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Publisher

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Council to discuss development agreement for hotel

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — Members of Alamosa's city council will be considering a development agreement between the city and a group hoping to construct a boutique hotel in the downtown area at their Wednesday meeting.

The plans are for Hotel 1900, LLC to construct an 11-room, boutique hotel on the second floor of 503 State St., above the Narrow Gauge Bookstore with an entrance in the location previously known as

"Art's Barbershop".

"This is an exciting development for downtown and a great use of a second story," states the cover sheet provided to council members that gives context and background on the project. "The development is consistent with the Downtown Plan."

Specifically, the development agreement would include the following provisions:

The city's parking lot will be used to meet the code requirement of off-street parking spots. The spots will not be designat-

ed nor signed.

The city would reimburse Hotel 1900 for the construction of a new sewer line since it does improve service to multiple properties and would also reimburse Hotel 1900 for the construction of a new water line from the new sales tax funds paid by the hotel.

The combined total costs eligible for reimbursement will not exceed \$60,000 and the contract includes deadlines and other such language.

The economic impact of a downtown boutique

hotel is expected to offset the expenses. Using the economic impact formula, staff further anticipates that the direct annual economic impact is estimated at \$649,597 and the total estimated annual impact is \$1,130,363.

"The addition of a boutique hotel in the downtown will create a positive economic impact for Alamosa and locally owned businesses," the conclusion reads, along with the statement that staff recommends signing the development agreement. Discussion of the agree-

ment will be followed by city council members voting to approve the motion or choose other alternatives listed on the cover-sheet.

Council meeting will be held in regular chambers at 300 Hunt Ave. on Wednesday, May 1, beginning at 7 p.m. Those wishing to attend virtually can do so by going via Zoom Webinar Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85753492744>. People can call in by dialing 1-719-359-4580 and use webinar ID 857 5349 2744.

Valley Community Concert Choir to perform at two Valley events

Composer Frank Ticheli thanks the choir and will be at the concerts in spirit

By JOHN WATERS
Courier Editor

SAN LUIS VALLEY — Music lovers can hear the Valley Community Concert Choir in two Valley concerts, one on the Colorado College Baca campus on May 3, and the other at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Alamosa on May 5.

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Courier photo by John Waters

The Valley Community Concert Choir in concert under the direction of David Schneider. The group has upcoming concerts, one at the Baca Campus of Colorado College near Crestone on May 3, and the other at Sacred Heart Church in Alamosa on May 5.

Cinco de Mayo Street Festival to benefit MV Food Bank



By MARIE MCCOLM
MONTE VISTA — The OptiMystics Citizens Action Network is again bringing to Monte Vista one of the spiciest events in the

Between 1,500 and 2,000 attend the Monte Vista Cinco de Mayo Street Festival in years past. This year's event is set for May 4 in downtown Monte Vista.

Courtesy photo

Valley. The Monte Vista Cinco de Mayo Street Festival will be held on Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The OptiMystics have decided to help the local Monte Vista Emergency Food Bank with the event. All proceeds above the cost of executing the event will be donated to the food bank this year.

OptiMystics President Adam Lock is ecstatic about the event.

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Moffat Volunteer FD to host a Cajun Boil and Silent Auction

By MARIE MCCOLM
MOFFAT — The Moffat Volunteer Fire Department is excited to host an upcoming Cajun Boil and Silent Auction on June 8, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Fire Station, 430 Reynolds Ave.

The event has become an annual favorite and will feature the ever-popular Cajun boil chock full of sausage and seafood. As an alternative to seafood this year attendees can also enjoy Cajun blackened chicken with savory red beans and de-

lectable rice. Families are encouraged to bring their children. The fire department will be serving some tasty macaroni and cheese for all ages.

Moffat Volunteer Fire Department Capt. Sam Eastman is excited about the upcoming boil and spoke about it.

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The Moffat Volunteer Fire Department is excited to host an upcoming Cajun Boil and Silent Auction on June 8.

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Jesus Lopez (Guero)

Our beloved Jesus Lopez (Guero) passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 28, 2024. He was surrounded by his wife and loving family. He was born Jan. 22, 1975, to Carlos Lopez and Dionicia Aguilar in Cd. Cuauhtemoc, Chihuahua.

He is survived by his loving wife Berenice Lopez of Alamosa, Colo., his son Carlos (Lilly) of Rogers, Ark., his daughters Jimena (Jose) of Alamosa, Colo., Vianney (DJ) of Monte Vista, Colo., Briana (Jesus) of Alamosa, Colo., his grandchildren Amaia and Alexander of Rogers, Ark., his sisters, Rosa Ester (Gilberto), Manuela (Carlos), Amelia (Javier) all from Cd. Cuauhtemoc, Chihuahua, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends who loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents Carlos and Dionicia Lopez Aguilar, his siblings, Juana Lopez and Abelardo Lopez, his nephews Guadalupe Villa, Francisco Villa, Daniel Tapia and his niece Liliana Lopez.

Guero worked for many years at J.T. Timber Falling in Blanca, Colo. He worked with many great



coworkers and had a great boss. From a young age Guero worked very hard and took pride in all his accomplishments.

Guero had a great passion for riding his Harley along with his wife and all his biker friends that he met along his journey. He loved to spend time on Facebook marketplace, buying cars, work machines, car parts etc. Doing so he would spend all hours of the day in his container, playing his favorite music and working on those cars.

On weekends, he found joy going out to the dances with his wife and friends.

Now for those who had the privilege of knowing him knew he could always make you laugh. He loved

to tell all his friends and family his jokes that he would laugh just as much as telling them. On his days off, Guero would sit on the couch and watch his favorite Spanish soap operas.

Guero had such an outgoing personality, he made so many friends everywhere he went. He touched so many lives and made so many great friendships. Guero took pride in the best way possible in his appearance. He always made sure he looked good from his shirt to his boots.

Up to his final day, he demonstrated his love for all his family, and he will be greatly missed.

Guero's viewing will take place at Romero Valley Funeral home in Alamosa, Colo., on Friday, May 3, 2024, from 6 to 8 p.m. His service will take place, at the Center Assembly of God Church in Center, Colo., on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 12 p.m. followed by a luncheon at the old center scales. To leave online condolences, please visit online.romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

JoLean Winters Canty Healey

Born to Fred (Ted) and Eva Bailey Winters on Nov. 29, 1939, in Manassa, Colo., departed April 24, 2024, at Rio Grande Nursing home in La Jara, Colo.

Survived by daughter Maxine (Alex) Ewing; Grandchildren Nicholas Josh and TJ Mauth, Heather (Jeff) Dull, Holly (Adam) Lamprecht, Ericka Vasquez, Kelly Canty, Chris (Kris) Canty

Coleman; 16 great-grandchildren several nieces and nephews and many friends.

Preceded in death by son Charles (Eddie) Canty, daughter Eva Marie (Bootsie) Canty; Parents Fred (Ted) and Eva Winters; sister Freda Davis; brothers John, Terry Fred Jr., and Wynn Winters.

JoLean grew up on the family ranch in Fox Creek.



Rebecca Anne Scott Johnson

Rebecca Anne Scott Johnson, at the age of 95, (Sept. 20, 1928 - April 25, 2024), passed from her earthly home at Brookdale Assisted Living in Brighton, Colo., to her eternal heavenly home, after suffering from congestive heart failure.

Anne was born in Washington, Georgia to Leon Harold Booker and Annie Rachel Butler Booker. She had one older sibling, Leon Harold Booker, Jr. At the age of four her family moved to Texas County, Okla., near Guymon in the panhandle of Oklahoma. She not only lived through the Depression but also the Dust Bowl.

She and her brother rode double on a horse to a one-room schoolhouse during their early elementary school years, and later she graduated from Guymon High School at the age of 16. After high school, she attended business school and junior college in Hutchinson, Kan.

In 1948 she married her high school sweetheart, Clyde Eugene "Gene" Scott. They had two children, Mary Anne and David. In 1958, they moved from Guymon to Center, Colo. During their marriage, she helped on the potato and barley farm, was an actively involved sports mom, and also worked a number of years at the Center Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office.

She and Gene built a cabin at Pearl Lakes



Trout Club near Creede, Colo., in 1969, and it became a special place for the whole family to enjoy. Many happy years of fishing, hiking and snowmobiling were spent there. She was a great fisherwoman and passed her love of fishing on to all her grandchildren.

In 1984 she and Gene retired to Fountain Hills, Ariz. Due to his deteriorating health they moved to Canon City, Colo., in 1990 to be closer to family. After his passing, she became reacquainted with a high school classmate, Tom Randol. They married and lived in Meridian, Idaho until his death. She later married Harry Johnson, whom she also outlived.

