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Creede throws to support Mineral County FCE

CREEDE — Mineral County FCE has received Creede throws. They are \$55 each and are forest green and off white. They are available at Holy Moses Gift Shop in Creede.

'Mock DUI Crash' at AHS on May 2

ALAMOSA — Alamosa High School After-Prom, along with SLV P.R.O.M. and several local emergency responders, will be holding a "Mock DUI Crash" at the high school on Thursday, May 2, for high school students.

The DUI drama is reality based and will consist of a simulated vehicle crash, actors portraying injured students, fire department, police officers, ambulance personnel, and a flight-for-life helicopter.

"The goal of this is to be an eye opener to how many lives can be affected if you make the choice to drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Thank you to all as we try to keep our children and community safe," organizers stated.

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Valley man sentenced to 12 years for extortion, forgery, retaliating against judges

CONTRIBUTED DENVER — A San Luis Valley man with recent ties to Gunnison County was sentenced earlier this week to 12 years in the Department of Corrections for committing extortion and threatening several judges,

law enforcement officers, prosecutors, attorneys, and citizens in Gunnison, Montrose, and Alamosa counties over a two-year period.

Last month, a jury found Brett Andrew Nelson guilty on 20 of 24 counts brought against

him by the statewide grand jury in April 2022.

According to the office of the Attorney General, who announced the sentencing in a press release on Wednesday, Nelson lived in a rural area north of Alamosa. No additional information, such as

where Nelson specifically lived or when, was available.

"Brett Nelson's actions undermined the integrity of our legal system and endangered the safety of several Coloradans who were doing their job," said Attorney General

Phil Weiser, whose office prosecuted the case. "This conviction and sentencing advances the rule of law and protects public safety."

State prosecutors presented evidence that, starting in 2018, Nelson

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Alamosa K-5 EL Family Night a success

Working together, investing in future generations

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — The halls of Alamosa Elementary School were full of excitement and engagement on Thursday night as more than 335 parents and their students participated in K-5 EL Family Night, better known as "Lectura en mi familia."

Funded by the Migrant Education Program and coordinated by the Alamosa School District Elementary K-5 staff, the evening started off with comments from administrators and teachers, including Superintendent Diana Jones, Assistant Superintendent Luis Murillo, 3-5 Principal Michelle Wilson, K-2 Principal Roxi Vigil and EL/ML teachers Elisamarie Heredia (3-5) and Marlene Cervantes (K-2).

Each student was provided with a grade level bag containing, among other things, flash cards and specially created activity books in math



Photos by Priscilla Waggoner

Semillas de la Tierra on stage while families wrap up the evening with dinner from Linda Jalisco.



Parents with their children who are eating up their "M&Ms Math" lesson.

and reading to keep them engaged in learning over the summer.

After opening remarks, participants had a choice of attending eleven different breakout sessions held in classrooms throughout the school, all containing games and activi-

ties that demonstrated reading, science and mathematics can be both fun and educational. The evening concluded with a dinner, catered by Linda Jalisco, with entertainment provided by the well-known group of folkloric dancers known as Semi-

llas de la Tierra.

"We're celebrating 'Lectura en mi familia', which is our Elementary Family Night," said Assistant Superintendent Dr. Luis Murillo. "It's our largest turnout ever and is a testament to our core value, which

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Richard 'Rick' Needham

Needham to run for Alamosa commissioner District 1.

CONTRIBUTED ALAMOSA — Richard "Rick" Needham has issued this statement regarding his candidacy for Alamosa County Commissioner.

"Richard "Rick" Needham respectfully declares his candidacy for the Alamosa Board of County Commissioners, representing District 1, under the Democratic ticket. With nearly five decades of residency in Alamosa and a diverse professional background, Needham brings a wealth of experience and a fresh perspective to the political landscape.

"Having graduated from Columbine High School in Littleton, Needham ventured to the San Luis Valley to pursue higher education at Adams State College. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with minors in Chemistry and Psychology, followed by an MBA in Public Administration from Adams State University.

"Throughout his career,

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Educator Highlight Award for March goes to Baines

Biology and math teacher at AHS has been there since the beginning

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

ALAMOSA — Miriam Baines is one of the originals. When Alamosa High School moved from its location on Victoria Avenue to a new school building on Craft Drive in 1997, Baines was among the teachers who helped christen the new school building that inaugural year.

Andy Lavier, the principal at

Alamosa High School, recalled the story this week when Baines was honored with the Educator Highlight Award from Adams State School of Education during a ceremony in her biology classroom.

Baines and Lavier are two of only three original staff members who remain at AHS from that first year in the new Alamosa High. Their time spent together, first breaking in the new school building as young teachers and now 27 years later as principal and teacher, has brought both nostalgic memories as well as respect for each other and the way each has helped Alamosa High become one of the strongest-performing public

schools in Colorado.

"She's great with students. She's great with staff," the principal said.

Baines is the 14th educator recognized by Adams State School of Education in its ongoing effort to honor outstanding teachers, administrators, and support staff working in schools across the San Luis Valley. Baines holds three degrees from Adams State, two bachelor's degrees and a master's degree.

See the full list of Educator Highlight Award honorees. It's also a good reminder to make your nomination of an educator deserving of the award before this school year ends.

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Courtesy photo

Miriam Baines, Alamosa High School biology and mathematics teacher, received the Adams State University School of Education March Educator Highlight Award.



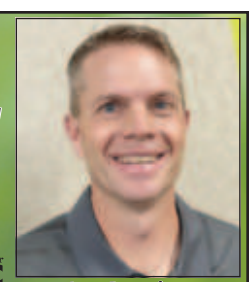
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Record



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Emily Kelly stands in front of grasslands, dunes, and a snow-covered mountain in Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve.

Internships valuable to next generation of conservationists

STAFF REPORT GREAT SAND DUNES NATIONAL PARK AND PRE- SERVE

— Interns provide many and diverse services to our national parks. As part of National Park Week, the park service is highlighting the many interns who provide their services to our national treasures, one of those interns is Emily Kelly.

According to Kelly, "I'm originally from Alamosa, and after attending BYU-Idaho for Zoology, I got the opportunity to be an intern through Conservation Legacy's Southwest Conservation Corps program at Great Sand

Dunes National Park and Preserve.

"I've always been interested in conservation at Great Sand Dunes National Park. This park inspired me to seek career opportunities in ecology, biology, and in environmental science. As a child I spent many of my summers at the dunes so having the ability to work with rangers that I looked up to is a rewarding and unique experience. This internship program has encouraged me to pursue a career with a public land management agency such as the National Park Service."

According to the National Park Foundation,

"Internships play a critical role in developing the talent pool of diverse, enthusiastic, motivated, and highly skilled young people who are next in line to take care of the more than 400 national park sites that make up the national park system. Investing in internships now will ensure that as many young people as possible build valuable professional experiences while also developing an affinity for our public lands."

For more on the intern programs with the National Park Service, visit www.nps.gov/sub-jects/youthprograms/jobs-and-internships.htm.

OBITUARY

Jimmy Loren Sellers

Jimmy Loren Sellers, 89, a cherished husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully on April 23, 2024, in Denver, Colorado. Born on Jan. 28, 1935, in Manassa, Colo., to Don Carlos and Elsie (Sego) Sellers, Jimmy's life was a testament to his loving, kind, and humorous spirit.

Jimmy is survived by his devoted spouse, Bo-Jean (Bagwell) Sellers, and their children: David Sellers of South Carolina, Stacy (Steven) Filbert of Basildon, United Kingdom, and Patricia (Billy) Wise of Cheyenne, Wyo. He was a proud grandfather to 22 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren who will miss his playful nature and warm embrace. Jimmy also leaves behind his sister, Sheryl (Jerry) Anderson of Manassa, Colo., and brother, Carlos (Soon) Sellers of Las Vegas, Nev.

He was preceded in death by his sons, Scott (Ranell) Sellers, Stephen (Linda) Sellers, grand-



children Michael and Corrie Sellers and both of his parents.

Throughout his life, Jimmy was not only known for his work as a charismatic car salesman, a career that allowed him to share his passion for automobiles but also as a Water Commissioner for The Division of Water Resources for the State of Colorado where he worked until retirement. His love for the outdoors was evident through his enthusiasm for camping, fishing, and shooting guns.

A devout member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Jim-

my served his community with dedication, fulfilling many callings over the years. His faith was a cornerstone of his life, guiding him in his daily actions and interactions with others.

Jimmy's legacy is one of love, laughter, and service. His presence will be deeply missed, but his memory will continue to inspire all who knew him. Jimmy Loren Sellers lived a full life, and his influence will be felt for generations to come.

A visitation will be held Sunday, April 28, 2024, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Rogers Family Mortuary in Manassa. A funeral service will be held Monday, April 29, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in La Jara, Colo. Interment will follow the service at the Manassa Cemetery.

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

BIRTHS

Alexandria Lancaster

Alexandria Lancaster was born on April 6 to Katie Lancaster and Shane Lancaster of Blanca, Colorado. Alexandria was 5 pounds and 7 ounces at

birth and 18 inches long. Siblings are Olivia and Emersyn.

Maternal grandparents are Matt and Terri Husmann of Blanca. Pater-

Ryan Codi

Ryan Codi was born on April 15, to Deslinne DeHerrera and Demetriuse Trujillo of Alamosa, and weighed 8 pounds 11

ounces and was 21 inches at birth. Maternal Grandparents are Priscilla and Steve DeHerrera of Ala-

mosa. Paternal Grandparents are Annamay and Jose Trujillo. Ryan was born at SLV Health in Alamosa.

Mystery marks May opening of Spines

CONTRIBUTED

ALAMOSA — Find a good Mystery novel for half price at Spines on Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Spines, the used book outlet of Friends of the Alamosa Library, begins its 2024 season after a winter hiatus. Shelves are full and most any reading interest can be fulfilled.

Spines is near Cole Park in the alley north of the Alamosa Post Office. Art and music books are also featured this month at half price.

Friends of the Library is a volunteer group that donates proceeds from Spines to enhance Alamosa Library programs and services, fills the community's

Little Free Libraries, sponsors the Story Walk, and participates in other efforts to promote literacy.

Members of Friends get a 20% discount at Spines and forgiveness of fines at the library. Everyone is eligible and volunteers are always needed.

For more information, call 719-588-9410.

Significant resources in place as US 50 bridge inspection continues

By COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MONTROSE, GUNNISON, AND HINSDALE COUNTIES — Crews are making progress on the inspection of the US Highway 50 bridge that crosses Blue Mesa Reservoir at Dillon Pinnacles.

Lightweight scaffolding is now in place on the bridge's center span, which expands the methods workers can safely and easily reach the underside. The local access route on County Road 26 continues to be in place along with regular maintenance and repairs to prevent damage to the road.

CDOT has brought on Kiewit Infrastructure Co., a private sector construction contractor, to support inspection and repairs for the bridge and work on CR 26. Kiewit crews have unique steel bridge expertise and capability to bring additional resources to the engineering teams on site at the bridge and on the local access detour route.

At the bridge site, CDOT has also established improved communications coverage, including a web camera viewable on COtrip.org. Rain, snow and thunderstorms are in the forecast through the remainder of the week and may affect inspection operations and the condition of CR 26.

The bridge was closed on Thursday, April 18 due to safety concerns about a crack identified during a special inspection. Crews are continuing the special inspection to identify if there are more structural

concerns with the bridge.

It is critical that inspection work is safe for crews. Establishing access to all sections of the bridge has been time-consuming and has required extensive logistics as only a limited amount of weight can be on certain sections of the bridge. CDOT is doing everything possible to keep crews safe while also accessing all parts of the bridge.

Scaffolding is now in place to provide access to areas that previously were only accessible by crews harnessed to ropes. Scaffolding is lightweight while still providing enough support for crews to carry out other steps, such as paint removal and ultrasonic testing. Tarps are in place to catch paint or other debris from reaching the reservoir.

