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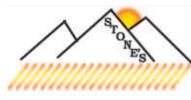
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Lady Tigers fall to Ignacio

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# SLV Today

### **SLVH advises** people to beware of scam

**ALAMOSA** — SLV Health

has become aware of a phishing attempt using its clinic phone number. SLVH officials ask the public to be cautious of any calls claiming to be from SLVH requesting personal information or payment.

If you receive such a call, hang up immediately and call one of the SLVH clinics to report this activity, 719-

### **Washington Avenue road** closure begins Monday, April 8

ALAMOSA — As part of the Alamosa Streets Trust Fund tax that was passed in 2019, beginning Monday, April 8, crews will begin the reconstruction work of Washington Avenue. This project will include replacement of infrastructure such as water, sewer, curb, gutter and sidewalks. Construction is anticipated to last 4 months.

For questions, contact the Public Works Department at 719-589-6631.

### Sangre de Cristo School **Board of Education** meeting

**MOSCA** — The Sangre de Cristo School Board of Education regular monthly meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, in the school Library at 8751 Lane 7 North, Mosca CO at 6 p.m. Copies of agendas are posted at school site, website, the Hooper and Mosca Post Offices, and the Mosca Pit Stop. Meetings are open to

### the public. **SLV WEATHER**



Mostly Sunny, Windy, Blowing Dust 66/31

Sat: Snow Likely, High Winds, blowing Dust 41/21

Sun: Sunny, Breezy 53/21

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# Council approves on first reading ordinance to set hours, ban weapons in city parks

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By PRISCILLA WAGGONER Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — An ordinance that sets curfews at all city parks, trails, open spaces and dog parks and prohibits dangerous and or deadly weapons in all city parks and recreation facilities in Alamosa was passed by the city council on first reading during Wednesday night's meet-

In the past, hours for the parks and recreation ■ See PARKS page 3

Cole Park in Alamosa.

Courier photo by Priscilla Waggoner





Courier photo by John Waters

Danielle Wobith (left), and Cari Conari owners of the SLV Apothecary in their new location at 1617 State Avenue in Alamosa.

# **SLV Apothecary grows** with new location

Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — SLV Apothecary, the local old-time herb tea shop which also has foods from local cultivators and producers, has expanded to a new State Avenue location on the south side of Alamosa. The location boasts a kitchen and is at 1617 State Ave. The store is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The apothecary moved into their current location in mid-

January from the old downtown Alamosa venue and now has all the needed permits to operate the kitchen that offers guest chefs.

The shop is owned by CaRi Conari and Danielle Wobith, as, "a grocery store — apoththe shop offers many custom ecary. There is the food bank tea blends including Insomnia Tea which includes Valerian other. We bring an apothecary leaf and flower, orange peel, and chamomile, and Easy Digest Tea a blend of leaves, lilac blossoms, fennel, and rose-

The business began in Alamosa two years ago after the two met and decided their lunch for sale and the galley for skills complemented each other and the business was born.

Wobith describes the location on one side and we are on the and groceries to an area that does not have one, so that is exciting. Local farmers can come

■ See GROWS page 3

## **Immerse** yourself in 'Water Week' and learn about water conservation

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER

Courier Reporter ALAMOSA — "Water week," starts this weekend with six days of fun, educational and free activities sponsored by the City of Alamosa.

With a focus on conserving water, Water Week kicks off at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 7, with a fluid conversation on water history at the Alamosa Public Library. Far from a dry topic, the history of water provides a key understanding and appreciation

of the past. Next on tap (yep, the puns keep coming), on Monday, April 8, there will be a tour of the Water Treatment Plant at 2 p.m.

Events for the week keep flowing on Tuesday, April 9, with the "How to design a low-water garden" event at 5:30 p.m. at Alamosa Public Library.

Wednesday, April 10, there's another chance to take a tour of the Water Treatment Plant. Same time - 2 p.m. and RSVP still required.

Wednesday night, soak up some fun at Water Themed Trivia! at Knee Knockers, starting at 7 p.m. As Mark Twain once said, "Whiskey's for drinkin', water's

■ See WATER page 3

# **USDA Rural Development announces Baroz as** new Single Family Housing Director in Colorado

She will work out of Alamosa office

By US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (RD) Colorado Acting State Director, Irene Et-Baroz was born and raised in said Baroz. the San Luis Valley and has been with the agency nearly for

16 years.

mosa USDA Rural Development in Colorado provides tools and areas. This assistance supports Office, located at 101 S. Craft resources that ensure rural fam- infrastructure improvements; Dr., Alamosa. "The work we do here at USDA nesses, and

**DENVER** – U.S. Department RD improves the quality of lives in rural America. Every day have the help we are given an opportunity to they need to make a difference and I'm grate- prosper, to- Rural Development ties such as sitty announced Tineel Baroz as ful for the opportunity to serve day and in the new Single Family Housing as the Single Family Housing the future. Programs Director in Colorado. Program Director for Colorado,'

over 70+ programs available to help with affordable housing, opportunities, create jobs, and gov/co.

Baroz will work out of the Ala- munity infrastructure. Our team millions of Americans in rural busiilies.

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lic safety, and health care; and high-speed internet access in ministration, USDA Rural De- rural, tribal, and high-poverty USDA Rural Development has velopment provides loans and areas. For more information in grants to help expand economic Colorado, visit www.rd.usda.



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# Record



The LOR Foundation donated \$1,500 to the Monte Vista High School Future Business Leaders of America club to help the students attend a state competition in Denver

# LOR Foundation donates \$1,500 to MVHS **FBLA** students

### By MARIE MCCOLM MONTE VISTA

LOR Foundation Monte Vista High School. The money was given to assist the business students with their attendance at the state competition for FBLA to help with expenses associated with the trip. The sponsorship will help with the cost of travel, meals, and lodging.

The students were excited about the scholarship and publicly thanked the LOR Foundation for their help.

The LOR Officer for Monte Vista, Ivette Atencio, was excited to help the students.

"I feel very honored to help our local schools and our students with their educational endeavors. No student should be limited to their educational opportunities due to financial barriers. This funding will also help alleviate any financial worry that the students' families may have about the trip. I am very happy to have the opportunity to help with this," she said.

sorship began when through

On Tuesday, March 26, request help. Naranjo ucation. reached out as there are donated \$1,500 to the 21 students who are set Future Business Lead- to compete at the state to compete in different ers of America club at FBLA competition this

> According to Atencio, while the school was able to cover most of the trip, donations and sponsorships are always helpful as many schools require more funding to completely cover trips. This ensures that there is less financial strain on students and their families.

> The \$1,500 that was awarded by the LOR Foundation will help cover anything that the school cannot cover.

Future Business Leaders of America, better known as FBLA, is one of the largest business student organizations in the world. According to FBLA.org, students in FBLA gain like-minded business socialization skills, and networking connections. The organization helps prepare students for career development in business beyond ing with money and retheir high school and col-

FBLA helps students and Responsibility. build and obtain con-

Naranjo reached out to use FBLA to obtain scholthe LOR Foundation to arships for continuing ed-

> The FBLA state competition allows students areas to obtain leadership and awards. There are different competitive events and subjects at the competition including Public Speaking, Business Law, Entrepreneurship, and Accounting.

> According to the LOR Foundation website, the LOR Foundation is a private nonprofit organization that works with individuals and business organizations to help with projects that benefit rural areas. The LOR Foundation helps with funding, support, and resources.

> The LOR foundation seeks community, social, and individual input on how to kick start projects that benefit many rural areas in the Mountain West area. The LOR Foundation helps prove the quality of life for many individuals and organizations by assistsources. LOR stands for Livability, Opportunity,

For more information The idea for the spon- fidence in themselves, on FBLA or the LOR trustee and decided to .5 percent of the voterrecognition Foundation you may visit run for mayor against in- approved 2 percent sales Medina came in with 113 Monte Vista High School awards and there are their online websites and

# Culvert repair project got underway April 1

Project will occur at five different locations in two counties

### By COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CHAFEE AND COS-

TILLA COUNTIES —

The Colorado Department of Transportation began culvert repair work this week along four roadways in two south-central Colorado counties: US Highway 160 in Costilla County and US 24, US 285, and US 50 in Chaffee County. American West Construction, is the contractor for this project.

Project work will be implemented in phases between April and August. The first culvert repair project will happen on US 160 at Mile Point 265, about seven miles east of Ft. Garland. Crews will then move operations to US 285 at MP 130, three miles north of Poncha Springs. The third phase of the project will happen on US 50 at MP 223, one mile east of Salida. The 265). Traffic impacts will project team will then move operations to US 285 at MP 136, nine miles north of Poncha Springs. The final phase of the culvert repair project will be on US 24 at MP 202, eight miles north of Bue-

Culverts are required features of roadway infrastructure to pass water under a road at drainage areas or stream crossings. The project will make necessary enhancements accommodate higher accumulations of rainfall and lower the risks associated with flooding to maintain safe driving conditions. Work will primarily consist of regrading the culvert inlet to align drainage with the invert of the pipe, removing the existing inlet headwalls, and replacing the culverts with new headwalls, wings, and concrete lining the pipe.

Traffic Impacts Beginning April 1, motorists will encounter the first culvert repair work zone located on US 160 east of Ft. Garland (MP

 Daytime work hours range from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through

· Vehicles may occasionally be reduced to a single-lane, alternating traffic intermittently in either direction, throughout the duration of the project · Any periodic lane

closures would be guided by flaggers and could have up to 10-15-minute • The speed limit will

be reduced to 45 mph through the work zone

• The project is expected to last until the end of

**Project Information** For additional information about this proj-

· Call the project information line at 719-

581-4849 Email the project team at: southcentralcoculvertrepairs@gmail.

