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Laughlin Gulch burn postponed

SAGUACHE — The Saguache Ranger District announced Monday that the Laughlin Gulch prescribed fire plans have been postponed for several weeks. The district received the beneficial moisture from the last storm. However, it was significantly more moisture than anticipated when the planned burn was announced on May 3.

The project is targeting slash "jackpots" and calls for green up of the fine fuels in the area to serve as a holding feature. This moisture will benefit the new growth and bolster the containment capabilities of the burn. The need to postpone is based on the drying of the target fuels to ensure the fire will meet project objectives.

The Saguache Ranger District will advise the public when conditions become more favorable and planning for the prescribed fire resumes.

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

Artist's reception rescheduled for May 17

ALAMOSA — As a result of Friday's power outage, the reception for San Luis artist Cindy Cometto, originally scheduled for Friday, May 10, was rescheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Friday, May 17, at the Narrow Gauge Book Co-operative, 602 Main St., Alamosa.

Bird walk at Monte Vista wildlife refuge this Saturday

MONTE VISTA — Join the Friends of the Refuges, for a morning bird walk at 8 a.m., Saturday, May 18, at the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge. Directions from Monte Vista, drive south on state Highway 15 for six miles to the entrance of the refuge. Turn east into the refuge.

Spring bird migration is in full swing, and there should be both common and uncommon birds to be seen. The walk is free, dress for weather, bring water, hat, sunscreen and binoculars.

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Chance of Afternoon Showers 70/34

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Rangel, allegedly shot by Brandt, testifies in court

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — Ricardo Rangel, a private citizen and one of the two people allegedly shot by Daniel Brandt on Oct. 27, 2022, testified in Friday's proceedings. Brandt, 17, is being tried in shooting of Rangel and Alamosa Police Department Officer Mollee Heeney as an adult.

Rangel, who works in the pharmaceutical industry, was staying with his uncle down the street the day the incident took place and had come out of the house after he "heard a woman screaming and glass shattering". He then started walking toward Brandt and his friend.

Rangel, who had a handgun in his back pocket, subsequently got into a physical altercation with Brandt. In the midst of a struggle, the handgun fell out of Rangel's pocket. Brandt allegedly retrieved the gun and used it to shoot Rangel as he was on the ground.

Neither 12th Judicial District Attorney Ann Kelly nor defense counsel are contesting that Brandt shot Rangel.

Once questioning by Kelly started, Rangel said that, since the shooting, he has not been able to work and is disabled on his "left side," including his left arm and wrist

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An Alamosa Police Department officer and a man was shot on Oct. 27, 2022, in Alamosa. A teen is being tried as an adult in the trial related to that incident.

Adams State Commencement Ceremonies celebrate graduates

Indicating their new status as college graduates, the Adams State University Class of 2024 switch their tassels from right to left at the 2024 Spring Commencement Ceremony on May 11, in Plachy Hall.



Photo courtesy ASU

State economic development groups to visit SLV



Courier photo by John Waters

Colorado Pacific Rio Grande Railroad will be the featured business during OEDIT's visit. General Manager Matt Prince will be making a presentation on how the railroad plans to expand into new markets.

First time Office of Economic Development holds meeting in Alamosa

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter
ALAMOSA — On Wednesday, 25-30 people with the Of-

Office of Economic Development (OEDIT) and Trade Economic Development committee (EDC) will be coming to Alamosa for their monthly meeting. The San Luis Valley Resource Development Group (SLVRDG) is hosting the visit by OEDIT, a state agency whose core objective is to promote economic growth and long-term job creation across the state.

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A new galaxy adorns Highway 17 with a 'Precious Home Planet' billboard

By JOHN WATERS
Courier News Editor
SAGUACHE COUNTY — Drivers heading north on Highway 17 near mile marker 96 are now greeted with a new cosmic billboard depicting a galaxy, planet Earth, and the words, "Precious Home Planet."

Since 2006, Crestone resident Paul Kloppenburg has been the force behind the earth-friendly billboards. In previous iterations, the signs have included text such as, "Our Home, Take Care", "Our Home Needs Our

Care," and others said Kloppenburg. He keeps the text short so drivers can resee and understand the sign quickly, and not be too distracted. "In this sign, we have the galaxy, earth, and the lettering that people need to see

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Ralph Burton Jr.

Lester was the son of Ralph Lester Burton Sr. and Val Jean (Slaybaugh) Burton Park and was born on Monday, Feb. 20, 1950, in Borger, Texas. He attended school in Stinnett, Texas, and joined the United States Marine Corps in 1969.

He was married to DeEtta Sue (Allen) Burton. Together they had three sons, Steven James, Mikael Allen, and Timothy O'Neil. After the Marines, they lived in Douglas, Wyo. Lester worked at Douglas Exploration and enjoyed working on the side with his dad doing mechanic and carpentry work.

He loved to restore au-

tomobiles. But, most of all he was so proud to be a dad and loved to teach his boys many things, especially riding motorcycles.

Lester is survived by his wife, Sue; sons, Steve of Timpson, Texas, Mike of Alamosa, Colo., and Tim and wife, Jaci of Gary, Texas; grandsons, Adam Renfro Jr. and Aliyah of Garrison, Texas, Ryan Renfro and Lexi of Nacogdoches, Texas, and Elijah Burton of Gary, Texas; and great-grandchildren Birdie, Waylon, and Annalise. He is also survived by his mother, Val Jean Park of Douglas, Wyo.; brother, Ronald Burton and wife, Terry of Douglas, Wyo.; sisters-in-law; Patricia Burton of Woodward, Okla., and Karen Burton of Douglas, Wyo., as well as numerous other family members.

Lester was preceded

in death by his father, Ralph Sr.; stepfather, Barry Park; brothers, Robert and Kent.

A graveside memorial service will be held on Friday, May 17, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the Douglas Park Cemetery in Douglas, Wyo., with military honors accorded by United States Marine Corps military funeral honors and Samuel Mares American Legion Post No. 8.

The Gorman Funeral Homes-Converse Chapel of Douglas, Wyo., is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.gormanfh.com. To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of RALPH "LESTER" BURTON JR., please visit our floral store. To plant trees in memory, please visit the Sympathy Store.



John Phillip Peasley

ALAMOSA - John Phillip Peasley, a cherished husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away on May 6, 2024, at the age of 65, in his hometown of Alamosa, Colo. Born on Feb. 5, 1959, also in Alamosa, John's life was a testament to his friendly nature, courageous spirit, and passionate heart.

John's journey began as a proud graduate of Alamosa High School's class of 1977. His commitment to his community was evident through his dedicated service in law enforcement. John served with honor and pride as a Deputy Sheriff with the Alamosa County Sheriff's Office, a Deputy Coroner for the Alamosa County Coroner's Office, and as a sergeant and investigator for the Alamosa Police Department. His dedication to safety and service extended beyond his official roles, as he also provided 25 years of reliable delivery service for Fed Ex.

John's love for life did not end with his professional achievements. He was an avid outdoorsman who found solace and joy in the tranquility of his garden. His love for fishing and hunting was more than a hobby; it was a reflection of his deep connection with nature and the simple pleasures of life.



Those who knew John would describe him as the epitome of friendliness, always ready with a warm smile and a helping hand. His courage was not just displayed in his career but also in his personal life, facing challenges head-on with an unwavering resolve. John's passion was not limited to his interests but was also evident in the love and care he showed to his family and friends.

