- 42** Fall
- 43** Smudge
- 44** Crowd
- 45** Rye fungus
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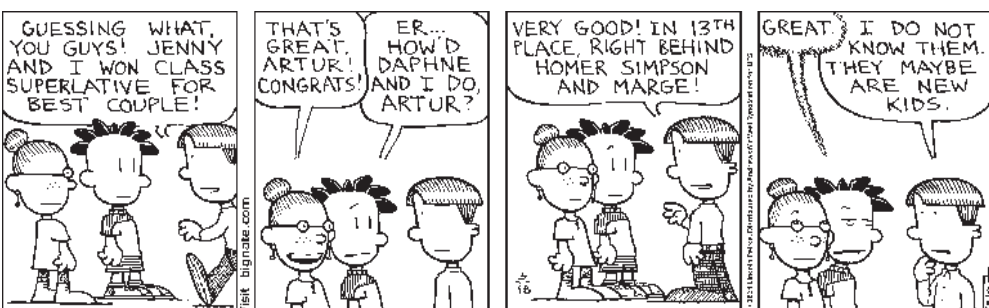
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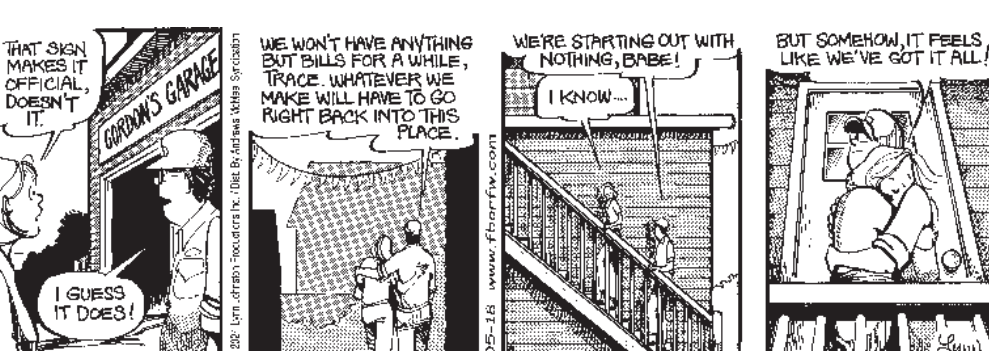
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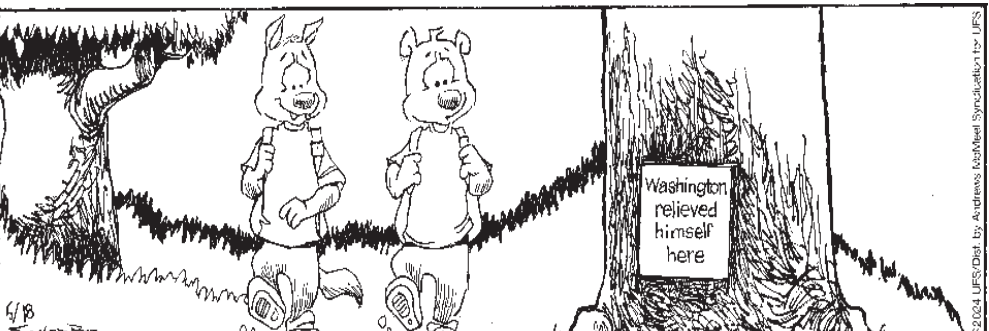
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**HOW TO PLAY:**  
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

## HERMAN



# Woman pays high emotional cost trying to help mother

DEAR ABBY: My mom always catered to my dad when I was growing up. I was left to pretty much raise myself. Their drinking and social life were their priorities. I ended up pregnant at 16 and married to an abusive 21-year-old man, and I was divorced at 17.

After that, I was on my own. Mom never helped other than writing an occasional check so my situation wouldn't become her problem. She always blamed Dad for her absence in my life and my kids' lives, so when he died suddenly four years ago, I foolishly thought we'd finally have this great relationship.

Since his death, Mom's focus has been on trying to find a new man and hanging out with anyone who will party with her. Because she's financially secure, they end up taking advantage of her. If I try to talk to her about it, she gets angry and defensive, which is her go-to when confronted with anything.

Mom has had a stroke and has many health issues. When I get the call that she needs help, I take off work, do whatever I can to help and get her well again, only for her to go back to her selfish ways.