 Visit the project website at: codot.gov/ projects/southcentralcul-

## **Election: New mayors for Center and Del Norte** Susan Gardea was fifth ily in front with 205 votes.

STAFF REPORT

VALLEY — Del Norte and Center are poised to have new mayors according to the initial results of Tuesday's municipal elec-

Daniel "Archie" Gallegos was leading Center's mayoral election, according to preliminary unofficial results released by the Town of Center.

Gallegos was a current tion. Gallegos received 175 votes and Garcia received 140.

Four trustee seats were also before voters — three 4-year terms and one 2-year term. Incumbents Nivek Beiriger with 213 votes and Bill McClure with 159 and newcomer Paul Lopez with 220 votes were leading in the race for the 4-year terms. James Sanchez with 152 votes was leading in the 2-year term.

There could be some jos-

with 143 votes, followed by Natalia Judith Hernandez with 107 and Rogelio Aguilar with 101 votes.

Voters were also deciding Issue A, which creates a special economic development fund to be used for downtown revitalization and North 90 development. It received 175 yes votes and 126 no votes.

If approved, it takes cumbent Anthony Tony tax passed in 2020 to cre- votes. Garcia in the April 2 electrate the new economic development fund. The remaining 1.5 percent will continue to be used for capital improvements to town assets, public safety services, and park equipment improvements in the general fund.

Burnett leading in Del Norte mayor's race

The Town of Del Norte woke up to change Wednesday morning April 3 as unofficial results were released late Tuesday night, April 2. According to the Town of Del as more votes are counted. Shelly Burnett was eas-

Incumbent Mayor Chris Trujillo was next with 36 votes followed by mayoral candidate Shawn Goforth with 29 votes.

In the election for the three open trustee seats, Sarah A. White received the most votes with 211, followed by Louie Velasquez with 148 and Andrew Velasquez with 131. Bobbie L. Lopez came in with 123 votes and Jonathon

Crestone trustees

Crestone voters elected four trustees from five candidates during their election Tuesday. The leading vote getters according to preliminary results from the Town of Crestone were Bejamin Byers with 40 votes, Armando Mendez with 36, Dennis Posluszny with 32 and Kimberly Martinez with 27. Dana

More ballots are being counted and verified. Official results will be antling in the trustee races Norte, Mayoral candidate nounced when it is certi-

Oglesby received 20 votes.

# **SLVH's Wisniewski** achieves expert designation

By SAN LUIS VALLEY HEALTH

ALAMOSA — Thomas Wisniewski, Director of Pharmacy, San Luis Valley Health, has completed the Apexus Advanced 340B Operations Certificate Program and is now recognized as a certified expert in the 340B Drug Pricing Program.

The program is a federal drug discount program that permits eligible hospitals, community health centers, and clinics to purchase outpatient prescription drugs at significantly reduced discounts as a way to extend their scarce federal resources within their communities. The program is critical to generating savings for America's safety-net hospitals to provide programs and services for poor and underserved pa-



San Luis Valley Health Director of Pharmacy Thomas Wisniewski recently completed the Apexus Advanced 340B Operations Certificate Program.

that will greatly help expertise." SLV Health and our patients," Christine Hettinger-Hunt, Chief Operating Officer at SLVH. "The 340B program is incredibly complex. Completing "Completing the Ad- is vital to implementing our team and the commuvanced 340B Operations and maintaining a com- nity," he said.

Certificate program was pliant 340B program. a difficult but reward- Congratulations to Tom accomplishment for achieving this level of

> Wisniewski acknowlcommented edged that the training was rigorous, and he learned a lot along the

"Graduating from this program will allow more this level of education opportunity to innovate provides knowledge that and provide solutions to

## **PENDING OBITUARIES**

### **Charles Sylvester**

Alamosa resident Charles Sylvester, 37, passed away April 2, 2024. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Ala-

### Francisco D. Martinez

Ft. Garland resident Francisco D. Martinez, 25, passed away April 2, 2024. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home

### **Jeffrey John Gonzales**

Former Monte Vista resident Jeffrey John Gonzales, 44, passed away on April 1, 2024, in Pueblo, Colo. Arrangements are pending and will be cared for through Mountain Valley Mortuary.

### Eligible Coloradans encouraged to apply for Colorado's Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) by April 30 deadline

**Bv COLORADO** DEPARTMENT OF **HUMAN SERVICES** 

**DENVER** — April 30 is the last day to apply for Colorado's Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP). LEAP helps eligible individuals and families pay a portion of winter home heating costs by making a one-time payment directly to the utility company on behalf of each LEAPeligible household. This season, eligible families can expect to receive between \$200 to \$1,000 in energy assistance, de-

pending on the type of heating fuel, household manent legal resident income and other factors. of the U.S. living in the "It's not too late for household. Coloradans to apply for Kullen, LEAP manager. rado.gov/leap. Online ap-"The extra money that plications are processed LEAP provides to help through the Colorado

ed finding it very difficult to receive an application to pay basic household via mail or email or visit expenses recently."

Coloradans may have an office to pick up or drop income of up to 60 percent of the state median income. This equates to a household income of less than \$71,112 a year for a family of four. For a further breakdown of income requirements, visit the LEAP website.

Additionally, LEAP recipients must pay home heating costs directly to a utility company or landlord as part of their rent and have at least one U.S. citizen or per-

To access the LEAP apsays Theresa plication, visit cdhs.colopay home energy bills PEAK system. You can can make a difference for also call the HEAT HELP the nearly 500,000 Colo- line at 1-866-HEATradans who have report- HELP (1-866-432-8435)

your local county depart-To qualify for LEAP, ment of human services off an application.



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# **Proclamation** night in **Alamosa**

Three proclamations were approved by the city council during their Wednesday night meeting, which were read by the newest council members as well as Mayor Coleman. The week of April 2-8 was declared Dark Sky Week in Alamosa, with Councilor Dominguez reading . April was declared Sexual Assault Awareness month, with Mayor Ty Colemen reading. And the third, declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention month, was read by Councilor Jackie Vigil. Following each proclamation there were group photos. In this photo, staff members with Tu Casa posed with Mayor Ty Coleman and other members of city council for the Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Tu Casa staff were presented with the Child Abuse Prevention month proclamation, as well.

Photo by Holly Martinez, City of Alamosa

# Red Flag Warning issued for the San Luis Valley

**VALLEY** — The Na- relative humidity for fire paredness actions: tional Weather Service in weather zone 224. Pueblo, Colorado has is-

Luis Valley including Alamosa, Del Norte, Fort Garland, and Saguache.

Water

for fightin'."

**Parks** 

remains in effect from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday for gusty winds and low

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On Friday, April 12,

kids can whet their cre-

ative appetite when they

"Decorate a pot for a low

water plant" at the li-

brary. Kids event is at

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Alamosa. The same holds

true for safety provisions

As explained by Andy

Rice, director of Alamosa

Parks and Recreation

when presenting the or-

dinance to the council, re-

cent incidents of violence

that occurred last year in

two different parks in the

city sparked a conversa-

tion between Parks and

Recreation and the Ala-

mosa Police Department

Specifically, last year,

a youth allegedly shot

someone in Carroll Park,

and, in an unrelated in-

cident, a juvenile was

taken into custody after

stabbing the proprietor of

a carnival being held at

the violence of the situa-

tions and their impact on

public safety prompted

the discussion of what

measures should be put

As Rice explained, cur-

rently parks are open 24

hours. Although camping

in public parks is prohib-

ited, APD officers have

encountered individuals

who claimed they were

not camping, they were

"napping", which put of-

ficers in the position of

having to discern wheth-

er further engagement

Squires told council, set-

ting hours "gives us a reason to contact people and

check out what they're

It is also believed that

If passed, Ordinance

4-2024 will set hours for

Sergeant

APD

was required.

doing.'

infrequent,

(APD).

Cole Park.

in place.

Although

regarding weapons.

sued a Red Flag Warning  $\,\,40$  mph with gusts up to  $\,\,$  weather  $\,\,$  conditions  $\,\,$  are 50 mph.

Relative midity As low as 12 percent.

• Impacts — Condi-A Red Flag Warning tions may be favorable for rapid rates of fire growth and spread.

A Red Flag Warning · Winds — South 30 to means that critical fire either occurring now or will shortly. A combina-Hu- tion of strong winds, low relative humidity, and warm temperatures can contribute to extreme fire behavior. Additional Red Flag Warnings are possible through Monday. Fire burn restrictions may also be in effect.

And with water scarcity an ever-increasing con-On Saturday, April 13, cern, learning about conservation — and having ed to wade into the topic fun while you're at it — is of saving water with a one of the best things you Family Water Conserva- can do for the good of ev-

Questions RSVP, contact bramza@

Precautionary 1:30 p.m. Tweens at 5:30

the whole family is invittion event at the library. Drop in from 12 to 2 p.m.

thing," as the saying goes. ci.alamosa.co.us.

"Water touches every-

city parks from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., with the exception of special events that ment officers in the lawhave been reviewed and ful discharge of their du-cluding lovage, lemon to cover the cost. Conari facilities have been set approved by city staff on ties, possession or use of balm, and lemon verbena said that having the cold offers classes such as a by policy by the city of a case-by-case basis.

> Overnight tents, enclosures, or other C.R.S. § 18-1-901(3)(e) a unpermitted structures such as "bouncy castles" or the sale of goods and services are prohibited, unless otherwise posted or authorized by Alamosa Parks and Recreation.

parks will be open from dawn to dusk, unless otherwise posted or authorized by Alamosa Parks and Recreation.

There is a caveat built into the ordinance that pertains to "transient," use of parks and open spaces, citing runners and walkers as an example. "There are a lot of people who like to run or walk on paths in the park or the trails," Rice said.

