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SLV Today County large trash item drop off

ALAMOSA COUNTY – Alamosa County will be hosting a county clean-up day from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 11. Alamosa County residents can bring most large items and debris for disposal.

Items must be brought to the Alamosa County Road and Bridge Department, through the back entrance off of Independence Drive. Watch for signs.

Items that are allowed include most large items, most metals including appliances, regular car and pickup truck tires, and electronics. Items not allowed are no concrete, tiles, or shingles; no large commercial, semi, or tractor tires, no paints or oils, and no hazardous materials.

All loads are subject to inspection and all loads must be covered and secured for transport. Keep in mind this large item drop-off is a separate event from the large item pick-up hosted by the City of Alamosa. For more information, call Alamosa County at 719-587-5161.

Adams State End of Year Bash

ALAMOSA — Enjoy music, food, games, and fun during the Adams State University End of Year Bash from 3 until 8 p.m. Monday, May 6, on the North Campus Green. The community is welcome to the bash.

The event will include a mechanical bull, human-sized hamster ball track, esports gaming tent, reptile petting zoo and a car smash. Community bands including Ol'scratch, That 90s Band, and The Fuzzy Nuggets will perform throughout the afternoon and into the evening.

Food trucks including Tacos Martinez, Woody's Q Shack, Fuel by Blessed and Frosty Acres will sell delicious treats.

The event is open to all faculty, staff, students and community members. Parking is available in the Nielsen Library parking lot and on Edgemont Boulevard.

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County commissioners narrow in on settlement with FAA

Reducing SLV Regional Airport fine from \$1.2M to \$64,649

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER and JOHN WATERS
Courier Reporter and Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — During a meeting of the Alamosa City Council on Wednesday night, it was made public that a \$1.2 million fine assessed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

against the San Luis Valley Regional Airport for failing to follow federal regulations has been reduced to \$64,649. The reduction, referenced in a Settlement Agreement presented by the FAA, is the result of month-long, ■ See FFA page 3

The San Luis Valley Regional Airport in Alamosa. The City of Alamosa and Alamosa County, owners of the airport, are set to sign an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration regarding a civil penalty.

Courier file photo by John Waters



'We're working the work'

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — Two schools in the Alamosa School District (ASD) — Alamosa Elementary 3-5 (AES 3-5) and Ortega Middle School (OMS) — have been ranked among the 2024 Best Elementary and 2024 Best Middle Schools by the U.S. News & World Report. The rankings were determined after a review of data from more than 79,000 public elementary and middle schools across the country.

AES 3-5 is ranked No. 253, placing the school in the top third nationally. In Colorado, 253rd out of a total 1,412 public elementary schools puts the school in the top 18% statewide. Ortega is ranked No. 151, also in the top third nationally. In Colorado, out of 964 public middle schools in Colorado, Ortega places in the top 16%.

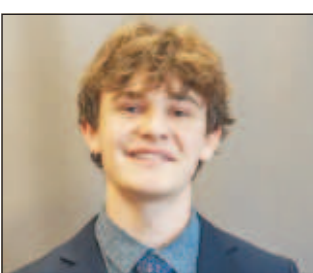
"We're very excited about this" ■ See SCHOOL page 2



Photo courtesy of Luis Murrillo

Ortega Middle School students at work. OMS has been ranked among the 2024 Best Elementary Schools by U.S. New & World Report.

Four SLV grads among Boettcher scholars for 2024



Brock Benton, Alamosa High School



Jaymi Gile, Alamosa High School



Gus Miller, Monte Vista High School



Kaia Skadberg, Centauri High School

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

DENVER — The Boettcher Foundation has announced the 2024 Class of Boettcher Scholars. Listed among the 50 outstanding graduating seniors from around the state are four students from the San Luis Valley, including Brock Benton (Alamosa High School), Jaymi Gile (Alamosa High School), Gus Miller (Monte Vista High School) and Kaia Skadberg (Centauri).

The Boettcher Scholarship is considered to

be one of the most prestigious scholarships offered in the state of Colorado, not only recognizing the most remarkable students but also in providing full tuition and expenses for four years of college at the Colorado college or university of their choice.

As part of the announcement, scholars offered some information about themselves.

When asked about his accomplishments, Benton (AHS) said, "My proudest achievement is creating an entire student-supported mental

health team within my school." Benton will be attending the University of Colorado.

Gile (AHS) stated, "My favorite Colorado experience is camping outdoors with my family and becoming a Junior Ranger at the Great Sand Dunes, my second home." Gile is also attending the University of Colorado.

In speaking of his accomplishments, Miller (MVHS) said, "My proudest achievement is having learned the ability to lose and be unsuccessful graciously and celebrate

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AHS students get 'crash' course on not drinking and driving

By KEITH R. CERNY
Courier Publisher

ALAMOSA — Upperclassmen at Alamosa High School (AHS) received a visual reminder Thursday of what can happen if teens choose to drink and drive on prom night, or any other time.

Local emergency responders assisted sponsors to conduct a "mock DUI crash" near the AHS stadium that involved eight student "victims" and a "baby" that was a passenger in one of the vehicles. Two students and the baby did not "survive" because

of the accident. The event was sponsored by AHS After-Prom and SLV P.R.O.M. as a reality based, simulated vehicle crash.

"The ultimate goal of this is to be an eye opener to how many lives can be affected if you make the choice to drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol," read an announcement of the event, with the goal of keeping children and the community safe.

Participating responders included the Alamosa Police Department, Colorado

State Patrol, Alamosa Fire Department (AFD), Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control, Alamosa EMS and the county coroner's office, and Eagle Air Medical helicopter that landed and took off from the location.

The audience got to witness simulated rescue and recovery efforts and the arrest of the purported "drunk driver" and the resulting sobriety tests. AFD personnel used extrication equipment to remove doors from the vehicles involved to reach victims.



Courier photo by Keith R. Cerny

Alamosa firefighters use the 'Jaws of Life' to remove a door on one of the vehicles involved in the 'mock DUI crash' at Alamosa High School on Thursday.

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Girl Scout cookies to the rescue



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SAN LUIS VALLEY — Alamosa Girl Scout Troop No. 36252 picked Alamosa Search and Rescue as well as the Alamosa School District Transportation department as their Hometown Hero's and donated 269 boxes of girl scout cookies to each hometown hero with a grand total of donated cookies of 538 boxes. Thanks for all the community support during cookie season.

Center Viking Club celebrating 10 years on May 4

By MARIE MC-COLM

CENTER - The Center Viking Club is celebrating its 10th anniversary on Saturday, May 4, beginning at 9 a.m. at 386 Broadway in Center. There will be plenty of activities for everyone to enjoy, including a bouncy house for the kids, face painting, food trucks, live Mariachi music and much more.

Grant Manager for the Center Consolidated School District and the Center Viking Club, Katrina Ruggles spoke about the upcoming celebration and how the club got started.

"The club was established in 2014, it really came together more in 2015. I want to add that although I was running after-school programs, Lawrence Trujillo really spearheaded the Viking Club," Ruggles said. "Lawrence helped me out with my after-school programs as an AmeriCorps volunteer. He really helped get this project started with the Viking Club, too. He started the non-profit for the club and helped get the building donated to the Center School District. It was donated by the Masonic Lodge. A lot of credit needs to be given to Lawrence for making all of that happen."

The school district

owns the building, Ruggles said, and the Center Viking Club is its own non-profit.

"The collaboration between the school and the club is great and helps keep the club open and running. The club runs a lot of after-school programs. They serve sometimes up to 62 per day. Lots of kids, over 300 through the school year, in a variety of after-school programs served there. The Viking Club is a big benefit to all students ages K through 12. The club really benefits everyone involved in it," she said. Ruggles said that there are many fun activities planned for the anniversary event, including a 5K run that will start it all.

"They are going to start at 9 a.m. with a 5K, a fun run really," Ruggles said. "They are giving out T-shirts, it's going to be a great time."

Ruggles said the Viking Club would also recruit students for a summer program at the event.

"We have a really fun summer program planned from swimming, to science, to art, to bike riding, to physical activities. We are going to do a gardening program this summer. We try to base a lot of our programs on what

young people like to do, and what they say they would like to do. There will be registrations taking place. They will hopefully be getting children to sign up, kindergarten through twelfth grade, for the summer program as well," she said.

Ruggles said the only stipulation to registering is the child needs to be a student at the Center Consolidated School District.

Ruggles said that all ages are welcome to come to the anniversary celebration. Ruggles said one thing she also loves about the club is how it tries to always support the children academically and provide leadership skills to them.

"The Viking Club wants to help all of the students overall succeed and promote and support social emotional gains and skills in the children as well," Ruggles said. "We are a community-based organization that is always looking for more volunteers and donations too. We are always looking for people who have special skills and want to teach and help young people. The Viking Club is a fun safe place for children to be, and I think they develop a lot of great skills from attending."