John's legacy is carried on by his beloved wife of many years, Teresa Peasley, who stood by his side with love and support. He was a guiding light to his sister, Debbie (Randy) Rogers of Arvada, and his brother, David Peasley of Aurora. John's role as a father was one, he held close to his heart, and his wisdom and kindness will be deeply missed by his

sons, Bryan (Michelle) Peasley of Alamosa, Daniel Peasley of Wellington, and Christopher Peasley of Alamosa.

The joy of John's life was further multiplied by his grandchildren, Daniel Lucero, Hannah Kroschel, and Aneesa Lucero, all of Alamosa; Aven Peasley of Wellington; Ryan Lucero, Alahna Peasley, and Tresten Peasley. His great-grandson, Zak Kroschel, added another layer of happiness to his life. John's nieces and nephews, Zach Shawcroft, Sarah Shawcroft, and Amber Towry, also held a special place in his heart.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Gary and Katherine Peasley, and a nephew, Levi Peasley. Their memories remain a beacon of love and family values that John upheld throughout his life.

Per John and his family's wishes, there will be no services, and cremation rites will be accorded. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family of John Phillip Peasley.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in the care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences, tributes, and words of comfort for John's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

stay sober and help other alcoholics/addicts to achieve sobriety.

There are AA and NA 12-Step Meetings throughout the valley. The 6th Tradition states that we are not affili-

ated with any outside organizations, but in the spirit of cooperation, we list these meeting schedules for friends and family. For information, call 719-937-5083 or see our website: slvaa.org

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

VALLEY — The San Luis Valley offers many Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous groups.

A.A. and N.A members primary purpose is to

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Sargent's Spearman wins Doug Monter Scholarship

CONTRIBUTED MONTE VISTA - The Colorado Potato Administrative Committee recently announce that the recipients of the 2024 Doug Monter Scholarship funds have been selected.

The winner, Lane Spearman of Sargent High School, will receive a four-year scholarship of \$2,000 per semester for the first year and \$500 per semester for each following year to the school of their choice.

Second through fifth place will receive one-time amounts to the school of their choice. The recipients are as follows:

- First Place Spearman- Sargent High School - \$7,000
- Second through Fifth Place Kaiden Smit- Sangre De Cristo High School - \$2,000
- Zachary Romero- Del Norte High School - \$2,000
- Diego Chavez- Centauri High School - \$500
- Hayden Lester- Sargent High School - \$500
- The CPAC Commit-



Lane Spearman

tee stated it "is grateful to have the opportunity to invest in the future of these students and the future of the San Luis Valley."

May Click It or Ticket enforcement is largest of the year

Pick-up truck drivers continue to see improved seat belt use

By COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATEWIDE — The upcoming Click It or Ticket May Mobilization seat belt enforcement campaign starts Monday, May 13. The increased enforcement is the largest seat belt campaign of the year lasting 21 days. It comes ahead of the summer travel season, which tends to see an increase in traffic crashes across the state.

CDOT will support Colorado State Patrol and 60 participating law enforcement agencies statewide. Drivers and passengers are encouraged to buckle up to avoid citations and arrive home safely. Last year's May Mobilization enforcement yielded a total of 1,554 seat belt violations.

According to the 2023 Colorado Statewide Seat Belt Survey, 88.6% of Coloradans buckle up—the highest on record. Since 2014, seat belt use among commercial vehicle drivers has increased 24%, and pick-up drivers have increased their use by 14%. These both mark significant improvements for groups with historically lower use rates. Colorado still sits below the overall national average of 91.9% use rate.

"Between June and August 2023, there were 200 fatal car crashes on Colorado roadways," said Col. Matthew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "The unfortunate reality is that an impaired, aggressive or distracted driver could disrupt your drive at any time. Wearing a seat belt is the single most effective thing you can do to protect yourself in a crash and reduce your chance of injury or death by up to 65%."

In 2023, there were 223 unrestrained occupant vehicle fatalities in Colorado, an 8% decrease from 2022. Since the start of 2024, there have been 63 unbuckled fatalities statewide. Vehicle fatalities are expected to continue decreasing as more Coloradans make the choice to buckle up.

"Most Coloradans are doing the right thing by wearing a seat belt," said CDOT's Office of Transportation Safety Director Darrell Lingk. "Buckling up is the law. It also protects you from the extreme forces of a crash. Whether you're the driver or a passenger, be sure to wear a seat belt and encourage others to do the same."

CDOT stresses the importance of wearing your seat belt correctly. The shoulder belt is designed to fit across your chest and should be kept away from your neck; the lap belt should rest across your hips. Never place the shoulder belt behind you, under your arm or off your shoulder. Proper seat belt use helps keep you secure and is the best defense against injury and death in a crash.

Vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death for children under 13 years old. Parents and caregivers can learn more about Colorado child passenger safety laws, recommendations and car seat recalls at CarSeatsColorado.com.

Colorado's seat belt laws require the driver and every front seat passenger of a motor vehicle and the driver and every passenger in an motorcycle equipped with a safety belt system to wear a seat belt whenever the vehicle is in operation on a street or highway.

Adults — Colorado has a

secondary enforcement law for adult drivers and front-seat passengers. Drivers can be ticketed for violating the seat belt law if they are stopped for another traffic violation.

Teens — Colorado's Graduated Drivers Licensing (GDL) law requires all drivers under 18 and their passengers, regardless of their ages, to wear seat belts. This is a primary enforcement, meaning teens can be pulled over simply for not wearing a seat belt or having passengers without seat belts.

Children — Colorado's Child Passenger Safety law is a primary enforcement, meaning the driver can be stopped and ticketed if an officer sees an unrestrained or improperly restrained child under age 16 in the vehicle.

Fines for not buckling up in Colorado start at \$65, and parents or caregivers caught with an improperly restrained child can receive a minimum fine of \$82.

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Courtesy photo

Coni Grant has been selected as the Honored Artist for this year's Taste of Creede on Memorial Day weekend, May 25-27.

Grant is the Honored Artist at the 35th Annual Taste of Creede

CONTRIBUTED CREEDE — Coni Grant, Alamosa painter and teacher, has been selected as the Honored Artist for this year's Taste of Creede on Memorial Day weekend, May 25-27. Her studio is at 6800 Highway 17, where she can be found painting or teaching classes.



Courtesy photo

You Talkin to Me by Coni Grant.

She received her bachelor's in graphic design, and then studied Conceptual Design at San Francisco State University.

She spent 20 years in advertising and graphic design primarily in San Francisco before she and her family had the opportunity to move to Newfoundland, Canada. Although they loved it there, they found their home in Alamosa, and the San Luis Valley.

Grant is also a committed plein air painter (painting out of doors) and has received many awards and honors to name a few:

- Best in Show- Western Light, Invitational Exhibit, Estes Park
 - Artist's Choice Award, Women of the West Show-Boulder
 - First Place Members Award, Plein Air Painters New Mexico
 - First Place, Western Rendezvous, La Veta
- Grant will be amongst many artists painting on the streets, Saturday and Sunday, of Memorial Day weekend.

The Creede Chamber of Commerce will be selling Taste of Creede t-shirts with one of Grant's beautiful images on the back.

The National Small Print exhibition will also open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Creede Repertory Theatre.

