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Alamosa Commissioners to meet on Wednesday

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa County Board of County Commissioners will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 8, at 8:30 a.m. at 8900 Independence Drive in Alamosa. The commissioners will conduct a variety of county business including a settlement agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration regarding a civil penalty for the San Luis Valley Regional Airport. The public is invited to attend in person or via Zoom with meeting ID - 270-314-6847

The Biology of Happiness

ALAMOSA — Barbara Kruse, retired biology teacher and longtime history columnist for the Valley Courier will give a talk on the Biology of Happiness on Wednesday at 1 p.m. The talk is free and will be at the Alamosa Senior Citizens Center, 92 Colorado Ave. The event is part of the Spark Speaker Series and is sponsored by Spark the Change Colorado.

Bird walk set for May 11

ALAMOSA — Join the Friends of the Refuges for a Saturday morning bird walk at 8 a.m. on May 11. Meet in the parking lot for the Malm Trail, 8210 S. River Rd., Alamosa. The trail is muddy and wet, so waterproof boots are helpful along with binoculars, water, snacks and sun and insect protection. The walk is free and will end around noon. Spring bird migration is in full swing, and there should be both common and uncommon birds to be seen.

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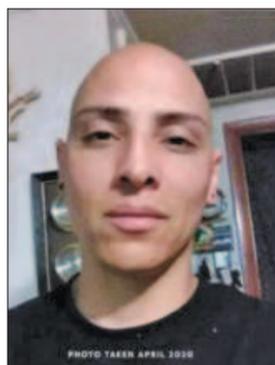
Four years, countless tears later

Los Sauces case finally closed

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — Families of the five victims murdered by Adre Baroz in 2020 may, hopefully, have a measure of peace following court proceedings on Friday, May 3.

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Photos of four of the five victims murdered by Adre Baroz. Baroz was sentenced to serve the rest of his life in prison with no possibility of parole on Friday, May 4. Pictured left to right: Korina Arroyo, Selena Esquibel, Myron Martinez and Shayla Hammell. Not pictured: Xavier Zeven Garcia.



Courier photos by Priscilla Waggoner

Good dancing music with a few ballads thrown in made for good entertainment.

First Friday, Cinco de Mayo made a winning combination

Good food, good brews, good music

STAFF REPORT
ALAMOSA — This month, First Friday coincided with a celebration of Cinco de Mayo held on San Juan Avenue in

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Angie Graber, owner of San Luis Valley Brewing Company, and Deandre Sanchez were serving up some hefty, good looking 'Cinco burgers' in honor of the event.



Couples 'twist a boot' to some good music.



Photo by Kyle Burnett Photography

John Willis, history teacher at Sargent High School (right) was named SLV Educator of the Year last week by SLV Board of Cooperative Education Services. Shown are, from left, BOCES employees Stacey Holland, Denille LePlatt, Board President Ramon Garcia and Adeline Duarte-Lee.

Sargent's Willis named 'Educator of the Year'

STAFF REPORT
VALLEY — Sargent High School history teacher John Willis was named the San Luis Valley's 2024 Educator of the Year by the SLV Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES). The 38th annual ceremony was held Wednesday, May 1, at the Ski-Hi Complex in Monte Vista and was sponsored by San Luis Valley Federal Bank.

Willis was among 13 educators from across the Valley nominated for the honor. The other 12 nominees were:

Megan Mortensen, third grade, Alamosa; Audrey

Rael, fourth grade, Centennial; Lindsay Stillwagon, first grade, Center; Linda Vigil, third grade, Mofat; Kellyn Ross, elementary instructional coach and middle school "sped" teacher, Monte Vista; Owen Zoils, second grade, Mountain Valley; Andrew Shelton, middle school science, North Conejos; Kyle Canty, middle school and high school math, Sanford; Irene Baker, third/fifth English, Sangre de Cristo; Andy McKim, special education, SLV BOCES; Chris Parrill, high school history, Sierra Grande; and Joseph Guenther, K-12 PE, South Conejos.

San Luis artist follows her bliss

Commeto's art on display at Narrow Gauge, reception May 10

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — A few years ago, Cindy Commeto and her husband moved from Boulder to the San Luis Valley where they bought ranch

property near San Luis. As Colorado natives, the move not only allowed them to live in a part of the state they had always loved, it also started Commeto on an artistic journey that would lead to a deep appreciation of a different kind of beauty than what she had experienced in other places. "I've been painting most of my life but the last two years is the first time I've been painting full time," she says. Commeto has her own studio in San

Luis and has expanded from working solely in watercolors to painting with acrylics.

When asked to elaborate on what she sees here that is so inspirational, Commeto speaks in images, as any artist would.

"The cottonwoods in the valley. They're incredibly spectacular. The Rio Grande and its tributaries. The sunrises, the sunsets. The cloud formations are so amazing

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Courtesy photo

Adobe in watercolors by Cindy Commeto.



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The historic Emperius Building in Alamosa was built in 1909 and is now home to the bustling Milagros Coffee house.

Historic buildings in Alamosa

By PATRICK STANFORD

ALAMOSA — The City of Alamosa has proclaimed May as a time to reflect on the historical structures in our community and dedicate ourselves to their preservation, now and into the future.

The Emperius Building in Alamosa, at the corner of State Avenue and Main Street is named after Herman Emperius, a prominent citizen and four-term Mayor of Alamosa. The family came to Alamosa from Illinois in the 1880's.

The building is part of a two-story block and was built in 1909 by the family as an investment property. Then it served as a temporary home for the Alamosa National Bank in 1909 while the new bank building was under construction across the street.

The original exterior masonry is an attractive and intact portion of the original struc-

ture. The brick on the west and south parts of the two-story building is a uniform orange-red color and very smooth in texture. The second-floor window openings have stone sills. The Emperius block consists of three structures that are complementary in design and function together.

In 1975 the entire property was sold to Anastacio (Scotty) and Marie Garcia. Under their ownership substantial renovations occurred and the property took on the use and configuration that it has today. The ground floor of the block was converted from two equal sized retail spaces into one large space. The Main Street property was converted to a 'mall' incorporating a central hall with offices or retail spaces on either side.

When Jill Caesar purchased the property in 1992, she remodeled the ground floor of the two-story building and established a restaurant. The

ground floor of the corner building today is the Milagros Coffee Shop, owned and operated by La Puente Enterprises. Significant improvements to the building including new flooring, stripping the ceiling back to its original classic look, and installing new large windows to provide more sunlight to the interior have been completed by La Puente.

The overall appearance of the building is striking and is representative of the brick construction in the heart of Alamosa during the boom years of the early part of the 20th century. The building remains a significant landmark in Alamosa. Today, residents and visitors can enjoy this historic gem and a cup of coffee inside the building at the coffee shop.

Patrick Stanford is a member of the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee, City of Alamosa.

A Burro's Tale coming to RGC Museum

STAFF REPORT DEL NORTE

With summer quickly approaching, the Rio Grande County Museum is getting ready to offer several events beginning with a celebration to honor the donkeys and burros that helped shape the course of history and continue to bring joy and a fuzzy touch to day-to-day life here in the good old west.

The Rio Grande County Museum will be hosting the Asses of Rio Grande County, A Burro's Tale on June 1 from 10 a.m. until the fun stops. Presentations for the event will include representatives from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Tiny as is Donkey Experiences and the Silva Family. The day will be packed (pun intended) with tales of long ago as well as recent efforts to help save and care for wild burros throughout

the region. According to the Bureau of Land Management, "The Bureau of Land Management created the Wild Horse and Burro Program to implement the Wild-Free Roaming Horses and Burros Act, passed by Congress in 1971. Broadly, the law declares wild horses and burros to be 'living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West' and stipulates that the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service have the responsibility to manage and protect herds in their respective jurisdictions within areas where wild horses and burros were found roaming in 1971."

Not only does the BLM offer significant aid to wild burros and horses alike, but South Fork is home to two burro sanctuaries where burros are given a home, a job and a life free of worry. Tiny

as is Donkey Experiences and Burro Buddies are places where the public can learn more about burros.

The event also features a presentation by a Silva Family descendant who is eager to come and share stories about one of the first settlers in the area and the life they lived alongside burros and their sheep herds. The Silva Family dates to the early 1800s and was one of the first families to reside in the area after receiving land from the Spanish Land Grant agreements.

The day will be packed full of fun and educational opportunities and a chance to meet some burros so be sure to mark the calendar for June 1 and come out to have some fun. For more information or a full schedule of events, visit www.riograndecountymuseum.org or call 719-657-2847.

Children's picture contest winners



Courtesy photos

April was Child Abuse Prevention Month. The theme for this year's campaign was 'It's a Beautiful Day To Protect Children.' Alamosa Elementary students were asked to draw a picture for the annual Children's Advocacy Center Picture Contest about what a beautiful day looks like to them, where they feel protected, to be displayed on this year's Children's Advocacy Center posters. Tu Casa looks forward to this contest every year and receives many great submissions. Tu Casa thanks Alamosa Elementary for allowing the students to participate in this fun contest. Tu Casa thanks Splashland, Hobby Lobby, and Sand Dunes Recreation for donating prizes to the winners. Kindergarten Winners 1st place-Julia Martinez, 2nd place-Genesis Blanco, 3rd place-Ellison Dellett; 1st Grade Winners 1st place-Jaylenne Juan-Domingo, 2nd place-Arstea Villalba, 3rd place-Angelica Romero; 2nd Grade Winners 1st place-smiley face, 2nd place-Aramais Sobrepena, 3rd place-Hosanna Martinez; 3rd Grade Winners 1st place-Kaleigha Garcia, 2nd place-Arwen Cantamessa, 3rd place-James Martinez; 4th Grade Winners 1st place-Shayne Ignacio, 2nd place-Savannah Silvas, 3rd place-Lola Ortega; 5th Grade Winners 1st place winner-Aubrey Dupont, 2nd place winner-Harmonee Arceneaux, 3rd place winner-Lotus Lara.