In 2015, she moved to Pagosa Springs to be near her daughter. Then in 2019 she relocated to Loveland, Colo., to live at the Wexford, an independent senior living facility, and be near her son. She made many special friends at the Wexford. While there she learned to play pool and became

quite an accomplished player. Even after moving to Brookdale Assisted Living in Brighton, Colo., she stayed in touch by texting and FaceTiming her family and friends on a regular basis.

Anne traveled to many foreign locations during her lifetime including Tahiti, London, Greece, Egypt, Turkey, and the Holy Land.

She was a loving mom, grandmother, great grandmother and great, great grandmother, and was affectionately called Granny Great.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Anne and Richard Stone, and her son David Scott, as well as her four grandchildren Mike Scott (Kristie), Amy Scott, Kevin Stone (Natalie), and Matt Stone (Shannon), Great-Grandchildren Meghan Scott, Ashley Garetson (Jared), Anthony Scott, Cody and Lucas Muirhead, Ethan and Elizabeth Stone, Lucy Willing (Luke), Lily and Carolanne Birchfield, Nolan and Lucy Stone, and Great-Great-Grandson, Jettson Garetson. She is also survived by five nieces, a nephew and their families.

Anne loved the Lord, acknowledged His faithfulness, and looked forward to her home-going. Her ashes will be buried near her husband, Gene Scott, in Canon City, Colo., at Lakeside Cemetery.

Kruse to talk on the Biology of Happiness

Spark the Change speaker series continues May 8

CONTRIBUTED
ALAMOSA — Barbara Kruse will talk on the Biology of Happiness at 1 p.m. on May 8 at the Alamosa Senior Citizens Center. Hosted by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Alamosa County, the Spark the Change series addresses issues about older adults and their health and features local expert speakers on topics such as well-being, nutrition, volunteering, memory, physical health, and much more.

Kruse, is a retired Biology teacher. The title of Kruse's talk is "The Biology of Happiness," and she will explore the biological explanation for happiness, including the relationship between neurotransmitters and happiness. Our brains are driven by chemicals. The chemicals aren't designed to make us happy necessarily, but to motivate us to survive. Consequently, since survival isn't that hard these

days, we get kind of confused about priorities. Neurotransmitters are the chemicals that motivate us to seek goals, stay close to others of our own kind, bond with babies, and compare ourselves to others. Oxytocin, Serotonin, Dopamine and Endorphins will be discussed, and many examples will be given about how we misunderstand their effect on our behavior. The research and books of Loretta Bruening and the Inner Mammal Institute will be referenced. Materials to explore this subject on your own will be recommended. Barbara Kruse is certified by the Inner Mammal Institute to present this information to you.

The talk is presented by Spark the Change Colorado, a leading volunteerism nonprofit dedicated to service and community health invites the public to its monthly speaker series, "Spark Speaker Series: Empowering Aging in Colorado."

Nancy Harris, Spark the Change Colorado's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) manager for Alamosa County, will talk about the benefits of volun-



Barbara Kruse

teering in one's community and ways to get involved with RSVP.

Come with an open mind, a desire to learn more about seniors and their well-being, and with your own ideas of future topics and speakers. We will be gathering input from participants at each of the events to determine what folks from our senior community are interested in learning about through the monthly series.

For more information about the Spark Speaker Series, or to become an RSVP volunteer, contact Harris at nharris@sparkthechangecolorado.org or 303-867-0868, or visit www.sparkthechangecolorado.org/rsvp. Spark the Change Colorado's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Alamosa County addresses health and older adults at monthly speaker series.

Gov. Polis signs \$40.6 billion Colorado state budget

By SARA WILSON
Colorado Newsline

Colorado Gov. Jared Polis signed the state's \$40.6 billion budget for the upcoming fiscal year on Monday, praising the historic funding for public education and bipartisan work of legislators for crafting a more normal budget as pandemic relief funds dry up.

"We had less money than we've had in previous years, but the hallmark of a good budget is one where no matter what you have, you're listening to your constituents and you're prioritizing the funds you do have to meet the moment and do what the public is hoping for with state resources," said Rep. Shannon Bird, a Westminster Democrat who chairs the Joint Budget Committee, the bipartisan panel in charge of writing the budget.

It is a 3.7% increase over last year's budget and reflects an increase of about \$1 billion in general fund spending.

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing will see the biggest bump in general fund dollars with a \$512 million increase — mostly due to increased Medicaid costs — followed by the Department of Human Services with a \$204 million increase, the Department of Treasury with a \$153 million increase, the Judicial Department with a \$75 million increase and the Department of Corrections with a \$71 million increase.

The budget achieves a longstanding goal to fully fund public K-12 education in the state for the first time in 14 years by eliminating the so-called budget stabilization factor. The school-funding shortfall has been in

place since the Great Recession and essentially amounts to a \$10 billion IOU to schools. The budget, through the school finance act, devotes about \$141 million to get rid of it.

Though funding for public schools will increase by more than \$500 million and \$737 per pupil, spending will be at 1989 levels when adjusted for inflation.

"We were able to buy down and pay off the budget stabilization factor this year, but it only because of the year prior and the year before that and the year before that — a series of decision making that were stacked on top of each other that led us to this point," Sen. Rachel Zenzinger, an Arvada Democrat and JBC vice chair, said.

The budget also bumps funding for special education by 10.2% and for English language learners by 10.6%, increases of \$34.7 million and \$3.3 million respectively. Another budget-related bill also appropriates \$24 million from the state's education fund directly to schools in order to support the increase in migrant students in public schools, mostly in Denver.

The budget allows for a tuition increase at Colorado public universities of 3% for in-state students and 4% for out-of-state students.

The department in charge of Colorado's universal preschool program, which is finishing its first year, will also see a \$22 million increase to support the program and hopefully work out technological and administrative kinks.

Most of the amendments the House and Senate tacked onto the budget

during floor debates did not make it into the signed version. The Joint Budget Committee retained parts of the amendments that fund services for aging adults, crime victim services, a youth services program and school security grants.

The budget also makes investments into workforce development and retention. That is spread across multiple departments, including a little over \$9 million in the Department of Corrections and about \$700,000 in the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs. There is a 3% across-the-board salary increase for state employees.

Additionally, the budget provides \$65 million in the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to increase the wages of workers in the home and community-based services. That sets the base wage for those workers at \$16.55 statewide.

The upcoming fiscal year begins July 1.

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Rice

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MIDDLE SCHOOL

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BIRTH

Ryan Codi Trujillo

Ryan Codi Trujillo was born on April 15, to Destinee DeHerrera and Demetrius Trujillo of Alamosa, and weighed 8 pounds 11 ounces and was 21 inches at birth. Maternal Great-Grandparent Prescilla DeHerrera and Grandparent Steve DeHerrera. Paternal Grandparents are Annamay and Jose Trujillo. Ryan was born at SLV Health in Alamosa.

Valley News

Colorado Democrats announce major deal with governor to cut income taxes

By **BRIAN EASON AND JESSE PAUL**
The Colorado Sun

Democrats in the Colorado legislature Tuesday announced a deal with Gov. Jared Polis to make sweeping changes to the state tax code that reduce income taxes and redirect hundreds of millions of dollars of taxpayer refunds to low-income parents and the middle class.

The tax package, spread across a handful of different bills in the final days of this year's lawmaking term, represents an escalation of the legislature's recent ef-

orts to reimagine the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights — a darling of the conservative movement — as a vehicle for progressive policy.

Under the TABOR amendment, the government must refund money to taxpayers when revenue rises faster than the combined rate of inflation and population growth. This fiscal year, it's expected to trigger roughly \$2 billion in refunds that would go out in 2025 — but lawmakers have wide discretion in how they distribute the money.

The Democrats' proposal would create more than \$700 million in

new tax credits aimed at reducing poverty. One, House Bill 1311, would create a new family affordability tax credit for parents who make up to \$85,000. The other, House Bill 1134 would expand the earned-income tax credit, a refundable tax break that supplements the federal program of the same name, providing thousands of dollars in assistance, primarily to low-income workers with children.

Taken together, the two measures could cut child poverty by half in Colorado, said Rep. Chris deGruy Kennedy, the No.

3 Democrat in the House, who is sponsoring the family tax credit.

In exchange, Kennedy and other sponsors of the tax credits agreed with Polis to cut the state's income tax rate in years when the surplus exceeds \$300 million through a bipartisan bill set to be introduced in the Senate on Tuesday. The governor has said any changes to how TABOR refunds are distributed must be made with an income tax reduction, too.

Democrats in the legislature have chafed at the demand, calling it inequitable, while Re-

publicans have tried to hold the governor's feet to the fire to get it done. Higher earners pay more in income taxes, so they receive the most financial benefit from a blanket rate cut.