As worded in the document given to council members ahead of Wednesday night's meeting, "Like most rules and regulations, enforcement is at the discretion of law enforcement and would be used when appropriate versus prohibitive towards exercise and wellness type use."

As its title, "Setting Official Hours for Public Use of Alamosa Parks and Open Spaces and Prohibiting Deadly Weapons in all Parks, Open Space and Recreation Facilities," states, Ordinance 4-2024 also bans weapons in parks and recreation facilities including knives or any other dangerous instrument capable of inflicting cutting, stabbing, or tearing wounds having

the curfew will reduce a blade of over 3.5 inches. An exception is provided for hunting or fishing knives carried for sports

Except for law enforcecamping, prohibited. As defined in deadly weapon includes firearms, bludgeons, or any other weapon intended to be used or capable of death or serious bodily injury.

The ordinance makes Open space and dog exceptions for bows and arrows permitted at the archery range. And licensed concealed carry of firearms is permitted but is also discouraged.

Most Saturdays, the Alamosa Family Recreation Center is packed with kids and families participating in group activities. There is no reason for weapons to be present when a sizable population of families is congregated. This ordinance would in theory help deter the threat of violence.

The Director of Parks and Recreation is empowered to make minor amendments to the rules without approval from the city council, but any amendments changing the prohibition on weapons, alcohol or drugs will require council involvement.

A list of the twentyfive properties, including parks, recreation parks and facilities can be found as an attachment to the ordinance listed on the agenda for April 3, 2024. That can be found www.cityofalamosa. org/city-council/agendas.

Ordinance 4-2024 is scheduled for a second reading, including public comment, during the April 17, meeting to be held in council chambers at 300 Hunt Ave. in Ala-



than the previous location the purveyor of fresh, local foods, herbs, teas, and more.

## rows

■ Continued from Page 1 and bring their produce, meats, and product."

The new location is about twice the size of the former location. Smith is also the pro-

prietor of InfiTea Farm, a vate the herbs and make tea blends, tinctures, and salves. I also do hydrosols." Smith grows herbs in-

added that she engages agricultural techniques at the farm and focuses on producing perennial plants.

"Our main goal, other than selling our products, is selling San Luis Valleyproduced products. Our focus is SLV products, Alamosa, La Jara, Crestone, Saguache, and Monte Vista," Conari said.

On a recent visit, this reporter purchased a sourdough bread from Tumbleweed Bakery that was exquisite. The San Luis Valley-based bakery takes pride in using mostly locally grown grain that is stone ground into

unrefined flour which ly in the North American preserves the plentiful nutritional benefits found in unprocessed berries/ seeds. "We are proud to be the San Luis Valley's naturally leavened, whole grain, wholesale bakery," according to the website of the bakery.

The new location has a business, "Where I culti- large walk-in refrigerated Valley Mushrooms in Sa-Department of Agriculture cally. deadly weapons are also at the Rio Grande Farm space working will assist Sleeping Tincture Class Park in Alamosa. Smith in their mission of bring- on April 13 from 5:30 to agriculture to market.

> herbs in the wild, Wobith harvests the herb Oshá, in the San Juan Mountains at an elevation of about 10,000 feet. According to the University of Kansas Native Medicinal Plant Research Program, "The root of Ligusticum porteri, known as Oshá, the Southwest and Mexico — as a traditional remedy for colds, sore throat use as an herbal remedy has increased significant- com.

natural products market over the past two decades.

Local producers are a hallmark of the apothecary and products include bread and pizza dough from Tumbleweed Bread, locally grown meat, and mushrooms from Alpine unit that unfortunately guache. Conari says the needs \$4,000 in repairs. pioppino mushrooms are The two are seeking a excellent on pizza made grant from the Colorado from the dough made lo-

The apothecary also ing regenerative and local 7 p.m. Participants can learn about herbs that The duo also gathers can help you get rest. The cost is a suggested donation of \$20.

On April 20, there will be an Earth Day dinner featuring local farmers and producers that will include local handmade potato gnocchi, rosemary butter, mixed green salad, fresh chevre cheesehas long been esteemed cake, and much more. particularly among Guest Chef Desiree from loaf of turmeric, onion Native Americans and Gracie's Farmstand will Hispanic populations in oversee the dinner. The cost is \$30 per person and seating is limited.

> SLV Apothecary can be and other ailments. Its reached at 719-496-6114 www.slvapothecary. or



Valley-Wide

Valley-Wide Welcomes

### Vanessa Sonnen, FNP

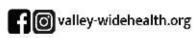
Convenient Care Community Clinic 1131 Main Street, Alamosa, CO

Vanessa strives to assist patients in obtaining their

health goals through education and promoting preventative healthcare, accountability, and autonomy. Early in her career, Vanessa recognized how many ailments and illnesses could be mitigated through education, moving our bodies and screenings. She has previous experience working as an RN in a high risk Labor and Delivery Unit, a Maternal Fetal Medicine Unit, and an Intensive care unit. Vanessa was born and raised in rural Idaho. When her husband began graduate school, she moved to Aurora, CO, and in 2013, they moved to Alamosa. Outside of the clinic, Vanessa enjoys reading, weightlifting, exploring the outdoors and spending time with her husband and beautiful baby. She is also a volunteer member of the Alamosa

Choose Vanessa Sonnen and Convenient Care Community Clinic when you need a quick visit!

Homeless Coalition board



# Little things in big packages

It looks like we got through another Easter this past weekend which means all the candy is on sale at the Big Box stores. I am not sure how that system works for them but it appears to me they way overbuy on all the sweet confectionary goodies prior to the actual Holiday which also



**Trout** 

by Kevin Kirkpatrick

means if you are patient you can score big on big bags.

Way long ago the only candy bars a person could get were the full-size ones but someone had the great idea to package itty-bitty ones in a big bag so that people could feel like they were not overeating. Now, however, folks eat ten of the small ones, making up in volume with quantity. All those small items in a big bag got me to thinking — a dangerous proposition for Ol' Dutch according to Miss Trixie about little things in big packages. Now before you make some derisive statement about the size of my brain in a big package, that's not what we are talking about here. We are talking about things of small size that seem to come in massive packaging comparatively.

Just the other night as Ol' Dutch was standing at the vanity dosing out his daily pill quantities, I noticed just how small the pills were in relation to the size of the container they came in. And there was no



or how these things are packaged up as I have to order them through a mail order service as getting them local well, just does not make sense.

But regardless of the method the medicine shows up on time and in the right quantity, I think. Pharmacy error rates can range from .00003% (or 43 in 1,420,091 prescriptions) to 55% (or 55 in 100.) You know I don't mind being in the bottom percentage of mistaken meds but 55 out of 100 would be a little too risky

But come they do and the last order came with really large bottles for little pills. I have to assume that due to the volume of medication this pharmacy puts out that the pill filling probably has been

aged as it seems the tinier the pill, the a whole slew of pharmacists were put larger the bottle was. I have no idea who out of work due to the modernization of the industry. But don't be concerned as I think I know where those same pharmacists are now working after they left Big Pharma. They went to Amazon.

You may ask just how Ol' Dutch came to such a mind-blowing conclusion and I am so glad you asked that. It's like this. Miss Trixie has long been an Amazon ordering phenomenon in her own right and has taught Ol' Dutch the ins and outs of the trade. So almost daily it seems we get some package from the great Santa Claus in the sky and boxes show up with the regularity of a Metamucil-induced colon

And one thing you will find that there is no rhyme or reason to the packaging as some tiny little item will arrive in a rhyme or reason to how they were pack-taken over by machines. This means that box big enough to ship a small child in. troutrepublic.com.

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To submit sports, email: khamrick@alamosanews.com

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(Something Ol' Dutch thought about doing a time or two while raising kids.) Which just goes to prove that ex-clinical workers who were involved in the pharma trade are now running the show at Amazon. The upside is with the arrival of the big boxes every day seems like Christmas and every child in us is happy to get the big present.

So, get out there quick and score some of those small candy bars in a big package before it's too late. And feel good about how few calories you are consuming in each one as you down the tenth candy bar.

Kevin Kirkpatrick and his Yorkie, Cooper, fish, hunt, ATV or hike daily. His email is Kevin@TroutRepublic.com. Additional news can be found at www.

# **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and** Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Child Abuse Prevention Month (CAPM) is a time to highlight the importance of individuals and communities working together to prevent child abuse. Our goal is to increase awareness about child abuse and neglect and to decrease it from occurring. During 2023, in the San Luis Valley there were 1072 child abuse reports made to the Colorado Department of Human Services.

In honor of CAPM, the Children's Advocacy Center of the San Luis Valmonth and to participate in "Wear Blue Day" on April 5. The blue-ribbon campaign began after a grandmother used it to honor her grandson who was killed while being abused. The blue ribbon is a symbol of hope that one day no child will suffer from abuse and gives you the opportunity to tell others that you support child abuse prevention. By wearing blue on Friday, April 5, you will join communities across Colorado in taking a stand. If you are in need of a blue ribbon to wear, contact Tu Casa, Inc. at

719-589-2465. Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) is a campaign to raise public awareness about sexual assault and educate the community about how to prevent sexual violence. This year marks the 23rd anniversary of SAAM; howev-

er, efforts to end sexual violence began that same time period 51,000 women request that you share photos of how decades before, with advocates like Rosa Parks whose efforts led to events in the late 1970's. One of those events was the "Take Back the Night" event, which was held in San Francisco. The Take Back the Night event protested rape and sexual assault that women encountered while walking the streets at night. This event started a movement across the U.S. which helped form SAAM.

