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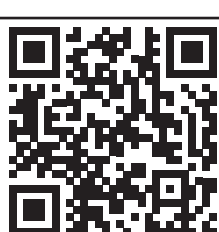
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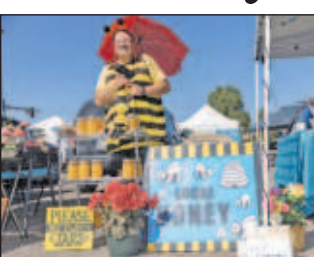


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The buzz is on for the Alamosa Farmers Market with three vendor meetings scheduled for May and June. The market opens on July 6.

Farmers Market gears up for summer fun

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ALAMOSA—The Alamosa Farmers Market 2024 season will run July 6 through Oct. 12, Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the corner of 6th and Ross. Customers can enter off of Edison.

As the start of the season draws near, vendors have some opportunities to prepare for it. All vendors should plan on attending one of three vendor meetings this season. They will be held at "The Hub" (516 San Juan Ave., Alamosa) and will help new and returning vendors prepare for our 2024 season. Meeting format is as follows: First 30 minutes of the meeting, new vendors; Last 60 minutes of the meeting, all vendors (new and returning). Please choose one date to attend. The content is the same for all three dates. Current dates are Tuesday, May 21, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 29, 5:30 to 7 p.m., or Saturday, June 1, 10 to 11:30 am.

For more information, contact the Alamosa Farmers Market at alamosafarmersmarket@gmail.com or 719-849-1083.

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Closing arguments in Brandt trial begin today

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — The defense rested its case in the trial of Daniel Brandt at noon on Tuesday with the testimony of Donovan Gonzales, a friend of Brandt's who was present at the shooting incident on Oct. 27, 2022.

Although he was 15 at the time of the incident, Brandt, now

17, is being tried as an adult and is facing charges of two counts of conspiracy to commit murder in the first degree with deliberation and three counts of first-degree assault in connection with his alleged involvement in the shooting of Ricardo Rangel and Alamosa Police Department Officer Mollee Heeney.

When the court went into re-

cess around noon on Tuesday, Judge Crista Newmyer-Olsen indicated that there would be a somewhat extensive discussion between counsel around what instructions would be issued to the jury. At that time, it was anticipated that closing arguments would begin Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

As people waited outside the

courtroom and online for court to be back in session, it was announced shortly before 3 p.m. that the jury had been sent home and were instructed to return to court at 8:15 Wednesday morning.

It is anticipated that closing arguments will conclude on Wednesday, at which time the case will be turned over to the jury for deliberation.

Murals depicting Western American life and outer space set for Saguache County

By JOHN WATERS
Courier News Editor

SAGUACHE COUNTY—Mural artist GiGi Douglas has been working with Valley students over the last several years creating art and is continuing to do so with Moffat School and Crestone Charter School students.

This Thursday she will be at the Moffat Consolidated School and on Saturday she will meet with students at the Crestone Town Park for painting events that the public is welcome to attend and participate.

"I've been an artist my whole life and I believe everyone is an artist in their own way. It is all about figuring out the forms in life that can express yourself. I've been doing murals for over ten years, I also work in multimedia, I do wood-working and larger installations. My favorite forms are paintings and murals. These larger interactive pieces and murals encourage people to play," said Douglas.

Her website has this, "Using imperfect symmetry and contrasting shades of similar tones, she tries to capture life's ever flowing balance

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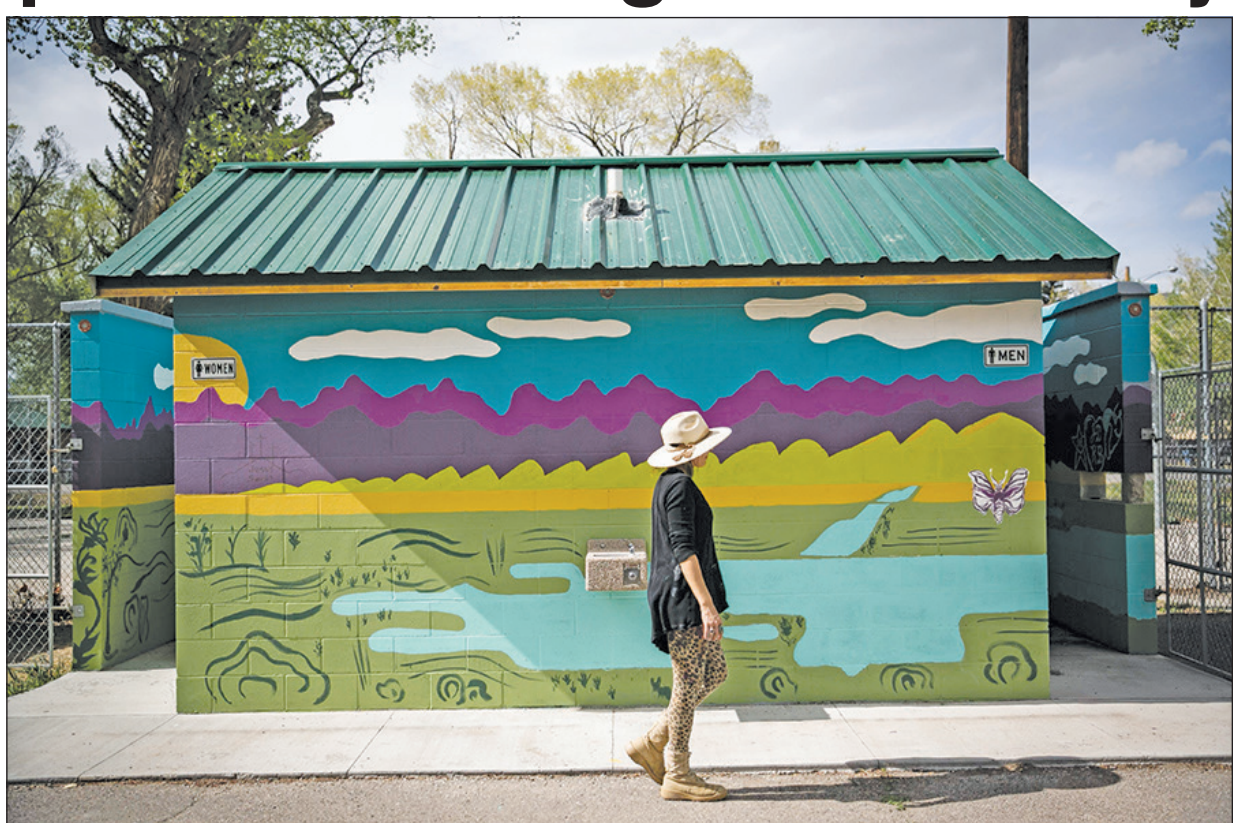


Photo courtesy GiGi Douglas

A 2022 photo of the Saguache Community mural by Valley artist GiGi Douglas that she completed with local students. Douglas will work with Moffat students and the public this Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Moffat Consolidated School and on Saturday with Crestone Charter School students at the Crestone Town Park Stage. Everyone is invited to attend and participate. Free food and music will be at these exciting events. Dress for painting.

Alamosa City Council has packed agenda for Wednesday

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — Members of Alamosa's City

Council will be taking up a broad range of issues in Wednesday night's meeting, beginning with the introduction of George

Dingfelder, who has been sworn in as the new chief of police for the Alamosa Police Department. That introduction will be followed by council proclamations for both Police Week, Police Officer's Memorial Day, and Public Works Week.

Counselors will be asked to consider on first reading an ordinance that approves two intergovernmental agreements (IGA) between the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and Alamosa's Police Department and Fire Department related

to CSP's continued provision of radio dispatch service. Historically, this IGA has been in place for a five-year period, at the end of which it's updated and renewed.

Developments with Tierra Azul, the development project planned for property south of Highway 160 near Craft Boulevard, will be discussed, including the Final Development Plan and Plat Planning area. There will also be discussion of fee waivers for the project.

The city council will have ■ See COUNCIL page 3



Photos courtesy of City of Alamosa

An example of art to be considered by the Alamosa City Council. "Peaceful Portal" by Penny McClarin of Las Cruces, New Mexico.



An example of art to be considered by the Alamosa City Council. "Dreamcatcher" by Kasia Polgoska of Pagosa Springs.

Educator Highlight Award for April goes to Rachel Kellum

Art teacher brings 'life and color to the classrooms' at Moffat Schools

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

MOFFAT — It was pajamas day at Moffat Schools. Imagine Rachel Kellum's surprise then when Adams State School of Education staff showed up during her middle school arts class to award

her with its Educator Highlight Award for the month of April.

"I'm wearing the T-shirt," she said, proudly displaying her Adams State top. Her request: Just no photos of the pajama bottoms, please.

"I really appreciate this ■ See HIGHLIGHT page 3

Rachel Kellum, Moffat School art teacher, (middle green shirt) received the Adams State University School of Education April Educator Highlight Award.