Photo courtesy of Marie Pollard

The Moffat Archery Team at the National Archery in the Schools Program 2024 National Western Tournament, April 27, Sandy, Utah: top row, left to right, Coach Jack Sciacca, and Coach Megan Shellabarger, and bottom row, left to right, Shelby Morley, Alexandra Cuellar Alvarez, Romeo Eisenhauer, Chase Shellabarger, Tanner Shellabarger, Caiden Cross, and Kandra Pollard.

Moffat archers travel to national tournaments

By JACK SCIACCA
Moffat Pk-12 Archery Coach

MOFFAT - Moffat Pk-12 Schools recently competed in the National Archery in the Schools Program 2024 National Western Tournaments in Sandy, Utah, representing Moffat and Colorado.

Archers from across the country and several provinces turned in a total of 5,831 individual scores across three separate shooting venues. The tournaments began on April 25 and continued through April 28.

Moffat traveled with seven competitors, all securing positions in the tournament by finish-

ing in the top 10 in their respective divisions in the 2024 NASP Colorado State Tournament. Moffat archers participated in a Bullseye round on the morning of April 27 and a 3-D (animal targets) the same afternoon. Most archers submitted scores above their averages with a few notable standouts.

Kandra Pollard, eighth grade, and Tanner Shellabarger, seventh grade, both qualified in the Bullseye competition to compete in the NASP National Open Tournament in Daytona Beach, Fla., in June. Donations to offset travel expenses are appreciated and can be made by emailing jacksciacca@moffatschools.org.

placed 35th out of 417 middle school boys.

"Coach Shellabarger and I are very proud of Moffat archery and the cumulative performances of the team. It is an honor to represent our state in a tournament of this caliber," said Jack Sciacca, Moffat archery coach.

Moffat coaches, Sciacca and Megan Shellabarger plan to take Tanner Shellabarger and Pollard to the 2024 NASP National Open Tournament in Daytona Beach, Fla., in June. Donations to offset travel expenses are appreciated and can be made by emailing jacksciacca@moffatschools.org.

OBITUARY

Rudy Jaramillo

Loved and cherished, Rudy Jaramillo, 80 years of age, went to be with his Lord and Savior on April 27, 2024. Rudy was born in Center, Colo., on Aug. 2, 1943, to Albert S Jaramillo and Floriada Tafoya Jaramillo.

Rudy graduated from Center High School in Center, Colo. Rudy took courses at Adams State College in Alamosa and later got his associate's degree at the University of Boulder in Boulder Colorado. Then he went on to receive his bachelor's degree at Arapaho State



College in Denver, Colo.

Rudy was employed by Logan Mental Institute for 25 years. Rudy resided in Denver, Colo., till his passing.

Rudy is survived by his

sister Patty Jaramillo, sister-in-law Cora Jaramillo, his nephew Albert Jaramillo who he loved very much, and many nephews and nieces.

Rudy was preceded in death by his parents Albert and Floriada Jaramillo and his brothers Sammy, Johnny, George, Paul and sister Helen Jaramillo.

Rudy will be missed and forever loved. The family chose cremation per his wishes. His ashes will be buried at the foot of his parents' graves at a later time.

PENDING OBITUARIES

Regis Whalen

Alamosa resident Regis Whalen was called home on May 2, 2024. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

David Martinez

Ortiz resident David Martinez passed away May 2, 2024. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Colorado Ag Commission approves Avian Influenza emergency rule

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— The Colorado Agricultural Commission has approved, and Commissioner of Agriculture Kate Greenberg has adopted, an emergency rule to help limit the spread of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Colorado. Since the initial detection of HPAI in dairy cattle in March 2024, the virus has spread to dairies in at least nine states, including Colorado.

On April 24, 2024, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture, issued a federal order to prevent the spread of HPAI. In order to implement the requirements in USDA's Federal Order and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, including avian and dairy production facilities, the Colorado Agricultural Commission approved, and Commissioner Greenberg adopted an Emergency Rule to require mandatory testing of lactating dairy cattle moving interstate. Colorado has 106 dairies and approximately 200,000 dairy cows.

"HPAI is a contagious and economically devastating disease that causes severe illness or death in poultry – such as chickens, turkeys, and ducks – and loss of production and illness in dairy cattle," said Commissioner Kate Greenberg. "This emergency rule will help Colorado mitigate the spread of HPAI and help protect our poultry and dairy industry from the virus."

The State Veterinarian's Office, in partnership with the Colorado Depart-

ment of Public Health and Environment, will hold a virtual town hall to present updates on the status of HPAI in Colorado on Wednesday May 8, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Anyone can register to attend and submit any questions they have at ag.colorado.gov/HPAICattle.

The emergency rule requires testing of lactating dairy cattle before interstate movement. Any lactating dairy cattle must receive a negative test for HPAI (also referred to as Influenza A virus in cattle) at an approved National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory. Samples must be collected by an accredited veterinarian, licensed veterinarian, or sample collector approved by the State Veterinarian no more than seven days prior to interstate movement and the negative results must be recorded on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).

Lactating dairy cattle that are showing clinical signs consistent with HPAI or those from herds that test positive for HPAI in the prior 30 days are ineligible for interstate movement. After the 30-day period, animals must be tested again for movement. Dairy cattle moving directly to slaughter do not need a pre-movement test but must have a CVI approved by animal health officials in the sending and receiving state.

Any violation of this rule may result in referral to the Colorado Office of the Attorney General or the local district attorney and subject the violator to

penalties, including civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or enforcement through the state's district courts (or any combination thereof).

The rule went into effect on April 30 and will be effective for 120 days, unless either revoked or renewed by the Commissioner under the guidance of the State Veterinarian's Office.

There will also be a public town hall with information on HPAI to be held on Wednesday, May 8, from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

The Colorado State Veterinarian's Office will provide updates about the status of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Colorado, the details of the Emergency Rule effective April 30, and answer questions.

Registration link: [Zoom registration](http://Zoom) or visit ag.colorado.gov/HPAICattle.

School Menu
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news,” says Dr. Diana Jones, ASD superintendent. “It’s a reflection of all the hard work being done by our students and staff.”

“This means a lot to us because this measures our ability to educate all students,” says Dr. Luis Murillo, ASD’s assistant superintendent.

But why the emphasis on “all”?

WHAT DOES THE RANKING REALLY MEAN?

Truly great elementary and middle schools are considered great because they educate all of their students coming from all socioeconomic backgrounds and create conditions for all of those students to be successful.

Schools were ranked based on two areas, starting with how students scored on state assessments. What percentage of students were proficient or above proficient in math and in reading and language arts?

Both Jones and Murillo freely state that proficiency scores are not yet where they need to be and ASD is implementing new, far-reaching practices to address the situation. But they also stress that the scores mirror what is happening across the state.

The second factor related to socioeconomic background of the students, which is measured by how many students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches. The reasoning is simple: numerous studies have proven that students’ socioeconomic background can have a significant impact on a student’s academic success.

Since ranking a school’s performance could not be made without taking socioeconomic into account, half of the ranking formula included the proficiency scores and the other half incorporated those test results in the context of socioeconomic demographics.

Socioeconomics is a big factor at ASD. In fact, of all students enrolled at

ASD, three out of four are eligible for free or reduced lunch. That’s significantly higher than many other districts in Colorado.

Taking all factors into consideration, there’s a reason the two schools were ranked so high. Scores on state tests were not where educators want them to be, but they were largely the same as the rest of the state. Put those scores in the context of a district that has three out of four students who are economically disadvantaged, and the resiliency and determination to overcome obstacles and succeed becomes apparent.

The U.S. News & World Report put it best. “Schools ranked at the top are all performing well and are also successful at educating all their students.”

That emphasis on reaching all of the students (“all means all” has become ASD’s moniker) has been at the core of ASD’s philosophy since Jones and Murillo stepped in as top administrators in the district. And it’s that philosophy, which is actually incorporated in the district’s strategic plan, that has helped set the stage for ranking assigned to AES 3-5 and OMS.

In the larger picture, perhaps the greatest indicator of the success experienced by ASD students is found in a different report called the District Performance Framework, a Colorado Department of Education report that does a much deeper dive into what’s going on in a school district.

Of all the school districts in the state – which are many – that have similar student socioeconomic demographics as ASD, only one other district scores as high as Alamosa.

As Murillo says, “It’s more difficult to educate kids who come from poverty.” And, as their programs show, that only makes ASD staff more determined to do so.

DATA’S IMPORTANT. BUT WHAT IS ASD DOING

THAT MAKES THE RANKING MAKE SENSE?



Alamosa Elementary 3-5 has been ranked among the 2024 Best Elementary Schools by U.S. News & World Report.

