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SLV Today **Property tax** payments at Alamosa County Treasurer's Office

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa County Treasurer's Office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to take your cash, check or credit card payments for property taxes. The full payment deadline is April 30. The office can also take payments over the phone or at alamosacounty. org. A service fee will be charged by the credit card company. Call the treasurer's office at 719-589-3626, if you have any questions.

Costilla **County Health** Fair is April 20

SANLUIS—CostillaCounty Public Health and SLV Health will hold a County Health Fair on Saturday, April 20, from 8 to 11 a.m., at the Centennial School in San Luis. Free Health screenings and affordable lab work will be available.

Wildfire season is focus of **RGNF** series April 24

SAN LUIS VALLEY -Wildfire season is upon us here in the San Luis Valley

City council voting on hours in the parks tonight

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Also on agenda, is ordinance governing water export

Courier Reporter

and a review of the ordinance, largely populated by families. By PRISCILLA WAGGONER members of the council will be asked to vote on a city ordi- on the agenda relates to the ALAMOSA - The slate of nance that sets specific hours second reading of Ordinance came up for consideration, loitems on the agenda for Ala- for city parks, trails and open 6-2024 The Code Of Ordinancmosa City Council's Wednes- spaces and also bans the pres- es Of The City Of Alamosa to

day night meeting doesn't ence of deadly or dangerous Include a new Chapter 17 seem to hold any significant weapons. Those who have persurprises in that votes will mits to carry concealed weappertain to two ordinances that ons are not impacted, although have already been discussed in the city discourages anyone the previous session of council. outside of law enforcement Following public comment bringing weapons to events

The only other ordinance

titled "Guidelines and Regulations for Water Projects for Export Outside The San Luis Valley as Designated as Matters of State Interest of the City of Alamosa."

As described in information distributed to council members when the ordinance first cal government bodies in the

■ See HOURS page 3

Alamosa river restoration plans

By JOHN WATERS Courier News Editor ALAMOSA — The Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project (RGHRP) is making progress with plans to invigorate the riparian corridor of the Rio Grande in Alamosa. The plan includes recreational opportunities along the river at Cole Park, improving aging and hazardous agricultural diversion infrastructure, and improving aquatic hahitat

The RGHRP is a nonprofit based in Alamosa with the mission of restoring the Rio Grande for all users, recreational, agricultural, and wildlife.

According to Cassandra McCuen, Project



Photo courtesy RGHRP The Rio Grande in Alamosa is the site of improvements planned by the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project. Increased recreational aspects of the plan in-



Courtesy photo Sheela Bringi will perform at the Baca Colorado College near Crestone on Sunday, April 21, at 2 p.m.

Sheela Bringi in Baca-Crestone

Join Doug Currie, Forest Fire Management Officer for the Rio Grande National Forest as he talks about the local fire season outlook and how he is preparing for it. Currie has nearly 30 years of experience in wildfire response, prescribed fire and incident management throughout Alaska, the southern and western U.S.

The online program will be held Wednesday, April 24, at 5 p.m. in partnership with the San Juan Mountains Association. Visit the Rio Grande National Forest website or Facebook page, for event information.

This event is part of the Rio Grande National Forest's Forest Specialist Series, a once monthly online presentation to share information with our community.

SLV WEATHER Sunny, Breezy, Gusty

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Thurs: Mostly Sunny, Windy 71/36

Fri: Mostly Sunny, Breezy, Gusty 71/33

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Manager with the Rio Grande Restoration Project, "We include Colorado Health McCuen said Jub En- Parks and Recreation have \$310,000 of fund- Foundation, Trinchera gineering and River- Department in 2010 ing for planning and Blanca Foundation, Col- Restoration have been to replace a hazardous design for the project orado Water Conserva- hired to work with the dam on the Deschutes this includes commu- tion Board, City of Ala- community during the River and transform the nity ment events, near-final the City of Alamosa, process. RiverRestodesigns, and permitting. SLV GO, Rio Grande ration has worked on also hired by the Town Final construction costs Farm Park, Alamosa a portfolio of aquatic of Vail to improve the will be determined based County, San Luis Val- projects in both restoon the final designs."

clude a river put-in to facilitate access.

Headwaters ning and design phase Ditch water users. outreach/engage- mosa. Partners include planning and design area into a recreational ley Water Conservancy ration and recreation. Funders for the plan- District, and Westside The firm was retained See RIVER page 3

by the Bend (Oregon) paradise. The firm was performance of the Vail Whitewater Park. Both concert

CONTRIBUTED SAGUACHE COUN-TY —Hindustani harpist, vocalist and bamboo flautist Sheela Bringi will bring her crossover music artistry to Crestone on Sunday, April 21, at the Baca Colorado College "amphitheater."

Bringi is a classicallytrained Indian musician ■ See **BRINGI** page 3

SLV IRC honors donors and hosts a community celebration

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

Courier Reporter Barn at La Manzanilla in can Masters and gives Alamosa was standingroom only on Saturday night when staff, board members and a crowd of supporters of the San Luis Valley Immigration center, and gratitude to Resources Center (SL-VIRC) gathered for the organization's annual Donor Appreciation and Community Celebration event.

Alejandro Jimenez, a commanding spoken where a non-sanctuary word/performance poet resolution failed to be living in Santa Fe, N.M., transfixed the audience with the power of his po-

etry. A two-time Emmy nominee, Jimenez was the subject of a May 2023 ALAMOSA - The episode on PBS' Amerifrequent TEDx talks.

> Board member Eric Carpio followed, expressing strong praise for the work of the resources the donors for their support throughout the year. He shared his appreciation for those who made their voices heard at the recent Alamosa County Commissioners' meeting voted on.



Photo by Priscilla Waggoner

Mariachi San Luis In performing his poetry, Alejandro Jimenez evoked powerful, lasting images and ■ See IRC page 3 feelings during SLVIRC's event at the Barn at La Manzanilla on Saturday.





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It is with a heavy heart

that we announce the

passing of our beloved

Emily E. Quintana. Em-

ily was called home to be

with the Lord on March

18, 2024. She passed at

her family home in Foun-

tain after losing her bat-

tle to cancer. Her loving

family was by her side

every step of the way.

She was a warrior who

through all the trials and

tribulations of her illness

never lost hope or faith.

She was an inspiration

and showed her fam-

ily the true definition of

into the world on Dec. 31,

1952, in Espanola, N.M.,

she was the daughter of

Jose David and Ernes-

tine (Trejo) Garcia. Em-

ily was a Monte Vista

High School Class of

1970 graduate. After

graduation, she went on

to attend Adams State

College from 1970-1972.

She worked and retired

from Penrose St. Fran-

cis Medical Center as a

Patient Access Registrar

and Safety Coordina-

tor. She devoted years of

faithful service and made

countless friends from

In her free time, Emily

enjoyed listening to mu-

passed away on Feb. 6,

2024, surrounded by her

the work she did there.

Colorado

pez).

Emily was welcomed

strength.

Creede Hotel announces hiring of new executive chef

By CREEDE HOTEL

 \mathbf{CREEDE} — The Creede Hotel and Restaurant is excited to announce that it has hired a new executive chef for the summer.

"We had quite a few great candidates but finally decided on Kristen Zagranski," ownership stated.

Zagranski, boasts an impressive 36year tenure in the culinary industry, with 23 of those years serving as an Executive Chef. She holds a diploma from the esteemed Le Gordon Bleu Culinary Academy and has garnered experience across the United States, including a notable 5-year stint as the Director of Dining Services at Adams State University.

Her culinary journey extends internationally, having spent the past 2 years in New Zealand as a Corporate Executive Chef, overseeing four restaurants in Rotorua, a bustling tourist hub.

"With her extensive global culinary expertise, innovative approach, unwavering drive, and charming wit, we are confident that this season will be nothher handmade pastas and use of our local foods," ownership stated.



Kristen Zagranski

"We invite you to join us in extending a warm welcome to Chef Kristen as she returns to the United States and to the San Luis Valley."

The Creede Hotel and Restaurant ing short of exceptional. Watch out for will now be 100% run by women with more than 50 years restaurant experience altogether.

Mountainfilm on Tour makes annual stop in MV

Bv MARIE MCCOLM MONTE VISTA Monte Vista on Thursday,

April 11. Mountainfilm on Tour in Monte Vista is hosted by San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!) and sponsored by the LOR Foundation, San Luis Valley Federal Bank. SLV Health, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, the Law Office of Mark Loy, LLC, Sweet-The Church Project. SLV Mountainfilm on Tour for three years.

The short films are a col-Bristol Bay, Alaska. laboration of breathtaking views, along with pergrounds, people who overcome obstacles despite having special needs, but most importantly people who enjoy and love the mountains and outdoor areas, and hold something specific and true to their hearts in these areas, this year's tour of films was no exception. 11, with a social hour at the Pivot Public House in Monte Vista. The shorts were shown at Vali 3 The-

Vista.

Mountainfilm on Tour ed this year's event. There thoroughly enjoy every made its annual stop in were many different in- climb that he conquers. dependent films in the This movie is an amazing lineup this year including testament of what anyone "School of Fish," "Wad- can do, if they really want ing for Change," "Sound- to, despite their special scape," "Tear Down the needs. City," and "Miles to Go." Each film carried its own is the picturesque testa-

personal message. the intimate perspective a mountain bike. In the of a family's struggle to film, you see him traveling preserve their fishery, on streets, through parks, rituals and rights, against through subways, grass Therapeutics, and a mining company, who even up flights of stairs, would bring pollution and all on a mountain bike. GO! has been organizing possible destruction to a family's peaceful fishery a team of transgender area where they live in men, who are all about

courage and perseverance About 80 people attend- make these climbs, and

"Tear Down the City," ment of a man that loves "School of Fish," offers to travel everywhere on and

"Miles to Go," is about competition and enjoying "Wading for Change," the ride. The team enjoys offers a look at culture, trail racing and each othwith nature and being free to be themselves. "You could tell people ple left the theater smiling and talking about the films," Mark Renshaw, a Vali 3 Theater employee, said Mountainfilm on Tour is the that takes place once a

OBITUARIES

Emily Quintana



bling, gardening/flowering, cooking delicious meals and spending as much time as she could with her family.

She was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in Colorado Springs, she belonged to the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Green nest and Michael Garcia, River, Wyoming as well brothers-in-laws Macario as being a member of the American Legion Post No. 38 in Fountain, Colo.

Emily will always be remembered for her kind, caring and compassionate nature. She will be dearly missed.

live will She on through her husband Esedor Quintana, daughter Melissa (Chris) Lucero of Rock Springs, Wyo.; low at the Memorial Gar-Esedor sons Johnny Quintana, David Martin Airport Rd., Colorado Quintana both of Fountain Colo.; grandchildren Cruz Lucero, Aspen Lusic, watching her favorite cero, Dominik Quintana, romerofuneralhomes. TV shows, going gam- Isabella Quintana, broth-

ers Cruz Garcia of Monte Vista, Colo.; Bonifacio (Joann) Garcia of Monte Vista, Martin (Gina) Garcia of Alamosa, Colo.; Steve (Mary) Quintana of Price, Utah; sistersin-laws Estella Vigil of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Bessie Vigil of Canon City, Colo.; Patsy (Sam) Bishop of Jackson, Tenn.; Erma Ayers of Gillette, Wyo. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Emily was preceded in death by her parents Jose David and Ernes-Garcia, in-laws tine Manuel and Emilia Quintana, brothers David, Er-(Frances), Leroy, William (Delia), Augustine Quintana, Leonard and Arnold Vigil.

