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SLV Today

June romance at Spines

ALAMOSA — Indulge your summer fantasies of romance with the special sale this month at Spines book shed in Alamosa. All romance books are half price. Every purchase earns you two extra free paperbacks.

History buffs will find more of Dr. McDaniel's extensive book collection and a new donation of Civil War-related books. Many books for children are available to help pass the summer months.

The monthly book sale is Saturday, June 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cash or check only. Spines is located off the alley north of the Alamosa Post Office. Proceeds support special projects and operations at the Alamosa Public Library. Contact Allyn at 719-588-9410, for more information or to volunteer.

SLV Community Band to perform **May 30**

ALAMOSA — The SLV Community Band will perform its annual spring concertat7p.m.onThursday, May 30, in Adams State University's Richardson Hall, 208 Edgemont Blvd., Alamosa. The concert is free and open to the public.

ineconcertistnenignlight of the 2023-24 concert season and will represent the best of the band.

The concert on May 30 will feature a variety of musical selections that includes music from the "Lion King," a ragtime piece highlighting the talent of the band's trombone section, an original band composition by Clifton Williams, a band transcription of "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" by Martin Luther, and an orchestral transcription of "Folk Dances" by Dmitri Shostakovich. In addition to the selections for the full band, the concert will feature a few numbers performed by the Hard To Be Humble Tuba Quartet – made up of the low brass contingent of the community band.

SLV WEATHER

Chance of Showers, Mostly Sunny 76/39

Wed: Slight Chance of Showers, Mostly Sunny 78/38

Thurs: Sunny, Breezy 78/40

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2024 AHS class goes out into the world

Courier

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — Beneath a blue sky with slightly breezy conditions, close to 120 graduating seniors of the Alamosa High School Class of 2024 took the ceremonial walk across the stage on Saturday morning at the school's stadium.

Clad in graduation gowns of either maroon or white, they were handed their diplomas by a faculty member of their choice, signifying their accomplishments in completing their high school years and paving the way to new roads ahead.

As Principal Andy Lavier told the crowd who had assembled, some students are headed to the military. Others, who have already earned their asso-

■ See GRADS page 3 AHS Class of 2024.



May 28, 2024

Let not their valor be forgotten

By JOHN WATERS Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — At a Memorial Day service at the Alamosa Cemetery on May 27, Veterans and others assembled to honor those who gave service and life to the nation.

Monte Collins, Commander of the Alamosa American Legion, presided over the ceremony and reflected upon the ■ See MEMORIAL page 2

Monte Collins (center) Commander of the Dickey-Springer No. 113 post of the American Legion led the ceremony honoring Memorial Day at the Alamosa Cemetery on May 27.

Courier photo by John Waters



Alamosa commissioners recognize students with scholarships



Commissioner Vern Heersink, Deanna Padilla, Kayleigh Garcia, Joaquin Salinas, Sonia Salinas, Commissioner Lori Laske. Kayleigh Garcia and Joaquin Salinas received the Alamosa County Bright Future Scholarship during a meeting on May 22.

CONTRIBUTED ALAMOSA proud to present our County. first recipients of the Future Scholarship," county officials stated.

ceived the scholarship.

The \$1,000 scholar- At ship was open to high the Alamosa County school seniors and col-Board of County Com- lege students who are meeting currently enrolled in on May 22, commis- an accredited educasioners celebrated sev- tional institution and eral Valley students. have a family member "Alamosa County is employed with Alamosa

This is the first year Alamosa County Bright the scholarship was awarded, but the county plans on continuing Kayleigh Garcia and with it every year, ac-Joaquin Salinas re- cording to County Com-■ See STUDENTS page 3

Polis comes to Valley to sign 3 significant bills into law

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — Governor Polis was in the Valley on Friday to sign several bills into law, two sponsored by Rep. Matt Martinez (D-D62) and one by Sen. Cleave Simpson (R-D6), which hold special importance to the communities in the area. All passed with significant bi-partisan support.

The ceremony started at Milagro's in Alamosa where the governor signed HB24-1314 "Modification Tax Credit Preservation Historic Structures,' sponsored by Reps. Martinez and Lucas and Sens. Gonzales and Will.

Gov. Polis thanked everyone for being present for this "exciting bill that will send \$5 million out for projects for preserving historic projects and making sure they can play a role in improving our quality of life."

He then turned the podium over to Rep. Martinez, who acknowledged See **POLIS** page 3



Courier photo by Priscilla Waggoner

Governor Jared Polis, middle, was with Rep. Matt Martinez, second from left, and local supporters of historic preservation at Milagro's on Friday, May 24, to sign HB24-1314 Modification Tax Credit Preservation Historic Structures into law. Sponsored by Martinez (D-62), who represents the San Luis Valley, HB24-1314 expands income tac credit for costs incurred in preservation of historic structures like Milagro's and others throughout the Valley.





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Record

Memorial

■ Continued from Page 1 solemn day stating, "It is the soldier, not the reporter who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the poet who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the politician who has given us the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

At Arlington National Cemetery at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, President Biden said, "Today, we once again gather in this sacred place, at this solemn hour, to honor fallen heroes, to once again stand amid the rows and rows of marble stones and bear witness to the brave women and men who served and sacrificed for our freedom and for our future; those who died so our nation might live."

Memorial Day has its origins in the post-Civil War period when the organization of Union Veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate graves of the war dead. Today, this is recognized as Memorial

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Courier photo by John Waters

The flag of the United States Marine Corps waves during the Memorial Day service at the Alamosa Cemetery on May 27.

ering of about 5,000 who have borne our colors people at Arlington Na- in war, we pray to God for tional Cemetery, James His mercy. We pray for A. Garfield honored Vet- the wisdom to find a way "For love of country, nation against nation, of they accepted death, and thus resolved all mortal their patriotism, his life for his country the generations to come." when, as president, he was killed by an assassin's bullet in 1881.