During this inspection process, additional areas of concern have been found since the middle bridge closed last Thursday, April 18. The severity of these concerns and the specific repairs that may be needed will be determined after ultrasonic testing results are confirmed. Ultrasonic testing reveals what defects are below the surface of the steel welds and inform key decisions for the bridge. As the inspection continues, engineering teams are working through potential repair options.

The goal is to be prepared to carry out repairs as quickly and safely as possible. CDOT is working through multiple repair scenarios that are each being refined as testing is completed.

Kiewit is also assisting with daily road repair on County Road 26. The county road has limited infrastructure and must be regularly monitored and maintained to support commuter traffic in the mornings and evenings. As of Thursday evening, more than 3.5 miles of road base material had been placed on the roadway to maintain the local access route. Crews are closely watching incoming weather and are prepared to deal with any road damage that is worsened by wet and muddy conditions.

Commuters should continue to anticipate pilot car operations on County Road 26. Commercial vehicles exceeding a 16,001 gross vehicle weight rating are prohibited. Trailers of any kind are also prohibited from using this route. Aside from the limited morning and evening commuter hours, the road will remain closed at all other times for the ongoing restoration work needed to ensure the road remains safe for travel. Please see below for the County Road schedule.

CDOT has also placed communications equipment and cameras at the bridge, which can be viewed on COTrip. Limited cell service should soon be available near the southern section of CR 26, which is remote.

CDOT and partner agencies held a virtual public meeting the evening of Tuesday, April 23, to provide the latest info to the community about the US 50 Blue Mesa bridge closure.

ALAMOSA SHERIFF'S REPORT

Alamosa County Sheriff's Report for week of March 17-24, 2024

Anthony Joseph Garcia of Alamosa was cited for violation of a protection order at 102 U.S. Highway 160.

Allan King, 22, of Alamosa was cited for obstructing a police officer at 412 Denver Street.

Isabella Harvey-Dean, 24, of Alamosa was cited for four dogs at large at 8764 Ironfield Drive.

Jonathan Bratton, 33, of Alamosa was cited for two dogs at large in the field northwest of 2740 CR 4.75 South.

Travis Coloneh-Matthew Curtis and Chase Dalton Bundrick, both of Walsenburg, were cited for theft at 5929 Road 106 South.

Bryan Scrazo, 32, of Alamosa was cited for driving a vehicle while license is under restraint at 3rd and Hunt.

Anthony Garcia, 30, of Denver was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance at Highway 160 and E. 5th Street.

Elizabeth Dodds, 38, of Alamosa was cited for driving while license is under restraint at CR 8 South and South Craft Drive.

Josephine Hart, 53, of Crestone was cited for driving 20-39 mph over the limit at Highway 17 Mile Marker 78.

Chandley Jeffs, 25, of Alamosa was cited for driving

10-19 mph over the limit in the 1000 block of Highway 17 South.

Allen Mills, 62, of Arvada was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit in the 4000 block of Highway 17 North.

Jeffrey Koop, 53, of Littleton was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit in the 2000 block of Highway 17 North.

Ryan Buckley, 39, of Center was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit in the 1000 block of Highway 17 North.

Sienna Gallegos, 18, of La Jara was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit in the 7000 block of County Road 8 South.

McKayla Samora, 24, of Pueblo was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit in the 4000 block of Highway 17 North.

Timothy Gardner, 64, of Fairplay was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit in the 2000 block of Highway 17 North.

Carlos Casanova, 33, of Alamosa was cited for criminal mischief, careless driving, driving while license was under restraint and driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs or both at First Street and Foster Avenue.

Jason Zinn, 26, of Alamosa was cited for driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs or both and driving a vehicle with no number plates attached at Highway 285 and 17th Street.

Marissa Brianna Arel-

lano, of Alamosa was cited for harassment and domestic violence at 8574 Ironfield Road.

Christopher Hoff, 41, of Alamosa was cited for theft at 151 Broadway Avenue.

Earnest Bell, 46, of Alamosa was cited for prohibited use of weapons at 7490 County Road 10 South.

Christopher Havens, 33, of Alamosa was cited for prohibited use of weapons at 7490 County Road 10 South.

Robert Martinez of Alamosa was cited for illegal discharge of a firearm, possession of weapon by previous offender, prohibited use of a weapon and criminal mischief in the 1000 block Mcquerry Avenue.

School Menu
Monday
April 29, 2024

BREAKFAST

Cereal Bar/Graham Crackers
Fruit & Milk

ELEMENTARY

Mac & Cheese/Green Beans
Roll

Veggie Bar
Fruit & Milk

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mac & Cheese/Green Beans
Roll

Veggie Bar
Fruit & Milk

HIGH SCHOOL

Mac & Cheese/Green Beans
Roll

Veggie Bar
Fruit & Milk

Breakfast & Lunch Free for all students

Alamosa School District

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Valley News

Alamosa County celebrates employees



Courier photo by John Waters

During the April 24 meeting of the Alamosa County Board of County Commissioners, employees Jamie Greeman with the Administration Department, Charity Geoffrey, with Public Health, and Dave Teem and Kevin Ruiz with Road and Bridge were recognized for their outstanding work as Employees of the Quarter. From left to right are Commissioner Arlan Van Ry, Jamie Greeman, Charity Geoffrey, Dave Teem, Kevin Ruiz, and Commissioners, Vern Heersink and Lori Laske.

Benefit fundraiser planned for Phillips

CONTRIBUTED

ALAMOSA — A fundraiser benefit will be held for local business owner and Society Hall friend Bob Phillips on May 12, at Society Hall in Alamosa. It will begin at 4 p.m. and will feature several performers for the afternoon and evening. The event is open and free to the public.



Bob Phillips

Phillips is the owner of Lightshine Music in Alamosa. He has always placed great importance on serving his community and has been one of the most generous people in the San Luis Valley. He has donated his time, his sound system, his music and his energy to countless benefit fundraisers over the years.

His band, Blue Sky Band, has been popular at fairs and events across the San Luis Valley. Most recently, Phillips has had some health issues, and Society Hall is asking the community to lend a hand.

The planned performers include Charlie Johnson and Rhonda Schoenecker, Ol' Scratch, Waverly Road, and closing with the Blue Sky Band (Bob's Band).

There will be food available at this event. It will be a nice Mother's Day treat for an important cause.

The benefit will be held at Society Hall, 400 Ross Ave., Alamosa.

Needham

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Needham has been deeply rooted in public service, primarily through law enforcement, notably serving as Detective Sergeant at the Alamosa PD and later as Chief of Police in Monte Vista. His tenure in Monte Vista saw the successful initiation of a school resource officer

program in collaboration with the school district and the Rio Grande Sheriff's Office, alongside the implementation of a scholarship program to support local students in their pursuit of higher education.

"A proven leader in fiscal responsibility and efficient project management, Needham has a track record of delivering results under budget and ahead of schedule. Notably, his efforts

facilitated the relocation of the police department in Monte Vista, demonstrating his commitment to enhancing public services while being mindful of taxpayer dollars.

Needham's vision for the county encompasses integrity, inclusivity, and sustainable growth. His advocacy for the less fortunate, demonstrated through his involvement with organizations like La Puente

and Tu Casa, underscores his dedication to community welfare. As Commissioner, Needham pledges to foster collaboration between the community, NGOs, elected officials, and county staff to develop a strategic plan that prioritizes efficiency and responsiveness to local needs. His objectives include representing all constituents of his district, transparency in governmental actions,

and preserving the unique rural character of Alamosa.

"This is an exciting time for Alamosa. Together, we have the opportunity to shape a future that benefits all residents, while preserving our cherished freedoms, educational opportunities, and natural landscapes.

"Alamosa residents are encouraged to vote for Needham and join him in moving Alamosa forward towards a brighter tomorrow."

Family

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is about celebrating and recognizing people's culture and heritage. As you can see, we have a cafeteria full of families - parents and children - who just attended the break-out sessions which focused on reading and mathematics, all culturally based."

ElisaMaria Heredia, an ELL (English Language Learner) teacher at the 3-5 level, K-12 ELL Coordinator and longtime member of ASD staff, also recognized a very important aspect of Thursday night's celebration.

"Tonight is an example of how we all work in co-ordination with each other for the good of the students. And that is what all of this is for - the students," Heredia said. "Dr. Curtis Garcia with ASU's School of Education brought some of his students to be presenters in sessions on Science, Math and Literacy. There are two people with AmeriCorps who are also doing a session on math. MTSS (Multi-Tiered Support System) is doing a session. Cooking Matters and Promotores del Valle are doing two sessions on cooking. The Migrant Education Program is doing sessions on their

program. "But what also means so much to me," she continued, "is that there are translators strategically placed in each of these sessions - speaking Spanish or Q'anjob'al so that everyone understands - and some of those ASU education students who are helping were my ELL students in this very building. This shows something very important. By doing what we are doing, we are investing in generations. Working together in co-ordination with each other and investing in future generations. That is what we are doing here."



Photo by Priscilla Waggoner

Math never tasted so good.

Award

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"Being an educator to me means preparing our youth for the future and it's my job to get them through high school,"

said Baines. She's been teaching biology and math for 29 years. Lavier presented her with a bouquet of flowers for all the time she's spent educating Alamosa youth and to highlight her as one of

the Valley's outstanding educators. This monthly award recognizes Adams State University School of Education alumni, prominent local teachers, and other educators working within or hailing from the San

Luis Valley. In so doing, Adams State University hopes to build familiarity with the community as a serious destination for future educators. To nominate and educator email Chrissy McKinney at cmckinney@adams.edu.

Nelson

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used sovereign citizen-like tactics by starting to submit numerous fraudulent documents such as powers of attorney and default judgments against public officials and individuals involved in criminal and domestic

relations cases where he was a defendant. Nelson also filed documents containing threats directed at judges and lodged announcements of liens on several judges' properties in an attempt to influence case outcomes. In efforts to dismiss cases in which he was involved, he submitted powers of attorney, granting him au-

thority to represent judges. Other evidence presented at the trial demonstrated how Nelson submitted fraudulent quitclaim deeds on multiple properties, aiming to transfer ownership to himself. The properties belonged to various individuals involved in Nelson's criminal and domestic relations cases,

including victims and law enforcement officers. Nelson also filed false default judgments against individuals connected to his legal matters, including the mother of his child. Nelson's case went to trial in Gunnison County District Court. The jury returned a verdict after five hours of deliberations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April/May

SUNDAY • 28
www.adams.edu
CASA Center After Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Games Yoga Dancing Cooking

MONDAY • 29
Asian-American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month: Arts & Crafts of Japan & Heritage Recognition Speech 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Japanese American Memorial Garden
Kindred Spirits Luncheon: OER Can Benefit Faculty as well as Students Amanda Langdon 12 p.m. SUB Banquet Room

TUESDAY • 30
HSI 25 Anniversary: Lesson Plan Gallery 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. McDaniel Hall Solarium
AAPI Heritage Month: Arts & Crafts of Philippines Heritage 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. SUB Solarium
Write it Out! Write/Walk Meditation: Wil Rickards 4:30 p.m. Rex Activity Center

WEDNESDAY • 1
AAPI Heritage Month: An Invisible Identity: the Lack of Representation and Misrepresentation of Pacific Islanders in the US Diaspora, Hame Vea 12 p.m. SUB Banquet Room
Zacheis Planetarium Free Movies: 5:30 p.m. Oasis in Space and Supervolcanoes

THURSDAY • 2
Baseball vs. Colorado Mesa University 3 p.m. Baseball Field
Planetarium Free Movies: 5:30 p.m. Life: A Cosmic Story and Dawn of the Space Age
AAPI Heritage Month: Arts & Crafts of India Heritage & Movie Night 6 p.m. Girault Hall

FRIDAY • 3
AAPI Heritage Month: Arts & Crafts & Food Fix Friday 12 p.m. CASA Center
Baseball vs. Colorado Mesa University DH 12 p.m. & 3 p.m. Baseball Field
Play: Stupid F*cking Bird 7:30 p.m. Theatre Building 719-587-8499 or adams.edu/theatre

SATURDAY • 4
Baseball vs. Colorado Mesa University 12 p.m. Baseball Field
San Luis Valley Symphony Concert: 7 p.m. Leon Memorial Hall
Play: Stupid F*cking Bird 7:30 p.m. Theatre Building 719-587-8499 or adams.edu/theatre

Through May 10, 2024
Cloyde Snook Gallery: We Were Here Bachelor of Fine Art Senior Exhibit
Gallery Hours: 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Opinion

LETTERS

Vote for McCracken on June 25

Editor,
Tom McCracken is winding up his fourth year as Saguache County Commissioner with a long list of accomplishments to his credit. But his work is not finished, and I urge Saguache County voters to return him to office for a second term.

