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## SLV Today

Greenhouse sale, demonstrations is Saturday

**ALAMOSA** — The Alamosa Community Greenhouse will hold a plant seedling sale, open house and composting and worm bin building demonstrations on Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The greenhouse is at 1201 Edison Ave., Alamosa.

**Conejos County RB selling surplus on online**

**CONEJOS COUNTY** — Conejos County Road and Bridge as well as other county departments are selling surplus inventory on the Internet. If interested, visit [www.publicsurplus.com](http://www.publicsurplus.com).

**South Fork Clean Up and Garage Sale**

**SOUTH FORK** — On June 14-15, South Fork will hold its annual Town Wide Clean Up and Garage Sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Garage sales will take place on Saturday, June 15.

If you'd like to host a sale, contact the South Fork Visitor Center to share your information and be added to the published map at 719-873-5512.

The town will have large dumpsters available for public use throughout the weekend, located in the Visitor Center parking lot.

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# Brandt trial concludes with multiple guilty verdicts

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER  
Courier Reporter

**ALAMOSA** — A jury was unanimous in reaching a guilty verdict in the case of Daniel Brandt on Wednesday. Brandt was being tried in connection with shooting two people on Oct. 27, 2022.

After deliberating for three hours, jurors found Brandt, 17, guilty on two counts of criminal attempt to commit murder in the

first degree (second degree felony) for the shooting of Ricardo Rangel and Alamosa Police Department Officer Mollee Heeney plus three counts of first degree assault (third degree felony), including one count for assault on a peace officer, one count for assault of Heeney and one count for assault of Rangel. Jurors also found Brandt guilty on one count of criminal mischief (second degree misdemeanor)

for breaking the window of a relative's residence.

Brandt was just 15 years old at the time of the shooting in 2022 but was tried as an adult, following a transfer hearing where defense counsel argued that Brandt had experienced significant trauma in his life and was making gains at the youth detention center where he was being held. Trying and possibly convicting him as an adult

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A jury found Daniel Brandt guilty on all counts in the shooting incident from Oct. 27, 2022.



Alamosa Police Department's Honor Guard along with Investigator Zach Decker with the Alamosa County Sheriff's Officer at attention outside the Alamosa Safety Complex during the Peace Officers Memorial Day ceremony on May 15. Pictured left to right: ACSO Investigator Zach Decker, APD Officer Mario Linares, APD Officer Steven Bagwell, APD, Officer Mikko Sanchez, APD Officer Justin Salazar, APD Officer Marco Ledezma, APD Officer Jareb Aziz, APD Officer Kolten Hillis and APD Officer Cody Van Ry.

# Peace officers honored and remembered

STAFF REPORT

**ALAMOSA** — In an annual ceremony dedicated to peace officers who devoted their lives to service and others who were injured or lost their lives in the line of duty were respected, honored and remembered in a ceremony

at the Alamosa Safety Complex on May 15.

The ceremony date was chosen to coincide with National Peace Officers Memorial Week, proclaimed by the city as the week of May 13, and Peace Officers Memorial Day, proclaimed as

May 15.

The memorial service was preceded by a procession of lights at 5 p.m.

In a sign of support for law enforcement officials, several people spoke at the memorial, including Alamosa County Sher-

iff Robert Jackson, Alamosa Police Department Police Chief George Dingfelder, 12th Judicial District Attorney Anne Kelly, Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman and other members from law enforcement agencies in Alamosa County.

# City recognizes 'Police Week' and 'Peace Officers Memorial Day'

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER  
Courier Reporter

**ALAMOSA** — Following a somber ceremony held earlier in the evening recognizing those who devoted their lives to enforcing the law and others who lost their lives in the line of duty, members of Alamosa City Council made a proclamation during Wednesday night's meeting that declared the week of May 13 as "Police Week" and May 15 as "Peace Officers Memorial Day".

The proclamation was read aloud by Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman while Alamosa Police Department Chief of Police George Dingfelder stood at the podium and listened.

The proclamation's tim-

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Members of Alamosa City Council and APD Chief of Police following signing of proclamation. Left to right: Counselor Jamie Dominguez, Counselor Liz Hensley, APD Police Chief George Dingfelder, Counselor Jan Vigil, Mayor Ty Coleman, Counselor Dawn Krebs and Counselor Jackie Vigil. (Counselor Michael Carson not in attendance.)



Alamosa Police Department Chief George Dingfelder in his first time at the podium with Alamosa City Council.

# Council members meet the 'new' chief

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER  
Courier Reporter

**ALAMOSA** — Alamosa Police Department's new Chief of Police was introduced to members of Alamosa City

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# Record

## Thank you for your service



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April 27 was Veteran Community Service Day for the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Colorado. Dickey Springer Unit 113 Auxiliary and Jr. Auxiliary in Alamosa chose the Alamosa County Sheriff's Office. They delivered goodie bags to the Veterans that are Alamosa County Sheriff's deputies. We gave 12 bags filled with snacks, and lots of goodies they could have while on patrol.

### OBITUARIES

#### Clara Louise Gutierrez

In great sadness we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Clara Louise Gutierrez. Clara was born Jan. 30, 1931, and gained her angel wings on May 12, 2024, surrounded by her loving family at her side.

Clara will live on through her children 'Dinky' Edna (Eric) Sanchez, Del Norte, Colo.; Patsy (Levi) Olivas, Monte Vista, Colo.; Leonard Gutierrez, Monte Vista, Colo.; Andrew Gutierrez, Alamosa, Colo.; Loretta Archuleta, Denver, Colo.; Eric (Pearl) Gutierrez, Monte Vista, Colo.; Brenda (Luis) Pignon, Commerce City, Colo.; Randy (Glenda) Gutierrez, Alamosa, Colo.; and Irene Gutierrez (daughter-in-law), Monte Vista, Colo.; as well as all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Clara was a very loving and caring person with an awesome smile and a very warm heart. She cared for everyone that walked into her home. Clara was born in Agua Ramon, Colo., and went to school in Del Norte, Colo. There she met the love of her life and father of her children, Oscar Gutierrez. They married in 1949 and had started a family.

Clara was preceded in death by her parents Agustina and Andres Gurule; her husband Oscar Gutierrez; her children Lawrence Gutierrez, Joann Ortega, Daniel Gutierrez; and her grandchildren Eric Daniel, Kassi, Leonard Jr., Katina, and Adrian.

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Clara enjoyed working and in her free time she enjoyed cooking and baking and keeping a loving clean home, always ready for company with a pot of coffee. Her grandchildren held a special place in her heart when she was able to spend time with them.

A viewing will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, from 2-5 p.m. at Strohmayer's Funeral home located at 205 S. Broadway, Monte Vista, Colo. Rosary will be

held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church located at 425 Batterson St., Monte Vista, Colo. Mass of resurrection will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Monte Vista, Colo. Interment will follow at the Monte Vista Cemetery located at 4927 County Road 27 in Monte Vista, Colo.

Clara will be missed by everyone that knew her and will be cherished in their hearts forever.

#### Tom Sanderson

Born on March 29, 1950, in Del Norte, Colo., Tom Sanderson's spirit left his body on May 13, 2024, with Margaret by his side.



Like his dad, son, daughter, wife and mother-in-law, Tom was a Sargent High School graduate. He went on to earn degrees in computer programming from Mesa State and Business Education from Adams State.

Tom had a soft spot for his three granddaughters. He loved to spend time with "his girls" and just play. He loved kids in general and loved to hold babies!

Tom was a member of Monte Vista Masonic Lodge No. 73 and served two terms as master. He was a 32nd Degree member of the Southern Colorado Consistory and a member of Al Kaly Shriners. He enjoyed being a clown and entertaining the kids. He was a hospital representative for Shriner Hospitals and held offices in the local Sand Dunes Shrine Club multiple times.

In October of 1972, he married his high school sweetheart, Margaret Chisholm. Two children were born to this union - Ginger Michelle and Kevin Andrew.

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Both Tom's parents, Clifford and Laura Lee Sanderson, preceded him in death as did his son, Kevin.

Tom was passionate about riding mules in the mountains. He learned the art from his dad who kept him supplied with ponies or horses beginning at age three. His last four-legged friends were his mules, LJ, Clyde and Penny. He enjoyed riding Clyde or Penny on several week-long rides with the Colorado Mule Riders. Tom felt closer to God in nature, in the mountains on one of his mules. He loved to hunt elk with his friends in Wason Park near Creede, Colo., and he enjoyed fishing, particularly at Santa Maria Reservoir where his dad had water rights and where Tom carried on that tradition, hoping to pass that on to his son, Kevin, who passed on at the age of 42 on April 9, 2021.

He refereed high school football for many years and women's college basketball for 20 years.