In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson declared N.Y., Waterloo, $_{
m the}$ "birthplace" of Memorial Day. At the time, John-

erans with these words, to end this struggle of brother against brother. We pray that soon we may doubts, and made im- begin to build the only true memorial to man's and their virtue." Gar- valor in war, a sane and field too, would give hopeful environment for

In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday.

In 2000, Congress passed the National Moment of Remembrance Act, calling upon the American people to truly son said, "On this Me- reflect on the ultimate morial Day, as we honor sacrifice for which our the memory of brave men heroes in uniform have



Approximately 200 people attended the Memorial Day service at the Homelake Veterans Cemetery on May 27.

given to preserve free- Memorial Day must be It is the nation's largest dom and liberty for generations to come. Specifically, the law encourages Americans to pause in a moment of silence at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day. This act – giving one minute of collective silence – to honor fallen service members is a simple, yet meaningful way to stand in solidarity with our fellow citizens, the fallen heroes and the loved ones they left be-

made more apparent to wartime Veterans service present and future gen- organization, committed erations of people of the to mentoring youth and United States through sponsorship of wholelocal and national obser- some programs in our vances and ongoing ac- communities, advocating tivities."

American Legion noted al security, and continued that American's have devotion to our fellow serhonored Memorial Day since 1868. The Legion ans. was chartered and incorporated by Congress in were held across the Val-1919 as a patriotic Veter- ley, including Homelake hind. As the legislation ans organization devoted in Monte Vista and in says, "The relevance of to mutual helpfulness.

patriotism and honor, Monte Collins with The promoting strong nationvice members and Veter-

Memorial Day services

ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

Alamosa Police Deexpired tags (1-29 days). partment Report May Nicole Archuleta, 36, 10-17, 2024 of Alamosa was cited for Kevin Quintana, 37, theft under \$300.

for theft under \$300, of San Luis, was cited criminal mischief, hafor theft under \$300. Simone Pedro Juan, 35, of Alamosa was cit-Gabriel Perez, 58, of

Chanel Gutierrez, 31,

ed for DUI-alcohol, DUI per se, careless driving, driving without a

Don Reyes, 59, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

Harold Lemon, 46, of Monte Vista was cited for seatbelts required.

Kashus Ledbetter, 23, of Alamosa was cited for Paul Clark, 83, South Fork was cited for seatbelts required.

Grace Hamdy, 19, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

Lynnisha Dupont, 37, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

David Gassdorf, 61, of Fort Garland was cited for seatbelts required. Maria Maldonado, 41,

of Center was cited for seatbelts required. Brenea Langford, 39, of Alamosa was cited for

seatbelts required. Linda Romero, 65, of Alamosa was cited for of seatbelts required.

Tammie Morris, 43, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

Jared Morgan, 47, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required. Michael Duran, 77, of

Sanford was cited for seatbelts required. Aaron Mazzoleni, 29,

of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required. Kurt Russ, 63, of San

Luis was cited for seatbelts required.

Gerald Rodriguez, 39, seatbelts required.

Robert Deherrera, 60, of Alamosa was cited for

seatbelts required. Guillermo Sandoval,

18, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

33, of Alamosa was cited for violation of a restraining order.

unlawful possession of a controlled substance. Orlando Medina, 35,

of Alamosa was cited for theft under \$300. Elena Chacon, 30, of

of Alamosa was cited for Alamosa was cited for required position and method of turning right. Brandon Mueller, 25,

of Alamosa was cited for limits on unsafe back-

Catherine Reynolds, Alamosa was cited for trespassing. Donald Gillespie, 55, of Moffat was cited for

Jerry Sanchez, 41, of

Vernon Mott, 40, of expired plates over 60 Alamosa was cited for days, uninsured vehicle. Dave Dominguez, 43, of Denver was cited for

criminal attempt, 1st degree criminal trespass of a vehicle. Brian Duran, 34, of Alamosa was cited for DUI-

alcohol, reckless driving, reckless endangerment, failing to notify police of accident, possession of open container. Patrick Garcia, 54,

Alamosa was cited for menacing-intimidation, 3rd degree criminal tres-

Lederall Hollingsworth, 26, of Alamosa was cited for theft under



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OBITUARY

Myriam (Mimi) Aracely Cooke

Myriam (Mimi) Aracely Cooke (née Celada), 52, suddenly passed away on March 7, 2024. Mimi was born on Nov. 11, 1971, to Marco and Maria Celada in Guatemala City, Guatemala. She was one of three

children: Marco and Roberto. After graduating from Centauri High School in La Jara, Colo., in 1990, she attended the University of Colorado where she met her future husband, John Cooke.

She went on to have three children: John, Ana, and Bethany. Her children were her pride and joy. She will be reand contagious com.



smile.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in La Jara on June 1, 2024, at 10 a.m. followed by a reception.

To leave online condolences, please visit membered by her kind-romerofuneralhomes.

of May 15-22, 2024 Alamosa was cited for wing Lane. theft at 5148 CR 112.9

South. Alamosa was cited for San Juan Avenue. driving motor vehicle as intersection of Highway

South. Jose Taylor Jr., 60 of dog at large, second offense at 217 White Pine.

160 and Highway 17

of a protection order at 6711 County Road 106.75 South.