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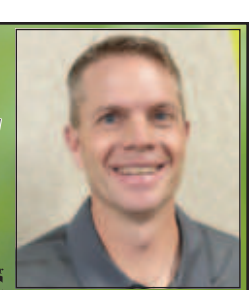


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Record

Car crashes into Narrow Gauge Book Co-op

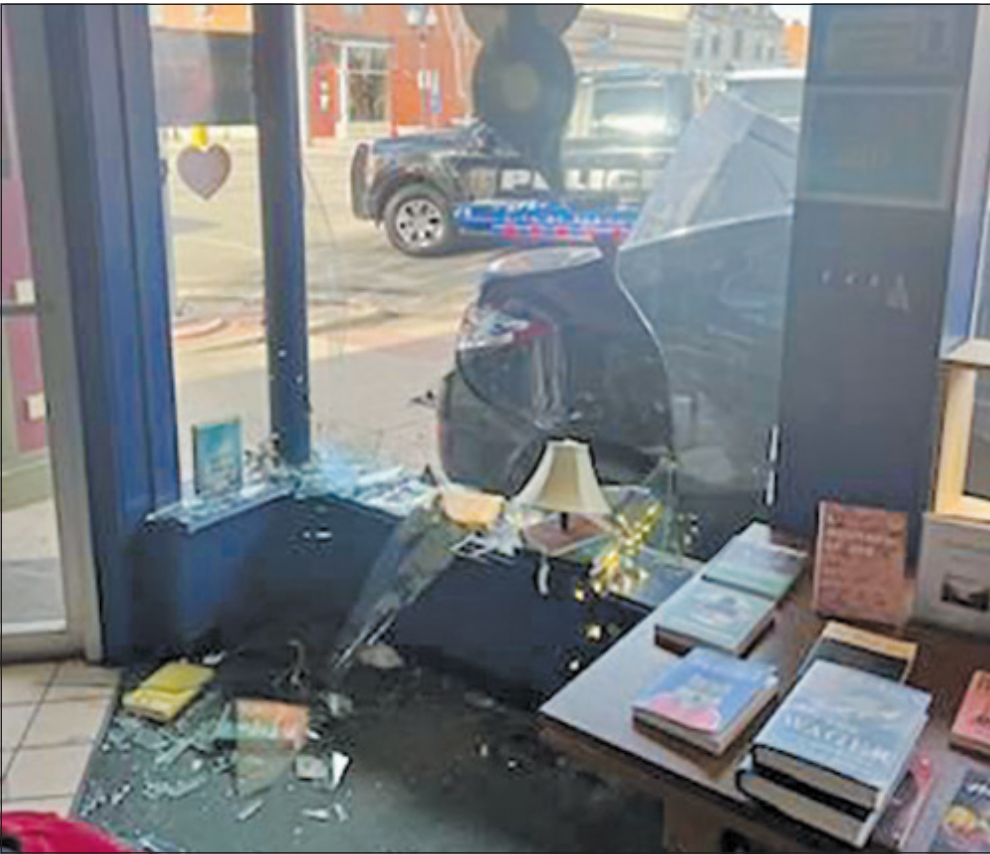
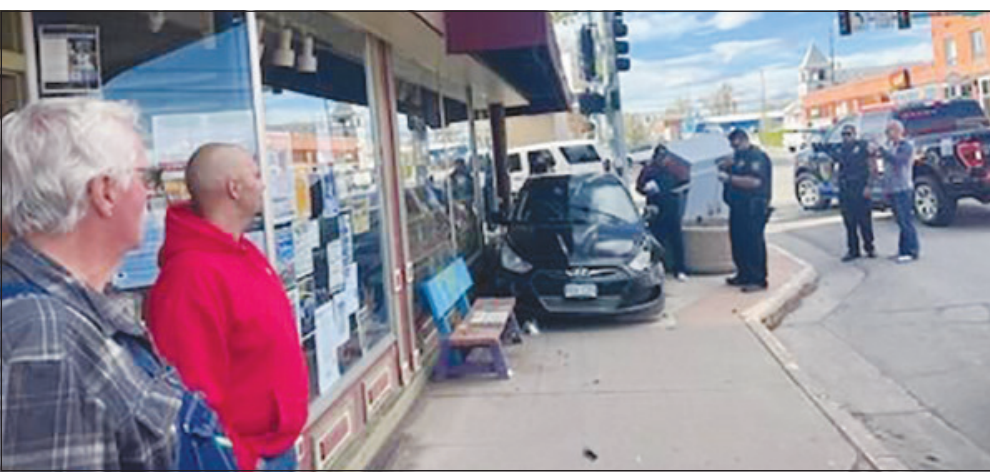


Photo courtesy of Keith Curley

A car crashed into the side of Narrow Gauge Book Co-op late Sunday afternoon in Alamosa. The cause was allegedly related to one car running the stoplight at State and Main and colliding with another car which resulted in the car hitting the building, but no definitive answer was received from the Alamosa Police Department by press time. According to onlookers, someone involved in the accident was allegedly transported to the hospital but that could not be confirmed.

ASU Rex Activity Center shines through the years

By GREG WILSON

The Rex Activity Center was added to the Alamosa Register of Historic Places in January 2008; it was added because it is one of two buildings on Adams State University (ASU) campus built in the Spanish Revival architectural style. The president's residence, the Marvel House which was built in 1932 is also of this style.

The building is named for Dr. Clifford P. Rex, a Valley dentist and member of the ASU board of trustees from 1925 to 1950. At the time of his nomination and selection, Dr. Rex was the only member of the university board to be a local resident. Dr. Rex presided over the first ASU convocation assembly at its opening in 1925 and continued to recruit students to the school; Dr. Rex recruited alumnus William Porter (namesake of Porter Hall), among others. It was completed in 1939 as the Rex Gymnasium and was utilized over time for student athletic activities, high school games, and dances, and for other college and community purposes.

The building was designed by William Bowman, who designed Richardson Hall and the Marvel House. Bowman retired shortly after designing the Rex in 1940, and his work in Alamosa may have been the largest



Courier photo by John Waters

'Old Mose,' stands in front of the Rex Activities Center on the campus of Adams State University. The Rex was built in the 1930s by the federal Public Works Administration.

collection in one area of his style.

Funding for the construction of the Rex was obtained through President Franklin Roosevelt's Public Works Administration, which budgeted several billion 1933 dollars (equivalent to ~96 billion dollars today) to construct public works. ASU also benefited from this agency to fund the construction of two dorms and partial funding for the north wing of Richardson Hall.

The Rex was constructed in a white stucco style and is very similar in present appearance to the original design; notable additions include a handicapped access ramp and a skylight. The original function 1939-1964 was as a men's gymnasium; 1964-1994 it was used for several uses including storage and high school basketball games. It has

been used as a student-funded recreational center since 1995. A renovation in 1994-95 removed bleachers and divided the interior space into a climbing wall, basketball court, and aerobics room, to further facilitate its function as an athletic space. The iron bars protecting some of the windows are original construction. ASU was approved for a state historical grant to restore the stucco exterior walls. A notable feature original to the building is the locker rooms, so a visitor can feel what it was like to be ready for an athletic venture in the 1940s with a visit today.

Greg Wilson is a member of the City of Alamosa Historic Preservation Advisory Committee, and this article is written as part of Historic Preservation Month.

OBITUARIES

Wanda D. Valdez

Our beloved Wanda Darleen Valdez went to be with the Lord on May 11, 2024. Wanda was born on Aug. 13, 1940, in San Francisco "El Rito", Colo., to Frank "Kiko" and Estrella Medina.

There are so many lives in which Wanda has touched. She was the matriarch and pillar of her family. A three-time breast cancer survivor, she was the true definition of strength and perseverance. She faced any adversity with such grace and courage.

She could bring anyone joy, her wit and sarcasm brought so much laughter and lightheartedness.

Wanda was a true servant to the Lord, and her faithfulness to him was indeed one of a kind.

She loved God, her family, friends, card games and Sunday bingo trips.

Wanda is survived by her children Alan (Rosann) Valdez, Teresa (Steve) Valdez, Wayne Sanchez, grandchildren, Antoinette (Jeremy



Romero, Dario Martinez, Alexis (Lamont) Martinez, Jerek DeLuna, Alina DeLuna, James Sanchez, Nicole (Timothy) Nelson, Brandon Valdez, Shane Valdez, and great-granddaughters Delilah Romero, Alyanna Romero, Jericka Romero, Janessa Mondragon, Audrianna Mondragon and Ava Bryant, brother Franklin (Vicki) Medina and sisters Sandra Romero and Patsy Medina, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father Frank Medina, mother Estrella Medina, daughter Clau-

dette Valdez, brothers Archie, Eban, Virgil, Dennis, Steve Medina, and sisters Nadine Rascon and Patsy Maes-Medina, nieces Stephanie Medina, Audrey Martinez, Janay Romero, nephew JonDoe Placek and grandson Eduardo Ontiveros.

Wanda will be remembered by her gracious and faithful heart, boundless love, and irresistible laughter. She will be forever missed, may her soul rest in peace.

A Vigil Services will be held on Friday, May 17, 2024, at 7 p.m. at the Sangre de Cristo Parish. A Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 10 a.m. also at the Sangre de Cristo Parish Church in San Luis, Colo. Interment will follow at the San Luis Cemetery. To leave online condolences, please visit romerofuneralhomes.com.

The care arrangements have been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

PENDING OBITUARIES

Annette Chacon

Alamosa resident Annette Chacon, 64, was called home May 14, 2024. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Eduvgen Martinez

Pueblo and former San Luis resident Eduvgen Martinez passed away May 8, 2024. Cremation was chosen and full obit will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are in care of Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Jose Leon Cano

Alamosa resident Jose Leon Cano, 64, passed away April 12, 2024. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

BIRTH

Aspen Lyla Gallegos

Aspen Lyla Gallegos was born on April 24, 2024, at SLV Health to Amber Garcia and Aaron Jay Gallegos of San Luis. Aspen weighed 8 pounds 14 ounces and was 19 inches at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Vera Lopez and Abe Garcia of La Jara. Paternal grandparents are Michelle and Toby Gallegos of San Luis.

DOLA grant awarded to Range View affordable housing project in Saguache

CONTRIBUTED

SAGUACHE—The Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) has awarded the Saguache County Housing Authority a Strong Communities Infrastructure Program (SCIP) Grant for the Range View affordable housing project in the Town of Saguache.