Am I wrong for feeling that it's not healthy for me to continue this cycle? I tried to get her to see a counselor. She went to one

session and quit because she didn't like the things they were saying. She hates the truth and bends it regularly to fit her agenda. Any advice would be appreciated. -- BROKEN IN ILLINOIS

DEAR BROKEN: Your mother's health problems are going to continue. If the time off from work you have been taking is having a negative financial impact on you, you will have to weigh whether trying to please your self-centered mother (and possibly inheriting whatever is left of her estate when she passes) or concentrating on your career is more practical for your own future. I can't make that decision for you. She has the money to hire someone if she needs help.

DEAR ABBY: My husband has a 36-year-old daughter from a one-night stand. For the last two years, she has been wanting to meet his family, aunts, uncles. She has met them all except for our own children -- her half-siblings. Our children are adults and don't want a relationship with her. She wasn't part of their life when they were growing up, and now she's calling their father Dad.

I feel awkward as well, knowing my husband knew about her and wanted nothing to do with her when she was younger. His family has accepted her and is



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

pressuring our children to accept her and let her hang out. Are we wrong for not wanting to act like one big family? -- AWKWARD IN TEXAS

DEAR AWKWARD: If there is a victim in this scenario it is the daughter your husband denied for so long. Although the situation isn't something you are thrilled with, the young woman IS a part of the family. This isn't the 1950s. The circumstances of her birth are not a reason for her to be ostracized.

Point out to your children that their half-sister IS a relative, and they should give her a chance. If they do, they may be pleasantly surprised to find that they have things in common.



# Lifestyle

## Crestone Town Park mural painting is today



Courtesy photo

Valley artist GiGi Douglas and Moffat School art teacher Rachael Kellum, (in background) guide students from the Moffat Consolidated School District in painting a mural on May 16. Today, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Douglas and students from the Crestone Charter School invite the public to join them in painting a mural at the Crestone Town Park. Music and free food will be available. Dress for painting and have fun.

## New arrivals at the Alamosa Public Library

### From the Librarian's Desk

By MARIA KRAMER  
ALAMOSA — New books are always coming in at the Alamosa Public Library! Here are 10 of our most intriguing arrivals. For more information, or to have a book reserved for you, check [alamosalibrary.org](http://alamosalibrary.org) or call 719-589-6592.

**Fantasy**  
The Void by Neen Cohen  
Kiera has never felt like she belonged in her normal life. Then, an otherworldly storm pulls her from the real world into Skyran - a world of dragons and flying cities. In this new world, Kiera must figure out who to trust, who the enemy is, and who she really is herself.

**Fiction**  
• Death Row Restaurant by Daniel Gonzalez  
Disenchanted flight attendant Dave circles the globe looking for "authentic" experiences. One day, he stumbles across a very strange restaurant - housed in the San Quentin gas chamber, staffed entirely by serial killers.

• Finding the Way by Cindy Burkart Maynard  
In the year 1250 AD, at the foot of the Pyrenees, young Amika is jailed as a witch. A sympathetic priest saves her life and frees her, but imposes one condition - she must take a pilgrimage on foot across the Camino de Santiago. Along the way, Amika will encounter hardship, danger, fear... and her future.

**Nonfiction**  
• Sensory Crystal Healing by Amaris  
Would you like to experience crystals in a completely new way, using sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste to tap into the healing energies of the Universe? Welcome to Gem Sorcery, a sensory approach to crystal work that connects you with the Universal Consciousness.

• Beyond Domestication by George Knight  
"Rewilding" is about



restoring natural processes and wilderness areas - with an emphasis on recreating an area's uncultivated state. "Beyond Domestication" takes it further by looking at how people can use rewilding tenets to benefit their own lives.

• Bones Worth Breaking by David Martinez  
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**Science Fiction**  
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## 9 Reasons to Shop Local

**1 Shopping Local Creates Jobs:**  
The jobs created allow spending in the local economy and helps create more jobs.

**2 Local independent businesses invest more in our community:** They support local charities, schools and community events which financially impacts our community.

**3 Local businesses sell a wide range of great products at affordable prices and cater to the needs and wants of the community.**

**4 Shopping Local saves you money and time!** Travel expenses and personal time make the overall cost of items higher.

**5 Shopping Local retains our community:** Without the support in the local community, restaurants, shops and services are forced to close.

**6 Shopping Local retains our distinctiveness:** Local businesses respond quicker to the needs of the customers and stock products to meet the core community's needs.

**7 Shopping Local encourages community growth.** By choosing to do business locally you help maintain Alamosa's diversity, charm & appeal. Which in turn, attracts new community members.

**8 Shopping Local invests in community services and city economy.** Your dollars spent in locally-owned businesses have three times the impact on your community as dollars spent outside of Alamosa.

**9 Local shops value you more:** Local businesses survive by their reputation & repeat business which means you get a higher standard of service.