Groups

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 "It's not often they visit our region," says Sarah Stoeber, SLVRDG's Executive Director. "We are honored to have them." As part of the day's agenda, San Luis Valley Regional Development Group has designated

the Colorado Pacific Rio Grande Railroad to be the highlighted new business. Matt Prince, General Manager, will provide an overview of their business plan, how the railroad plans to expand into new markets and give people the chance to look inside one of their cool, shiny blue engines.

Galaxy

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 and comprehend in three seconds." On May 4, a team of four volunteers from Crestone assisted Kloprenburg in erecting the new sign. Pointing at the sign he said, "Here we have Asia at large with Tibet right smack in the middle with this white plateau, that is Tibet. I designed the sign

with the help of others as I like to work collaboratively."

The sign is 16 feet long and 8 feet wide and was fabricated near Los Angeles for \$450. These signs generally last about 4 to 5 years.

"The message here is to get people out of a smaller mindset, we live on one tiny, tiny, tiny planet, just a spec on the universe, and that is what we need to keep together."

Alamosa Gala paints the town



Photo by Randy Ellis Photography

The 7th Annual Alamosa Chamber Art and Awards Gala was a vibrant and successful event. This year saw the highest attendance to date, and guests dressed in the theme of "Paint the Town," in honor of the Chamber's 100-year mural project. This year's award winners were as follows: "Spirit of Alamosa": Visit Alamosa, "True Grit": Friar's Fork and Sanctuary, "Volunteer of the Year": Meredith McCarn, and "Business of the Year": Bullfrogs and Butterflies children's boutique. In addition to being a fundraiser for the Chamber, the event also focuses on raising money and awareness for local artists, as well as supporting the 100-year mural project. The Chamber wishes to thank everyone who supported the event! It's a true community effort. Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman leads an auction at the Alamosa Chamber Art and Awards Gala on May 10.

Greenhouse Plant Sale and Open House on Saturday

CONTRIBUTED ALAMOSA — Celebrate Spring with the annual Plant Sale and Open House at the Alamosa Community Greenhouse on Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Organically grown tomato and basil seedlings will be for sale in addition to a variety of herbs and other plants.

There will be a composting demonstration with Marianna Young at 10:30 a.m. Tom Wallis will be available to give worm-bin building advice all morning. Tool sharpening and maintenance tips from Mike Price will be on-site for a donation. Beautiful hand-crafted stained glass by Mary Susan Eldredge will be featured for sale.

New this year is the Little Free Library (LFL) in connection with the Alamosa Friends of the Library. Garden books are stocked —



Courier photo by John Waters

The Alamosa Community Greenhouse will hold a plant seedling sale, open house and composting and worm-bin building demonstrations on Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. In this 2023 photo, eager patrons are seen here purchasing seedlings.

take a book, leave a book — it works both ways. "We're soliciting books dealing with anything gardening related. Please donate any from your stash you're not current-

ly using. Also, if you're looking for gardening information, please check out the existing books," organizers stated.

The Alamosa Community Greenhouse is

a nonprofit organic gardening and educational facility located at 1201 Edison Ave., Alamosa. For more information, contact Jan Oen, 719-480-4771.

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that now contain metal pieces since he "didn't have a wrist or elbow after the shooting." He's also suffering from PTSD and "a little bit of everything" and has been receiving medical care since the shooting.

Kelly asked Rangel what he was doing the afternoon of the shooting, and he said he was taking a nap and "getting ready" to return to California. He said he lives much of the time in California but comes to Colorado frequently to visit his son in La Jara.

When Rangel walked outside, he saw two males — Brandt and his friend who was "about 6 feet tall, as big as I am". Rangel said that Brandt was not using "proper English," which he then defined as curse words.

Rangel then said that Brandt "took a swing" at him but missed. Rangel then hit Brandt and his friend "came after" him. He then said he was fighting him when Brandt hit him from the side. At that point, he fell onto the sidewalk and his gun fell out of his pocket.

Brandt then said, "There's a gun" and Rangel tried to grab it for "self-protection". He had it in his hand and "that's when the bigger one

started choking me and I fell out", meaning he lost consciousness. When he came to, he says he saw Brandt standing before him, holding a gun.

Rangel tried to get up but was unsuccessful. He says Brandt came closer, stood before him and then shot him four times.

When asked by Kelly how he felt when APD Officer Heeney showed up, Rangel said, "She saved my life."

When Cobea Becker for the defense began her cross-examination, many of her questions focused on where Rangel lives in California; does he really live in California, or does he actually live in Colorado; why didn't Rangel tell his uncle that he was coming; what was his relationship with his uncle?

When Kelly objected during the questioning, Becker said the questioning was to "impeach" Rangel, a legal tactic designed to communicate to the judge and jury that the witness' testimony is not credible.

Eventually, Becker started questioning Rangel about his actions on the day of the shooting, initially saying that Brandt and his friend were at the end of the street when Rangel came out of the house.

Rangel said, "No, they were across the street." Becker then said, "In

fact, when you came out of the house, you saw the two males. And at that time, the gun was not in your pocket. You were waving it and showing it to the boys.

"No, it wasn't," Rangel said forcefully. "It was in my pocket."

"But did you start arguing with the males? Were you still raising your voice, as well? And you were on the grass? And you were waving your gun, right?"

"No, I was not waving my gun," Rangel said.

When questioning Rangel about his encounter with Brandt where the two were fighting, Becker asked Rangel who started the fight, and Rangel answered, "He did. He took a swing at me."

Later in her questioning, Becker then stated — as she had said in questioning several other witnesses — Rangel had come up the street "waving his gun". At that point, Rangel replied, "That's bullshit."

She then stated several times that Rangel had pointed his gun at Brandt, finally asking him, "Did you point your gun at Mr. Brandt?"

"No, I did not," Rangel responded.

Toward the end of her questioning, Becker switched topics and brought up a statement that Rangel had made to a CBI agent in the hospi-

tal, stating that he said he didn't drink but he had used drugs that day. Rangel said he didn't remember.

Becker then asked Rangel about a history of addiction, which Kelly immediately objected to, requesting the entire transcript be read.

Once again, Judge Crista Newmyer-Olsen brought all counselors to the bench.

When Becker continued with her questioning and read the entire transcript, Becker then clarified that the CBI agent asked if Rangel was under the influence of drugs at the time of the shooting, and Rangel responded he was not.

In conclusion of her questioning, Kelly then asked Rangel if he had struggled with addiction issues in the past, and he said, yes. She asked him if he was taking methadone and he said yes and he had been sober for three years.

Kelly then asked for confirmation - did Rangel wave a gun. Rangel said no. Who started the fight, she asked. "He did," Rangel answered. "Did you point your gun at Mr. Brandt?" "No, I did not."

With that, the questioning was complete, and Rangel was excused. The trial continues this week and is expected to be completed this week.

Lifestyles

Sargent holds memorial dedication for Adams

Bench placed in honor of the longtime educator, advisor

By MARIE MCCOLM MONTE VISTA – Approximately 40 people attended a memorial dedication ceremony for Sargent School District teacher and FBLA advisor Sharon Adams on May 1. Adams passed away Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023.

A memorial bench with a plaque honoring Adams will be set up at the school. The bench was placed at the school and the plaque will be added when finished.

Sargent Academic Booster Club member Shon Davis, who is also RG Bank CEO and president, welcomed everyone to the event and reminded them to stick around for the dinner afterward.

"The dinner is free, with a suggested donation of \$10. Any money received will be given to Sargent FBLA. Which is 100% the way Sharon would have wanted it," he said.