In order for students to succeed, school districts need to be strong organizations. There are numerous indicators that illustrate the strength of ASD.

Teachers employed by ASD are experienced in their profession with an average of twelve years spent in the classroom. Also, more than half of the teachers have their master’s degree.

At first glance, it would also appear that ASD has implemented a plethora of “feel good” programs and practices, but all of these initiatives are put in place with deliberation – “deliberate practice”, as Jones describes it – and are tied to specific outcomes.

A prime example relates to attendance.

Since teachers can’t teach and students can’t learn when students aren’t in school, initiatives have been put in place to encourage attendance. One such addition is the Family Center. Located in the Shooting Stars Cultural and Leadership Center, the Family Center is a student/family-friendly location where parents – some of whom come from families that have experienced generational trauma in dealing with the school district in the past – can feel safe, comfortable and welcome.

It’s also important for teachers to connect and create relationships with families, Murillo says, but not everyone is comfortable with someone from the school coming into their home. The creation of “Voice Visits” addresses that hesitation.

“Voice visits between teachers and parents can happen anywhere,” he says. “Teachers can meet parents in the family center or the park or even in the grocery store, if they happen to see each other.”

The result of these programs designed to build relationships? While other schools are reporting concerns over low attendance, ASD’s attendance rate is steady at 93%.

ASD is also focused on “healthy students and staff”. One approach to achieving this goal involves access to counselors for both students and teachers, with counseling staff located on all campuses.

Another key step implemented long overdue improvements in environments. Making much needed improvements to the environment at OMS is another example.

“There was old, dingy carpeting from the 1960s on the floor,” Supt. Jones says. “There was dim lighting. And there was no air exchange – literally, the school failed an inspection of air quality.”

That led to some crucial changes. “We ripped out all that old carpeting. We brought in some light. And we brought in fresh air. Common sense things but they all made such a big difference,” she says.

ASD is also restructuring the way core competencies are taught. Groups of teachers are meeting to identify essential stands and priority skills by both subject and grade level. The result clarifies educational expectations for



Photos courtesy of Luis Murrillo

Two ASD schools among best in the U.S.

both teachers and students. ASD will then provide training for teachers that models how to implement the new methodology.

All of that is predicted to be put in place within the next school year with an expected positive, measurable impact on proficiency levels.

And all of that is just a glimpse of what ASD is doing to offset the effect socioeconomic has on student achievement.

“We have a lot of work to do but we know that this is what it’s all about,” Murrillo says. “We’re working the work. And the rankings show that it’s having an impact.”

Grads

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even the smallest of accomplishments and continue on.” Miller plans on attending Colorado State University.

Skadberg (Centauri), who will be attending the Colorado School Mines, said, “During my undergraduate career, I plan to acquire a degree in engineering and learn not only how to work but how to live.”

As described by Curtis L. Esquibel, Senior Director of Communications and Community Engagement with the Boettcher Foundation, the Boettcher Scholarship Program has been in place since 1952, aiming to retain Colorado’s inspiring high school graduates within the state for their college education. More than 1,900 students applied for the scholarship this year.

Scholars are selected based on academics, service, leadership, and character. In addition to receiving an \$80,000 scholarship award across four years, Scholars can also receive institutional, merit, and/or need-based aid from their respective campuses. The Boettcher Scholarship is more than just financial assistance; it includes a comprehensive program and support system designed to help Scholars maximize their academic and leadership capabilities.

The Boettcher Scholar community is a robust network of over 2,800 leaders who have made significant contributions in various fields such as business, government, nonprofits, and education. This year’s cohort of 50 Scholars includes the following:

- A stuttering awareness advocate who

spreads information and insight on stuttering to her 230,000 followers on TikTok.

- A student who works full-time, takes care of younger siblings before and after school, and still maintains the highest GPA in her school’s 20-year history.

- A student that lives off the grid, commuting 90 minutes to school every day and relying on solar energy to power her life.

- The year-round manager of a local nonprofit bike repair shop, overseeing a team of 10 peers.
- A “Positive Peer” presiding on her city’s Municipal Teen Court, focused on issuing judgments rooted in compassion that have the greatest potential for positive change in the respondents.

- A proud, self-proclaimed “nerd” with a mission to destigmatize STEM education by making it more accessible and appealing to younger generations.

- A scientist, so passionate about science that she conducted her own, self-designed research on algae at home throughout high school.

- A 4th generation farmer who is committed to returning to the family farm after college.

“As we welcome the newest cohort of Boettcher Scholars, we’re thrilled to highlight their remarkable talents and passions. These dynamic thinkers and leaders bring a diverse array of skills and interests to our community,” said Vanessa Roman, director of scholarships & foundation programs. From self-taught knitters and private pilots to vocal soloists and innovative entrepreneurs, their commitment to leadership and service has already enriched communities across the state.”

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ongoing negotiations between the Alamosa County Commissioners and the FAA.

Although the property was jointly owned by the City of Alamosa and the County of Alamosa, the county operated the airport. As a result, “The county commissioners handled all the negotiations and have been in discussions with the FAA since last summer,” says Roni Wisdom, Alamosa County Administrator. “They were ultimately able to reach an agreement that reduced the fine from \$1.2 million to the \$64,649 that was stated in the agreement and discussed during city council. The agreement hasn’t been signed yet – commissioners are continuing to work out some of the details, but that figure is an amount that all parties have agreed to.”

As was reported by John Waters, News Editor of the Valley Courier, in June of 2023, the FAA proposed a civil penalty against the City of Alamosa and the County of Alamosa for allegedly failing to ensure aircraft rescue and firefighting personnel were available during scheduled air carrier flights at San Luis Valley Regional Airport.

In documents obtained by the Valley Courier from the FAA, it Informed

the county of these proposed violations in May 2023.

The FAA-approved Airport Certification Manual for San Luis Valley Regional Airport requires it to have qualified firefighters present at least an hour before the first scheduled passenger airline operation of the day and 45 minutes before all subsequent carrier operations. They also must remain on site for 15 minutes after a scheduled airline operation.

The administration alleges that between November 2020 and September 2021, approximately 138 scheduled air carrier flights took place when firefighters were not on airport. SkyWest Airlines served the airport with Bombardier Regional Jets, and CRJ-200s during this time.

According to the letter sent to the county, each violation (of U.S. Code Chapter 49,) could be as much as \$14,070 or a total of \$1,941,660.

At the time, the FAA stated, “After careful consideration of all available information, we are willing to accept \$1,290,780.00, in settlement of this matter.”

The topic of the settlement agreement was raised during Alamosa City Council on Wednesday night, largely on a procedural matter where the members of city council authorized City Manager Heather Sanchez

to sign the settlement agreement with the FAA on behalf of the city once the commissioners have signed.

A second agreement is also on the table between the City of Alamosa and the County of Alamosa. Since the City is not involved in the operation of the airport, nor does it have any control over whether or how the airport complies with the protocols outlined in the proposed settlement with the FAA, the city has proposed an agreement with the County whereby the County will be solely responsible for any alleged violation of the FAA settlement agreement going forward. The City Council also authorized Sanchez to sign the agreement with the county, provided there were no substantial changes made to the wording.

During Wednesday night’s discussion, Alamosa City Attorney Erich Schwiesow summarized the events that transpired after the \$1.2 million penalty was assessed and the agreement that is now pending between the county and the FAA.

According to Schwiesow, on October 5, 2023, the county sent the FAA a letter proposing protocols for operation of the airport to address deficiencies alleged by the FAA.

The FAA then proposed a settlement incorporating those protocols and assessing the \$1,290,780

penalty, with a requirement that payment of \$64,639 be made immediately. The balance of \$1,226,241 would be suspended for two years, provided the airport complies with the proposed protocols during that time.

If, after a period of two years, the airport remains in compliance, the remaining balance will be waived.

“The commissioners and director of the airport, Will Hickman, have worked diligently designing protocols to meet the FAA requirements. This was quite an accomplishment and was the result of a lot of hard work,” Wisdom said. “And a lot of the credit goes to the magnificent job that Jason Kelly, Alamosa County Attorney, has done during the negotiations.”

“At no time were the citizens who were passengers on the airplanes in danger,” she continues. “There were never any incidents that put passengers at risk and ARFF (airport rescue and firefighting) staff were always present. Since Alamosa County received the notice, we have had two FAA inspections and passed them with flying colors. Hickman and his crew have done an amazing job of making sure this doesn’t happen again.”

It is not known when the Settlement Agreement will be signed, but it is expected to be forthcoming soon.

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

What’s Happening?
Many areas in Colorado rely on groundwater from wells for their irrigation needs. Through Groundwater Management Subdistricts here in the San Luis Valley there have been efforts to reduce the reliance on groundwater, but there’s still work to be done!