"A healthy TABOR surplus is the sign of a strong economy, but also a signal that the tax rate is simply too high," Polis said in his State of the State address in January. "I know some Democrats in the past have been skeptical of reducing our income tax rate, but cutting the income tax rate is the most effective way to further our economic growth."

Benefit

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"It just makes sense, this is the day where people can come out, have a great time, enjoy the live music and all the festivities. We are excited to offer this huge event once again to the town. We are hoping to draw an even bigger crowd this year than last year, and we are definitely ready for it," he said.

In the past the street festival has drawn 1,500 to 2,000 people. OptiMystics Vice President Mark Renshaw said that the idea of thousands of people coming to an event like this is both amazing and fulfilling.

"To think that in only 4 years, the Cinco De Mayo Street Festival has grown this much. I hope we can continue to grow every year and put on a street festival everyone can really enjoy," he said.

This year, just like years

prior, there is a great lineup of events. There will be hip-shaking music provided by DJ Pete Garcia until 3 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m., UZ Band of Taos, N.M., will be playing live. This award-winning band is known for their variation in music and is sure to keep the crowd swaying to the music until the end of the festival.

There will be a car show hosted by the Stars and Strikes Bowling Alley. People's choice will once again determine who wins best of show and other awards that will be given out. Rocky Mountain Memorabilia is donating plaques for the car show. There will also be a cruise to the Veterans Community Living Center at Homelake for the residents there. The drive will take place at 2 p.m.

Cornhole can be played from 1 to 6 p.m. on Adams Street. The game is being brought to everyone by the Monte Vista Recre-

ation Department.

There will also be live demonstrations by the Novel Nomad belly dancers at 5 p.m., for all to enjoy, and the Monte Vista Youth Mini Cheerleaders are scheduled to perform at 1 p.m.

New this year is a canine costume contest. People are encouraged to dress up their canines in Cinco de Mayo apparel. There will be prizes given in three separate weight categories. The contest takes place in front of Muddy Paws on Adams Street at 11 a.m. All entry fees for the event will also be donated to the Monte Vista Ambulance Service.

Also new this year, is the chihuahua and small breed dog races. The races will begin at 12 p.m. on Second Avenue, in front of the Pivot Public House, which is also hosting the event. There will be prizes for the winner. All entry fees will be donated to Conour Animal Shelter.

There will also be cul-



Courtesy photo

The Monte Vista Cinco de Mayo Street Festival will be held on Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

tural talks about Cinco de Mayo at the Vali 3 Theater at 2 p.m.

Vendors will be set up all over the designated areas for the event, which will be from the 100 block of Adams Street down Second Avenue and east of Adams to Jefferson Street. An event map will be available on the OptiMystics website.

The OptiMystics announced that all the food vendor spots were taken. Craft vendors are still welcome to register on the website.

Some local businesses will also be getting into the spirit by offering local discounts and fun, the day of the event.

Lock is grateful for the support from the community.

"I am ecstatic that so many local businesses and groups have stepped up this year to assist with putting this event on for the community," he said. "This not only defrays some of

Choir

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David Schneider, who became music director of the choir in 2015 said, "Choir has been an anchor of my life."

Regarding current themes in contemporary American choral work, Schneider said, "There are opportunities to explore diversity. We have individuals and their loved have been knocked off kilter by Covid. We have this time where people are struggling to find equality in their expression, while others are lagging behind in that understanding."

"Composers today are tackling the issues of our society and how do we find ways of bringing unity in this diverse time and there is a push-pull on the issues of our day, famine, war, equality, these issues are now being addressed by the composers today."

Schneider will be handing the baton to Nancy West, who will become

the choir music director in early May after the concerts that Schneider will direct. He will remain with the group in an administrative role.

The 15 or so voices with the choir will begin with "Ave Verum Corpus" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, a work composed in 1791 as a gift to Mozart's friend Anton Stoll.

"Kusimama (Stand Tall)," an African song in Swahili arranged by Jim Papoulis will be sung. The work is about standing tall without anger or aggression, and with hope, strength, acceptance, and positivity.

The stunning "Earth Song" by Frank Ticheli will be performed. In an interview with the Valley Courier, Ticheli said the work was composed as a result of his disillusionment with the Iraq War. "That second Iraq War went on forever, and we were all war-weary. People on both sides of the political aisle were so tired of that war and I needed to write a prayer for peace and that is what

it is. You can say it is a veiled anti-war poem, but most importantly it is a prayer for peace. It is not a prayer for any particular religion, it is meant to be a universal prayer for peace. Out of that weariness of war, I wrote that poem.

"When I think about how I find inner peace, I find it through music and that is where music came into this [composition.] Music and singing are my refuge and music and singing shall be my light.

"Earth Song" starts out dark, and it makes that turn, through music, a lifting, a lifting of the head, lifting skyward looking for peace."

Ticheli said he was excited the choir is performing "Earth Song" and said, "If I could be there, I would have all sorts of things to say to them [choir]. I would say that in pronouncing 'Hallelujah,' it has a very soft ending, not clipped. If you clip, it loses lyricism... the ending of the peace should be so vulnerable and fragile, almost like

it could fall apart. That fragility reminds us of our human fragility. The ending is done innocently and with vulnerability."

"I am grateful to the director and the choir for doing this, I wish I could be there. I will be thinking of them and I will be there in spirit."

The concerts will also include, "The Pasture from Where the Earth Meets the Sky" with text by Robert Frost and music by Z. Randall Stroope. "Let the River Run" theme from the motion picture "Working Girl." "Time to Be" with words and music by Bethany Meyer. "The Storm is Passing Over," by Charles Albert Tindley, arranged by Barbara W. Baker.

The Valley Community Concert Choir will perform at the Colorado College Baca Campus on Friday, May 3, at 7 p.m. The campus is located off T Road in Saguache County near Crestone. They will also perform at Sacred Heart Church in Alamosa on Sunday, May 5, at 2 p.m.

the cost for the event but gets so many other entities and people involved in this special event. This is a day to celebrate culture, community, and most importantly unity

"Special thanks to the LOR Foundation, and all of the other businesses, supporters, and people who have stepped up to help and be such a big part of this amazing event. Everyone is deeply appreciated. What this all means is that in the end, we can donate even more to help support our local Monte Vista Emergency Food Bank."

MVFD

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"We are going to have a lot of different events going on at the Boil," Eastman said. "We are excited to have everyone come out and join us. We want everyone to have fun. It's not going to be an event where you just come and eat. We are going to have small indoor games. We will have a silent auction going on. We are going to have music. There will be door prizes given out. We have something for everyone. We are going to be serving up some great food too."

Eastman said the boil is for a good cause and will help their growing fire department.

"We are trying to raise funds right now to get some new equipment," Eastman said. "We are looking

at getting new personal equipment, new hand tools. A lot of the gear that we have is getting to the point where it is outdated. Being in Saguache County, we don't necessarily have all the funding to obtain the new equipment that we need. We really rely heavily on the fundraisers that we have."

Eastman stated that a year ago, they had three people in the department.

"This year we have grown from three people to 10 people," Eastman said. "We are trying to keep building the department too. We are also trying to find more volunteers for the fire department."

Eastman stated that the department was established in 1977. Eastman's father Bill, who is the current Fire Chief, has 38 years of experience working with dif-

ferent fire departments. Eastman stated that the department is also a part of the northern Saguache County Fire District.

"We help with Saguache fires, Villa Grove Fires, Crestone Fires. We help with a lot of different fires. When we get called out, all of us go too," Eastman said.

Eastman stated that part of the department is also medical certified, and all the firefighters in Moffat are also EMR certified as of January, which is just a step below EMT certified.

Eastman stated, "We are also looking forward to hopefully having a med unit based in Moffat within the next year too."

Eastman stated that he is really looking forward to the boil and he hopes that enough people attend that they run out of food.

"It would be great to run out of food," Eastman said. "You know, this is also for the community too, a chance for everyone to get together. Along with the food, we have also had some great donations from different places. We got a set of Vortex Binoculars donated from Valley Gun Shop in Monte Vista. Good Speed donated a \$50 coupon. Bobolicious Coffee is donating coffee and some gift baskets. Lots of other great stuff too. We appreciate all the donations. There's going to be great door prizes. We really hope everyone will come out. We will be holding the boil at the Fire Station."

For more information, visit the Moffat Volunteer Fire Department's Facebook Page or contact the Moffat Volunteer Fire Department at 719-256-4225.

Thursday, May 2
Baseball vs Colorado Mesa University at Alamosa, Colo. 3:00 p.m.

Friday, May 3
Baseball vs Colorado Mesa University at Alamosa, Colo. 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 4
Baseball vs Colorado Mesa University at Alamosa, Colo. 3:00 p.m.