Tu Casa, Inc. (TCI) is helping raise awareness about sexual assault a bandana, which will be available at tucasa.net, and click on the link to doley (SLV CAC) would like to invite you throughout the month of April by wear- TCI's April Lunch and Learn hosted at nate. If you are interested in volunteerto wear a blue ribbon throughout the ing a teal ribbon. TCI also invites you Behavioral Health Group on April 18 at ing with our agency or would like more to wear some form of denim for "Denim Day" which is observed on Wednesday, April 24. By wearing teal and or denim, you will be taking a stand against sexual violence with others across the U.S. and showing your support for efforts to end sexual violence. If you are interested in wearing a teal ribbon, but don't have one please contact TCI at 719-589-2465.

> Throughout the month of April, advocates from TCI will be hosting a Clothesline Project. The Clothesline Project began in 1990 as an effort to educate people about violence against women and to break the silence. It was developed after a striking comparison was made by the Men's Rape Prevention Project: During the Vietnam war 58,000 soldiers were killed and during

were killed by interpersonal violence. The Clothesline Project has allowed communities to come together to expose the truth about violence and its impact. The SLV Clothesline Project will be displayed throughout the month of April at various locations, including Adam's State University (ASU), Trinidad State Junior College (TSJC), SLV Health, and Spare Keg. We invite the community to participate in this project by decorating by abuse, visit our website www.slv-12 p.m. The Tu Casa Program will also be hosting a "Chalk the Walk" event at both ASU and TSJC in honor of SAAM. so look for common myths versus facts, national statistics, and phrases to use when asking for consent on ASU's & TSJC's main campus sidewalks.

Every April, the SLV CAC organizes a poster contest with the Alamosa Elementary schools and Ortega Middle School. This year's theme is "It's A Beautiful Day to Protect Kids". The winners from 2023 will be on display throughout the San Luis Valley. Please look for the posters in your community.

Throughout April you can stay updated on events and activities by following our Facebook: www.facebook.com/ TuCasaInc and Instagram: www.instagram.com/slvtucasa/ pages. We also

you are raising awareness to the above-

mentioned social media accounts. Child abuse and sexual assault can no longer be ignored; we must work together to raise awareness and to end violence. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, call the Tu Casa, Inc. 24-hour hotline at 719-589-2465. If you would like to make a donation in honor of those who have been impacted information about events, contact us at

719-589-2465. Tu Casa, Inc., is a is a non-profit and an umbrella organization that houses the Tu Casa Program, the Children's Advocacy Center of the San Luis Valley Program, and the SANE program, that helps children and adults live healthy, violence-free lives throughout the San Luis Valley since 1979. In 2022, the Tu Casa Program provided services to 240 people, the Children's Advocacy Center of the San Luis Valley provided services to 92 children, and the Tu Casa, Inc. 24-hour hotline received 414 calls. All services are free, confidential, and available in English and Spanish — do not allow language to be a barrier to seeking help, we will always find a way to help.

### LETTER

# CCSP seeks to help people in the San Luis Valley

Christian Community Service Projects (CCSP) is a non-profit organization in Alamosa that seeks to help the residents of the San Luis Valley. Our mission statement is this: "To address national board and the work, which is

ple in the San Luis Valley Community through service projects in the name of

Christ.' CCSP is directed by an interdenomi-

by a manager and job site coordinator. Work projects are solicited by the manager and selected according to need and

our ability to do the job. Projects typically include light con-

the physical and spiritual needs of peo- all done by volunteers, is supervised struction, handicapped accessibility, painting, and projects to enhance safety and comfort for the residents. Residents are asked to provide materials if they are able, and if not, CCSP has limited funds to assist in paying for the improvements. All the work is done by donated labor and is supervised by an experienced contractor/job site coordi-

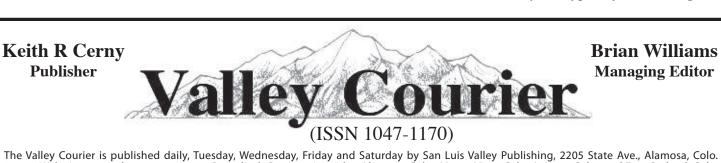
CCSP is funded by volunteer groups who donate not only their labor but also pay a fee to cover their expenses and fund some of the project work.

Donations from local businesses also provide a generous part of the funding for those who truly need the help and to whom we can show the love of Christ by improving their living conditions and their lives in general.

The need for help in the San Luis Valley is phenomenal and CCSP has been able to provide much needed and appreciated assistance to many elderly and underprivileged residents in the

For more information or to apply for

a work project, call 719-589-2330.



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## The Heat Is On Spring **Events DUI enforcement** began Thursday CSP crash investiga- alcohol or cannabis — put

By COLORADO **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATEWIDE** 

Spring is officially here,

and the Colorado Department of Transportation is encouraging Coloradans to leave the 'buzz' to the bees and away from the driver's seat. From April 4–24, CDOT will support the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and 73 local law enforcement agencies for The Heat Is On Spring Events DUI enforcement period. During the 21day enforcement period, there will be additional law enforcement officers on duty across the state to remove impaired drivers from roadways. Drivers may also see saturation patrols and sobriety checkpoints dedicated to arresting impaired driv-

"Alcohol drugs impair your ability to concentrate and decrease your ability to focus on speed, other motorists and lane positioning," said Col. Matthew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "To put it simply: getting behind the wheel while impaired puts you and others at risk of a fatal crash — it's never worth the risk. Even buzzed driving is drunk

day, Saturday and Sun- a sober ride. Your decihighest for impaired driv- crash and save lives." ing-related crashes. Since 2019, impaired drivers safe-ride options such as have been involved in rideshare services, taxis 5,509 fatal, injury and and public transit, there property crashes during is no excuse to drive unthe weekend period in Colorado, mostly in the evenings. This is a nearly 27% increase compared impaired before entering to the 4,322 DUI crashes their vehicle. Even if you reported during the week think you're OK to drive, since 2019.

attending warm weather DUI or worse. activities such as concerts, festivals and sport- Day Weekend enforceing events this spring, it ment period concluded is crucial for motorists to with 239 arrests across plan a sober ride to and 80 participating agenfrom their destinations. cies. The agencies with Through high-visibility the highest arrests were enforcement efforts, law Denver Police Departenforcement remains proment (33), Douglas Counactive in reducing DUI ty Sheriff's Office (17) and crashes. Last year, there Colorado Springs Police were 621 reported DUI Department (15). CSP arrests over the same reported 42 arrests. The Spring Events enforce- next DUI enforcement ment period. To date in period will be Memorial 2024, impaired drivers have been involved in 24 16-June 5. traffic fatalities on Colorado roads.

ber: the sun is out and so www.codot.gov/safety/ is law enforcement," said traffic-safety/data-analy-CDOT's Office of Trans- sis/fatal-crash-data. For portation Safety Direc- local law enforcement tor Darrell Lingk. "Make agency plans, visit www. driving and can result in a the responsible choice if codot.gov/safety/trafficyou've been consuming safety-reporting-portal.

tions have found that Fridown the keys and plan day nights ranked the sion could prevent a fatal

With the availability of der the influence. If you have a designated driver, make sure they are not it's always better to find With more Coloradans a sober ride than risk a

> The recent St. Patrick's Day Weekend from May

For yearly impaireddriving crash and fatal-"This spring, remem- ity data in Colorado, visit

### CPW, Dept. of Ag provide information on range riders, budget proposals to state legislature to assist ranchers, livestock owners By COLORADO

PARKS AND WILDLIFE

**DENVER** - Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the Department of Agriculture (CDA) provided information today on range riders and budget proposals to the ing, have been building depredation assistance, state legislature to assist ranchers and livestock owners. CDA and CPW are working on a plan to get on-the-ground assistance within the next two weeks with range riders.

CDA's budget request to the legislature includes funding to hire range riders, who are boots-onthe-ground support to livestock producers help protect herds from wolves. A human presence like a range rider can help detect wolves and deploy non-lethal deterrents to avoid depredation of livestock. While this request for range riders is pending at the legislature, CDA and CPW are deploying other available resources to provide immediate support and are working on a plan to deploy on the ground assistance through range riders this month.

Additionally, CPW and

ly with the herd owner of the Long Bill. and producers in Grand County to coordinate an General Fund request immediate response to included in the Long Bill the depredation incident under consideration by from April 2. The state the state legislature in agencies, which work to- FY 2024-25 and \$424,647 gether through a Memo- General Fund ongoing to randum of Understand- provide non-lethal wolf and prepare for any predator livestock incidents do's farmers and ranchand are working towards ers through a network of deploying range riders to three wildlife managers. help with non-lethal de-

redation Compensation ble for fair market value cash fund has \$175,000, provided from the state's General Fund, in its balance and will receive \$350,000 additional General Funds per fiscal year to keep a healthy balance in the fund on an ongoing basis. For the current fiscal year, CPW has spending authority for up to \$175,000 from this fund to compensate livestock owners for wolf depredation. CPW requested increased ongoing spending authority of up to \$525,000 per year beginning FY 24-25 in the department's budget proposal, which is currently available through the being considered by the agency. CDA are working close- General Assembly as part

CDA has a \$580,936 including and supplies to Colora-

When a depredation is confirmed, livestock A dedicated Wolf Dep- producers will be eligicompensation if a claim is submitted. CPW provides reimbursement for damages caused by gray wolves to livestock defined in C.R.S. 33-2-105.8 and animals used for guard/herding purposes and may provide conflict minimization materials under its Gray Wolf Compensation and Conflict Minimization Program. Following the recent incident in Grand County, CPW staff will continue contacting producers in the area, and encouraging the use of appropriate non-lethal deterrents

## Colorado Parks and Wildlife confirms wolflivestock depredation in Grand County

By COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

GRAND COUNTY -On the morning of April 2, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) received a report of a possible depredation incident after a landowner in Grand County contacted officers to report a dead calf. CPW wildlife officers quickly responded, conducted a field investigation, and confirmed a wolf-livestock depredation had oc-

"The results of this investigation indicated wounds consistent with

CPW Area Wildlife Man- purposes and may proager Jeromy Huntington. vide conflict minimiza-"The field investigation tion materials under its found multiple tooth Gray Wolf Compensation rake marks on the calf's and Conflict Minimizahindquarters and neck, and hemorrhaging under the hide, consistent with wolf depredation. Wolf tracks were also found

nearby.' The livestock producer will be eligible for fair market value compensation if a claim is submitted. CPW provides reimbursement for damages caused by gray wolves to

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33-2-105.8 and animals

wolf depredation," said used for guard/herding tion Program.