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is May 11

CONTRIBUTED COLORADO - With the help of sponsors, volunteer organizations and U.S. Postal Service employees in 10,000 communities nationwide, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will conduct its 32nd annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 11. Stamp Out Hunger is the nation's largest single-day food drive.

Customers should leave their non-perishable food donations in a bag near their mailbox on Saturday, May 11, before their letter carrier arrives. In the days leading up to the food drive, letter carriers will be delivering special bags along with your mail that may be used to make donations. Food collected during Saturday's drive will be delivered to local community churches, food banks and food pantries for distribution.

While all non-perishable donations are wel-

come, foods that are high in protein such as canned tuna, salmon, beans and peanut butter are most needed. Canned fruits and vegetables, whole grain, low sugar cereals, macaroni and cheese dinners and 100% fruit juice also top the list of most needed items.

Food Drive TIPS
WHAT TO GIVE: Most-wanted foods include:

- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon).
- Canned and boxed meals (soup, chili, stew, macaroni and cheese).
- Canned or dried beans and peas (black, pinto, lentils).
- Pasta, rice cereal.
- Canned fruits.
- 100 percent fruit juice (canned, plastic or boxed).
- Canned vegetables.
- Cooking oil.
- Boxed cooking mixes (pancake, breads).

WHAT NOT TO GIVE:
• Rusty or unlabeled cans.
• Glass containers.

- Perishable items.
- Homemade items.
- No expired items
- Noncommercial canned or packaged items.
- Alcoholic beverages or mixes or soda.
- Open or used items.

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Valley News

Casita Park clean up with an Italian flair

By JOHN WATERS
Courier News Editor
SAGUACHE COUNTY— About 80 people turned out for the third annual Casita Park Clean Up on May 4. The event was hosted by the Friends of Casita Park, Baca Grande Property Owners Association, and grants from Saguache County. Italian food prepared by Nick Navares and 14 helpers was available for volunteers and community members.



Nick Navares of Crestone spearheaded a community lunch during the third annual Casita Park Clean Up on May 4. He and a team of 14 volunteers prepared a feast of Italian dishes after the clean up to about 70.

The clean up was a huge success and filled several large dumpsters with appliances and a variety of debris. After hauling trash everyone was treated to an assortment of Italian dishes including several types of lasagna, pasta, tomato sauce, meatballs, and desserts.

The community lunch is the brainstorm of realtor Navarez from Mountain-side Realty in Crestone. "I do about three of these community lunches that are supported by Saguache County sales tax grants and subsidies. The idea is to bring the community together and eat. This lunch is in conjunction with the annual Casita Park clean up. The county pays for the dumpsters and people from Casita Park and Baca Grande brought their trash, appliances, and other items. We're even ac-

cepting title to old cars and we will tow the cars away. The clean up is fantastic. This town park is amazing with a new pavilion, bathrooms, and running water.

"I also sponsor an adopt a highway for about two miles of T Road near Casita Park," said Navares.

Michael Scully with the Friends of Casita Park said, "We have come together several years ago and we came upon this clean up project to pick up and dispose trash. Our first clean up was on Earth Day and we had local people volunteering and carting off trash

to the dump. The property owners association got involved and we now have these dumpsters."

Saguache County Commissioner Tom McCracken said the county has been proactive in assisting with clean ups, providing dumpsters, and waiving fees at the county dump on certain days. "We passed that nuisance ordinance a while back that requires land owners to clean up their place and rather than use the big stick approach we are trying to incentivize people to clean up their places by making

it real easy for them."

Adam Kinney, a Crestone resident who is running against McCracken in the June primary for county commissioner said this, "I love seeing people come together like this to support their neighbors and take pride in their communities, especially around managing waste and cleanup. So many volunteers gave their time to make this happen. And a special thanks to the musicians and Nick Navares for the free meals, turning trash hauling into a community celebration."

craft beer from San Luis Valley Brewing Company while music played on the stage.

Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of the Mexican victory over the French at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862.

Cinco de Mayo is not Mexico's Independence Day. That holiday occurs on Sept. 16, the anniversary of the speech by Catholic priest Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla in 1810 that ultimately freed Mexico from Spain.

In his speech, the Grito de Dolores or the Cry of Delores, Hidalgo y Costilla called for a revolution against the injustices of the Spanish. The Treaty of Cordoba signed in 1821 recognized Mexican independence.

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 downtown Alamosa. The result was a festive evening for all who attended, many of whom feasted on "Cinco Burgers" and

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 when District Judge Michael Gonzales, who presided in the case from preliminary to conviction, handed down sentences from the bench.

The proceedings related to Baroz, 29, pleading guilty to the brutal murder, dismemberment and tampering with the remains of Korina Arroyo, Selena Esquibel, Myron Robert Martinez, Xavier Zeven Garcia and Shayla Hammel within a seven-week period. After being dismembered, and in an egregious final act, the remains of all five people were burned in two different burn pits in Los Sauces, a remote community in rural Conejos County, making burial impossible.

It took years for the case to reach this stage, due to numerous delays, postponements, and continuances, largely because Baroz entered a plea of Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity. Presumably, two separate evaluations did not support the plea. Had Baroz not changed his plea to guilty, the case would still be slogging through court as families waited for resolution.

Finally, during Friday's proceedings, members of victims' families could address the court and describe the devastation caused by Baroz's actions. Although all five victims had family members present, only a handful of people spoke.

There were expressions of deep gratitude to CBI (Colorado Bureau of Investigation), local law enforcement and the special prosecutors from the 20th Judicial District who were with the case from the beginning.

Arroyo was the first to address Baroz. His daughter, Korina, was murdered because she

agreed to testify in Baroz's friend's trial. "This has been one of the worst things in my life. This man didn't just kill my daughter, he destroyed my family."

Selena Esquibel's mother, Rosaline, said, "I don't sleep. I don't eat. He didn't just kill my daughter, he killed part of me." Baroz murdered Selena, who was 19, because she told someone he had raped her.

Michael, brother to Myron Martinez, said, "We lost my father in October 2023, and I think he died with a broken heart because he wasn't able to see this thing through. Last summer, we were driving past the Walsh Hotel and he said, 'That's where they killed my son.' I wish he was here to say these words." Martinez then read from the Bible. "Beloved, never avenge yourself but leave it to the wrath of God for it is written vengeance is mine and I will repay seven times." I ask the court to run their sentences consecutively, so they pay every second of every day for what they did to my brother, which was brutal and disgusting."

Shayla Hammel, mother of two, was murdered for simply being in the wrong place at the wrong time. "Shayla was taken in a senseless act of violence, and it shattered the dreams of my niece and nephew," her brother said. "You tortured her like an animal. We couldn't even give her a burial. There is no forgiveness for what you did."

But the most condemning words came from Judge Gonzales who admitted, himself, he had never spoken in such language from the bench.

Addressing Baroz directly, he said, "I've seen you from a young man to a young adult to an adult. You've had a rough life and I'm sorry about that,

but you've destroyed the lives of five families.

"You took away their chance to grieve their loved ones. To say goodbye. You took away hugs, goodbyes, hellos, 'I love you', 'I'm sorry'. You took away the joy of watching children grow up. You took all of that away for no reason. Because they agreed to testify. Said something you didn't like. Said you owed them money. That's why you took their lives.

"I've spent 27 years in this job and have endeavored to find the good in people because that made my job a little easier. It gave me some hope that there's a reason to move on. I've always been able to find good in a person where I could say 'thank you, I appreciate that'.

"The only positive I can find is that you pled guilty to save the victims from going through the process.

"I can find no good in you. What I see in you is evil. Pure evil. Whatever decency you might have had in your heart at one time no longer exists. In the space of two months, you killed five people. You ate their flesh. You took souvenirs from their bodies.

"It's not easy to take away someone's freedom for a long time. I hope that people leave prison and become a better citizen, but, in your case, I can't bring myself to do that. I hope every night for the rest of your life in prison you hear the screams of your victims begging you to stop."

"This case had a devastating effect on our community," said 12th District Attorney Anne Kelly in a statement. "The evil and barbaric acts of Adre Baroz, Julius Baroz and Francisco Ramirez are unthinkable. Due to the incredible legal work of our District Attorney partners from the Twen-

tieth Judicial District in Boulder who skillfully and effectively prosecuted this case for three years on behalf of the victims' families and our community, a measure of justice has been served. While no sentence can fully repair the damage these men caused, my hope is that our community may now continue the path of healing. I am so grateful for the tireless work of local, state, and federal agencies who never stopped pursuing justice for the victims' families. These three men deserve every day of the sentences Judge Gonzales handed down."

"This case was a true example of evil," said Ken Anderson, who was Alamosa's Police Chief throughout the investigation. Anderson is now Division Commander with Alamosa County Sheriff's Office. "In my 23 years in law enforcement, I've never seen a crime so heinous and gruesome. I want the families of the victims to understand that the tireless effort from all agencies who assisted in this investigation put a case together with enough factual evidence to be heard in court and to eventually obtain a conviction.