He is survived by his wife Margaret of 51 years, his daughter Dr. Ginger (George) Mentz and their three girls, Madeleine Alexis, Anna Catherine and Claire Michelle of Colorado Springs, his sister Betty Brink (Glen Burns) of Eloy, Ariz., as well as many extended family members on Margaret's side of the family.

He and Margaret raised potatoes and small grains in the Sargent Community for 25 years. He was pleased to have raised their children on their farm.

He served on the Colorado Potato Administration Committee, the Colorado Certified Seed Potato Board and on the Monte Vista CO-OP board.

Contributions can be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 1275 E Fairfax Rd., Salt Lake City, UT 84103.

Tom especially enjoyed his work with the Division of Wildlife in Fruita, Colo., where he managed the Horse Thief Canyon State Wildlife Area for five years. He raised crops for

Margaret is deeply grateful for the friends and family who visited or contacted them during this difficult time. She so appreciated the kind, compassionate and efficient care Tom received while at Evergreen Nursing Home where he passed.

Creation has been chosen, and a Memorial Service will be held June 7, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Rogers Family Mortuary, 404 Morris St., Monte Vista.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.rogersfunerals.com.



## 2024 National Small Print Show winners announced

**CONTRIBUTED**  
**CREEDE** - The public is invited to join the Creede Arts Council (CAC) for its exhibition of the National Small Print Show. It is the 23rd anniversary of the National Small Print Show, a juried art show of hand-pulled prints created by artists from across the country and Canada. This year, esteemed printmaker Theresa Haberkorn from Boulder judged the prints.

by Mimi Hegler of Ash-ton, MD, won first place. "Forest Murmurs" by Dan Welden of Sag Harbor, NY, was awarded second place. "Early Light" by Ginnie Madsen of Laramie, Wyo., won third place. Two Honorable Mentioned prints were also chosen to receive awards - "Morgan" by Janet Badger of Houston, Texas, and "Over-view: The Meeting" by Rosemary Depler Cohen of Oregon City, Ore.

Repertory Theatre on May 25 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The prints will remain on display in the Theatre until July 31. An online print auction-sale through www.32auctions.com will begin on May 28 and continue until July 31. The CAC will be sharing the link for the online event on its website as well as its Facebook (Creede Arts Council) and Instagram (@creedearts) pages.

The CAC is proud to announce the award winners. "Fantail Palm"

The CAC will be hosting an in-person show, opening at the Creede

For more information, visit www.creedeartsCouncil.com.

## Three awarded Saguache County scholarships



Photo Moffat Consolidated School District

Congratulations from the staff and faculty at the Moffat Consolidated School District No. 2 to seniors Caleb Boone, Robert Morley and Jacob Martinez for winning the Saguache County Scholarship of 1,000 each.

### BIRTH

#### Delayah Shay Jacquez

Delayah Shay Jacquez was born to Cameo Marquez and Dean Jacquez of Monte Vista on April 20, 2024, and was 6 pounds, 8 ounces at birth and 18 inches. Siblings are Alexia, Alex and Dejah. Maternal Grandparents are Kathy Martinez and Michael Ruybal. Paternal Grandparents are Bernie and Virginia Jacquez.

### PENDING OBITUARY

#### Jason C. Mizokami

Longtime Alamosa resident Jason C. Mizokami, 47, died May 15, 2024, in Alamosa. Memorial Services are pending and will be announced through Rogers Family Mortuary.

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# Valley News

## CWCB elects RG Basin's Coombs as board president

**CONTRIBUTED GRANBY** — This morning, during the May board meeting in Granby, the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) elected Nathan Coombs, of the San Luis Valley, as the new board chair and Lorelei Cloud as vice chair during its board meeting on Wednesday, May 15.

"Directors Coombs and Cloud joined as Board members last March, and have made valuable contributions over the last year," said CWCB Director Lauren Ris. "We are excited to see what they do in the next year in these leadership roles — from navigating tough conversations to leading productive brainstorming to lis-

tening to viewpoints from across the state."

Board chair appointments are for a one-year term. The 15-member board includes nine representatives from each major Colorado river basin and the Denver metro area who are appointed by the governor and then confirmed by the Colorado State Senate. Board members have experience and expertise in water resource management, water project financing, engineering, water law, farming and ranching. In March 2023, Colorado Governor Jared Polis appointed Coombs and Cloud to the CWCB to represent their respective basins.

Coombs serves as the represen-

tative of the Rio Grande Basin and is a fourth-generation farmer from San Luis Valley. He has strived to support the livelihoods of agricultural water users in the upper Rio Grande Basin through his work as manager of the Conejos Water Conservancy District. Coombs takes over as CWCB Board Chair from Greg Felt, representative of the Arkansas River basin and chair from 2023-24.

"I'm honored to serve as Chair of the CWCB, to bring in my experience working in the challenging landscape of the San Luis Valley and lean on the experiences of the rest of the Board. We face so many water challenges in Colorado, so it's critical we all

come together to find creative solutions," said Coombs.

Cloud serves as the representative of the San Miguel-Dolores-San Juan drainage basin and serves as vice chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Cloud is the first Tribal council member to join the Board and is a leader in Colorado, bringing critical Tribal voices to the table. The role of CWCB vice chair was formerly held by Robert Sakata before he transitioned into a new role within the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

"In my work representing the southwest, and in my position as a Tribal leader, it's so important to make sure Tribes are always a



part of the conversation in Colorado," said Cloud. "In my role as Vice Chair, I look forward to continuing these conversations and seeking out new opportunities for all voices in water to be heard."

## Community celebrates DELTA Center, On-Line Academy grads

**By MARIE MCCOLM MONTE VISTA** — Thirty-eight Byron Syring DELTA Center and Monte Vista On-Line Academy students graduated in front of a packed and excited Jean Ritchey Central Auditorium on May 11. More than 250 people were in attendance.

The DELTA Center and On-Line Academy Director Rebekah Johnson welcomed the audience.

"Thank you for joining us today. Welcome to the 2024 commencement exercises.

These programs play an important role in the Monte Vista School District's Commitment to inspire the pursuit of excellence, one student at a time. Today, we celebrate the accomplishment of completing high school. High school can look different for everyone. It's not a one size fits all, and not all students fit a traditional mold. It's something that we're proud of is that we're able to provide a program that helps students find an approach that meets their individual needs," she said.

Johnson introduced the

first speaker in the ceremony, 2024 DELTA Center graduate Cyrus Guymon.

"Good morning, everyone. I've been here for two years. It's such an honor to stand here before you today and have the opportunity to talk to you about our school. I'm so extremely proud of all my peers and friends who are with me today. We have all worked so hard and waited our entire lives for today. All of that has finally paid off. I think that everyone deserves to be here. It makes me so happy for all of you. We have all had our ups and downs and I'm assuming things haven't been the easiest if you ended up at the Delta Center. It has been so wonderful to watch my peers grow and mature and become such fantastic independent versions of themselves. I think that we owe so much to our teachers and staff of the school. And I would like to take a moment to appreciate them. These are some of the most supportive, kind and patient individuals that I have ever met and had the opportunity to learn from. I never could have guessed the

impact that these teachers would have had on my life. To my fellow classmates and friends, I am so very proud of you. I hope that life treats us all well."

Johnson then introduced 2024 graduate Payton Garcia, who said, "Hello faculty friends, family, and the class of 2024. I originally joined because of some health issues I had been struggling with. The brick-and-mortar schools were not willing to work with me at this difficult time. We started to look for online options, and thought that this would be the best fit, it obviously was. This transition to online schooling has allowed me to pursue my love for the outdoors. The flexibility of online school has made all the difference for me in my everyday life. The flexibility made it possible for me to have a job doing what I love, to train horses. It has also led me to explore new interests and passions. I have been taking Welding Classes at Front Range Community College in my junior and senior year. I am a few credits away from completing my associates now and I am excited to also be starting a job at the Front Range Community College this summer as the lead lab technician at the welding shop. The teachers were always so eager and willing to help me. In closing I would like to extend a warm thank you to all the teachers and my classmates of 2024."

Johnson then introduced 2024 graduate Christopher Valenzuela, who said, "I would like to thank you all for being here today and celebrating this amazing

accomplishment. First off, I would like to congratulate the graduating class of 2024. This is an amazing achievement and I hope you cherish every moment. I would also like to take a moment to tell you about my education. I am no valedictorian. And I was originally supposed to graduate in 2020. In middle school I was held back and had to repeat seventh grade. This was a huge blow to me. I was very bitter, but one of the things that kept me going was the fact that me and my little brother were now in the same grade. With his moral support by my side, and him allowing me into his friend group, it gave me a reason to try. When I made it to high school I was still plagued with discouragement. While I was hopeful, I was not up to par with my classes or my classmates, also due to a series of unfortunate events. I still wanted to graduate, so I moved to the Delta Center. With their flexibility and understanding, I was not only able to pursue my education. I was given the ability to explore the adult life. Through determination and consistency, I learned that you are able to overcome great obstacles and when you reach the top don't forget to turn around and help others. Thank you."