Per Colorado Revised Statutes 24-72-204(3)(a)(XXI), CPW may not release private landowner information. The landowner has requested not to be contacted.

CPW staff will continue contacting producers in the area and encouraging the use of appropriand services are forced to close. ate non-lethal deterrents available through the

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Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

Del Norte High School's Emely Gurrola (9) pushes the ball up field in Thursday's game against Ignacio at the Del Norte stadium. Gurrola scored threegoals, however, the Lady Tigers lost to the Lady Bobcats 8-3.

# Lady Tigers fall to Ignacio

By KEN HAMRICK

Courier sports editor **DEL NORTE** – Emely Gurrola scored all of the goals for the Del Norte High School girls soccer team, however, it wasn't enough as the Lady Tigers lost to Ignacio 8-3 Thursday at the Del Norte stadium.

Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga scored all of the

Lady Bobcats' goals. Gurrola staked Del Norte to the early lead as she took a pass from Tessa Vita and put the ball into the back of the net in the

game's ninth minute. Mendoza-Lechuga tied

the score five minites later on an assist by Lainee Bradley. The Lady Bobcats took the lead three minutes later on a penalty kick by Mendoza-

Lechuga. Mendoza-Lechuga then scored two unassisted goals in the 27th and 31st minute. She then scored on another penalty kick in the 33rd minute to give Ignacio a 5-1 lead at halftime.

Gurrola scored twice early in the second half to bring the Lady Tigers back into the game, tallying goals in the 48th and 50th minutes. Emma Parra

assisted on both goals.

Mendoza-Lechuga scored in the 71st minute off an assist by Maliyah Martinez, and she added an unassisted goal in the 76th minute. She wrapped up the scoring a minute later with Marlene Martinez-Perez getting the assist.

Ignacio had 20 shots on goal compared to 12 for the Lady Tigers.

Peytin Neal had 12 saves for the Lady Tigers.

Del Norte (0-5, 0-2) will travel to Colorado Springs on Saturday to face Banning Lewis Academy. The opening kickoff is at noon. Del Norte 1

DN - Gurrola (Vita), 9:00

I – Mendoza-Lechuga (Bradley), 14:00

I – Mendoza-Lechuga, 17:00 I - Mendoza-Lechuga, 27:00

I – Mendoza-Lechuga, 31:00 I – Mendoza-Lechuga, 33:00

DN - Gurrola (Parra), 48:00 DN - Gurrola (Parra), 50:00

I - Mendoza-Lechuga (Martinez),

I – Mendoza-Lechuga, 76:00 I – Mendoza-Lechuga (Martinez-

Perez), 77:00 Shots on goal – Ignacio 12-8—20; Del Norte 5-7—12.

Corner kicks - Ignacio 2-2-4; Del

Goalkeeprs – Ignacio: Lorenzini (saves 4-5—9); Del Norte: Neal (saves

# Duran, Valadez sign with **Trinidad State**

By KEN HAMRICK

Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA - Two Center High School wrestlers signed to continue their academic and athletic careers with Trinidad State College earlier this month.

The two Vikings who signed were Jordan Duran and

Valadez had a record of 35 wins and four losses this season, and he advanced to the state championship match at 144 pounds in Class 2A where he finished second. Valadez was also a regional champion as well as All-League and All-State.

Duran had a record of 31 wins and six losses this season and he took third place at 113 pounds at the Class 2A State Tournament. Duran was also a regional champion and was All-League.

Duran and Valadez led the Vikings to a sixth-place finish in the 2A State Tournament team standings.

# High school spring sports standings as of **Tuesday**

BASEBALL

Class 3A/2A Intermountain League Overall League W-LTeam Pagosa Springs ()-()4-1 Centauri 4-3 Montezuma-Cortez ()-()4-50 - 0Bayfield

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Class 2A Southern Peaks League

Alamosa

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	League	Overa
Team	W-L	W-L
Sanford	3-0	5-0
Monte Vista	2-0	4-2
Trinidad	1-0	2-5
Del Norte	0-0	1-1
Custer County	0-1	0-3
Center	0-1	0-4
Sargent	0-2	0-5
South Park	0-2	0-6

Class 1A South	iern Peaks Leag	gue
	League	Overal
Team	W-L	W-L
Sierra Grande	0-0	1-0
Antonito	0-0	2-3
Centennial	0-0	0-2

GIRLS SOCCER

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

Class 2A Southwest League League

Overall W-L-T Team W-L-T Crested Butte 1-0-0 6-1-0 2-2-0 Ridgway 1-1-0 Telluride 1-1-0 1-3-10-1-0 Ignacio 0-3-0**Del Norte** 0-1-00-4-0

## **Sports Bulletin**

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

**SCOREBOARD MONDAY Prep girls soccer** Bayfield 8, Del Norte

**TUESDAY** 

Antonito 12, Sargent 2, 5 inn. Centauri 19, Walsen-

**Prep baseball** 

burg 0, 4 inn. Gunnison 8, Alamosa 1 Gunnison 16, Ala-

mosa 10 Sanford 15, Center 5, 5 inn.

### WEDNESDAY College men's lacrosse

Concordia-Irvine (Calif.) 17, Adams State

**THURSDAY** Prep girls soccer Ignacio 8, Del Norte

**SCHEDULE FRIDAY Prep baseball** Monte Vista vs. Rangely (Buena Vista

Invitational), 10 a.m. Manzanola at Sierra Grande (2), 11 a.m. Antonito at Branson/ Kim, (2), 2:30 p.m.

Prep girls golf Monte Vista at Swink Invitational (at La Junta), 9 a.m.

Prep girls soccer Alamosa at Pagosa Springs, 4 p.m.

Prep track and field Sangre de Cristo, Sierra Grande at Ray Headley Invitational (at Swink), 9 a.m.

College baseball Adams State at Colorado School of Mines, College women's

softball Adams State at Colorado-Colorado Springs

(2), noon College outdoor track and field

Adams State at Jo Meaker Classic and Multi (at Canyon, Texas), TBA

**SATURDAY Prep baseball** La Veta at Sierra

Grande, 9 a.m. Durango at Alamo-

sa, 10 a.m. Monte Vista vs. Meeker (Buna Vista Invitational), 10 a.m.

Bayfield at Centauri (2), 11 a.m. Center at Sargent (2),

Del Norte at Trinidad

(2), 11 a.m. Monte Vista at Buena Vista (Buena Vista Invitational), 3 p.m.

Prep girls soccer Bayfield at Alamosa,

Del Norte at Banning Lewis Academy, noon

Prep track and field Creede, Del Norte at Abel Velasquez Invitational (at Ignacio),

Alamosa, Moffat, Monte Vista, Sanford, Sargent at Thunderstorm Invitational (at

CSU Pueblo), 9 a.m. Antonito, Center, Monte Vista at Salida Invitational, 9 a.m.

Centauri at Pueblo County Invitational, College baseball

Adams State at Colorado School of Mines (2), noon

College men's lacrosse Adams State at Colo-

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softball

Adams State at Colorado-Colorado Springs (2), 11 a.m. College outdoor

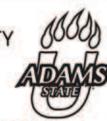
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Adams State at Jo Meaker Classic and Multi (at Canyon, Texas), TBA



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DARLENE LETEY, an Individual

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Division: C

NOTICE OF LEVY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 25, 2023, a Writ of Execution was issued out of the District Court for the County of Conejos directing the Sheriff of the County of Conejos, State of Colorado,

to levy upon and seize certain property of Darlene Letey, the above named Defendant, and the Sheriff of the County of Conejos did levy upon, seize and take into possession the following described prop-

erty:
Lot 3, Block 12, Manaassa Parcel No. 2, County of Conejos, State
of Colorado
Now, therefore, you Darlene Letey, Defendant, take notice, that within

fourteen (14) days from the date of service hereof, exclusive of the day of service, if served within this state, or if served by publication, you may make and file with the Clerk of the above-entitled court a written claim of any exemption which you may have under the statutes of the State of Colorado; and in case of your failure to make and file such written claim of exemption with the Clerk of said Court you shall be deemed to have waived your right of exemption under the statutes of this state.

Witness, Garth Crowther, Sheriff of Conejos County, Colorado, this 30 day of November, 2023.

GARTH CROWTHER CONEJOS COUNTY SHERIFF

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

COSTILLA COUNTY CONSERVANCY DIST SAN LUIS, CO

GUADALUPE SANCHEZ DITCH PROJECT

General Notice
Costilla County Conservancy District (District) in conjunction with the landowner, ditch, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project. These bids will be reviewed and approved by the District as a special district

and the financial agent for the project.:
Guadalupe Sanchez Ditch Project
Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Costilla

County Conservancy District located at 324 Main Street, PO Box 42, San Luis, Colorado 81152 until \_24\_, of \_\_April \_\_2024 at 4:00 PM local time. On \_\_April 26\_\_\_\_, 2024, at 12:30pm the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project includes the following Work: Construction of the Guadalupe Sanchez Ditch Works of Improvement. The District anticipates that the Project's total bid price will be approved.