"I also want them to know we do not take their pain and suffering lightly. Through the suffering and pain, I pray those family members find peace and justice served."

In addition to sentencing Adre Baroz to five consecutive life sentences plus another 140 years for assaults, kidnapping and tampering, Gonzales also handed down additional sentences to Baroz's two co-defendants. Julius Baroz, 34-year-old brother to Adre, received 25 years in prison for conspiracy to commit murder in the first degree, and Francisco Ramirez will serve 24 years for tampering with human remains.



Courier photos by John Waters
 Saguache County provided several dumpsters as part of the third annual Casita Park Clean Up on May 4. The dumpsters were filled with an assortment of trash.

Bliss

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 and unlike any I've seen in any other part of the world. Painting inspires my soul. It's a great way to express and especially capture the San Luis Valley. It's so beautiful here." Commeto works in "plein air." The artform is from the French expression for "In the open air," from life and in real time, instead of working exclusively from a photograph or only painting inside.

"I've become comfortable and enthralled with the landscape. When I'm painting in plein air, I look at the entire landscape and then focus on certain aspects that bring together the whole composition. The shapes, the lines, the shadows. Just the whole composition."

In what seems to be an equally important artistic experience, Commeto has also spent the last two years painting in the San Luis Valley Painting classes, an association of artists who have painted with Coni Grant, a well known name in the community.

She credits that association with having an impact on her work. "Since finding this group of artists in the Valley, I feel like I've got a deep connection with people. We inspire each other and learn from each other. They've definitely been an inspiration for me to paint with them."

Along with others, Commeto has also founded a co-op of artists in San Luis with "pop-ups" every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. "There are

people who make jewelry, who do leather, who paint plus people who bake and make jams and jellies. They are also a group of people who I find inspiring and work with closely." The co-op is set up on Main Street next to Town Hall.

In looking back on a journey that has brought new landscapes, new talents and new communities into her life in a period of just two years, Commeto says that everything leading up to now – most notably a 30-year career in the medical field – was a way to make money.

"What I'm doing now is what I was meant to do with my life. I finally have the opportunity to explore and learn and continue to learn, and to see and to be able to paint what I see and to understand how to paint so that it reflects what people are looking at and hopefully moves them."

A collection of Commeto's work is currently on display at the Narrow Gauge Book Co-operative in Alamosa, located at 602 Main Street. The public is invited to an artist's reception held in her honor at the Narrow Gauge on Friday, May 10th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., with catering provided by Paula Kapolei with Wild Horse Mesa.

Commeto's work is on exhibit in San Luis, including in the San Luis Coffee House and the Town Hall in a gift shop where local artists can exhibit their work. She also has a watercolor that was chosen to hang on exhibit at a gallery in La Veta.



Courtesy photo
 Cottonwoods in acrylics by Cindy Commeto.

Important Notice for Landowners: Opportunity to Sell Water Rights to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District

What's Happening?
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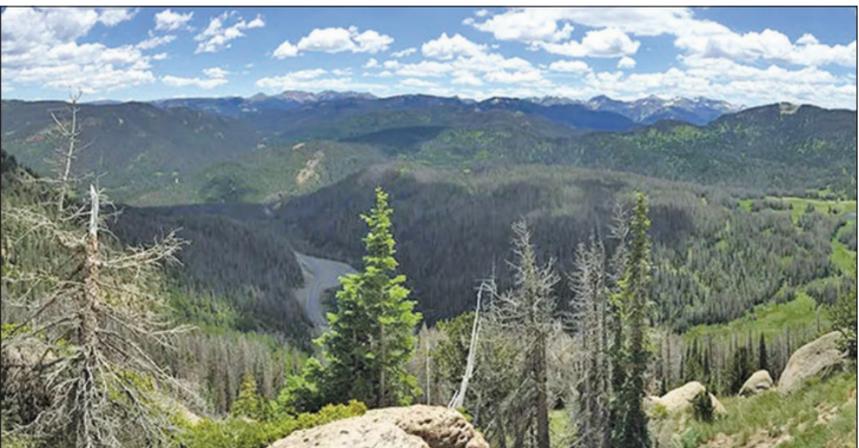
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Details and Application:
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 • Applications can be submitted beginning on April 22, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. and will end on May 31, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.
 • Completed applications can be emailed to wylie@rgwcd.org or dropped off at the District's Office.

Don't miss this limited opportunity if you're interested in getting paid for conserving groundwater!

Lifestyles



Courtesy The Village at Wolf Creek

Texas investor Red McCombs swapped the Forest Service for 300 acres on Wolf Creek Pass in 1986. The late McCombs envisioned a resort village for 8,000 people on the parcel surrounded by Rio Grande National Forest and bordering the Wolf Creek ski area.

A rare win after nearly 40 years for Texas investors planning Wolf Creek Village

By JASON BLEVINS
The Colorado Sun

In the nearly 40 years that a legendary Texas investor spent trying to build a massive village atop Wolf Creek Pass, not a lot went his way. Until last week.

After almost a quarter century of lawsuits challenging the late Red McCombs' proposal for a 1,700-unit village on 300 remote acres next to Wolf Creek ski area — and three court decisions siding with environmental groups battling the plan — the 10th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in Denver last week threw out previous rulings and affirmed the Forest Service's 2019 approval of an access road connecting U.S. 160 with the island of private land.

"We are obviously pleased and feel like this was the right decision," said Clint Jones, who has worked for the McCombs family on the Wolf Creek Village project since 2008.

Lawsuits have stalked the Wolf Creek Village plan since its inception as McCombs reworked his project, abandoning a plan for a second land swap and focusing on an access road to the inholding of private acreage surrounded by the Rio Grande National Forest. McCombs, who died in 2023, had argued that the 1980 Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act — known as ANILCA — required the Forest Service to provide "adequate access" to islands of private land surrounded by public forest.

Environmental groups across the West have spent decades arguing that the clause in the act that requires the Forest Service to allow "adequate access" to private landowners can have "reasonable use and enjoyment" of inholdings does not apply outside of Alaska. The legislation protect-

ed 104 million acres in Alaska and left about 800,000 acres of private land surrounded by federally protected land. (Environmental groups most recently have sued the White River National Forest over its ANILCA-anchored approval of a 2.4-mile paved access road to a 680-acre inholding above the town of Edwards where developers plan 19 luxury homes.)

The ANILCA fight over the access road is the latest in a decades-long battle. And the issues reach beyond ANILCA. The environmental organizations raise concerns about endangered species, like the Canada lynx, and potential missteps by the Forest Service as it conducted its review of the access road plan under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Mark Pearson with the San Juan Citizens Alliance said the environmental groups are studying the federal appeals court decision and have not made any decisions about appealing or seeking a rehearing.

Regardless of any legal action, the Wolf Creek Village plan will require many more years of planning, with the developer needing a permit from the Colorado Department of Transportation to access U.S. 160 and permits from Mineral County.

"There are a lot of opportunities for public participation on upcoming decisions that will probably stretch out for quite a long time," Pearson said. "There are enormous physical and structural limitations for a village up there. Is there enough water to support the city they are proposing to build? How are they going to get power up there? All this will require some significant planning and public scrutiny."

A lot has changed

since 1986, when McCombs and other investors first proposed a village atop Wolf Creek Pass next to the Wolf Creek ski area. The investors proposed a land exchange with the Forest Service, swapping about 1,600 acres in the San Luis Valley for about 300 acres of Forest Service land adjacent to the Wolf Creek ski area in Mineral County.

The staff at the Forest Service who approved the land swap and even the 2019 road access are gone. Same for the elected officials in Mineral County who supported the village plan nearly 25 years ago.

The initial plans for the Wolf Creek Village called for more than 2,100 condos, hotel rooms and homes for 8,500 people and 225,000 square feet of commercial space. Revised plans scaled back that plan to about 1,700 units.

McCombs, a San Antonio investor, owned hundreds of companies in his lifetime — including radio stations, car dealerships and sports teams including the Denver Nuggets. He was 95 when he died in February 2023. His daughter, Marsha McCombs Shields, has been overseeing the McCombs empire for 20 years.

Jones said he plans to sit down with the McCombs family and discuss the recent ruling.

"I do not know what their position will be for moving forward, but they are very excited that this one impediment that has been there for years has finally been resolved," Jones said. "The industry has changed. Circumstances have changed. I do not know what they want to do with the property. Now that we've got road access, it opens the door to start studying future possibilities."

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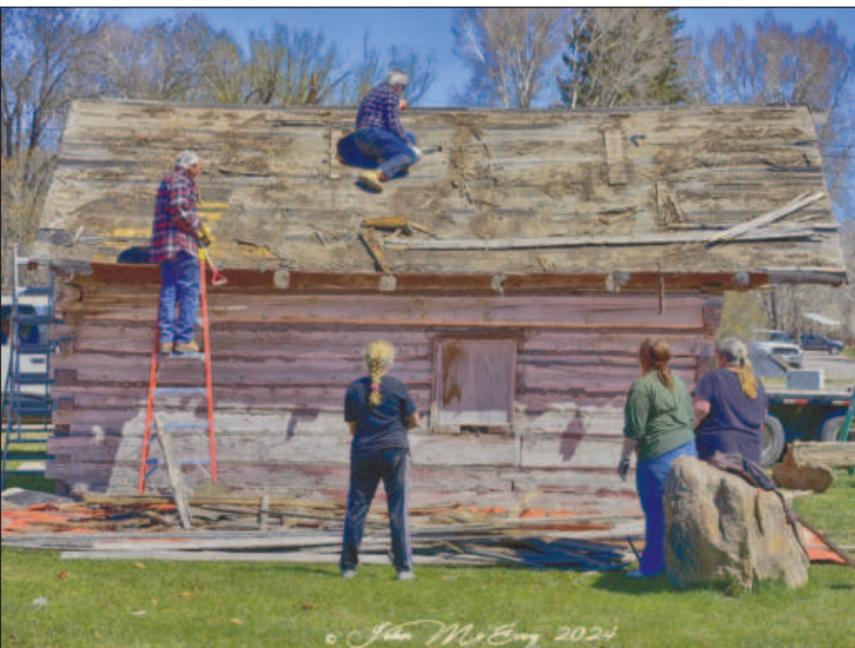
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Lifestyles



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Last week, the Rio Grande County Museum and Creek Water Construction dismantled and moved the Barlow and Sanderson Stage Office. Plans to restore the 1875 building are well underway.