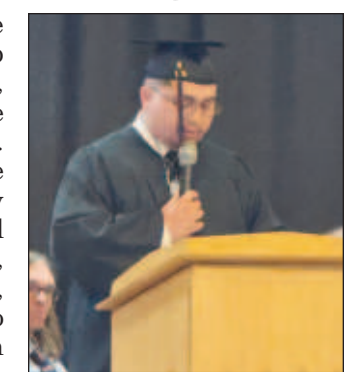
Johnson then announced graduate Chanel Tucker, who said, "Good morning my fellow teachers, students, and administrators. I am honored, grateful and a little terrified to be here with all of you today. Graduation is not only due to personal achievement, it is a testament to the collab-

orative effort of the village that supports. As we step into this new chapter of life, we will carry with us the lessons that we've learned. As we look to the future, we should be excited and ready to face new challenges, and to continue learning. So, here is to new beginnings, new opportunities, and to facing the unknown with courage. To our teachers thank you for your passion, your patience, and your belief in our education. I truly cannot believe that 13 years of all my education has finally come to an end. So let us celebrate the class of 2024, we did it. Congratulations graduates."

After a slide show students gave roses and hugged family members as a thank you for their support.

Johnson then announced that diplomas would be handed out. As each student was called, they stepped up to receive their diplomas. After the turning of the tassels, some of the students threw their hats in the air and the ceremony concluded.

Graduate Alessandra Torres was asked how it felt



Photos by Marie McCollm  
**Christopher Valenzuela speaks at the Byron Syring DELTA Center and Monte Vista On-Line Academy graduation on May 11 in Monte Vista.**

to graduate, and she said, "It feels really good. I owe all my credit to my family for being there to support me today. I am going to attend barbering in the spring, and I will start my CDL in the fall. I am going to stay here for a year, and then after we will see where I go."

Graduate Osvaldo Galindo was asked how he felt about graduating and he said, "It feels good. It feels good for it to finally be over. I plan to get my real estate license. I probably won't stay in the Valley. I am probably going to move."



**Alorah Duzenack receives her diploma on May 11 at the Byron Syring DELTA Center and Monte Vista On-Line Academy graduation.**

## Chief

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Council during Wednesday night's meeting. Upon introduction, it became apparent that Chief George Dingfelder had known some members of council for quite a while.

Dingfelder's background was summarized by City Manager Heather Sanchez

who said, "APD Chief Dingfelder has a long history of law enforcement service that includes six years in the US Army Military Police, 25 years in the Colorado State Patrol, and four years as Chief of Police for the City of Monte Vista. While serving with the Colorado State Patrol, Dingfelder moved up through the ranks, ultimately serving as the Major overseeing

field operations for District 5, comprised of 17 counties, including the San Luis Valley."

For his part, Dingfelder thanked the council for the opportunity to serve as chief and expressed his trust for City Manager Sanchez and his respect for "the things that [she] is doing."

Each counselor welcomed Dingfelder to the city with Counselor Liz

Hensley saying she had known him "for years" and Mayor Ty Coleman saying he had received approval from a number of people in the community for the decision to hire Dingfelder for the position.

Chief Dingfelder reiterated his excitement at being in the position and said he looks forward to getting to know each member of city council going forward.

## Guilty

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would likely sentence him to serving time in the Department of Corrections.

District Attorney Anne Kelly, advocating for the transfer, argued that the teenager had been given ample opportunity to take advantage of both treatment and education but to no avail, and the nature of the offense warranted being tried as an adult.

At the end of the transfer hearing marked by frequent objections, District Judge Crista Newmyer-Olsen ruled in the prosecution's favor. The last time a juvenile was tried as an adult in the San Luis Valley was in 2009.

During closing arguments, the core difference between the prosecution's case and that of the defense related to Brandt's

state of mind on the day of the shooting.

DA Kelly, who prosecuted with co-counsel Deputy DA Carle Tarnutzer-Decker, argued that Brandt was "a very angry young man". After quoting things Brandt said that were captured on bodycam, she told the jury, "He told you what he thought of APD officers. He told you he knew exactly what was going on when he pulled the trigger. He knew his rights, knew the legal system and that he thought he was going to get away with it."

Attorney for the defense, Cobea Becker, argued that this was a case of "perception, perception, perception." Brandt had spent all day drinking with his friends in the park and was drunk during the incident, which impacted his perception of what was happening around him, including recognizing APD

Officer Heeney as a police officer. She also described Officer Heeney as "in shock" upon arriving on the scene and suggested that Heeney's injury to her leg (a fractured femur) was possibly the result of bullet fragments instead of the direct hit from the bullet fired by Brandt.

That argument was addressed by DA Kelly who summarized the three points of her case. Brandt knew what he was doing at the time and intended to shoot both Rangel and Heeney.

After reading the verdict, each of the 12 jurors were polled and each had voted guilty on all six charges. Sentencing is set for 9 a.m. on July 26, when people will be allowed to speak on behalf of the victims and Brandt.

Defense counsel said they would likely be bringing four individuals from

Youth Offender Services, presumably to speak on Brandt's behalf. Brandt, himself, has yet to speak. It's not known if he will choose otherwise at sentencing.

What sentence Brandt receives will rest entirely in the hands of District Judge Newmyer-Olsen.

"This was an incredibly challenging case," DA Kelly told the Valley Courier the night after a verdict had been reached. "It's unimaginable that someone as young as he was could do what he did. My co-counsel, Carle Tarnutzer-Decker, did a phenomenal job. I'm very appreciative of the jury for their energy and attention in what was a very complicated case. I'm so honored to get justice for Mollee and Ricardo, and I'm so appreciative of law enforcement and their work in this community."

## City

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ing was noteworthy as it was held on the same day as the trial in the case of an officer who was shot and seriously injured while on duty ended.

The proclamation read as follows:

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of law enforcement and the Alamosa Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Alamosa; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and

responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alamosa Police Department has grown to be a modern and scientific law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vi-

tal public service; and

WHEREAS, I, City of Alamosa Mayor, Ty Coleman, call upon all citizens of Alamosa and upon all patriotic, civil, and educational organizations to observe the week of May 13, 2024, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies in which all of our people may join in commemorating police officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I, FURTHER call upon all citizens of Alamosa to observe Wednesday, May 15, 2024, as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ty Coleman, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Alamosa, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby honor law enforcement officers across the country and the Alamosa Police Department and proudly proclaim the week of May 13, 2024 as Police Week and May 15, 2024 as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

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# Opinion

## We can do that

Trout Republic



by Kevin Kirkpatrick

If you know anything at all about Ol' Dutch, it is that he has always been a can-do type of person. I don't know if there is anything I haven't done or am not willing to try to do myself. And if you also know that I have Scottish blood flowing through these old veins, you will know the reason for doing so. Yes, true to that heritage I am tight as bark on a tree when it comes to money.

That also came fairly honestly to me as my family have all been frugal. Mostly out of a need due to lack of mammon but also, we just like to do our own projects and count Home Depot and Lowes as a pilgrimage. And generally, I do not mind a bit as I know I will get a better-quality product in the end if I do it myself even though it may take me longer to get it done.

Having grown up in a church family I had ample opportunity to help build, clean, mow, set up chairs, bring food and other things as those needs became available. But the one thing that drives me to distraction about that process is all the people who are always so gung-ho when some project or need is announced and say, "We can do that."

Almost every time I have heard "we can do that," it means, "Dutch, get ready to work." When it comes time for the deed, I always seem to find myself working while the well-meaning become weary in well-doing, which is in the Bible actually.

In Galatians, you'll find the advice that people need to be careful not to get worn out doing good works but if they persevere, they will reap a reward in due time. I don't know about you, but "due time" seems to be a "long time" when it comes to reaping back. But it does pay eventually.

As you all know Miss Trixie and I have been in the middle of building a house and most of the work has fallen on yours truly, Ol' Dutch. And I would not have it any other way I guess but I can tell you this. I have heard "we can do it" from more than one person and for some reason they were all no shows when it came time for actual work.

And yes, I do understand that people are busy, but those alligator mouths need to learn to stay shut when the subject of work for others comes up.