Men & Women's Track at CSU Pueblo Last Chance Invitational at Pueblo, Colo. TBA

Men & Women's Track at Portland Twilight at Portland, Ore. 3:45 p.m. (PDT)

Sunday, May 5
Men & Women's Track at CSU Pueblo Last Chance Invitational at Pueblo, Colo. TBA

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!

UPCOMING GRIZZLY ATHLETIC EVENTS

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Opinion

How did so much stuff pile up?

A few years ago, I turned a carport into a bedroom. But first I had to empty out the books, papers, furniture, rugs and tools that were in the carport. Then I took it all to a storage unit where rent was \$50 a month.

After three years of thinking about it, and only occasionally pawing through the storage unit for a lost item, I finally sorted out a handful of books and items that meant something — I could have fit them in a suitcase! — and held a yard sale for the rest.

I think about that when I see storage facilities spreading and expanding across the country. At least 500 units have been built here in eastern Oregon's Wallowa County, population 7,500, and storage businesses can be found in towns and suburbs across the West.

A local entrepreneur who owns about half the local units is now building in regional towns as well: Concrete slabs with metal buildings on top, single light bulbs inside, no plumbing.

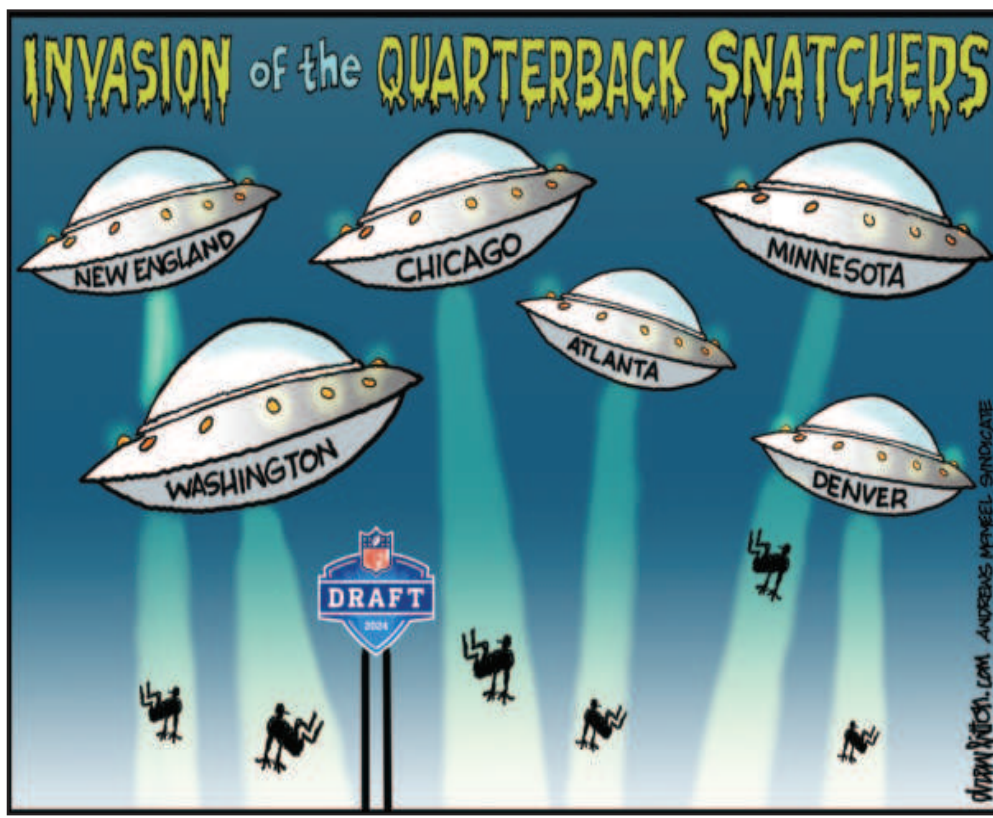
I'm past 80 now, and, although my house is small, I have held onto a lot of stuff. In the normal course of events, my children would inherit it.

But my two children and their families live in Arizona and Guam, busy building their own inventories of stuff. In a previous age, when there was a family house and three or more children to a house, the house and its basic

Writers On The Range



Rich Wandschneider



furnishings would go to one child, and the remaining children would parcel out anything else.

In my nuclear family, it worked like this: Mom passed on, and no one wanted or needed the house, so Dad called a summit meeting as he prepared to go into assisted living.

We four siblings gathered for a week in the sunny Southern California backyard and emptied the house. Dad sat in his captain's chair and laid down the rules: if you brought it into the house — sculpture from Africa, old sports equipment — you took it away. Or traded with a sibling. One table was set up for stuff to go to Dad's best friend and another for a yard sale, and off we went to sort through the remaining items.

When it came to Dad's fine collection of old cameras, they went to brother Phil, in Dad's estimation the only one of us who knew how to take a decent photo. The tools were split between sister Mary and me: "You both at least know the difference between an end wrench and a crescent."

Dad said that he had seen families argue and split over parental leavings, and he wanted no part of that. So, on we went, sorting through grandma's rag rugs, old diplomas, a collection of bell bottom pants and lots of keepsakes, all the while drinking beer and retelling old stories.

We cried some as we set Dad up with a few things for the assisted living place, then left for our own homes. I got Dad's last Ford — his cars were always Fords — as he figured my family needed a good second car more than did the others.

It was a wonderful week.

I don't have plans for a summit, but I am looking around the house and thinking about what child or grandchild might want the things I have held onto, such as carpets from Turkey, artwork by Northwest artist friends, cast iron cookware and so many books.

Books written and signed by Ivan Doig and Ursula LeGuin — they can go to libraries now. And I smile thinking about taking my best Turkish carpet to

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Letters policy

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a granddaughter's first house.

Last week, Nez Perce artist Carla Timentwa brought a fine collection of beadwork, woven basket hats and shell dresses to the Joseph Center in the town of Joseph, where I work. She said she'd ignored her grandmother's teachings as a child, but on becoming a grandmother herself, took up the arts and began making things to give away: hats for granddaughters who serve food in the Longhouse, a fine beaded vest for her husband, dresses for young women to wear at naming and mourning ceremonies.

It's important, Carla said, to take care of others as they come into the world, as they grow and as they leave. It's a good lesson — giving is always more important than storing stuff away.

Rich Wandschneider is a contributor to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He feels lighter in Joseph, Ore.

Americans prefer bipartisan cooperation over civil war

By GENE LYONS

Time was, and it wasn't that long ago, when Hollywood gifted us with epic films depicting heroic high school boys (and cute girls) fighting guerilla actions against invading Russian armies. Starring Patrick Swayze, Charlie Sheen and Jennifer Grey, the 1984 film "Red Dawn" was probably the best known, but Chuck Norris also made one about a commie invasion of Florida.

So now it's "Civil War," featuring Kirsten Dunst as a crusading journalist struggling to reach Washington to interview an embattled president holed up in the White House. Apparently, the film never discloses the causes of the fighting, nor who's on which side, with any clarity, although California and Texas are allies, improbable as that may seem.

There's also something called the Florida Alliance, presumably battalions of old duffers riding to battle in golf carts.

Fore!
What the film apparently does disclose is how many gun-happy Americans fantasize about shooting people. (It's being shot at that most amateur militia enthusiasts fail to fully imagine.) Otherwise, I'm confident there are also plenty of car chases and exploding gas tanks. I wouldn't be surprised to see an 18-wheeler go up in flames.

Kaboom!
Anyway, I think I'll take a pass, be-

cause while it's my solemn duty as a Pundit-American to worry about a 21st-century American civil war, I can't pretend to take the idea seriously. Sure, millions of Americans get a charge out of talking about how angry they are and calling each other bad names on Facebook and Twitter. It's essentially masturbatory activity. But when push comes to shove, what the vast majority really want is something like what happened in Congress last week -- bipartisan cooperation and a functioning government.

Speaker Mike Johnson may not deserve a Nobel Prize for bringing President Biden's foreign aid package to a vote in the House over the strident objection and threats of the adolescent wing of the Republican Party. But the bill's passage by a 311-112 vote shows that at least the man can count. Even Donald Trump was forced to abandon what The Atlantic's David Frum called his "peculiar and sinister enthusiasm for Vladimir Putin's Russia" and pivot to the winning side.