This exciting news marks a significant step forward in creating more affordable housing options in Saguache County. The announcement came in April with DOLA granting the Saguache County Housing Authority \$639,616 to address the off-site needs required for building Range View, a proposed 32-unit affordable housing complex.

The Saguache County Housing Authority worked hard to secure this grant. Evan Samora, SCHA Executive Director worked in parallel with Northwest Real Estate Capital Corp on both the SCIP application and a "Low Income Housing Tax Credit" application in January 2024 — creating a carefully prepared, detailed proposal outlining their vision and goals for the Range View project, emphasizing its importance for the community. Their dedication paid off, as DOLA recognized the value of their efforts and approved the full amount requested.

SCHA is extremely fortunate to have been awarded the full grant request to cover 80% of the total costs for the \$799,520 offsite improvements needed to move the housing project forward. As part of the grant application process SCHA worked with Saguache County, which committed up to \$200,000 as a

grant match; the Town of Saguache graciously committed \$20,000 in total toward the overall Range View project with \$7,500 specifically for off-site fire hydrant improvements, and SCHA is also providing \$10,000 in total with \$7,500 specifically for the off-site fire hydrant improvements.

The financial commitments demonstrate strong community investment in the SCIP request; and the 25 letters of support that were gathered from community members, employers, governments, non-profits, and housing advocates certainly demonstrated strong community support as well.

The Saguache County Housing Authority's Range View project is highlighting the significance of collaboration and community support in achieving affordable housing goals.

The key aspect of this awarded SPIC grant is covering the cost of a substantial portion of the offsite improvement that are essential for building Range View. Range View's site is adjacent to a waterline; however, the waterline is not sufficient for a multi-family development. The grant award decreases project costs for the required waterline upgrade, road access improvements, and installing utilities/fire hydrant improvements — impacting the overall budget of the project and the debt ratio for years to come.

These improvements will create a safer and more appealing environment for future residents and ensure that Range View integrates with the existing community. The financial support provided

by SCIP not only provides SCHA with the ability to confidently move forward with addressing the off-site infrastructure needs but has also demonstrated the willingness to make investments in this community affordable housing development.

As the Range View project continues to progress, it will generate even more positive momentum and leave a lasting impact on the community. This DOLA grant award is a significant milestone in a journey that is setting the stage for future success.

"SCHA and our partners are more than just talk; we are taking action to provide affordable housing for the community. This grant award is a game-changer for us. It validates our vision and allows us to move forward confidently in creating a better future for our community," said Samora, Executive Director of Saguache County Housing Authority.

School Menu Wednesday May 15, 2024

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Valley News

RGC Museum home to Bunker Site exhibit

STAFF REPORT
DEL NORTE — The Rio Grande County Museum has been home to the Bunker Site Exhibit for the past three years, bringing researchers and educational professionals from across the U.S. Originally created as a traveling exhibit by the US Forest Service, the Bunker Site Exhibit is a unique look at history in the San Luis Valley and showcases archeological finds that date back hundreds of years, further confirming that indigenous groups have been using the area for resources and served as part of the Old Spanish Trail.

The site has a manicured feel to it with wide openings between large pinon pine trees due to extensive de-limbing. Wetlands and sand to the west, and mountains to the east confined travelers along a corridor that provided forage, fuel, and cover. These and other environmental factors would have made this campsite the Holiday Inn of the Old Spanish Trail.

The site was excavated by local archeological teams and continues to be excavated today with more artifacts being found year to year. Initial findings included axe blades, musket balls, coscojos (also known as Spanish tack), metal points and tree rings that date back to the Old Spanish Trail era and proof that the site has been used for over a thousand years.

According to the exhibit's description, "The Old Spanish Trail was pioneered by Mexican trader Antonio Armijo in 1829 as a pack trail and later, an emigration route that connected Sante Fe and Los Angeles. Traders carried woolens, made from the wool of churro sheep that were traded in Los Angeles for hundreds and sometimes thousands of strong Californian mules and horses."

The San Luis Valley has a long history related to both sheep and burros dating back to its origins in the mid-1800s. Many Spanish settlers came to the area because of the abundance of resources after the Spanish Land Grant agreements were finalized. Evidence of the use of the trail remains to this day in other locations outside of the Bunker Site and remain points of curiosity for researchers worldwide.



Photo by Lyndsie Ferrell

The Rio Grande County Museum is home to the Bunker Site Exhibit, one of the San Luis Valley's most interesting archeological finds. Originally put together by the US Forest Service, this exhibit showcases unique and fascinating artifacts found by Valley natives near the Old Spanish Trail on the eastern edge of the Valley.

The Rio Grande County Museum is home to several artifacts related to not only the Bunker Site but other locations where evidence of indigenous people's follow along the Old Spanish Trail in the form of petroglyphs that date back between 6,000 and 10,000 years old. A large photographic col-

lection of local petroglyphs is showcased at the museum and fall tours are held in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management and Rio Grande National Forest to help share education about the sites, their historical significance and the importance of preservation of the sites.

The Bunker Site Exhibit is on display at the Rio Grande County Museum year-round and is available to experts looking to research its significance and connection to the Old Spanish Trail. For more information, visit www.riograndecountymuseum.org or call 719-657-2847.

Saguache County makes change in peak rename



Courier photo by John Waters

On May 7, during a Saguache County Board of Commissioners meeting, it was decided the name Wapiti Peak would be submitted to the Colorado Geographic Naming Board to rename Kit Carson Peak in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Wapiti Peak was chosen as the possible new name for the 14er near Crestone. A 12,354-foot peak near Keystone already has the name Wapiti Peak so the commissioners have decided on Venado Peak. In an email to the Valley Courier, Commissioner Liza Marron stated, 'There is a Wapiti Peak in Keystone, so we are submitting the name Venado Peak. Spanish for deer - commonly used in the SLV. There is a Venado Peak in Taos (N.M.) area, but not in Colorado.' Some advocate the change due to Carson's treatment of Native Americans.

Council

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a second reading of Ordinance 7-2024 amending the Unified Development Code (UDC) definitions of "dwelling, single-family detached" and "family" to limit occupancy based on building codes rather than a hard number cap for unrelated persons.

The ordinance, described in communication as a "housekeeping issue", brings the definition of "family" and "single family detached dwelling" in the UDC into compliance with newly enacted SB24-1007, which becomes effective July 1.

That act, passed by the state legislature in 2024, prohibits establishing occupancy limits based on familial relationships.

Council will also be up-

dated on four separate properties that are "at or near condemnation," including a history of action that has been taken and progress that has (or has not) been made. The properties are located at 1516 W. Sixth St., 719 Tenth St., 1111 Railroad Ave., and 1309 Edison Ave.

As part of the city's yearly participation in Artscape, the council will be selecting eight pieces for the 8th annual Artscape on loan program.

According to communication sent to council members, the 2024 annual budget includes \$36,300 for the Artscape program.

Each of the 15 artists will receive a \$1,000 Honorarium and one artist will be selected for the People's Choice award for \$1,000 for a total cost of

\$16,500.

The remainder of the budget is to cover marketing, pedestal construction if needed, minimal installation costs, two overnight stays for traveling artists, and the potential purchase of a piece from the new artwork either in 2024 or 2025.

The agenda also reflects the first budget amendment of 2024, but the details of that amendment could not be obtained prior to press time.

Alamosa City Council meetings start at 7 p.m. and are held in the council chambers at 300 Hunt Ave., Alamosa. Those who want to attend via Zoom can do so by going to Zoom Link Webinar <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85753492744>. To connect by phone, call 1-719-359-4580, Webinar ID: 857 5349 2744.

Saguache EMS has new interim director

David Frees was recently named Interim Director of Emergency Management for Saguache County. With decades of experience and a passion for community safety, Frees is the perfect fit for the role according to a statement from Saguache County. The county also gives a huge shoutout to its former Director, Bobby Woelz, who is embarking on new adventures with the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management as a Regional Integrated Preparedness Specialist.



Courtesy photo

Mural

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of light/dark, good/evil & positive and negative. She is constantly on the hunt for ways to promote good, which is why she often donates artwork to relevant causes."

Regarding her work in Saguache County Douglas said, "I got involved with these murals when I applied for a Saguache County Sales Tax Grant several years ago. When I did that, I was focused on doing a community mural with the students in Saguache. That first project was so incredible and such a learning experience. Since then, I have continued to work with art students and teachers in the Valley to do public art, usually murals, one in 2022 with Saguache students. I also had a sales tax grant for

mentoring students in 2023. The current Moffat and Crestone are funded by the Saguache County grants.

"This year I'm thrilled to be working with the students and art teachers, Rachael Kellum in Moffat and Kristi Knight at the Crestone Charter School. Kellum was recently awarded the Educator Highlight Award by Adams State University.

The Moffat and Crestone murals will "explore finding a community-relevant and age-appropriate theme. I then work with the students, and we develop different creative techniques and strategies on how we create imagery and color pallets and come up with the design that all the students vote on."

The months of working with students come to fruition on Thursday in Moffat from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school and on Saturday at Crestone Town Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Moffat Mural has

a theme of, "Standing Strong as a Community," and is a Western-inspired design. The theme is what the students came up with, I love the design for this. The more we talked about Western imagery, we went to cowboys, which is the school mascot. The students came up with the idea that one of the garage doors we are painting, be warmer colors with a bunch of cowboys and cowgirls sitting together around a campfire to represent the warmth of sitting next to your friends. You feel warmer and better when you are with your community. The other garage door will be a lone cowboy standing in a cold dark night. The idea is that when we are with our community, we can stand strong."