Alamosa County Sher- land of Alamosa was Juan Avenue. iff's Office Report week cited for obstructing Dillon Havens, 31, of violence at 6730 Red-

Adeline Acosta, 53, of ed for child abuse 1304 160.

a habitual offender and Denver was cited for theft at 13193 Highway failing to yield at yield speeding 20-39 mph over the limit at 22000 block of Highway 160 Alamosa was cited for East.

Daniel Garcia of Ala-Alamosa was cited for mosa was cited for second degree assault, child abuse, obstruction Alamosa was cited for criminal mischief and Main Street in Mosca. two counts of violation domestic violence at 306 Curtis Lane.

Robert Wayne Hol- child abuse at 1304 San South Mile Marker 75.

Matthew Nyquist, 31, telephone and domestic of Colorado Springs was cited for reckless driving and speeding 40 mph Savannah Perales, 23, over the speed limit at of Fort Garland was cit- 18000 block of Highway

Amy Marie Steward James Cousin, 60, of of Creede was cited for 160 East.

> Nathan Myers, 47, of unauthorized use of motor vehicle at 102 Highway 160.

Randall Wadsworth, 43, of Mosca was cited Arturo Garcia Jr., of of telephone service, for harassment at 5418

Mercy Ornelas, 36, of Center was cited for Amber Rosario, 35, of speeding 10-19 mph over Alamosa was cited for the limit at Highway 17

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Polis

■ Continued from Page 1 that "it feels really good to be back in the San Luis Valley." He then went on to explain how HB24-1314 increases the impact of legislation already in

"This rule has really supported efforts to revitalize Main Streets in our state. In the San Luis Valley, we've had three projects that have been able to access these funds, including the Saguache Hotel and Bain's Dept Store as well as this space right here. With this bill we added an additional \$5 million to existing \$10 million for a tax credit that will allow us to positively impact projects across our state as well as adding much needed housing. Since the tax credit's inception, we've seen 800 additional housing units added to existing infrastructure, and this bill will continue to build upon that program."

Governor Polis and staff then moved to Sen. Cleave Simpson's Mt. Valley Farms for the signing of two more bills.

Surrounded by verdant crops and farming equipment used in regenerative farming, Governor Polis said of Sen. Simpson's SB24-037 "Study Green Infrastructure for Water Quality Management", "I'm so excited by the opportunity to reduce costs, benefit our climate and protect our water. Traditional gray infrastructure removes pollutants from water before getting released back into circulation but it's very costly and energy intensive. We know green infrastructure can do it more efficiently and in better ways."

Sen. Simpson then took the podium. "Welcome to Mountain Valley Farms. We're happy to have you here today." He then in-troduced his wife, his father, his son, daughter-"This is really kind of a from the crowd. special moment."

talked about this and green infrastructure really can be a gamechanger.

If you have any time do a little research and see what it can mean to our communities. I have so many wastewater treatment facilities that are really out of compliance and to spend tens to hundreds of millions of dollars on gray infrastructure isn't feasible at all for smaller communities. Green infrastructure won't fit all communities, but it will

After signing Sen. Simpson's bill, he discussed HB24-1249 "Tax Credit Agricultural Stewardship Practices", sponsored by Rep. Martinez. "This is a really important bill that provides a tax credit for farmers and ranchers that

really engage in strong

help some and it's a great

opportunity."

stewardship practices. "Senator Simpson said he has his no till drill, the kind of practice that can help keep nutrients and moisture in the soil. But, of course, many farmers can't do this due to capital expense or can't find one nearby. This bill will help support that kind of infrastructure across our state. It's \$2 million which is a good start. It will save farmers, help make their operations more profitable, protect soil health,

sioner Kate Greenberg followed with her comments, describing HB24-1249 as "a testament to bipartisan effort. It's a true collaboration in support of our agricultural

conserve water and sup-

Commis-

port drought resilience."

Agriculture



Agriculture Commissioner Kate Greenberg and Representative Matt Martinez look on as Governor Jared Polis signs HB24-1249 'Tax Credit Agricultural Stewardship Practices'.



Senator Cleave Simpson looks on as Governor Jared Polis signs the 'gamechanger' SB24-037 'Study Green Infrastructure for Water Quality Management' into law. Gov. Polis held the bill signing at Sen. Cleave Simpson's Mt. Valley Farms.

work in agriculture every day and take care of our soil. This really builds on flected on the session with the work over the last five years with Colorado's soil health that supports producers statewide, our Agriculture Drought Climate Resilience Office and now this Agriculture Stewardship Tax Credit that really helps build those tools out complished together and for agricultural and rural communities to help meet the challenges of the future and invest in conservation and stewardship as they always have but with new tools form the state. I couldn't be more proud and delighted with this bill – both for what it means to agriculture and the way that we got here."

Rep. Martinez then took the podium, first mentioning his and Senator Simpson's bill addressed uncertified potato seed. "It's not the most exciting bill title but it's very important," in-law and grandchildren. he said, drawing a laugh

"This session I was Simpson then discussed proud to carry bills that the bill. "The governor support our rural communities, especially farmers and ranchers. And today, we're here for 24-1249. This is soon to be a law that works in two different ways. It rewards farmers and ranchers and encourages good stewardship practices, including water conservation and improving soil health. It saves farmers money, fosters diversity and drought resistance and helps agriculture producers thrive. In Colorado, agriculture is so important and I'm so proud to see this soon become law." He also

thanked his co-sponsors. Governor Polis then signed the second bill into law, joking that coming to Senator Simpson's beautiful farm shows he is "a full-service governor.'

That also drew a laugh. In a conversation with the Valley Courier, Polis discussed the legislative session. "Overall, we were able to do a significant DeLaCerda and Valedicproperty tax cut, which is a big deal, and and income tax cut and to fund schools better than we have in recent history with about \$17,000 per classroom. That allows us to pay teachers better, reduce classroom size and improve instruction."