What’s Funding is Available?
The state created the “Groundwater Compact Compliance and Sustainability Fund,” to help us address our sustainability issues. With these funds, the Rio Grande Water Conservation District created a program and is offering money to landowners who are willing to reduce their use of their groundwater rights either completely or partially.

How Can You Participate?
The Rio Grande Water Conservation District is taking applications from landowners who meet program criteria and are willing to sell their groundwater rights to the District. Successful applicants will receive payment from this Fund.

Details and Application:

- You can find out more and get the program criteria and application form on the District’s website at rgwcd.org. You can also visit the District’s office at 8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO, 81101, or by call the office at (719) 589-6301.
- Applications can be submitted beginning on April 22, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. and will end on May 31, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.
- Completed applications can be emailed to wylie@rgwcd.org or dropped off at the District’s Office.

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

Opinion

Spring has sprung

As many of you already know, Miss Trixie and Ol' Dutch have been busy this year with building a new house. It's a labor of love for sure as most of the work is being done by Yours Truly, the old mountain man himself. And of course, that means that progress on some days can be measured in small increments but the slow and steady wins the race they say. I sure hope so.



by Kevin Kirkpatrick

Recently warmer weather has accompanied our efforts, but it does have its drawbacks as evidenced by this past week's tornado activities. Generally speaking, it takes hotter days to spawn those demons from Hell and we went from nice 60-degree days to 80 seemingly overnight and will be pushing 100 sooner than you think.

The warm weather does bring about a change in people's activities, of course. The Big Box stores have potted plants for sale by the millions, kids are playing outdoor sports, and boats are being sold to naive buyers who have yet to learn the two best days when buying a boat is the day you buy it and the day you sell it.

No matter where you look there are families with children of every age and description. I can't help but think that just some short years ago these same parents were carefree and fun-loving youngsters themselves. They decided, though, that lugging around diaper bags, strollers, and car seats would be



more "fun." And not to be outdone by their friends, they all seem to be purchasing plastic wagons to carry the plethora of things needed on a typical family outing.

Attending a soccer match the sidelines look like a tailgating party with all the chairs, coats, food, balls and ruggats in their red wagons all gathered in a circle like the pioneers of old. And Ol' Dutch can only sit and smile at the harried look on the parents' faces as they try and keep it all together one more Saturday.

Ol' Dutch and Miss Trixie can feel at least a little of their frustrations as we have had to try and find a way to attend soccer games, volleyball games and horse shows in different towns on the same day in the midst of Dallas-level traffic. Often, it's a race to the next spot to hopefully get there in time to see the next grand play.

So, I can sense that same frustration in the lives of young parents as they have to split up as a couple to try and make it all work. God help the ones that have four or five kids as I have no idea how they make that all work.

All this pressure often boils over at the games and these once sane parents can be seen pulling their hair out individually and as a couple. You can tell they have given up on maintaining sanity when they simply hand money over to the baby of the family for concessions in copious quantities just to shut them up.

Another place I often see families or at least some families is at the big lumber stores like Lowes and Home Depot. For it is here that you will find the dads with the kids and mom is nowhere in sight. I finally figured out this is because the mother has "had enough" and told the dad to "take these kids and get them out of this house." The kids are

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generally well-behaved as they know they have "hit the wall" as far as being mischievous with their mothers all week and dad is not going to put up with that nonsense.

And to their credit the moms do get hit with most of the work with the kids all week and their dad has learned that aged old saying "happy wife, happy life" to be true. Good luck to all of you that have to balance kids' activities against work and schedules this Spring and Summer. And if you are a dad, grab those ruggats and get them out from under foot around the house. These times will not last forever. It will just seem like it.

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The 'Biden bump' that didn't last long

By BYRON YORK

"The election is clearly changing now, moving towards Biden," the influential Democratic strategist Simon Rosenberg declared on March 26. "The Biden bump is real." For Republicans, Rosenberg is someone worth listening to; he was right about the nonexistent "red wave" that many in the GOP expected back in 2022. When he said the election was moving, it was worth noting.

Now, though, the situation is a little more complicated. Ever since President Joe Biden's State of the Union address on March 7 -- the one in which he appeared to shout much of the time to prove his vigor -- Democrats have been hoping for a Biden surge. A lot of that was just wish-casting; it simply did not make sense to many Democrats that former President Donald Trump could be under four indictments, and starting trial in one case, and still be leading Biden. It just seemed too crazy to accept. But it was true.

Then, in late March and early April, Biden did rise a bit in the polls. According to the RealClearPolitics average of national polls, Trump has led Biden in head-to-head matchups since September 2023. (They were tied for one brief moment in October.) During his March-April "bump," Biden's deficit shrank, coming within two-tenths of a point of catching Trump. Democratic hopes rose.

"Biden's position in the polls is improving against Trump," declared the

polling analyst Nate Silver on April 18. "It looks to me like Biden's numbers against Trump have improved by a hair, probably to a degree that isn't just statistical noise." Even a slight improvement was like manna from heaven for Democrats and their allies in the media.

Alas, it didn't last long. On Sunday came a poll from CNN that was simply devastating for the president's reelection hopes. Remember, a poll is just a freeze frame of the race at this moment. It doesn't mean things won't change in the future. But it gives us an idea of where things stand right now. And the CNN poll showed Biden's standing deteriorating before our eyes.

The headline was that the poll showed Trump with a 6-point lead over Biden, 49% to 43%, in a head-to-head national matchup. And, as of now at least, many voters say they have made up their minds. When the pollsters asked respondents who did not support Biden whether there is any chance they might eventually vote for Biden, 52% said there is "no chance whatsoever" they would vote to reelect the president. When pollsters asked people who did not support Trump whether there is any chance they might eventually vote for Trump, 47% said there is "no chance whatsoever" they will vote for Trump. That suggests a lot of people have very strong feelings which they do not expect to change.

Another problem for Biden was that

the poll was taken from April 18 to 23, when Trump's trial in Manhattan was underway and the subject of wall-to-wall news reports. So voters knew about it -- they couldn't avoid it -- and more of them still preferred Trump to Biden.

Even more damaging for Biden was that, when asked to assess both the Trump and Biden presidencies, 55% of those surveyed called Trump's presidency a success, while 61% called Biden's presidency a failure. This is a unique election in which both candidates have been president of the United States. That means the voters can make an apples-to-apples comparison, and it doesn't look good for Biden.

Two more national polls have come out in the 48 hours since the CNN survey was released. A Harvard-Harris poll had Trump leading Biden by 4 points, 52% to 48%, while a Morning Consult poll had the two candidates tied at 43%.

The RealClearPolitics average of polls, which a couple of weeks ago showed the race nearly tied, now shows Trump ahead of Biden by 1.4 percentage points. It's not much of a lead by any means, but it has lasted for more than six months. And then there is Trump's bigger lead in some of the key states that could decide the election.

Again, it's all polls. But note this, from the RealClearPolitics analyst Sean Trende: "Polls are just snapshots in time. The problem is that the political science literature is pretty consistent that this is the time when the elec-

torate's views about the election start to harden, particularly with respect to the economy." So public opinion can be volatile, but after a while, it is not. And remember that where the economy is concerned, voters believe Biden has done a terrible job. Put it all together, and while yes, there is a lot of time left, there are also lots of reasons for Biden to be worried.

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Monte Vista Mayor Dale Becker signs the cover at the farewell party for Monte Vista Police Department Chief George Dingfelder.

Monte Vista shows appreciation for Chief Dingfelder

He is moving on to be next Alamosa Police Department chief

By MARIE MCCOLM
MONTE VISTA — A farewell party was held for Monte Vista Police Department Chief George Dingfelder on Wednesday April 24, at City Hall. Dingfelder will be the next Alamosa Police Department Chief.

At least 40 people attended the event, including city staff and MVPD officers. The party was laid out with a special table that had a picture of Dingfelder, along with refreshments including cookies, and drinks for attendees to enjoy.

There was also a long oblong table with a white cover, just inside the entrance of one of the rooms. The cover on the table had a message and a picture on it — “George Dingfelder, with appreciation and best wishes, The City of Monte Vista.” People could sign and or leave a message for Dingfelder on the cover as he moves to APD.

City Manager Gigi Dennis spoke at the event.

“I just want to thank you all for coming on behalf of Chief Dingfelder. Chief you probably have one of the most difficult positions in the city. You and your team are really the face of the city. If there is a conflict, the good, the bad, and the ugly, you guys are there,” she said, adding that Chief Dingfelder has brought so much “class” to the city.

“Your officers have all elevated to the standards that you have set, and Monte Vista is better for it. It has been a real pleasure to work with you. The warmth that you have brought to the community, has been much appreciated,” she said.

Chief Dingfelder took a moment and with a heartfelt voice expressed his sincere appreciation to the city, his officers, and the community.