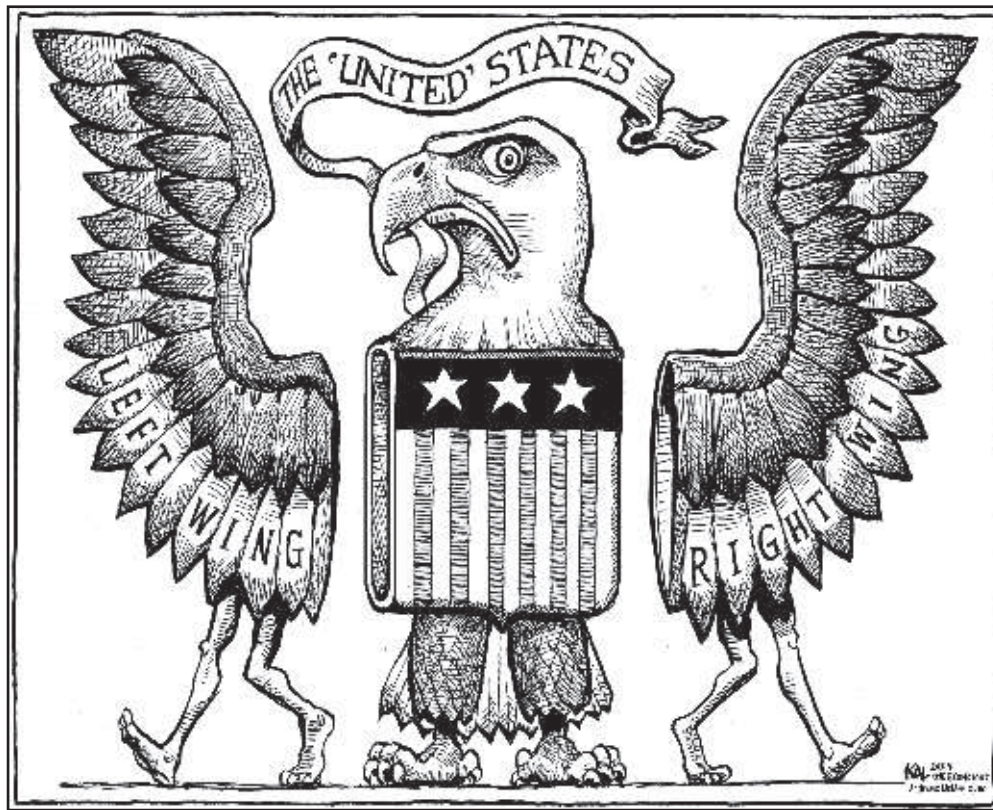
In writing this column, Miss Trixie has informed me that when she says, "we can do that," it is supposed to be words of encouragement because apparently, she thinks that will help me. It doesn't.

For other folks, saying "we can do that" makes them feel good at the moment they say it and their intentions were good, too, at that time. But we all know what the road to Hell is paved with and I can see why Abbot Bernard of Clairvaux coined the phrase way back in the mid 1100's.

He probably had a church to build, a rectory to add on to or some such thing and everyone around probably said they would help only to never show up for the actual project. I think the funniest part of those encounters with people is that after the work is all done and the paperwork filed, they still take credit for what "we" built.

So, if you have a project, be it church related or personal in nature, you can expect a chorus of voices encouraging you to go right ahead with said venture. And as long as you know that "We" means "Me", as in you alone, you will be good for the journey.

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## Baldwin changes plea from Not Guilty to When in Rome

**HOLLYWOOD** – God bless America, and how's everybody?

US News and World Report quoted FBI crime statistics Friday which rate New Mexico as the state with the most violent crime rate in the U.S., and the state also ranked second in homicide rate.

The reaction was swift. Alec Baldwin just changed his manslaughter plea from Not Guilty to When in Rome.

The Francis Scott Key Bridge's remaining structure was demolished in Baltimore on Saturday, setting the stage for its rebuild. It was accidentally destroyed by a cargo container ship that veered off course and crashed into the bridge. I lost twenty bucks betting that the cargo ship was the SS Boeing.

Stormy Daniels stepped down from the witness stand Friday after three days of salacious and sometimes loopy testimony. The porn star raised eye-



By Argus Hamilton

brows in the courtroom when she testified, she's psychic and can talk to the dead. Her ability to talk to the dead was first seen in the movie The 69th Sense.

A House Judiciary Committee held a field hearing at the border spotlighting the continuing flood of illegal immigrants on Friday. That night Governor Abbott sent the Texas National Guard to the Oklahoma border to keep the Northern Lights from invading Texas. Talk about a war on two fronts.

The Weather Channel reported a solar storm Friday produced a spectacular Northern Lights show display of the Aurora Borealis which painted the nighttime sky in brilliant colors. Old habits die hard. When asked if he enjoyed the experience Trump denied ever meeting Aurora, Burrow, or Alice.

Donald Trump enjoyed a day out of court Saturday by speaking at the Jersey Shore before a cheering crowd of a hundred thousand people. Trump told reporters he wants to testify in his New York trial. He wants to assure Americans that Stormy was a LOT hotter in 2006 than what you see today.

### LETTER

## Grateful for government – local, state and national

Editor,  
Being grateful is good for one's health. According to author Kathy Escobar, new mindfulness research shows that gratitude actually changes the chemistry of our brain in a positive way. So, before we get any further into a campaign season filled with rants against government and candidates, I wish to express my gratitude for government: local, state and national.

The ways in which our governments serve us are too numerous to mention, but here are a few examples. The National Park Service operates 63 national parks, treasures of our natural and historical landscape. In March 2024, Senator Michael Bennet secured over \$91M for 78 Colorado projects. These funds enabled, in part or altogether, the following SLV projects: ASU engineering lab, SLV Health workforce housing, La Jara water treatment, Ski Hi facility, Fort Garland upgrades, SLV Early Childhood Council programs, and the Creede hydro power facility. State Senator Cleave Simpson and Representative Matthew Martinez work hard for us, especially when it comes to water, veterans' issues, and funding for education.

Locally, our county commissioners responsibly manage a huge budget that

supports many services. I'm especially thankful for the election staff at the county clerk's office; they are hardworking people who make sure our elections are honest. These people are part of the Colorado election system that is one of the best in the nation. Lastly, our City Councilors give hours of time, thought and energy on our behalf to make our small city a great place to live. Councilors are "paid" just \$400 per month, before taxes (the mayor gets \$600).

I am grateful for all the candidates who run for office who are good people. In my opinion, a good person is, at the very least, honest, respectful, and kind, because that is how I would want that person to act toward me. Also, I want elected officials to make laws and policies that are the best for the common good. We in Alamosa have been very fortunate over the years in that most of the candidates who have run for the many different city and county offices here have been good people. Let's remember to thank those who hold office in or work for the city and county for their service.

Although I am grateful for governments, assuredly I do not always agree with what they do.

Elise Rudolph  
Alamosa

Donald Trump bid a Happy Mother's Day to an absent Melania at his rally Saturday. Young men, to be truly happy, find a woman who loves you, a woman you're crazy about, a woman who loves having sex with you, a woman who trusts you. Then make sure that these four women never meet.

The White House denied President Biden was shaping foreign policy to improve his political image. It's hard to prove. However, on Friday the Pentagon removed all U.S. troops from the African nation of Niger just to keep the name from popping up on Biden's teleprompter during an election year.

President Biden enlisted George Clooney and Julia Roberts to spearhead a fundraiser in June on social media. Forget movie stars, Joe should recruit comedians after all he's done for us. Just yesterday, Joe vowed that he will defeat Donald Reagan in October, you can take that to the Post Office!

Governor Kristi Noem canceled her book tour due to outrage caused by her admitting she shot and killed her untrainable puppy twenty years ago. She also falsely claims she met with Kim Jung Un, who used an untrainable dog to eat his uncle. You'd think they could talk shop til the sun comes up.

Bobby Kennedy Jr. told an interviewer last week that a CT scan back in 2012 revealed a worm was found eating Bobby's brain before it died in there. It's not certain how much damage was done. But it appears Bobby wasn't kidding last year when he said that he has half a mind to run for president.

The Magna Carta survived attempted vandalism in its secure case at the London Museum on Friday. The case inscription reads the King signed the document in 1215. Museum visitors from America told Sky News they just missed seeing the ceremony by fifteen minutes, having arrived at 12:30.

Prince Harry and wife Meghan were photographed during their goodwill trip to Nigeria this week. To beat the heat, Meghan visited a remote tribe while wearing a \$5,000 Johann Ortiz designer sun dress. So, it looks like young Jamal will have to keep walking three miles to get water from the well.

Argus Hamilton is the host comedian at The Comedy Store in Hollywood and entertains groups and organizations around the country. E-mail him at ArgusJokes@yahoo.com.

## Write them

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# Lifestyles



Photo by Emily Folz

Use of gravel mulch in this beautiful garden of ornamental grasses and Nepeta (catmint/catnip) at the Fort Garland Museum and Cultural Center.