Cremation was chosen and a Memorial Mass will be held on April 19, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church located at 2030 W. Colorado Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo. Inurnment will foldens Cemetery at 3828 Springs, Colo.

To leave online condolences, please visit com.

Josie L. Camren (Russell)

Springs spent with her loving Resident Josie Russell family and friends. Josie was a social butterfly.

Survivors include her family at Penrose Hospi- loving partner Paul tal in Colorado Springs Francis, son's Clifford after suffering a pedes- Lopez, Earl Russell, Ben trian/vehicle accident. (Aranda) Russell and Josie was born on May daughter's Toni Rus-17, 1945, in Alamosa, sin and Cindy Russell, Colo., the daughter of grandchildren: Ramon Joe and Amelina Lopez Ortega, Jovan Ortega, (Juan and Aurora Lo- Adam Russell, Tonv Madrid, Aspen Madrid, Josie loved people and Sierra Madrid, Karissa enjoyed connecting with Russell, Amelina Rus- pez. Also survived by others. Her diverse pro- sell, Mary Alice Russell, several nieces, nephews, fessional background Zachary (Jasmin) Russel and cousins. brought her great pride and Jared Russell, greatand friendships that she grandchildren: David, in death by her parents maintained throughout Elizabeth, Branson, Jaher life. Josie worked at cob, Isabel, Shane, Ezekiel, Isaiah, Malachi, enne Mountain Confer- Elias and Ayla, sisters: ence Resort, Phil Long Virginia Sumpter and a reception following at Ford, Shield Realty and Clara Haas, brothers: 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Abba Eyecare. Her hob- Manual Frank (Emily) Church at 2030 W. Colobies included gardening, Lopez, Reggie (Maxine) rado Ave. in Colorado cooking and her time Lopez and Johnny Lo- Springs.



sonal deep relationships creed, and acceptance. er's company while riding of working people, people In a world where some and enjoying the beauty who believe in certain people don't believe that and freedoms of being one things, people of all cul- hiking, biking, and fishtures and ethnical back- ing are sports for everyone, the people in this documentary prove that really enjoyed them. Peopeople of different cultures, ethnics, colors, and backgrounds are capable of enjoying the same things that others enjoy as well.

"Soundscape," documentary of a man year in many different who is blind but can climb towns and locations. The SLV GO! kicked off the and ascend mountains tour is part of the Mounevent on Thursday, April by relying on his other tainfilm Festival that senses to assist him in the takes place yearly in Telnavigation of the climb. luride. The film provides amazing views, as you watch visit online mountainfilm. ater in Downtown Monte this man with incredible org.

For more information,

the Antler's Hotel, Chey-

Pauline H. Beckner

her children Terry (Con-

nie) Beckner and Lin-

da (Steve) Cheney; her

grandchildren, Benjamin

(Jenny) Beckner, Matt

(Brandi) Beckner, Jona-

than (Marissa) Beckner,

numerous

(Tyson)

family.

grandchildren,

granddaughter

Alamosa resident Pauline H. Beckner, 95, died April 16, 2024, at the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center in Alamosa.

Pauline's life began on March 25, 1929, in Covington. Ohio, the daughter of Willis Angle and Ollie Rapp Angel. She met her future husband Myron B. Beckner at a young people gathering at church and they soon married on February 7, 1948.

Pauline worked for many years as a Beautician in Ohio and later in Arizona. She always supported her husband in his endeavors by assisting in any way, whether driving and a potato truck, or wherever she was needed.

Pauline was an accomplished seamstress; she had a knack for art and enjoyed painting. She also enjoyed playing card games, especially Bridge. Above all, Pauline loved the time she spent with her family, and always had a big hug ready.

Pauline is survived by Mortensen, and great-

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS Thomas E. Blunt

Graveside service for Thomas E. Blunt will be held at Homelake Cemetery on April 26, at 2:30 p.m.

Josie was proceeded and sister Jenny Nily.

Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 10 a.m. with

granddaughter Lacy Dyer.

A Funeral Service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 19, 2024, at the **Rogers Family Mortuary** in Alamosa. Interment will follow services in the Alamosa Cemetery, VFW section, next to her husband Myron.

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



Spring prescribed fires planned

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managers on the Rio clude: Grande National Forest plan to conduct several prescribed fires this spring. Continued snowmelt and drying are still needed on all units to meet our anticipated burn dates which will begin in mid-May. Ignitions will only take place if conditions are favorable, and the fire will remain within the burn plan parameters.

"The timeframes for the prescribed burns are carefully balanced with wind fuel moistures, speeds, relative humidity and aspect," said Doug Currie, Rio Grande National Forest Fire Man-"We agement Officer.

Units 4, 5 and 5NM: These three units, totaling 889 acres, are located approximately six miles southwest of Mogote. Two units are on the Conejos Peak Ranger District in totaling 205 acres will be Colorado and one 192acre unit is on the Carson been previously thinned, National Forest in New Mexico.

 Conejos Canyon Unit 1: This 200-acre fire area is located on the Conejos Peak Ranger District one mile north of the Fox Creek subdivision.

• Hot Creek/Piedrosa: The 1090-acre project area is approximately 11 miles northwest of Capulin and 20 miles south of Fires will be posted on Inwatch the conditions and Monte Vista on the Cone- ciWeb at https://inciweb. weather closely and it is jos Peak Ranger District. wildfire.gov/incident-inpossible that only some or Two units will be tar- formation/corgf-bighornnone of these projects will geted this spring; Piedro-stateline-prescribed-fire.

stands of mixed conifer Bighorn/Stateline with no previous treatments.

• Laughlin Gulch: This Saguache Ranger District project area is approximately 10 miles west of Saguache. Three units targeted. The units have and the burn will target residual slash and surface fuels.

Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For more information, see www.colorado.gov/pacific/ cdphe/wood-smoke-andhealth.

Updates for the Bighorn/Stateline and Cone-Canyon Prescribed jos

be conducted this spring." sa North and Piedrosa **DEL NORTE** — Fire These beneficial burns in- South. These are natural



First Southwest Community Fund welcomes Jeannie Beier as Director of Lending

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west Community Fund (FSW- ing loan products and devel-CF), a non-profit that provides inclusive and equitable access to capital for rural Colorado entrepreneurs, nonprofits and markets small business owners, is re-through cently announced that Jean- bank and nie Beier has joined the team commuas Director of Lending.

significant growth over the

ALAMOSA — First South- met, with a focus on deliver- Beier.

opment services to target DEDICATED TO THE DOERS OF RURAL COLORADO

nity part-

FSWCF has experienced ner marketing channels. past few years. The Director and help our communities in lending production, under- Southwest Community Fund daughters, three crazy dogs, of Lending is a new role in Southwest Colorado. We not writing and closing, market- needs to align our team to and a heckle of chickens. Outresponse to this growth. This only provide access to the ing and outreach to target the next level of service with- side of work, Beier enjoys senior management position tools and resources they need markets, relationship-build- in the commercial and con- spending time with her famwas created to ensure that to build their small business, ing with community partners sumer lending fields," stated ily, traveling, and volunteerimpact goals of key organiza- but we also help them build and referral sources and tech- Rosy Aburto McDonough, ing in her community.

As Director of Lending, Bei-

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primary responsibility will be tor. "We are excited to welto deploy capital and technier will be cal assistance resources in an respon- active, healthy loan program sible for that is responsive to the needs in Omaha, Neb., and moved of the community.

imple - deep understanding of lendmenting ing principles, risk managefinancial ment, and customer centric da and then to Pueblo West, products and services that are strategies brings the knowl- where they currently reside. "I am excited to join FSWCF responsive to target markets; edge and skills that First They have three beautiful

tional program initiatives are generational wealth," said nical assistance advisors. Her FSWCF's executive direccome Jeannie to the FSWCF team!"

> Beier was born and raised to Virginia after meeting her "Jeannie's expertise and husband. Once her husband, Nate, retired from the U.S. Navy, they moved to Flori-

CSP arrests two for DUI during Bringi SLV saturation April 12-14

CONTRIBUTED SAN LUIS VALLEY – Colorado State Patrol 14.

conducted 94 contacts forcement event was ficials stated.

from Friday, April 12, through Sunday, April enced 65 fatality crashes tion and apprehension

and made two DUI ar- very positive. People are over the last five years. erwise under the influrests during saturation learning to drink respon- The majority of these ence of alcohol, drugs, or patrols through the San sibly. The State Patrol incidents occurred late a combination of these Luis Valley area, which will continue to strictly Friday and into Satur- substances. includes the counties enforce impaired driving day nights. The leading of Alamosa, Costilla, laws and drive down the causal factor for these cies were Colorado State Conejos, Rio Grande, senseless loss of life on crashes is impaired driv- Patrol – Statewide DUI and Saguache. The en- Colorado roadways," of- ing.

This region has experi- dedicated to the detecand an additional 235 of drivers who may have "We consider this to be serious injury crashes been impaired by or oth-

State troopers were State Patrol – Troop 5B.

Participating agen-Team, and Colorado

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tional melodies, seamlessly weaving them into and music. She is an vibrant modern compositions.

ern renditions of Indian er and lead teacher in classical songs, North the Sacred Sound Lab, Indian musical modes an online school educat- $(r \Box ga)$, spiritual ballads, and Indian folk of students in sacred Inmelodies. Sheela will dian music. Her sound be accompanied on the lab is hosting a training harmonium and bass by retreat at the Lindis-Brent Kuecker.

During her live perfor- one on Aug. 11-18. mances, her skill on the r□ga harp, harmonium, mances at Baca, tickets and Indian classical for the 2 p.m. concert bamboo flute, combined are \$20 for adults, \$15 with her Hindustani- for youth/students (ages inflected vocals, creates 7-21), and \$10 for floor a captivating and tran- seating in front of the scendent experience for stage. Tickets are availlisteners. A review in able at the door starting Yoga Chicago said that at 1:30 p.m., but reser-"Sheela's trained voice and slight- ed — as space is limited ly avant-garde energy — by emailing bacapercreate magic."

cantations," have re- tickets requested. Acceived critical acclaim cess to the Baca Colofrom media outlets like rado College campus NBC News, NPR, and is off the T-Road near Public Radio Interna- Crestone in Saguache tional, highlighting her County.

versatility and cultural impact. Bringi is also an edu-

cator committed to sharwho reimagines tradi- ing the transformative power of sacred sound adjunct faculty member at Naropa University in Experience lush mod- Boulder and a co-founding a global community farne "Dome" in Crest-

Organized by Perforclassically vations are recommendformances@gmail.com Her two solo albums, stipulating the number 'Shakti Sutra" and "In- of adult, youth, or floor

Judge to rule on La Sierra issues in week-long hearing

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Court.

to fix and maintain roads with gates so they can case.