“Obviously, this is kind of bittersweet for me. First off, I want to thank the council. Most important,” Dingfelder said, motioning to the group of police officers in attendance, “I want to thank this group right over here. They are a phenom-



Monte Vista Police Department Chief George Dingfelder speaks with Monte Vista City Councilman Loren Howard and his wife during the farewell party for Dingfelder, who is moving to be the Alamosa Police Department chief.

enal group of officers. For whatever reason it is, I did 25 years as a state patrol, I came here four years ago, but this group right here I am going to miss them a lot more. I think it’s because we have been so close. We have been through a lot. We have had some real tragedies that we have been through together for the last few years. It took us awhile to get this group together being shorthanded and what not, but this group of officers is phenomenal.”

Dingfelder thanked Public Works. He appreciated that Public Works has always been a team with the city and worked hard together with the city. Dingfelder also thanked Dennis for being such a wonderful boss.

“I will say this, I have had some really great bosses over the years, between military and state patrol, and I would say that Gigi is one of the top two. Gigi is one of the two best bosses I have ever had, and just a phenomenal person. I know the city is going to be in a good spot no matter who the chief is.”

Chief Dingfelder also thanked Records and Evidence Manager Irene Arellano for helping run the department so well.

“She really runs everything,” he said. “I just sign stuff.”

Dingfelder expressed his gratitude by saying there were so many people he wanted to thank from the city. He also gave a special thank you to Mayor Dale Becker.

“He’s been a great friend, and always willing to listen. When I was thinking about this way back four or five years ago. I called him a few times. I knew Dale pretty well. He’s like yeah, I think you should do it, so thank you Mayor for taking the chance on me,” he said.

Dingfelder also thanked his wife, Stephanie Dingfelder stating that she expressed that this would be another “adventure,” for them. “I hope this will be my last job,” Dingfelder said with a chuckle.

Dingfelder also gave a special thank you to Bobby Pino, father of two Monte Vista police officers.

“When I started here in 1995 as a brand-new trooper, Bobby was the Jail Administrator, and he absolutely became one of my closest friends. Bobby thank you for all you do and allowing me to work with your sons,” he said.

Pino smiled and said, “Thank you for building what you have built this far, and I know that it will carry on because you have a good group of guys and gals here. I appreciate you.”

Dingfelder also thanked the community for thinking of him and attending his farewell.

“It’s not like I am dying or leaving, I am only going 17 miles away,” he said with a smile. “If you’re in Alamosa, you know I like to talk, and I like coffee. So, if you’re in Alamosa, come by the PD and stop in and visit.”

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Sports



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Two Alamosa High School senior student-athletes signed national letters of intent on Wednesday. From left, Mario Villalba who signed to compete in cross country and track and field at Metropolitan State University-Denver, and Jayden Mizokami who will attend California Post Graduate Baseball.

Mizokami, Villalba sign national letters of intent

By KEN HAMRICK
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – Two Alamosa High School senior student-athletes have decided where they will continue their academic and athletic careers on Wednesday by signing national letters of intent.

Jayden Mizokami signed to go to the California Post Graduate Baseball program in Palm Springs, Calif., while Mario Villalba will attend Metropolitan State University-Denver to compete in cross country and track and field.

“I really liked the campus and I really liked the athletes there,” Villalba said. “I got the chance to practice with them and I think it’s a great college to continue my running career.”

“I liked the nice weather and they gave me a good scholarship,” Mizokami said. “It’s another chance to continue my baseball career.”

Villalba was the Intermountain League individual champion last fall and he won the league’s 800- and 3,200-meter runs last weekend. He was a multiple time state qualifier in both cross country and track during his career.

“I think I had a really good running career here,” Villalba said. “I didn’t have the best academic career, but the memories I formed and achievements I created here. I loved high school running.”

“I’ve coached Mario since sixth grade and it’s a treasure to see him mature into this wonderful athlete,” said Alamosa cross country and track and field coach



Jen McQuitty. “He’s close to breaking 10 minutes in the two-mile and he’s been the Intermountain League champion in cross country and in track. He’s blossomed into this wonderful athlete.”

Mizokami is currently batting .333 with 21 hits in 72 at-bats. He also has six doubles, 11 RBIs and has scored 10 runs.

“It was great at Alamosa,” Mizokami said. “I love baseball. I’ve been playing since I could walk. All the coaches are great. I love everything about it.”

California Post Graduate Baseball is a unique program. It is a transformative eight-month gap-year experience designed to propel high school athletes into the collegiate baseball spotlight, according to the program’s web site.

“I’ll go there for eight months,” Mizokami said. “We play a Division II schedule and after eight months, I’ll transfer to a bigger school and hopefully continue there.”

He doesn’t know where he will attend school after California Post Graduate Baseball.

“I’m just testing the waters out right now.”



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

Alamosa High School’s Ada Pence dribbles the ball in the Lady Mean Moose’s 1-0 win over Lake County on Thursday. Pence scored the only goal of the game.

Lady Moose run winning streak to three games

By KEN HAMRICK
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The Alamosa High School girls soccer team increased its winning streak to three games as it defeated Lake County 1-0 Thursday at the AHS stadium.

“This one was definitely a little disappointing,” said Alamosa coach Kelly Wubben. “I thought we would score a lot more than one goal. But that’s three in a row.”

The only goal of the game came in the 61st minute. Ada Pence put the ball out of the reach of Lake County goalkeeper Julianna Munoz and into the net. The goal was unassisted.

Alamosa outshot Lake County 13-4. Emmy Tibbitts stopped all of the Lady Panthers’ shots for her seventh shutout win of the season and the eighth for the team overall.

The Lady Moose also had more corner

kicks with four compared to one for the Lady Panthers. All of the corner kicks occurred in the first half.

Alamosa (8-5-1, 4-1-1 Intermountain League) will close out the regular season on Saturday as it will host another non-league game against Florence. It will be one more chance for the Lady Moose to gain some momentum before the state tournament begins.

“Hopefully, we’ll get it against Florence,” Wubben said. “We tend to play down a little bit, but hopefully we’ll play a lot better against Florence.”

	Alamosa 1, Lake County 0
Lake County	0 0-0
Alamosa	0 1-1

Scoring
A – Pence, 61:00.
Shots on goal – Lake County 2-2-4, Alamosa 6-7-13.
Corner kicks – Lake County 1-0-0, Alamosa 4-0-4.
Goalkeepers – LC: Munoz (saves 6-6-12), A: Tibbitts (saves 2-2-4).

Sports Bulletin

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SCOREBOARD MONDAY

Prep baseball
Antonito 22, Centennial 2, 3 inn.

TUESDAY

Prep baseball
Center 7, Antonito 6
Del Norte 24, Sanford 21
Del Norte at Sanford - suspended
Monte Vista 11, Rye 8, 8 inn.
Sierra Grande 14, Center 1, 5 inn.

WEDNESDAY

Prep baseball
Del Norte 17, Sanford 4

THURSDAY

Prep baseball
Center at Custer County - late
Prep girls soccer
Alamosa 1, Lake County 0
College baseball
Colorado Mesa 28, Adams State 16, 68 inn.

SCHEDULE FRIDAY

Prep baseball
Antonito vs. Dove Creek (Class 1A District

1 Tournament at Ignacio), 10 a.m.

Sanford at Alamosa, 11 a.m.

Nucla vs. Sierra Grande (Class 1A District 1 Tournament at Ignacio), noon

Prep girls golf

Alamosa, Monte Vista at Pueblo County Invitational (at Hollydot Golf Course), 9 a.m.

Prep track and field

Centauri, Del Norte, Sangre de Cristo at Walsenburg Invitational, 9 a.m.

Alamosa, Sargent at Pueblo Twilight Invitational (at Dutch Clark Stadium), 1 p.m.

College baseball
Colorado Mesa at Adams State (2), noon

SATURDAY

Prep baseball

Center at Ignacio (2), 11 a.m.

Custer County at Del Norte (2), 11 a.m.

Monte Vista at Trinidad (2), 11 a.m.

Sargent at South Park (2), 11 a.m.

Centauri at Montezuma-Cortez (2), 1 p.m.

Prep girls soccer
Florence at Alamosa, 11 a.m.

Del Norte at Telluride, 4:30 p.m.

Prep track and field
Creede, Monte Vista, Sanford, Sangre de Cristo at Terry Alley Invitational (at Pagosa Springs), 9 a.m.

College baseball
Colorado Mesa at Adams State, noon

College outdoor track and field

Adams State at Colorado State Pueblo Last Chance Invitational, TBA

Adams State at Portland Twilight, 3:45 p.m.

SUNDAY

College outdoor track and field

Adams State at Colorado State Pueblo Last Chance Invitational, TBA

MONDAY

Prep girls golf

Alamosa at Gunison Invitational (at Dos Rios Golf Club), 8:30 a.m.