The mural in Crestone will be an "outer space" design painted as a backdrop for the stage in the town park. "This will have a spacey black hole design, said Douglas."

Highlight

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honor. I've been teaching here for six years, and been teaching art and English going on 21 years now, and to receive an award like this really means a lot to me," Kellum said. "We're here because we want to be here. We love the kids and we love teaching, but to have your peers acknowledge you is extra special. I really appreciate that."

Adams State School of Education Director Curtis Garcia, Ph.D., and staff of the teaching degree program travel around the Valley month-to-month awarding the Educator Highlight Award to deserving educators.

"Ms. Kellum has brought life and color to the classrooms at Moffat. This is the most looked-forward to class of the day. It is always full; students are always having their needs met.

Ms. Kellum's warm presence helps students feel comfortable with self-expression, confidence and pride," read one of Rachel Kellum's nominations.

Another nominator said, "Rachel lives and breathes art class for her students every day. She teaches all 112 students, PreK-12. She helps collaborate with the community by allowing them to paint murals among the building walls, host our own mini-art showcase and has helped over 10 students from our small town obtain art scholarships for postsecondary education."

The Cowboy Pride Mural is striking when you first see it inside the Moffat School hallway. Designed and painted by Luke Maykowski for his senior capstone project in 2023, it serves as evidence of Kellum's influence on her students and on Moffat Schools.

"One thing I really enjoy doing with my second-

ary art students is have them do independent art projects. And because we're so small, that allows me to give them sort of the independent support, even though they're all doing something very different," Kellum said.

"Somebody might be painting, somebody's sewing, somebody's making a cup out of ceramics, or somebody could be doing digital art. And because my classes are smaller, that allows me to be able to really teach to individual students' desires in art instead of it just being like, OK, everybody, we're only going to always do the same type of project."

The small nature of Moffat Schools is what drew Kellum into the San Luis Valley to teach. She spent the first part of her teaching career at Morgan Community College in Fort Morgan where she taught literature, composition, humanities, art, appreciation, painting

and drawing.

"So, I've always kind of had my feet in both worlds," she said of her love for the arts and humanities.

"You really get to know your students a lot better," she said of the small school environment. "You get to, I don't know, I think you just get to slow down and get to know a little bit more about them and tune into what they want to do."

Like painting a fabulous mural on the school hallway.

This monthly award recognizes Adams State University School of Education alumni, prominent local teachers, and other educators working within or hailing from the San Luis Valley. In so doing, Adams State University hopes to build familiarity with the community as a serious destination for future educators. To nominate and educator email Chrissy McKinney at cmckinney@adams.edu.

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Opinion

Hunting is a valuable tool in managing lions

Asking the public to decide if it's a good idea to ban hunting mountain lions and bobcats is no way for a state to run its wildlife agency. We all have opinions, but most of us aren't experts in managing wildlife. The state constantly monitors lion populations to keep lions out of trouble, set hunting limits and promote stable populations.

Writers On The Range



Andrew Carpenter

Yet an effort is underway to ban hunting and trapping lions, bobcats and even lynx, which are already protected by the state. Anti-hunting advocates are working to collect enough signatures to get a ban on the ballot this fall.

I urge Colorado residents not to sign this petition because I think voters across the West should resist voting on decisions that are better left to biologists and game managers at state wildlife agencies.

Unlike eastern states, most states in the West allow citizen-initiated ballot measures to make changes to their laws. But using this format of direct democracy, also known as ballot box biology, means citizens take it upon themselves to make policy concerning highly technical topics such as big cat hunting or wolf reintroduction.

The proposed ban is not straightforward.

Including lynx, which cannot be hunted outside of Alaska, is confusing. Another confusing goal of the ban is its goal of preventing hunters from killing cougars and bobcats as trophies, rather than for meat. In Colorado, hunters are already required to take all edible meat from their kills of lions though not for bobcats. States like Montana and Utah exempt big cats from meat-salvage regulations, but how hunters utilize their harvest is better left to experts.

But animal rights activists aren't trying to make sure hunters eat the mountain lions that they hunt. Their true goal



is to prevent hunting in general, starting with a species the public knows little about. If voters think about the ethics of hunting mountain lions, they will realize it's more complicated than simply banning or allowing the practice.

Consider California, where mountain lion hunting has long been outlawed. In 2023, state wildlife agencies received 515 reports of cougars attacking livestock. In response, the state issued 204 "depredation" permits. Thirty-nine of these permits allowed the cat to be killed, while 165 allowed the non-lethal removal of the animals.

Biology requires that some predators be hunted, regardless of how voters feel about it.

Cougar population management of the state's approximately 4,000 cougars is such a complex issue that all Colorado hunters must take a course and pass a test before being issued a hunting license to pursue cougars. Last year, 2,599 of these hunters killed 502 mountain lions in the state; if they hadn't, a much larger number of deer and elk would have undoubtedly been killed by the big cats.

Managing this balance is a full-time job for hundreds of biologists who determine the number of permits to issue based on science rather than a vote.

I'm thankful for these experts, and I don't want to see them lose hunting as a tool for managing mountain lion populations.

I live in mountain lion country. Walking in the woods behind my house, I of-



Photo courtesy Andrew Carpenter

Mountain lions filmed at night by a trail camera in Colorado.

ten see deer carcasses hanging in trees, evidence of lions storing their next meal. Female cougars screaming during mating season sometimes keeps my family up at night.

Despite these frightening sights and sounds, bees kill far more people than mountain lions. While a recent fatality in California reminds us that cougars are dangerous predators that can kill us, there have been fewer than 30 fatal attacks on humans in the past century.

I support hunting these apex predators to prevent overpopulation. If there are too many mountain lions, they can overhunt prey species and come into more frequent contact with humans. Hunting is a more intelligent, humane approach to wildlife management than

allowing populations to grow out of control and die of starvation.

As much as I dislike ballot box biology, the practice is apparently here to stay across the West. But if someone asks you to sign a petition to change hunting laws or your ballot asks you to vote on how to manage specific wildlife populations, ask yourself if you're an expert on cougars and bobcats.

Let's not vote to override the sound policies of the state wildlife agency.

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Trump faces troubles, but Biden campaign is dead in the water

By BYRON YORK

On Nov. 5, 2023, the New York Times published a story headlined, "Trump Leads in 5 Critical States as Voters Blast Biden, Times/Siena Poll Finds." Focusing on the states most likely to decide the 2024 election, the Times reported, "The results show Mr. Biden is losing to Mr. Trump, his likeliest Republican rival, by margins of four to 10 percentage points among registered voters in Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada and Pennsylvania. Mr. Biden is ahead only in Wisconsin, by two percentage points, the poll found."

The story set off a mass freakout in the Democratic Party. A Biden Justice Department-appointed prosecutor had indicted Trump twice, and Democratic prosecutors in New York and Georgia had indicted Trump two more times -- and the former president was still leading Biden in the most important 2024 states? How could that be? The poll led to an unusually intense round of the usual fretting over Biden's age, the state of the economy, the border and the rest of the president's liabilities.

Fast-forward six months to May 13, 2024 -- Monday. The Times published a story headlined, "Trump Leads in 5 Key States, as Young and Nonwhite Voters Express Discontent With Biden." A new poll showed Biden trailing in the same

states by nearly the same margin as the old poll. Compare this sentence with the one from six months ago: "The surveys ... found that Mr. Trump was ahead of Mr. Biden in five of six key states: Michigan, Arizona, Nevada, Georgia and Pennsylvania. Mr. Biden led among registered voters in only one battleground state, Wisconsin."

Think about it. In the past six months, Biden has traveled the country, touting what he believes are his economic accomplishments. He has spent zillions of dollars on advertising, focusing specifically on the key states. And at the same time, Trump was either preparing to go on trial or, since April 15, actually on trial in New York, facing a maximum of 136 years in prison. And Biden is still unable to catch Trump.

Last month, CNN reported that from March 6, the day after Super Tuesday, through April 21, "Biden's campaign and other Democratic advertisers spent \$27.2 million on advertising for the presidential race, while the Trump campaign and GOP advertisers spent about \$9.3 million, according to AdImpact data. The Biden campaign's ad spending has included millions in key battleground states such as Michigan (\$4.1 million), Pennsylvania (\$3.9 million), Arizona (\$2.5 million), Wisconsin (\$2.2 million) and Georgia (\$2.2 million). The Biden

network has used its plentiful airtime to promote the administration's first-term record and to slam Trump, focusing on key issues such as the cost of living and abortion rights."

Biden has also built his campaign schedule around trips to the key states. Meanwhile, Trump has had to squeeze in campaign events between time spent in a Manhattan courtroom. Trump has directed lots of contributions that could have financed campaigning into legal expenses instead. And he is obviously distracted; being on trial for a maximum of 136 years in prison will do that. And yet, Trump leads Biden in the states that will determine who wins the presidency.

Look at the Electoral College map. To win, Trump will need to hold all the states he won in 2020, which probably won't be a problem. Then he will need to win at least some of the states in the Sun Belt, which turn out to be the states in which he has the biggest leads in the latest Times poll: 10 points in Georgia, 7 points in Arizona and 12 points in Nevada. Then, Trump will need to win just one of the upper tier of states -- Pennsylvania, Michigan or Wisconsin. In the Times poll, Trump is ahead by 3 points in Pennsylvania and 7 points in Michigan. It is only in Wisconsin, as it was last November, that Biden is ahead, by a mere 2 points.

For months, Democrats had hoped that the specter of Trump on trial would cut into the former president's support. Now we are in week five of the trial, with wall-to-wall media coverage, and it appears to have not affected Trump's support at all. Obviously, that means Democrats are now praying especially hard that Trump will be convicted. Then they can create ads labeling Trump a "convicted felon" and hope that at least a few Trump voters will abandon the former president.