I especially value Commissioner McCracken's deep-rooted concern for the environment, proven by his career as an organic farmer, as well as the projects he has spearheaded to protect our water and wilderness, as well as carbon-reducing low-housing design. Specifically, he has:

advocated for Solar Panels to be installed at the County Affordable Housing Project "Blue Waters" which were installed at no cost to the County through his work with the SLV Council of Governments, all six counties of the SLV have entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement to work together through a Joint Planning Board to examine Water Export Proposals.

advocated for the Planning Commission to update the County Master Plan, and to include Climate Action Plans as well as firm guidance on Sub-Dividing properties to lots under 35 acres

McCracken represents and shows concern for all segments of our county: children, seniors, low-income, as well as farmers and ranchers.
He has certainly not forgotten his immediate constituency of Crestone and the Baca Grande, bringing our roads up to a decent standard; extending Chaffee shuttle to Crestone; spearheading creation of safe, off-road paths (currently under construction), from the Baca to the Charter School; bringing meals for seniors to Crestone; and continuing efforts to clean up the White Eagle Village and restore it as a useful resource.

Some of his important future projects include construction of a new County Courthouse complex, and a new jail for the County. These are in the beginning stages and need his experience to progress.

McCracken is a dedicated, hard-working, and responsive commissioner for Saguache County. Let's give him the chance to bring his ambitious goals to completion.

Vote McCracken in the primary election on June 25!

Sharon Corcoran
Crestone

Kinney is next generation of leadership for Saguache County

Editor,
I am writing this letter in support of Adam Kinney and his candidacy for Saguache County Commissioner of District 1. I have known Adam and his family for over a decade. We have been involved in community projects together.

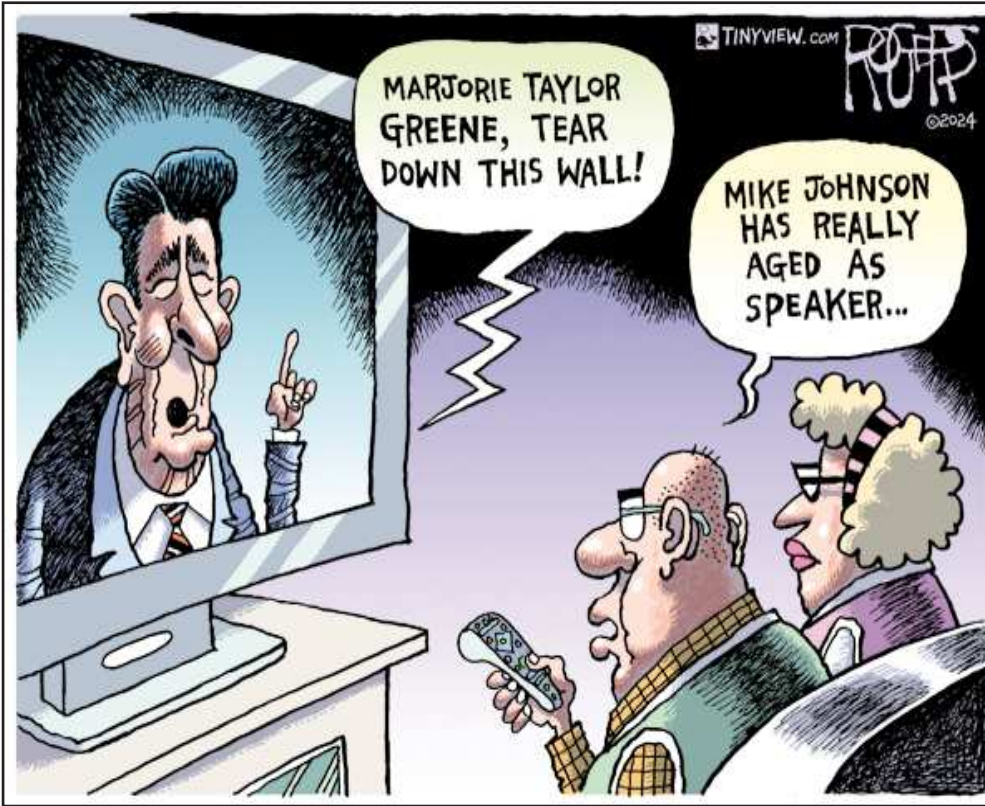
He has participated in local governance more than anyone I know. I especially appreciate his consistent demeanor even when involved with divisive issues. He is a great listener and chooses his words well.

The Valley has been changing rapidly these past few years. There is a need for a changing of the guards so to speak. The next generation of leadership is ready to move forward.

Adam is a perfect example of this. He has 20 years of experience but is still young and motivated to serve the Valley's needs. He has lived here long enough to understand the important issues; especially regarding our most precious resource, water.

I look forward to working with him in the future for our community. It is for these reasons that I fully support Adam Kinney for the role of Saguache County Commissioner.

Matthew Johnson
Crestone



In the Dodge Raider with Aunt Nono

When I was five, I couldn't pronounce Aunt Leona's name; so, I called her Aunt Nono. At 80, my aunt developed Alzheimer's which was evident by memory loss. She couldn't follow simple directions and would spend twenty to thirty minutes rummaging through her purse for some unnamed thing. Still, her smile lit up her face and her eyes. One spring afternoon, I buckled her into the passenger seat and took her for a ride.

Just outside of Manassa, beyond the waterless bridges of steel, Aunt Leona measured the hill and plateau she saw. The following is a conversation I had with Aunt Nono riding in my red Dodge Raider.

Aunt Nono (AN): I wish that God would come down, sit here beside me, and talk to me.

Me: And what would you talk to Him about?

AN: Oh, I don't know. I just had it on my mind but now I just don't know. Oh, Nellie, my mind isn't what it used to be, you know.

About then we were driving just outside of San Acacio when we passed the crumpled café and homeless bed and breakfast. Then Aunt Leona gasped.

AN: I just thought that I haven't told Mama where I was going. Do you think she knows?

Me: Oh, yes, I told Edna (Edna is her daughter) before we left that we were going for a drive.

AN: Do you ever wish you were dead, Nellie? Sometimes I just wish that I could lay down and go to sleep.

Just as we are outside of San Luis, near the Stations of the Cross, Aunt Leona whispered about walks to the mailbox, and abductions.

AN: Some days I just want to cry. I go into my room by myself and just cry. I don't want Edna to know though; I don't want her to be hurt. What's wrong? Do

Movin' On with Nellie



Nelda Curtiss

you see that car behind us?

Me: How do you know there's a car; I don't see one (I say as I look in my rear-view mirror.) Look back and describe it to me.

AN: It's back there somewhere. I can feel it.

Me: What color is the car, Aunt Nono?

AN: Oh, I don't know what color it is, but it's dark.

Me: What make is it, Aunt Nono?

AN: Oh, I don't know, I've forgotten.

Me: There's no car behind us, Aunt Nono.

AN: Oh, there most certainly is. I can feel it.

AN: (As we round away from the levee, she looks this way, that way, behind her, in front of her.) I don't want to be abducted - I want to stay away from the men who abduct. I heard there're some men who abduct. I just don't want to be one of them. (Tears set off her pearl-like hair drawn back from her face with silver hair clips.)

AN: I think so much about you. I think about my mama, Daddy, my husband, and Jerry. You know, my son is an alcoholic. Things haven't been going so well for Edna, either; she always has something to worry about. I want to see her sheep, but I don't want her to worry. Things haven't gone so well for Jerry. Do you have enough gas? (She rummages through her cream patched leather handbag). I don't have any money for gas. I haven't seen my mother in so long. She was so sick. (Grandma, Aunt Nono's mother had died when Aunt Nono was about 17 years old. She was now 80.) I don't know if she is all right or not. I don't know if my Daddy is alive or dead. It's been so long since I've seen Arnold (her brother). I wonder where he is?

Then Aunt Nono asked: How are your two boys? How is your mother, Nellie? I Think about you so much. Your people are good people.

Just pass the bridge on our way back through Manassa, Aunt Leona squints to see the perched bald eagle half hidden in the bare cottonwoods along the banks.

AN: I've been here before in Mercedes, Texas. I never realized how big every-

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

A.A. and N.A members primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics/addicts to achieve sobriety.

There are AA and NA 12-Step Meet-

ings throughout the valley. The 6th Tradition states that we are not affiliated with any outside organizations, but in the spirit of cooperation, we list these meeting schedules for friends and family. For information, call 719-937-5083 or see our website:slvaa.org

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thing was here. All the Mexicans loved my daddy because he gave them water. He made sure everyone got water whether they were rich or not. (Her father worked irrigating and was responsible for channeling water to area farms in the lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas.)

Between Manassa and Romeo, we see over-grazed pastures, calving heifers, Sunday chores, and flattened barbed-wire fences.

AN: We better turn around if we don't have much gas.

Me: We are; we're on our way back to Edna's, I say.

(Clapping her hands and giggling), Aunt Nono raves: Oh, I'm so glad. Won't she be surprised!

We both catch our breath as the 4-wheel drive creeps over the drying but still muddy driveway; lifting in front of the passenger wheel, a sea gull snares a scavenged treasure and carries it off into the southern sky and then eastward towards Dallas, Houston, and Galveston.

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Terry Anderson: A reporter whose faith included forgiveness

During his 2,454 days in captivity -- between strategic moves among 20 or more hiding places in Lebanon -- journalist Terry Anderson was often allowed by Hezbollah leaders to read a Bible.



Terry Mattingly

Armed pro-Iran militants seized the Associated Press correspondent on March 16, 1985, then jammed him into the trunk of a Mercedes-Benz. This took place during a painful time in his personal life, and Anderson was already asking hard questions about his Catholic faith.

in Chichester, England. Then, after Jenco was released, "I was locked up with a seminary professor." That hostage was the Presbyterian missionary Benjamin Weir, from the Near East School of Theology in Beirut. "I needed a priest," said Anderson. "I had Bible questions and God gave me a New Testament professor. ... I realized that God had not abandoned me."

Anderson died this past Sunday (April 21) at age 76, after complications from heart surgery. While in captivity, he became the symbol -- for journalists worldwide -- of the nearly 100 foreigners seized by militants during what Time magazine called "the decade of hostages."

After his 1991 release, Anderson taught journalism at several major universities while struggling behind the scenes with post-traumatic stress disorder. In 2000, a U.S. court ordered Iran to pay him

\$324 million out of frozen assets in America. Anderson pursued a variety of investments that failed, pushing him into bankruptcy in 2009, but he also started successful charity efforts, such as the Father Lawrence Jenco Foundation.

After years of journalists seeking his release, Anderson became a leader in the international Committee to Protect Journalists. A circle of journalists in Washington, D.C., that prayed for Anderson during his captivity evolved into Gegrapha (Greek for "I have written"), the international fellowship that sponsored the Chichester conference.

The host for that event was former Time foreign correspondent David Aikman, who defined journalists as people who "get rebuked for what they write and what they say, or who get rebuked for what they don't write and what they don't say."