The District anticipates that the Project's total bid price will be approx-imately \$300,000. The Project has an expected duration of approxi-mately 6 months with a goal deadline of completion of October, 2024.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents. Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Costilla County Con-servancy District Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

Costilla County Conservancy District 324 Main Street, San Luis, CO 81154 Pre-bid Conference

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on Tuesday, April 16th at 1pm at Costilla County Conservancy District, 324 Main Street, San Luis CO 81152. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

This Advertisement is issued by: Costilla County Conservancy District Ronda Lobato as Secretary of the Board of Directors Owner:

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6, 9, 10, 12, & 13, 2024.

NOTICE OF DISPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 38-21.5-103, San Luis Valley Storage, LLC, 718 San Juan Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado, having given proper notice to the parties of the storage units herein stated at their last known address shall dispose of all property in said units unless otherwise redeemed by Lessee. Said disposal shall be any time after April 12, 2024.

Contents of storage units to be disposed of are:

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Joel Carrillo Patsy Guerrero Danny Thompson Angelo Abeyta Horacio Martinez

Date March 24, 2024 San Luis Valley Storage, LLC 718 San Juan Avenue

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Request for Proposal for Audit Services

### Purpose The purpose of this request for proposal (RFP) is to engage the ser-

diting services to Alamosa School District RE-11J.

The scope of the prospective engagement will be to perform a finan-cial and compliance audit of the District for the year ended June 30, 2024, with the option to audit the District's financial statements for each of the four (4) subsequent fiscal years. The firm selected will be expected to provide consultation and assistance in the preparation of

its basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The audit and resulting accountants' reports must be in accordance with the Single Audit Act. Description of Entity to Be Audited

Description of Entity to Be Audited
The District serves approximately 2,000 students in Alamosa, Colorado. Funds included in the financial statements to be audited will be the General, Capital Projects, Special Revenue, and Internal Service Funds. More detailed information on the District, as well as the District for the property of the project of t trict's finances can be found in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 Audited Financial Statements which is posted on the District's web

site under financial transparency. This request for proposal (RFP) is issued by the District. All proposals should be mailed to: Alamosa School District, 209 Victoria Ave, Ala-

mosa, CO 81101 Attention: Amanda Hensley, Chief Operations and Financial Officer, 719-587-1600 or hand delivered to 403 Santa Fe, Qualifications Required In order to be considered, the firm presenting the proposal must be

a firm of certified public accountants eligible by law to practice public accounting in the State of Colorado.

Proposal Content

Proposals must include the following information:

1. Firm's Name; the name, address and telephone number of the contact person; and the proposal date; include the firm's license to practice in Colorado

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

Has the local office performed school district, or government, audits in Colorado? List names of school districts, dates of audits and

whether a single audit was required. Include any other statements related to qualifications and experience.

A List the personnel of your local organization who are likely to be assigned to the engagement. Indicate whether Partner, Principal, Senior Accountant, etc. Provide information on Colorado licensure for each person and whether the individual has school district, or governmental, auditing experience. 5. What is the firm's standard for continuing professional education

for certified staff and non-certified staff? How many hours of con-tinuing professional education (CPE) are required in governmental accounting and auditing? If required, are individual staff members meeting the minimum requirements as defined by the Yellow Book? What percentage of the external auditors who would be assigned to the audit have at least six months experience in governmental ac-

counting? Please give details.
7. Submit a copy of the most recent completed external quality control review (i.e., peer review). If available, a review of a specific govern-

ment engagement.

8. Please quote a not to exceed audit fee for each of the next four years, which must include out-of-pocket expenses.

Firms are requested to provide the written proposal to the District by April 30, 2024.

Time Requirements

\* The following deadlines are presently anticipated:

\* RFP released April 1, 2024

Prospective bidder's inquiry deadline April 15, 2024

Proposal deadline April 30, 2024

Notifications of bid selection May 15, 2024

Engagement of successful firm End of accounting period

December 12, 2024 \* Submit audit report to the Office of the State Auditor December 31,

The District will judge the merits of proposals received in accordance

with the criteria discussed below. The bidder is responsible for pro-viding all information requested in this RFP and failure to do so may result in disqualification of the proposal. During the evaluation pro-cess, the District may request firms to complete an oral presentation

. Certified public accounting firm licensed to practice in the State . A peer review completed within the past three years. . The adequacy and completeness of the proposal.

. The experience of the firm. The experience and qualifications of staff to be assigned to the

or answer further questions about their proposal. Criteria:

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

Fight to Heject Proposals

This is not a competitive bid. The RFP process allows the District to select the vendor that best meets the needs of the District, taking into consideration firm qualifications, price, and service capabilities. The

District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and accepts no responsibility for the cost of proposal preparation.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING CONCERNING THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN FOR SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #6 OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the DRAFT Annual Replacement Plan for

Subdistrict #6 will be considered at a special meeting of the Board of Managers for Special Improvement District No. 6 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District to be held on April 12, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Rio Grande Conservation District located at 8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101. This meeting will also be held by Zoom teleconference. The public may participate by attending the meeting in person or listen in to the meeting by dialing in to the Zoom/teleconference. To join please call either number: 1-301-795-8592 or 1-669-900-6833, enter the Meeting ld: ID: 831 2797 8191##, and wait for the meeting to begin. There is no charge for this call. This meeting is open to the public.

Comments addressing the draft Annual Replacement Plan should

be submitted to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District by mail. email or in person any time prior to or during the scheduled meeting. We ask that comments made at the meeting be limited to 3 minutes. The draft Annual Replacement Plan can be viewed on the Rio Grande Water Conservation District's website (www.rgwcd.org) or at the principal office of the District located at 8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO. Please email comments to angelo@rgwcd.org. No. 3865. Published in the Valley Courier on April 5, 2024.

ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN FOR SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING CONCERNING THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN FOR SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #2 OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

meeting is open to the public.

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Comments addressing the draft Annual Replacement Plan should be submitted to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District by mail, email or in person any time prior to or during the scheduled meet-ing. We ask that comments made at the meeting be limited to 3 min-utes. The draft Annual Replacement Plan can be viewed on the Rio Grande Water Conservation District's website (www.rgwcd.org) or at the principal office of the District located at 8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO. Please email comments to angelo@rgwcd.org.

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Ave, Alamosa CO 81101

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DATE PROPOSALS ARE DUE: Wednesday, April 24th, @ 2:00PM In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution

communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or US-DA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact

complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-

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

Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

program.intake@usda.gov

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### NOTICE

new agenda management creation and platform to be utilized for City the City. For additional information, please visit www.cityofalamosa. co.us. Deadline: 04/15/2024 by 5:30 p.m. No. 3883.

LAWS FOR THE RIO GRANDE CONSERVATION DISTRICT On behalf of the Board of Supervisors of the Rio Grande Conse

Inclusion of Article 8. Rules and Order of Business. 3. Inclusion of Article 11. Fiscal Year.

Inclusion of Article 12. Cooperation Between Districts

through the link below, or on the Facebook page of the Rio Grande

Conservation District. https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550709964453 All proposed amendments to the Bylaws will be considered at the

are encouraged to attend to discuss matters related to the Bylaws. No. 3878.

# DISTRICT Notice is hereby given that the DRAFT Annual Replacement Plan for

Managers for Special Improvement District No. 4 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District to be held on April 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at Rio Grande Conservation District located at 8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101. This meeting will also be held by Zoom teleconference. The public may participate by attending the meeting in person or listen in to the meeting by dialing in to the Zoom/teleconference. To join please call either number: 1-301-795-8592 or 1-669-900-6833, enter the Meeting Id: 886 7827 6113##, and wait for the meeting to begin. There is no charge for this call. This meeting is open to the public.

Comments addressing the draft Annual Replacement Plan should

email or in person any time prior to or during the scheduled meeting. We ask that comments made at the meeting be limited to 3 minutes. The draft Annual Replacement Plan can be viewed on the Rio Grande Water Conservation District's website (www.rgwcd.org) or at the principal office of the District located at 8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO. Please email comments to chris@rgwcd.org. Published in the Valley Courier on April 5, 2024.

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12-801, C.R.S.

Division Courtroom NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-

2024PR030003

All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to X District Court of Rio Grande, County, Colorado or

1487 E. County Rd. 4 N Address

City, State, Zip Code No. 3880.

Published in the Valley Courier on April 5, 12, & 19, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the DRAFT Annual Replacement Plan for Subdistrict #2 will be considered at a special meeting of the Board of

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING CONCERNING THE DRAFT

Managers for Special Improvement District No. 2 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District to be held on April 12, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at Rio Grande Conservation District located at 8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101. This meeting will also be held by Zoom teleconference. The public may participate by attending the meeting in person or listen in to the meeting by dialing in to the Zoom/teleconference. To join please call either number: 1-301-795-8592 or 1-669-900-6833, enter the Meeting Id: 864 4376 7570##, and wait for the meeting to begin. There is no charge for this call. This

Alamosa School District RE11J Mailing Address: Ortega Middle School, 401 Victoria Ave, Alamosa, CO 81101 Physical Address: Administration Office, 403 Santa Fe Tel: 719-587-1600 Fax: 719-587-1721

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Complete Request for Proposal documents and instructions can be found on the Alamosa School District Website: www.alamosaschools. org under Foodservice Department, Food Bid Folder.

is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

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USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should

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

The City of Alamosa is soliciting proposals for the procurement of a

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND RESTATED BY-

tion District, please take notice of their desire to make the following amendments to the Bylaws: Restatement of removal of term limits in Article 2.