## Mulches and groundcovers contribute to healthy soil

By EMILY FOLZ  
CSU Extension – Colorado Master Gardener

SAN LUIS VALLEY —

We've had ferocious winds these past two weeks. They died down one afternoon so I put on my hat and sunglasses, grabbed my rake and headed out to confront the tumbleweeds plastered up against the Siberian peashrub. I had raked out most of the tumbleweeds and they were sitting quietly in my wheelbarrow, when suddenly a huge gust of wind blew my hat off my head. As I ran to catch it, I saw the tumbleweeds flying out of the wheelbarrow, and because I had just exposed bare soil where the tumbleweeds had been, flying soil was added to the mix.

This is new for me.

I have never lived with tumbleweeds or incessant wind or flying soil or lips this chapped.

And although this is all new, the wind reminded me of something fundamental to gardening everywhere - our garden soil should not be bare.

Wind is the primary cause of erosion here in the valley, and it can and does blow our bare topsoil

away. Soil is so often the unsung hero of the garden. We spend time cultivating our lawns and flowers and vegetables above ground, but their health is completely dependent on the health of the soil below.

Healthy soil is a complex and dynamic living ecosystem containing an amazing and diverse population of literally billions of organisms, some visible but most microscopic. Soil is thought to be the most biodiverse ecosystem and the greatest concentration of biomass anywhere on the planet. We can nurture this living ecosystem by providing it cover and supplying it with nutrients.

To cover our soil, we can use various mulches and groundcovers. Organic mulches, such as grass clippings and leaves, wood chips, and weed-free straw add nutrients to the soil as they break down. Both organic mulches and inorganic mulches like pea gravel reduce water use by decreasing evaporative losses and improving water infiltration into the soil. They also regulate soil temperature, keeping soil warmer in winter and cooler in summer. They prevent soil compac-

tion, suppress weeds and control erosion. They help keep our soil in the garden rather than being swept away by our frequent wind. Mulch is a gift to the soil but also to gardeners - it means less watering, less weeding, and overall less maintenance.

Groundcovers are another way to cover our soil. Groundcovers can add interesting colors and textures to the garden, and some have beautiful blossoms. Note that some take a year or three to get established, so the area you plant may require weeding and mulching until the groundcover fills in.

Have you or someone you know had success with a particular ground cover here in the valley? Send me an email with where in the valley the groundcover lives! Include photos if you have them. I'm hoping to gather information about the types of groundcovers valley gardeners have had success with and share it through this column.

What mulch do you use? What is your favorite groundcover? Have gardening questions or comments? Send me an email at SLVgardening@gmail.com.

## CDOT prepares for 100 deadliest days of summer

Memorial Day Weekend DUI enforcement began May 16

By COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Warm weather fun has officially begun, and the Colorado Department of Transportation is urging motorists to travel safely this summer. From May 16-June 5, CDOT will support the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and 72 local law enforcement agencies for The Heat Is On Memorial Day DUI enforcement period. During the 21-day enforcement period, drivers may see saturation patrols, sobriety checkpoints and additional law enforcement officers on duty dedicated to arresting impaired drivers. If your holiday weekend plans include alcohol or cannabis, planning a sober ride is always the best way to avoid a DUI.

Memorial Day marks the start of the 100 Deadliest Days of Summer — the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day that historically sees a spike in fatal crashes. From 2019-2023, there were 54 impaired driving related fatalities during the 100 Deadliest Days of Summer. Additionally, 2,295

DUI arrests were made during CDOT's summer enforcement periods last year.

CDOT also began the Click It or Ticket May Mobilization seat belt enforcement period on May 13. This 20-day period is the largest seat belt enforcement of the year.

"As the days get longer and Coloradans attend more parties and social events, it's important to remember that impaired driving can ruin lives," said Col. Matthew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "Colorado lost 218 lives to impaired driving in 2023. These deaths were preventable. Don't put yourself and other motorists at risk this season by driving impaired."

There were 479 reported DUI arrests over last year's Memorial Day Weekend enforcement period. Alcohol impairs your ability to concentrate while driving and increases your risk of a crash. To stay safe, never drive if you're under the influence of alcohol or cannabis, wear your seat belt and set your phone on Do Not Disturb mode. Remember: buzzed driving is drunk driving and can result in a DUI.

"Leave the driving to the sober this Memorial Day weekend. Always plan a sober ride home before going out so you won't

be tempted to later drive impaired," said CDOT's Office of Transportation Safety Director Darrell Lingk. "A DUI will ruin your summer fun and a crash could cost you your life. Never get behind the wheel if you are impaired."

If you're hosting a gathering this Memorial Day weekend, make sure your guests stay safe by following the tips below:

- Encourage your guests to designate a sober driver or plan to use a ride-sharing service, taxi or public transportation.
- Provide plenty of food and non-alcoholic drink options and encourage your guests to stay fed and hydrated throughout the party.
- Offer guests a place to stay if a sober ride home is unavailable.
- Remember, as a host, you could be held liable if a guest you serve alcohol to gets in a crash.

The recent Spring Events DUI enforcement period concluded with 506 arrests across 81 participating agencies. The agencies with the highest arrests were Denver Police Department (65), Colorado Springs Police Department (55) and Aurora Police Department (36). Following Memorial Day, the next DUI enforcement period will be Summer Blitz from June 8-21.

# You've Come a Long Way, Baby!

## ATTENTION Family and Friends of the Class of 2024!



**Aspen Hunter**  
All the dreams I prayed you'd be are all the things you are. You were once my little girl and now my shining star! Love Mom, Richie, Makan, Dad, Nikki & the rest of your family!!!



Just bring in a baby photo, senior photo of your favorite graduating senior, a 15-word message and a \$25 processing fee to the Valley Courier office

**NO LATER THAN 5:00 pm ON THURSDAY, MAY 22**

*This special feature will be published on Saturday May 25, 2024*

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Clip and bring to the Valley Courier, 2205 State Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101

**YES!** I would like to remember my favorite senior in this special keepsake edition of "You've Come a Long Way Baby" which will be published in the Valley Courier on Saturday, May 25. I've enclosed a baby photo and senior photo message and a \$25 processing fee.

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# Sports

## DeLaCerde denied 3,200 title repeat

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

**ALAMOSA** – The 2024 Colorado High School Activities Association state track meet began Thursday at Jefferson County Stadium in Lakewood.

### Class 3A Alamosa

In girls distance events, Sarah DeLaCerde came up short in her defense of the 3,200-meter run as she finished in fifth place in 11:09.98. Also running in the 3,200 were Elizabeth McQuitty who was sixth in 11:15.17, and Madeline Castillo who placed ninth in 11:50.68.

In the boys 3,200 finals, Mario Villaba finished in ninth place in a time of 9:54.95.

In sprinting events, Brayden Moeller barely missed qualifying for the finals in two events. He finished 12th in the 100-meter dash in 11.41 seconds, and 12th in the 200 meters in 22.69.

In the girls 100-meter preliminaries, Kaylee Gonzales-Moore also just barely missed going to the finals as she finished 11th in 13.09.

In relay events, the 800-meter sprint medley relay team of Kaitlyn King, Lily Heersink, Kaylee Gonzales-Moore and Alicia Gonzales placed 17th in 2:00.35 in the preliminaries.

The boys 4x800-meter relay team of Jeremiah DeLaCerde, Tyler Dokson, Johnathan Ramirez and Cody Williams finished in 12th in 8:33.87 in the finals.

In the girls 4x800-meter relay finals, the team of Victoria Gifford, Abby Adams, Isabella Lopez and Jaden Canales did not start.

The only field event in which Alamosa competed on Thursday, the boys pole vault, Jesse Maestas finished in sixth place at a height of 14-2, and Ethan Arnoldi tied for 13th at 12-2.

In Paralympic events, Alamosa's Matthew Hollingsworth had a time of 14.88 seconds to finish seventh in the men's 100-meter dash, and 31-05 in the 200-meter dash for a 10th-place finish.

Another Alamosa athlete, Bethany Pittman, had a time of 26.12 seconds in the mixed 100-meter dash, and a time of 58.09 in the mixed 200 meters.

The Lady Mean Moose are fifth after the first day of competition with 10 points. The boys are tied for 16th with five points.

### Centauri

Centauri's 4x800 relay team of Bailey Graber, Faith Medellin, Jocelyn Jarvies and Mckenzie Torres placed 16th in 10:38.00 in the finals.

### Class 2A Del Norte



Courier file photo by Ken Hamrick  
**Alamosa High School's Sarah DeLaCerde runs in last year state meet. She finished fifth in the 3,200-meter run on Thursday.**

In Class 2A, the only Del Norte competitors on Thursday were the 4x800 relay team of Damon Ledford-Vigil, Mads Kreutzer, Cruz Matta and Caleb Cowett. They placed 13th in 8:45.55 in the finals.

### Sargent

Sargent's lone representative at state, Bailey Asbell, finished 18th in the 100-meter high hurdle preliminaries in 17.99 seconds.