The

Landowners with direct gates to La Sierra should contact Joseph Quintana



antee Alamosa a place at the table, so to speak, if a proposal to export water were to be presented. As was made in that Council of Governments same coversheet of information to counselors, ing on a template set this would not be the of 1041 regulations to first IGA Alamosa has be consistently applied agreed to as all the communities in the valley dress the potential for are interconnected at a variety of levels. In addition to votes have resulted in the taken on those two ordinances, the council will be hearing updates lations to be adopted by from outside funding partners, including the Boys and Girls Clubs Alamosa has partici- of the San Luis Valpated in these efforts ley, Visit Alamosa and to draft the template South Central Colorado The meeting will con-While it's not likely clude with council memthat the city of Alamosa bers going into execuwould be a target for tive session, pursuant those wishing to export to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4) water for projects else- (e), to determine posiwhere, the ordinance tions, develop strategy, was created to both and instruct negotiators stand in solidarity with concerning development the other local govern- incentives for a downments and to also guar- town boutique hotel.

ated with any outside

organizations, but in the

719-937-5083 or see our

River

Continued from Page 1 of these sites are tourist destinations. The plan will increase community access to river-based recreation including a put-in. The improvements will be similar to the work RGHRP did along the Rio in Del Norte to increase recreational opportunities there. Included in the project are improvements to the aging infrastructure for the Westside Ditch, just east of HWY 160. Aquatic and riparian habitats will benefit from the construction of a lowflow channel, fish habitat structures, and the removal of invasive species. ley Courier, "This is an 2017

Judge Kenneth Plotz to of access holders with any structures within the settle disputes between land abutting La Sierra to ranch will be addressed. access holders to La Si- keep their gates that dierra and its owner has rectly open into the ranch "special master" has in- at quintanajc60@gmail. scheduled a week-long for personal access. The dicated that he may want com or 719-48-9483 to enhearing for May 13-17 hearing will also settle to hear from every land- sure everyone has an opin the Alamosa District the right of access holders owner with abutting land portunity to present their

The purpose of the for better access. Finally, justify their need for such ALAMOSA—The "spe- hearing is to settle three the issue of the right of gate(s). Currently, there cial master" appointed by issues, including the right the owner to fence around are 27 identified gates.

court-appointed

to the river by the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project in Del Norte. One goal of the enhancements was to increase connectivity between the community and the river. Similar improvements are planned for the river in Alamosa. exciting planning pro- Plan lists the activation cess and we are grate- of the Rio Grande as the have news of the public ful for the community number one community meetings regarding the Alamosa Mayor Ty partnerships that make priority, so this project restoration project along Coleman told the Val- this project possible. The helps us move that effort the Rio Grande when

Comprehensive forward."

In this 2021 photo, recreational uses of the Rio Grande celebrate the additions made

The Valley Courier will they become available.

Photo by Lyndsie Ferrell



The talent and enthusiasm of Mariachi San Luis was on full display at SLV IRC's event.

IRC

■ Continued from Page 1 wrapped up the evening with another invigorating performance.

in 1987, the SLVIRC has been fulfilling its mission and a relatively limited to connect and empower budget, the SLVIRC immigrants with resourc- manages to offer a wide es to achieve legal docu- range of important sermentation, fulfill their vices, meeting - and economic needs and inte- sometimes anticipating

Even with a small staff ally, not met by any other Since it was first formed grate into the community. — needs that are, liter- ing 719-587-3225.

resource in the Valley. Donations to this longtime cornerstone of the community can be made by going to the website https://slvirc.org or call-

Hours

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San Luis Valley, working through the SLV (COG), have been workacross the valley to adwater projects exporting water. Those efforts creation of a uniform template for 1041 reguall local governments in the Valley.

regulations in meetings Seniors. hosted by the COG.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

VALLEY — The San NA 12-Step Meetings Luis Valley offers many throughout the valley. Alcoholics Anonymous The 6th Tradition states and Narcotics Anony- that we are not affilimous groups.

A.A. and N.A members spirit of cooperation, we primary purpose is to list these meeting schedstay sober and help oth- ules for friends and famer alcoholics/addicts to ily. For information, call achieve sobriety.

There are AA and website:slvaa.org





In Wyoming, tormenting a wolf is not a big deal

It's legal in Wyoming to chase coyotes and run over them snowmobiles, with but recently, a man used his snowmobile to run down a wolf until it was disabled. Then he taped the wolf's mouth shut and paraded the animal around a local bar, taking photos to com-



memorate the event. Finally, he killed the wolf.

According to news reports, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department fined the man \$250. His only crime: possession of a live wild animal. The more we learn, the worse this disturbing story gets. Most recently, one news outlet released video footage from the state game department showing the muzzled wolf splayed out on the bar floor.

The single upside to this incident is that it has brought scrutiny to the state of Wyoming's bureaucratic indifference to wolves and other wildlife.

We now know that the responsible management agency can't effectively punish one of the worst acts of cruelty ever exposed in the state. But is that any wonder when we consider that the state funds ineffectual predator-control programs that kill wolves and other wild animals indiscriminately?

This failure stands out starkly when compared to neighboring Colorado, now hosting reintroduced wolves. Although Colorado Parks and Wildlife reported recent wildlife-rancher conflicts, two state agencies, which held many meetings with the public before wolves came back to the state, are already working with those ranchers to prevent and mitigate losses and to provide generous compensation funds.

The new Born to be Wild specialty license plate has already generated more than \$60,000 toward Colorado wildlife department's nonlethal-conflict prevention fund for wolves. If a wolf, bear or mountain lion causes a livestock loss, the producer is eligible for compensation, as in a case in early April, where wildlife staffers reported that wolves had killed two calves.

Most states have limits on "manner of take," defined as what methods are permitted to kill wildlife. But in what Wyoming calls its "predator zone" that's a whopping 85% of the state where wolves, coyotes, red foxes, raccoons, porcupines, jack rabbits and stray cats can be killed using any method.

Methods include hounding, baiting, neck snares, leg-hold traps, shooting wildlife from aircraft and M-44 "cyanide bombs," courtesy of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services.



The beautiful humanity on death row

By ANN COULTER

The New York Times is weeping over the death penalty again, publishing a glowing review of Nashville reporter Steven Hale's book "Death Row Welcomes You." Obviously, it's an important book, since only 1 million journalists have already written about their touching and personal relationships with men sentenced to death.

Although I am generally a hatereader — having, for example, at least skimmed nearly every book about Trump (he's a Russian asset, a threat to democracy, a conman and sociopath) — I can't in good conscience contribute to an author who waxes on about his "friends" on death row, their "beautiful paintings," and how supporters want to "celebrate" the life of men who just happened to mercilessly torture and kill helpless human beings.

So this will be a review of the Times' review, with supplementary information from Amazon's book sample, plus news reports and court records about the crimes that put Hale's friends on death row.

Hale, the Times writes, gives an insider's account of death row — a place "shrouded by myths of monsters and abominations."

Myths?

Yes. For example, the Times starts with three paragraphs on Billy Ray Irick, such as the "abuse" he suffered as a child. (If you've ever been spanked, the media will turn you into the star of "Mommy Dearest.") We also get Hale's description of Irick's response to lethal

legs. She was still alive, so we know she suffered.

Lead investigator Don Wiser told The Knoxville News Sentinel: "I saw her body at the hospital that night just a beautiful little girl. You had to wonder who could do something like that to a 7-year-old child."

Irick's only explanation: "I lost it." I stand corrected. It's totally a myth

that death row is full of monsters. Suggestion for the one-millionth and

one reporter to write about his pals on death row: If you're going vomit out prose like this, please don't:

"I heard far more about the grace of Jesus Christ growing up than I did the state's duty to repay killing with killing. I suppose this is why, at some point in my teenage years, I came to the belief that an earth as it was in heaven would not include the execution of prisoners if it had any prisoners at all."

But as long as Hale has graced us with that paragraph, we absolutely do not "repay killing with killing." We repay unimaginably hideous murders with 30 years of free room and board, including time for exercising, reading, socializing, making friends, dating, getting married, having children and telling your life story to gullible report-— all while your victims are in the ers ground being eaten by worms — and then, being delivered a quick and merciful death.

Hale says his book will reveal "the true horror of executions and the full injection: "He jolted ... His face turned beautiful and painful humanity of the condemned."

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floor with blood pooling between her dragged her outside, undressed her, tied her up and stabbed her over and over again in the neck, chest, stomach and mouth.

A brisk 37 years later, the "beautiful ... humanity" who did that to Standifer finally got the electric chair.

Another piece of beautiful humanity, Donnie Johnson, refused his last meal, asking that instead his supporters "feed the homeless." Gosh, what a great guy.

He'd killed his wife, Connie, by stuffing a 30-gallon garbage bag so far down her throat that only two inches protruded from her mouth. One of the officers who found her body told the Commercial Appeal that if the governor had "made the scene with us that night, he wouldn't grant any clemency."

But Hale is more interested in the last moments of the beautiful humanity. He bemoans Stephen West's "violent death" in the electric chair. Violent death? A quick jolt of electricity is a full body massage compared to what West did to Wanda Romines and her 15-year-old daughter, Sheila.

After telling his pregnant wife he was going fishing, West and a teenage accomplice entered the Romines' home, tied up mother and daughter and, for hours, forced them to watch each other being tortured and, in Sheila's case, raped by both men. Wanda was stabbed more than 40 times. Worse, she had to watch helplessly as her daughter was raped and slowly stabbed to death.

What kind of moral ghoul could read

This is all usually undertaken to protect sheep and cattle and grow mule-deer herds for hunters. But conservation biologists find otherwise.

We know that livestock losses attributable to wolves and other native carnivores are rare. Using government data, the Humane Society of the United State found that losses to cattle and sheep caused by wolves, cougars and grizzly bears amounted to less than 1% of those domestic animal inventories in every state containing those wildlife species.

Recent reports have indicated that the Sublette County Sheriff's office has opened an investigation into the killing of the wolf, and we hope officials will move forward with new charges.

"wildlife advocates in Meanwhile, Wyoming, energized by the wolf torture allegations, plan to push for policy reform," reports the news outlet Wyofile. In Wyoming now, it is legal and routine to pursue coyotes by running them down with snowmobiles. The "sport" even has a name: "Chasin' fur."

The plight of wolves in Wyoming, along with those in neighboring states Montana and Idaho where similar practices are allowed, highlights the need for increased protection for these animals. On April 8, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was sued by several wildlife organizations to restore protections for wolves in the Northern Rockies.

In the meantime, a case as shocking as this must never recur. At the least, Wyoming lawmakers need to eliminate its predator zone and strengthen animal cruelty laws. In Colorado, wild animal or not, such an incident would be classified as "aggravated cruelty to animals."

That is the decent thing to do for animals, and when we take into account the links between cruelty to animals and interpersonal violence, we should see it as essential for a civil society as well.

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almost purple."

Hey, does anybody know what landed Irick on death row? The Times says, "Irick raped and murdered a girl." A girl.

Her name was Paula Dyer, and she was 7 years old.

While babysitting Dyer, Irick raped her — anally and vaginally — then suffocated her, busting blood vessels in her face and eyes. When the police arrived, she was lying on the living room

How about the painful humanity of Lee Standifer and the horror of her execution? In 1981 — yes, that's how swift and certain the death penalty is - this 23-year-old mentally disabled girl was on a date with David Earl Miller, whom she'd met at the library. He got her drunk, took her home and smashed her head with a fireplace pokburst one of her eye sockets. He then

about Wanda and Sheila's murder and decide to write a book honoring West's life?

Hale claims "support for executions, or indifference to them, could not survive a ... night with the men facing them." Tell us the facts of the case first, and most people would pay to watch the executions on Netflix.

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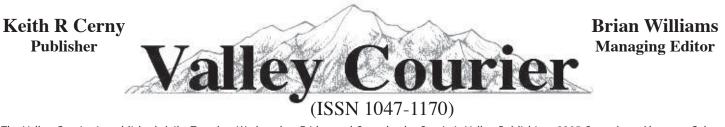
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U.S. Rep. Massie joins move to oust Speaker Johnson, who vows: 'I am not resigning'

By JENNIFER SHUTT Colorado Newsline

WASHINGTON — Re-Thomas publican Rep. Massie of Kentucky called on U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson to resign during a closed-door meeting of GOP lawmakers on Tuesday, throwing more uncertainty into that chamber just months before the November elections.