Barlow and Sanderson Stage Office comes home to RGC Museum

STAFF REPORT

DEL NORTE — After almost two years, the Rio Grande County Museum recently announced that the Barlow and Sanderson Stage Office has come home to its resting place and will be restored and available for viewing by the end of 2024.

With the help of several volunteers and Creek Water Construction owners, Matt Espinoza and Karie Lichtenfeld, the Barlow and Sanderson Stage Office building was successfully dismantled and transported with the help of the Town of Del Norte to the Rio Grande County Museum.

It has taken two years to bring the building to the museum. Just over \$30,000 was raised with the help of several donors, organizations and the current Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners to make this happen. The stage office was moved three times over the years, but this was the first time the building was completely dismantled.

Efforts to save the Barlow and Sanderson Stage Office began back in the 1970s when local historian Ruth Marie Colville set out to see that the historic building was preserved. The building was built in 1875 near the Windsor Hotel. Once plans to build the hotel were underway, the building was moved to the west end of Del Norte where the Barlow and Sanderson Stables were located.

In the 1970s, Colville gathered a group of vol-



unteers and had the building moved once again to the park across from Town Hall on the north end of Del Norte where it slowly fell into disrepair. It was then that Colville's daughter Suzanne Off and resident Patty Kelly decided it was time to try and save the building.

Over the past two years, the Rio Grande County Museum, the Town of Del Norte, the Rio Grande County commissioners, the Windsor Hotel and the Del Norte Public Library worked with several volunteers and donors to raise the funds to save the building and move it to its new home at the museum.

Now with the help of Creek Water Construction, the building will be restored and rebuilt

in the back courtyard of the museum and will serve as a permanent exhibit. The exhibit will showcase what the office would have looked like when travelers arrived in the Del Norte area in the late 1800s and is reunited with the original 1876 Barlow and Sanderson Stagecoach that was loaned to the museum by the City of Monte Vista.

Plans are to have the new building available to the public for viewing by the end of the summer, weather and time permitting. A huge thanks goes out to everyone who made donations and supported efforts to save the Barlow as well as those who are continuing to help volunteer time and services to see the building restored to its original glory.



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Sports

Lady Mean Moose manage 2-2 draw with Florence

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – It was a tale of two halves on Saturday when the Alamosa High School girls soccer team hosted Florence at the AHS stadium.

The Lady Huskies got two early goals in the first half and the lead held until halftime. But the Lady Mean Moose scored twice in the second half as the teams battled to a 2-2 draw.

“We were a little disappointed because we beat Florence last season by a lot,” said Alamosa coach Kelly Wubben. “We had so many opportunities and actually I think we had a couple that went in but they didn’t call them in. But I’m proud of my girls for fighting back and coming back.”

Kaydence Martinez scored Florence’s first goal in the eighth minute and she scored again six minutes later. Victoria Finnigsmeier was credited with the assist on both goals.

Alamosa, however, was the more aggressive team as it put 11 shots on goal, but they were all stopped by Florence goalkeeper Naomi McWilliams. The Lady Huskies had four shots on goal.



Alamosa High School’s Araceli Molina kicks the ball away in Saturday’s game against Florence at the AHS stadium. Molina scored both of the Lady Mean Moose’s goals as they battled to a 2-2 draw with the Lady Huskies.

Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

The Lady Mean Moose kept up the pressure in the second half and they finally got on the scoreboard in the 50th minute with Araceli Molina rebounding a Jayden Wubben attempt and putting it into the net.

Molina would score the tying goal with 1:46 left in the game. Leah Higareda was credited with the assist.

Alamosa had 23 shots on goal compared to only

six for the Lady Huskies. Lady Moose goalkeeper Emmy Tibbitts had four saves.

Alamosa also had 18 corner kicks in the game. Florence had none.

Alamosa (8-5-2) is the 29th seed in the Class 3A State Tournament which will begin this week. The Lady Mean Moose will travel to fourth-ranked Delta for the first round on Thursday. Game time is at 4 p.m.

One other league team qualified for state as Bayfield will be the 32nd seed. The Lady Wolverines will play at top-ranked Colorado Academy.

Alamosa 2, Florence 2
 Florence 2 0-2
 Alamosa 0 2-2
Scoring
 F – K. Martinez (Finnigsmeier), 8:00
 F – K. Martinez (Finnigsmeier), 14:00
 A – Molina (Wubben), 50:00
 A – Molina (Higareda), 79:00
 Shots on goal – Florence 4-2-6, Alamosa 11-12-23.
 Corner kicks – Florence 0-0-0, Alamosa 9-9-18.
 Goalkeepers – F: McWilliams (saves 11-10-21), A: Tibbitts (saves 2-2-4).

Lady Moose ninth, Lady Pirates 11th at Pueblo County

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – Both of the local high school girls golf teams were in action on Friday.

Pueblo County Invitational

Both Alamosa and Monte Vista high schools participated in the Pueblo County Hornet Invitational at Hollydot Golf Course in Colorado City.

The Lady Mean Moose finished in ninth place with 310. They were led by Jayla Quintana and Paloma Zahringer who both tied for 30th place with a 102. Addison Rice

placed 37th with a 106, and Sydney Mason tied for 48th with a 119.

The Lady Pirates were 11th with 313. Brooke Hoffstaetter was the leader as she tied for 24th with a 100, followed by Reagan Futrell who was 33rd with a 103, Kiera Sanchez who was 40th with a 110, and Evie Hinds who was 57th with a 129.

Rye won the tournament with 246, followed by Pueblo west with 250.

Pueblo Central’s Sofia Contreras was the medalist with a 76.

Team scores
 Rye 246, Pueblo West 250, Pueblo County 270, Pueblo Central 280, Pueblo West 2 286, Fowler 287, Canon City

300, Pueblo East 307, Alamosa 310, Pueblo Centennial 312, Monte Vista 313, Swallows Charter Academy 320, Swink 337, Pueblo South NS.

Gunnison Invitational canceled

Both Alamosa and Monte Vista were scheduled to compete at the Gunnison Invitational Monday at Dos Rios Golf Club. However, the tournament was canceled because of poor weather.

This week

The teams will conclude the regular season over the next few days. They will be at the Monte Vista Invitational Tuesday at the Monte Vista Golf Course, and they will participate in the Alamosa

Invitational Wednesday at Cattails Golf Course. Alamosa will return to Hollydot on Friday for the Rye Invitational.

The Class 3A Region 1 Tournament in May 14 at Cattails.

Parks and Rec news

Adult softball deadline approaching

The Alamosa Parks and Recreation District’s deadline for last chance in registering for adult softball in on Sunday.

There is a \$25 additional fee added to the regular team fee.

To register or for questions, go to the district’s web site at www.alamosarec.com or drop

by the recreation center at 2222 Old Sanford Road.

Youth baseball/softball open through May 20

The deadline to register for youth baseball or softball in on May 20. To register go to the web site at 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.

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.

SCOREBOARD

FRIDAY

Prep baseball
 Alamosa 16, Sanford 4, 5 inn.
 Dove Creek 20, Antonito 2, 4 inn.
 Nucla 11, Sierra Grande 6

College baseball
 Colorado Mesa 36, Adams State 6
 Colorado Mesa 24, Adams State 7

SATURDAY

Prep baseball
 Del Norte 1, Custer County 0, forfeit
 Del Norte 1, Custer County 0, forfeit
 Ignacio 17, Center 0, 4 inn.
 Ignacio 21, Center

1, 3 inn.
 Monte Vista 7, Trinidad 3
 Monte Vista 10, Trinidad 5

Montezuma-Cortez 13, Centauri 3, 5 inn.
 Montezuma-Cortez 12, Centauri 2, 5 inn.
 Sargent 15, South Park 4, 5 inn
 Sargent 19, South Park 6
Prep girls soccer
 Alamosa 2, Florence 2, tie
 Telluride 1, Del Norte 0, forfeit
College baseball
 Adams State 14, Colorado Mesa 10

SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

Prep baseball
 Center at Sargent (2), 2 p.m.
 Trinidad at Sanford (2), 2 p.m.
 Monte Vista at Alamosa, 4 p.m.
Prep girls golf
 Alamosa, Monte Vista at Monte Vista Invitational, 9 a.m.

Prep track and field

Antonito, Centauri, Center, Moffat, Monte Vista, Sanford at Centauri Invitational, TBA

WEDNESDAY

Prep baseball
 Del Norte at Montezuma-Cortez, 4 p.m.
Prep girls golf
 Alamosa, Monte Vista at Alamosa Invitational (at Cattails), 9 a.m.
College baseball
 Adams State vs. Colorado School of Mines (RMAC Tournament at Grand Junction), 11 a.m.