### Class 1A Sanford

In Class 1A, the Lady Mustangs won the Class 1A 800-meter sprint medley relay as the team of Ashley Dominguez, Brooklynn Reynolds, Holly McDaniel and Erica Miller ran the course in 1:52.42.

The Sanford girls are tied for fifth place with 10 points.

The state meet continues today starting at 8:20 a.m.

## Three local Class 2A baseball teams to play in regional action

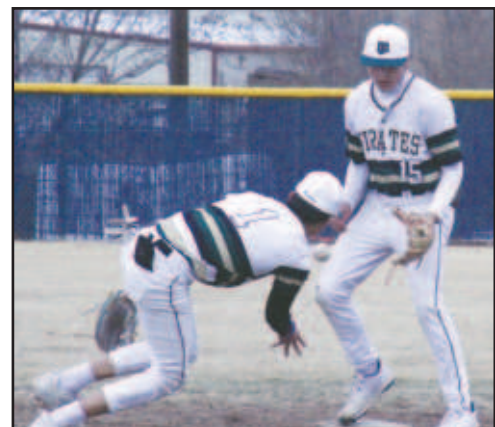
By **KEN HAMRICK**  
*Courier sports editor*

**ALAMOSA** – The Colorado High School Activities Association released the regional baseball brackets for Classes 5A, 4A, 3A and 2A on Wednesday with three local schools continuing their seasons.

All three teams are Class 2A schools. Monte Vista enters the tournament as the No. 7 overall seed and it will host the Region 7 Tournament on Saturday. The Pirates will open the tournament by hosting 26th-seeded Ellicott at 10 a.m., followed by 23rd seed Rangely facing the 10th-seeded Dawson School at noon. The winners of these two games will play at 2 p.m. with the winner to qualify for the Class 2A State Tournament which begins on May 24 at the Runyon Sports Complex in Pueblo.

Del Norte is the 25th seed and it will go to Buena Vista for the Region 8 Tournament on Saturday at 10 a.m. The Tigers will play eighth-seeded Buena Vista, while 24th-seeded Estes Park will play ninth-seeded Fowler at 12:30 p.m. The winners play at 3 p.m.

Sanford qualified as the No. 32 seed and it will travel to Limon for the Region 1 Tournament also on Saturday. The



Courier file photo by Ken Hamrick  
**Monte Vista High School's Azariah Hurtado (1) flips the ball to Jeremiah Baumgardner (15) to retire an Ignacio base runner earlier this season. The Pirates will host the Class 2A Region 7 Tournament Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.**

Mustangs will play top-seeded Limon at 12:30 p.m. In the other game, 17th-seeded Rye will play 16th-seeded Ignacio at 10 a.m. The two winners will face-off at 3 p.m.

## Larry Holder golf tourney is June 29

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

**ALAMOSA**–The Larry Holder Golf Tournament will take place on June 29 at the Monte Vista Golf Course.

This year, the tournament features golf with a twist on the Front 9 and with a glowball on the Back 9.

The entry fee is \$70 per player or \$120 for a team. It includes as dinner, which will be between the Front 9 and Back 9, but a golf cart is not included in the fee. Registration is

at 4:30 p.m. with tee time from 5:30-6 p.m.

There are several sponsorships. The Ruby Sponsorship is \$1,500 which includes four teams and four golf carts and 16 drink tickets. The Platinum Sponsorship is \$750 and includes two teams and two carts and eight drink tickets. The Gold Sponsorship is \$400 and it includes one team and a cart (if available) and two drink tickets. The Silver Sponsorship is \$300 which includes one team and two drink tickets.

The Bronze/Glowball sponsorship is \$250, and hole sponsors are \$100.

There will also be a \$10,000 cash prize for a hole in one which is sponsored by the Bruce Denton Farmers Insurance Agency.

For sponsorship or information, call Karen Holder at (806) 542-1649, Jeff Holder at (719) 580-7136, or Michelle Burkhart at (719) 588-1594. You can also go to the web site at [www.larryholdersurvivorship.com](http://www.larryholdersurvivorship.com).

## 2024 DENVER BRONCOS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Score	TV
Sunday, Aug. 11	At Indianapolis Colts	11 a.m.	KTVD
Sunday, Aug. 18	GREEN BAY PACKERS	6 p.m.	KUSA
Sunday, Aug. 25	ARIZONA CARDINALS	2:30 p.m.	CBS
<b>Regular season</b>			
Sunday, Sept. 8	At Seattle Seahawks	2:05 p.m.	CBS
Sunday, Sept. 5	PITTSBURGH STEELERS	2:25 p.m.	CBS
Sunday, Sept. 22	At Tampa Bay Buccaneers	11 a.m.	FOX
Sunday, Sept. 29	At New York Jets	11 a.m.	CBS
Sunday, Oct. 6	LAS VEGAS RAIDERS	2:05 p.m.	FOX
Sunday, Oct. 13	LOS ANGELES CHARGERS	2:05 p.m.	CBS
Thursday, Oct. 17	At New Orleans Saints	6:15 p.m.	Prime Video
Sunday, Oct. 27	CAROLINA PANTHERS	2:25 p.m.	CBS
Sunday, Nov. 3	At Baltimore Ravens	11 a.m.	CBS
Sunday, Nov. 10	At Kansas City Chiefs	11 a.m.	CBS
Sunday, Nov. 17	ATLANTA FALCONS	2:05 p.m.	FOX
Sunday, Nov. 24	At Las Vegas Raiders	2:05 p.m.	CBS
Monday, Dec. 2	CLEVELAND BROWNS	6:15 p.m.	ESPN
Sunday, Dec. 8	BYE WEEK		
Sunday, Dec. 15	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	2:25 p.m.	CBS
Sunday, Dec. 22	At Los Angeles Chargers	2:05 p.m.	FOX
Sunday, Dec. 29	At Cincinnati Bengals	TBA	TBA
Sunday, Jan. 5	KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	TBA	TBA

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All times Mountain

## Sports Bulletin

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

### SCOREBOARD

#### TUESDAY

##### Prep baseball

Centauri 12, Salida 1, 6 inn.  
Center 14, South Park 4, 5 inn.  
Center 17, South Park 0, 4 inn.  
Del Norte 10, Sargent 0, 6 inn.  
Del Norte 13, Sargent 5  
Monte Vista 6, Buena Vista 3  
Salida 6, Centauri 5

### SCHEDULE

#### FRIDAY

**Prep track and field**  
Alamosa, Centauri at Class 3A State Meet (at Lakewood), 8:20 a.m.  
Center, Del Norte, Sargent at Class 2A

State Meet (at Lakewood), 8:20 a.m.  
Creede, Sanford, Sangre de Cristo, Sierra Grande at Class 1A State Meet (at Lakewood), 8:20 a.m.

### 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.

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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.

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

FOR SAGUACHE COUNTY COURT FACILITIES FEASIBILITY STUDY

**I. OVERVIEW**  
 PROPOSAL DUE DATE/DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS – Responses due by June 10, 2024 at 3PM  
 Delivery of 4 original copies either by USPS or hand delivered in a sealed envelope to:

Wendi Maez  
 PO Box 100  
 505 3rd Street  
 Saguache, CO. 81149  
 All official communication with Candidates and questions regarding this RFP will be via email to the Wendi Maez at wmaez@saguache-county-co.gov.

No inquiries will be accepted after the clarification deadline as indicated in the project schedule.

All Candidate inquiries will be responded to at the same time which will be after the "Clarification Deadline". Candidates should not rely on any other statements, either oral or written, that alter any specification or other term or condition of the RFP during the open solicitation period. Candidates should not contact any team member, or any individual associated with the Owner or Saguache County regarding this RFP or this project except to schedule an optional site visit.

RFP Schedule  
 RFP Available  
 May 1, 2024  
 Optional Site Visit  
 By apt with all  
 RFP Clarification Deadline  
 RFP Clarification Responses  
 May 31, 2024  
 RFP Responses Due  
 June 10, 2024  
 Interview Invitations Sent  
 Interviews  
 June 25, 2024  
 Selections Made and Candidates Notified  
 July 3, 2024  
 Contract Negotiations/discussion - Complete  
 Notice to Proceed Given to Successful Firm  
 July 9, 2024  
 July 16, 2024  
 Study to begin  
 July 17, 2024  
 Study completion and submittal date  
 October 1, 2024  
 Report submitted and reviewed by BOCC  
 October 8, 2024  
 Report accepted and approved  
 October 15, 2024

II. Background  
 Saguache County has outgrown the current space the county and judicial staff occupy. There is no additional space to expand and the need for more space continues to grow.