Massie told reporters after the meeting and just before a Johnson press conference he believed the votes exist to remove Johnson as speaker when a vote is called. He didn't say when that would happen or who he thinks could secure the votes needed to become speaker.

"The motion will get called," Massie said, referring to a floor vote on Johnson. "And then he's going to lose more votes than Kevin Mc-Carthy. And I have told him this in private, like weeks ago.

Johnson, a Louisiana Republican who was unanimously elected to the leadership post in October after a small group of GOP lawmakers ousted former Speaker McCarthy, rejected Massie's call to quit, as did several Republicans.

"I am not resigning. And it is, in my view, an absurd notion that someone would bring a vacate motion," Johnson said "We're simply here trying to do our job."

Removing Jonson from the leadership position less than six months into his tenure comes shortly after the House passed two government funding packages on broadly bipartisan votes in March and just as the House prepares to vote on emergency aid for Ukraine, Israel and

Taiwan later this week.

Israel is engaged in a war with Hamas in the Gaza Strip and was attacked by Iran over the weekend, while Ukraine continues to defend itself from a Russian invasion.

Johnson, speaking at a press conference during which he only took one question, said removing him as speaker would throw a wrench into a chamber that needs "steady hands at the wheel" to address domestic and global issues.

"Look, I regard myself as a remove him as speaker. wartime speaker. I mean, in a literal sense," Johnson said. "I knew that when I took the gavel. I didn't anticipate that this would be an easy path."

Johnson repeated comments from former GOP House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who he said posted on his social media that "this is the hardest challenge that's faced a speaker probably in the history of the country.'

"He said, arguably, maybe comparable to the Civil War, but maybe worse," Johnson said, referring to the period between 1861 and 1865 when Southern states seceded from the United States in an attempt to preserve slavery of Black people. The death toll from the war is estimated at 620,000.

Johnson then spoke about the narrow margin that GOP leaders have in the House, which currently holds 218 Republicans and 213 Democrats.

"A single-vote margin at a difficult time when the nation is terribly divided," Johnson said. "The way we get through that is we show unity and we explain how we have answers to all these great challenges."

Former President Donald Trump, the presumptive Republican nominee for president this fall, is on trial in a New York state criminal courtroom facing charges of falsifying business records. Trump would oppose President Joe Biden this fall in what has been so far a bitter campaign.

Johnson appeared with Trump at Florida's Mar-a-Lago on Friday and appeared to get the backing of the former president, possibly insulating him from efforts to

Georgia Republican Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene filed a motion to vacate the speaker post in March, just before the House left on a two-week break.

Unlike the motion to vacate that Florida GOP Rep. Matt Gaetz filed against McCarthy last fall, this one was not intended to be "privileged," meaning that it didn't force a vote within two days. Greene has not said when she may push for a floor vote.

Massie said that Johnson's actions as speaker, including advancing bipartisan bills that have been able to move through the Democratically controlled Senate and garner Biden's signature, are key reasons he wants to remove him from power.

Massie said that Johnson should publicly announce that he would resign once the conference decides on a successor, or that he should announce a future date for his resignation. That would allow the House GOP Conference to have a smooth transition without the weeks of stalemate and drama that marked the that followed the ousting of McCarthy.

Colorado has a new Google-built calculator to help find energy rebates

By MICHAEL BOOTH Colorado Sun

Paul Bousquet's first attempt at finding all the government and utility incentives to help him afford a clean-heat overhaul in his Boulder home took him two frustrating hours.

that had just gone live, de- ment with electric.

Coloradans could save as for e-bike purchases that much as \$21,000 on a single can be claimed at tax time qualifying electric vehicle. without trying to win local After Polis asked during incentive lotteries like Denthe demonstration, Google's ver's that have been overcoding team said Colorado's extensive state and local ebe added to the site, as well

whelmed with demand.

Google.org's fellows spent bike incentives would also six months on the pro bono effort to build the Colorado Then a kindly official told as incentives for replacing calculator, said Bhavna him of a new online tool gas-powered lawn equip- Chhabra, senior director of software engineering. Generative artificial intelligence was used to help speed up gathering incensearchers plugged in an tive and other information, she said. Educating homeowners and contractors is a key to success for the electrification efforts, which are backed by billions of dollars in spending from federal infrastructure, stimulus and clean energy laws promoted by the Biden administration. Many homeowners say they've had to search for contractors who are familiar with all the incentives and can explain how they

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veloped by Google fellows and the nonprofit Rewiring America, that put all of Colorado's available federal, state, local and Xcel incentives into one easy search.

"What took me two hours takes five minutes," Bousquet said of the Rewiring America site. He can get \$2,200 in subsidies for each of two cold-climate heat pumps and another \$1,500 Boulder incentive, as well as long-term, low-cost financing for a major home renovation that includes solar panels.

"This tool is like AI for incentives," Bousquet said, describing the new site at a launch by Gov. Jared Polis, and state energy and nonprofit leaders, held at a distributor of Mitsubishi clean-energy heat pumps near Denver International Airport.

Polis and others said the tool will be one key to linking consumers and contractors with lucrative appliance rebates and tax incentives for giving up natural gaspowered machinery in favor of electric versions that can be powered by renewable energy.

"This will be a major selling tool for contractors," Polis said after watching Google research fellows demonstrate the calculator for some home projects at hypothetical Colorado locations. Colorado is the second state site to be launched by Google and Rewiring America, with another 11 states coming online soon.

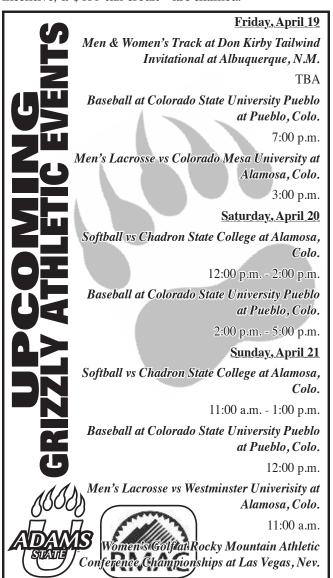
"It was a hard state to do, because there are so many incentives," Rewiring America CEO Ari Matusiak said.

The Colorado site also collects information on electric vehicle incentives, and Polis noted that by stacking up all the federal and Colorado credits and rebates, some

The site is bilingual for Spanish.

During the demo, reexample of a family of five in Parker making less than the average median income for the area. Using the ZIP code and income levels, the site calculated there are incentives up to \$20,000 for electrification options such as new solar panels and wiring, fast chargers, heat pumps, on-demand hot water heaters and more.

Polis and other state officials have lately been advertising the newest state incentive, a \$450 tax credit are claimed.



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Alamosa A.D. gets Distinguished **Service Award**

By KEN HAMRICK Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA - Alamosa High School athletics and activities director Greg King was awarded the Don Descombes Distinguished Service Award by the



Colorado High School Coaches Association at the

DCSD Legacy Campus in Parker on Monday. King has been at Alamosa for the past two years.

He was previously a coach and an administrator for several schools.

The Award is named for one of the CHSCA's founders and the association's first president. The award is considered the most distinguished award given by the CHSCA and is presented yearly in recognition of exceptional leadership and service to the CHSCA Board of Directors.

This is the second year in a row in which an Alamosa High School individual has received the award. Last year, the award was posthumously awarded to Erik Melgoza, the former AD and girls basketball coach.

Courtesy photo Alamosa High School athletics and activities director Greg King (left) is awarded the Don Descombes Distinguished Service award. The award was presented Monday in Parker.



Girls golf update

By KEN HAMRICK Courier sports editor ALAMOSA – Both the Alamosa and Monte Vista high school girls golf teams were in action earlier this week.

Durango Hillcrest Invitational

The Lady Mean Moose opened their season at Hillcrest Golf Course in Durango on Monday and they finished in fifth place with 303. Leading Alamosa was Taybor Wiedeman who finished 16th with a 98 and Hallie Henry who was 17th with a 99. Jayla Quintana was 22nd with a 106, and Kiara Gallegos was 26th with a 109.

Monte Vista was also at Durango and it finished seventh with 328. Ellaree Rockey and Brooke Hoffstaetter both shot a 108 for a tie for 24th to lead the Lady Pirates, and Kiera Sanchez placed 29th with a 112. Reagan Futrell was 31st with a 119. and



Pueblo West Lady **Cyclone Invitational** Monte Vista sent a second team to the Pueblo West Invitational at Desert Hawk and it placed 15th with 372

Krissa Padilla led the Lady Pirates with a 118 to finish in a tie for 36th, followed by Kaitlynn Roberts who tied for 48th with a 124, and Zariah Archuleta who was 65th with a 142Pueblo West won the tournament with 271, followed by Pine Creek with 293 and Rye with 294. Pueblo Central's Sofia Contreras was the

and Hinds who was 37th with a 141.

Piedra Vista also won this tournament with 232, followed by Montezuma-Cortez with 266 and Durango with 267.

Yost was again the medalist, this time with a one-under-par 71.

Cortez 266, Durango 267, Montrose 310, Alamosa 321, Monte Vista 331, Farmington (N.M.) 338, Central Grand Junction NS.

What's next Alamosa will next compete at the Pueblo Centennial Invitational on Monday at Walking Stick Golf Course. Monte Vista's next action is at the Salida Invitational at the Salida Golf Club on April 25.

High school spring sports standings as of Monday

BASH	EBALL							
Class 3A/2A Inter	rmountain Lea	gue						
League Over								
Team	W-L	W-L						
Montezuma-Cortez	2-0	7-7						
Bayfield	3-1	6-7						
Alamosa	1-1	2-12						
Centauri	0-2	5-7						
Pagosa Springs	0-2	4-8						

Class 2A Sout	hern Peaks Leag	ue
	League	Overal
Team	W-L	W-L
Trinidad	6-0	8-5
Monte Vista	5-0	8-3
Sanford	4-1	8-1
Del Norte	2-2	3-4
South Park	1-4	1-8
Center	0-3	0-7
Custer County	0-5	0-8
Sargent	0-5	0-9

Class 1A South	nern Peaks Leag	ue
	League	Overall
Team	W-L	W-L-T
Antonito	1-0	4-5-1
Sierra Grande	0-0	7-0-0
Centennial	0-1	2-4-0

GIRLS SOCCER

Class 3A Interm	ountain Leag	ue
	League	Overall
Team	W-L-T	W-L-T
Alamosa	2-0-1	4-3-1
Bayfield	1-1-1	4-3-1
Montezuma-Cortez	1-1-0	2 - 3 - 0
Pagosa Springs	0-2-1	2 - 3 - 1

Class 2A Sou		
Team	League W-L-T	Overall W-L-T
Crested Butte	4-0-0	8-1-1
Telluride	1-1-0	2-3-1
Ignacio	1-1-0	1-4-0
Ridgway	1-2-0	2-4-0
Del Norte	0-3-0	0-8-0



Team scores Piedra Vista (N.M.) 232, Montezuma-

Evie Hinds was 36th with a 126.

Piedra Vista (N.M.) won the tournament with 234, followed by Durango with 246, and Montezuma-Cortez with 252.

Piedra Vista's Annie Yost was the medalist with a two-under-par 68. Team scores

Piedra Vista (N.M.) 234, Durango 246, Montezuma-Cortez 252, Montrose 302, Alamosa 303, Farmington (N.M.) 320, Monte Vista 328, Central Grand Junction NS.