Davis then introduced the song "For Good" from the musical "Wicked."

"Kerry Adams, Sharon's husband has stated that this was one of Sharon's favorite songs, and he asked that it be played today," Davis said.

Davis then began to talk about the dedication of the bench that sits in front of the Sargent School District building.

"We are gathered here at this bench, to remind everyone who passes this bench to take a pause, so that students, teachers, administrators, and community members, who pass by here, can take a moment, some time, a pause, to remember and learn about Sharon Adams and her impact on Sargent School District, FBLA, and the community," he said.

Davis emphasized that her impact with Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) was not just at Sargent - it was district wide, statewide, and nationally.

Davis then introduced Sargent High School Principal Michelle Shelley David.

"As I remember Mrs. Adams, I think back to the strong qualities that she modeled for her students and colleagues," David said. "The first quality that I remember is that she was always available to students and staff. Her second quality was consistency. She expected students to all not be at the same level, but to all give their best effort. The third quality was her commitment to her values. What she valued she committed to. She defined commitment by her presence, her passion, and her persistence. Even though she had retired it took about two years for her to turn in her school keys because she wanted access to her passion. It is my great



Photos by Marie Mccolm

Kerry Adams speaks at the memorial dedication ceremony for his wife, Sharon, at Sargent School District on May 1. Sargent Academic Booster Club member Shon Davis, right, was the emcee of the event.



Approximately 40 people attended a memorial dedication ceremony for Sargent School District teacher and FBLA advisor Sharon Adams on May 1. Adams passed away Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023. Her husband, Kerry Adams, is pictured near the bench.

honor to have known such a wonderful woman. This bench is a beautiful memorial dedicated to her memory and what she meant to the Sargent community. Thank you."

Chance Padilla, who was a student of Adams, also spoke.

"Sharon was the type of person that always put others first," Padilla said. "Besides my parents, Sharon was my number one supporter, without her I wouldn't be the person I am today. Sharon was more than an advisor and a teacher. She got to see me during defeat and exhaustion. During those times she was there, encouraging, strategizing, and building me into a strong individual. I am truly grateful for all those stories that I have of Mrs. Adams. I can't wait to share them with my children. I hope that everyone finds their Sharon Adams. An influential, encouraging, loving, number one fan, to cheer for them during their victories and support them during their challenges. Thank you."

Current FBLA Advisor Stephanie McBartlett also spoke at the ceremony.

"Mrs. Adams is the reason I went to business school," McBartlett said. "She was always inspirational too, always in your corner. Last summer in August when she found out I was the business teacher, she called and congratulated me. She said anything you need let me know, I will be the anonymous donor to get you anywhere. I said thank you Mrs. Adams. I am bringing back the Mrs. Adams FBLA at Sargent. My whole chapter made it to state and nationals are coming next year for you. Thank you."

Davis said plaque would state how Adams gave 37 dedicated years to Sargent School District as a business teacher, and FBLA Advisor, from 1979 to 2017. Davis read the entire heartfelt inscription. It de-

tails her accomplishments, and her winning Teacher of the Year in 1987, 1988, 1996, 1997, and she has also been recognized with many recognition awards over the years. Adams took her students to state FBLA 37 times and took her students to nationals 33 times. She also remained active in the school district after she retired, helping with many activities.

Sharon's husband, Kerry, spoke at the ceremony saying that Sharon found a home that she never wanted to leave in Sargent.

"The song that began tonight, was adapted from the play 'Wicked,' that musical was adapted from 'The Wizard of Oz,' the series features a young Kansas girl, who looks for and discovers life outside the farm but realizes of course that there is no place like home," he said.

Kerry explained that the series reminded him of his wife, Sharon, who grew up on a small farm in Kansas, and left Kansas looking for adventure.

"She got here to the Sargent community and found a home that she never wanted to leave," he said. "She wanted to share that idea with her students, finding adventure yet keeping the option to always come home. I hope that in your travels, students, that you are able to realize that, that you are as the song said a couple of minutes ago, that you are changed for good. I am sure if she were here now, she would want me to thank you all for creating a place for her to sit and look out at where she called home. I hope you take the time to use this wonderful bench that's out here to help solve life's great mysteries. I know you will be able to talk to Sharon here. Please sit down and enjoy it. We appreciate, we want to thank Sargent FBLA. Thanks to all of you for coming and honoring Sharon so nicely. Thank you very much."

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Mosquito season is approaching

General information and operational plan for AMCD

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Despite the extremely windy spring so far this year, here in the San Luis Valley during the early part of May, temperatures have begun to warm-up. The mountain snowpack has started to melt, and the spring run-off is here. Ranchers, farmers, and property owners have started to flood irrigate their pastures and fields. The river is full and flowing, which provides sub-water pockets and backflows on the outer banks.

These areas soon become the prime habitat for mass larval hatches of mosquito eggs that have been lying dormant from the previous year (or even the past several years). Within a couple short weeks, the Alamosa Mosquito Control District reports, the region will begin to see and feel the pesky flying adult mosquitoes.

The reason for this is because a female mosquito seeks a blood meal with the intent of using the blood's protein for egg production; all so that she can prepare herself to produce and lay up to 300 eggs. A single female mosquito can reproduce in massive quantities in a short amount of time, even producing several egg cycles within her life span.

In addition, the species of mosquitoes in this area that will emerge soon, often referred to as Spring Mosquitoes or Flood Plain Mosquitoes are aggressive biters. This species prefers humans for their blood meal over other mammals, which is a big reason why we as humans are irritated and left with their bites so much in the early part of the summer.

Mosquitoes are most active in the evenings; however, these mosquitoes are so aggressive that if someone is present and available for a possible blood meal, they will even bite during the hotter daytime hours.

Larvicide is and has always been the first line of defense in Alamosa Mosquito Control District's (AMCD) fully integrated pest management program. The larvicide program often goes unnoticed and unseen, when 70 percent of its operational effort is focused on larvicide. Larvicide is where staff look for mosquitoes in standing, stagnate water while they are in their larval stage of growth.

While in the larval stage, the insects are in a more confined area and in dense populations. They are much easier to control in this state, where millions can be eliminated in an environmentally friendly manner. The product used is a bacterium that mosquito larvae find as a food source.

Once ingested, the bacteria rupture's the gut and the larval cannot survive. The bacterium is specific to mosquito larvae only and does not affect other aquatic organisms such as dragon fly larva, water mites, fish, or tadpoles just to name a few. The product is biodegradable and does not harm livestock or pets.

The Alamosa Mosquito Control District has already vigorously started larviciding many areas within the district since mid-April; treating almost every water site they have come across since. The lar-

vicide crews continue to monitor and treat standing water the entire summer or until all the water has dried up.

People who reside within the District should expect to see, hear, and smell the fog spray trucks, "Foggers" within the next week or so (Approx. May 20 or soon after). The use of foggers is the second line of defense when adult mosquito populations begin to exceed thresholds found in the district's surveillance trap network.

It is important to explain that Adulticide fogging is not as easy as one would think in our area. The weather here specifically, the wind, is the top struggle, and frustrating when it comes to trying to spray for mosquitoes. Mosquito pesticide spray is designed to be appropriately applied only if the wind is below 10 miles per hour.