III. Project Description  
 Saguache County is searching for a vendor to conduct a feasibility study which will assist in deciding the option that best suits Saguache County, its needs and its circumstances. The options are – a) Construct a new "Judicial Building" that would house the judicial portion of the current courthouse, b) Remodel the 3rd floor of the courthouse to better accommodate the Judicial Department, c) Build a new County Government complex.

Cost of project study not to exceed \$70,000.  
 IV. Submittal Requirements  
 Saguache County asks for a letter of interest which incorporates your experience and your qualifications. In addition, please include the cost of the study. Refer to the first page of this document for the address and manner of submitting your information.

V. Schedule – See RFP Schedule  
 It is expected that the selected firm has the current capabilities and capacity to complete the project by the date listed in the project schedule. Provide a detailed schedule, including milestones, from the notice to proceed date the completion of the study, modifications or alterations, including deviations from the estimated schedule set forth in the RFP Schedule.

No. 3926.  
 Published in the Valley Courier on April 30, May 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, & 31, 2024.

## NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc., Area Agency on Aging for Region 8 is accepting Request for Proposals (RFP) from both the public and private sectors representing both nonprofit and for profit entities interested in providing services to people age 60 and older for Fiscal Year 2025-2025. Services include: Transportation, Congregate Nutrition Services, In-Home Services (Homemaker, Home-Delivered Meals, Home Modifications), National Family Caregiver Services (support for caregivers). Other avenues of services to older adults will also be considered. South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc., Area Agency on Aging, serves all six counties of the San Luis Valley; Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache. RFP packets and instructions are available at South-Central Colorado Seniors, 1116 3rd Street, Alamosa, CO 81101. Completed proposals are due to South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc. no later than 5:00 COB, May 31, 2024. Please mail or deliver proposals to South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc. at P.O. Box 639 or 1116 3rd Street, Alamosa, Colorado 81101. For more information, please call Monica Wolfe, Director, 719-589-4511.  
 No. 3935.  
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, & 31, 2024.

## District Court Alamosa County, Colorado

Court Address: 8955 Independence Way  
 Alamosa, CO 81101  
 In the Matter of the Estate of  
 Yolanda Pepita Duncan a/k/a Yolanda P. Duncan a/k/a Yolanda Duncan

Deceased  
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Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address):  
 Bernadette M. Lucero  
 Fernando A. Martienz  
 Address: P.O. Box 352, San Luis, CO 81152  
 Case Number: 2024 PR 8

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
 Estate of Yolanda Pepita Duncan aka Yolanda P. Duncan a/k/a Yolanda Duncan, Deceased  
 Case Number 2024 PR8

All persons having claims against the abovenamed estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Alamosa County, Colorado on or before 9/10/2024, or the claims may be forever barred.

Bernadette M. Lucero  
 Fernando A. Martienz  
 Address: P.O. Box 352, San Luis, CO 81152  
 NO. 3945  
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 10, 17, and 24, 2024.

## NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION CERTIFICATION

Notice is hereby given that the regular election was held by the Town of Crestone Colorado on Tuesday April 2, 2024. The Results of that election are as follows:

Candidates for Trustee received the following number of votes:  
 Dana Oglesby Twenty (20)  
 Dennis Posluszny Thirty Two (32)  
 Kimberly Martinez Twenty Seven (27)  
 Benjamin Byer Forty (40)  
 Armando Mendez Thirty Six (36)

Elected to four-year terms to end April 2028 were:  
 Benjamin Byer  
 Armando Mendez  
 Dennis Posluszny

Elected to a two-year term was:  
 Kimberly Martinez  
 Arielle Blackwell,  
 Designated Election Official  
 No. 3949.  
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 17, 2024.

## Request for Proposal (RFP) Auditor Services

Introduction:  
 The Town of Crestone is seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide auditing services for fiscal years 2022-2024. The selected auditor will be responsible for conducting a comprehensive audit of the Town's financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

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

- Assist in the preparation of required financial reports and statements.  
 - Any other tasks deemed necessary for a comprehensive audit.

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

References from past clients, preferably in the public sector.  
 PO Box 64, Crestone, CO 81131, (719) 256-4313, crestonetownoffice@gmail.com  
 No. 3950.  
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## 173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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## 221 - HELP WANTED

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**THE SLV LANDFILL** is accepting applications for a TEMPORARY LANDFILL LABORER/BACKUP EQUIPMENT OPERATOR. Maintain landfill property, pick up trash, and be a backup equipment operator. Position open until filled. \$16.00 to \$17.00 per hour, 32 to 40 hours week. Applications can be emailed to Kim at [officemanager@slvlandfill.com](mailto:officemanager@slvlandfill.com) or returned at the office. Download the application at [slvlandfill.com](http://slvlandfill.com). (6/5/24)

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year for (1) CENTAURI HIGH SCHOOL MATH TEACHER. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Teaching License or be able to obtain proper endorsement. Applications are available at the District Administration Office, 17887 US Hwy 285, LA JARA, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at [www.northconejos.com](http://www.northconejos.com). Submit application to the central office or email to [rmccarroll@northconejos.com](mailto:rmccarroll@northconejos.com). Position is open until filled. EOE. (5/25/24)

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year for (1) CENTAURI MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEACHER. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Teaching License or be able to obtain proper endorsement. Applications are available at the District Administration Office, 17887 US Hwy 285, LA JARA, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at [www.northconejos.com](http://www.northconejos.com). Submit application to the central office or email to [mccarroll@northconejos.com](mailto:mccarroll@northconejos.com). Position is open until filled. EOE. (5/25/24)

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT** is currently accepting applications for HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR. Interested applicants must be certified/licensed in counseling. NCSD offers a competitive salary with a \$915 health benefit monthly. Applications may be picked up at North Conejos School District Central Office or downloaded on the district website at [www.northconejos.com](http://www.northconejos.com). Applications can be submitted to the central office or emailed to [rmccarroll@northconejos.com](mailto:rmccarroll@northconejos.com). Position is open until filled. EOE. (5/25/24)

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**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT** is currently accepting applications for an ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR. Interested applicants must be certified/licensed in counseling. NCSD offers a competitive salary with a \$915 health benefit monthly. Applications may be picked up at North Conejos School District Central Office or downloaded on the district website at [www.northconejos.com](http://www.northconejos.com). Applications can be submitted to the central office or emailed to [rmccarroll@northconejos.com](mailto:rmccarroll@northconejos.com). Position is open until filled. EOE. (5/25/24)

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT** is currently accepting applications for an ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT in the MIDDLE SCHOOL and HIGH SCHOOL. Skills should include a knowledge of Excel, an ability to learn technical applications/systems for reporting, and highly organized. NCSD offers a competitive salary with a \$915 health benefit monthly. Applications may be picked up at North Conejos School District Central Office or downloaded on the district website at [www.northconejos.com](http://www.northconejos.com). Applications may be submitted to the central office or emailed to [rmccarroll@northconejos.com](mailto:rmccarroll@northconejos.com). Position is open until filled. EOE. (5/25/24)

**MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for HS ASST. BOYS' BASKETBALL COACHES (2 positions). The salary for these positions will be paid from the current MVSD Extra Duty Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website – Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application <https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities>, by May 29, 2024 or until the positions are filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (6/5/24)

**AMERICORPS PATHWAYS NAVIGATOR. LOCAL,** well-respected non-profit agency seeking enthusiastic individual to coordinate and support AmeriCorps members serving with the Rural Alliance for Dignity. No AmeriCorps experience necessary. On the job training and professional development provided. This position will specialize in recruitment, placement, and guidance for AmeriCorps members serving in small non-profit organizations throughout SOUTHERN COLORADO. They will work with La Puente's team to provide career pathway, logistical and project support for our local cohort of AmeriCorps Members. Join our dynamic team of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of helping others. Qualifications: interest in non-profit organizations, ability to travel, relationship skills, organizational, and writing skills. \$41 - 45k/yr/benefit package. Send resume: La Puente Home, P.O. Box 1235, ALAMOSA, CO 81101, 719 233-2673 [www.lapuente.net](http://www.lapuente.net) Email: [hr@lapuente.net](mailto:hr@lapuente.net) (6/19/24)

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LA PUENTE SHELTER.** Local, well-respected non-profit agency seeking individual to provide leadership as Assistant Director of La Puente Shelter. This position will supervise staff and assist clients with navigating the experience of homelessness. Shares responsibility of daily shelter responsibilities with the Director, including on-call. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of helping others. Requirements: Strong organizational skills, management experience, group facilitation, crisis management, oral/written communication skills. \$45,000 to \$50,000 DOE, full benefit package. Send resume, request job description: La Puente Home, P.O. Box 1235, ALAMOSA, CO 81101, Email: [hr@lapuente.net](mailto:hr@lapuente.net) (5/24/24)