When asked about specific impact of funding education in the San Luis Valley, he added, "We also changed the formula to benefit districts like the San Luis Valley so it will be based more on factors around students' needs and the students the dis-

trict serves. "These were statewide bills. It took a lot of collaboration from Republicommunity and we see so cans and Democrat across many practitioners here the state to get these bills

who do the regenerative done. And, as a result, the whole state benefits."

Rep. Martinez also rethe Valley Courier, stating, "This legislative session really showed that bipartisanship really works. We can get bills across the finish line. That's something that Senator Simpson and I have aceveryone benefits from those kinds of relation-

County officials eating spuds for lunch



County officials and administrative staff take a break to support local businesses and enjoy lunch at the 'Spud Cafe' in Mammoth Gifts/Souvenirs/ Fudge/Spuds at 620 Main St. in Alamosa. Pictured left to right: Roni Wisdom, Alamosa County Administrator; Jamie Greeman, Deputy County Clerk; Sandra Hostetter, Alamosa County Assessor; Vern Heersink, Alamosa County Commissioner, and Lori Laske, Alamosa County Commissioner.

Students

■ Continued from Page 1 missioner Lori Laske.

from Monte Vista High School with a 4.067 GPA. She is a member of the National Honor Society, was highly involved

school and served the State University with community with a large his associate's degree amount of community while in high school and service hours. She is in- is a member of the Na-Garcia will graduate terested in becoming an tional Honor Society. ultrasound technician. He has earned a place

of Colorado Boulder and and is interested in beis pursuing a bachelor's coming a director or a in extracurricular ac- in media production. He screenwriter.

tivities throughout high graduated from Adams Salinas is a fresh- on the Dean's list both man at the University semesters while at CU

Grads

■ Continued from Page 1

ciate's degree, are going on to complete post-secondary education. And still others will make their mark in the world of business.

Meanwhile, 2,000 family, friends and community members looked on from the bleachers in the stadium, packed to the top rows while others lined the railing for a better view or made their way down to the field for closeup photos of their special students. And when a student's name was read, it was common for a cheer complete with foot stomping to rise up from one part of the stadium or another.

The ceremony, which is always a bittersweet celebration, brings an end to some of the most formative years of students' lives, but that's especially true with this class that started their high school years in the middle of an unprecedented pandemic. As was obvious on Saturday morning, the efforts of staff, teachers and, of course, the students themselves, culminated with a graduation that was the 130th in the school's history.

And so, for the last time, graduating seniors in AHS class of 2024 listened to the departing words of wisdom from Principal Lavier, Salutatorian Sarah torian Brock Benton, who encouraged his fellow students by saying, "Despite our class of over 100 students, we are all special and unique in our own way, we all hold the same similarity: the capability to achieve greatness. I urge you more than ever to quit making excuses and quit holding yourself back, and, instead, start working toward achieving your The class officers of the

class of 2024 included Sienna Gallegos, President; Madeline Castillo, Vice President; Eva Lopez, Secretary; and Danielle Aguino, Treasurer. Class sponsors were Kristi Hillis

and Mollie Heredia. The class flower was a rule the world."



Photo courtesy of AHS Principal Andy Lavier

Left to right: Interim Athletic Director (AD) Greg King, AHS Assistant Principal Drew Cleveland and AHS Principal Andy Lavier at AHS graduation on Saturday. 'Greg was just honored by CHSCAA this spring for distinguished service, Lavier told the Valley Courier. 'Greg did a great job serving as our interim Athletic Director after Erik Melgoza died. Rick Lovato will start in a couple of months as our new AD and Greg will be missed. He really bailed us/me out during this time.'



Senior Lucia Andres-Jacinto poses for a photo with

Teacher Tessa Lindahl hugs AHS senior Adrienne Cordova as she presents her with her diploma.

Photos by Priscilla Waggoner

white rose.

After entering the field to the traditional music, "Pomp and Circumstance", students chose to end their ceremony with their class song and new wave hit from the 1980s, "Everybody Wants to Rule the World" by Tears of Fears. The lyrics suggest that these future leaders and members of the community know that the world they're about to enter is not yet what we hope it to

"Welcome to your life/ There's no turning back/ Even while we sleep/ We will find you/ Acting on your best behaviour/ Turn your back on mother nature/ Everybody wants to



Christopher Perales, AHS graduate Class of 2024.



Lifestyles

Reptile barn celebrated with ribbon cutting



Photo courtesy of the Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce

Colorado Gator Farm staff, family members and community well-wishers celebrated the grand opening of the new reptile barn there with a ribbon cutting Friday morning. Owner Jay Young is shown in the middle holding a sign. The new barn replaces the previous reptile building that was destroyed in a horrific fire on April 18, 2023, killing more than 100 reptiles including numerous snakes, turtles, tortoises, caiman, and others.

GFWC Colorado local scholarship

Winners announced

CONTRIBUTED SAN LUIS VALLEY

The Colorado Federation of Women's Clubs, a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), is pleased to award two scholarships to San Luis Valley students this May.

Kadence McWilliams from Saguache County and Jaelyn Jackson from Manassa are the two students who were chosen.