After years of sneering at Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and groveling before the Russian strongman, Trump did an abrupt about-face. "As everyone agrees," he posted on his Truth Social website, "Ukrainian Survival and Strength should be much more important to Europe than to us, but it is also important to us!" Actually, NATO members that see the

Russian tyrant as an existential threat to their own democracies helped keep Ukraine in the fight while the U.S. Congress dithered. Meanwhile, somebody needs to inform Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene -- "Moscow Marge," Rupert Murdoch's New York Post has taken to calling her -- and her handful of far-right allies that the wind has changed. Will Fox News pivot with it? Why the mainstream press persists in the habit of calling Moscow Marge, Florida Rep. Matt Gaetz and others of their ilk "conservatives," I can't say. There's nothing conservative about pimping for Putin. Should Greene follow through on her threat to call for a vote vacating the speakership, it appears that enough Democrats under the leadership of Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries will support Johnson to keep him in the job. In a House long dominated by party-line voting on leadership issues, the effect could prove decisive longer term, saving Republicans from themselves. What if crossing party lines became a habit? Might it begin to ameliorate the scorched-earth politics that have dominated Washington since Newt Gingrich and Rush Limbaugh came to town in the 1990s? I personally find Speaker Johnson's style annoying. Deep South Bible-beaters who drag God into everything get on my nerves. "He was torn between trying to save his job and do the right thing," House

Foreign Affairs Chairman Michael McCaul told CNN reporters. A Republican advocate of protecting Ukraine's democracy, he described Johnson as praying over his decision the night before the legislation was released. In the light of day, the speaker stood firm: "My philosophy is do the right thing and let the chips fall where they may. If I operated out of fear over motion to vacate, I would never be able to do my job. Look, history judges us for what we do. This is a critical time right now." A bit self-serving, you say? Well, he's a career politician. Cooperating with Democrats to pass critical legislation infuriated GOP culture warriors. (A small majority of Republicans voted against Ukraine aid.) Veteran Oklahoma GOP Rep. Tom Cole told reporters that counting on Democratic votes was the only realistic way to get anything done given razor-thin majorities. "This place is probably operating right now more like the founders thought it would," Cole said. Yeah, well, they were career politicians too. Meanwhile, the Civil War has been postponed.

Arkansas Times columnist Gene Lyons is a National Magazine Award winner and co-author of "The Hunting of the President". You can email Lyons at eugenelyons2@yahoo.com.

LETTER

Former President Donald Trump must have moved to the Valley

Editor,
After reading the Courier's front-page headline of April 27: "Valley man sen-

tenced to 12 years for extortion, forgery, retaliating against judges," I decided that former President Donald Trump

must have moved to the Valley without my knowing it.
Trump has been attacking and


threatening judges, their wives and children, prosecutors, members of the court staff, election officials, witnesses, and the entire judicial system for years as he fights being held accountable for his lurid, outrageous personal behavior.

Consequent to Trump's ongoing disparaging verbal and written attacks, many people whose professional duty is to maintain the integrity of our legal system have received death threats. Some have had to move out of their home or retain armed guards, quit their job, or refuse to be on a jury judging Trump. Our entire system of justice is threatened by this man.

The news and social media are filled with Trump's awful rhetoric despite gag orders to stop it. In contrast to the above story about a local man, Trump is still getting away with it.

David Lenderts
Alamosa


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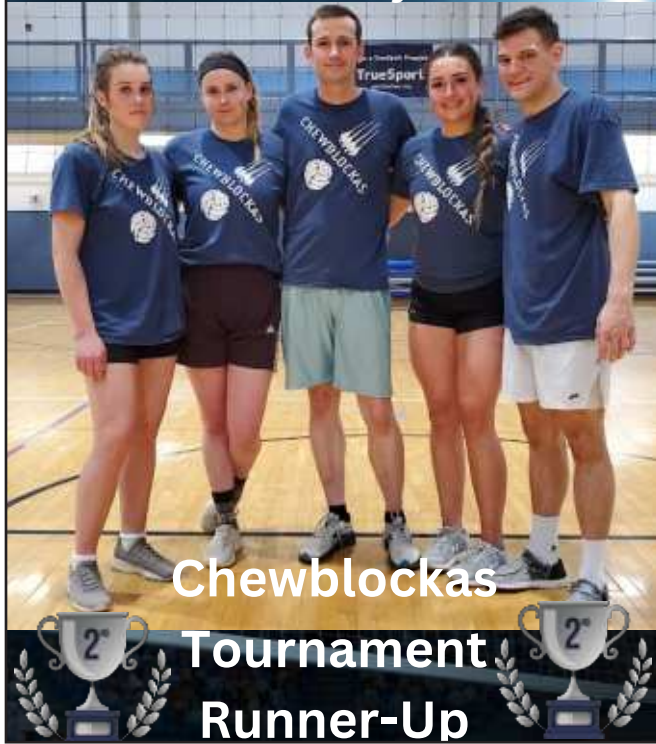
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Lady Tigers end long losing streak

By KEN HAMRICK
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The Del Norte High School girls soccer team ended a 29-game losing streak that dated back to the 2021 season with a 4-1 win over Dolores Huerta Prep Friday in at the Del Norte stadium.

The Lady Tigers took off to a good start as they led 3-0 at halftime. Both teams scored a goal in the second half.

Individual statistics were unavailable.

The Lady Tigers' last



win was a forfeit victory over Center on May 25, 2021.

the season on Saturday as it will travel to Telluride. Gme time is at 4 p.m.

Del Norte will close out

Gym Rat Jam is May 27 at Centauri

By KEN HAMRICK
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The Third Annual Memorial Day Gym Rat Jam will take place on May 27 at Centauri High School. It is a 5-on-5 double elimination tournament.

There are six divisions – open men and

women, high school boys and girls and middle school boys and girls.

The tournament is limited to eight teams per division. Teams must pre-register by noon on May 26. No walk-ups the day of the event.

The cost is \$150 per team.

Sports Bulletin

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

SCOREBOARD TUESDAY

Prep baseball
Antonito at Center – no report
Del Norte at Sanford (2) – no report
Monte Vista at Rye – no report
Sierra Grande at Center – no report
Prep girls soccer
Del Norte at Pagosa Springs – no report

SCHEDULE THURSDAY

Prep baseball
Center at Custer County, 5 p.m.
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 Hollydot Golf Course), 9 a.m.
Prep track and field
Centauri, Del Norte, Sangre de Cristo at Walsenburg Invitational, 9 a.m.
Alamosa, Sargent at Pueblo Twilight Invitational (at Dutch Clark Stadium), 1 p.m.
College baseball
Colorado Mesa at Adams State (2), noon

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Prep girls soccer

Florence at Alamosa, 11 a.m.

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

Prep track and field

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

College baseball

Colorado Mesa at Adams State, noon

College outdoor track and field

Adams State at Colorado State Pueblo Last Chance Invitational, TBA

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

SUNDAY

College outdoor track and field

Adams State at Colorado State Pueblo Last Chance Invitational, TBA

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Bill to create Chicano license plate clears Colorado Legislature

By SARA WILSON
Colorado Newsline

Colorado drivers will soon have the option to adorn their car with a specialty license plate that honors Chicano culture and supports related youth programs in the state.

The Senate approved House Bill 24-1105 on Tuesday on a 26-9 vote. It passed the House in April on a 41-18 vote.

"I want to thank all of the ways that Chicanos have come together through this policy to weigh in, to struggle, to not agree and to find ... consensus and to build power," Sen. Julie Gonzales, a Denver Democrat, said on the Senate floor Tuesday morning. "In some ways, this is just a license plate. And in some

ways, this is so much more than just a license plate."

The bill was sponsored by Gonzales and freshman Rep. Tim Hernández, a Denver Democrat. They worked with Pueblo-based non-profit El Movimiento Sigue.

It will create a special license plate available next year to join the dozens of specialty plate designs available for Colorado car owners, ranging from a Denver Nuggets plate to one honoring the Pueblo green chile. A pair of \$25 fees will go to the Highway Users Tax Fund and to a fund for Chicano youth leadership and education programs, such as the Rita J. Martinez Youth Leadership Conference in Pueblo and the La Raza Youth

Leadership Conference in Denver.

The initial design features an orange starburst design behind Colorado mountains and an image of clasped hands and roses over the traditional colors and pattern of a serape. The words "Chicana/o power!" are at the bottom.

"The creation of the Chicano special license plate is an acknowledgement of our heritage in the state of Colorado since its inception and the many iterations that Chicanos have taken on, that we have had a deep part in the creation and the execution of the state," Hernández said during debate in the House.

Bill sponsors said they collected the necessary

3,000 signatures for a special license plate within two days.

The Chicano social justice movement was vibrant in Colorado, particularly in Denver, in the 1960s and 1970s. In 1969, for example, students walked out of classes to demand more bilingual classes and instruction of Chicano and Mexican-American history, and they were ultimately met with violence from the Denver Police Department. That same year, thousands of young people came together at the Denver Chicano Youth Liberation Conference, organized by activist Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzales.

"Chicano is a cultural identity held by a lot of people of a lot of different races," Hernández said.

"While I understand folks might not understand what a Chicano is, that does not mean that we do not have demonstrable heritage within the state of Colorado."

Previous iterations of the bill died in 2016 and 2018. Both were led by former Democratic Rep. Joe Salazar.