During his Chichester presentation, Anderson noted that it was Weir who -- while they were hostages -- asked a question that cut deep and was impossible to forget: "How can you be a

Christian and a journalist?" "The search for truth is not, in any way, in conflict with the truth that I know as a follower of Jesus," said Anderson. "But, you know, you cannot be a Christian and a bad journalist. That doesn't work at all. You cannot practice Christianity and a journalism that takes away dignity, that has no compassion, that exploits pain and misery. That's not good journalism and it's certainly not anything that Christ taught."

The Weir challenge eventually evolved into an even more personal question. "What is it that God wants of us as journalists?"

Nothing more than what He wants of us as people, as Christians," Anderson said. "He wants us to love Him and to love our brothers. ... As Christians, we are supposed to witness for good and against evil. As journalists, we are supposed to be doing the same thing."

At the same time, God commands believers to forgive others, even those who hurt them.

This reality, Anderson told me during another interview days after Sept. 11, 2001, became one of the defining challenges of his life. Would anger prevent him from forgiving the militants who, at

times, beat him, put him in chains or locked him in solitary confinement?

"I don't have to deal with the loss of those seven years," he said. "I didn't lose them. I lived them. They weren't pleasant, but I was there. I survived and I have a life to live. ... I have done my best to forgive, even if it's impossible to forget."

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Bible Digest

Saturday, April 27, 2024

"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." (Psalms 139:23-24 AKJV)

We all need to pray with this kind of attitude.

Sunday, April 28, 2024

"Though the LORD be high, yet has he respect to the lowly: but the proud he knows afar off." (Psalms 138:6 AKJV)

How does the Lord see us? Lord, help us to be humble before you and others.

Monday, April 29, 2024

"You open your hand, and satisfy the desire of every living thing." (Psalms 145:16 AKJV)

God is good and God is awesome. Put your trust in Him.

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

"The LORD is near to all them that call on him, to all that call on him in

truth." (Psalms 145:18 AKJV)

Take advantage of this wonderful truth. You will be glad you did.

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

"Cause me to hear your loving kindness in the morning; for in you do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul to you." (Psalms 143:8 AKJV)

This is a great way to start your day. You will be blessed.

Thursday, May 2, 2024

"Then he answered and spoke to me, saying, This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, said the LORD of hosts." (Zechariah 4:6 AKJV)

Mighty things happen when the Spirit of God moves. Let Him work in your circumstances.

Friday, May 3, 2024

"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb." (Revelation 14:9-10 AKJV)

God has warned humanity. Trust God and not man.



More Than a Conqueror

Are you fighting a battle right now? I believe we all have battles to fight at different times in life. But I want to encourage you. Whatever you may be facing today know that, in Christ, you are more than a conqueror!

Romans 8:37 (AMPIC) says, "Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him Who loved us." Think about it. Meditate on it. Let this truth of God's Word settle in your heart.

As I said before, we each have battles to fight at different times in our lives. Sometimes it's a financial battle; it can be a family or relationship struggle; or we might be in a personal emotional conflict in our soul. Whatever it is, the truth is this war is spiritual... and we must learn to use spiritual weapons in the fight.

What do I mean by that? Well, 2 Corinthians 10:4 (AMPIC) tells us that "the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds."

That word "strongholds" refers to areas where the enemy entrenches himself and takes control. It's very important to realize that the greatest part of the fight is often in our minds. The enemy's tactic is to gain ground and build strongholds by influencing our thoughts. Even a lie will become truth to us if we believe it. And Satan is determined to try and make us believe his lies and gradually build these strongholds in our mind.

Pay attention to the things you think about most of the time. Are they thoughts that encourage and motivate you? Or do you more often think of things that actually hinder your progress... things that don't agree with God's Word? If so, it may be that the enemy has gained a stronghold.

For example, I've often talked about when Dave and I were first married. It wasn't very long before he wanted to know what was wrong with me... why I was so negative all the time. I was still very hurt and angry about things that had happened to me in my past. I told him that I'd come to believe if I didn't

expect much good to happen, then I wouldn't be disappointed when it didn't! That attitude was a stronghold in my mind.

These kinds of attacks are spiritual warfare, but remember, as followers of Christ, we are not fighting alone. We have a Mighty Warrior and His host of angels on our side. That makes it a totally different fight. The Holy Spirit is in each of us. He is our Helper, and that makes us more than conquerors (John 14:26, Romans 8:37)!

The Holy Spirit wants to lead us through each battle we face. But there are also some things we can do to prepare ourselves as well.

Eat right and get some rest. You may wonder what that has to do with being a conqueror. Well when you take better care of yourself, you simply feel better, and you will be stronger, more alert and ready.

Guard your heart. Proverbs 4:23 instructs us to "keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life" (AMPIC). This includes paying attention to the types of things we listen to, read, and watch. The enemy will try to stop you from moving forward in the things of God, so we need to be careful what we allow into our hearts if we want to live in freedom.

The scripture makes it clear that it's our responsibility to guard our heart. For instance, if we continually watch movies that are full of fear, we may find ourselves battling fear in our own lives. I'm not saying we should never watch TV or entertain ourselves. But we do need to be careful what we allow into our hearts if we want to live in freedom.

Pay attention. Sometimes you may just have a "feeling" about something you're doing or thinking or saying. Many times it is the Holy Spirit trying to guide you in a certain way. I remember one morning I had been studying in my office at home. It was early and I still had on a long nightgown. I was planning to go to the ministry office that day to do some work and I needed to carry some things downstairs. I had gathered some Bibles



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and a coffee mug in my hands, and just as I got to the top step, I had a "feeling" that I should probably hold up the nightgown so I wouldn't trip over it. But I just dismissed the thought. Then just as I started down the stairs, I almost took a tumble!

Now, I know that that is a very simple example, but the thing I'm trying to point out here is, that "feeling" I had was probably the Holy Spirit trying to warn me that I should do something about that gown. But I ignored it and almost paid a high price for it had it not been for God's grace. Needless to say, I won't do that again!

Beware of thoughts like I know I shouldn't, but... or, Maybe I should, but... Learn to listen to that simple intuition, that nudge, or knowing. It's most likely the Holy Spirit trying to lead you in the midst of whatever your battle is. Don't ignore Him. He wants to equip you for your battles and help you become more than a conqueror!

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San Luis Valley Christian Center 305 S. Broadway (3rd & Broadway), Monte Vista 719-852-6168 Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Bible Study Prayer House Church 410 Main Street, La Jara Pastor Jaime Flores - 719-298-0007 Sunday Morning Service, 10:30 am Wednesday Family Ministry, 6:30 pm Friday Night Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Sargent Community Church 6967 N. County Rd. 2 E., Monte Vista (across from Sargent School) Pastor Stephen Burns • 719-852-2980 Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. Back Row Church - Church Community In the Alamosa Presbyterian Church Building Alamosa www.backrowchurch.com Kim Nipple • 303-532-9342 Worship Service - Wednesday Evening at 5:00 pm

Apostolic Alamosa Apostolic Church 510 First St., Alamosa Meets Sundays 1-2 p.m. 2-3 p.m. - Lunch 3-5 p.m. - Worship Service Antonito Apostolic Church 710 Main St., Antonito Meets sundays 11-12 p.m. - Sunday School 12-1 p.m. - Worship service

Apostolic Pentecostal Church of Champions, Acts 2:38 9056 Hwy 285 South, Alamosa - 719-587-3351 Dan Dawning Pastor, 719-588-7307 Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - Service

Assembly of God River of Life Church 2602 Clark Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Service

Center Assembly of God 7th & Miles • P.O. Box 507, Center, CO 81125 Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Assembly of God Sons and Daughters of God Ministry 677 Madison Street, Monte Vista Pastor Leonard Sandoval, 719-849-0212 Sunday 10:00 a.m Service Wednesday 7:00 p.m Prayer

New Life Fellowship 520 7th St., Del Norte, 81132 719-657-3360 Adult Sunday School - 9:00 Services - 10:00

Bahai Faith meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m on Zoom. Email hartline@gojade.org for a Zoom invite

Baptist Grace Community Baptist Church 431 Lincoln Ave., Monte Vista Rev. Bill Walstrom - 719-937-1451 Worship: 9:30; Sunday School: 11:00 am Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm

Living Water Bible Fellowship 2910 Clark Street, Alamosa 719-589-6351 Sunday, 9:00 & 10:45 am Worship Services** Sunday, 10:45 am Children's Ministry (PreK-5th grade) Sunday, 10:45 am Teen Bible Study (6th-12th grade) Tuesday 7:00 pm Young Adults College Group Wednesday 6:30 pm Bible Quizzing (1st-6th grade) Wednesday 6:30 pm Reign Youth Group (6th-12th grade) Wednesday 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study* Saturday 5:00 pm Worship Service* Small Groups meet throughout week, please call for info ** Nursery is available (tuks-prek)

College Heights Baptist Church Pastor Anthony Bowden 2045 Church Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Morning Worship

San Luis Valley Baptist Church 930 State Avenue, Alamosa 719-589-5938 Pastor R.L. McDonald Wednesday 7 p.m. - Worship Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6 p.m. - Evening Worship Spanish Ministry- Iglesia Bautista Rehobot Pastor Sal Garcia, 589-3020

Calvary Bible Chapel 7160 Brush Lane, Alamosa Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 10:20 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Ministry of the Word Small group studies meet during the week.

Calvary Blanca Pastor Matthew Leonard - 719-379-3317 Sunday, 9:30 am - Bible Study Sunday, 11:00 am - Service Wednesday, 6:30pm - Community Get to Know You

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United Presbyterian Church of Antonito P.O. Box 665, Antonito Office Hrs. Tues, 9:00am-12:00

Catholic Sacred Heart Church 715 4th Street, Alamosa Saturday, 4:00 p.m. - Mass Saturday, 6:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass Sunday, 8 a.m. - Mass Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Mass

Hooper Church 3rd and Adams, Hooper Sunday, 9 a.m. - Morning Worship

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Christian Science Services 400 Ross Avenue, Society Hall, Alamosa Services - Sundays at 10:00 p.m. The second Wednesday of each 4 p.m. Thanksgiving Day 10 a.m.

Pioneer United Church in Del Norte, Colorado A Congregation of Evangelical Covenant Order Presbyterians 630 Spruce St. (1.5 blocks south of Hwy. 160) Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Sunday

Church of the South Fork 0116 Landon Dr., South Fork, Co. 81154 Sunday are at 9 am - Services School Room. Choir is held on Wednesday at 6pm during the summer months with a final practice at 8:15am on Sunday

Christian Bethel Christian Church Pastor Erik Lira Worship Service Sunday 3:00 p.m. Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bilingual Services Monday Free Music Classes Instrumental Classes 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Voice & Bass Guitar 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Word of Faith Christian Center 401 Santa Fe, Alamosa Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Friday, 6:00 p.m. M.O.S.H. Youth Night

The Peak Community Church 510 San Juan, Alamosa Sundays, 6 p.m. - Fellowship Sundays, 7 p.m. - Worship & More

Pentecostal Alamosa Pentacostal Church 184 East 2nd St., Alamosa - 719-589-0475 Pastor Carl Sutter Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Sunday School Study 1:00-1:45 Worship 2:00-3:00

Christian Fellowship Church The Door 1300 West 12th St., Alamosa Pastor Martin Montoya • 719-587-6197 Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6:30 p.m. - Victory Service Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Revival

Christian Independent Alamosa Christian Church 410 McQuerry, Alamosa Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - Family Night & Youth Group

Christian Reformed Alamosa Christian Reformed, 719-589-3493 1861 Rd 10 S., Alamosa Pastor Philip VanderWindt Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Worship

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South Fork Church of Christ 205 Birch St. South Fork, 719-873-1259 Nathan Wheeler Pastor Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

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Cornestone Community Church Hwy. 160 Del Norte next to Rio Grande Medical Clinic Pastor Mark 719-657-9107 Sunday 9:50 am. free breakfast Sunday 10:20 a.m. Contemporary Worship & Children Sunday School Wednesday 5:15 p.m. Dinner, music, fellowship, teachings

Episcopal Saint Thomas Episcopal Church 607 4th Street, Alamosa Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service

Saint Stephen the Martyr 729 3rd Avenue, Monte Vista Sunday, 10 am Service

First Church of Christ 518 First St. (First & State) Alamosa 589-6805 Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - Church Service Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study

Valley Fellowship 240 East 5th Street, Center - 719-754-3904 Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship, Prayer and Bible Study *Bible Studies during the week, call for information.