THURSDAY

Prep baseball
 Sanford at Walsenburg, 4 p.m.
Prep girls soccer
 Alamosa at Delta (Class 3A State Tournament), 4 p.m.
College baseball
 Adams State at RMAC Tournament (at Grand Junction), TBA

High school spring sports standings as of Saturday

BASEBALL

Class 3A/2A Intermountain League

Team	League		Overall
	W-L	W-L	
Montezuma-Cortez	5-1	11-8	
Bayfield	4-2	7-13	
Pagosa Springs	3-3	9-9	
Alamosa	3-3	6-14	
Centauri	1-7	7-14	

Class 2A Southern Peaks League

Team	League		Overall
	W-L	W-L	
Monte Vista	11-0	15-3	
Trinidad	6-2	8-9	
Del Norte	8-4	9-8	
Sanford	6-3	11-5	
Sargent	4-6	4-12	
South Park	1-6	3-13	
Center	1-6	2-14	
Custer County	1-10	1-18	

Class 1A Southern Peaks League

Team	League		Overall
	W-L	W-L-T	
Sierra Grande	4-0	13-2-0	
Antonito	2-2	8-9-1	
Centennial	0-4	2-11-0	

GIRLS SOCCER

Class 3A Intermountain League

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



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Sealed bids, subject to the conditions contained herein, for improvements to the San Luis Valley Regional Airport-Bergman Field, Alamosa, Colorado, AIF Project No. 3-08-0002-036-2024 will be received by the San Luis Valley Regional Airport-Bergman Field, Administration, Alamosa, Colorado, 80209, until Friday, May 31, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., and then publicly opened and read aloud.

The work involved will include the following:
Schedule I - Acquire Self Contained Broom, Power Broom with a 4x4 Chassis

Manufacturing for this project is expected to take 300 calendar days(9).

Contract Documents. The bidding documents are available at <https://woolpert.com/bid> and/or www.questcdn.com - Reference Quest Number 9105859. To be considered a plan holder for bids, register with QuestCDN.com for a free Regular membership and download the bidding documents in digital form at a cost of Twenty-Two Dollars (\$22.00). Downloading the documents and becoming a plan holder is recommended as plan holder's receive automatic notice of addenda, other bid updates. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or Support@QuestCDN.com for assistance in membership registration or downloading digital bidding documents. Interested parties may view the contract documents at no cost prior to deciding to become a plan holder.

In order to submit a responsive bid as a Prime Contractor and to receive all necessary addendum(s) for this project, you must be on the Planholder's List. It is the planholder's responsibility to review the site for addendums and changes before submitting their proposal. This includes review for environmental changes. Environmental changes during construction could take up to three months for approval. For additional information, please contact us via email at bid.info@woolpert.com.

Pre-Bid Conference. There will be no Pre-Bid Conference for this project.

Bid Conditions. The bidder is required to provide all information as required within the Contract Documents. The bidder is required to bid on all items of every schedule or as otherwise detailed in the Instructions to Bidders.

Bids may be held by Alamosa County for a period not to exceed 120 calendar days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract.

The right is reserved, as Alamosa County may require, to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bids received.

All questions regarding the bid are to be directed to Jon Weeks, PE with Woolpert, Inc., 720 South Colorado Blvd., Suite 1200-S, Glen-dale, Colorado, 80246, (303) 524-3030, Fax: (303) 524-3031, or email Jon.Weeks@woolpert.com.

Bid Bond. Guarantee will be required with each bid as a certified check on a solvent bank or a Bid Bond in the amount of five (5) % of the total amount of the bid, made payable to the Alamosa County, Supply Bond. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a supply bond each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price.

Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 as Amended. In accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended, the Contractor will be required to comply with the wage and labor requirements and to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedule of wage rates established by the United States Department of Labor.

Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Requirement. The proposed contract is under and subject to 41 CFR Part 60-4 and Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and to the equal opportunity clause and the Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract specifications including the goals and timetables for minority and female participation.

Title VI Solicitation Notice: (The Name of Sponsor), in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, select disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), age, or disability in consideration for an award.

Proposers are advised that the agreement resulting from this solicitation will include provisions mandated by the Federal Aviation Administration prohibiting discrimination by the contractor and its subcontractors. (The Owner) reserves the right to audit and inspect subcontracts to ensure compliance with this requirement.

FAA Buy American Preference

The Contractor certifies that its bid/offer is in compliance with 49 USC § 50101, BABA and other related Made in America Laws, U.S. statutes, guidance, and FAA policies, which provide that Federal funds may not be obligated unless all iron, steel and manufactured goods used in AIF funded projects are produced in the United States, unless the Federal Aviation Administration has issued a waiver for the product; the product is listed as an Excepted Article, Material Or Supply in Federal Acquisition Regulation subpart 25.108; or is included in the FAA Nationwide Buy American Waivers Issued list.

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Trade Restriction Certification

By submission of an offer, the Offeror certifies that with respect to this solicitation and any resultant contract, the Offeror -

- is not owned or controlled by one or more citizens of a foreign country included in the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR);

DISTRICT COURT, ALAMOSA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO
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KENDRICK W. FORD, DOROTHY E. FRANK, REGINA HOFER, ARTHUR M. WILLIAMS, BRIAN C. WOOD, RACHELA A. WOOD,
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Defendants.

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Lot 16, Block 3, San Luis Valley Ranches, Unit 11;
Lot 15, Block 5, San Luis Valley Ranches, Unit 11; and
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(the "Property"), free and clear of all liens and encumbrances.

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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.
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NOTICE OF ACCEPTING BIDS
The Center Fire Protection District is accepting bids for a 1995 International tanker truck, sold as is. Bids shall be a minimum of \$2,500.
Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on May 10, 2024. Bids may be mailed to Center Fire Protection District, P.O. Box 845, Center, CO 81125. Bids will be opened at the Board's regular meeting on May 14, 2024. To view the above truck, please call John Anderson at 719-588-8005 for an appointment. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
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INVITATION FOR BIDS

2. has not knowingly entered into any contract or subcontract for this project with a person that is a citizen or national of a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by the USTR; and

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The Offeror/Contractor must provide immediate written notice to the Owner if the Offeror/Contractor learns that its certification or that of a subcontractor was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. The Contractor must require subcontractors provide immediate written notice to the Contractor if at any time it learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

Unless the restrictions of this clause are waived by the Secretary of Transportation in accordance with 49 CFR § 30.17, no contract shall be awarded to an Offeror or subcontractor:

1. who is owned or controlled by one or more citizens or nationals of a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the USTR; or
 2. whose subcontractors are owned or controlled by one or more citizens or nationals of a foreign country on such USTR list; or
 3. who incorporates in the public works project any product of a foreign country on such USTR list.
- Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by this provision. The knowledge and information of a contractor is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

The Offeror agrees that, if awarded a contract resulting from this solicitation, it will incorporate this provision for certification without modification in all lower tier subcontracts. The Contractor may rely on the certification of a prospective subcontractor that it is not a firm from a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by USTR, unless the Offeror has knowledge that the certification is erroneous.

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Notice Of The Requirement For Affirmative Action To Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity

1. The Offeror's or Bidder's attention is called to the "Equal Opportunity Clause" and the "Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications" set forth herein.

2. The goals and timetables for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, are as follows:

- Timetables
- Goals for minority participation for each trade: 19.0%
 - Goals for female participation in each trade: 6.9%
- These goals are applicable to all of the Contractor's construction work (whether or not it is Federal or federally assisted) performed in the covered area. If the Contractor performs construction work in a geographical area located outside of the covered area, it shall apply the goals established for such geographical area where the work is actually performed. With regard to this second area, the Contractor also is subject to the goals for both its federally involved and nonfederally involved construction.

The Contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4 shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.3(a) and its efforts to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade, and the Contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

3. The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) within 10 working days of award of any construction subcontract in excess of \$10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor; employer identification number of the subcontractor; estimated dollar amount of the subcontract; estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and the geographical area in which the subcontract is to be performed.

4. As used in this notice and in the contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is Colorado, Alamosa County, Alamosa.

Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (Federal Minimum Wage)

All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the provisions of 29 CFR part 201, et seq, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), with the same force and effect as if given in full text. The FLSA sets minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and child labor standards for full and part-time workers.

The Contractor has full responsibility to monitor compliance to the referenced statute or regulation. The Contractor must address any claims or disputes that arise from this requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor - Wage and Hour Division. Certification of Offeror/Bidder Regarding Debarment

By submitting a bid/proposal under this solicitation, the bidder or offeror certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred or suspended by any Federal department or agency from participation in this transaction.