"A license plate is a small way of honoring what we are and our contributions to the state," he said during the bill's Senate Finance Committee hearing.

The bill faced some friction over the proposed design, particularly the "Chicana/o power" slogan. Opponents contended that it promoted one demographic over others and would not be allowed if

"Chicano" was substituted for another race or group.

During the bill's committee hearing, however, Gonzales said that language "reflects the power that exists within our community." The term was also widely used by activists during the height of the movement.

The final design will ultimately be decided through a process with the Department of Revenue.

The Legislature considered other license plate bills this year. A bill to create the Gadsden flag "Don't Tread on Me" license plate died in committee. On Tuesday, the House gave preliminary approval to a bipartisan license plate bill to honor the state's agricultural industry.



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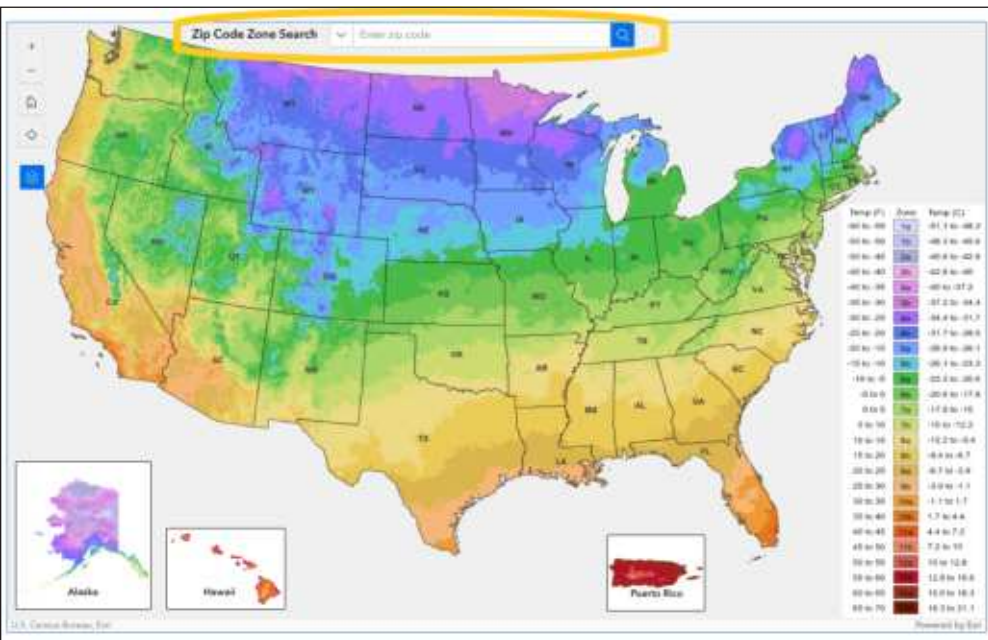
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Lifestyle



Above is a map of hardiness zones in the United States developed by the US Department of Agriculture. Areas in northern Minnesota are hardiness zone 2b with average extreme winter temperatures of -45 to -40 °F, whereas the southern aspect of Florida is hardiness zone 11b with average winter temperatures of 45 to 50 °F.

Newcomer's Guide to Gardening in the San Luis Valley

Hardiness Zones

By **EMILY FOLZ**
CSU Extension
SAN LUIS VALLEY

— I didn't fully understand the point of flannel-lined jeans until my first winter in the San Luis Valley. It gets seriously cold here!

You have to admire the stalwart evergreen trees and shrubs that stand so majestically in the blowing cold of winter and provide color to our winter landscapes. And the deciduous trees and shrubs that drop their leaves in autumn but come leafing back in spring, some with a show of colorful blossoms.

Other plants have no intention of subjecting themselves to these bitter conditions and instead "die back" and spend the winter underground, reappearing when the weather starts to warm up in spring.

No matter how they do it, plants that have found a way to survive the winter are called perennials. The ones that can't are called annuals.

Each geographic area in the United States has been given a hardiness zone designation based on its average annual extreme minimum winter temperatures. Hardiness zones help you determine which plants will be perennial in our area, that is which plants can survive the winter.

The website <https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/> has an interactive map where you



Courtesy photo

This beautiful, sweet smelling lilac bush at the Blanca Fort Garland Community Center is not only hardy to zone 3, but also thrives in the Valley's harsh environment.

can enter your zip code and find your hardiness zone. Parts of chilly Alamosa County are zone 4a with average annual extreme minimum winter temperatures of -30 to -25 °F. Areas north, south, east and west of Alamosa are a bit warmer. Villa Grove, Antonito, Fort Garland and Del Norte are all zone 5b with average annual extreme minimum temperatures of -15 to -10 °F.

When you purchase a plant, look for a tag or information that tells you which hardiness zones the plant will do best in. For example, most lilacs are hardy in zones 3 - 8. You can choose to plant things that are hardy in zones 6 and higher, but they will be an annual in our area since they are unlikely to survive

the winter. Rosemary is hardy in zones 7-11 and is a perennial in those zones. But it is an annual in zones 6 and lower. At the times we lived there, NC was zone 7b and Ky was zone 6b.

Be aware that even if a plant is suited to our hardiness zone, it may not suit our area. It must also be tolerant of our high elevation, frequent high winds, alkaline soil, arid conditions and short growing season.

What is your hardiness zone? What trees and shrubs have grown best for you? What perennial flowers do you have in your garden? Please share your photos! Have a gardening question or comment? Send me an email at: SLVgardening@gmail.com

What a way to end April

By **HIGH VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER**

DEL NORTE — There has been so much going on at High Valley Community Center, and we have loved getting to be with our community as much as we have this last week. From after-school programming to after-prom festivities, it has been the best way to end April and launch into May. We made funny face planters to

aged them to celebrate Earth Day. Soccer has been as fun as ever! We would love to see you cheering us on at our games at Chapman Park every Saturday morning.

Adult Open Soccer is still happening every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Voss Field. Come join us in a friendly competition!

We are counting down the days until our Summer Programming starts! As a reminder, we will not have after-school programming from May 20-31. The first day of Summer Programming will be June 4 – we hope to see you there!



plant seeds in, played a ton outside in the beautiful weather and ended the week with a splash at Hooper Pool. The kids loved getting to participate in activities that encour-



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 On February 5, 2024, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.
 Original Grantor(s): Jarden L. Martinez
 Original Beneficiary(ies): Rio Grande Savings and Loan Association
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Rio Grande Savings and Loan Association
 Date of Deed of Trust: July 06, 2010
 County of Recording: Alamosa
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust: July 07, 2010
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 342665
 Re-Recording Date of Deed of Trust: February 14, 2020
 Re-Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 375898
 Original Principal Amount: \$58,500.00
 Outstanding Principal Balance: \$50,252.52
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Payment of the debt.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
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THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
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 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
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 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado
 By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
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 Original Grantor(s): Raymond White and Shannon White
 Original Beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Beneficiary, as nominee for Pacific Union Financial, LLC, its successors and assigns
 Current Holder of the Evidence of Debt: Nationstar Mortgage LLC
 Date of Deed of Trust: October 24, 2016
 County of Recording: Conejos
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust: December 9, 2016
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): Reception No. 16001616**
 Original Principal Amount \$157,175.00
 Outstanding Principal Balance \$149,271.55
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated including, but not limited to the Borrower's failure to make timely payments as required under the Evidence of Debt and Deed of Trust.
THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
 The property is all of the property encumbered by said Deed of Trust and is described as: Lot 10, 11, and 12, Block 19 Town of La Jara, County of Conejos, State of Colorado. **The Deed of Trust was corrected by an Affidavit of Correction recorded 5/15/2023 at Reception No. 23000662 in the records of the Conejos County Clerk and Recorder, State of Colorado.
 Purported Common Address: 104 Joe S. Chavez Dr., La Jara, CO 81140
 If applicable, a description of any changes to the deed of trust described in the notice of election and demand pursuant to affidavit as allowed by statutes.
NOTICE OF SALE
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.
 THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at the office of the Conejos County Public Trustee, Conejos County Courthouse, 6683 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.
 First Publication Date: April 17, 2024
 Last Publication Date: May 15, 2024
 Name of Publication: The Valley Courier
 Date: April 12, 2024
 Mack M. Crowther
 Public Trustee in and for the County of Conejos, State of Colorado.
 The name, address, telephone number and bar registration number of attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
 Halliday, Watkins, & Mann, P.C.
 Attorney for Nationstar Mortgage LLC
 Amanda Ferguson, #44893
 Heather L. Deere, #28597
 355 Union Blvd., Suite 250
 Lakewood, CO 80228
 Phone: 303-274-0155
 E-mail: infoco@hwmlawfirm.com
 File #: CO21736
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
 No. 3902.
 Published in the Valley Courier on April 17, 24, May 1, 8, & 15, 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.