First United Methodist Church 2005 Mullins Ave., Alamosa - 719-589-2243 *Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors Morning Worship - Sunday, 11:00 am Children's Church - Sunday, 10:30 am

Community Churches United for Christ Community Church (SBC) *Community Centered Around Love 7th & Broadway in Blanca - 719-379-3317 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 11am

Bible Believer's Community Church 11762 E US HWY 160, Alamosa, Co 81101 719) 206-3239 Sunday worship 10:30 Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm www.bbcchurch.co

Presbyterian Alamosa Presbyterian Church 330 San Juan Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship

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Lutheran St. Peters Lutheran Church & School Church: 1821 Grande Avenue, Monte Vista School: 330 Faraday Street, Monte Vista Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Services School: K-8, Monday-Thursday

Trinity Lutheran Church & School 52 El Rio Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship

*Small Bible Study Groups Throughout the Week -Pre-School through 5th grade Church: 589-4611, School: 589-3271

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Mountain Valley Church 408 State St., Alamosa Pastor: Richard Pinkerton 589-2899 or 588-7662 Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service

Presbyterian Church of Monte Vista 702 Second Avenue, Monte Vista (719) 852-2555 Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Sunday Worship

Seventh-day Adventist Seventh-day Adventist Church 315 Craft Drive, Alamosa Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship

United Methodist Mosca United Methodist Church 538 Barker Street, Mosca 970-270-3078 Pastor Steve Dunkel Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m.

Unitarian Universalist Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa *North Wing of Alamosa Presbyterian Church 719-587-5529 Service & Youth Programs at 10:30 am Sunday.

Valley Church of the Nazarene Pastor: Chris Yocom 228 Madison, Monte Vista - (719) 852-5858 churchoffice@valleynaz.com Sunday Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes 9 a.m.

Wednesday Dinner at 6 p.m. Small Group Classes at 7 p.m.

Thursday Teen Activities (beginning at 6:30 p.m.) *Nursery is available during all services Visit website at www.valleynaz.com for online bulletins and service information or call the number above.

Church of Scientology 511 Main Street, Suite #12, Alamosa 719-587-5554 Monday and Wednesday, 7-10p.m. - Services

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Sports



Alamosa High School goalkeeper Emmy Tibbitts punts the ball away after a save. Tibbitts had eight saves as the Lady Mean Moose blanked Montezuma-Cortez 1-0 to also win the Intermountain League championship.

Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

Alamosa wins league title

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor
ALAMOSA – The Alamosa High School girls soccer team wrapped up the Intermountain League championship on Friday as it defeated Montezuma-Cortez 1-0 at the AHS stadium. “I’m super excited,” said Alamosa coach Kelly Wubben. “Our girls came out and played so hard today. I’m super proud of them.”

The defenses dominated the entire first half which was scoreless. The Lady Mean Moose had four shots on goal in the half, compared to two for the Lady Panthers.

Jayden Wubben

accounted for the game’s only goal as she took a pass from Lexany Heredia and put the ball into the upper right-hand corner of the net in the game’s 55th minute.

Cortez put on the pressure after that in an attempt to tie the score. It had six shots on goal in the half, but all of the shots were saved by Emmy Tibbitts.

The Lady Panthers did have more shots on goal in the game with eight, edging the Lady Mean Moose which had seven shots on goal.

Tibbitts had a total of eight saves.

Cortez also had six corner kicks, all in the

second half, and Alamosa had two.

Alamosa now has a record of seven wins, five losses and a draw. All of the Lady Mean Moose’s wins this season were all by shutout with Tibbitts accounting for six of them.

“We are getting the ball out and they’re doing exactly what we’re asking them to,” coach Wubben said. “They’re playing some really good soccer right now.”

In league play, the Lady Mean Moose finished with four wins, one loss and one tie. Against league teams, Alamosa scored 10 goals and allowed only two.

Alamosa will wrap up the regular season with

two non-league home games this coming week. On Thursday, it will host Lake County at 4:30 p.m., and on Saturday it will host Florence at 11 a.m.

Alamosa 1, Montezuma-Cortez 0

Cortez 0 0-0

Alamosa 0 1-1

Scoring

A – Wubben (Heredia), 55:00.

Shots on goal – Montezuma-Cortez

2-6-8, Alamosa 4-3-7.

Corner kicks – Montezuma-Cortez

0-6-6, Alamosa 1-1-2.

Goalkeepers: MC: Rutherford (saves

4-2-6), A: Tibbitts 2-6-8.

Cattails Back 9 opens today

ALAMOSA – The new installation of the Cattails Golf Course Back 9 has been completed and the course will be back to all 18 holes being open starting today.

Here are a few reminders of the course policy.

On Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, each foursome will receive only two carts as the course doesn’t have a large enough cart fleet for extra riders.

With the higher demand on weekends, all twosomes will be paired up in an attempt to create foursomes. This keeps everything moving smoothly and maximizes



the capacity of the course.

Golfers are encouraged to keep all four wheels of the golf carts on the cart path around greens and tee boxes. By parking with two wheels on the grass, the course is inching closer to the tees and greens from wearing down the grass.

In the case of course etiquette or someone doing damage to the course, then contact the pro shop.

Monte Vista third, Alamosa eighth at Salida tournament

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor
ALAMOSA – Both the Alamosa and Monte Vista high school girls golf teams competed at the Salida Invitational Thursday at the Salida Golf Club.

The Lady Pirates finished third with 316 strokes and were led by Reagan Futrell who finished 12th with a 102, and Brooke Hoffstaetter who was 14th with a 104.

Also competing for the Lady Pirates were Ellaree Rockey who was 23rd with a 110, and Kiera Sanchez who was 25th with a 113.

The Lady Mean Moose took eighth place with 339. They were led by Paloma Zahringer who was 22nd

with a 109. Khloe Spangler was 26th with a 114, and Kiara Gallegos and Miya Spangler tied for 30th with a 116.

Salida won the tournament with 266, well ahead of the runner-up, Canon City, with 308.

Salida’s Kynndra Johnson was the medalist with a one-over-par 73.

Monte Vista will next compete at the Pueblo Central Invitational on May 2. Both schools will be at the Pueblo County Invitational on May 3.

Team scores
Salida 266, Canon City 308, Monte Vista 316, Gunnison 320, Pueblo West 324, Pueblo Centennial 329, Salida 337, Alamosa 339, Salida 2344, Rye 350, Swink 352, Colorado Springs Christian 353, Vanguard 358, Swallows Charter Academy NS.

Sports Bulletin

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

SCOREBOARD THURSDAY

Prep girls soccer
Trinidad 3, Del Norte 1

College women’s softball

Colorado School of Mines 8, Adams State 0, 6 inn.

Colorado School of Mines 9, Adams State 0, 5 inn.

FRIDAY

Prep baseball

La Veta at Centennial – no report

Sanford 22, Custer County, 10, 5 inn.

Sanford vs. Cripple Creek-Victor – no report

Sierra Grande 12, Antonito 2, 5 inn.

Antonito at Sierra Grande – no report

Prep girls soccer

Alamosa 1, Montezuma-Cortez 0

Dolores Huerta at Del Norte – no report

College baseball

Adams State at Colorado-College Springs (2) – no report

College men’s lacrosse

Adams State at Colorado Mesa (RMAC Tournament) – late

College women’s softball

Colorado School of Mines 9, Adams State 2

Colorado School of Mines 8, Adams State 0, 5 inn.

SCHEDULE SATURDAY

Prep baseball

Centauri at Alamosa (2), 11 a.m.

Center at Custer County (2), 11 a.m.

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

Monte Vista at Del Norte (2), 11 a.m.

Prep track and field

Alamosa, Antonito, Centauri, Center, Creede, Del Norte, Moffat, Sanford, Sangre de Cristo, Sargent, Sierra Grande at High Altitude Challenge, 9 a.m.

College baseball

Adams State at Colorado-College Springs (2), noon

College men’s lacrosse

Adams State/Colorado Mesa winner vs. Concordia-Irvine (Calif.)/Westminster (Utah) winner (RMAC Tournament), 5 p.m.

College outdoor track and field

Adams State at RMAC Championships (at Grand Junction), TBA

SUNDAY

College outdoor track and field

Adams State at RMAC Championships (at Grand Junction), TBA

TUESDAY

Prep baseball

Del Norte at Sanford (2), 3 p.m.

Monte Vista at Rye,

4 p.m.

Antonito at Center, 4:30 p.m.

Center JV at Sierra Grande, 4:30 p.m.

Prep girls soccer

Del Norte at Pagosa Springs, 4 p.m.

Prep track and field

Moffat at 2-Mile High Invitational (at Fairplay), TBA

THURSDAY

Prep girls golf

Monte Vista at Pueblo Central Invitational, TBA

Prep girls soccer

Lake County at Alamosa, 4:30 p.m.

Prep track and field

Antonito, Centauri, Center, Creede, Del Norte, Moffat, Monte Vista, Sanford, Sangre de Cristo, Sargent, Sierra Grande at Southern Peaks League Invitational (at Del Norte), 4 p.m.

College baseball

Colorado Mesa at Adams State, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY

Prep baseball

Sanford at Alamosa, 11 a.m.

Prep girls golf

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

Prep track and field

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

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

College baseball

Colorado Mesa at Adams State (2), noon



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Lifestyle

Creede School Theatre earns awards at One-Act Competition

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

CREEDE — Creede School Theatre students, ranging in grades from kindergarten through high school, have received expertise in how to survive a “Zombie Apocalypse” and in doing so, earned several awards at the annual One-Act Competition at the Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center in Pueblo earlier this month.

Students in the program came home with awards for Best Ensemble Performance, Best Sound Design, Best Set Concept, Best in The Booth, Best Backstage Coordination, and an award for best young performer to River Ferguson.

Associate Education Director at Creede Repertory Theatre, Tyler Horn, recently took over the residency at the Creede School District and for the second year in a row, helped bring students to the One-Act Competition.

“This was a really fun experience for all of us. We started the year by reading through about 25 plays and we chose ‘10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse’ for its ensemble performance and Groundhog Day theme. We are so proud of our students for their achievements,” said Horn.

The production was created to allow participating students to have a role in the play and in other areas such as tech and set design, sound, costumes design and

more. “The play was unique and perfect for this course because everyone had the chance to have a part in the production. One of the coolest parts of watching this come together was the excitement of the students. They really put their heart into this, and it showed in the competition,” continued Horn.

This was the second year Creede School Theatre attended the competition. Last year, Jenni Harbour took the students.

“Not only was last year the first year for the competition but it was the first year that we participated, and we learned a lot. Having the opportunity to show off their talents is a wonderful and important part of theatre education. It was a great experience for not only the students, but for the teachers as well,” Horn said.

Creede was one of seven schools that participated in this year’s southwestern state competition going up against schools from Pueblo County, Pueblo West, Canyon City and Centennial.

“Even though we didn’t place, we learned a lot. The judges had great feedback and we came home with several awards. We need to work on our vocal technique and with this being a building year for us, we did a wonderful job.”

The students are already planning for the next year, looking at the feedback and beginning

the steps to improve their performance.

“I am really proud of the students, and I would be remiss if I didn’t thank our AmeriCorps volunteers who were in the classroom almost every day and went as chaperones to the competition, so a huge thanks goes out to Grace Murnane and Maddie Conway.”

