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Today **Annual Variety Show set for** April 13 in Creede

CREEDE — The Creede Arts Council's 29th Annual Variety Show is at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, at the Ruth Humphrey's Brown Theatre. Talented local people, both new to the show and returning performers, will delight the audience with an eclectic mixture of music and dance.

Creede favorites Richie Ormsby, Caldera and the Monday Night Jam Band will perform along with other familiar performers and some new talent.

The CAC will also hold a silent auction of nonperformance-oriented talents from residents and items from local businesses. Winners of the silent auction must pay for the items at the end of the show.

To make a reservation, contact 719-658-2333. Reservations will not be accepted after 3 p.m. on April 13. Tickets will be available at the door, starting at 6:15 p.m. on April 13; \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. CAC accepts cash, checks, and credit cards. Reservations are recommended.

Keenan makes Dean's List

TACOMA, WASH. — Liss Keenan, of Alamosa, made the fall 2023 Dean's List at the University of Puget Sound for achieving at least a 3.7 gradepoint average, completing all of their enrolled courses without withdrawals, and having no incomplete grades.



Mostly Sunny, High Winds, Blowing Dust 42/25

Sun: Sunny, Breezy, Gusty Wind 53/22

Mon: Mostly Cloudy

Breezy 53/28

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Courier photo by John Waters

Interpretive displays at the new U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Visitor Center

Grand opening for new fish and wildlife visitor center

ALAMOSA — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will hold an opening of a new visitor center on April 19 at Grande, led by refuge staff. Enjoy the San Luis Valley National Wild- nature and connect with others as life Refuge Complex Visitor Center wildlife sings through sunset. Meet and Headquarters on El Rancho at the Visitor Center. Lane in Alamosa.

wildlife refugee complex and the fice 7824 El Rancho Lane, Alamosa.

Friends of the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuges from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wildlife Walk by the Rio

April 19, 4-7 p.m. San Luis Valley Light snacks provided as you National Wildlife Refuge Complex meet staff and learn about the Visitor Center and Headquarters Of-

Armed robbery reported at Alta

ALAMOSA

A suspect is being sought in a reported armed burglary about 12:30 Friday at the Alta Convenience Store at 1601 Main St., just across from Adams State University.

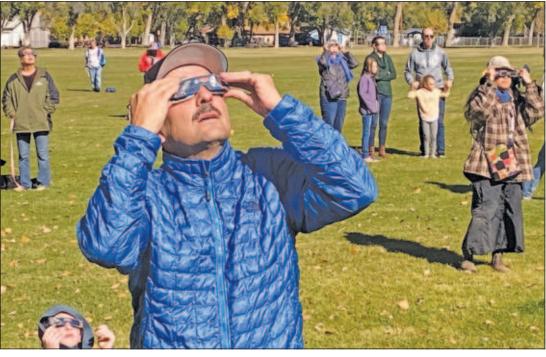
Alamosa Police Department responded, and officers were advised that an individual walked into the store and pointed a firearm at the store clerk before leaving with an undisclosed amount of cash and a large quantity of different flavors of Airis Lux disposable vape devices. The suspect was said to be wearing a gray beanie, a black jacket and dark jeans.

APD posted several photos and a video and is requesting as-

sistance from the community in identifying the suspect, even though the images are grainy. The hope is someone recognizes the individual, clothing, and/or information on the vape

If anyone has any information, they are asked to contact the Alamosa Police Department at 719-589-2548 or Dispatch at 719-589-5807.

Eclipse visibility in Southern Colorado may be cloudy



By JOHN WATERS Courier News Editor

SAN LUIS VALLEY — A partial solar eclipse will occur on Monday, April 8, between 11:25 a.m. and 1:55 p.m. in Colorado. While the path of totality will be to the east, the eclipse can be viewed at about 70 percent of totality locally if skies are clear. The peak will be at 12:30 p.m. As of Friday afternoon, the National Weather Service is calling for mostly

cloudy skies on Monday. The only way to safely view an eclipse is to wear special, "eclipse glasses," and never look

■ See ECLIPSE page 3

Photo courtesy of APD

Although the image is extremely

grainy, APD is hoping someone can

identify a suspect in an armed robbery

early Friday morning at the Alta Conve-

nience next to Adams State.

On Oct. 14, 2023, people gathered in Cole Park in Alamosa to view the solar eclipse. On Monday, if the skies are clear in the San Luis Valley, a solar eclipse will be visible beginning at about 11:25 a.m. Only view this celestial event with special eclipse glasses.