The evening winds here in the SLV are very often above 10 mph. In that, it often hinders and delays the evening spray routes. This makes treatment difficult at times because the peak activity for mosquitoes is during the evening before dusk. The spray is designed to contact the mosquito's body while active in the air, which is one reason why they spray during the evening hours.

The second reason is concern for bees. Bees begin their day foraging near dawn and work diligently until roughly 1-3 hours prior to dusk before returning to their hive for the night. To be cautious for bees, they wait until the evening hours to spray when they are headed back to their hives for the night to avoid contacting them. AMCD also does its best to diligently keep a look out for hives within the district. If hives are present the fog drivers are instructed to turn their spray off while passing by.

The fog truck sprayers are strictly regulated when applying spray. Meaning the speed of the vehicle, expensing the correct amount of chemical, and following specific route instructions are closely monitored. The trucks all have software installed that tracks the spray routes to the second. The data also shows if the spray pump is on - omitting spray, or off - not omitting spray. The certified driving speed for spraying is between 10-15 mph.

Therefore, the sprayers are also programmed to only omit spray if the vehicle is driving less than 17 mph. If the driver exceeds 17 mph, the sprayer automatically shuts off, and reminds the driver to slow down. Or, in other cases, if someone notices or feels the spray truck is driving too fast and or they don't see spray coming out, the driver is purposely not spraying at that moment.

Because the drivers are given specific route instructions each night, when they need to go from street to street, road to road, or passing by a restricted area, the drivers will not always be spraying. Therefore, they turn their sprayers off until they reach the next specific spray destination.

Next, the sprayers are calibrated, and droplet certified every year to assure that the exact amount of chemical leaving the sprayer is in accordance with the EPA labels. All mosquito pesticide chemicals currently or ever used by AMCD are certified by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency).

Mosquito control pesticides go through redundant testing before they are cleared by the EPA to assure, they are safe humans, pets, and animals, birds, etc.; so long as they are being appropriately dispensed according to the EPA label. AMCD strictly follows all instructions, and application rates provided by the Labels. AMCD also receives an annual pesticide discharge permit through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

In addition, mosquito spray and mitigation efforts are supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Preventions. This year AMCD will be using two mosquito pesticides in fog trucks. Each has two different active ingredients which will help combat pesticide resistance. Mosquitoes are proven to show resistance to pesticides if one active ingredient is used too often. Per EPA Label guidelines, the fog sprayers will omit about 3.0-3.2 ounces of ULV spray per minute, which roughly equals to distributing 1/4 of a soda can of liquid across almost 5 football fields in length. The size of the spray droplets when they leave the sprayer are smaller in diameter than a single strand of hair. Meaning the pesticide is purposely expended in tiny, microscopic droplets with the intent to only target and affect active flying mosquitoes.

As mentioned, two different pesticides will be used this year. Some people may remember toward the latter half of the spray season last year, the spray suddenly had a potent odor that most people had not been used to before when we sprayed.

For multiple reasons, including rotating it in to help combat resistance, AMCD decided to use malathion out of one of the trucks. Malathion is a common, effective and widely used pesticide for mosquito mitigation. Like all pesticides used it was applied in low toxicity application rates within EPA label guidelines (3.0 oz/min).

Unfortunately, malathion just comes with a less favorable odor. Unlike many mosquito pesticides that are produced with added deodorizer to help keep the smell at bay, malathion does not take to deodorizers well. Simply put, it stinks!

Malathion will be used again this year, and more than likely have an odor. If the odor becomes uncomfortable after the truck goes by, it is recommended to go inside and shut any open windows for about 15-20 minutes. Also, there is a call-in option updated each weekday by 5 p.m. that can help residents know if a fog truck is expected in their area. The specific time of when a fog truck will be passing is never provided given the wind-weather delays. The other pesticide is a permethrin-based product, which is also common and widely used to control mosquitoes and does not carry an odor.

The aerial program, which helped mitigate mosquitoes in the rural parts of the district, will more than likely be eliminated from Alamosa Mosquito Control District's operation. With the pilot retiring nearly two years ago, the search to find a replacement has not gone without effort. The creden-

tials required to operate our aircraft in the manner of spraying mosquitoes are no longer a common job skill in this area. Without a credentialed pilot to operate the airplane, aerial applications are not an option.

There are and have been plans to hopefully expand AMCD's current facilities. The expansion (new building) will provide the space for more trucks, and equipment. The goal of the expansion will help upgrade operational efforts in order to keep up with the growth within the district.

As of now the board of directors and manager have been working on getting the process of a building expansion going. We look forward to making this goal a reality and are excited to share updates as this project progresses.

Mosquitoes are not only a nuisance and cause itchy skin when bitten. The biggest concern from Alamosa Mosquito Control District's standpoint, is that they are public health risk. Mosquitoes are known to carry many viruses such as Zika, Malaria, Dengue Fever, Encephalitis, and West Nile Virus just to name a few. These viruses can make people ill, and even be fatal.

West Nile Virus has been present in Alamosa Mosquito Control District since at least 2003. Last year in 2023, the state of Colorado was inundated



Dipper Cup used to take mosquito larvae samples. This photo is about 1/2 cup of water, full of hundreds of mosquito larvae in a single dip.

with WNV, setting the record for the most human cases and positive mosquito pools in the nation. AMCD tested 37 positive mosquito pools in 2023. It is hard to predict how prevalent WNV will be in 2024, but will the expected hot summer months ahead, trying to mitigate as many disease carrying mosquitoes as possible is of up most importance.

Mosquitoes have been around for thousands of years; since the Jurassic period. They are obviously hardy insects, who have thrived and adapted to all environments to still be around today. The motto often recited in the mosquito control industry is "it is impossible to eliminate mosquitoes, but we do our best to Mitigate them." As Alamosa Mosquito Con-

trol District continues to do what it can to defend against mosquitoes and health risks the public can make substantial contributions to their own safety by following "the 3 Ds."

• Drain: Empty out water containers at least once per week

• Dress: Wear long sleeves, long pants, and light-colored, loose-fitting clothing when outside during active mosquito hours

• Defend: Properly apply an approved repellent such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon-eucalyptus or any other EPA-registered repellent

For more information on the operational program, mosquitoes in general, or contact information, go to the Alamosa Mosquito Control District website at www.mosquitobytes.org.

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Sports Bulletin

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SCOREBOARD SATURDAY Prep baseball
 Alamosa at Pagosa Springs (2) – postponed
 Flatirons Academy 17, Sierra Grande 1, 4 inn.
 Monte Vista at South Park (2) – canceled
 Trinidad at Center (2) – canceled

MONDAY Prep baseball
 Alamosa at Pagosa Springs (2) – late

SCHEDULE TUESDAY Prep baseball
 Sargent at Del Norte (2), 11 a.m.
 Salida at Centauri (2), 3 p.m.
 South Park at Center (2), 3 p.m.
 Buena Vista at Monte Vista, 4 p.m.
Prep girls golf
 Alamosa, Monte Vista at Class 3A Region 4 Tournament (at Cattails), 9 a.m.

THURSDAY Prep track and field
 Alamosa, Centauri at Class 3A State Meet (at Lakewood), 8 a.m.
 Center, Del Norte, Monte Vista, Sargent at Class 2A State Meet (at Lakewood), 8 a.m.
 Antonito, Creede, Moffat, Sanford, Sangre de Cristo, Sierra Grande at Class 1A State Meet (at Lakewood), 8 a.m.