TUESDAY

Prep baseball

Center at Sargent (2), 2 p.m.

Trinidad at Sanford (2), 2 p.m.

Monte Vista at Alamosa, 4 p.m.

Prep girls golf

Alamosa, Monte Vista at Monte Vista Invitational, 9 a.m.

Prep track and field

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

WEDNESDAY

Prep baseball

Del Norte at Montezuma-Cortez, 4 p.m.

Prep girls golf

Alamosa, Monte Vista at Alamosa Invitational (at Cattails), 9 a.m.



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Timetables

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

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

4. As used in this notice and in the contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is Colorado, Alamosa County, Alamosa, Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (Federal Minimum Wage)

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

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

Certification of Offeror/Bidder Regarding Debarment

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

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

- * Civil Rights - Title VI Assurances
- * Lobbying Federal Employees
- * Recovered Materials
- * Other Federal Provisions included in Part A of the Special Provisions Alamosa County Alamosa, Colorado No. 3931.

Published in the Valley Courier on May 3, 7, 14, 2024.

NOTICE

DISTRICT COURT, ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO Court Address: 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101 Phone: (719) 589-4996

Petitioner: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO IN THE INTEREST OF: A.P., CHILD AND CONSERVING.

Respondents: Nubia Paredes-Valenzuela and John Doe ALIAS SUMMONS

DATE FILED: April 29, 2024. E20024N4L:2Y3 PM CASE NUMBER: 2024JV30012

Case Number: 2024JV30012

Div.: Ctmm:

TO: THE PARENTS, GUARDIANS, LEGAL CUSTODIANS, OR OTHER RESPONDENTS ABOVE NAMED, GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that a Verified Petition for Adjudication of Dependency and Neglect of the above-named child/ren has been filed in the above-named Court in which it is represented to the Court that the child/ren, A.P., is/are dependent or neglected for the reasons set forth more fully in said Petition, the original of which is on file in the above Court and copies of which will be made available to you upon request during normal business hours at the office of the Clerk of the District Court in Alamosa County.

You are further notified that TERMINATION OF THE PARENT-CHILD LEGAL RELATIONSHIP IS A POSSIBLE REMEDY AVAILABLE IF THIS PETITION ALLEGING THAT THE CHILD/REN IS/ARE DEPENDENT OR NEGLECTED IS SUSTAINED. A SEPARATE HEARING MUST BE HELD BEFORE SUCH TERMINATION IS ORDERED. TERMINATION OF THE PARENT-CHILD LEGAL RELATIONSHIP MEANS THAT THE CHILD/REN WHO IS/ARE SUBJECT TO THIS PETITION WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION.

You are further notified that the Court has set said Matter for hearing on the 23rd day of May, 2024, at the hour of 1:20 p.m., in the Alamosa District Court, in Alamosa, Colorado.

Parties may appear in-person at the Alamosa Courthouse at the following address: 8955 Independence Way Alamosa, CO 81101

Pursuant to Rule 4.1 of the Colorado Rules of Juvenile Procedure, a responsive pleading is not required, although you may file one, if you so desire, nor is it necessary for you to deny any allegations of the Petition, except jurisdictional matters of age and residence of the child/ren which shall be deemed admitted unless specifically denied.

You are further informed that if you choose to appear at the hearing at the time and place hereinabove stated, you shall be fully advised by the Court of your constitutional and legal rights pursuant to C.R.S. 19-3-202, as amended. You may demand a trial by jury of not more than six.

Unless a jury is demanded, it shall be deemed to be waived. You have the right to be represented by counsel at every stage of the proceedings. If you request representation by an attorney and you are found to be without financial means to afford an attorney, an attorney will be appointed for you by the Court.

You are further advised that, if the court finds that the allegations in the Petition are supported by the necessary standards of proof, the Court shall hold a dispositional hearing, but that in a proper case, providing prior notice thereof is given to you, and, you are now so advised, the dispositional hearing may be had co-extensively with the adjudicatory hearing.

If you fail to enter your appearance, or if you fail to deny jurisdictional matters, if any, as permitted by law, the above matter, and any other related matters that may come before the Court will be decided without further notice to you.

Furthermore, you have the following additional rights:

- 1) The right to subpoena witnesses;
- 2) The right to know the nature of the allegations contained in the Petition;
- 3) Any admission on your part must be voluntary;
- 4) If you admit the allegations of the Petition, the Court is not bound by any promises or representations made by anyone about the dispositional alternatives by the Court;
- 5) The Court may appoint an attorney as a Guardian ad Litem to represent the interest of the child/ren.
- 6) The right to present evidence;
- 7) The right to cross examine witnesses;
- 8) The right to appeal;
- 9) In order for the Court to find the child/ren to be neglected or dependent, it must be proven to a judge or jury by the preponderance of evidence;
- 10) In order to terminate the parent-child legal relationship, the Court would have to find at a separate hearing by clear and convincing evidence either of the following:
 - a) That the child/ren has/have been adjudicated dependent and neglected and has/have been abandoned by his/her/their parent or parents.
 - b) That the child/ren is/are adjudicated dependent or neglected, and the Court has found by clear and convincing evidence that no appropriate treatment plan can be devised to address the unfitness of the parent or parents.
 - c) That the child/ren is/are adjudicated dependent or neglected and all of the following exist:
 - (I) That an appropriate treatment plan approved by the Court has not been reasonably complied with by the parent or parents or has not been successful;
 - (II) That the parent is unfit;
 - (III) That the conduct or condition of the parent or parents is unlikely to change within a reasonable amount of time;

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 29th day of April, 2024.

JENNIFER PACHECO CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: Clerk/Deputy
No. 3928.
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173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

221 - HELP WANTED

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

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

LICENSED PLUMBER DOES all types of plumbing & plumbing repairs. Quick service! Call anytime, weekends & evenings: 719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593. (5/24/24-monthly)

JOE OPENING: FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE / JANITORIAL position. Resumes can be dropped off at Sacred Heart Church office, 726 3rd Street, ALAMOSA or email to Admin@SacredHeartAlamosa.org. (5/22/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

C O F - FEE SHOP MANAGER: MILA GROS COLA - FEE 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. (5/11/24)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for an INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTER/LIBRARY PARAPROFESSIONAL at BILL METZ ELEMENTARY for the 2024-2025 school year. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. Monte Vista School District operates on a 4-day week (Monday - Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Paraprofessional Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application <https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities>, by April 23, 2024, or until the position is filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (4/30+2/24)

WE GOT THE HELP WE WERE LOOKING FOR WITH THE HELP OF THE VALLEY COURIER. Smokin Spuds. (AS)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a 6th GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER at MONTE VISTA MIDDLE SCHOOL for the 2024-2025 school year. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. The District operates on a 4-day week (Monday - Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Teacher Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application <https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities>, by April 23, 2024, or until the position is filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (4/30+2/24)

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)

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LOOKING FOR A rewarding and fulfilling career? Are you a positive, self-motivated individual? Consider a career with the MONTE VISTA HEAD START. FISCAL OFFICER is responsible for the fiscal management and fiscal reporting to the Office of Head Start and the Grantee Board. Must be proficient in QuickBooks and Microsoft office applications. Qualifications are: Experience in business or fiscal management, BA accounting, Business Management, or related field. Salary between \$47,000 and \$52,000 depending on education and experience. Year round position, 5 weeks paid holidays breaks, 10 hours sick/vacation per month, simple IRA, HSA account available. For more information you may contact the director at director@mvheadstart.org or call 719-852-3215. Positions opened until filled. (5/22/24)

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

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

FOR SAGUACHE COUNTY COURT FACILITIES FEASIBILITY STUDY

I. OVERVIEW

PROPOSAL DUE DATE/DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS - Responses due by June 10, 2024 at 3PM

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

Wendi Maez
PO Box 100
505 3rd Street
Saguache, CO. 81149

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

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

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

RFP Schedule

RFP Available

May 1, 2024

Optional Site Visit

By apt with all

RFP Clarification Deadline

RFP Clarification Responses

May 31, 2024

RFP Responses Due

June 10, 2024

Interview Invitations Sent

Interviews

June 25, 2024

Selections Made and Candidates Notified

July 3, 2024

Contract Negotiations/discussion - Complete

Notice to Proceed Given to Successful Firm

Study to begin

July 17, 2024

Study completion and submittal date

October 1, 2024

Report submitted and reviewed by BOCC

October 8, 2024

Report accepted and approved

October 15, 2024

II. Background

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

III. Project Description

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

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.

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ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Saguache County Board of County Commissioners are accepting scholarship applications for graduating seniors who will be graduating high school in 2024.