ALAMOSA COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Alamosa Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 8:30 AM, in the Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado for the purpose of considering an application for a Minor Subdivision submitted by Chris and Karlee Adcock on property currently addressed as 8341 Cool Sunshine Circle, Parcel 541317101004. This application was previously tabled following a public hearing on November 16, 2022.
 The applicant is proposing to divide the existing 35.20 acre tract 4 of Cool Sunshine Ranch into three tracts, Tract A of 10.74 acres, Tract B of 11.48 acres, and Tract C of 11.47 acres. This property is in the Rural (RU) zone district.
 The legal description of the property is: Tract 4 of The Cool Sunshine Ranch, the plat of which was filed September 4, 1996, under Reception No. 279245 in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Alamosa County, Colorado. Together with a non-exclusive right-of-way and easement for road and public purposes over and across the '60' Road & P.U.E.' as shown on the Plat of the Cool Sunshine Ranch, County of Alamosa, State of Colorado.
 Details regarding this application are available for public inspection in the Alamosa County Land Use Office at 8999 Independence Way Suite 100 during regular office hours or at (719) 589-3812.
 Richard Hubler
 Land Use Administrator
 Alamosa County
 No. 3927.
 Published in the Valley Courier on May 1, 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

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

RUSTIC ROOK IN MOSCA 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)

221 - HELP WANTED

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

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)

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)

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

221 - HELP WANTED

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. \$1700/hr. Send resume/cover letter to hr@lapuente.net. (5/10/24)

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)

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)

221 - HELP WANTED

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

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)

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. (5/1/24)



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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)

221 - HELP WANTED

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

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

221 - HELP WANTED

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)

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

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

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

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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)

LOOKING FOR YEAR ROUND HELP ON POTATO GRAIN FARM, starting immediately, contact 719-850-2137. Must have experience around machinery and farming practices. (5/1/24)

HEAD JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL COACH needed at DEL NORTE JR. HIGH SCHOOL. Experience as a coach or assistant coach at the MIDDLE SCHOOL and/or HIGH SCHOOL level is preferred. Must possess: effective coaching techniques and a thorough knowledge of the rules of the sport; and have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with school administrators, parents, and students. Please contact Gibbs Sanchez, Athletic Director, at: gsanchez@urtigers.co 719-657-4020; or Annie Hardy, Principal, at: ahardy@urtigers.co 719-657-4020. (5/1/24)

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345 - WOOD

PECAN WOOD CHUNKS for sale. Great for smoking meat! 719-588-1183. (6/1/24)

350 - FARM EQUIPMENT

FOR SALE: 1) 8245R JD 1704 hrs; 2) 4450 JD 10715 hrs; 3) 4455 JD 10279 hrs; 4) 2270 3x3 Baler 15205 bales; 5) 2-Siyrex Hdr Rakes; 6) JD Drill 455 HdyDown 25'; 7) Packer Brilliant 25'; 8) Windrow Rock 4 row; 9) 2 Chopper 14'-22'; 10) KuHn 8' Rake; 11) 2- Pequea Fluffers. Call 719-588-1542 for more info & pricing. (5/15/24)

POWDER RIVER CALF BRANDING SHUTE for sale; excellent condition. 719-580-5745. (5/1+4/24)

353 - FARM & LIVESTOCK

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

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360 - MISC. FOR SALE

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387 - WANTED TO BUY

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420 - LOTS & ACREAGES

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426 - MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

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

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

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 — tide
 - 4 Parched
 - 7 Egg on
 - 11 Meas. of liquid
 - 12 “— Willy”
 - 13 City near Lake Tahoe
 - 14 Beer
 - 15 Jot
 - 16 Mother of Horus
 - 17 Cause to vanish
 - 19 Gully
 - 21 “When Harry Met —”
 - 23 Woody stem
 - 24 Daily drudgery
 - 26 Further
 - 28 Many years
 - 29 “For Pete’s —!”
 - 31 Facilitate
 - 35 Toy block maker
 - 37 Distort
 - 39 Play on words
 - 40 Toll road
- DOWN**
- 1 “Oh, my goodness!”
 - 2 Java neighbor
 - 3 Boon
 - 4 Whimsical
 - 5 Soak flax
 - 6 “The Seven — Itch”

Answer to Previous Puzzle

B	O	W	P	A	S	T	P	O	P	S		
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- 7 Confidential
- 8 Plant secretion
- 9 Cat- — -tails
- 10 Recommended amount
- 12 Areas
- 18 — -fry
- 20 Playing card
- 22 Went on and on
- 24 Hair goo
- 25 Caviar
- 27 Spelling event
- 30 Invite
- 32 Attached to
- 33 “A Boy Named —”
- 34 Tip
- 36 Run
- 38 Capt. Ahab, e.g.
- 41 — and outs
- 43 Yoko —
- 44 Rings
- 45 Earthing
- 47 “Doll’s House” playwright
- 48 Eatery
- 49 Fencer’s blade
- 51 Prima donna
- 52 Bridge
- 55 Run up a tab

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ALLEY OOP

THANKS FOR DESTROYING THE ALIEN DEATH DEVICE, ALLEY.

ACTUALLY, THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO TELL YOU.

WHAT? YOU DIDN'T DESTROY IT?

I DID! BUT NOW IT'S BACK.

SMASH IT AGAIN!

WITH PLEASURE!

ALLEY IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR FISTS?

OH, NO! NOT SMASHY AND SMASHY JR.!

ARLO & JANIS

ERIN, WE'RE GOING TO VISIT OUR SON'S FAMILY FOR A FEW WEEKS.

WE NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE CARE OF THE CAT AND THE PLANTS AND JUST BE HERE. COULD YOU DO THAT?

CAN I DO THIS? I BEGAN BABYSITTING WHEN I WAS 13, TO SAVE MONEY FOR COLLEGE!

THIS GIG WOULD BE MY REWARD IN PARADISE!

BIG NATE

THE LID'S COMING LOOSE!

WHAT'S INSIDE? IS IT MONEY?

NOPE, IT'S NOT MONEY. IT'S JUST A BUNCH OF OLD PAPERS.

THEY COULD STILL BE VALUABLE, THOUGH. MAYBE THEY'RE STOCK OPTIONS!

DEAR EDNA, MY LITTLE SUGAR LUMP...

THEY'RE NOT STOCK OPTIONS.

THE BORN LOSER

DO I EVER TALK TO MYSELF?

SURE I DO!

SOMETIMES I'M THE ONLY ONE AROUND HERE WHO WILL LISTEN!

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

BEEEEEEEP!

CLICK!

SNORK

ELLY?

I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO GET UP AND GO RUNNING WITH CONNIE!

POOP!

UH?

FRANK & ERNEST

Puss 'n' Boots Diner

I'LL HAVE THE FISH 'N' CHIRPS.

GARFIELD

"DEAR ASK A DOG, WHY DOES MY DOG ALWAYS EMBARRASS ME?"

ODIE?

STOP DRINKING FROM THAT AND ANSWER THE QUESTION!

THE GRIZZWELLS

ASLEEP AGAIN? YOU LAZY @##% BEAR!

Z

YOU BETTER STEP UP YOUR GAME!

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN!

Z

PEANUTS

PRACTICING FOR THE DOUBLES TOURNAMENT I SEE...

I SUPPOSE YOU AND THE GARAGE WILL BE PARTNERS AGAIN...

I DON'T THINK SO

HE DOESN'T MOVE AS WELL AS HE USED TO!

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

HERMAN

"Oh no! Freezer burn!"

Workplace crush leaves woman struggling to move forward

DEAR ABBY: I am a lesbian who recently experienced heartbreak by falling in love with my mentor and boss. I didn't want it to happen, but it did. The time we spent together was a balance of bliss and fear. My heart and soul feel that she feels the same way about me. I left my job because my feelings for her became so overwhelming, I could no longer cope.

She knows how I feel about her, and she has shown interest in me in the past. She is not gay, but I do know of straight women who have fallen in love with one woman in their lives. We have a 15-year age difference. That doesn't matter to me. I'm absolutely crazy about her. I dream about our Victorian home together and a beautiful garden and life. I want nothing else but to make her happy for the rest of her life, make her breakfast every morning and beautiful dinners every night.

We are no longer communicating, upon her request. I want to heal my heart and live my life. It's so hard to let go of her, but I know I should. On the other hand, something tells me I should wait for her. How can I move forward and find the love I deserve in this life? -- CRUSHED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CRUSHED: If you really want to find the love you know you deserve, then you are going to have to find someone who is ready and willing to provide it. This person is not. She was interested in you only as a friend and an employee. Asking you to stop communicating with her was a strong message.