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medalist with an 80. Team scores Pueblo West 271, Pine Creek 293, Rye 294, Pueblo County 301, Pueblo Central 305, Pueblo West 2 305, Swallows Charter Academy 324, Cheyenne Mountain 327, Pueblo South 344, Pueblo East 353, Trinidad 357, Pueblo

at Bayfield Invitational, 1:30 p.m. Moffat at Montrose Mid-week Invitational,

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SCOREBOARD MONDAY Prep baseball Monte Vista 19, Sanford 1, 4 inn. Sierra Grande 24, Centauri JV 14, 5 inn. Prep girls soccer Del Norte at Dolores Huerta – postponed

TUESDAY Prep baseball Alamosa at Salida – late Antonito at Centennial – late Buena Vista at Centauri (2) – late **Del Norte at Pagosa** Springs (2) – late Sargent at Sanford – late **Prep girls soccer** Alamosa at Rye – late

SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY Prep baseball

Sierra Grande at Monte Vista JV, 4:30 p.m.

Prep track and field Del Norte, Sanford TBA

FRIDAY Prep baseball Sierra Grande at Centennial (2), 11 a.m. Prep girls soccer Pagosa Springs at Alamosa, 4 p.m. Prep track and field Antonito, Centauri, Center, Sangre de Cristo, Sierra Grande at Rye Invitational, 9 a.m. Monte Vista, Sanford, at La Junta Tiger Relays, 9 a.m. Alamosa at Douglas County Invitational,

1 p.m. College baseball Adams State at Colorado State Pueblo, 7 p.m. College men's la-

crosse Colorado Mesa at Adams State, 3 p.m. **College outdoor** track and field Adams State at Don Kirby Tailwind Invitational (at Albuquerque, N.M.), TBA

SATURDAY **Prep baseball**

Alamosa at Montezuma-Cortez (2), 11 a.m.

by Sanchez who was 20th with a 107, Hoffstaetter who was 23rd with a 111, Futrell and Rockey who tied for 25th with a 113, Custer County at Sargent (2), 11 a.m. Monte Vista at Center (2), 11 a.m. Pagosa Springs at Centauri (2), 11 a.m. South Park at Del Norte (2), 11 a.m.

Centennial 360, Pueblo West 3 364, La

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Junta 373, Monte Vista 372, Pueblo

Prep girls soccer Banning Lewis Academy at Del Norte, noon Alamosa at Bayfield, 1 p.m.

Prep track and field Alamosa, Creede, Del Norte at Ron Keller Invitational (at Durango), 9 a.m.

College baseball Adams State at Colorado State Pueblo (2), 1 p.m.

College women's softball Chadron State (Neb.) at Adams State (2), noon

SUNDAY College baseball Adams State at Colorado State Pueblo, noon

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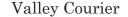






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La Puente Enterprises Director Jessica Ornales cuts the ribbon at the grand re-opening of Rainbow's End in Center as food bank volunteer Anita Rodriguez and store manager Samuel Salazar hold the ribbon on the right.

Rainbow's End in Center holds ribbon cutting and grand re-opening celebration

By MARIE MCCOLM CENTER — On Saturday, April 6, downtown Center had about 25 smiling people who entered the freshly painted Rainbow's End building laughing and excited to enjoy the newly re-opened thrift store and food bank.

The store was rocking with a live DJ playing lots of music for the celebration. Tamales and other delicious food were laid out on a table at the store, for all the attendees to enjoy. People walked up and down the aisles purchasing items and enjoying the event that marked the grand re-opening of the store after it had closed while it was being revamped and remodeled.

The ribbon cutting for the store took place about 11:30 a.m. shortly after La Puente Enterprises Executive Director Lance Cheslock arrived. La Puente Enterprises Director Jessica Ornelas used a big pair of red scissors to cut the ribbon in front of the store,

that was playing.

truly exciting, and I feel so for this. We love the comblessed to be here today, munity of Center." and witness the opening of something that is going to help this community so much. We are so happy that we are able to finally reopen and help the community with so many great resources. There are so many people that helped with this, Lance, Sam, Shirley Garcia, Anita, Lalo Marquez, and Gabby, it wouldn't have been possible without them. Here's to helping the community. We are here for the community. We want to help the town of Center flourish and thrive."

Executive Director Cheslock was also excited about the celebration.

tremely excited to be here today," Cheslock said. "All stay in this community. dollars here, or to giving else that helped is definitethings away, or to the food ly paying off in big ways. at the food bank. Whatev- Honestly, we just opened, Ornelas was excited er it is, it stays right here. and I have never made this about the project that she It's just a fantastic feeling. much money in an hour. I Jessica, Sam, and so many am truly excited to be here walked into the store, af-volunteers have put so today and see this." ter cutting the ribbon, and much love into this place. danced the cumbia in one I am on cloud 9. I love the about the Rainbow's End of the aisles with store graphics. I love all of it. We store in Center, contact manager Samuel Salazar, have a lot of new inventory Ornelas or Salazar at 719-

Jessica, Sam, and every-Ornelas said, "This is one that has worked hard

> Salazar spoke about the dedication and hard work that had been put into the final touches and finishing the store.

Salazar pointed at Cheslock and said, "We of course could not have done any of this without that man right there, he is wonderful and really made this happen. Without him pushing us we probably wouldn't be here. This last month has been crazy. We had a couple of people come down from our Alamosa store to help with painting. Anita, from the food bank, and her family, and the elders from her church really got the painting done for us. This is an "Of course, I am ex- example of the community coming together for the community. It feels good the profits and everything to see the people come together and help here. I feel The generosity of the stuff excited and amazed. I feel that is given to the commu-like all the hard work me nity will get converted into and Jessica, and everyone

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marking the official grand re-opening of the store.

had been overseeing. She as both enjoyed the music coming in too. Hats off to 589-8778.

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Saguache County Museum to celebrate 65 years

By MARIE MCCOLM SAGUACHE — The Saguache County Museum is proud to announce 65 years of service to the community. The museum is kicking off the celebration on Sunday, May 26, Memorial Day.

open with free admission beginning at 9 a.m. that day. There will also be a traditional parade beginning at 11 a.m., with the theme "Just Like We Used To." The Mountain Valley School Lifestyles Class has chosen to direct the parade. They will be providing the emcee for the parade and putting together all the fine details for it. The Grand Marshall for the parade will be Judy Bunker.

The excitement does not stop there. There will also be vendors in Otto Mears Park all day, along with a car and antique tractor show all day. There will also be barrel train rides for the kids following the parade. The antique tractor club will be hosting the rides for the children.

Awards will be handed out to winners in vari-

ous categories of the parade, car show, and other events that will be taking place that day, including vehicles, float entries into cided that the little muthe parade, dancing, and a children's bike decorating contest.

Food will be chosen, and Hall. The museum will be lunch will be served at noon, along with a community play. Both will be held There are volunteers who at the Community Building in Otto Mears Park with the play beginning at 1:30 p.m., after lunch. The play is titled "Valley Echoes." The play will portray historical people of Saguache County and is nually on Memorial Day under the direction of Vir- and closes for the season ginia Drake.

The Saguache County Museum began in 1959 as enjoy the fun events and a municipal improvement venture, in celebration of Colorado's Centennial Anniversary. Saguache County had just finished building a new jail, and the old one was set to be demolished. Members of three different clubs who collaborated on the idea for the museum, asked Saguache County not to demolish the jail, so that the site could be used as a "historical place."

The establishment was saved and became the Saguache County Museum. It was collaboratively deseum would be opened as a celebrated display of history, in Saguache Town

The museum is celebrating 65 years this year. make up the board of directors for the museum. The museum is completely non-profit and is also separate from the Saguache County government.

The museum opens anon Labor Day.

Everyone is invited to partake in all the festivities that are planned to honor the 65 years that the museum has been opened, the anniversary of the Saguache County Museum.

There is also still time to sign up to be a part of the parade. The last day to sign up will be May 15.

For more information on the parade, contact Laura Abeyta, Chair of the Parade Committee at lauraabeyta01@gmail.com.

EXCITING NEWS

SAN LUIS VALLEY REC IS **BRINGING ENERGY-EFFICIENT** HOME UPGRADES TO YOU THROUGH OUR NEW ON-BILL **REPAYMENT PROGRAM!**

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Public Notices

Request for Proposal for Audit Services Purpose

The purpose of this request for proposal (RFP) is to engage the ser-vices of a qualified firm of certified public accountants to provide auditing services to Alamosa School District RE-11J. Services Required

The scope of the prospective engagement will be to perform a finan-cial and compliance audit of the District for the year ended June 30, 2024, with the option to audit the District's financial statements for each of the four (4) subsequent fiscal years. The firm selected will be expected to provide consultation and assistance in the preparation of its basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The audit and resulting accountants' reports must be in accordance with the Single Audit Act.

Description of Entity to Be Audited

The District serves approximately 2,000 students in Alamosa, Colo rado. Funds included in the financial statements to be audited will be the General, Capital Projects, Special Revenue, and Internal Service Funds. More detailed information on the District, as well as the District's finances can be found in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 Audited Financial Statements which is posted on the District's web site under financial transparency. Inquiries

This request for proposal (RFP) is issued by the District. All proposals should be mailed to: Alamosa School District, 209 Victoria Ave, Alamosa, CO 81101 Attention: Amanda Hensley, Chief Operations and Financial Officer, 719-587-1600 or hand delivered to 403 Santa Fe, Alamosa, CO 81101. Qualifications Required

In order to be considered, the firm presenting the proposal must be a firm of certified public accountants eligible by law to practice public accounting in the State of Colorado.

Proposal Content Proposals must include the following information:

1. Firm's Name; the name, address and telephone number of the contact person; and the proposal date; include the firm's license to 2. Letter explaining the understanding of work to be done, commit-

ment to the calendar and a statement why the auditing firm is in the best position to perform the auditing services

3. Has the local office performed school district, or government, au-dits in Colorado? List names of school districts, dates of audits and whether a single audit was required. Include any other statements related to qualifications and experience.

4. List the personnel of your local organization who are likely to be assigned to the engagement. Indicate whether Partner, Principal, Senior Accountant, etc. Provide information on Colorado licensure for each person and whether the individual has school district, or governmen-

tal, auditing experience. 5. What is the firm's standard for continuing professional education for certified staff and non-certified staff? How many hours of continuing professional education (CPE) are required in governmental accounting and auditing? If required, are individual staff members meeting the minimum requirements as defined by the Yellow Book? 6. What percentage of the external auditors who would be assigned to the audit have at least six months experience in governmental ac-counting? Please give details.

7. Submit a copy of the most recent completed external quality control review (i.e., peer review). If available, a review of a specific government engagement.

8. Please guote a not to exceed audit fee for each of the next four years, which must include out-of-pocket expenses. Firms are requested to provide the written proposal to the District by

April 30, 2024.

Time Requirements

The following deadlines are presently anticipated:

RFP released April 1, 2024 Prospective bidder's inquiry deadline April 15, 2024

- April 30, 2024 Proposal deadline Notifications of bid selection May 15, 2024
- Engagement of successful firm May 31, 2024
- * End of accounting period June 30, 2024 * Submit audit report to Board of Education for approval
- December 12, 2024

* Submit audit report to the Office of the State Auditor December 31, 2024

Evaluation Process

The District will judge the merits of proposals received in accordance with the criteria discussed below. The bidder is responsible for pro-viding all information requested in this RFP and failure to do so may result in disqualification of the proposal. During the evaluation process, the District may request firms to complete an oral presentation or answer further questions about their proposal. Criteria

1. Certified public accounting firm licensed to practice in the State of Colorado

A peer review completed within the past three years. 3. The adequacy and completeness of the proposal.