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### 221 - HELP WANTED

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

### 221 - HELP WANTED

**THE CSU SAN LUIS VALLEY RESEARCH CENTER** in CENTER, CO seeks a full-time, salaried w/benefits **OPERATIONS SPECIALIST** to provide research and farm operations support in the field, shop and office. Requirements include combined education and experience in field crop production. Apply online by 05/19/2024 for full consideration at <https://jobs.colostate.edu/postings/143937>. CSU is an EO/EA/AA employer and conducts background checks on all final candidates. (5/18/24)

### 221 - HELP WANTED

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

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT** is currently accepting applications for **LA JARA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**. Applicants must have a principal license/certification or be in the process of obtaining one. NCSD offers a competitive salary with a \$915 health benefit. Interested applicants may download an application at [www.northconejos.com](http://www.northconejos.com) or pick one up at North Conejos School District Central Office. Applications may be submitted to Superintendent Darren Edgar at [dedar@northconejos.com](mailto:dedar@northconejos.com) or delivered to the NCSD Central Office. Application deadline is Monday, June 3rd at 4:00 p.m. (5/29/24)

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT** is currently accepting applications for **HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR**. Interested applicants must be certified/licensed in counseling. NCSD offers a competitive salary with a \$915 health benefit monthly. Applications may be picked up at North Conejos School District Central Office or downloaded on the district website at [www.northconejos.com](http://www.northconejos.com). Applications can be submitted to the central office or emailed to [rmccarroll@northconejos.com](mailto:rmccarroll@northconejos.com). Position is open until filled. EOE. (5/18/24)

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**221 - HELP WANTED**

**CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26** 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)

**ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY** is looking for candidates to fill the position of BUDGET ANALYST within the BUSINESS AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT. You can apply [https://adams.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/ENUS/ASU/details/Budget-Analyst\\_R188](https://adams.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/ENUS/ASU/details/Budget-Analyst_R188). We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions please reach out to our Human Resources department 719-587-7990. (6/8/24)

**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, copying 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)

**UTILITY CLERK POSITION, TOWN OF CENTER, Colorado.** Full-time, FLSA exempt position with a salary range of \$16 to \$20.67 DOE. Benefits include 100% employer-paid health insurance, 401(k), paid time off, half-day Fridays, and more. The Utility Clerk manages all Utility billing, Customer Service, Municipal Court and other duties. The Utility Clerk Position is directly under the Town Clerk. All interested candidates must visit the Town of Center webpage at [townofcenter.colorado.gov](http://townofcenter.colorado.gov) for application. Please email applications to [rose@centerco.gov](mailto:rose@centerco.gov) or bring them directly to Center Town Hall, 294 S. Worth St. The Town is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Deadline is May 17, 2024. (5/17/24)

**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)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**LOOKING FOR A** rewarding and fulfilling career? Are you a positive, self-motivated individual? Consider a career with the MONTE VISTA HEAD START. 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)

**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)

**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 @ [Stagner@valley.k12.co.us](mailto:Stagner@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 @ [Stagner@valley.k12.co.us](mailto:Stagner@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 [tluna@mntking.com](mailto:tluna@mntking.com). (6/5/24)

**304 - LAWN & GARDEN**

**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**

**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 / Formals \$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, OLD-EST 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 BANDSAW. 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)

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

**401 - BUSINESS PROPERTIES**

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For all your rental needs please call 719-589-5744 or stop by 823 Main St. Alamosa, CO 81101  
[www.alamosarentals.com](http://www.alamosarentals.com)

**426 - MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE**

**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)

**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**

**2004 ALLERGO BUS:** 40'; sleeps 6; 3 slides; 400 Cummings; 7K watt generator. \$75,000. 719-580-2735. (5/29/24)



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# Comics

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pop
  - 4 Cautions
  - 9 Command for Fido
  - 12 "Got the Power"
  - 13 Bubbling
  - 14 Rocky hill
  - 15 Snakelike fish
  - 16 Shelf
  - 17 Black cuckoo
  - 18 Fashions
  - 20 Crazy busy
  - 22 Slimy stuff
  - 23 Work of art
  - 24 Blueprint
  - 26 Talk big
  - 29 Devour
  - 30 — tide
  - 31 Cat's cry
  - 35 Given a pink slip
  - 37 Caviar
  - 38 Spelling competition
  - 39 Inched
  - 41 On the water
  - 42 Layered rock
- 45 Appropriate**
- 46 Grilled sandwich**
- 48 Made a contented sound**
- 51 Include**
- 52 Mythical hunter**
- 54 — Today**
- 55 So-so grade**
- 56 Symbol**
- 57 Convertible**
- 58 Curve shape**
- 59 "Sleeping With the —"**
- 60 Cask**

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 9 Condition**
- 10 Column order**
- 11 Blink of an eye**
- 19 Sine qua —**
- 21 Metropolis**
- 24 "The Princess and the —"**
- 25 Too lenient**
- 26 Floating ice mass**
- 27 Woodwind instrument**
- 28 Not up**
- 32 Block**
- 33 Tiny**
- 34 Grassy field**
- 36 Sandwich shop**
- 40 Signify**
- 41 Melody**
- 42 "The final frontier"**
- 43 Underworld god**
- 44 South American range**
- 45 "— you should ask ..."**
- 47 Press**
- 48 Limerick**
- 49 Birthright seller**
- 50 Mend**
- 53 JFK predecessor, familiarly**

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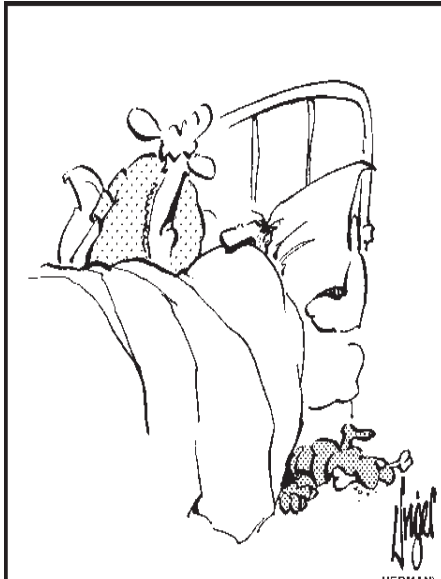
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### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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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



"Will you stop grinding your teeth!"

## ALLEY OOP



## ARLO & JANIS



## BIG NATE



## THE BORN LOSER



## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



## FRANK & ERNEST



## GARFIELD



## THE GRIZZWELLS



## PEANUTS



# Widowed spouse makes plea to all living partners

DEAR ABBY: Today I ironed and folded my late husband's lucky fishing shirt and placed it into a box going to Goodwill. Continuing with the task, I matched up 14 pairs of my good merino wool socks, most of which had been gifts from him in times that were not so flush. After three months, I have finally moved the box containing his ashes from the kitchen table.

Yesterday, I saw a couple sitting together in a fast-food restaurant. They were both focused only on their phone screens. I wanted so badly to shake them, to tell them to look at each other and talk to each other. They are so fortunate to have each other's company.

Is it human nature to miss the water only when the well goes dry? Snuggle, hold hands, converse and say "I love you" every day. Don't wait for Valentine's Day. I was so lucky; you can be too. Abby, please remind your readers to appreciate their special someone EVERY day and show it. --LOVED EVERY DAY

DEAR LOVED: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your beloved husband. More people than young lovers have been known to become captives of their cellphones. I have observed the same

phenomenon among older couples, but it also applies to parents with small children. Your message that we should love and show appreciation for each other every day is important, because no one is guaranteed a tomorrow.

DEAR ABBY: What is this thing about dogs? I see women on dating sites saying, "You must love my dog," and I find it really annoying. I know some women adore their dogs, but demanding that a man should love your dog if he really cares about you is insane. What's the matter with these women? I think they're emotionally unbalanced. -- IRRITATED IN GEORGIA

DEAR IRRITATED: There is a school of thought that if someone wants loyalty and constancy, the way to find it is to adopt a dog. For some people, regardless of gender, their dog becomes like their child, and anyone becoming romantically involved with them must accept that it will be a package deal. Because you are not an animal lover, these women would not be an appropriate match for you.

DEAR ABBY: My family and I like to entertain, so our powder room is used often. Instead of laundering the same three hand towels, I bought a nice-looking vertical paper



### ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

towel holder with a roll of paper towels that now stands by the bathroom sink. Hubby says paper towels are only for the kitchen and look tacky in a powder room. Who's right? -- USEFUL IN TEXAS

DEAR USEFUL: Of course, everyone is entitled to their own opinion. However, your idea of disposable hand towels in the guest bathroom resonates with me. They are practical, inexpensive and more hygienic than if someone is the third, fourth or fifth guest using the towels. There are, however, disposable towels (some monogrammed) that can be purchased online and look nicer than those on a roll. You might consider checking them out.