5. Complete reorganization of the Bylaws with updated modern and inclusive language. A copy of the complete and fully amended Bylaws can be acce

next regular meeting of the Rio Grande Conservation District on April 18, 2024 at 5:00 PM at the USDA Service Center Boardroom in Center, Colorado. All eligible voters in Rio Grande and Mineral counties

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### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING CONCERNING THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPLACEMENT PLAN FOR SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #4 OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION

Subdistrict #4 will be considered at a special meeting of the Board of

be submitted to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District by mail,

District Court Denver Probate Court

Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address): Eugene L. Farish

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Sharon Ann Adams, Deceased

Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado on or before August 10, 2024(date)\*, or the claims may be forever Kerry David Adams, Personal Representative\_

employmentopportunities, by April 23, 2024, or until the position is Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice filled. For questions

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tiny Timbers Cabins & RV Resort, LLC, d/b/a Tiny Timbers Resort and Coffee Bistro, has applied for a Retail Liquor License. The Liquor 160, South Fork, Colorado, 81154.

A Public Hearing on this application is scheduled for April 23rd, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. This hearing will be held at the South Fork Community Building located at 0:254 Highway 149, South Fork, Colorado, 81154 Comments and Petitions can be filed at the South Fork Town Hall located at 0100 Silver Thread Lane, mailed to P.O. Box 369, or emailed to townadministrator@southfork.org. Dated this 3rd day of April, 2024.

Hank Weber, Town Manager Town of South Fork No. 3877.

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Coneios County Board of Commissioners are seeking: \* Redesign services and construction for the front exterior doors at the Conejos County Courthouse. Retrofit entrance and courtroom doors to ADA Accessibility Stan-

Protection for Security Officer \* Modernize entryways ingress and egress to the building for visitors, employees and courts.

Project may be seen at the Conejos County Courthouse located on

6683 County Rd. 13 Conejos, CO. Any question please call Tressesa Martinez, Administrator at (719)376-6796 Please mail to PO Box 157 Conejos, CO 81129 or turn information into the Commissioners office attention Tressesa by April 19th 2024. Publish on April 5th through the 12th 2024

Published in the Valley Courier on April 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 2024.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of public hearing before the Board of Trustees of La Jara, Colorado at 6:00 p.m. on the 9th day of May 2024, located at the chambers of the Board of Trustees, Town Hall, 221 Broadway, La Jara, Colorado 81140, for the purpose of considering the adoption of the Guidelines and Regulations for Water Projects for Export Outside the San Luis Valley as Designated as Matters of State Interest of the Town of La Jara

Materials relating to the guidelines and regulations may be examined at the office of the Town Clerk, Town of La Jara, 221 Broadway, La Jara, Colorado, This Notice given and published by the order of the Board of Trustees,

La Jara Colorado. Dated this 3rd day of April 2024. TOWN OF LA JARA, COLORADO Shawn Pagnotta, Town Clerk

Notice of Hearing:

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TOWN OF ROMEO P.O. BOX 505 ROMEO, COLORADO 81148 Press Release/Letter to the editor/General statement

Continued discussion of the proposed National Conservation Area in Meetings and news articles regarding a proposed National Conservation Area in Conejos County will continue for the foreseeable future. The Town of Romeo looks forward to continued discussion and receiving additional information about the proposed Conservation Area.

These discussions will hopefully provide a gauge of the community support and desire for the Conservation Area.

An article from December 20th, 2023, in the SLV Lifestyles lists Romeo as a community that supports the Conservation Area.
The Board of Trustees of the Town of Romeo would like to clarify that at this time they do not support the creation of a National Conservation Area in Conejos County. Without further information of the impact on the local community, including area ranchers and residents, the Town will not take a stance in support of the creation of the Conserva-tion Area. The impact on the community may be a mix of positive and negative outcomes. Hopefully, the planned discussions will provide the Town Board with the answers they need to voice an opinion on the

onstrated to the Town. The Town anticipates working with community members, multiple agencies, organizations, and panels to define what the benefit may be to our Town and neighbors. The Town welcomes feedback from residents and neighbors near

Conservation Area, either in support of or opposition to. The potential benefit to the Town and community has not been dem-

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The Board of Trustees of the Town of Romeo

MAY THE SACRED Heart of Jesus be adored, loved and glorified throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. Saint Jude helper of the hopeless please pray for us. Thank you Jesus and Saint Jude for

prayers answered. MLT.

(4/6/24)163 - LOST & **FOUND** 

LOST BRACELET IN WALGREENS parking lot. Bracelet has silver etched rounded beads. \$50 REWARD for safe return. Linda 719-580-4463. (4/12/24)

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SCHOOL DISTRICT

contact the District Ad-

ministration Office at

719-852-5996. (4/24/24)

(5/24/24-monthly) 221 -**HELP WANTED** 

Superintendent. EOE. (4/24/24) is accepting applications for a SPECIÂL EDU-CATION PARAPRO-FESSIONAL 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 MŶSD 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/ have a CDL Class A and

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

MECHANIC: JT TIMBER FALLING is hiring a full-time HEAVY EQUIPMENT and TRUCK ME-CHANIC in BLANCA, CO \$25 \$45/hr depend CO. \$25-\$45/hr depending on experience. Monday – Friday schedule. Benefits are available. Call 719-379-4066 or

visit jttimber.com to ap-

ply. (5/8/24)

**SCHOOL** DISTRICT is accepting applications for (1) HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicant must hold a current Colorado teaching license or be willing to work toward certification. NCSD offers a competitive salary, great discipline and environment for staff and students, and up to \$915 monthly towards health insurance. Application deadline is until position is filled. 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,

**NORTH CONEJOS** SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applica-tions for (1) full-time SECONDARY EDU-CATION TEACHER at North Conejos Alternative Program for the 2024-2025 school year. Contact Susan Hamilton for details at 719-580-5864. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Teaching License or be able to obtain proper endorsement. NCSD offers a competitive salary, great discipline and environment for staff and students, and up to \$915 monthly towards health insurance. 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. Application deadline is until position is filled. EOE. (4/24/24) POOLE CHEMICAL SEASONAL TRUCK DRIVER: Now-August, (local deliveries). Must

pass drug screen. Apply in Person 2060 S. Rd.

5E, MONTE VISTA. (4/17/24)

# **HELP WANTED**

221 -

SOUTH CONEJOS **SCHOOL** DISTRICT is seeking a PRESCHOOL AIDE. Preferred qualifications include a Level I or II in Colorado Shines or a teaching assistant certificate. 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-toapply. (4/10/24)

CENTER CONSOL-

IDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26Jt is pay-

ing years of service and

single health insurance benefits. Apply now to become part of our dynamic district as we are now accepting applications for the position of K-12 ART TEACH-ER, for the 2024-2025 School Year. Qualifications; Must hold a valid State of Colorado Teacher's License or, such alternative as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Applications can be found on the District Website https://www.center.k12. co.us/page/employmentopportunities or contact the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (5/8/24)

**DATA ANALYST -** LA PUENTE HOME INC., seeks a Data Analyst for its Adelante Family Resource Center Program. This position is responsible for overseeing Adelante's Data Systems and reporting frameworks to ensure the timely and accurate recording of data, transforming raw data into structured information and reports, and supervising performance and quality assurance processes to pinpoint areas for enhancement. Other duties include training new staff and providing ongoing data entry support to program staff, overseeing the Working Together program reporting requirements, and implementation of team meetings. Salary \$37,800 to \$40,000, DOE. Submit resumes and cover letters to HR@lapuente. net. Resumes without **NORTH CONEJOS** phone numbers and an email will not be con-

sidered. (4/19/24) CITY OF MONTE VISTA is accepting applications for KIDS CONNECTION SUM-MER 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)

**RIO GRANDE HOS-PITAL** an opening for an ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT; Manage the CEOs calendar, including making appointments, arranging appointments as necessary and needed, and prioritizing the most sensitive matters. Present highly professional and warm image to staff, public, and clients. organizing meetings, scheduling, sending reminders, organizing catering (when necessary), agenda preparation, meeting minutes, maintaining integrated files, Responsible for ensuring that Rio Grande Hospital providers are fully compliant with all state and federal regulations. Must also ensure that every member of medical staff is legally licensed and/ or credentialed and up to date with the latest medical policies and procedures. Monitor license and credential expiration dates and advise staff members of required renew. RGH

EMPLOYMENT. Ad-

ditional questions: Call

Paula Pâcheco email

paulap@riograndehos-

pital.net or call 719-657-4111. (4/17/24)

## **HELP WANTED**

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applica-tions for (1) CENTAURI HIGH SCHOOL HEAD GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH and (1) CHS HEAD CROSS COUN-TRY COACH. Application can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com or may be picked up at the administration office, 17887 US Hwy 285, LA JARA, CO, 719-274-5174. For questions call Jesse Shawcroft at 719-274-5178. Submit application to Mr. Darren Edgar, Superintendent. Application deadline is until filled. EOE.