Commissioners will be awarding graduating seniors' college scholarships that will be paid through the Marijuana Excise Tax funds. Scholarships may be used at a trade school, college or university but you must reside in Saguache County to apply and possibly receive scholarship funds.

Applications are due by Wednesday, May 1, 2024 and are available through our website at www.saguachecounty.colorado.gov to download the application or by contacting Wendi Maez at 719-655-2231 or by email at wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov.

No. 3929.
Published in the Valley Courier on April 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30, & May 3, 2024.

NOTICE OF ACCEPTING BIDS

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

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NOTICE

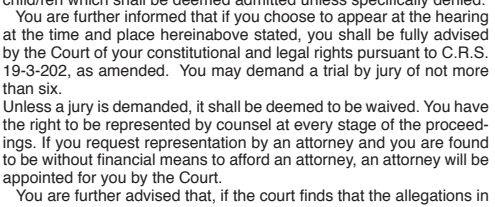
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CONEJOS County, Colorado
Court Address: 6683 County Road/PO Box 128, Conejos, CO 81120
COURT USE ONLY

In the Matter of the Estate of ALBERT NICOLAS GARCIA aka ALBERT N. GARCIA aka ALBERT GARCIA aka RAY RUYBALID
Deceased
Gordon J. Bosa
202 Edison Avenue/PO Box 58
Alamosa, CO 81101
Phone Number: (719)589-6603
E-mail: boslaw@gmail.com Atty. Reg. #: 8905
Case Number: 2024PR30001
Division: Courtroom

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO §15-12-801, C.R.S.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Albert Nicolas Garcia aka Albert N. Garcia aka Albert Garcia aka Ray Ruybalid, Deceased Case Number: 2024PR30001
All persons having claims against the above named estate are required 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 August 15, 2024 (date), or the claims may be forever barred.
Judy Lucero PO Box 336
Antonito, CO 81120
No. 3924.
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101 - MEMORIALS



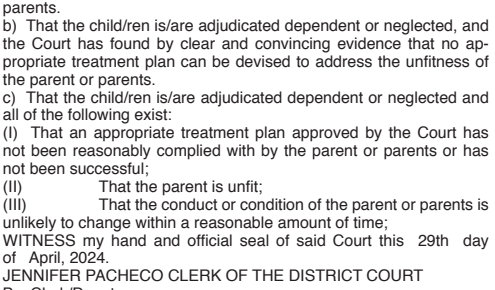
Natividad "Natie" Gutierrez
Junio 12, 1917 - Mayo 2, 2004
Aniversario de 20 años

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

EN RECUERDO A MIS PADRES

Hoy quiero reconocer
Dos personas que amo
Mi padre carifloso
Mi madre querida
Elles son mi grande tesoro
Elles mi dieron mi vida
Graci as por su amor y alegrí a
Gracias p-or su sacrificio
Gracias par enseñar las lecciones Para
vivir bien la vida
En Los momentos mas duros
Elles fueron mi gran consueLo
Hoy quiero que sepan Los dos
Son mis padres mas grandes
Su premio, ellos estan con Dias. Con
amor, su hija
Lorraine Gutierrez Atencio

In Loving Memory
Rick Abeyta
May 3, 2012



*Fond memories linger everyday.
Remembrance keeps you near. We miss &
love you so. Your Sisters & Families*

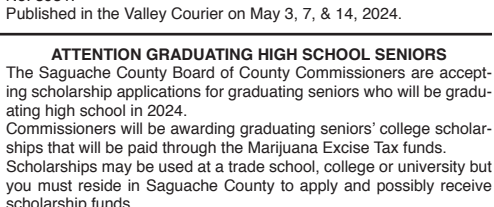
NOTICE IS GIVEN

The Colorado State Statute No. CRS 38-21 .5-104, C&R Storage Facility having given proper notice to the parties of the storage unit herein stated at their last known address, shall dispose of all property in said unit. Said disposal shall be any time after May 4th, 2024. Contents of lockers to be disposed of are:

Linda Munoz, #20;
Jeff Mills, #N.
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SHOP LOCALLY



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Classifieds

221 - HELP WANTED

DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER needed at the URGSD. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at aduda@urtigers.co or contact Amy at 719-657-4050. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: urtigers.co. (4/30+2/24)

SKYLINE POTATO CO. in CENTER, CO is looking for a SHIPPING CLERK/ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR for their bulk division. Applicants must be Bilingual (English/Spanish) and capable of using Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word and able to learn other computer/shipping programs. Work week consists of Monday-Friday and some Saturdays. Responsibilities will be the following: Weigh in and out incoming trucks, ship out trucks with outgoing product and produce paperwork for the truck, coordinate incoming and outgoing trucks with supervisor and shipping/loading crew, help supervise employees. For an application please contact Margaret Limon @ 719-754-2043. (4/30+2/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

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

CONEJOS COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT is hiring a PART-TIME LIBRARY CLERK, 20 hours per week. Please contact Maria De Herrera at 719-274-5858 for further information. (5/8/24)

CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH is looking for Part-time ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. Pay determined by experience. Contact Hannah Metzger 719-989-0987. (5/4/24)

SANGRE DE CRISTO SCHOOL DISTRICT has openings for the school year 2024-2025: Elementary PE Teacher / ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, BOOKKEEPER, Middle School FOOTBALL COACH, Middle School WRESTLING COACH, High School VOLLEYBALL COACH, High School WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH, and NUTRITION DIRECTOR. Please visit our website, www.sangreschools.org to apply. If you have any questions, please call 719-378-2321 or 719-420-1422. (5/15/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

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

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY seeks applicants for a GENERAL LABOR I position in the ASU Facilities Services Department. Starting salary for this position is \$3,160 per month. For application or more information, please see https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/AA/EOE. (5/4/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

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

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)

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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AT ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY is seeking a PROGRAM COORDINATOR / STUDENT ADVISOR. This is a twelve-month full-time, exempt position. The pay range for this position is \$42,252 - \$48,060 commensurate with experience and education. A BA and/or experience in an education-related field is preferred. This position will report directly to the School Director and will provide advising and support to undergraduate and graduate students, assist faculty and staff with daily operations, and coordinate program processes and events across undergraduate and graduate degree and licensure areas. For more information and to apply, please visit <https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/>. (5/11/24)

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; ASSISTANT POSITIONS for HS coaching also open. Send inquiries/resumes to Mr. Stagner at 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 at Stagnerb@valley.k12.co.us or call 719-655-2578. (5/28/24)

SEEKING AN ENERGETIC, compassionate MANAGER for RETHEADS COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE, located at 5111 6th Ave., ALAMOSA. Ability to work independently with people from diverse backgrounds and circumstances required. Organizational skills and friendly customer service is desired. Position is 20-25 hours per week, starting at \$15 per hour. Send resume and letter of interest to: hr@lapuente.net. (5/11/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

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

WORKING TOGETHER FAMILY ADVOCATE - LA PUENTE SEEKS a motivated, qualified person to improve parent/child education, increase family self-sufficiency and build community partnerships. We will train the candidate with the best written and oral communication skills. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of serving others. Salary Range - \$37,000.00 - \$42,000.00 DOE, full benefits package. Send resume/work references to hr@lapuente.net. (5/11/24)

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

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)

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year for (1) CENTAURI MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEACHER. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Teaching License or be able to obtain proper endorsement. Application deadline is until position is filled. Please call Brian Ricatone with questions at 719-274-4301. Applications are available at the District Administration Office, 17887 US Hwy 285, LA JARA, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com Submit application to Mr. Darren Edgar, Superintendent. EOE. (5/7/24)

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CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26Jt is paying years of service and single health insurance benefits. Apply now to become part of our dynamic district as we are now accepting applications for the position of ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER, for the 2024-2025 School Year. Qualifications: Must hold a valid State of Colorado Teacher's License or, such alternative as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Applications can be found on the District Website <https://www.center.k12.co.us/page/employmentopportunities> or contact the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (5/15/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

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

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

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

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

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

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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)

221 - HELP WANTED

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

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

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

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

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

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. (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

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324 - SEED & FEED

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

341 - GARAGE SALE

5TH ANNUAL 3 FAMILY SALE! Friday & Saturday, May 3rd & 4th. 56 Meadow Lane, MONTE VISTA. Lots of stuff, including a kitchen sink and Kirby vacuum! See you there! (5/4/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

LOOKING FOR YEAR ROUND HELP ON POTATO GRAIN FARM, starting immediately, contact 719-850-2137. Must have experience around machinery and farming practices. (5/11/24)

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

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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED at the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT in DEL NORTE! Call or email: Sophia at 719-657-4040, x4000 (scrutz@urtigers.co) for more information, go on-line: urtigers.co, or stop by the district office at: 950 French Street, Del Norte, CO to pick up an application. You do not have to hold a college degree or be a certified teacher to substitute; however, you must be a high school graduate and have a substitute license from CDE (Colorado Department of Education). (5/11/24)