McWilliams attended Moffat High School. She credits her family with instilling a love of animals, especially her grandfather who introduced her to the world of agriculture. She spent many years working at the Monte Vista livestock auction. She plans to become a veterinarian due to her love of and exanimals. In addition, she played volleyball, basketball and ran track at Mofalso been a part of FFA and the National Honor Society (NHS) as well as volunteering as a referee



Kadence McWilliams

Jackson attended Centauri High School and was involved in the Student Council and National Honor Society. She was an All-State athlete as a senior, participating in volleyball many women have been and basketball. She has been a part of her LDS church's Young Women's fund was developed to help group and has volunteered in projects such as picking up trash on highways, serving food at a homeless shelter and assisting the manages the fund includperiences with all sorts of elderly with yard work. As ing three members of the a student council and NHS member, volunteer efforts in Alamosa. included holding two blood fat High School. She has drives, an elementary of Women's Clubs is one of school carnival and work- the oldest national woming at two middle school en's organizations dedicattrack meets. Jaelyn plans ed to strengthening comto study kinesiology at CU for peewee sports and Colorado Springs and be- the lives of others through working in a second-grade come a Physical Therapist. volunteer service.



Jaelyn Jackson

Funding for the scholarships comes from the Minnie L. Harding Education Fund (MLHEF) created in 1902 by Mrs. Harding, a clubwoman living in Canon City. Since that time, given interest free loans. In 2022, a scholarship graduating seniors further their education.

A committee made up of Colorado clubwomen Women's Citizenship Club

The General Federation munities and enhancing

ALMA is grateful for its new corporate sponsors

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ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Live Music Association (ALMA) is pleased to announce that the following local corporate sponsors generously support our efforts in 2024 and are new to its corporate sponsorship family: Alamosa Home and The Bank Shot Sports Bar.

Their sponsorship furthers our mission to bring live music to Alamosa; in particular, Sundays at Six, the free summer concert series at Cole Park (starting June 30 with Stillhouse Junkies!).

Community support and sponsorship are vital to ALMA's continued success. Each of these corporate sponsors will be featured on ALMA's marketing materials and social media in recognition of their generous support.

In addition, each sponsor received a plaque of appreciation for their places of

"We could not bring dynamic live music to our community without the support of sponsors like these," ALMA stated.

Follow ALMA on Facebook, Instagram, and Tik Tok, or visit almaonline.org to learn how to get involved with live music in the San Luis Valley.



Courtesy photo

Alamosa Home recently became a corporate sponsor of the Alamosa Live Music Association. Back from left to right is Mike Trenholm (Sales); Hunter Jack (CO-Owner/COO); and Brandon Chavez (Delivery Driver). In the front from left to right is Bruce Metzger (ALMA Board Member); Erin Keck (CO-Owner/CMO); and Kelly Geddes (Store Manager).

Keith R Cerny **Publisher**



Brian Williams Managing Editor

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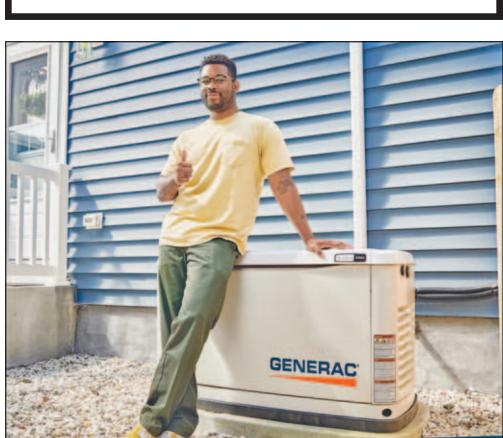
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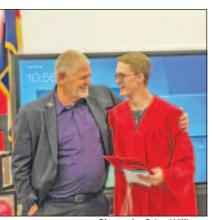
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Graduation

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emony on Saturday, May 25.



Photos by Brian Williams Centauri High School Class of 2024 Centauri High School Class of 2024 graduate Adam Sisneros shows his graduate Colton Creery receives diploma as he walks back to his seat congratulations following the cer- during the graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 25.



Centauri High School Class of 2024 graduate Kylie Dunnahoo is all smiles as she walks to her seat for the start of the graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 25.



Centauri High School Class of 2024 graduate Aundre Chavez gives the benediction at the graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 25.

Left: Centauri High School Class of 2024 graduates toss their caps into the air at the conclusion of the graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 25.

Center



Photo by Marie Mccolm

At the 2024 graduation for Center High School graduates are shown giving love and support to the people who came to support them at their graduation ceremony.

Del Norte



Photos by Lyndsie Ferrell

Del Norte High School Class of 2024 walked into their graduation in style. Smiles from ear to ear and some tears of joy graced the faces of this year's graduates.





Mountain Valley



Photos by Marie Mccolm

The Mountain Valley High School Class of 2024 received a standing ovation from the crowd after receiving their diplomas on May 18.



Mountain Valley High School graduate Tristin Helmick proudly displays his diploma on



Left: Mountain Valley **High School** graduates show their appreciation to their family and friends at their graduation ceremony on May 18.

Creede



Will Roden, pictured, Valedictorian for the Creede High School Class of 2024 addresses his fellow classmates and talks about the hard times, the good times and the best of times of life. Roden was followed by Class of 2024's Salutatorian Tiernan King who spoke to his graduating class about the importance of experience and how each experience shapes you to become the person you are.

Photos by Lyndsie Ferrell Sanford



Photo by Krista Bond

Sanford High School's graduation ceremony was held on Friday, May 24. Twentysix seniors received their diplomas in front of a packed auditorium-gymnasium. Following the ceremony, a dinner was held free to the public.

Monte Vista



Photo by Marie Mccolm

At the 2024 Monte Vista High School graduation ceremony, graduates march in and get ready to be seated for their graduation ceremony.