Legislative Council Votes To Approve Girls Flag Football, Shot Clock

LONE TREE - During its April meeting at the DCSD Legacy Campus, the Colorado High School Activities Association's Legislative Council voted to approve girls flag football as a sanctioned sport and to add a shot clock for boys and girls basketball at the varsity level, among a variety of other proposals and committee reports.

"It's a great day for our female athletes in the state of Colorado," said Larry Bull, the District Athletic Director for Cherry Creek Schools who has been instrumental alongside Patrick Simpson (District Athletic Director (DAD) for Jeffco), John Andrew (retired administrator for Denver Public Schools (DPS)), Kevin Bendji (current DAD for DPS) and the Denver Broncos in the piloting of girls flag football in Colorado. "The girls that have participated in flag football have worked extremely hard and have done a phenomenal job. It's an amazing accomplishment that the state has supported these young female athletes."

Girls flag football will become the 33rd sport sanctioned by CHSAA and will be the 18th sanctioned sport for girls in Colorado. It will join the fall sport lineup with the first state champion being crowned in Fall 2024.

In addition, per the approved recommendation by the Classification and League Organization and League Organizing Committee (CLOC) today, if there are at least 50 schools sponsoring a team, there will be two classifications for the sport in its first season.



"Thrilled doesn't even begin to cover it," CHSAA Commissioner Mike Krueger said, regarding the Legislative Council voting to sanction girls flag football. "This isn't just about the game; it's about empowerment, teamwork and breaking barriers. By embracing this sport, we're not only fostering athleticism, but we're remaining among the nation's leaders in providing opportunities for female athletes to participate. We are cultivating leadership, confidence and equality – on and off the field – and we are igniting a new era of inclusivity and self-empowerment for every young lady that participates. Get ready to witness the unstoppable force of these girls as they redefine the playing field and inspire generations to come!"

The other major change



will be the implementation of a shot clock for boys and girls basketball at the varsity only level, beginning with the 2026-27 season.

"This vote means that Colorado basketball is taking the next step forward with the states around us," said Rob Johnson, the Chaparral Athletic Director who was representing the Colorado Athletic Directors Association (CADA) today. "This will change the way the game's being played and it should improve the game, our athletes and our coaches. Everything should be improving, and that's exciting."

High school spring sports standings as of Saturday

BASEBALL
Class 3A/2A Intermountain League

Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Montezuma-Cortez	5-1	12-8
Bayfield	4-2	7-13
Pagosa Springs	3-3	10-9
Alamosa	3-3	6-15
Centauri	1-7	7-14

Class 2A Southern Peaks League

Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Monte Vista	11-0	15-3
Trinidad	8-2	10-9
Del Norte	8-4	9-9
Sanford	6-5	12-7
Sargent	5-7	5-13
Center	2-7	3-15
South Park	1-7	3-14
Custer County	2-10	2-18

Class 1A Southern Peaks League

Team	League W-L	Overall W-L-T
Sierra Grande	4-0	13-3-0
Antonito	2-2	8-9-1
Centennial	0-4	2-11-0

GIRLS SOCCER
Class 3A Intermountain League

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

Class 2A Southwest League

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

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

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

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By submission of an offer, the Offeror certifies that with respect to this solicitation and any resultant contract, the Offeror -
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2. has not knowingly entered into any contract or subcontract for this project with a person that is a citizen or national of a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by the USTR; and
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This certification concerns a matter within the jurisdiction of an agency of the United States of America and the making of a false, fictitious, or fraudulent certification may render the maker subject to prosecution under Title 18 USC § 1001.

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

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

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

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

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

- The Offeror's or Bidder's attention is called to the "Equal Opportunity Clause" and the "Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications" set forth herein.
- The goals and timetables for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, are as follows:
Timetables
Goals for minority participation for each trade: 19.0% 6.9%
Goals for female participation in each trade: 6.9%
- These goals are applicable to all of the Contractor's construction work (whether or not it is Federal or federally assisted) performed in the covered area. If the Contractor performs construction work in a geographical area located outside of the covered area, it shall apply the goals established for such geographical area where the work is actually performed. With regard to this second area, the Contractor also is subject to the goals for both its federally involved and nonfederally involved construction.
- The Contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4 shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.3(a) and its efforts to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade, and the Contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.
- The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) within 10 working days of award of any construction subcontract in excess of \$10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor; employer identification number of the subcontractor; estimated dollar amount of the subcontract; estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and the geographical area in which the subcontract is to be performed.
- As used in this notice and in the contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is Colorado, Alamosa County, Alamosa. Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (Federal Minimum Wage)

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

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

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

Other Federal Provisions Award of contract is also subject to the following Federal Provisions:
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Estate of Albert A. Quintana, Deceased
Case Number 2024PR1

All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Rio Grande, County, Colorado on or before September 15, 2024, or the claims may be forever barred.

Kenneth J. Quintana
5290 Del Viento Road
Alamosa, CO 81101
No. 3930.
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**County Court
Conejos County, Colorado**

Court Address:
PO 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 Name 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-3
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF LA JARA, COLORADO ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS AS GUIDELINES FOR DESIGNATING SITE SELECTION AND CONSTRUCTION OF MAJOR NEW DOMESTIC WATER SYSTEMS AND MAJOR EXTENSIONS OF EXISTING DOMESTIC WATER SYSTEMS AND MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL WATER PROJECTS AS ACTIVITIES OF STATE INTEREST
No. 3947.
Published in the Valley Courier on May 14, 2024.

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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, pre-emptive 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 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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163 - LOST & FOUND

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

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

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FOR SAGUACHE COUNTY COURT FACILITIES FEASIBILITY STUDY

I. OVERVIEW
PROPOSAL DUE DATE/DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS - Responses due by June 10, 2024 at 3PM
Delivery of 4 original copies either by USPS or hand delivered in a sealed envelope to:
Wendi Maez
PO Box 100
505 3rd Street
Saguache, CO. 81149

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

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

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

RFP Schedule
RFP Available
May 1, 2024
Optional Site Visit
By apt with all
RFP Clarification Deadline
May 28, 2024
RFP Clarification Responses
May 31, 2024
RFP Responses Due
June 10, 2024
Interview Invitations Sent
June 12, 2024
Interviews
June 25, 2024
Selections Made and Candidates Notified
July 3, 2024
Contract Negotiations/discussion - Complete
July 9, 2024
Notice to Proceed Given to Successful Firm
July 16, 2024
Study to begin
July 17, 2024
Study completion and submittal date
October 1, 2024
Report submitted and reviewed by BOCC
October 8, 2024
Report accepted and approved
October 15, 2024
II. Background
Saguache County has outgrown the current space the county and judicial staff occupy. There is no additional space to expand and the need for more space continues to grow.

III. Project Description
Saguache County is searching for a vendor to conduct a feasibility study which will assist in deciding the option that best suits Saguache County, 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.