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

304 - LAWN & GARDEN

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YARD SALE SATURDAY, 5/4, 8:30am-?, 230 Calle Buena, ALAMOSA. Tools, housewares. (5/4/24)

HUGE YARD SALE Friday & Saturday, May 3rd and 4th 8AM-5PM at 8346 Cool Sunshine Cir, ALAMOSA. Small kitchen appliances, kitchen table, living room furniture, TVs, bedroom furniture, gun cabinet, 2 desks, office chairs, art, decor, collectibles... much more!! (5/4/24)

ESTATE SALE IN ALAMOSA. Friday & Saturday, May 3rd/4th, 8am sharp. Lots of household goodies, brand new furniture, dining room table, kitchen items, decorative items, desks, couch, furniture, clothing, and lots more. Hwy 160 East towards Fort Garland, left on Hwy. 17, right on Curtis Lane, House #220. (5/4/24)

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE. Friday 5/3, Saturday 5/4, 8:00AM. Starts at 204 Bonney Drive; BONNEY EDITION behind Leaf'n'Jug. Come join the fun! (5/4/24)

345 - WOOD

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350 - FARM EQUIPMENT

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

353 - FARM & LIVESTOCK

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

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)

TNT BULLS FOR SALE! ANGUS, BALANCER & CHAROLAIS. 719-850-1923 or 719-850-9056. (5/7/24)

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

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REGISTERED TOY AUSSIE PUPPIES for sale, Black Tri Chocolate Tri, Blue Merle, 8 weeks old on 4-24-24. UTD on shots. 719-849-1877. (5/7/24)

387 - WANTED TO BUY

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420 - LOTS & ACREAGES

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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

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601 - APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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

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)

701 - AUTOS FOR SALE

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 "The Bachelor" network
 - 4 Statute
 - 7 Bloke
 - 11 Fish eggs
 - 12 Man from Warsaw
 - 13 Raja's wife
 - 14 Blunder
 - 15 Wheel part
 - 16 Punta del —
 - 17 Writer — Chekhov
 - 19 Omitted
 - 21 Common verb
 - 22 Afore
 - 23 Soap brand
 - 24 Squid's output
 - 25 Metered vehicle
 - 28 Fellow
 - 29 June honoree
 - 30 Ballet bend
 - 31 Fit
 - 32 Print measures
 - 33 Protracted
 - 34 Messy place
- DOWN**
- 1 Neighborhood
 - 2 "— Free"
 - 3 "Of course!"
 - 4 Smoked salmon

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 5 "— Well That Ends Well"
- 6 Days off
- 7 Thin pancake
- 8 Lid fastener
- 9 Pot pay-in
- 10 Mottled
- 12 Discussion group
- 18 Speechify
- 20 Bother
- 23 Credit score factor
- 24 Metrical foot
- 25 Covered walks in a monastery
- 26 "— Mis-behavin'"
- 27 Implore
- 28 Fuel
- 29 Showed to be false
- 30 Greek thinker
- 35 Age
- 36 Creature on a coin
- 37 Filled
- 39 "Exodus" author
- 40 Proboscis
- 41 Nat King —
- 42 Lock maker
- 44 Faithful
- 45 Pointed arch
- 48 Bronze

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

HERMAN

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Bitter son won't allow mom to find happiness

DEAR ABBY: My sister "Sandy" divorced her husband 15 years ago. Her oldest son, "Nick," has never gotten over it. He's 30 now and has treated her badly over the years. He not only vandalized her home but has also said horrible things to her. She maintained a relationship with him despite his behavior, supporting him emotionally and sometimes financially. Sandy has been engaged to her long-term boyfriend for three years, but Nick is hostile toward him. He calls him names, denigrates his faith and refuses to accept him as part of the family. Her fiancé has grown tired of this treatment, and I'm afraid it may cause their breakup. My sister doesn't want to lose her son over this, and everyone in our family, including her other children, loves Nick. What can she do? -- SEES DYS-FUNCTION IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR SEES: What your sister should do depends upon what's more important to her. If losing her fiancé to maintain a relationship with her disrespectful and unloving son is paramount, she should end their romantic relationship. Of course, it won't change her son's deplorable behavior, and

she will have to accept that. OR she can decide to go on with her life and possibly marry her gentleman friend. The rest of the family can continue to love Nick as much as they wish, and everyone will be happier. P.S. I can't help but wonder why this letter came from you and not from your sister. The most unwelcome advice is that which is unsolicited. DEAR ABBY: As far as I'm concerned, my marriage is over. For the past 10 years or more, my wife has recklessly spent our joint savings and my pension savings, taken out credit cards in my name without my knowledge and put us through bankruptcy. We now have over \$50k in debt with nothing left. She has also been having affairs on the side. I can't trust a word she says or continue to live like this. Each time, she has begged for forgiveness and promised not to do it anymore-- until she does it a week later. We agreed to separate a month ago, but now she realizes there's not going to be any regular income from me and wants to stay married. When I told her no, she attacked me physically. I don't want the police involved. I have a daughter on the spectrum. Although she's a young



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adult, she will blame me, and what relationship I have with her will be destroyed. I have been advised to not move out, as that can be seen by the courts as abandoning my property to her. Please advise, Abby. -- END OF THE ROAD

DEAR END: The best advice I can offer you is to tell this story to the best divorce lawyer you can find (interview SEVERAL) and follow that person's advice TO THE LETTER. If you must remain on the property, buy a sturdy lock for your bedroom door, and use it. If your wife becomes violent again, DO involve the police, and get out of there as soon as you safely can.

ALLEY OOP

TO FINALLY RID US OF THE ALIEN APOCALYPSE DEVICE, I'VE ENCASED IT IN A CUBE OF CEMENT.

OUR BRAVY FRIEND WILL THEN PUSH IT INTO THIS HOLE THAT REACHES DOWN TO THE VERY MOLTEN CORE OF THE EARTH.

AND MY CLEVER COLLEAGUE WILL SEAL THE HOLE WITH THIS SMALL BUT POWERFUL NUCLEAR WARHEAD.

AND WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THAT? GAH!

ARLO & JANIS

UM, YES! I DO HAVE A BOYFRIEND. THAT'S NICE.

HE'S STUDYING MINES AND ENGINEERING AT MONTANA TECH.

MY GOODNESS! IS THAT SOMETHING HE CAN DO ONLINE? OH, NO--

HE'S ON CAMPUS IN BOTTE. I HEAR THEY HAVE A WONDERFUL MINING PROGRAM!

BIG NATE

LOOKS LIKE THESE ARE A BUNCH OF LETTERS BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE NAMED EDNA AND ELMO.

LETTERS CAN BE VALUABLE, MAN! YOU EVER WATCH 'ANTIQUES ROADSHOW'?

THOSE LETTERS COULD BE HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT! OH, NO--

"DEAR EDNA, I DUG A NEW HOLE FOR THE OUTHOUSE TODAY." ...OR NOT.

THE BORN LOSER

WE HAVE A SPECIAL TODAY OF TWO DOLLARS OFF THE PRICE OF OUR MIX AND MATCH.

YOU GET YOUR CHOICE OF ANY TWO OF THE FOLLOWING: HALF A SANDWICH, A SMALL SALAD OR A CUP OF SOUP.

OKAY, FOR MY FIRST ITEM, I'LL CHOOSE HALF A HAMBURGER, AND FOR MY SECOND ITEM, I'LL CHOOSE HALF A HAMBURGER!

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

SEE YOU LATER, ELL! BYE, CONNIE!

I CAN'T BELIEVE I GOT UP AT 5 A.M. TO RUN! COFFEE I NEED...

WAIT! DON'T DUMP THAT OUT!!

ELLY, THERE'S ABOUT A CUP OF GROSS BLACK SLUDGE ON THE BOTTOM OF THE POT -- WHO IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD WANT TO DRINK THIS STUFF?!!

... HOW FRESH IS IT?

FRANK & ERNEST

I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF ANIMAL IT IS, BUT IT STOMPED ME, MANGLED ME, CRUSHED, DEMOLISHED, MAIMED AND MUTILATED ME ... IT MUST BE A THESAURUS.

GARFIELD

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE MY LIPS, LIZ? SULTRY? POUTY? KISSABLE?

ABOUT YOUR LIPS... YES?!

THEY ASK TOO MANY QUESTIONS OH

THE GRIZZWELLS

SHE SERVES FOOD THE WAY OTHER FOLKS SERVE SUBPOENAS

SPLAT!

PEANUTS

GUESS WHAT...

THEY'VE POSTED THE TEAMS FOR THE MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

YOU KNOW WHO YOUR PARTNER IS? MOLLY VOLLEY!

MOLLY VOLLEY?