Sports

Top finishers at Rio Trio event







Pirates' season ended by Las **Animas**

By KEN HAMRICK Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA-Theseason came to an ended for the seventh-ranked Monte Vista High School baseball team as it was defeated by third-ranked Las Animas 5-0 in the Class 2A State Tournament Saturday at the Runyon Sports Complex's Andenucio

The Trojans scored one run in the bottom of the second inning and they scored three more in the third. Las Animas added another run in the sixth. Kaden Mellott went the

distance on the mound for the Pirates and he took the loss. He allowed five



runs and 10 hits and he had eight strikeouts, two walks and one hit batter.

Monte Vista managed

only one hit as Jeremiah Baumgardner went 1-2. Monte Vista finished the season with 19 wins and

five losses. The Pirates return all but one starter for next year. Las Animas 5, Monte Vista 0

Monte Vista 000 000 0 - 0 1 2 Las Animas 013 001 x - 5 10 1 K. Mellott (L) and Madrid. B. Ortiz (W) and T. Ortiz.

Class 2A State Tournament

Friday, May 24 Limon 17, Buena Vista 7, 6 inn.

Lyons 12, Swink 2, 5 inn. Dayspring Christian Academy 11, Las Denver Christian 4, Monte Vista 1

Lyons 5, Limon 1 Denver Christian 11, Dayspring Chris-Saturday, May 25

Buena Vista 6, Swink 5, Swink elimi-Las Anima 5, Monte Vista 0, Monte Academy 4, Dayspring Christian Academy eliminated Limon 2, Las Animas 1, 8 innings, Las Animas eliminated

Denver Christian 6, Lyons 2 Friday, May 31 Buena Vista vs. Limon, 10 a.m. Buena Vista/Limon winner vs. Lyons,

Saturday, June 1 At CSU Pueblo's Rawlings Field Denver Christian vs. Buena Vista, Li mon or Lyons, 10 a.m.

Overall W-L 16-9 11-11 7-15

Overall W-L-T 13-3-0

Final high school spring sports standings

Montezuma-Cortez Pagosa Springs Bayfield

Team Monte Vista Del Norte Center Sargent South Park Custer Cour

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Class 3A Intermountain League Bayfield Montezuma-Cortez

Class 2A Southwest

Overall W-L-T 8-6-2 6-7-3 3-5-3 0 - 3 - 3

League W-L-T

Courier photos by Ken Hamrick Top left: Chad Mortensen of Alamosa won the 2024 Rio Trio event which took place Saturday around the State Street Bridge and near Cattails Golf Course. Top right: Chris Sachs of Nederland was second. Bottom: Aubrey Damiatti (left) of Salida was the top female placer and she also finished fifth overall, while Dani Robbens (right) of Alamosa was second among the women and sixth overall. The Rio Trio consisted of a 5K run, a 3-mile paddle on the Rio Grande Rivers, and a 7-mile bike race.

Atencio earns honor



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick Jon Atencio, the pro at Cattails Golf Course, was awarded the Crusader of the Year for the state of Colorado by Taylor Made Golf. It is awarded to the Staff Professional of

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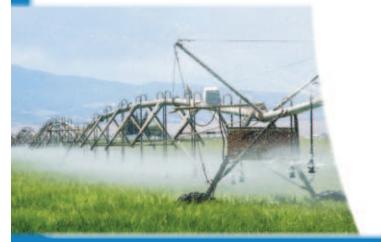
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Public Notices

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FOR SAGUACHE COUNTY COURT FACILITIES FEASIBILITY

STUDY
I. OVERVIEW
PROPOSAL DUE DATE/DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS – Responses

due by June 10,2024 at 3PM

Delivery of 4 original copies either by USPS or hand delivered in a sealed envelope to:

Wendi Maez

PO Box 100

505 3rd Street

Saguache, CO. 81149

All official communication with Candidates and questions regarding this RFP will be via email to the Wendi Maez at wmaez@saguache-county-co.gov

this HFP will be via email to the Wendi Maez at wmaez@saguache-county-co.gov.

No inquiries will be accepted after the clarification deadline as indi-cated in the project schedule.

All Candidate inquiries will be responded to at the same time which will be after the "Clarification Deadline". Candidates should not rely on any other statements, either oral or written, that alter any specifica-tion or other term or condition of the RFP during the open solicitation period. Candidates should not contact any team member, or any indi-vidual associated with the Owner or Saguache County regarding this. vidual associated with the Owner or Saguache County regarding this

RFP or this project except to schedule an optional site visit. RFP Schedule RFP Available May 1, 2024

Optional Site Visit
By apt with all
RFP Clarification Deadline
RFP Clarification Responses

May 31, 2024

RFP Responses Due June 10, 2024 Interview Invitations Sent Interviews June 12, 2024

June 25, 2024 Selections Made and Candidates Notified

July 3, 2024
Contract Negotiations/discussion - Complete
Notice to Proceed Given to Successful Firm

Notice to Proceed Given to Successful Firs Study to begin July 17, 2024 Study completion and submittal date 2024 Report submitted and reviewed by BOCC October 8, 2024 Report accepted and approved October 15, 2024 II. Background Sanuache County has outgrown the curry Sanuache County has outgrown the curry October

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

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

Cost of project study not to exceed \$70,000.

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IV. Submittal Requirements
Saguache County asks for a letter of interest which incorporates your experience and your qualifications. In addition, please include the cost of the study. Refer to the first page of this document for the address and manner of submitting your information.

V. Schedule – See RFP Schedule
It is expected that the selected firm has the current capabilities and capacity to complete the project by the date listed in the project.

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

No. 3926.

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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.

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Request for Proposal (RFP)

Auditor Services

provide auditing services for fiscal years 2022-2024. The selected auditor will be responsible for conducting a comprehensive audit of the Town's financial statements in accordance with generally accepted

auditing standards.
Scope of Work
The selected auditor will be expected to perform the following tasks: - Conduct an audit of the Town's financial statements in accordance

with generally accepted auditing standards.