LOOKING FOR YEAR round HELP ON POTATO GRAIN FARM, starting immediately, contact 719-850-2137. Must have experiand farming practices. (5/1/24) ALAMOSA COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE is seeking a DATA ENTRY CLERK. This job requires data entry skills and working knowledge

of the Assessor's Office to ensure accurate property data is generated to maintain complex records. Responsibili-ties include: Working independently or in a team setting, entering deed transfers (land splits/ combination and replats of parcels into data-base), entering address SANGRE DE CRISTO SCHOOL DISTRICT changes into the comhas the following poputer system, answering nas the following positions available for the 2024-2025 school year: HS GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH & FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR. Please visit our wabsit years. phones and assisting the public at the front counter, coping maps, daily mail runs, participating in professional training. and perform all other duties as required by the County Assessor. \$17.00-\$19.00 per hour, full time, full benefits. visit our website www. sangreschools.org to apply. If you have any questions, please call 719-420-1422. (4/19/24) Background check and drug screening required. Applications may be obtained online at www. alamosacounty.org. Inquiries may be directed to humanresources@ alamosacounty.org. (4/6/24)

HEAD JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' VOL-LEYBALL 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 relaadministrators, parents, and students. Please and students. Please contact Gibbs Sanchez gsanchez@urtigers.co 719-657-4020; or Annie Hardy, Principal at: ahardy@urtigers.co ,719-657-4020.(5/1/24)

CAFETERIA STAFF **NEEDED** at UP-PER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Must have a high school diploma and some knowledge of working in a kitchen or a willingness to be trained. Pay is dependent on prior experience. Please contact Leslie Martinez at 719-657-4040, x1100 or email her at lmartinez@ urtigers.co. (5/1/24)

SUBSTITUTES TEACHERS NEED-ED at the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT in DEL NORTE! Call or email: Sophia at 719-657-4040, x4000 (scruz@ urtigers.co) for more information, go on-line: urtigers.co, or stop by the district office at: 950 French Street, Del Norte, CO to pick up an application. You do not have to hold a college degree or be a certified teacher to substitute: however, you must be a high school gradu-ate and have a substitute license from CDE (Colorado Department of Education). (5/1/24) STEFFENS QUAL-ITY PLUMBING &

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fer an amazing benefit package with 401(k). paid vacation, and holidays. Licensed/expe rienced persons only. Please send résumé or job experience to alamosaplumber@gmail.com. Or call 719-589-0257. Kristi Mountain **Sports** is now is an EOE, complete seeking retail an application online at http://riograndehospital. org under CONTACT,

sales staff to join their team. Please email resume to jobs@kristimountainsports.com

## Rio Grande County, Colorado Court Address: 925 6th Street Del Norte, CO 81132 Sharon Ann Adams Submit audit report to Board of Education for approval

# Classifieds

### 221 -**HELP WANTED**

is accepting applica-tions for the PARK AND TOWN MAINTE-NANCE POSITION. Job begins in April - September, up to 30 hours per month. The job duties include maintaining park, maintaining mowing equipment etc. and town weed control and various other duties. Job description available upon request. Send resûme or letter of interest including experience, to PO Box 1, Hooper, CO 81136 or tclerk.hooper@ gmail.com, include in the subject line, Hooper Maintenance Position. For more information call 719-937-3683. Application deadline, April 15, 2024. (4/6/24)

LA PUENTE IS seeking a self-starting individual for the position of EM-PLOYMENT NAVI-GATOR as the front line worker in our Employment Readiness program. This program engages clients experiencing barriers to employment to support their journey from unemployed or underemployed to stability and independence. The Nav-igator will work with La Puente's Shelter, Street Outreach, and Adelante programs, as well as local employers and employment programs to help clients overcome barriers and obtain employment. The Navigator also works to build trust, conduct assessments, make referrals, identify resources, and collect data. Ability to problem-solve and collaborate with other agencies is a must. 36k-40k DOE. Send resume: La Puente, P.O. Box 1235, ALAMOSA, CO 81101, 719 589-5909. www. lapuente.net Email: hr@

lapuente.net. (4/17/24)

### 221 -**HELP WANTED**

RESEARCH CENTER is seeking temporary hourly employees to work M-F 8:00am to 4:30pm, 30 to 40 hours per week. Aids in the preparation of re-search field experiments and crops. Provides planting, irrigating, cultivating, harvesting, storing crops and various tasks important to the research initiatives at this station. Please apply at https://jobs.colostate. edu/postings/141377 or contact Sharon at (719) 754-3594 x17. (4/17/24)<sup>°</sup>

POTATO WARE-HOUSE IN CENTER IN NEED OF WORK-ERS. There are SEV-ERAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE. Hours 8:00 am-??? Competitive wages. Please inquire at MOUNTAIN KING SPUD GROWERS, 1090 South Miles Street, Center, CO. (5/1/24)

SHIPPING CLERK **NEEDED** for a POTATO WAREHOUSE in CENTER, CO. Hours are generally 8am-6pm Monday thru Friday, and possibly a few hours Saturday mornings. FA-MOUS software experience and knowledge a must. Salary is negotiable. Please inquire at MOUNTAIN KING SPUD GROWERS, 1090 South Miles Street, Center, CO or email resume or application to tluna@ mtnking.com. (5/1/24)

CAPULIN DITCH CO. is looking for a DITCH RIDER for the 2024 season- approx. Mid April through September. Pay is a set amount per day worked. For more information please contact Joseph Valdez at: 719-274-5109 (La Jara Pharm.) Or 719-588-2585. (4/6/24)

### 221 -**HELP WANTED**

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY is hir-ing a DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROJECTS for our EXTENDED STUDIES PROGRAM. This is a twelve-month exempt, at-will, fulltime position with the primary responsibility of managing the enrollment, development and delivery of PreK-12 pro-fessional development, concurrent enrollment opportunities for high school students, professional development for private sector and other special projects as assigned. This individual will work collaboratively with Extended Studies staff, ASU staff, external stakeholders/ clients, and staff of other educational institutions to support the delivery of quality off-campus programs. The position will provide high levels of customer care and relevant, timely and in-novative solutions to students and stakeholders. Travel is required and the position will represent Adams State University at various meetings, conferences, and workshops. Apply here https://adams.wdl.

(4/5/24)HELP WANTED: SOMEONE to CLEAN the TOWN HALL OFFICE. MUSEUM HELP: Must be 16 yrs of age or older for museum, must have some knowledge of Jack Dempsey history. Also, CHIEF OF POLICE & POLICE OFFICER. Please pick up application at the Town Hall office during business hours. (4/8/24)

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ASU or contact Renae

Haslett rhaslett@ad-ams.edu 719-587-8144

for more information.

### 221 -**HELP WANTED**

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

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9019. (4/17/24) CENTER CONSOL-IDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26Jt is paying years of service and single health insurance benefits. Apply now to become part of our dynamic district as we are now accepting applications for the position of ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCA-TION TEACHER, for the remaining 2024-2025 School Year. Qualifications; Special Education Certification as required by the State of Colorado or such alternative to the above qualifications 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.

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### HERMAN



"Getting ready for the annual sheep count, Mildew?"

# Man can no longer support his ne'er-do-well brother

DEAR ABBY: My brother (eight years younger) has been hooked on drugs and in and out of jail for decades. Our father passed away five years ago. My brother lived with him in a different state until then. Prior to that, he stole from our mother and from me repeatedly.

He's a criminal and is currently in jail. When he's not in jail, he is homeless. Of course, the only time we hear from him is when he needs money. To top it off, my specialneeds son recently passed away. Of course, my wife and I are devastated, although we have come to terms with the fact that

he is in a better place. With my brother back in jail, the focus has gone back to him. I have always

tried to be a good brother, but I have now completely washed my hands of him. At this point, I need peace in my life, and as long as he is in mine, I will never have it. This crushes my mother, but it's how I feel. Right or wrong, I don't feel that just because someone is family, it gives them the right to make others miserable. I would love to know your thoughts on this. -- BETTER BROTH-ER IN FLORIDA DEAR BROTHER:

Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your

beloved son. That you feel you cannot handle the added stress of interacting with or supporting your drug-addicted brother (who has stolen from you) is understandable.

Do not allow your mother to guilt you into doing anything with which you are uncomfortable. If your mother decides to take him in when he's released, caution her to first remove any items of value from her home.

DEAR ABBY: Four years ago, a former friend, "Karla," offered me a nice oak side chair of hers. Karla said she had no use for it and assured me she wouldn't want it back. I accepted the chair and have used it since then.

When it was given to me, the back cushion was missing and the seat cushion was hard. After a couple of years, I bought nice fabric and had the chair repaired and reupholstered. It cost me \$175. If I had thought the chair was on loan only, I wouldn't have done that. I sent her a pic of the finished improvements, and she replied that it looked

Ayear later, she abruptly ended our friendship. Šhe was angry with me because I had confused her airport arrival time



### ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

and she had to wait an hour. Twice I apologized profusely, but Karla has not responded. (That was 14 months ago.) Ten days ago, I re-

ceived a text from one of her friends, telling me Karla wants me to return the chair she "let me borrow." The friend wanted to know when I could deliver it. I'm completely taken aback. She GAVE it to me! What is your take on this pickle? - BAFFLED IN TEXAS

DEAR BAFFLED: Ignore the text. If Karla wants the chair returned, she should ask you herself. If she does, and if you agree to it, be sure she repays IN CASH the money you spent to have the chair refurbished.

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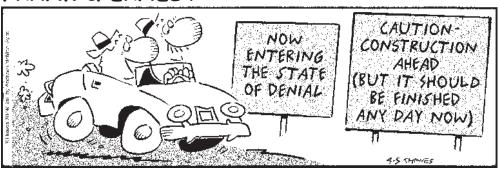
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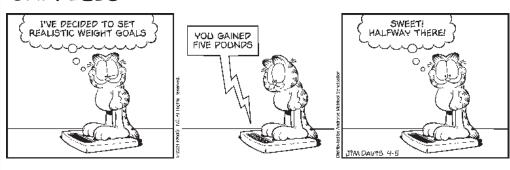




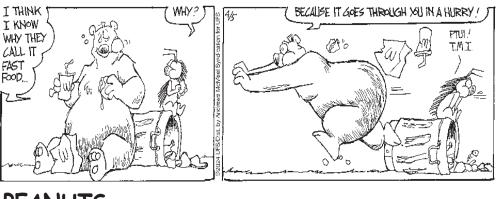
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