4. The experience of the firm.

5. The experience and qualifications of staff to be assigned to the audit.

6. The proposed cost of the audit (number of hours and hourly rate) Right to Reject Proposals

This is not a competitive bid. The RFP process allows the District to select the vendor that best meets the needs of the District, taking into consideration firm qualifications, price, and service capabilities. The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and accepts no responsibility for the cost of proposal preparation. . No. 3869.

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COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE PUBLICATION

(CRS §38-38-103)

FORECLOSURE SALE No. 1-2024 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the

NOTICE Alamosa School District RE11J

Mailing Address: Ortega Middle School, 401 Victoria Ave, Alamosa, CO 81101 Physical Address: Administration Office, 403 Santa Fe Ave, Alamosa CO 81101 Tel: 719-587-1600

Fax: 719-587-1721 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) PRIME VENDOR/DISTRIBUTOR - SCHOOL FOOD and PAPER

GOOD SUPPLIES 2024-2025 Year Complete Request for Proposal documents and instructions can be found on the Alamosa School District Website: www.alamosaschools.

org under Foodservice Department, Food Bid Folder. DATE PROPOSALS ARE DUE: Wednesday, April 24th, @ 2:00PM In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national

origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of

communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or US-DA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at:

Https://www.usda_gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11 - 28-17Fax2Mail. pdf, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a writen description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an al-leged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by: 1. mail:

U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or email:

program.intake@usda.gov No. 3874.

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COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 958-24 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

ebruary 5, 2024, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.

Original Grantor(s). Jardena L. Martinez Original Beneficiary(ies). Rio Grande Savings and Loan Association Current Holder of Evidence of Debt. Rio Grande Savings and Loan

Date of Deed of Trust. July 06, 2010

County of Recording. Alamosa Recording Date of Deed of Trust July 07, 2010

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.). 342665

Re-Recording Date of Deed of Trust. February 14, 2020 Re-Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)

375898 Original Principal Amount. \$58,500.00

Outstanding Principal Balance \$50,252.52

Pursuant to CRS \$38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Pay-

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

The East 5 feet of Lot 9, and all of Lot 10, and the West 10 feet of Lot 11, in Block 73, in the City of Alamosa, in Alamosa County, Colo-Together with any and all wells, well rights. rado pumps, motors and well equipment. Any and all well and water rights and ditch and ditch rights.

Also known by street and number as: 514 8th Street. Alamosa. CO 81101. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROP

ERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE. Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction. at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 06/05/2024, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certifi cate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication. 4/10/2024 Last Publication. 5/8/2024

Name of Publication. Valley Courier

THE THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;

DATE: 02/05/2024 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State

of Colorado

By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

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SANFORD SCHOOL **DISTRICT** is accepting applications for a HIGH SCHOOL/MID-DLE SCHOOL SPE-CIAL EDUCATION TEACHER. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanfordschools. org. Sanford School is an EŎE&E. (5/4/24)

ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 School Year. EL TEACHER at ALAMOSA HIGH SCHOOL. Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teacher License with an endorsement in ENG-LISH LEARNER PRO-FESSIONAL DEVEL-OPMENT. Applications are available online at

https://www.alamosaschools.org/. For more information, please con-tact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/16/24)

ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 School Year. TECHNOLOGY EDUfilled. EOE. (4/16/24) CATION TEACHER. Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teacher License with an endorsement in CTE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. Applications are available online at https:// www.alamosaschools. org/. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/16/24)

ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 School Year. LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER at ORTEGA MIDDLE SCHOOL. Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teacher License with an endorsement in LANGUAGE ARTS. Applications are available online at https://www.alamosaschools.org/. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/16/24)

ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 School Year. HOME ECONOMICS TEACHER. Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teacher License with an endorsement in FAM-ILY CONSUMER SCI-ENCE. Applications

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ALAMOSA SCHOOL **DISTRICT** is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 School Year. ASSISTANT PRIN-CIPAL AES 3-5. Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teacher License with an endorsement in SCHOOL PRINCIPAL (K-12). Applications are available online at https://www.alamosaschools.org/. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/16/24)

ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is now accepting applications for the following positions: REGISTRAR/ GUIDANCE OFFICE SECRETARY, and ENTRY CONTROL & BUILDING SECU-RITY at AHS. Applications are available online at https://www. alamosaschools.org/. For more information, contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until

ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is now accepting applications for the following posi-tions: TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT DISTRICT WIDE. Applications are available online at https://www.alamosaschools.org/. For more information, contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/16/24)

CONEJOS COUNTY IS seeking a HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERA-TOR / DRIVER / LA-BORER. Applicant must be able to operate a load-er, grader, belly dump, and drive a semi, must have a class A Commercial Driver's License, clean driving record and pass a pre-employment drug screen. Pay is \$19.91/hr \$41,412.80 annually. County application form required. Applications available at conejoscounty.colorado.gov or via email upon request at cricci@ co.conejos.co.us. Inquiries call 719-376-6799. Deadline 04/22/24.

(4/20/24)

TOWN OF CENTER, COLORADO Seeks a TOWN MANAGER. General Statement of Duties: Supervises 22-25 employees of varied departments such as Utilities, Public Safety, OR/MTSS COORDI-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 at 719-379-3259. (5/1/24) 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 educa-

shows capacity to per-

form the essential func-

tions of the job. Quali-

CO. (5/3/24)

TOWN OF MOFFAT, Colorado, WATER OP-ERATOR / WATER CONSULTANT. Job Description WATER OPERATOR DUTIES: 1. The Operator Respon-sible in Charge (ORC) shall have a Small Systems (D1) certification in good standing. 2. Iden-tify 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.

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6. Certification training may be provided. 7. Estimated pay range \$25 - \$30 per hour depending on experience. WA-TĔR 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. Esti-mated pay range \$40 -\$50 per hour depending on experience. (5/15/24)

1ST SOUTHWEST BANK, a locally owned CDFI community bank, is seeking a RELA-TIONSHIP MANAGER with 3+ years of commercial loan experience and a BRANCH MAN-AGER 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 fswb.bank/about/ careers. EOE. (5/1/24)

ARE YOU PASSION-ATE about making a positive impact on people's lives? SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT is currently accepting applica-tions for BEHAVIOR HEALTH COUNSEL- FULL-TIME MAIN-TENANCE PERSON needed for apartment complex in MONTE VISTA. Interested persons need to have a minimum 2 years maintenance experience, valid driver's license, clean background check and pass a drug test. Maintenance duties include but not limited to minor plumbing & electrical, grounds keeping, maintaining buildings & common areas, and painting, etc. Interested persons should pick up an ap-

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plication at 551 Monroe Street, Monte Vista CO 81144. If any questions or further information is needed, please call 719-852-5505 or send resume to mvha04@yahoo.com Attn: Alonzo. Equal Employment Opportunity Provider and

Employer. (4/20/24)

THE CITY OF MON-

TE VISTA is accept-

ing applications for a

SÉASONAL PARKS

MAINTENANCE

WORKER. This posi-

tion is approximately 16 weeks, 40 hours/

wk. Duties include mow-

ing, trimming, watering

parks and trash pickup.

Wage is \$16.00-\$17.00

per hour. Applications

and job description are

available at www.cityof-

montevista.colorado.gov

or pickup/return appli-

cations to the City of

Monte Vista, Human

Resources, 95 West First

Ave., Monte Vista, CO.

81144. Open until filled.

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 withdraw-

als while maintaining

a balanced cash draw-

er. Must be personable

and pleasant answering

the phone and greeting

customers. Many other

duties will be assigned

as needed. The posi-

tion 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 postmas-

ter@truelocalbank.com

by April 30, 2024. Ap-

plication is available at

TrueLocalBank.com/

careers or call 719-657-

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GUACHE is looking for

a Highly Qualified K-12

PRINCIPAL. Candi-

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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 educa-

tion. Applications are

available in person or

on our website. All in-

quiries should be sent

to Mr. Stagner at Moun-

tain Valley Schools, 403

Pitkin Ave. Saguache,

Colorado 81149. (5/1/24)

MONTE VISTA

SCHOOL DISTRICT

is accepting applica-

(5/31/24)

ing Deed

On February 14, 2024, under Reception No. 24000158, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Conejos records

Ravmond White and Shannon White Original Grantor(s): Original Beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Beneficiary, as nominee for Pacific Union Financial, LLC, its successors and assigns

Current Holder of the Evidence of Debt Nationstar Mortgage LLC Date of Deed of Trust: October 24, 2016

County of Recording Conejos

Recording Date of Deed of Trust December 9, 2016 Recording Information (Reception No

and/or Book/Page No.) Reception No. 16001616**

Original Principal Amount \$157,175.00 Outstanding Principal Balance \$149,271.55

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the

covenants of the deed of trust have been violated including, but not limited to the Borrower's failure to make timely payments as required under the Evidence of Debt and Deed of Trus

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

The property is all of the property encumbered by said Deed of Trust and is described as: Lot 10, 11, and 12, Block 19 Town of La Jara, County of Conejos, State of Colorado. **The Deed of Trust was corrected by an Affidavit of Correction recorded 5/15/2023 at Reception No. 23000662 in the records of the Conejos County Clerk and Recorder, State of Colorado.

Purported Common Address: 104 Joe S. Chavez Dr., La Jara, CO 81140

If applicable, a description of any changes to the deed of trust described in the notice of election and demand pursuant to affidavit as allowed by statutes.

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at the office of the Conejos County Public Trustee, Conejos County Courthouse, 6683 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s). Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.

First Publication Date: April 17, 2024

Last Publication Date: May 15, 2024

Name of Publication: The Valley Courier

Date: April 12, 2024

Mack M. Crowthe

Public Trustee in and for the County of Conejos, State of Colorado. The name, address, telephone number and bar registration number of attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Halliday, Watkins, & Mann, P.C.

Attorney for Nationstar Mortgage LLC

Amanda Ferguson, #44893

Heather L. Deere, #28597

355 Union Blvd., Suite 250

Lakewood, CO 80228

Phone: 303-274-0155

E-mail: infoco@hwmlawfirm.com

File #: CO21736 THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMA-

TION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. No. 3902

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South Conejos School District is seeking sealed bids for the

sale of: 2002 Chevy Suburban 6.0 engine, 4WD w/ Snow Plow, 172,141 miles

2003 Blue Bird 65 Passenger Bus: DT466e engine and automatic For Inquiries, please call:719-376-7007. Sealed bids can be sent to

eobrien@southconejos.com. All bids must be received by 2:00 p.m. on April 30, 2024. Bids received after this date and time will not be considered. The South Conejos School District reserves the right to District.

No. 3899

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Newbold, Chapman & Geyer, PC 150 E. 9th Street, Suite 400, PO

Box 2790, Durango, CO 81302 (970) 247-3091 Attorney File # 10288.10 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose. No. 3891

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SANFORD SCHOOL PRIVATE HOME **DISTRICT** is accepting applications for a HIGH **HEALTH:** I can help keep your loved one at home. CNA 20+ years SĈHOOL/MIDDLE experience, excellent SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR. Must be references, reasonable rates. 512-293-1448. at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent, or LICENSED PLUMBsuch alternative to the **ER DOES** all types of above qualifications as plumbing & plumbing repairs. Quick service! the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. All candidates must pass background checks. Applica-

tions can be downloaded

at www.sanfordschools.

org. Sanford School is an

ALAMOSA SCHOOL

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Year. CLASSROOM

TEACHER at AES 3-5.