Other Federal Provisions Award of contract is also subject to the following Federal Provisions:

- * Civil Rights - Title VI Assurances
- * Lobbying Federal Employees
- * Recovered Materials
- * Other Federal Provisions included in Part A of the Special Provisions

Alamosa County
Alamosa, Colorado
No. 3931.
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NOTICE

District Court Costilla County, Colorado
304 Main Street
P.O. Box 301
San Luis, CO 81152
719-672-3681

Plaintiff:
BABYLON KENDINGS LLC, a New York limited liability company

Defendants:
ESTATE OF PATRICIA LYNN SMITH a/k/a PATRICIA LYNN SMITH-COCKRELL; TRISHA SMITH a/k/a TRISHA DENISE SMITH; CLARENCE W. COCKRELL a/k/a CLARENCE WELTON COCKRELL; ESTATE OF ALEXIS M. LEIVA a/k/a ALEXIS MANUEL LEIVA; FLORE DEMARIA LEIVA; ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM UNDER OR THROUGH THE NAMED DEFENDANTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA LYNN SMITH a/k/a PATRICIA LYNN SMITH-COCKRELL AND THE ESTATE OF ALEXIS M. LEIVA a/k/a ALEXIS MANUEL LEIVA, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION

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Case Number: 2024CV030002

Division: C Courtroom
SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 21 or 35 days, as applicable, after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 21 or 35 days, as applicable, after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
Dated: April 12, 2024
Published in the The Valley Courier
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Last Publication: Tuesday, May 14, 2024
Frascona, Joiner, Goodman and Greenstein, P.C.
/s/Zachary A. Grey
Attorney for Plaintiff
No. 3901.
Published in the Valley Courier on April 16, 23, 30, May 7, & 14, 2024.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

District Court
Rio Grande County, Colorado
Court Address:
925 6th Street, Del Norte, CO 81132
In the Matter of the Estate of Deceased Albert A. Quintana
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address):
Kenneth J. Quintana
5290 Del Viento Road
Alamosa, CO 81101
719-936-1314
Case Number: 2024PR1
Division 2

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO 15-12-801, C.R.S.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Albert A. Quintana, Deceased
Case Number 2024PR1
All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Rio Grande, County, Colorado on or before September 15, 2024, or the claims may be forever barred.
Kenneth J. Quintana
5290 Del Viento Road
Alamosa, CO 81101
No. 3930.
Published in the Valley Courier May 7, 14, and 21, 2024.

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
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, it's 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.

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.
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101 - MEMORIALS



Natividad "Natie" Gutierrez
June 12, 1917 - Mayo 2, 2004
Aniversario de 20 años

Bernardo "Ben" Gutierrez
Augusto 20, 1915- Enero 18, 2014
Aniversario de 10 años

EN RECUERDO A MIS PADRES

Hoy quiero reconocer
Dos personas que amo
Mi padre carinoso
Mi madre querida
Ellos son mi grande tesoro
Ellos mi dieron mi vida
Gracias por su amor y alegría
Gracias por su sacrificio
Gracias por enseñar las lecciones
Para vivir bien la vida
En Los momentos mas duros
Ellos fueron mi gran consuelo
Hoy quiero que sepan los dos
Son mis padres mas grandes
Su premio, ellos estan con Dios.
Con amor, su hija
Lorraine Gutierrez Atencio

163 - LOST & FOUND

FOUND: PAIR OF GLASSES WITH CASE, west side of PARKING LOT at WALMART, in shopping cart. 719-580-5767. (5/14/24)

173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

PRIVATE HOME HEALTH: I can help keep your loved one at home. CNA 20+ years experience, excellent references, reasonable rates. 512-293-1448. (5/21/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

COFFEE SHOP MANAGER: MILAGROS COFFEE SHOP SERVES THE COMMUNITY quality goods while fostering a comfortable environment for people to spend time and connect with others. Milagros is an interface for the public to learn about and engage in the mission and work of La Puente, as well as local artisans and support other small businesses. Seeking a highly motivated and compassionate individual to join this team of amazing and passionate people and contribute to a mission that betters the community. This is a full-time 40hr/week position with benefits and base salary starting at \$42K-\$45K DOE, plus tips, plus a monthly commission. To apply email your cover letter and resume to: hr@lapuente.net. (5/11+2/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

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/US/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)

221 - HELP WANTED

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. (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 or call 719-852-3215. Positions opened until filled. (5/22/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

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. (5/22/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

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

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. Inquiries may be directed to humanresources@alamosacounty.org. (5/25/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

DEL NORTE BANK is seeking a candidate to fill a permanent position for a TELLER at our CREEDE BRANCH. Duties will be to accept deposits, loan payments and process withdrawals while maintaining a balanced cash drawer. Must be personable and pleasant answering the phone and greeting customers. Many other duties will be assigned as needed. The position is full time in the summer and part time in the winter, with an end of season bonus and an hourly rate range of \$14.42 to \$17.00. Please send your resume or application to postmaster@truelocalbank.com by April 30, 2024. Application is available at TrueLocalBank.com/careers or call 719-657-3376 and ask for Dawn. EOE. (4/30+2/24)

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221 - HELP WANTED

ALAMOSA BICYCLE COALITION is accepting applications for the following two positions: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Salary Range: \$48,000 - \$55,000 (DOE). This position may range between a 20-35 hour week depending on applicant's skills and interests, with the salary pro-rated accordingly. Organizational Leadership, Financial and Grants Management, Program Implementation skills required. BICYCLE WORKSHOP & PROGRAM MANAGER Salary range: \$21,500-\$23,500 (DOE) for a 20-hour week. Workspace Management and Program Facilitation; conversational Eng/Sp skills required; experience repairing bicycles preferred. Applicants can apply for both positions. Positions open until filled, with applications being reviewed starting April 19. Email info@alamosabicycle-coalition.org for job descriptions and application. (4/30+2/24)

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Classifieds

<p>221 - HELP WANTED</p> <p>MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a 6th GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER at MONTE VISTA MIDDLE SCHOOL for the 2024-2025 school year. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. The District operates on a 4-day week (Monday - Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Teacher Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities by April 25, 2024 or until the position is filled. For application questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (4/30+2/24)</p> <p>CONEJOS COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT is hiring a PART-TIME LIBRARY CLERK, 20 hours per week. Please contact Maria De Herrera at 719-274-5858 for further information. (5/8/24)</p>	<p>221 - HELP WANTED</p> <p>ADELANTE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER DATA ANALYST - Seeking a team oriented person to oversee our data systems to ensure timely and accurate data collection. This person will transform the raw data into program reports, help identify and implement quality improvement of data collection, train new staff on data systems, and provide ongoing data entry support to program staff. This person will oversee the Working Together program reporting requirements and organize the monthly meetings. Salary \$39,000 - \$42,000 DOE plus benefits. Submit cover letter and resume to HR@lapuente.net. (4/30+2/24)</p> <p>DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER needed at the URGSD. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at aduda@urtigers.co or contact Amy at 719-657-4050. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: urtigers.co. (4/30+2/24)</p>	<p>221 - HELP WANTED</p> <p>SKYLINE POTATO CO. in CENTER, CO is looking for a SHIPPING CLERK/ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR for their bulk division. Applicants must be Bilingual (English/Spanish) and capable of using Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word and able to learn other computer/shipping programs. Work week consists of Monday-Friday and some Saturdays. Responsibilities will be the following: Weigh in and out incoming trucks, ship out trucks with outgoing product and produce paperwork for the truck, coordinate incoming and outgoing trucks with supervisor and shipping/loading crew, help supervise employees. For an application please contact Margaret Limon @ 719-754-2043. (4/30+2/24)</p> <p>SANGRE DE CRISTO SCHOOL DISTRICT has openings for the school year 2024-2025: Elementary PE Teacher / ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, BOOKKEEPER, Middle School FOOTBALL COACH, Middle School WRESTLING COACH, High School VOLLEYBALL COACH, High School WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH, and NUTRITION DIRECTOR. Please visit our website, www.sangreschools.org to apply. If you have any questions, please call 719-378-2321 or 719-420-1422. (5/15/24)</p>	<p>221 - HELP WANTED</p> <p>ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST - LA PUENTE SEEKING ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST to assist in efforts to maintain relationships and coordinate with members of the Homeless community and homeless services providers through La Puente's Street Outreach program. Looking for the unique individual committed to ongoing understanding of La Puente programs with a focus on clients residing at formal and informal homeless encampments located in ALAMOSA. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of serving others. Salary \$38k-\$40k, DOE; comprehensive benefits package. Send resume/work references to hr@lapuente.net. (5/15/24)</p> <p>CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH is looking for Part-time ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. Pay determined by experience. Contact Hannah Metzger 719-989-0987. (5/4/24)</p> <p>ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY seeks applicants for a GENERAL LABOR I position in the ASU Facilities Services Department. Starting salary for this position is \$3,160 per month. For application or more information, please see https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/AA/EOE. (5/4/24)</p>	<p>221 - HELP WANTED</p> <p>MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL at MARSH ELEMENTARY for the 2024-2025 school year. This is a full-time classified position. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience may be viewed on the district website. Monte Vista School District operates on a 4-day week (Monday - Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Paraprofessional Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities, by May 7, 2024, or until the position is filled. For questions, contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (5/14/24)</p> <p>RUSTIC ROOK IN MOSCA is seeking TENT CLEANERS May 20th - October 1st. \$15/HR. Call 719-661-9833 for details. (5/15/24)</p>	<p>221 - HELP WANTED</p> <p>MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for an anticipated opening for an ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER at BILL METZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. The district will consider providing tuition assistance for a qualified teacher interested in pursuing a Special Education Endorsement. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience may be viewed on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities by May 7, 2024, or until the position is filled. For application questions, contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (5/14/24)</p> <p>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 or call 719-655-2578. (5/28/24)</p> <p>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; ASSISTANT POSITIONS for HS coaching also open. Send inquiries/resumes to Mr. Stagner @ Stagner@valley.k12.co.us or call 719-655-2578. (5/28/24)</p>	<p>221 - HELP WANTED</p> <p>SCHOOL OF EDUCATION at ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY is seeking a PROGRAM COORDINATOR/STUDENT ADVISOR. This is a twelve-month full-time, exempt position. The pay range for this position is \$42,252 - \$48,060 commensurate with experience and education. A BA and/or experience in an education-related field is preferred. This position will report directly to the School Director and will provide advising and support to undergraduate and graduate students, assist faculty and staff with daily operations, and coordinate program processes and events across undergraduate and graduate degree and licensure areas. For more information and to apply, please visit https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/. (5/14/24)</p> <p>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 or call 719-655-2578. (5/28/24)</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>221 - HELP WANTED</p> <p>WORKING TOGETHER FAMILY ADVOCATE-LA PUENTE SEEKS a motivated, qualified person to improve parent/child education, increase family self-sufficiency and build community partnerships. We will train the candidate with the best written and oral communication skills. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of serving others. Salary Range \$37,000.00 - \$42,000.00 DOE, full benefits package. Send resume/work references to hr@lapuente.net. (5/11/24)</p> <p>VALLEY EDUCATIONAL GARDENS INITIATIVE (VEGI), SEASONAL SUMMER ASSISTANT - Seeking a motivated individual to contribute gardening expertise and teaching experience to a community garden space! Assistant will assist with various aspects of VEGI's programming throughout our main growing season. Assistant will work alongside the AmeriCorps member(s) to teach garden-based educational lessons focused on nutrition and environmental awareness with our partner sites, help maintain our 3 growing spaces, harvest vegetables, and provide general program support during the busy summer months. Part-time; Mid-May/June to Mid October. \$17.00/hr. Send resume/cover letter to hr@lapuente.net. (5/10/24)</p>
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SEEKING AN ENERGETIC, compassionate **MANAGER** for **RETHREADS COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE**, located at 5111 6th Ave., ALAMOSA. Ability to work independently with people from diverse backgrounds and circumstances required. Organizational skills and friendly customer service is desired. Position is 20-25 hours per week, starting at \$15 per hour. Send resume and letter of interest to: hr@lapuente.net. (5/11/24)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is seeking applications for a knowledgeable, energetic, creative, and collaborative **MUSIC TEACHER** at **BILL METZ ELEMENTARY**. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. The District operates on a 4-day week (Monday - Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Teacher Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application <https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities> by May 2, 2024 or until the position is filled. For application questions, contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (5/8/24)