Maybe that will happen. But Biden's position is becoming quite serious. As RealClearPolitics analyst Sean Trende wrote recently, "the political science literature is pretty consistent that this is the time when the electorate's views about the election start to harden, particularly with respect to the economy." Yes, the Democratic dream that a prosecutor will save Biden is still alive, but the president's situation looks more difficult every day.

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Lifestyles

Tips for improving mental health

(NAPSI) — When it comes to mental health, many people across the U.S. have experienced their share of challenges—but help may be at hand.

The Problem
The issue is especially concerning in rural America, where more than 60% of people report having a mental health condition — such as anxiety or depression — yet less than half of them get the help or treatment they need. Rural Americans face unique mental health stressors and barriers to accessing care, but those living in rural communities also boast unique support mechanisms that they can tap into to flip the script on mental health stigma.

An Answer
An example of those unique support mechanisms can be found in rural Georgia, where community leader Adaris

Rivera has found hope in the resilience that living in a rural community presents. “Each person’s journey with mental health is deeply personal and unique, yet there’s a universal truth that support and hope are within reach for everyone. No one should feel isolated in their struggles,” she said. This is what inspired her to share her own story as part of a national public service advertisement (PSA) campaign called “Love, Your Mind” from Huntsman Mental Health Institute and the Ad Council.

Rivera experienced hardship while growing up in Puerto Rico, moving to the Midwest and eventually laying down roots in rural Georgia. In the PSA video, she talks about her story, saying “I’ve been through a lot” including trauma, anxiety and depression. For Rivera, the

goal of sharing her story is to help others who may be going through the same thing. She advocates for people to seek professional help when needed, and shares how daily practices can also be helpful — such as spending time in nature, journaling and finding time for prayer or reflection.

On her mental health journey, Rivera found solace in one unique benefit of living in a rural place: easy access to nature. “When I come home exhausted, there’s nothing more rejuvenating than stepping into my backyard. Cooking with the door open, letting the breeze in and stealing a few moments on my deck to listen to a mental health podcast.”

Another benefit of rural living that has supported her healing: having a close-knit community. When it comes to men-

tal health, one key step is finding people with whom you can talk openly. Rivera is a strong supporter of this idea, saying “Accepting help means that we are allowing somebody to bless our lives.”

She has also found ways to share that hope with her community. She organizes group activities to create “mental health boxes” for individuals who are struggling or being seen for inpatient mental health care. The boxes contain such things as reminders of family and loved ones, items to help with daily self-care and positive messages and quotes.

Expert Opinion
The notion of leaning into your community for support is one that’s also backed by experts. Dave Eldredge from Huntsman Mental Health Institute says, “The reality is, we all have mental health—just

like we all have physical health. And when we take care of our minds, we can show up stronger in our work and for the people we care about.”

Eldredge grew up in both rural Utah and rural Idaho and knows that talking about mental health in rural communities can feel difficult at first. “A big part of the challenge can be our mindset. We pride ourselves on being self-reliant, and that can be a wonderful thing. But when we open up to others for a helping hand or just a listening ear, we can actually be stronger.”

Online Help
To empower individuals and break down the stigma that can sometimes exist with this topic, the “Love, Your Mind” campaign launched a website with free mental health resources at LoveYourMindToday.org. As Eldredge says, “We want people to know that they are not alone, and resources like LoveYourMindToday.org are a great place to take steps forward for your mental health. Together, we can change the narrative around mental health in rural communities across the country.”

Colorado Gov. Polis slams Biden’s new tariffs on Chinese EVs, solar panels

By CHASE WOODRUFF
Colorado Newswire
Colorado Gov. Jared Polis had harsh words on Tuesday for President Joe Biden’s move to sharply increase tariffs on many Chinese-made goods.

“This is horrible news for American consumers and a major setback for clean energy,” Polis wrote on his personal X account. “Tariffs are a direct, regressive tax on Americans and this tax increase will hit every family.”

Under a plan announced Monday, the Biden administration will hike tariffs on a wide variety of products, including a quadrupling of the tariff on Chinese-made electric vehicles to 100%, along with higher tariffs on

semiconductors, lithium-ion batteries and photovoltaic solar panels.

“China is determined to dominate these industries,” Biden wrote on X in announcing the tariffs. “I’m determined to ensure America leads the world in them.”

In a call with reporters Monday, National Economic Advisor Lael Brainard said China’s unfair trade practices have “harmed communities in Michigan and Pennsylvania” — two key battleground states in the 2024 presidential election. Democratic members of Congress from those and other states with large manufacturing sectors urged Biden in a letter earlier this month to increase

tariffs.

The prospect of tariff hikes has divided the clean energy industry, which employs more than 64,000 people in Colorado. A small but growing American solar manufacturing sector stands to benefit from the strengthened trade protections, while installers and developers, which have long relied on a supply of solar panels from overseas, say the move will hurt their business and slow the clean-energy transition.

The Biden administration had previously enacted a two-year pause on tariffs on solar products made by Chinese-owned companies in Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand and Cambodia, following pressure from

top Colorado Democrats, including Polis and Sens. Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper, who said the tariffs would harm the state’s solar industry.

Polis, a moderate Democrat who has often been at odds with members of his party over issues of taxation and regulation, joins free-trade advocates and some progressive environmental groups in criticizing the tariff hikes. Climate advocates have been especially critical of the 100% tariff on EVs, which they say will slow EV adoption while sparing American automakers from having to compete in the market for smaller, cheaper EV models produced by Chinese manufacturers.

UPCOMING GRIZZLY ATHLETIC EVENTS

Thursday, May 23
Men & Women’s Track at NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Emporia, Kan.
TBA

Friday, May 24
Men & Women’s Track at NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Emporia, Kan.
TBA

Saturday, May 25
Men & Women’s Track at NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Emporia, Kan.
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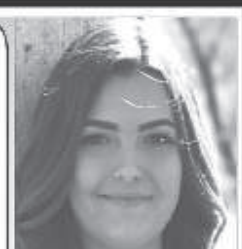
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Aspen Hunter

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



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

GRADUATE NAME: _____

15 Word Message: _____

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Sports

Four SLV golfers advance to state

By KEN HAMRICK
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – Four high school girls golfers qualified for the Class 3A State Tournament on Tuesday as both Alamosa and Monte Vista competed at the Region 4 Tournament at Cattails Golf Course.

The Lady Mean Moose finished in fourth place with 296. They had three golfers qualify as Taybor Wiedeman tied for 10th with a 95, Hallie Henry tied for 15th with a 98, and Morgan Ortega placed 18th with a 103.

Alamosa will also take its fourth golfer to state as Jayla Quintana is the first alternate. She finished 22nd with a 111.

The Lady Pirates finished in sixth place with 330 and they had one qualifier in Brooke Hoffstaetter who was 17th with a 101.

Ellaree Rocky was the second alternate as she was 23rd with a 112.

Monte Vista's final two golfers saw Reagan Futrell place 24th with a 117, and Kiera Sanchez tied for 25th with a 123.

Aspen won the tournament with 249, and Montezuma-Cortez was second with 262. Both schools automatically qualify their entire teams to state.

Aspen's Lenna Persson was the medalist with an even par 71.

The state tournament will take place next Monday and Tuesday at The Olde Course in Loveland.

CLASS 3A REGION 4 TOURNAMENT At Cattails Golf Course

Par 71

Team scores

Aspen 249, Montezuma-Cortez 262, Peak to Peak 276, Alamosa 296, Gunnison 298, Monte Vista 330, La Veta 410, Meeker, NS, Moffat County NS.

Individual scores

Lenna Persson (Aspen)-Q	71
Brooke O'Sullivan (Aspen)-Q	82
Chesnie Patrick (Cortez)-Q	85
Amita Crowley (Cortez)-Q	87
Afton Unrein (Cortez)-Q	90
Ava Sommer (PTP)-q	91
Rihana Bhandari (PTP)-q	92
Shriya Sharma (PTP)-q	93
Aiden Tomlin (Gunnison)-q	94
Kaylee Craig (PTP)-q	95
Taybor Wiedeman (Alamosa)-q	95
Allie Schwartz (Gunnison)-q	95
Madison Nelson (Aspen)-Q	96
Arianna Anderson (Moffat Cty.)-q	96
Audrey Woodrow (Aspen)-Q	98
Hallie Henry (Alamosa)-q	98
Brooke Hoffstatter (Monte Vista)-q	101
Morgan Ortega (Alamosa)-q	103
Vivian Brown (Meeker)-q	105
Erin Lawrence (Cortez)-Q	106
Faith Pederson (Gunnison)-q	109
Jayla Quintana (Alamosa)-a	111
Ellaree Rocky (Monte Vista)-a	112
Reagan Futrell (Monte Vista)	117
Kiera Sanchez (Monte Vista)	123
Norah Abila (Gunnison)	123
Mary Ames (La Veta)	127



Taybor Wiedeman.



Morgan Ortega.



Hallie Henry.



Brooke Hoffstaetter

Joslyn Curtis (Moffat Cty.)	132
Sarah Walters (La Veta)	136
Jaiden Goemmer (La Veta)	147
Aislynn Valdez (La Veta)	149
Q - qualified with team	
q - qualified as wild card	
a - alternates	

2024 SLV state track qualifiers

By KEN HAMRICK
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The Colorado High School Activities Association released the list of qualifiers for the 2024 State Track and Field Meet on Monday. The state meet takes place this weekend at Jefferson County Stadium in Lakewood.