Applicant must have or

be able to obtain a Colo-

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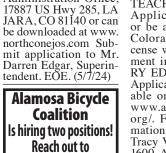


WE GOT THE HELP WE WERE LOOKING FOR WITH THE HELP OF THE VALLEY COURIER. Smokin Spuds. (AS)

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year for (1) CENTAU-RI MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEACHER. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Teaching License or be able to obtain proper endorsement. Application deadline is until position is filled. Please call Brian Riccatone with questions at 719-274-4301. Applications are available at the District Administration Office, 17887 US Hwy 285, LA JARA, CO 81140 or can

info@alamosabicyclecoalition.org

for more information and to apply.



with an endorsement in ELEMENTARY EDU-CATION K-6. Applications are available online at https://www.alamosaschools.org/. For more information, please con-tact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/16/24) ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 School Year. CLASSROOM TEACHER at AES K-2. Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teacher Li-

cense with an endorsement in ELEMENTA-RY EDUCATION K-6. Applications are available online at https:// www.alamosaschools. org/. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/16/24)

are available online at https://www.alamosaschools.org/. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/16/24)

ALAMOSA SCHOOL **DISTRICT** is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 School Year. BUSINESS INSTRUC TIONAL TEACHER at ORTEGA MIDDLE SCHOOL. Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teacher License with an endorsement in CTE IN-FORMATION TECH-NOLOGY. Applications are available online at https://www.alamosaschools.org/. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/16/24)

ALAMOSA SCHOOL **DISTRICT** is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 School Year. SPECIAL EDU-CATION TEACHER at ORTEGA MIDDLE SCHOOL. Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teacher License with an endorsement in SPECIAL EDUCA-TION. Applications are available online at https://www.alamosaschools.org/. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/16/24)

ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is now accepting applications for the following positions: Assistant TRACK COACH, Assistant VOLLEYBALL COACH, Assistant CROSS COUNTRY COACH, Head CHEER-LEADING COACH Head GYMNASTIC COACH at ALAMOSA HIGH SCHOOL. Applications are available online at https://www. alamosaschools.org/. For more information, contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/16/24)

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CENTER CONSOL-IDATED 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 posi-tion of ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCA-TION 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 accepttion and experience that able. Applications can be found on the District Website https://www. center.k12.co.us/page/ fied candidates should employment-opporsubmit their resume to tunities or contact the District Office at (719) Rose DeHerrera, Town 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position Clerk at rose@centerco. gov or Town of Center, PO Box 400, Center, is Filled. EOE. (5/15/24) CO 81125. The Town

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tions for an INSTRUC-TIONAL COMPUTER/ LIBRARY PARAPRO-FESSIONAL at BILL METZ ELEMENTA-RY 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. Âpplications 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. (4/30/24)



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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/ employmentopportuni-ties by April 25, 2024 or until the position is filled. For application questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (4/30/24)

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.slvlocal-EŎE&E. (4/27/24) foods.org/jobs/. (5/1/24)

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HELP WANTED NOTICE OF JOB opening for STAK-ING ENGINEER. SAN LUIS VALLEY RURAL SOUTH CONEJOS **SCHOOL** DISTRICT is seeking anticipated EL-EMENTARY TEACH-ELECTRIC COOPERA-TIVE, INC., located at 3625 US Hwy 160 W, MONTE VISTA, Colo-ERS for the 24-25 school year. Applicants must possess a Colorado Teaching License or be rado currently has an eligible to apply for one. open position for a Stak-Salary schedules are available on the district ing Engineer. Work hours are Monday – Thursday, website. Please submit 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., a district application, forty hours/week plus additional time as duties resume, cover letter, and transcripts at https://www.southconejos. require. Responsible for communications with com/page/how-to-apply. stakeholders, developing best value construction (5/1/24)standards, producing accurate stating sheets including material lists and costs estimates, ob-

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WATER/SEWER **OPERATOR: PART-TIME;** Pay based on experience; Job Title: Water and Sewer Operator. Job Description: The Water and Sewer Operator plays a vital role in ensuring the efficient and safe operation of the town's water and sewer systems. Responsibilitíes include monitoring, maintaining, and repairing water treatment and distribution systems, as well as sewer collection and treatment facilities. To apply, submit a resume to townofromeo@gmail. com or come in during office hours Tuesday or Thursday 9 to 3 for ap-plication. You can call 719-843-5785 for more information. (4/26/24)



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DEPUTY CLERK: PART-TIME Hourly 15-20 hours, Tuesday-Thursday and some Fridays; Pay Rate \$14.42 Position Overview/ Job Description: We are seeking a diligent and organized individual to join our team as a Part-Time Deputy Clerk for our small town. The Deputy Clerk will work closely with the Town Clerk and other municipal staff to ensure the efficient operation of administrative tasks and provide support in various municipal functions. This position offers an excellent opportunity for someone who is detail-oriented, community-focused, and eager to contribute to the smooth functioning of local govern-ment. To apply, submit a resume to townofromeo@gmail.com or come in during office hours Tuesday or Thursday 9 to 3 for ap-plication. You can call 719-843-5785 for more information. (4/26/24)

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

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applica-tions for a SPECIAL EDUCATION PARA-

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NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applica-tions for (1) HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACH-ER for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicant (4/17/24)must hold a current Colorado teaching license or be willing to work toward certification. NCSD offers a competitive salary, great discipline and environment for staff and students, and up to \$915 monthly towards health insurance. Application deadline is until position is ferred. Must possess: filled. Applications are available at the District effective coaching techniques and a thorough Administration Office. knowledge of the rules 17887 US Hwy 285, of the sport; and have LA JARA, CO 81140 the ability to establish or can be downloaded and maintain effective at www.northconejos. working relationships com. Submit appliwith school adminiscation to Mr. Darren trators, parents, and students. Please contact Edgar, Superintendent. EOE. (4/24/24) Gibbs Sanchez, Athletic Director, at: gsanchez@

NORTH CONEJOS urtigers.co 719-657-SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applica-Principal, at: ahardy@ tions for (1) full-time urtigers.co, 719-657-SECONDARY EDU-CATION TEACHER ADELANTE FAM-ILY RESOURCE at North Conejos Alternative Program for the 2024-2025 school vear. Contact Susan LYST - Seeking a team oriented person to over-Hamilton for details at 719-580-5864. Applisee our data systems to ensure timely and accants must hold a curcurate data collection. rent Colorado Teaching License or be able to obtain proper endorse-ment. NCSD offers form the raw data into a competitive salary, quality improvement great discipline and of data collection, train environment for staff new staff on data sysand students, and up to \$915 monthly towards health insurance. Aping data entry support to program staff. This plications are available person will oversee the Working Together proat the District Administration Office, 17887 US gram reporting require-Hwy 285, LA JARA, ments and organize the CO 81140 or can be monthly meetings. Sal-ary \$39,000 - \$42,000 downloaded at www. northconejos.com. Sub-DOE plus benefits. Submit application to Mr. mit cover letter and re-Darren Edgar, Supersume to HR@lapuente. intendent. Application net. (4/19/24) deadline is until position is filled. EOE. **CAFETERIA STAFF** (4/24/24)**NEEDED** at UP-PER RIO GRANDE

SANGREDECRISTO SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following positions available for the 2024-2025 school year: HS GIRLS BAS-KETBALL COACH & FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR. Please visit our website www. sangreschools.org to apply. If you have any questions, please call 719-420-1422. (4/19/24) CITY OF MONTE

SUBSTITUTES TEACHERS VISTA is accepting applications for KIDS CONNECTION SUM-NEEDED at the UP-PER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT MER PROGRAM LEADERS. Duties include, planning, scheduling, and imple-menting youth program activities. \$15 per hour. Job Description and applications are available at http://www.cityofmontevista.colorado. gov or City of Monte Vista, Human Resources, 95 West First Ave, Monte Vista, Co. 81144. (5/1/24)LOOKING FOR YEAR round HELP ON POTATO GRAIN FARM, starting im-mediately, contact 719-850-2137. Must have experience around machinery and farming practices. (5/1/24) **RIO GRANDE HOS-PITAL** an opening for an ADMINISTRA-TIVE ASSISTANT; Manage the CEOs calendar, including making appointments, arranging appointments as necessary and needed, and prioritizing the most sensitive matters. Present highly professional and warm image to staff, public, and clients. organizing meetings, scheduling, sending reminders, organizing catering (when necessary), agenda preparation, meeting minutes, maintaining integrated files, Responsible for ensuring that Rio Grande Hospital providers are fully compliant with all state and federal regulations. Must also ensure that every member of medical staff is legally licensed and/or credentialed and up to date with the latest medical policies and procedures. Monitor license and credential expiration dates and advise staff members of required renew. RGH is an EOE, complete an application online at http://riograndehospital.org under CONTACT, EMPLOY-MENT. Additional questions: Call Paula Pacheco email paulap@ riograndehospital.net or call 719-657-4111. (4/17/24)

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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 vour 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. (4/30/24)

HELP WANTED: SOMEONE to CLEAN the TOWN HALL OFFICE. MU-SEUM HELP: Must be 16 yrs of age or older for museum, must have some knowledge of Jack Dempsey his-tory. Also, CHIEF OF POLICE & POLICE OFFICER. Please pick up application at the Town Hall office during business hours. (4/8/24) CDL B TRUCK DRIVER: Earn Up to \$83k+. Join Us, Grow with Us! At WORLD FUEL SERVICES, our drivers are the key to our success. Tank Wagon drivers operate a straight truck carrying petroleum products to our customers. We are currently seeking experienced CDL drivers to join our team in ALAMOSA, CO. This is a DAYSHIFT POSI-TION. EARNINGS!: \$5,000 sign on bonus; Starting pay \$23/hr. For day shift; Additional \$1.00/hr. with one year of fuel experience; Performance Bonus \$5,000; Earn Your First Year ; Day Shift Average (with 1 year fuel experience) - \$1,320 Weekly / \$76,640 An-nually. WHAT YOU WILL LOVE ABOUT USL: Home Deily! US!: Home Daily! Health Benefits from Medical with HSA and FSA options; three plans to choose from to fit your needs; Dental, Vision, Teladoc, Employee Assistance Programs; \$0 Premium Medical Insurance Option; Prepare for the Future with 401K Retirement Plan with company matching, no vesting period; Rest and Relaxation 120 hours 7 paid holiday, PTO, and 4 floating holidays; Financial Peace of Mind: Company paid Short-Term Disability, Life, and AD&D Insurance; Additional Perks We Offer: Long Term Disability Insurance, Accident & Critical Illness Insurance, Legal & Identity Theft Protec-tion, Paid Uniform and Boots, Satellite Radio; Learning and Development, LinkedIn Learning; Fleet of modern vehicles with the latest in cab technologies; Referral bonus program. WHAT YOU WILL NEED!: Current CDL; HazMat & Tank en-dorsements; Two years of recent Class CDL driving experience required; Pass required MVR and DOT preemployment testing and background check. Ap-ply Today! Questions 707.761.7671. (4/24/24) **SKYLINE POTATO** CO. in CENTER, CO is looking for a SHIPPING CLERK/ ASSISTANT SUPER-VISOR for their bulk division. Applicants must be Bilingual (English/Spanish) and capable of using Micro-soft Excel, Microsoft Word and able to learn other computer/ship-ping programs. Work week consists of Monday-Friday and some Saturdays. Responsi-bilities will be the fol-lowing: 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. (4/30/24)