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

V. Schedule - See RFP Schedule

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

No. 3926.
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NOTICE

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

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

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Case Number:
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TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 21 or 35 days, as applicable, after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 21 or 35 days, as applicable, after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

Dated: April 12, 2024
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Frascona, Joiner, Goodman and Greenstein, P.C.
/s/Zachary A. Grey
Attorney for Plaintiff
No. 3901.
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NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc., Area Agency on Aging for Region 8 is accepting Request for Proposals (RFP) from both the public and private sectors representing both nonprofit and for profit entities interested in providing services to people age 60 and older for Fiscal Year 2025-2025. Services include: Transportation, Congregate Nutrition Services, In-Home Services (Homemaker, Home-Delivered Meals, Home Modifications), National Family Caregiver Services (support for caregivers). Other avenues of services to older adults will also be considered. South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc., Area Agency on Aging, serves all six counties of the San Luis Valley; Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache. RFP packets and instructions are available at South-Central Colorado Seniors, 1116 3rd Street, Alamosa, CO 81101. Completed proposals are due to South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc. no later than 5:00 COB, May 31, 2024. Please mail or deliver proposals to South-Central Colorado Seniors, Inc. at P.O. Box 639 or 1116 3rd Street, Alamosa, Colorado 81101. For more information, please call Monica Wolfe, Director, 719-589-4511.
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THE CSU SAN LUIS VALLEY RESEARCH CENTER in CENTER, CO seeks a full-time, salaried w/benefits **OPERATIONS SPECIALIST** to provide research and farm operations support in the field, shop and office. Requirements include combined education and experience in field crop production. Apply online by 05/19/2024 for full consideration at <https://jobs.colostate.edu/postings/143937>. CSU is an EO/EA/AA employer and conducts background checks on all final candidates. (5/18/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is currently accepting applications for **HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR**. Interested applicants must be certified/licensed in counseling. NCSO 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. (5/18/24)

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

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. NCSO 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 NCSO Central Office. Application deadline is Monday, June 3rd at 4:00 p.m. (5/29/24)

MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATE: LOCAL, WELL-RESPECTED non-profit agency hiring a **PART-TIME MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATE**. Responsibilities include varied landscaping, grounds keeping and maintenance/repair projects, special projects, support for Maintenance Supervisor and maintenance team. We're looking for a motivated, values-driven individual 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.net (5/29/24)

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)

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

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CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26 is paying years of service and single health insurance benefits. Apply now to become part of our dynamic district as we are now accepting applications for the position of ELEMENTARY 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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ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY is looking for candidates to fill the position of BUDGET ANALYST within the BUSINESS AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT. You can apply https://adams.wd1.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 and working knowledge of the Assessor's Office to ensure accurate property data is generated to maintain complex records. Responsibilities include: Working independently or in a team setting, entering deed transfers (land splits/combination and replats of parcels into database), entering address changes into the computer system, answering phones and assisting the public at the front counter, coping maps, daily mail runs, participating in professional training, and perform all other duties as required by the County Assessor. \$17.00-\$19.00 per hour, full time, full benefits. Background check and drug screening required. Applications may be obtained online at www.alamosacounty.org. Inquiries may be directed to humanresources@alamosacounty.org. (5/25/24)

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

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)

RUSTIC ROOK IN MOSCA is seeking TEND CLEANERS May 20th - October 1st. \$15/HR. Call 719-661-9833 for details. (5/15/24)

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION at ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY is seeking a PROGRAM COORDINATOR/STUDENT ADVISOR. This is a twelve-month full-time, exempt position. The pay range for this position is \$42,252 - \$48,060 commensurate with experience and education. A BA and/or experience in an education-related field is preferred. This position will report directly to the School Director and will provide advising and support to undergraduate and graduate students, assist faculty and staff with daily operations, and coordinate program processes and events across undergraduate and graduate degree and licensure areas. For more information and to apply, please visit it https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/. (5/14/24)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL at MARSELEMENTARY for the 2024-2025 school year. This is a full-time classified position. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience may be viewed on the district website. Monte Vista School District operates on a 4-day week (Monday - Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Paraprofessional Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities, by May 7, 2024, or until the position is filled. For questions, contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (5/14/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for an anticipated opening for an ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER at BILL METZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. The district will consider providing tuition assistance for a qualified teacher interested in pursuing a Special Education Endorsement. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience may be viewed on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities by May 7, 2024, or until the position is filled. For application questions, contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (5/14/24)

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)

VALLEY EDUCATIONAL GARDENS INITIATIVE (VEGI), SEASONAL SUMMER ASSISTANT - Seeking a motivated individual to contribute gardening expertise and teaching experience to a community garden space! Assistant will assist with various aspects of VEGI's programming throughout our main growing season. Assistant will work alongside the AmeriCorps member(s) to teach garden-based educational lessons focused on nutrition and environmental awareness with our partner sites, help maintain our 3 growing spaces, harvest vegetables, and provide general program support during the busy summer months. PART-TIME; Mid-May/June to Mid October. \$17.00/hr. Send resume/cover letter to hr@lapuente.net. (5/10+2/24)

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)

221 - HELP WANTED

CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26 is paying years of service and single health insurance benefits. Apply now to become part of our dynamic district as we are now accepting applications for the position of ELEMENTARY 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)

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

THE CITY OF MONTE VISTA is accepting applications for a SEASONAL PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKER. This position is approximately 16 weeks, 40 hours/wk. Duties include mowing, trimming, watering parks and trash pickup. Wage is \$16.00-\$17.00 per hour. Applications and job description are available at www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov 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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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 thuna@mtknkng.com. (6/5/24)

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

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

307 - APPLIANCES

PAT SOLD HER ELECTRIC STOVE IN JUST 3 DAYS THROUGH THE VALLEY COURIER'S CLASSIFIED ADS. (AS)

324 - SEED & FEED

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

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

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

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

SOLD MY WHEELCHAIR IN 2 DAYS. WONDERFUL, HEARTWARMING EXPERIENCE. A WIN-WIN FOR BOTH OF US! Yolanda. (AS)

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

401 - BUSINESS PROPERTIES

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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 FOR SALE

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

525 - GUNS

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

601 - APARTMENTS FOR RENT

SMALL 2 BEDROOM APARTMENT for rent. \$610 month. 7306 Adams Lane, ALAMOSA. 720-202-9734. (5/10+2/24)

611 - HOMES FOR RENT

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

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

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

1 DAY ADVERTISED IN THE VALLEY COURIER, SOLD MY CAR! GREAT SERVICE! Samuel. (AS)

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

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Comics

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Boxer's punch
 - 4 Lean-to
 - 8 Make a mess of
 - 12 "Cat ___ Hot Tin Roof"
 - 13 Return to health
 - 14 "Walk the ___"
 - 15 Catchall abbr.
 - 16 Danger to ships
 - 17 Stake
 - 18 "___ Prayer"
 - 20 "___ Eden"
 - 22 Tree fluid
 - 23 Foot part
 - 24 Old tire made new
 - 27 Many-headed monster
 - 31 Ellipse
 - 32 Lazy
 - 34 Quite some time
 - 35 Panhandle
 - 36 Word in an ultimatum
 - 37 And
- DOWN**
- 1 "Piano Man" singer Billy
 - 2 Against
 - 3 Theater area
 - 4 Fistfight
 - 5 Tint
 - 6 Palindrome in a palindrome
 - 7 Put off

Answer to Previous Puzzle

B	A	R	A	D	A	M	M	A	S	T
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D	R	U	G	D	A	M	A	G	E	S
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A	P	S	E	E	D	N	A	L	E	T
R	E	E	D	E	D	E	D	Y	R	S

- 8 Ostentatious
- 9 Dryer buildup
- 10 "Do ___ others ..."
- 11 Score to be settled
- 19 Nobleman
- 21 Long
- 23 Makes sense (2 wds.)
- 24 Judge's garment
- 25 Tied
- 26 Trouble
- 28 Out of one's mind
- 29 Sub ___ (covertly)
- 30 Any minute now
- 33 Rent buds
- 36 Potato
- 37 Peak
- 39 Innumerable
- 41 Broke a seal
- 43 On the up and up
- 45 Cabbage salad
- 46 Mexican money
- 47 Affirm
- 49 Lois of "Superman"
- 50 English school
- 53 Cuckoo
- 54 E.U. member

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

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

HERMAN



"Make up your mind, Harold. Which one of us do you want to stay married to?"