Several athletes from the San Luis Valley will participate in this year's meet. The list is as follows:

CLASS 3A

ALAMOSA MEAN MOORE

ABBY ADAMS – girls 4x800-meter relay (final, Thursday, 4:30 p.m.)

ETHAN ARNOLDI – boys pole vault (finals, Thursday, 2:30 p.m.)

KAIDENCE BOEHM – girls shot put (finals, Saturday, 12:30 p.m.)

CHRIS BROOKS – boys 4x100-meter relay (prelim, Friday, 9:15 a.m.; final, Saturday, 3:20 p.m.)

JADEN CANALES – girls 4x800-meter relay (final, Thursday, 4:30 p.m.)

MADELINE CASTILLO – girls 800-meter run (final, Friday, 12:30 p.m.); girls 1,600-meter run (final, Saturday, 12:50 p.m.); girls 3,200-meter run (final, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.); girls 4x400-meter relay, alternate (prelim, Friday, 3:35 p.m.; final, Saturday, 4:40 p.m.)

JEREMIAH DELACERDA – boys 4x400-meter relay (prelim, Friday, 3:48 p.m.; final, Saturday, 4:48 p.m.); boys 4x800-meter relay (final, Thursday, 4:45 p.m.)

SARAH DELACERDA – girls 800-meter run (final, Friday, 12:30 p.m.); girls 1,600-meter run (final, Saturday, 12:50 p.m.); girls 3,200-meter run (final, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.); girls 4x400-meter relay (prelim, Friday, 3:35 p.m.; final, Saturday, 4:40 p.m.)

TYLER DOKSON – boys 4x800-meter relay (final, Thursday, 4:45 p.m.)

VICTORIA GIFFORD – girls 4x800-meter relay (final, Thursday, 4:30 p.m.)

ALICIA GONZALES – girls 4x400-meter relay (prelim, Friday, 3:35 p.m.; final, Saturday, 4:40 p.m.); girls 800-meter sprint medley relay (prelim, Thursday, 2 p.m.; final, Friday, noon)

KAYLEE GONZALES-MOORE – girls 100-meter dash (prelim, Thursday, 2:30 p.m.; final, Saturday, 10:37 p.m.); girls 4x400-meter relay (prelim, Friday, 3:35 p.m.; final, Saturday, 4:40 p.m.); girls 800-meter sprint medley relay (prelim, Thursday, 2 p.m.; final, Friday, noon)

LILY HEERSINK – girls 4x400-meter relay (prelim, Friday, 3:36 p.m.; final, Saturday, 4:40 p.m.); girls 800-meter sprint medley relay (prelim, Thursday, 2 p.m.; final, Friday, noon)

BRANT JACKSON – boys 4x100-meter relay (prelim, Friday, 9:15 a.m.; final, Saturday, 3:20 p.m.); boys 4x400-meter relay (prelim, Friday, 3:48 p.m.; final, Saturday, 4:48 p.m.); boys high jump (finals, Saturday, 8:30 a.m.)

KAILYNN KING – girls 800-meter sprint medley relay (prelim, Thursday, 2 p.m.; final, Friday, noon)

ISABELLA LOPEZ – girls 4x800-meter

relay (final, Thursday, 4:30 p.m.)

JESSE MAESTAS – boys 4x100-meter relay (prelim, Friday, 9:15 a.m.; final, Saturday, 3:20 p.m.); boys pole vault (finals, Thursday, 2:30 p.m.)

ELIZABETH MCQUITTY – girls 800-meter run (final, Friday, 12:30 p.m.); girls 1,600-meter run (final, Saturday, 12:50 p.m.); girls 3,200-meter run (final, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.)

BRAYDEN MOELLER – boys 100-meter dash (prelim, Thursday, 2:35 p.m.; final, Saturday, 10:40 a.m.); boys 200-meter dash (prelim, Thursday, 6:10 p.m.; final, Saturday, 1:22 p.m.); boys 4x100-meter relay (prelim, Friday, 9:15 a.m.; final, Saturday, 3:20 p.m.); boys 4x400-meter relay (prelim, Friday, 3:48 p.m.; final, Saturday, 4:48 p.m.)

JOHNATHAN RAMIREZ – boys 4x800-meter relay (final, Thursday, 4:45 p.m.)

MARIO VILLALBA – boys 3,200-meter run (final, Thursday, 6:45 p.m.)

CODY WILLIAMS – boys 4x400-meter relay (prelim, Friday, 3:48 p.m.; Saturday, 4:48 p.m.); boys 4x800-meter relay (final, Thursday, 4:45)

CENTAURI FALCONS

CARSON BAGWELL – boys 4x400-meter relay (prelim, Friday, 3:48 p.m.; final, Saturday 4:48 p.m.); boys high jump (finals, Saturday, 8:30 a.m.)

ANALYNN DWYER – girls 4x800-meter relay, alternate (final, Thursday, 4:30 p.m.)

BAILEY GRABER – girls 4x800-meter relay girls 4x800-meter relay (final, Thursday, 4:30 p.m.)

TYREL HOSTETTER – boys 4x400-meter relay (prelim, Friday, 3:48 p.m.; final, Saturday, 4:48 p.m.)

JOCELYN JARVIES – girls 4x800-meter relay (final, Thursday, 4:30 p.m.)

DALTON KING – boys 4x400-meter relay (prelim, Friday, 3:48 p.m.; final, Saturday, 4:48 p.m.)

FAITH MEDELLIN – girls 4x800-meter relay (final, Thursday, 4:30 p.m.)

ALYVIAN NORTON – girls high jump (final, Thursday, 4 p.m.)

CARSON SHAWCROFT – boys 4x400-meter relay, alternate (prelim, Friday, 3:48 p.m.; final, Saturday, 4:48 p.m.)

TROY SOWARDS – boys 4x400-meter relay (prelim, Friday, 3:48 p.m.; final, Saturday, 4:48 p.m.); boys high jump (finals, Saturday, 8:30 a.m.)

MCKENZIE TORRES – girls 4x800-meter relay (final, Thursday, 4:30 p.m.)

CLASS 2A

CENTER VIKINGS

ANDREE MERAZ – boys discus (finals, Friday, 8:30 a.m.)

CIARA PAIZ – girls long jump (finals, Friday, 8:30 a.m.); girls triple jump (finals, Saturday, 2 p.m.)

DEL NORTE TIGERS

CALEB COWETT – boys 4x800-meter relay (final, Thursday, 5:15 p.m.)

MADS KREUTZER – boys 4x800-meter relay (final, Thursday, 5:15 p.m.)

DAMON LEDFORD-VIGIL – boys 4x800-meter relay (final, Thursday, 5:15 p.m.); boys pole vault (finals, Friday, 8:30 a.m.)

CRUZ MATTIA – boys 4x800-meter relay (final, Thursday, 5:15 p.m.)

SARGENT FARMERS

BAILEY ASBELL – girls 100-meter high hurdles (prelim, Thursday, 4:05 p.m.; final, Saturday, 9:44 a.m.)

CLASS 1A

CREEDE MINERS

LILA FAIRCHILD – girls high jump (finals, Friday, 8:30 a.m.)

JASMINE LAING – girls high jump (finals, Friday, 8:30 a.m.)

SANFORD MUSTANGS

TUCKER CANTY – boys 800-meter run (final, Friday, 12:25 p.m.); boys 4x200-meter relay (final, Friday, 1:25 p.m.)

KADEN CARY – boys 4x200-meter relay (final, Friday, 1:25 p.m.)

BRECKEN CROWTHER – girls long jump (final, Friday, 8:30 a.m.)

ASHLEY DOMINGUEZ – girls 4x100-meter relay (final, Saturday, 3:25 p.m.); girls 4x200-meter relay (final, Friday, 1:20 p.m.); girls 800-meter medley relay (final, Thursday, 2:20 p.m.)

KASEY GYLING – girls 4x100-meter relay (final, Saturday, 3:25 p.m.)

WILLIAM MALOUFF – boys 4x200-meter relay (final, Friday, 1:25 p.m.)

HOLLY MCDANIEL – girls 100-meter high hurdles (final, Saturday, 9:37 p.m.); girls 300-meter intermediate hurdles (final, Saturday, 2:07 p.m.); girls 800-meter medley relay (final, Thursday, 2:20 p.m.); girls triple jump (finals, Friday, 12:30 p.m.)

KATE MCDANIEL – girls 300-meter intermediate hurdles (final, Saturday, 2:07 p.m.); girls 4x100-meter relay (final, Saturday, 3:25 p.m.); girls 4x200-meter relay (final, Friday, 1:20 p.m.)

ERICA MILLER – girls 200-meter dash (final, Saturday, 1:26 p.m.); girls 400-meter dash (final, Saturday, 11:43 a.m.); girls 800-meter run (final, Friday, 12:20 p.m.); girls 800-meter medley relay (final, Thursday, 2:20 p.m.)

BELLA PETERSON – girls 4x200-meter relay (final, Friday, 1:20 p.m.)

BROOKLYN REYNOLDS – girls 4x100-meter relay (final, Saturday, 3:25 p.m.); girls 4x200-meter relay (final, Friday, 1:20 p.m.); girls 800-meter medley relay (final, Thursday, 2:20 p.m.)

LINCOLN REYNOLDS – boys 100-meter dash (final, Saturday, 10:47 a.m.); boys 200-meter dash (final, Saturday, 1:40 p.m.); boys 400-meter dash (Saturday, 11:37 a.m.); boys 4x200-meter relay (final, Friday, 1:25 p.m.)

SANGRE DE CRISTO THUNDERBIRDS

BRODY ARTAEACHEVARRIA – boys 800-meter run (final, Friday, 12:25 p.m.)