- Review internal controls and make recommendations for improve-

- Provide a management letter outlining findings and recommenda-

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

Proposal Submission:

Interested firms are invited to submit their proposals by email. Proposals should include the following:

Firm profile, including relevant experience and gualifications.

 Proposed audit approach and methodology.
 Proposed timeline for completion of the audit Fee schedule and estimated total cost.

PO Box 64, Crestone, CO 81131, (719) 256-4313, crestonetownof

fice@gmail.com No. 3950.

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District Court Denver Probate Court

Alamosa County, Colorado Court Address: 8955 Independence Way Alamosa, CO 81101

719-586-4996 In the Matter of the Estate of

Arla Henderson aka Arla S. Henderson aka Arla Sanchez COURT USE ONLY

Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address): John M. Montgomery 660 Grande Avenue

Del Norte, CO 81132

Case Number: 2024PR30012 Division Courtroom NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Arla Henderson aka Arla S. Henderson aka Arla Sanchez, Deceased Case Number 2024PR30012

All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to X District Court of Alamosa, County, Colorado or

Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado on or before September 25, 2024 (date)*, or the claims may be forever barred.

John M. Montgomery
Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice

660 Grande Avenue

Address Del Norte, CO 81132

City, State, Zip Code No. 3954.
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District Court Denver Probate Court

Conejos County, Colorado Court Address: 6683 County Road 13 P.O. Box 128

Coneios, CO 81120

In the Matter of the Estate of Charles Edward Canty

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Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address):

John M. Montgomery 660 Grande Avenue Del Norte, CO 81132

Phone Number: 719-657-3333 E-mail:john@montgomery-law.net FAX Number: 719-657-9999 Atty. Reg. #: 19385

Case Number: 2024PR30009 Division Courtroom NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-

12-801, C.R.S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Charles Edward Canty , Deceased Case Number.

2024PR30009 All persons having claims against the above named estate are re-

quired to present them to the personal representative or to X District Court of Conejos, County, Colorado or Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado on or before September 25, 2024 (date)*, or the claims may be forever barred.

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Del Norte, CO 81132

City, State, Zip Code Published in the Valley Courier on 5/21, 28, 6/4/2024.

The City of Alamosa is seeking proposals from qualified firms or individuals for ongoing video creation services to promote the City, highlight programs, and address community issues. Experience in government or non-profit PR strategy, video production, and online distribution is required. The project includes creating program profiles, annual report videos, and community issue videos, each with specific requirements. Proposals should include qualifications, separate pricing for each video type, process outline, client list, and one sample video. Submissions are due electronically by June 14, 2024. Evaluation will consider experience, pricing, process quality, and references. For more details, visit the City of Alamosa website at www. cityofalamosa.org. Contact Jasmine Husmann at 719-587-2024 or jhusmann@ci.alamosa.co.us for inquiries.

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163 - LOST & **FOUND**

July 9, 2024

July 16, 2024

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

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

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CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1 is accepting appli-cations for HS ASS'T. BOYS & GIRLS BAS-KETBALL COACH-ES, and MS CROSS COUNTRY, and TRACK COACH. Applications can be submitted through online app https://www.applitrack com/centennialschool/ onlineapp/ or www.centennial.k12.co.us. Open until filled. For questions, please contact District Administrative Office at 719-672-3322. (5/29/24)ALAMOSA HOUS-

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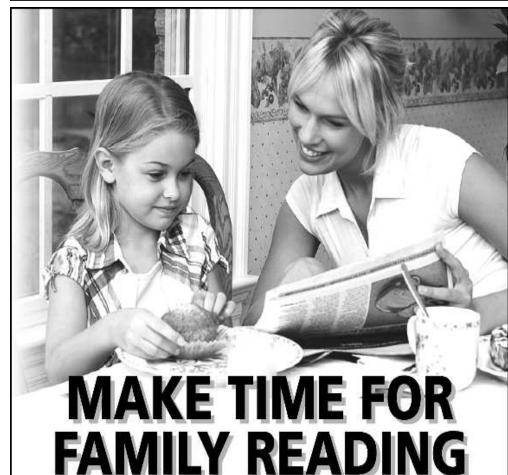
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(6/7/24)

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

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

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

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

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

AMERICORPS PATHWAYS NAVI-GATOR. LOCAL, well-respected non-profit agency seeking enthusiastic individual to coordinate and support AmeriCorps members serving with the Rural Alliance for Dignity. No AmeriCorps experience necessary. On the job training and pro-fessional development provided. This position will specialize in recruitment, placement, and guidance for Ameri-Corps members serving in small non-profit organizations throughout SOUTHERN COLO-RADO. They will work with La Puente's team to provide career pathway,

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221 -HELP WANTED

south cone Jos school District is seeking an ELE-MENTARY TEACH-ER for the 24-25 school year. Applicants must possess a Colorado Teaching License or be eligible to apply for one. Salary schedules are available on the district website. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, and transcripts at https://www.southcone-jos.com/page/how-to-apply. (6/5/24)

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

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is currently accepting applications for LA JARA ELEMENTA-RY 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.north-conejos.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)

MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATE: LOCAL, WELL-RESPECT-ED non-profit agency hiring a PART-TIME MAINTENANCE AS-SOCIATE. Responsibilities include varied landscaping, grounds keeping and maintenance/repair projects, special projects, sup-port for Maintenance Supervisor and maintenance team. We're looking for a motivated, values-driven individ-ual with experience in maintenance and repair and excellent interpersonal skills. Initiative essential; training and support provided. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of serving others. \$18.00 hourly wage, 21 hours a week. Send resume: hr@lapuente. net, 719 589-5909, ext238. www.lapuente.