It may take time and even psychological counseling to help you disengage from your fantasy of an idealized life with this woman. But for the sake of your sanity, it's important that you try.

DEAR ABBY: My son got his girlfriend pregnant. She already has a 7-year-old by another man. Her mother kicked her and the baby out right after the baby was born. She had no other place to go, so I had her, her child and my grandbaby stay with my husband and me. What a big mistake that was!

All we asked of her was to clean up a little bit around the house. She lives here rent-free. She buys her food and will cook sometimes for herself and her children, but she leaves the pots and pans and dishes for me to do. She won't lift a finger to do any other household chores. She works only part time, and I watch both kids when my son can't. Am I wrong to be angry that she won't



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

helpout? -- DOING IT ALL IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR DOING IT: I'm glad you asked. This appears to be an example of "no good deed goes unpunished." That said, you are wrong to be angry at your son's girlfriend. You should be angry at yourself for tolerating her selfish behavior.

She AND YOUR SON should be working toward being independent. They are a family now. Lay down the law to your son and this young woman. Tell them EXACTLY what you expect of both of them -- and that if they don't comply, they will have to make other living arrangements. Then enforce the rules. If you do, you will be doing all of you a favor.

Lifestyle

CPW releases updated collared gray wolf activity map

By COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

DENVER — An updated map was published today on Colorado Parks and Wildlife's (CPW) website to continue informing the public, recreationists, and livestock producers on where collared wolves have been in the past month. CPW will update this map with new information monthly to reflect data for the past 30 days or so, produced on the fourth Wednesday of every month.

CPW also launched a new Gray Wolf Depredation Report webpage to inform the public about confirmed livestock depredations by wolves in Colorado. This page will be updated each time CPW staff investigates and confirms a new depredation event.

Updates:

- Two of the 10 collars placed on wolves translocated in December are no longer providing signals to CPW biologists. This includes the collar that failed in March and an additional collar that was partially functional in March but has since failed. The animals with the failed collars are traveling with other animals with functional collars, which currently allows CPW to monitor those animals. CPW has confirmed that the animals with the malfunctioning collars are still alive based on visual confirmation from an airplane.

- Movements of reintroduced wolves have been confirmed in watersheds east of the Continental Divide and onto the Front Range.

- This will be the last press release announcing Collared Gray Wolf Activity Map updates. The website will continue to be updated with recent activity on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Sign up for CPW's Gray Wolf Reintroduction Enews to stay informed.

- Statement from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: On April 18, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service became aware of a deceased gray wolf in Larimer County. As a federally listed species under the Endangered Species Act, the Service is investigating and has sent the carcass for a necropsy to determine the cause of death. Initial evidence suggests that this wolf likely died of natural causes, but a final determination will not be made until the necropsy is completed. This wolf was one of the 10 recently released by Colorado Parks and Wildlife in December 2023, and the Service is working cooperatively with CPW in our investigation. No additional details are available at this time. This is an active investigation, and all inquiries on this topic should go to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service PIO Joseph Szuszwalak (joseph_szuszwalak@fws.gov).

About the GPS collar data

Currently, the collars are programmed to record a position every four hours.

Once four locations are recorded, the packet of four locations is then transmitted via satellite to CPW biologists.

Some factors, such as dense cloud cover and closed terrain, can delay

the frequency of position recording and data transmission.

By looking at the data, CPW staff can learn where wolves have been, but they cannot tell where wolves are at a current point in time, nor can they predict where the wolves will go.

To protect the wolves, specific GPS data will not be shared.

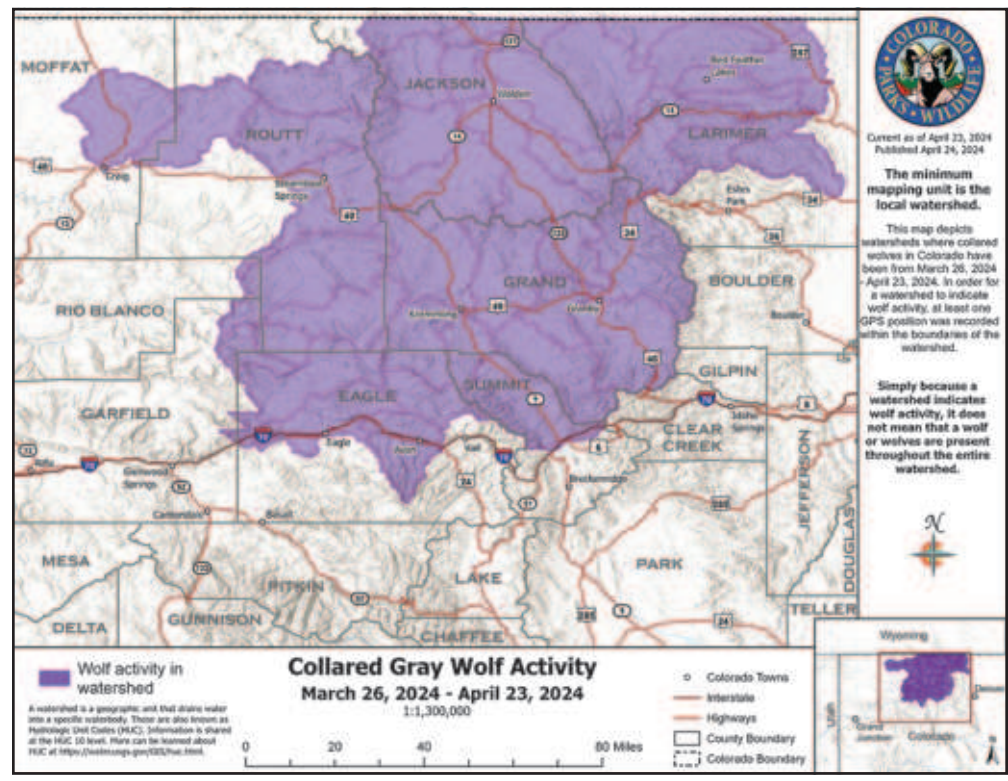
This map depicts watersheds where collared wolves in Colorado have been for the past 28 days. A watershed is a geographic unit that drains water into a specific water body. These are also known as Hydrologic Unit Codes (HUC). Information is shared at the HUC 10 level. Watersheds are the appropriate mapping unit to display wolf activity information because wolves are far more likely to use geographic features to affect their distribution than they are political boundaries. The HUC 10 scale provides detailed information that can help agricultural producers be informed of the general areas where wolf activity is known to

exist without being too general (i.e., as a county-level map would be) and also is not so specific to risk the protection of individual wolves (as a finer scale HUC12 map would be). Learn more about HUCs at <https://water.usgs.gov/GIS/huc.html>.

For a watershed to indicate wolf activity, at least one GPS point from the wolf collars was recorded within the watershed's boundaries. Because a watershed indicates wolf activity, it does not mean that a wolf or wolves are present throughout the entire watershed or that they are currently in it.

To protect the welfare of the wolves, CPW may buffer public-facing maps during sensitive times of the year (e.g., breeding, denning, or other sensitive times).

Through immigration from other states, potential collar failure or loss, and the natural reproduction of pups, the proportion of wolves with collars transmitting data will be reduced over time. Therefore, the accuracy of this map will diminish



over time as the activity of uncollared wolves may not be included in it. The long-term intention is to maintain at least two collars in each pack.

To learn more about wolves in Colorado, visit the CPW Wolves in Colorado website to find a variety of educational materials. Online resources include:

- Living With Wolves brochure

- Producers Guide to Livestock Depredations; Una guía para el productor sobre la depredación del ganado (En Español)
- Coyote or Gray Wolf: How to Spot the Differences flyer
- Wolf Resource Guide: Hands-on Resource to Reduce Depredations
- Keeping your pets safe where wolves are present
- Listen to a recent episode of the Colorado

Outdoors Podcast, "The Colorado Gray Wolf Reintroduction." In this episode, we hear from our Colorado Parks and Wildlife team members actively engaged in reintroducing gray wolves in Colorado. Tune in as they share their experiences, recounting their work in Oregon, where wolves were captured for relocation to Colorado, and from the release sites in Colorado.

kids' corner

HEALTH FACT:

THIS ACTIVITY CAN INCREASE INTELLIGENCE AND REDUCE STRESS LEVELS.

ANSWER: READING

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20. The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

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Solution

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

TEG UACTHG DAERNIG

Answer: Get caught reading

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1536: THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND, ANNE BOLEYN, IS ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED.
- 1611: THE KING JAMES VERSION OF THE BIBLE IS PUBLISHED FOR THE FIRST TIME.
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EMPATHY

the ability to understand and share the feelings of others

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Page
- SPANISH:** Página
- ITALIAN:** Pagina
- FRENCH:** Page
- GERMAN:** Seite

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