WILLIAM WILSON – boys 1,600-meter run (final, Saturday, 12:20 p.m.)

SIERRA GRANDE PANTHERS

AYDEN LOPEZ – boys high jump (final, Saturday, 1:30 p.m.)

NOTE: Times are approximates and subject to change.

Sports Bulletin

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

SCOREBOARD

MONDAY

Prep baseball

Pagosa Springs 15, Alamosa 5, 5 inn.

Alamosa 17, Pagosa Springs 13

TUESDAY

Prep baseball

Buena Vista at Monte Vista – late

Salida at Centauri (2) – late

South Park at Center (2) – late

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Prep track and field

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

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

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

FRIDAY

Prep track and field

Alamosa, Centauri at Class 3A State Meet (at Lakewood), 8:20 a.m.

Center, Del Norte, Sargent at Class 2A State Meet (at Lakewood), 8:20 a.m.

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

SATURDAY

Prep track and field

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

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

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

MONDAY

Prep girls golf

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

TUESDAY

Prep girls golf

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

Gym Rat Jam is May 27 at Centauri

By KEN HAMRICK
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The Third Annual Memorial Day Gym Rat Jam will take place on May 27 at Centauri High School.

It is a 5-on-5 double elimination tournament.

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

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

The cost is \$150 per team.

Lifestyle



Photo courtesy of Del Norte Town Manager Bernadette Martinez

Outgoing Del Norte Chamber President Will Kreutzer donated a check on behalf of the chamber to the Town of Del Norte in the amount of \$15,000 during the town's March meeting. Del Norte Town Trustee Leigh Ann Lobato accepted the donation on behalf of the town.

Town of Del Norte receives donation from Del Norte Chamber

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

DEL NORTE — Del Norte Chamber of Commerce outgoing President Will Kreutzer presented a check for \$15,000 to the Town of Del Norte as part of his final task as chamber president. According to Del Norte Town Manager Bernadette Martinez, this act of kindness from the chamber was one of the final things Kreutzer wanted to do before he stepped down from his position.

"We were very pleased to receive this gift from Will. The downtown revitalization project is something that he has been invested in for a long time and this was the last thing he wanted

to do before stepping down from his position with the chamber," explained Martinez.

The donation was received on behalf of the town by Del Norte Town Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato during the March town board meeting. According to Martinez, the town has discussed using the donation to purchase benches and trash receptacles but will be discussing the possibilities as the downtown revitalization project moves forward.

The town was awarded a grant to begin work on the downtown area two years ago and is in the final stages of planning. Martinez stated that the project is set to begin this summer. The downtown

revitalization project will begin on Cherry Street on the north side of Highway 160 and will be finished block by block beginning with gutter and lighting work.

"Once the north side of the highway is complete, crews will move to the south side. This will allow CDOT to have one-way traffic along Highway 160 instead of having to detour," explained Martinez.

The Town of Del Norte has been working for several years to bring this project to fruition.

"We encourage everyone to come and join us for our meetings which are the second Wednesday of every month in the town hall meeting room at 6 p.m.," said Martinez.



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COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE PUBLICATION

(CRS §38-38-103)
FORECLOSURE SALE No. 1-2024
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following Deed of Trust:
 On February 14, 2024, under Reception No. 24000158, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Conejos records.
 Original Grantor(s): Raymond White and Shannon White
 Original Beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Beneficiary, as nominee for Pacific Union Financial, LLC, its successors and assigns
 Current Holder of the Evidence of Debt: Nationstar Mortgage LLC
 Date of Deed of Trust: October 24, 2016
 County of Recording: Conejos
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust: December 9, 2016
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): Reception No. 16001616**
 Original Principal Amount: \$157,175.00
 Outstanding Principal Balance: \$149,271.55
 Pursuant to CRS §38-101(4)(b), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated including, but not limited to the Borrower's failure to make timely payments as required under the Evidence of Debt and Deed of Trust.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
 The property is all of the property encumbered by said Deed of Trust and is described as: Lot 10, 11, and 12, Block 19 Town of La Jara, County of Conejos, State of Colorado. **The Deed of Trust was corrected by an Affidavit of Correction recorded 5/15/2023 at Reception No. 23000662 in the records of the Conejos County Clerk and Recorder, State of Colorado.
 Purported Common Address: 104 Joe S. Chavez Dr., La Jara, CO 81140
 If applicable, a description of any changes to the deed of trust described in the notice of election and demand pursuant to affidavit as allowed by statutes.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at the office of the Conejos County Public Trustee, Conejos County Courthouse, 6683 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.
 First Publication Date: April 17, 2024
 Last Publication Date: May 15, 2024
 Name of Publication: The Valley Courier
 Date: April 12, 2024
 Mack M. Crowther
 Public Trustee in and for the County of Conejos, State of Colorado.
 The name, address, telephone number and bar registration number of attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
 Halliday, Watkins, & Mann, P.C.
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THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
 No. 3902.
 Published in the Valley Courier on April 17, 24, May 1, 8, & 15, 2024.

NOTICE OF AGGREGATE SALE

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, SAN LUIS VALLEY FIELD OFFICE
 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 29, 2024
 The Bureau of Land Management, San Luis Valley Field Office, in accordance with the Materials Act of July 31, 1947 (61 Stat. 681; 30 U.S.C. et seq.) as regulated by 43 CFR Part 3600, is offering for sale by sealed bids approximately 8,000,000 short tons of alluvial metamorphic material to be crushed and mixed for use in road and other transportation corridor construction processes. The sale consists of materials from approximately 229-acres of land located within Alamosa County (T. 28 S., R. 73 W., sections 30 and 31, northeast of Alamosa, Colorado. The material will be sold in one lot of 8,000,000 short tons. Processing and segregation of materials onsite is authorized. The maximum length of time the contract will run is 10-years. This contract is subject to renewal pursuant to 43 CFR Sec. 3602.47.
 Bidders must be authorized to transact business in Colorado. Bids will be by the short ton and the minimum acceptable bid is \$0.65/short ton. Bids will be opened at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at the San Luis Valley Field Office, 1313 Highway 160 East Monte Vista, Colorado.
 To be eligible to take part in the bidding, potential bidders must demonstrate that they have existing access to the sale site. In addition, potential bidders must make a 5% deposit (\$260,000) based on the minimum acceptable bid, no later than 9:30 a.m. on the day of the sale. Deposits must be in the form of cash, money order, bank draft, cashier's or certified check, made payable to "Bureau of Land Management". High bidder will be awarded the contract unless determined to be unqualified, or if all bids are rejected, or the signed contract is not returned within sixty (60) days of receipt. In the event of a tie among qualified bidders, the highest bid will be determined by oral auction among the parties making the high bids at a date, time and place later specified. The Authorized Officer may reject any or all bids and may waive minor deficiencies in the bids if it is in the interest of the United States to do so. The applicant requesting this mineral materials sale is required to pay a processing fee of \$10,000 as of the date of this sale. If the successful bidder is someone other than the applicant, BLM will refund \$10,000 to the applicant.
 Both a mining and reclamation plan and a performance bond to ensure reclamation are required to be filed prior to material removal. The bond amount will be determined by BLM, through joint coordination with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety. The bond may be a bond of corporate surety shown in the approved list of the U.S. Treasury Department, cash, certificate of deposit, or irrevocable letter of credit.
 All prospective bidders are advised to inspect the contract terms and stipulations and obtain additional information concerning this sale at the above address. In addition, all prospective bidders should be fully knowledgeable of 43 CFR 3600, as the sale and administration of the contract will be conducted in accordance with these regulations. For general information contact the minerals staff at (719) 480-0911.
 No. 3934.
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 8 & 15, 2024.

NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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

County Court Conejos County, Colorado

Court Address:
 P.O. Box 128
 Conejos, CO 81129
 Case Number L2024C22
 Division B
 In the Matter of the Petition of:
 Adult: Karizma Gallegos
 For a Change of Name to: Karizma Trujillo
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Public Notice is given on 05/07/2024 that a Petition for a Change of Adult has been filed with the Conejos Combined Court.
 The Petition requests that the name of Karizma Faith Gallegos be changed to Karizma Faith Trujillo
 By Brooke Valdez
 Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
 No. 3946
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 11, 14, and 15, 2024.