Creede Theatre consisted of Garin Heinrich, grade 12, Micheal Shaw, grade 11, River Hirschi, grade 11, Charlie Heinrich, grade 10, Faith Anna Cooper, grade 10, Lexy Mead, grade 9, Piper Maki, grade 8, Waverly Pearson, grade 8, Jharon Flores, grade 8, Rudy Edmonds, grade 8, Ava Mankowski, grade 8, Dean Jenkins, grade 8, Lucy Brittain, grade 7, Paisley Anderson, grade 7, Jhaloni Flores, grade 7, Shelby Adelman, grade 6, Ian Duff, grade 6, River Ferguson, grade 6, Jack Ceja, grade 6, Ariana Paxon, grade 6, and Levi Evans, grade 6.

Awards and Names:
Best Ensemble Performance - Waverly Pearson, stage manager and Jhaloni Flores, sound board operator)
Best Backstage Coordination - Lexy Mead and Levi Evans, assistant stage managers
Best Set Concept - Micheal Shaw and Jack Ceja
Best Technical Use of Sound - Charlie Heinrich, Ian Duff, and Jhaloni Flores
Notable Rising Performer - River Ferguson



Photo courtesy of Tyler Horn

Congratulations goes out to the Creede School Theatre for their recent awards at the South Western Colorado One-Act Competition held in Pueblo earlier this month. The group brought home several awards for Best Ensemble Performance, Best Sound Design, Best Set Concept and more.

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 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 reject any and all bids if deemed to be in the best interest of the District.
 No. 3899.
 Published in the Valley Courier on April 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, & 30, 2024.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of public hearing before the Board of Trustees of Blanca, Colorado at 7 p.m. on the 5th day of June 2024, located in the chambers of the Board of Trustees, Town Hall, 601 Main St, Blanca, CO 81123, for the purpose of considering Ordinance of Adoption of the Guidelines and Regulations for Water Projects for Export Outside the San Luis Valley as Designated as Matters of State Interest of the Town of Blanca
 Materials relating to the guidelines and regulations may be examined at the office of the Town Clerk, Town of Blanca, 601 Main St, Blanca, CO 81123.
 This Notice given and published by the order of the Town Board of Trustees, Blanca Colorado.
 Dated this 16th day of April 2024.
TOWN OF BLANCA, COLORADO
 Rayna Sanchez, Town Clerk
 Notice of Hearing:
 No. 3905.
 Published in the Valley Courier on April 27, 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 152
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BLANCA RELATING TO MONTHLY COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES
 IN ACCORDANCE WITH BLANCA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2-2-10 (g)
 WHEREAS, Section 2-2-10 (g) of the Blanca Municipal Code states that compensation for the Mayor and Trustees may be set by Ordinance of the Board of Trustees provided that such compensation shall not be increased or diminished for the term of office which he or she has been elected or appointed;
 NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Blanca that, commencing in April 2024, the Mayor and Trustees, whose terms commence during said month and all other trustees whose terms begin in later years shall receive the following compensation commencing upon their respective new terms:
 Mayor \$250.00 per month (\$3,000.00 annually)
 Trustee \$175.00 per month (\$2,100.00 annually).
 Passed by the Board of Trustees and signed this 7th day of February 2024.
 Myrryl W. Smith, Mayor

CERTIFICATION
 I hereby certify that the within Ordinance was first introduced and read in full and adopted at a regular meeting of the Blanca Board of Trustees on 7th day of February 2024, that said Ordinance was published by title in said Valley Courier on the ____ day of ____ 2024.
 Rayna Sanchez, Town Clerk
 No. 3906.
 Published in the Valley Courier on April 27, 2024.

NOTICE OF ACCEPTING BIDS
 The Center Fire Protection District is accepting bids for a 1995 International tanker truck, sold as is. Bids shall be a minimum of \$2,500. Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on May 10, 2024. Bids may be mailed to Center Fire Protection District, P.O. Box 845, Center, CO 81125. Bids will be opened at the Board's regular meeting on May 14, 2024. To view the above truck, please call John Anderson at 719-588-8005 for an appointment. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
 No. 3914.
 Published in the Valley Courier on April 24, 26, 27, 30, May 1, 3, 4, & 7, 2024.

TOWN OF SOUTH FORK ORDINANCE NO. 24-01
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH FORK INCREASING THE TOWN SALES TAX FROM TWO PERCENT (2%) TO FOUR PERCENT (4%)
 WHEREAS, The Town Board of Trustees, by Resolution Number 2024-11, referred the following measure to the town electorate at its April 2024 regular election, to wit:
 "SHALL THE TOWN OF SOUTH FORK'S TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$1,500,000 DOLLARS COMMENCING IN THE YEAR 2024 AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY INCREASING THE TOWN SALES AND USE TAX RATE FROM TWO PERCENT (2%) TO FOUR PERCENT (4%) TO BE SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AS AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY, TO PERMIT:
 1. INCREASED STAFFING OF THE SOUTH FORK PUBLIC WORKS AND POLICE DEPARTMENT INCLUDING INCREASED CIVILIAN SUPPORT STAFF, NECESSARY FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT AND ADEQUATE COMPETITIVE SALARIES FOR ALL TOWN EMPLOYEES, AND
 2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING PHASE TWO WATER SYSTEM, UPGRADES OF TOWN ROADS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES.
 AND SHALL THE TOWN BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT AND SPEND SUCH REVENUES AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20, OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND SHALL ORDINANCE NO. 24-01, WHICH INCREASES THE SALES AND USE TAX RATE BY 2% BE APPROVED"; and
 WHEREAS, the designated election official, town clerk and mayor have now opened, validated, and canvassed the April 2024 regular election returns in accordance with the provisions of C.R.S. §31-10-1201, with the result of 102 votes in favor of the tax increase and 62 votes against the tax increase and thereby determine that the two percent (2%) sales tax increase has been approved;
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of South Fork that Section 4-3-100 of the South Fork Municipal Code be amended to read as follows:
 "Sec. 4-3-100. - Amount of tax.
 There is hereby imposed upon all sales of tangible personal property and the furnishing of certain services, as specified in Section 4-3-80 of this Article, a sales tax of four percent (4%) upon the sale at retail of tangible personal property and the furnishing of certain services provided herein."
 Such tax increase shall become effective and be imposed upon the effective date of this ordinance.
 DONE AND SIGNED this 23rd DAY OF April 2024.
 /s/ Tyler Schmidt, Town Major
 ATTEST:
 /s/ Melanie Hart, Town Clerk

Hank Weber, Designated Election Official
 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
 /s/ Eugene L. Farish, Town Attorney
CERTIFICATION
 I HEREBY CERTIFY this Ordinance was approved and adopted at the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of South Fork, Colorado, on the ____ day of ____, 2024, and published in full in the South Fork Times, a legal newspaper for the Town of South Fork on: ____, 2024.
 /s/ Hank Weber, Town Administrator
 Town of South Fork
 No. 3923.
 Published in the Valley Courier on April 27, 2024.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION NO. 2023-27415
 IN THE INTEREST OF BRIDGETTE ARIEL WILLIAMS, MINOR CHILD(REN)
 IN THE 310TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
 THE STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF HARRIS
 TO ANY SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE OF TEXAS OR OTHER AUTHORIZED PERSON
 TO: UNKNOWN FATHER AND TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, RESPONDENT(S)
 IF YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THIS CITATION BY 10:00 A.M. ON THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF 20 DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION AND FIRST AMENDED ORIGINAL PETITION IN SUIT AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU. THE PETITION OF ASHLEY CORBIN AND BRYAN CORBIN, PETITIONERS, WAS FILED IN THE 310TH DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, ON THE 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024, AGAINST RESPONDENT, UNKNOWN FATHER, NUMBERED, 2023-27415 AND ENTITLED "IN THE INTEREST OF BRIDGETTE ARIEL WILLIAMS A CHILD (OR CHILDREN)."
 THE SUIT REQUESTS FIRST AMENDED ORIGINAL PETITION IN SUIT AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP. THE DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF THE CHILD (CHILDREN) WHO IS (ARE) SUBJECT OF THE SUIT NAME: BRIDGETTE ARIEL WILLIAMS, SEX: FEMALE; DOB: 01/12/2014; PLACE OF BIRTH: ALAMOSA, COLORADO.
 THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS SUIT TO ENTER ANY JUDGMENT OR DECREE IN THE CHILD'S (CHILDREN'S) INTEREST WHICH WILL BE BINDING UPON YOU INCLUDING THE DETERMINATION OF THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP, THE DETERMINATION OF PATERNITY AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONSERVATOR WITH AUTHORITY TO CONSENT TO THE CHILD'S (CHILDREN'S) ADOPTION."
 IF YOU ARE ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID DISTRICT COURT AT HOUSTON TEXAS ON THIS THE 11TH DAY OF APRIL 2024. ISSUED AT THE REQUEST OF: VANESSA J. SOLIS-MADRUGA, 15150 MIDDLEBROOK DRIVE, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77058, CLERK NO # 24034003. (SEAL) MARILYN BURGESS, DISTRICT CLERK, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, 2011 CAROLINE, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002, PO BOX 4651, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77210.
 BY: /s/ MELISSA FORTNER, DEPUTY
 No. 3925.
 Published in the Valley Courier on April 27, May 4, 11, & 18, 2024.

NOTICE
 County Court
 Conejos County, Colorado
 Court Address:
 6683 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129
 Case Number: 2024C18
 Division B
 In the Matter of the Petition of:
 Adult: Hunter Riley DeHerrera
 For a Change of Name to:
 Hunter Riley Madril
 PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Public Notice is given on 04/22/2024 that a Petition for a Change of Name of Adult has been filed with the Conejos County Court. The Petition requests that the name of Hunter Riley DeHerrera be changed to Hunter Riley Madril.
 By Brooke Valdez
 Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk
 No. 3919
 Published in the Valley Courier on April 26, 27, and 30, 2024.

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ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST - LA PUENTE SEEKING ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST to assist in efforts to maintain relationships and coordinate with members of the Homeless community and homeless services providers through La Puente's Street Outreach program. Looking for the unique individual committed to ongoing understanding of La Puente programs with a focus on clients residing at formal and informal homeless encampments located in ALAMOSA. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of serving others. Salary \$38k-\$40k, DOE, comprehensive benefits package. Send resume/work references to hr@lapuente.net. (5/15/24)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SEEKING AN ENERGETIC, compassionate MANAGER for RETHREADS COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE, located at 511 6th Ave., ALAMOSA. Ability to work independently with people from diverse backgrounds and circumstances required. Organizational skills and friendly customer service is desired. Position is 20-25 hours per week, starting at \$15 per hour. Send resume and letter of interest to: hr@lapuente.net. (5/11/24)

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

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

MILAGROS IS SEEKING a highly motivated and compassionate individual for the position of COFFEE SHOP MANAGER. MILAGROS COFFEE SHOP serves the community quality goods while fostering a comfortable environment for people to spend time and connect with others. Milagros is an interface for the public to learn about and engage in the mission and work of La Puente, as well as local artisans and support other small businesses. Come join this team of amazing and passionate people and contribute to a mission that betters the community. This is a full-time 40hr/week position with benefits and base salary starting at \$42K-\$45K DOE, plus tips, plus a monthly commission. To apply, email your cover letter and resume to: hr@lapuente.net. (4/27/24)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is seeking applications for a knowledgeable, energetic, creative, and collaborative MUSIC TEACHER at BILL METZ ELEMENTARY. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. The District operates on a 4-day week (Monday - Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Teacher Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities by May 2, 2024 or until the position is filled. For application questions, contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (5/8/24)

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY seeks applicants for an ADVISING COORDINATOR for its UPWARD BOUND MATH & SCIENCE PROGRAM. The salary for this position starts at \$46,476 per year. A minimum Bachelor's Degree in science, technology, engineering, math, or related field is required for this exempt position. For application details and more information, please see https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/ AA/EOE. (5/8/24)