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY seeks applicants for an **ADVISING COORDINATOR** for its **UPWARD BOUND MATH & SCIENCE PROGRAM**. The salary for this position starts at \$46,476 per year. A minimum Bachelor's Degree in science, technology, engineering, math, or related field is required for this exempt position. For application details and more information, please see <https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/> AA/EOE. (5/8/24)

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. Application deadline is until position is filled. Please call Brian Riccatone with questions at 719-274-4301. Applications are available at the District Administration Office, 17887 US Hwy 285, LA JARA, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com Submit application to Mr. Darren Edgar, Superintendent. EOE. (5/7/24)

SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a **HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER**. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanford-schools.org. Sanford School is an EOE&E. (5/4/24)

SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a **HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent, or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. All candidates must pass background checks. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanford-schools.org. Sanford School is an EOE&E. (5/4/24)

SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is seeking anticipated **ELEMENTARY TEACHERS** for the 24-25 school year. Applicants must possess a Colorado Teaching License or be eligible to apply for one. Salary schedules are available on the district website. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, and transcripts at <https://www.southconejos.com/page/how-to-apply>. (5/11/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

TOWN OF CENTER, COLORADO Seeks a **TOWN MANAGER**. General Statement of Duties: Supervises 22-25 employees of varied departments such as Utilities, Public Safety, Streets and Parks and Administration. Position Overview - As the Town Manager, you will serve as the chief executive officer of our municipality, responsible for overseeing all aspects of municipal operations and administration. You will work closely with elected officials, department heads, to implement policies, manage resources, and foster sustainable growth and development. Key Responsibilities: Provide visionary leadership and strategic direction to achieve the town's goals and objectives. Collaborate with elected officials to develop and implement policies that reflect the needs and priorities of the community. Manage the day-to-day operations of the Town's departments. Ensure efficient use of resources and adherence to budgetary constraints. Foster effective communication and engagement with residents and businesses. Represent the Town's interests in regional, state, and federal forums. Have some knowledge of Human Resources. Promote transparency, accountability, and ethical conduct in all town activities. Education and Experience: The Board will consider, on a case by case basis, a combination of education and experience that shows capacity to perform the essential functions of the job. Qualified candidates should submit their resume to Rose DeHerrera, Town Clerk at rose@centerco.gov or Town of Center, PO Box 400, Center, CO 81125. The Town of Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values diversity at all levels of its workforce. Closing: Open until filled. Salary: DOE with benefits. Job Type: Full Time/Exempt. Location: Town Hall, 294 S. Worth Street, Center, CO. (5/3/24)

TOWN OF MOFFAT, COLORADO, WATER OPERATOR / WATER CONSULTANT. Job Description **WATER OPERATOR DUTIES**: 1. The Operator Responsible in Charge (ORC) shall have a Small Systems (DI) certification in good standing. 2. Identify CDPHE's Monitoring Schedule for Moffat and complete all tasks needed for compliance including sampling, reporting, and maintaining programs such as backflow prevention. 3. Records and communications will be public information. 4. Requires independent contractor insurance. 5. Estimated hours per month: 5-12. 6. Certification training may be provided. 7. Estimated pay range \$25 - \$30 per hour depending on experience. **WATER CONSULTANT DUTIES**: 1. Interface with town attorney and engineer regarding water system installation. 2. Complete tasks for Division of Water Resources (DWR) compliance requirements. 3. Serve as point person for public outreach and education regarding new municipal water system connections, including number of population and costs involved. 4. Perform tasks as they arise in developing a new municipal water system. 5. Establish and maintain Fee Schedule. 6. Requires independent contractor insurance. 7. Estimated hours per month: 10-30. 8. Estimated pay range \$40 - \$50 per hour depending on experience. (5/15/24)

IST SOUTHWEST BANK, locally owned CDFI community bank, is seeking a **RELATIONSHIP MANAGER** with 3+ years of commercial loan experience and a **BRANCH MANAGER** with 5+ years of banking experience. PSWB offers competitive compensation, generous benefits, & career development. Join PSWB's award-winning team dedicated to supporting rural Colorado's agricultural, nonprofit and small businesses. For details and to apply, visit www.fswb.bank/about/careers. EOE. (5/11/24)

ACCOUNTANT. THE SLV LOCAL FOODS COALITION seeks an **ACCOUNTANT** to oversee finances for our local nonprofit. Send resume and cover letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com. Additional requirements can be found at www.slvlocalfoods.org/jobs/. (5/11/24)

MECHANIC: JT TIMBER FALLING is hiring a full-time **HEAVY EQUIPMENT & TRUCK MECHANIC** in BLANCA, CO. \$25-\$45/hr depending on experience. Monday - Friday schedule. Benefits are available. Call 719-379-4066 or visit jttimber.com to apply. (5/8/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

ARE YOU PASSIONATE about making a positive impact on people's lives? **SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT** is currently accepting applications for **BEHAVIOR HEALTH COUNSELOR/MTSS COORDINATOR** for the 2024-2025 School Year. Our school has a reputation as being a great place to work. We currently have a state of the art facility, supportive administration, paid health insurance, free lunches, 4 day school week. A current license/state certification in counseling is highly recommended to apply. Application forms are located at 17523 Hwy 160 Blanca, CO. 81123 or on the district's website at www.sierragrandeschool.net. Applications may be submitted electronically to Mr. Kevin Jones at kjones@sierragrandeschool.net or Mrs. Maria Atencio at matencio@sierragrandeschool.net, or can be turned in at the district office. For more information please contact the district office at 719-379-3259. (5/11/24)

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 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. (5/15/24)

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 are available at 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)

MOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1 in **SAGUACHE** is looking for a Highly Qualified **K-12 PRINCIPAL**. Candidates should have a current Colorado Principal License, have a good working knowledge of all areas of public education, and have a great ambition to help all students and staff in delivering/receiving a high-quality education. Applications are available in person or on our website. All inquiries should be sent to Mr. Stagner at Mountain Valley Schools, 403 Pitkin Ave. Saguache, Colorado 81149. (5/11/24)

OUTREACH ASSISTANT. SAN LUIS VALLEY LOCAL FOODS COALITION seeks an **LFLP OUTREACH COORDINATOR**. Strong communication and computer skills are required. Submit your resume and cover letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com. Additional requirements can be found at www.slvlocalfoods.org/jobs/. (5/11/24)

CAFETERIA STAFF NEEDED at **UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT**. Must have a high school diploma and some knowledge of working in a kitchen or a willingness to be trained. Pay is dependent on prior experience. Please contact Leslie Martinez at 719-657-4040, x1100 or email her at lmartinez@urtigers.co. (5/11/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a **SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL** at **BILL METZ ELEMENTARY** for the 2024-2025 school year. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience may be viewed on the district website. Monte Vista School District operates on a 4-day week (Monday - Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Paraprofessional Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application <https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities>, by April 23, 2024, or until the position is filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (5/14/24)

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 **K-12 ART 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. (5/8/24)

CITY OF MONTE VISTA is accepting applications for **KIDS CONNECTION SUMMER PROGRAM LEADERS**. Duties include, planning, scheduling, and implementing youth program activities. \$15 per hour. Job Description and applications are available at <http://www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov> or City of Monte Vista, Human Resources, 95 West First Ave, Monte Vista, Co. 81144. (5/11/24)