Monte Vista School District Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of Monte Vista School District for the 2024/2025 fiscal year. The proposed budget is available for public inspection during normal working hours at the District Office, 59 North Broadway, Monte Vista, CO. The Board of Education will consider the adoption of the proposed budget at a meeting to be held at 6:00 pm, June 17, 2024, in the administration building. Any person paying school taxes in said district may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget by the Board.
 No. 3948.
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 15, 2024.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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)

SANGRE DE CRISTO SCHOOL has the following positions open for the 2024/2025 school year: ELEMENTARY PE TEACHER, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, MS FOOTBALL COACH, MS WRESTLING COACH, HS VOLLEYBALL COACH & HS BOYS BASKETBALL COACH. Please contact Dave Crews at 719-420-1422 or 719-378-2321. Applications can be downloaded at www.sangreschools.org. (5/15/24)

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)

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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)

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

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

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

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 (D1) 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)

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 and job description 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)

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

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

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

304 - LAWN & GARDEN

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

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

324 - SEED & FEED

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

341 - GARAGE SALE

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

345 - WOOD

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

350 - FARM EQUIPMENT

FOR SALE: 1) 8245R JD 1704 hrs; 2) 4450 JD 10715 hrs; 3) 4455 JD 10279 hrs; 4) 2270 3x4 Baler 15205 bales; 5) 2-Siyrex Hdr Rakes; 6) JD Drill 455 HdyDown 25'; 7) Packer Brillan 25'; 8) Windrow Rock 4 row; 9) 2 Chopper 14'-22'; 10) KuHn 8' Rake; 11) 2- Pequea Fluffers. Call 719-588-1542 for more info & pricing. (5/15/24)

353 - FARM & LIVESTOCK

GOATS FOR SALE! Call 719-580-0456. (5/15/24)

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

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

360 - MISC. FOR SALE

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

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

401 - BUSINESS PROPERTIES

Century Property Management & Sales, LLC
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For all your rental needs please call 719-589-5744 or stop by 823 Main St. Alamosa, CO 81101
www.alamosarentals.com

409 - FARM & RANCLAND

80 ACRES OF FARM-LAND FOR LEASE: Location along Highway 15 in LA JARA, CO. Contact owner for details: 719-274-5805. (5/15/24)

420 - LOTS & ACREAGES

ACREAGE FOR SALE - \$2,000/ACRE. Contact Rick 928-277-6140. (5/11+2/24)

426 - MOBILE HOMES FORSALE

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

525 - GUNS

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

601 - APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Accepting applications for 1 bedroom apartments. Must be 62 or older or disabled
Cielo Vista Apartments
166 S. Wills Center, Colo
754-3664

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

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

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

Accepting Applications for waiting list for 2 & 3 bedroom apartments. Family units available

West View Villas
510 Dunham Monte Vista, Colo
852-3949

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

Accepting applications for 2 & 3 bedroom apartments. Rent based on income for qualifying households.
Gomez Manor Apts.
804 State St. Antonito, Colo.
376-2388

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

Accepting applications for 2 bedroom apartments. Family living at an affordable price.
Guadalupe Hacienda Apts.
404 W. 8th Antonito, Colo.
376-2025

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

611 - HOMES FOR RENT

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

630 - ROOMS FOR RENT

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

701 - AUTOS FOR SALE

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

737 - RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

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

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Shower headgear
 - 4 Pillow cover
 - 8 Reptiles
 - 12 Org. for tooth doctors
 - 13 Soliloquy start
 - 14 Four Corners state
 - 15 Tug-of- —
 - 16 Like a missing GI
 - 17 Sand hill
 - 18 Store
 - 20 Felt a strong longing
 - 22 Actor — Ferrigno
 - 23 Female sheep
 - 24 Forefall
 - 28 Old stringed instrument
 - 31 Outsized
 - 32 — sheet
 - 34 Append
 - 36 Genetic material
 - 37 “— Ventura: Pet Detective”
 - 38 Sharp to the taste
- DOWN**
- 1 Corvine cry
 - 2 Actor — Sandler
 - 3 Attorney’s assistant
 - 4 Michelangelo’s David
 - 5 “— come?”

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 6 “About —”**
- 7 Fracas
 - 8 Actress — Hepburn
 - 9 Shock
 - 10 Glass piece
 - 11 Molt
 - 19 Go from place to place
 - 21 Pointed tool
 - 24 Grad degree
 - 25 Ladder part
 - 26 Gun grp.
 - 27 Diplomacy
 - 29 Gangster
 - 30 Actress-singer — Adams
- 33 Beats — minute**
- 35 Banned bug spray
 - 38 Before long
 - 40 Diverted
 - 41 Actor — Levy
 - 43 Type style
 - 45 Kitchen gadget
 - 47 Stake
 - 48 Fencer’s sword
 - 49 Become carriage
 - 52 Story
 - 55 Furrow
 - 57 “How lucky!”

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

HERMAN

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HERMAN

5-15

“I need enough money to buy my fiancee an ice cream.”

This famous brownie recipe comes with its own warning

DEAR ABBY: I have read that you have a sweet tooth. I do, too. That’s why I’m interested in your recipe booklets, particularly if you have included dessert recipes. Which ones do you particularly love? -- LOVES IT SWEET IN ANNAPOLIS, MD

DEAR LOVES: That’s a tough question. It’s hard to choose just one recipe because I do have a sweet tooth as well as “a bit” of an addiction to chocolate, which is more information than you asked for.

a promise. I hope you will enjoy them as much as I have.

REGENCY BROWNIES

- 1 cup butter (2 sticks)
- 4 ounces bittersweet chocolate
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups chopped walnuts
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

FROSTING

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 8 ounces bittersweet chocolate, finely chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Line the bottom of an 18-by-12-by-2 (or 1)-inch baking pan with parchment paper and spray generously with butter-flavored cooking spray.

In the top of a double boiler, over medium heat, melt butter and 4 ounces chocolate. Reserve.

In a large bowl, beat sugar and eggs until fluffy. Add flour and salt, mixing well. Add chocolate mixture, blending thoroughly. Stir in nuts and vanilla.

Pour into prepared baking pan. (Batter should be about 1/2-inch thick, not more.) Bake for 35 to 40 minutes, or until top is crisp and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool before pouring frosting over the top.

For the frosting: Bring cream to a boil, stirring constantly. Place chopped chocolate in a medium bowl; pour boiling cream over the chocolate and stir to blend

well. Spread thin layer of warm frosting over top of brownies in pan. When cool, cut into 2-inch squares.

DEAR ABBY: I don’t know how to respond when someone I know socially says they have just come from a political event for a candidate I detest and can’t believe this person would favor. I don’t discuss politics, so why anyone mentions something like this disturbs me. I don’t want to say, “That’s nice,” and have them think I approve, but I don’t want to show my disgust and provoke an argument. Any ideas? -- DISCREET GUY IN THE SOUTH

DEAR GUY: If you prefer to avoid the subject of politics, just say, “What ELSE are you doing these days?” Smile when you say it and it shouldn’t be offensive.

ALLEY OOP

Panel 1: I HAVE SUCCESSFULLY UPGRADED THE TIME CUBES. THEY SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM GETTING US ACROSS THE GALAXY!

Panel 2: IS IT SUPPOSED TO GLOW LIKE THAT?

Panel 3: OH, IT’S PROBABLY JUST A LITTLE URANIUM.

Panel 4: WHAT?! THAT’S SO DANGEROUS!

Panel 5: PFFT. YOU’LL BE FINE.

Panel 6: IS IT SUPPOSED TO BE WHISPERING SWEET COMPLIMENTS TO ME?

Panel 7: GIVE THEM BACK. THEY’RE BROKEN. I HAVE TO FIX THEM!

ARLO & JANIS

Panel 1: WE’VE NEVER BEEN ON A VACATION MORE THAN TWO WEEKS.

Panel 2: WHAT SHOULD I PACK?

Panel 3: WELL, THIS ISN’T EXACTLY A VACATION.

Panel 4: IT’S NOT? WHAT IS IT?

Panel 5: I GUESS IT’S AN EXPERIMENT!

Panel 6: AND WHAT IS THE FASHIONABLE GUINEA PIG WEARING THIS SEASON?

Panel 7: WORK CLOTHES!

BIG NATE

Panel 1: NATE, YOU DON’T HAVE TO PRETEND YOU NEVER LIKED ANYONE BEFORE ME!

Panel 2: I KNOW. IT’S JUST...

Panel 3: I LIKE YOU SO MUCH THAT... IT MAKES ME WISH I NEVER DID LIKE ANYONE ELSE.

Panel 4: I KNOW. I FEEL THE SAME WAY.

Panel 5: SO LET’S NOT TALK ABOUT IT. I WON’T ASK YOU ABOUT TRUDY...

Panel 6: OKAY!

Panel 7: AND YOU WON’T ASK ME ABOUT DARREL OR PETE OR JAMAL OR BOBBY OR IGOR?

Panel 8: IGOR?

THE BORN LOSER

Panel 1: HOW WAS YOUR DAY, BRUTUS?

Panel 2: HORRIBLE! IT WAS THE WORST!

Panel 3: CHEER UP, DEAR. REMEMBER—TOMORROW IS ANOTHER DAY, IT’S BOUND TO BE BETTER!

Panel 4: THAT’S EXACTLY WHAT YOU SAID YESTERDAY!

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

Panel 1: I DON’T THINK YOU’RE DOING THE WRONG THING. I’M TOTALLY EXCITED FOR YOU!

Panel 2: YEAH! IF YOU’VE MADE THE DECISION TO GET MARRIED—THEN GO FOR IT!

Panel 3: I’M GLAD YOU’RE OK WITH THIS, GUYS... AN’ IT’S NOT LIKE WE’RE IN A RUSH OR ANYTHING. WE’VE DECIDED TO WAIT AWHILE.

Panel 4: ...WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON THE FIRST WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER?

FRANK & ERNEST

Panel 1: THIS MOVIE WASN’T RELEASED... IT ESCAPED.

GARFIELD

Panel 1: “DEAR ASK A DOG, I THINK MY CAT IS PLOTTING AGAINST ME. IS THAT POSSIBLE?”

Panel 2: BARK

Panel 3: OF COURSE NOT

THE GRIZZWELLS

Panel 1: WHO SAID “LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF”?

Panel 2: I PANT KNOW, BUT I’M PRETTY SURE WHOEVER IT WAS...

Panel 3: ...NEVER BELONGED TO AN H.O.A.

PEANUTS

Panel 1: WELL, THAT’S THE FIRST SET, PARTNER.

Panel 2: YOU’RE PLAYING VERY WELL, MOLLY...

Panel 3: I’M IN THE ZONE, KID!

Panel 4: IF MY PARTNER HERE DOESN’T BLAP ANY MORE PUT-AWAYS, WE’LL WIN!

Panel 5: YOU’RE NOT GONNA BLAP ANY MORE PUT-AWAYS, ARE YOU, PARTNER?

Panel 6: I WOULDN’T THINK OF IT!