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year for (1) CENTAURI MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEACHER. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Teaching License or be able to obtain proper endorsement. Application deadline is until position is filled. Please call Brian 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 be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. Submit application to Mr. Darren Edgar, Superintendent. EOE. (5/7/24)

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

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

1ST SOUTHWEST BANK, a locally owned CDFI community bank, is seeking a RELATIONSHIP MANAGER with 3+ years of commercial loan experience and a BRANCH MANAGER with 5+ years of banking experience. FSWB offers competitive compensation, generous benefits, & career development. Join FSWB's award-winning team dedicated to supporting rural Colorado's agricultural, nonprofit and small businesses. For details and to apply, visit fswb.bank/about/careers. EOE. (5/11/24)

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

TOWN OF MOFFAT, Colorado, WATER OPERATOR / WATER CONSULTANT. Job Description WATER OPERATOR DUTIES: 1. The Operator Responsible in Charge (ORC) shall have a Small Systems (DI) certification in good standing. 2. Identify CDPHE's Monitoring Schedule for Moffat and complete all tasks needed for compliance including sampling, reporting, and maintaining programs such as backflow prevention. 3. Records and communications will be public information. 4. Requires independent contractor insurance. 5. Estimated hours per month: 5-12. 6. Certification training may be provided. 7. Estimated pay range \$25 - \$30 per hour depending on experience. WATER CONSULTANT DUTIES: 1. Interface with town attorney and engineer regarding water system installation. 2. Complete tasks for Division of Water Resources (DWR) compliance requirements. 3. Serve as point person for public outreach and education regarding new municipal water system connections, including number of population and costs involved. 4. Perform tasks as they arise in developing a new municipal water system. 5. Establish and maintain Fee Schedule. 6. Requires independent contractor insurance. 7. Estimated hours per month: 10-30. 8. Estimated pay range \$40 - \$50 per hour depending on experience. (5/15/24)

THE CITY OF MONTE VISTA is accepting applications for a SEASONAL PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKER. This position is approximately 16 weeks, 40 hours/wk. Duties include mowing, trimming, watering parks and trash pickup. Wage is \$16.00-\$17.00 per hour. Applications and job description are available at www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov or pickup/return applications to the City of Monte Vista, Human Resources, 95 West First Ave., Monte Vista, CO, 81144. Open until filled. (5/31/24)

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

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

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SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is seeking anticipated ELEMENTARY TEACHERS for the 24-25 school year. Applicants must possess a Colorado Teaching License or be eligible to apply for one. Salary schedules are available on the district website. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, and transcripts at https://www.southconejos.com/page/how-to-apply. (5/1/24)

ARE YOU PASSIONATE about making a positive impact on people's lives? SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT is currently accepting applications for BEHAVIOR HEALTH COUNSELOR/MTSS COORDINATOR for the 2024-2025 School Year. Our school has a reputation as being a great place to work. We currently have a state of the art facility, supportive administration, paid health insurance, free lunches, 4 day school week. A current license/state certification in counseling is highly recommended to apply. Application forms are located at 17523 Hwy 160 Blanca, CO. 81123 or on the district's website at www.sierragrandeschool.net. Applications may be submitted electronically to Mr. Kevin Jones at kjones@sierragrandeschool.net or Mrs. Maria Atencio at matencio@sierragrandeschool.net, or can be turned in at the district office. For more information please contact the district office at 719-379-3259. (5/1/24)

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

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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/employmentopportunities> 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)

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OUTREACH ASSISTANT, SAN LUIS VALLEY LOCAL FOODS COALITION seeks an **LFLP OUTREACH COORDINATOR**. Strong communication and computer skills are required. Submit your resume and cover letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com. Additional requirements can be found at www.slvlocalfoods.org/jobs/. (5/1/24)

CITY OF MONTE VISTA is accepting applications for **KIDS CONNECTION SUMMER PROGRAM LEADERS**. Duties include, planning, scheduling, and implementing 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)

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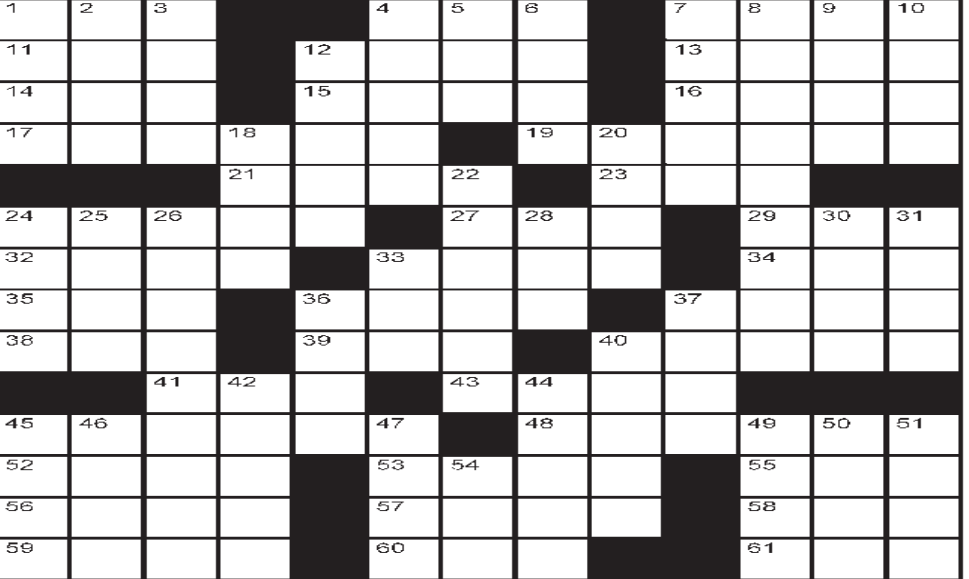
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- 1 Computer glitch
 - 4 Tried for office
 - 7 Not up
 - 11 Annex
 - 12 Miami-county
 - 13 Back of the neck
 - 14 Greek letter
 - 15 Declare openly
 - 16 Merriment
 - 17 "Ah-choo!"
 - 19 Lifter
 - 21 Computer maker
 - 23 "Kindergarten —"
 - 24 Brought to bay
 - 27 Poet's preposition
 - 29 Approves
 - 32 Caution
 - 33 Hay bundle
 - 34 — manner of speaking
 - 35 Hosp. area
 - 36 — the "Magic Dragon"
- DOWN**
- 1 Wagers
 - 2 — Bator
 - 3 Adhesive
 - 4 "Bolero" composer
 - 5 "Much — About Nothing"

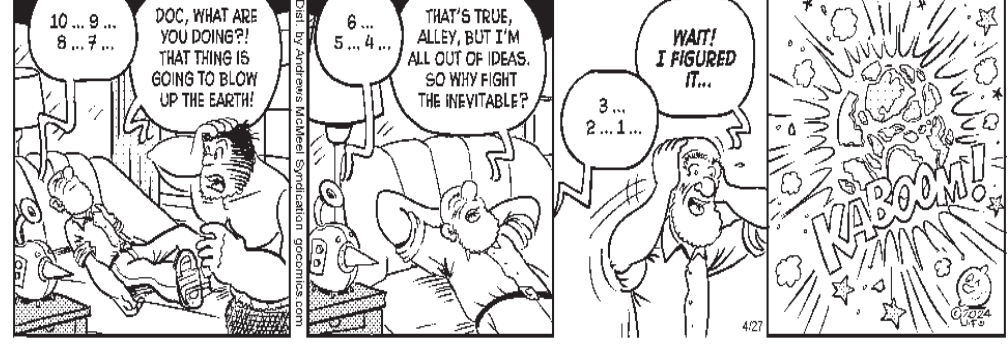
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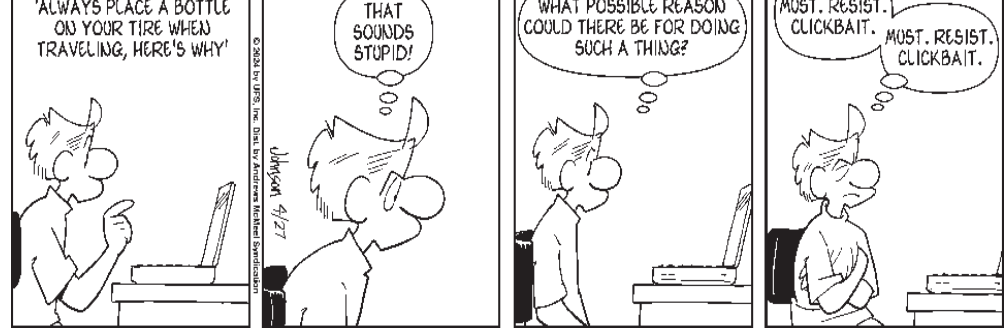
- 6 Amphibian
- 7 — Saxon
- 8 Pen type
- 9 Sword
- 10 Antlered animal
- 12 Stunned
- 18 Place of perfection
- 20 Measure of land
- 22 Shoe type
- 24 Look-alike sibling
- 25 Marathon
- 26 Learning
- 28 Sprite
- 30 Patch location
- 31 Cuts
- 33 Means of transport
- 36 Insect stage
- 37 Hindu goddess
- 40 Soiled
- 42 Blues singer — Waters
- 44 Uncloses
- 45 Graceful horse
- 46 Mob leader
- 47 Girl
- 49 Female animal
- 50 School in England
- 51 Ohio team
- 54 Shout of disdain



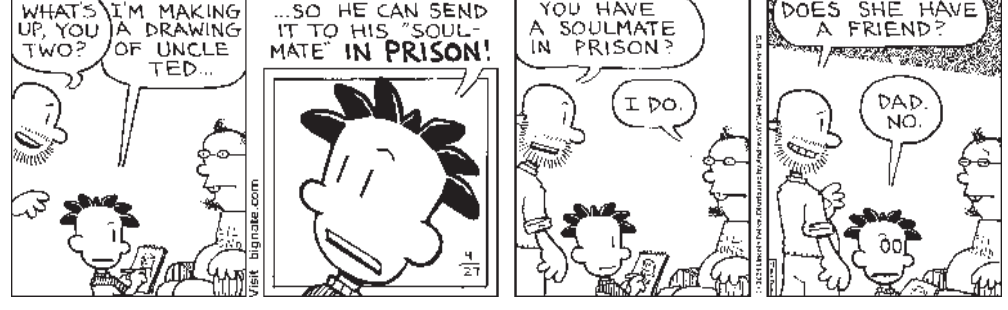
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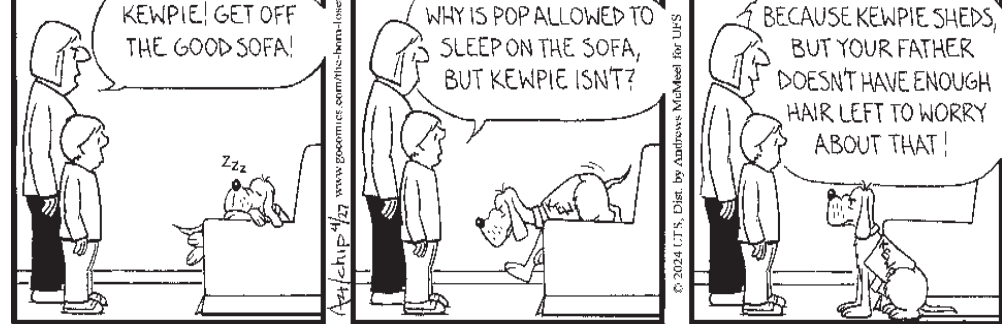
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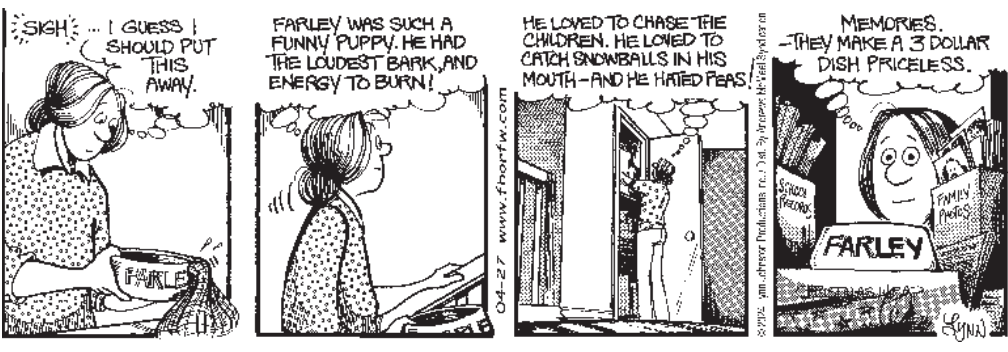
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THE BORN LOSER