Son has become a doormat to cheating, abusive wife

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter-in-law is morally corrupt, egotistical and narcissistic. For almost a year she has been blatant about having an affair and has abused and disrespected our son and two of her three daughters. She has taken innumerable vacations over the years without our son. When they are together at home, she constantly puts him down and psychologically abuses him, usually in front of his younger daughters.

She tries to meet her boyfriend whenever possible. Usually, she sends him a text and then goes "shopping." If my son is around to watch the kids, she'll just leave. If she's home, she has long phone conversations with the boyfriend, even though the children are present.

The oldest daughter knows what's happening, as she has told her dad as much. The funny thing is, his wife thinks no one knows what's going on when we all know what's going on. All we can do is encourage our son to get a lawyer. That's probably just what she wants, so she can make him the bad guy. Thanks for any suggestion you might have. --MYSTIFIED IN MINNESOTA

DEAR MYSTIFIED: I understand why, as a caring parent, you are upset

about the treatment your son has been receiving. But until he is willing to admit to himself that his marriage is irretrievably damaged, nothing will change.

Support him emotionally and tell him to talk to an attorney about what his options would be if he chose to divorce his wife. What's happening now is not good for his children, which is why he might want to ask for custody. He doesn't have to file papers, but it may educate him about what to do (and expect) next. The rest is up to him.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have traveled many times with two other couples who are dear friends. My husband recently passed away, but I plan to continue traveling with them. We've traditionally split expenses such as condo and car rentals equally, with each couple paying one third.

We now have our first trip planned since my husband's passing. We're planning to rent a three-bedroom condo and a vehicle large enough to accommodate all of us and our luggage. They assumed I would pay one-third of the condo expense, since I'll have my own bedroom. I'm fine with that.

My question is regard-

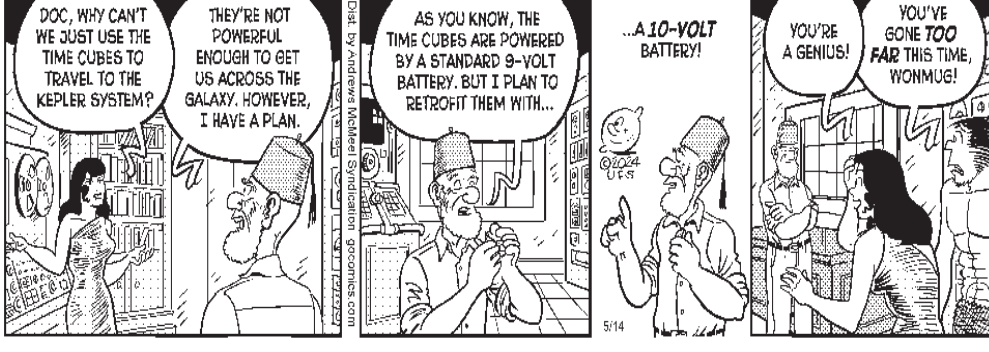


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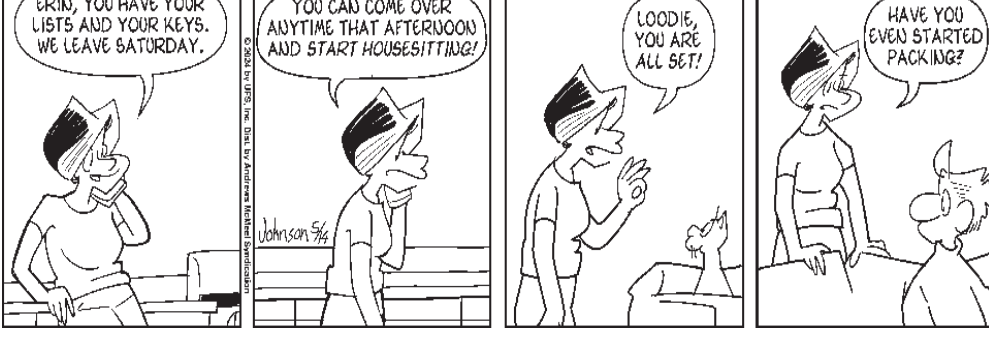
ing the rental car. We haven't discussed how we'll split the cost, but I think it would be fair to split the car five ways, since there are only five of us now. I don't want to cause friction between us, and I'd appreciate your thoughts on how the car rental cost should be split and how I should approach discussing this with them. -- UNCERTAIN TRAVELER

DEAR UNCERTAIN: Because your situation has changed, I don't think it would be inappropriate to raise the subject of splitting the cost of the car rental five ways. These are longtime friends, and your point is valid. Mention it the next time the trip is discussed.

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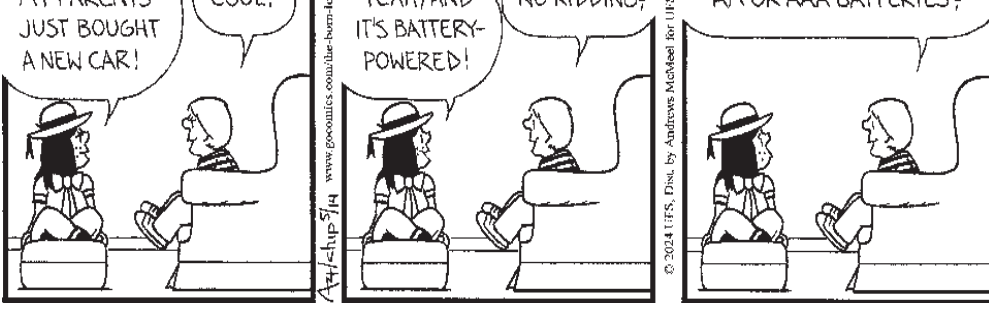
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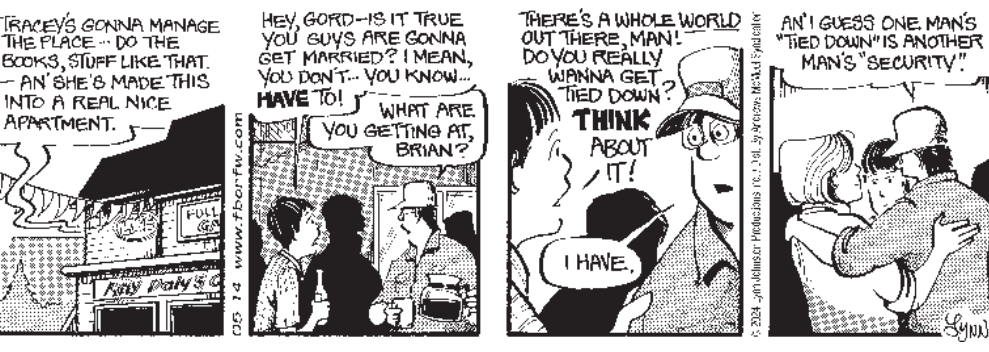
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