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½ TIME TIGER CONNECTION COACH (attendance & family connection) needed at DEL NORTE ELEMEN-TARY SCHOOL. This will be a 2-year part time classified position paid for with the Stronger Connections Grant. For more information please contact Principal Amy Duda at 719-657-4050 or aduda@urtigers.co. Applications may be picked up at the District Office or online at: urtigers.co. (4/17/24)

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JR. HIGH CHEER COACH needed at DEL NORTE JR. HIGH SCHOOL. Experience as a coach is preferred. Please contact Gilbert "Gibbs" Sanchez, Athletic Director, at: gsanchez@urtigers.co, 719-657-4020; or Annie Hardy, Principal, at: ahardy@urtigers. co, 719-657-4020. Applications may be found on our website; www. urtigers.co. (4/17/24) HOSPICE DEL VALLE is currently seeking an ADMIN-ISTRATIVE ASSIS-TANT. A part time to full time position available. Knowledge in payroll and Quick-Books preferred but not necessary. Please call or stop by Hospice del Valle for further information: 514 Main Street, ALAMOSA, Colo 81101 or 719-589-9019. (4/17/24)

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CENTER CONSOL-**IDATED SCHOOL** DISTRICT 26Jt is pay-ing years of service and single health insurance benefits. Apply now to become part of our dynamic district as we are now accept-ing applications for the position of K-12 ART TEACHER, for the 2024-2025 School Year. Qualifications; Must hold a valid State of Colorado Teacher's License or, such alternative as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Applications can be found on the District Website https://www. center.k12.co.us/page/ employment-opportunities or contact the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Applica-tion Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (5/8/24)

in DEL NORTE! Call or email: Sophia at 719-657-4040, x4000 (scruz@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). (5/1/24)

CSU-SAN LUIS VAL-LEY RESEARCH CENTER is seeking TEMPORARY hourly employees to work M-F 8:00am to 4:30pm, 30 to 40 hours per week. Aids in the preparation of research field experiments and crops. Provides planting, irrigating, cultivating, harvesting, storing crops and various tasks important to the research initiatives at this station. Please apply at https://jobs.colostate. edu/postings/141377 or contact Sharon at (719) 754-3594 x17. (4/17/24) POTATO WARE-HOUSE IN CENTER IN NEED OF WORK-ERS. There are SEV-ERAL POSITIONS

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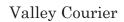
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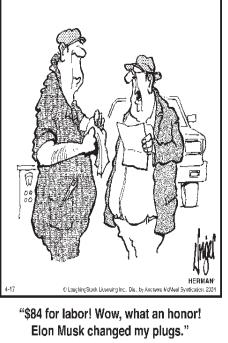
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Romance between relatives upsets pair's close friends

DEAR ABBY: My husband's best friend, "Kevin,' lost his wife three years ago. He's currently in a relationship with his niece (his deceased brother's daughter). Kevin is in his 60s; she's in her 50s. We find this disgusting and do not condone it. They are both from Portugal. Is this acceptable in other countries?

We have tried to discuss it with him; he said he doesn't care what we think. Kevin tries to plan things for all of us as couples, and we don't want to be in their company. Am I wrong? I have known his niece for several years, and I don't want to be unkind, but I just cannot be around them. His wonderful wife is turning over in her grave. -- SCANDALIZED ĬN NEW JERSEY

DEARSCANDALIZED: This type of incestuous relationship is not specifically prohibited under Portuguese law, nor is it prohibited in the state of New Jersey. If you don't wish to socialize with this couple, you are not compelled to do it. Your husband can do it without you if he wishes.

DEAR ABBY: A childhood friend generously invited me to stay at his home for a visit. We had a great time. A few days after I left, he texted me that something expensive was missing from his home and asked if I knew anything about it. I told him I was sorry to hear the bad news and I don't know what happened.

He has now blocked me on all forms of communication. I suppose he thinks I had something to do with the missing item. I wonder if I could have handled the situation differently. Should I have perhaps offered to compensate him for at least part of the value of the missing item despite not being responsible for its disappearance? I don't want to appear to admit fault, but I'm sad that our friendship has apparently ended over this. - INNOCENT IN FLORIDA

DEAR INNOCENT: If you offer to compensate your host, it WILL look like an admission of guilt. Don't do it. If you feel you must say anything at this point, write the person a LETTER expressing that not only are you sorry he is missing the item in question, but also that its disappearance has ended what was, to you, a treasured friendship. Period

DEAR ABBY: My husband is a gun owner. I am not. My mother sometimes stays over and sleeps in his office, which doubles as a guest room. My husband tells me before my mother goes into the room to sleep that I should make sure the gun is safely put away, in case she snoops around and finds it and an accident happens. I told him that is

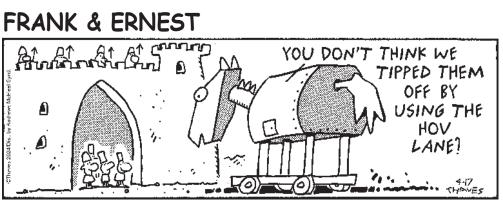


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HIS responsibility as a gun owner, not mine. I also told him my mother won't snoop in his workstation.

He continues to tell me to check it "just in case," and I repeat that it's not my responsibility. Who's responsible to check if the gun is properly put away, my husband or me? -- NOT MY TASK IN THE EAST DEAR N.M.T.: You are

both responsible to ensure the safety of your guests. Your husband's gun should be safely locked in a gun case to prevent anyone from shooting themself in the foot (or you or your husband if a bullet should accidentally go through a wall). Because your husband shirks his responsibility, in order to protect your mother, you should do it.



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Lifestyle

How families can show their appreciation for teachers

(METRO) those efforts in the classroom, but many adults also can name one, two or even more educators whose lessons and enthusiasm for learning has benefitted them long after the final bell rang on their academic careers.

who go the extra mile for their students are worthy of recognition and appreto express their gratitude show can make for a wellto teachers can do so in any number of ways.

• Write a note. A personal note from a student or parents or both can warm the hearts of teachers. Personal letters may not be as common as they once cipal or another higher-up were, but they remain a thoughtful way to express gratitude and appreciation to people who have had a positive impact on a person's life. That makes a personal, handwritten note an ideal and meaningful way for families to show their appreciation for a teacher.

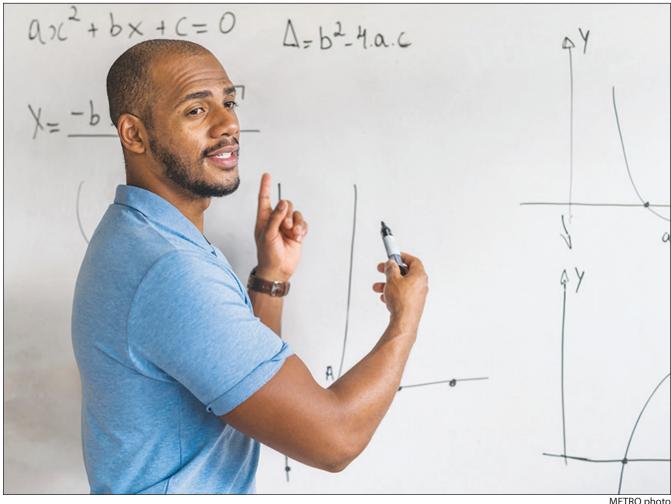
 Pitch in at school when the opportunity presents itself. Teachers seek a helping hand at various points in a given school year. A teacher might ask for volunteers to assist with holiday parties or special school events or even request help coming up with extra school supplies or items needed for a particular project. In fact, a recent survey from the Association of American Educators found that public school teachers spend an average of \$673 per year of their own money on school supplies. Parents can express their appreciation for teachers by responding with enthusiasm

Great to requests for supplies, teachers go above and be- When responding, parents yond for their students. can ask teachers if there's Students benefit from anything else they can do to help and offer to volunteer their services during class parties.

• Organize a class gift. A gift from the class around the holiday season and/or at the end of the year can let teachers know their efforts have not gone unno-The efforts of teachers ticed. By pooling their resources, parents can give teachers an especially nice gift. A night out at a local ciation. Families who want restaurant or tickets to a deserved excursion for educators who often work long past the school day to help students learn.

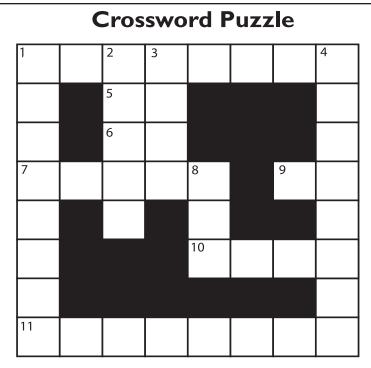
> at the school. An email or phone with a school prinin the local school system is another way for parents to ensure the efforts of a teacher are recognized. Let the higher-ups know when a teacher has made a posiappreciated.

• Contact higher-ups



tive impact on a child and Many teachers go to great lengths to support their students. Families can recognize those efforts in many meanhow much their efforts are ingful ways that will tell educators how much they're appreciated.







• 1849: HUNGARY DECLARES ITSELF INDEPENDENT OF AUSTRIA.

• 1894: THE FIRST EVER COMMERCIAL MOTION PICTURE HOUSE OPENS IN NEW YORK CITY.

 1986: THE HEAVIEST HAILSTONES EVER RECORDED FALL ON THE GOPALGANJ DISTRICT

This week has been a blast By HIGH VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

DEL NORTE — Soccer is in full swing, and the kids are having so much fun learning to play as a team on the field. Games are every Saturday at Chapman Park in Monte Vista. We would love to see you there in support of our teams!

Adult Open Field Soccer is every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Voss Field (3rd and Columbia). Anyone 18 and older is welcome to come join a rousing pick-up game of soccer. There is no fee to play. Join us for some fun community building on the soccer field!

The kids were able to practice their math and science skills in an engaging way! From combining the right ingredients to create slime to calculating angles and circles to build paper rollercoasters, they had so much fun learning in a way that they enjoyed.

We also took an invigorating trip to the Gator Farm on Friday! We got to see all the cool reptiles and throw food to the gators. The kids were thrilled to be able to interact with the animals and learn about their ecology. Make sure to check our website to see the updates on activities for this week! We can't wait to jump back into all the fun.

THIS ACTIVITY CAN RELIEVE STRESS AND DECREASE BLOOD PRESSURE, RESULTING IN A RELAXED FEELING.

ANSWER: LAUGHING





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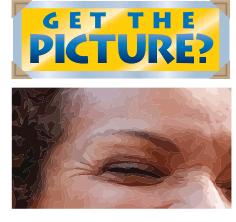
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 - 4. Unlucky number
 - 8. Boy child

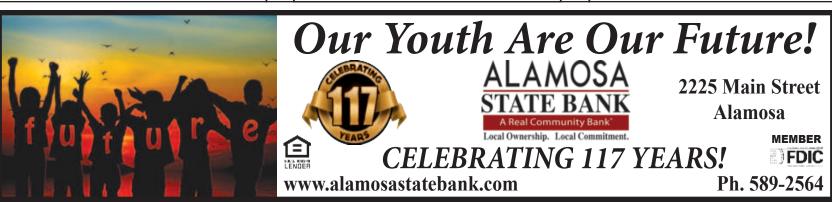


JOKE

something someone says to cause laughter



Can you guess what the bigger picture is? ANSWER: WOMAN LAUGHING



APRIL FOOL'S DAY FALLS ON THE

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