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



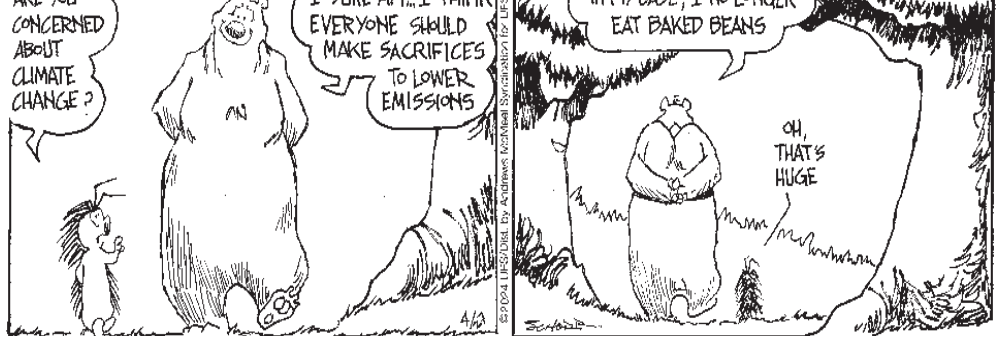
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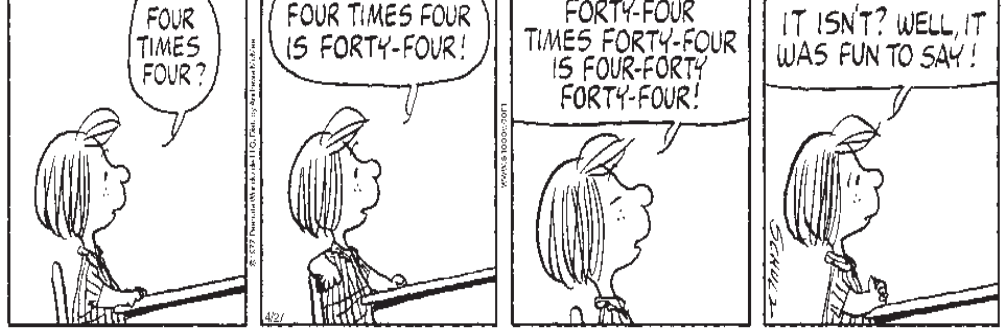
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THE GRIZZWELLS



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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

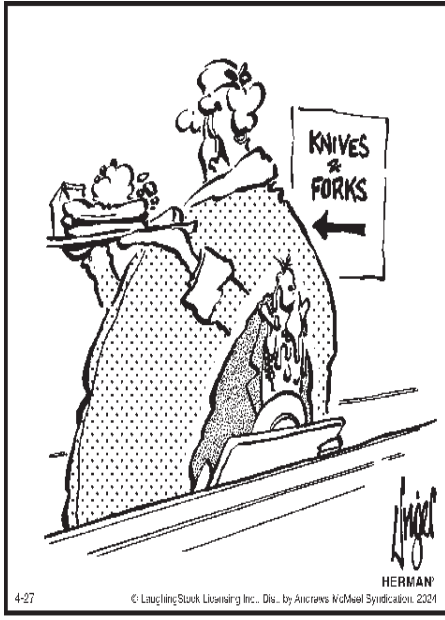


PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

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

HERMAN



"Excuse me... you're blocking the aisle!"

Newlyweds butt heads over career and family choices

DEAR ABBY: I am a teacher. I have a young son, and I love being off when he is out for school holidays and spending summers together. I feel I have the best of both worlds. I recently married a woman who is 14 years younger than me and is also a teacher. My wife hates the profession. She feels it isn't exciting or respectable enough. Her opinions about teaching hurt my feelings because I believe it is a noble career, plus it gives me quality time with my son. My wife has decided to join the police force. It didn't happen out of the blue. We have discussed it for the last five years. I have told her it isn't the life I want. I worked hard to reach a point in my life to have a family and take summer vacations with my son. I was honest with her from the beginning. She often says she wants the time with our family too, and that she won't join the police force. Then, days later, she brings it up again. We have been married only six months, but I regret it already. I didn't get married to be alone all the time and to take vacations without my spouse. I love her, but I feel betrayed and lied to. I also don't think she'll be a good cop -- she is

just obsessed with police shows and thinks it's going to be like that. She's throwing away a great career for one I think she'll leave in a year or two. I feel our biggest challenge is her lack of experience. What do I do? -- WORRIED WIFE/MOM IN FLORIDA

DEAR WIFE/MOM: Calm down. There is no guarantee that even if your wife applies she will be accepted into law enforcement in anything more than an administrative capacity. Some sessions with a licensed marriage and family therapist might help the two of you to better communicate. You each appear to have very different ideas about what a happy marriage consists of. If a compromise can't be reached, and because your marriage has been such a short one, it might be better for the two of you to cordially part ways. DEAR ABBY: We host dinner parties in our home with dear friends. They always bring their little dog, but never ask if it's OK with us. When they're finished eating, the husband picks the dog up onto his lap at the table. I think it's unbelievably rude to have a dog at the dinner table. Am I wrong?



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

My husband and I are appalled and don't know how to approach them about it without ruining our friendship. We are flabbergasted that they think this is right. What do you suggest we do? -- SHOCKED IN OHIO

DEAR SHOCKED: Your problem is having allowed this for so long without speaking up. The solution now is to either stop inviting this couple to your dinner parties, or to ask them not to bring "Fifi" with them because an uninvited dog sitting at your table bothers you AND your husband. (Refrain from using the word "rude," which would come across as judgmental.) This may seem "ruff," but you have got to do it.

Lifestyle

Chipping in for the planet

On Earth Day, April 22, Alamosa County Democrats chipped in for the planet by cleaning up a section of Highway 160. Pictured are Elise Rudolph and Mary DeLorenzo. Not pictured Neil Rudolph.



Photo courtesy of Jan Vigil

New arrivals at the Alamosa Public Library

From the Librarian's Desk

By MARIA KRAMER

New books are always coming in at the Alamosa Public Library! Here are 10 of our most intriguing arrivals. For more information, or to have a book reserved for you, check alamosalibrary.org or call 719-589-6592.

Fiction

• *Greenland* by David Santos Donaldson

Kip has locked himself in his own basement in an attempt to finish the novel that could make his career. As he pours himself into his work, his main character begins to speak to him - literally - and real life and fiction begin to blur together.

• *Still Born* by Guadalupe Nettel

Alina and Laura are best friends, united in their dedication to staying childfree - until Laura has her tubes tied, and Alina changes her mind. Alina's pregnancy and its unexpected challenges will shake both women's lives.

Graphic Novel

Goodbye, My Havana by Anna Veltfort

This memoir offers an inside look at daily life in post-revolution Cuba. As Castro consolidated power in the '60s and '70s, Veltfort had to grapple first hand with the authoritarianism of the system, which scapegoated "outsiders" including LG-BTQ+ people for its own failures.

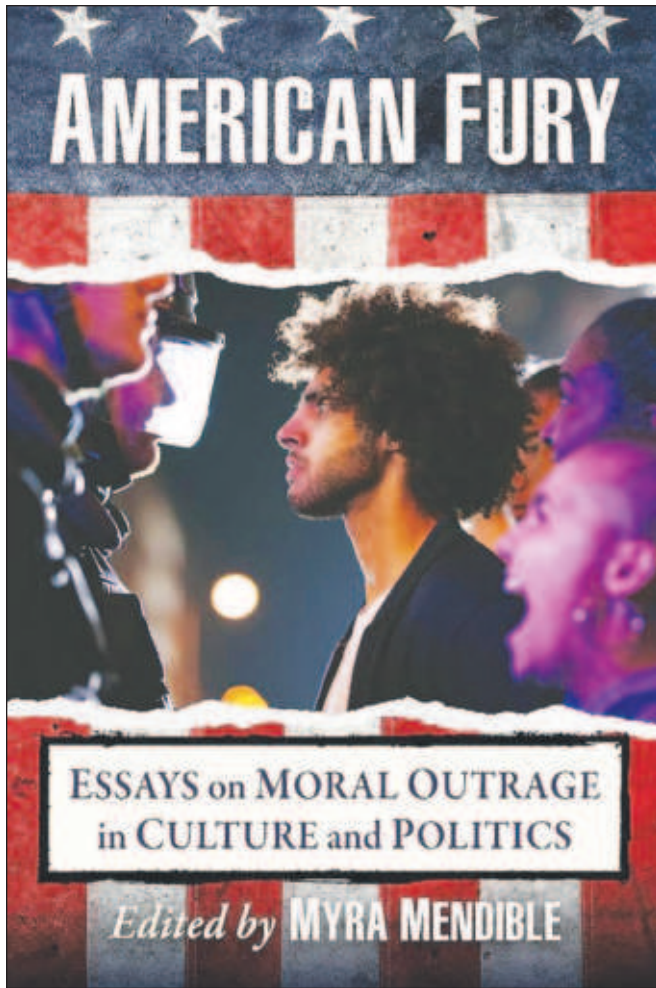
Mystery

• *Better the Blood* by Michael Bennett

Hana Westerman is a Maori detective juggling motherhood and her career. When she receives a series of mysterious videos, leading to apparently unrelated murders, Hana must dig into New Zealand's painful history to uncover the killer.

• *Guilt Strikes* at Granger's Store by Terry Shames

Police Chief Samuel Craddock is already dealing with problems both professional and personal when the local feed store is destroyed by arson, and



two bodies are found at the site. One was shot the same day - and one, under the floorboards, was killed thirty years ago.

Nonfiction

• *Nobody's Sleeping* by Bijoy John

We spend a third of our lives in bed. Doesn't it make sense to ensure that our sleep is as deep and nourishing as possible? Whether one needs minor adjustments to their sleep habits or a complete overhaul, this book offers a comprehensive step-by-step guide.

• *Inside Manzano* by Charles Cabler

In the late 1940s, the U.S. Department of Defense established a nuclear weapons depository in the Manzano Mountains of New Mexico. For more than 20 years, Manzano Base served as a maintenance and storage site for some of the most destructive weapons ever created. This book tells the story of Manzano and the personnel who served there.

• *My Life with the Jedi* by Eric Clayton

Award-winning author Eric A. Clayton intertwines lessons learned from the Star Wars universe with profound spiritual truths, inviting readers on a journey that

touches on the epic and the everyday. Dive into an interior galaxy where the mysteries of the Force meet the depths of Ignatian spirituality.

• *Cured* by Steve McHugh

Boost the flavor of any meal with this definitive guide on cooking with pickles, jams, preserves, sauces, and more. Six-time James Beard Award finalist Steve McHugh leads you through how to make preserves, and also gives you recipes for when you bought a jar of something that you can't decide how to use.

• *American Fury* by Myra Mendible

In recent years, outrage has bolstered extremism and political polarization. It spurred thousands of self-prescribed "patriots" to storm the U.S. capitol. But it also gave birth to new social justice groups such as Black Lives Matter and March for Our Lives. This book offers the first interdisciplinary study of the myriad ways moral outrage is articulated, invoked, and mediated in contemporary U.S. society, from feminist and indigenous politics, climate activism, and school curriculum debates, to book banning and alt-right rhetoric.



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