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

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(719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (6/12/24)

221 -HELP WANTED

PUBLIC HOUSING

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

ADAMS STATE UNI-VERSITY is looking for candidates to fill the position of BUD-GET ANALYST within the BUSINESS AND FINANCE DEPART-MENT. You can apply https://adams.wdl.my-workdayjobs.com/en-US/ASU/details/Budget-Analyst_R188. We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions please reach out to our Human Resources department 719-587-7990. (6/8/24)

ALAMOSA COUNTY ASSESSOR'S
OFFICE is seeking a DATA ENTRY
CLERK. This job requires data entry skills quires 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 ad-dress changes into the computer system, answering phones and assisting the public at the front counter, coping maps, daily mail runs, participating in professional training, and perform all other duties as required by the County Assessor. \$17.00-\$19.00 per hour, full time, full benefits. Background check and drug screening required. Applications may be obtained online at www.alamosacounty. org. Inquiries may be directed to humanresources@alamosacounty.org. (5/25/24)

MOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following COACHES POSITIONS open for the 24-25 season: HS FOOTBALL; MS FOOTBALL; MS FOOTBALL; MS VOLLEYBALL; AS VOLLEYBALL; AS VOLLEYBALL; AS SIST 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)

2578. (5/28/24)

MOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following openings for the 2425 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 DEPART-MENT, must be POST certified. Please pick up application at the Town Hall during business hours; Monday- Wednesday 8-4. (5/25/24)

THE CITY OF MONTE VISTA is accepting applications for a SEASONAL PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKER. This position is approximately 16 weeks, 40 hours/wk. Duties include mowing, trimming, watering parks and trash pickup. Wage is \$16.00-\$17.00 per hour. Applications and job description are available at www.cityofmontevista. colorado.gov 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)

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Please call 719-8500750. (5/25/24)

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

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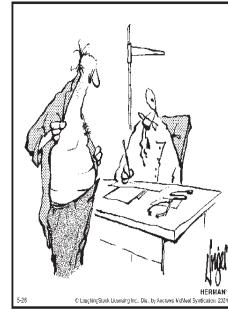
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

HERMAN



"Do you want to know what's wrong with you or just the dollar amount?'

Man asked his girlfriend to decline a wedding role

DEAR ABBY: I am a 29-year-old man who has been with a fantastic woman, 25, for the last year. I believe she is The One. We have moved quickly and have already settled into an apartment

together.

Recently, she was asked to be a bridesmaid in a wedding between her ex's cousin and a friend she met through her ex.

Herex will be a part of the wedding. She isn't very close with this friend. It seems like the bride-to-be doesn't have many other friends. It is clear to me that my

girlfriend really wants to attend this wedding. I asked her to see if we could attend the wedding without her being a bridesmaid, but she's under the impression that we wouldn't be invited otherwise. I felt like I couldn't say no, so I agreed to go if she agreed she wouldn't attend any event where her ex would

But now she has agreed to be a bridesmaid, and I find myself getting upset every time the wedding is mentioned. I haven't begun to feel resentful toward her, but I'm worried this may change as the wedding draws closer. I want to be supportive,

but I also can't ignore

that I am clearly not OK

be present.

What should I do? -- NEW BOYFRIEND IN CON-

NECTICUT DEAR BOYFRIEND: You should not be placing stipulations on your girlfriend, who is part of the wedding. For her to back out on her promise to be in the bridal party would be bad form. Pressuring her to do that is childish on your part.

You have an opportunity to be a hero and conquer your insecurity. Grab hold of it and send your girlfriend to the wedding ... alone. And when you do, smile, give her a hug and tell her you hope she has a good time, and that you will be waiting with open arms when she gets back.

DEAR ABBY: "Shattered in New York" (Jan. 14) was struggling with the fact that her wife, "Sandy," was supporting a friend entering into a new relationship soon after her wife was admitted into a dementia care facility. The reality is, the person you love no longer exists. Yes, physically they are there, but the person they once were is not, and it's devastating.

My dad has dementia, and while my mom makes sure he's safe, happy and visits him every day, she is certainly no longer in a marriage with an actual



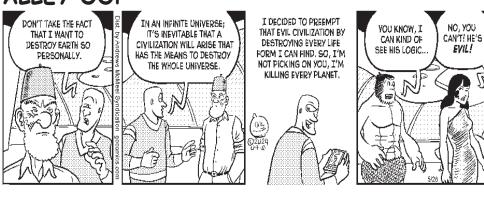
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partner. She is alone, and we all support her finding companionship while Dad is alive. It's incredibly unfair

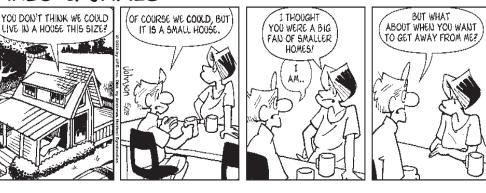
to expect someone in that situation to wait alone, potentially for years, for their spouse to pass. You doubted that Sandy would want Shattered to move on if Sandy were in that situation. I feel confident that she is understanding enough that she would. -- KNOWS HOW IT IS

DEAR KNOWS: I would hope so, but if my mail is any indication, there are no guarantees. This is a complicated situation, and the solution has to be something appropriate for everyone involved.

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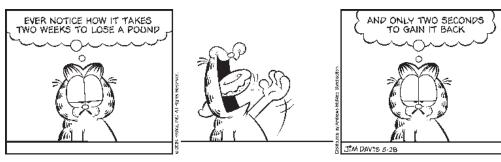
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