HEAD JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL COACH needed at **DEL NORTE JR. HIGH SCHOOL**. Experience as a coach or assistant coach at the **MIDDLE SCHOOL** and/or **HIGH SCHOOL** level is preferred. Must possess: effective coaching techniques and a thorough knowledge of the rules of the sport; and have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with school administrators, parents, and students. Please contact Gibbs Sanchez, Athletic Director, at gsanchez@urtigers.co 719-657-4020; or Annie Hardy, Principal, at: ahardy@urtigers.co, 719-657-4020. (5/11/24)

I SOLD MY HORSE IN 2 DAYS TO A GOOD HOME. THANKS VALLEY COURIER! Rick. (AS)

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221 - HELP WANTED

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307 - APPLIANCES

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324 - SEED & FEED

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POWDER RIVER CALF BRANDING SHUTE for sale; excellent condition. 719-580-5745. (5/11/24)

353 - FARM & LIVESTOCK

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426 - MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

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601 - APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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611 - HOMES FOR RENT

KUDDOS TO THE VALLEY COURIER FOR RENTING OUR HOUSE IN 2 DAYS! Thanks, Gerry. (AS)

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)

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Wild Wild —"
 - 5 Goatee's place
 - 9 Tummy muscles
 - 12 Ohio lake
 - 13 — de-camp
 - 14 Jamie — Curtis
 - 15 — "Karenina"
 - 16 Walk
 - 17 Hoary
 - 18 Be sorry for
 - 20 Suppress
 - 22 — Minor
 - 24 Sheer
 - 25 Florida city
 - 28 Weather-cock
 - 30 Walking on thin —
 - 31 Rite
 - 35 Inclination
 - 38 — anemone
 - 39 Humdinger
 - 40 Worries
 - 42 Rand McNally book
- 45 Jacob's twin**
- 47 Bread bits**
- 49 Fun facts**
- 53 Charged particle**
- 54 And**
- 56 Fiddling ruler**
- 57 Excavated**
- 58 Midday**
- 59 English school**
- 60 Rds.**
- 61 Moist**
- 62 Ready to eat**
- DOWN**
- 1 Have on
 - 2 Irish river
 - 3 Belt out a tune
 - 4 Get watery-eyed (2 wds.)
 - 5 Throws
 - 6 Chart-topper
 - 7 "Beware the — of March"
 - 8 Roman ocean god
 - 9 Above it all

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 10 — of the ball
- 11 Passover meal
- 19 Historic time
- 21 Bit of news
- 23 Broad way
- 25 Pointer
- 26 High card
- 27 Chess pieces
- 29 Gallery contents
- 31 Baseball's — Ripken Jr.
- 32 Mined rock
- 33 Enthusiast
- 34 "You bet!"
- 36 Quahog
- 37 Onetime groom
- 40 Distant
- 41 Spoiled
- 42 Sour substances
- 43 Freshwater fish
- 44 Breathing organs
- 46 Hard
- 48 Gin flavoring
- 50 Nix
- 51 Golf club
- 52 Tops (hyph.)
- 55 Farm animal

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ALLEY OOP

THIS TIME LOOP IS SO ANNOYING. HOW MANY TIMES HAVE WE REPLAYED THIS DAY, DOC?

BY MY COUNT, WE'VE EXPERIENCED THE EARTH EXPLODING 61 TIMES.

AND WE'RE NO CLOSER TO FIGURING OUT HOW TO DISABLE THE ALIEN DEVICE AND ESCAPE FROM THE TIME LOOP?

I'M AFRAID NOT.

OF COURSE, 40 OF THOSE TIMES, ALLEY MANAGED TO BLOW UP THE EARTH ALL ON HIS OWN.

I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU, AT LEAST TEN OF THOSE WERE ACCIDENTS.

ARLO & JANIS

GENE SENT PICTURES OF THE GUEST HOUSE! HE SAYS IT'S ALL READY FOR US!

LOOK AT THE FLOWERS ON THE TABLE!

THEY'RE REALLY PUTTING ON THE DOG, AREN'T THEY?

YOU THOUGHT AN EXTENDED VISIT WOULD BE GREAT WHEN THEY SUGGESTED IT. NOW, YOU ACT LIKE YOU DON'T WANT TO GO!

I'LL AGREE TO ANYTHING IF YOU ASK ME FAR ENOUGH IN ADVANCE.

BIG NATE

WHAT BOOK ARE YOU READING?

OH! THIS?

HEH HEH! I'M NOT READING IT, I'M JUST... *KOFF!*... I MEAN...

WELL, IT JUST LOOKED SO CHEESY. I... SAHEM! *WANTED TO SEE HOW LAME IT WAS! YEAH! I'M LAUGHING AT IT!

"THE CHEERLEADER CHRONICLES: KYLA'S FIRST CRUSH."

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

THE BORN LOSER

CHIEF, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT IF YOU CHOOSE ME FOR THE PROMOTION IN MARKETING, I VOW TO GIVE YOU ONE HUNDRED PERCENT!

PERHAPS, BUT YOUR EXPERIENCE IN THAT AREA IS ONLY TWENTY PERCENT OF WHAT BERWALD POSSESSES.

OKAY, BUT YOU CAN COUNT ON ME TO GIVE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THAT TWENTY PERCENT!

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

WANT TO GO OUT, EDGAR? TELL ME YOU WANT TO GO OUT. SPEAK, BOY!

MOM, WHY DON'T YOU JUST OPEN THE DOOR?

BECAUSE, I WANT HIM TO INDICATE WHAT HE WANTS... WITHOUT SCRATCHING THE DOOR!

I WANT HIM TO LET US KNOW IN ANOTHER WAY THAT HE WANTS TO GO OUTSIDE!

FRANK & ERNEST

SCENIC CLICHE ROUTE

PEAK OF ELATION

EDGE OF AWARENESS

BRINK OF DISASTER

BRIDGE OF UNDERSTANDING

GARFIELD

HOLD MY CALLS!

UNLESS IT'S ABOUT...

CHEESE, I KNOW

THE GRIZZWELLS

GUNTHER, HAVE YOU EVER EATEN ORGANIC FOOD?

YEAH... DON'T YOU REMEMBER?

THAT ORGAN GRINDER AND HIS MONKEY DON'T COUNT

OH... THEN, NO

PEANUTS

OKAY, "PARTNER."

LET'S GET A FEW THINGS STRAIGHT... I HATE TO LOSE!

I'LL MAKE ALL THE LINE CALLS AND TAKE ALL THE OVERHEADS! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GUARD YOUR ALLEY!

AND JUST ONE SMART REMARK ABOUT MY FAT LEGS GETS YOU A KNOCK ON THE NOGGIN!!

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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5	1	7	9	2	8	6	3	4
8	3	4	1	5	6	2	7	9
3	4	5	6	9	2	1	8	7
9	6	1	5	8	7	3	4	2
7	8	2	3	4	1	9	6	5

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

HERMAN

"It must be your pronunciation."

Relative's gifts choices are unwanted and annoying

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 77-year-old woman with a 27-year-old granddaughter who loves electronic gadgets and toys. She's comfortable financially and often buys expensive gifts for me. While I appreciate her generosity and her desire to make my life "easier and more fun," I simply am NOT INTERESTED in them.

I find these devices more frustrating than enjoyable. I don't NEED anything, and I don't WANT anything. I have asked her repeatedly to please not spend her money on me, but it falls on deaf ears. Perhaps if you print this, she might realize how difficult it sometimes is for us older folks to use these gadgets. How can I get my point across without hurting her feelings? -- GOOD INTENTIONS

DEAR GOOD INTENTIONS: Tell your granddaughter you love her and appreciate her generosity, but electronic gadgets are not enjoyable for you, and you wish she would stop giving them to you. If she asks what you might like, explain (again) that you do not need anything but would instead like to spend time or go to an event with her. That message should not cause hurt feelings.

DEAR ABBY: I have one sibling, a sister, who is

three years younger than I am. Our mom is very elderly. My sister and I have a terrible relationship. We cannot get along.

When Mom dies, would it be OK for me not to go to the funeral? We have no other family, and I have no desire to see my sister. Mom and I have a great relationship. Do other people experience this? I told her lawyer I can't go. He said he understands. -- ON MY OWN IN NEW YORK

DEAR O.M.O.: Funerals may seem to be "for" the deceased, but they are really to comfort the living. The time to demonstrate respect and affection is while someone is living. You have done that with your mother for many years. I doubt there is much left unsaid between you. When your mother passes, do what feels right to you. Your mother's lawyer said he understands. That should be enough dispensation.

DEAR ABBY: After spending hours preparing a meal, is it appropriate for your guest to cover the food on their plate with salt and pepper without first tasting it? Beyond being inappropriate, isn't it just plain rude? Should I say something? Never invite them for a meal again? Or just let it go? -- IN A STATE IN THE



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

GARDEN STATE

DEAR IN A STATE: The next time a guest reflexively gestures toward the saltshaker without having taken a bite of your food, you would be within your rights to ask WHY. Perhaps your cooking tends toward the underspiced.

If you are truly offended by this, no rule of etiquette decrees that you must invite the person again. (I also know of no rule of etiquette that states a host MUST put salt and pepper on the table.) If a friendship is a warm one, I'm inclined to allow my guests to do whatever makes them comfortable, appreciate them for who they are and let something like this go.