Courier photo by John Waters

Alamosa Home announces new ownership

Sold to local owners putting the 'home' in Alamosa Home

CONTRIBUTED ALAMOSA — Mary Domito, on Fri-

day, announced that she has sold Alamosa Home, and the furniture store is under new ownership. Domito founded Alamosa Home, located in downtown Alamosa in 2015, and has sold the business to co-owners, Hunt-Erin Keck, Chief Marketing Officer. Domito recently expanded her Taos

er Jack, Chief Operating Officer, and

Lifestyle operation and moved into a 24,000-foot space in Taos, N.M., and commented on the sale.

"I started and branded Alamosa Home after discovering the vibrant town of Alamosa and its surrounding communities. It's been a wonderful nine years, but my future lies in Taos. The store is deserving of local stew-

■ See **HOME** page 3

Alamosa Home founder Mary Domito, right, is celebrating with new store owners, from left, Tyler and Erin Keck, and Hunter Jack. Jack is a lifelong resident of the SLV and comes from a five-generation family here. Courtesy photo

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Record

New book hits shelves at Rio Grande County Museum

STAFF REPORT

DEL NORTE — After years of dedicated work, Del Norte native Vernon P. Casias captured his memories in print and published his first book titled "Hell Gate and Bevond" which hit shelves at the Rio Grande County Museum the last week of March.

In this book, Casias writes about his time growing up in the San Luis Valley and at 88 years old, unravels his memories, his Spanish heritage and more.

"I was always so proud of my Spanish ethnicity, and I wanted to share that with someone. One of the main reasons I wrote this book was because a lot of our heritage is being lost and I want to help keep it alive. I hope that I can encourage others to come forward and share their memories and traditions

too," said Casias.

Throughout his life, Casias met one challenge after another, beginning with the loss of his father at age 9. During this time, Casias was going down ing his personal heritage the wrong path, but it did not take him long to find Hells Gate or La Puerta the right path again while growing up in Del Norte.

I graduated high school my 4th generation Grandand then went on to pursue a military career. It was during my service that I found a calling for helping people in need," he said.

Casias served in the writes Casias. Airforce during the Korean Conflict and was given ries of Del Norte and top-secret crypto clear- the San Luis Valley to ance as a trained cryptog- his time serving in the rapher assigned to strate- Airforce, Casias captigic air command. It was vates readers with his late that he pursued his passion for helping people just the perfect length to when he graduated from college with B.S. in Be- life was like for one perhavioral Science and then son growing up during a

degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling.

In his book Casias delves into the origins of the Valley, highlightfrom the area including de el Inferno.

"One of the first settlers "It wasn't long before in El Canero Creek was father Juan Antonio Espinosa and his wife Maria Rita Teodora Quintana. At this time Colorado had not been settled except for the San Luis settlement," From childhood memo-

stories. The small book is get a glimpse into what

graduate school with a time where the San Luis Valley was undergoing constant change whether it was pending war, droughts, or visits from unlikely guests.

"Hell Gate and Beyond" is a unique look at what it was to be a Spanish heritage family in the San Luis Valley and even touches on the mysterious side of growing up in this area. Casias addresses some of his Spanish traditions while looking into some of the mysteries that surround Del Norte and neighboring communities.

Casias writes, "In my lifetime I can only think of one possible mysterious supernatural experience. It happened in Del Norte in the 1950s in a two-bedroom cinderblock house my brother had built for my mother to rent out which was next to our house..."

Casias now calls New



Courtesy photo

Vernon Casias, author of 'Hell Gate and Beyond' spent the last several years looking into his Spanish heritage and is thrilled to announce that his stories of growing up in the San Luis Valley are now available for all to share.

travels to the area often life here in the Valley. to see family. He hopes Copies of "Hell Gate and to begin work on a second Beyond" are available at book which will include the Rio Grande County Mexico his home but more memories from his Museum in Del Norte.

OBITUARIES

Vincent C. Gonzales

friends that stopped by to

in death by his parents,

Vicente and Genoveva

Gonzales of Grand Junc-

Colo.; his children: Tra-

vis (Angela) Gonzales,

Betsy (Dwayne) Salazar,

Gonzales; sister

Manassa, Colo.

Vincent was preceded

visit him.

Vincent C. Gonzales, 76, longtime resident of Manassa, Colo., passed away on April 4, 2024, at Parkview Medical Center in Pueblo, Colo. Vincent was born on March 15, 1948 in Santa Fe, N.M., to Vicente and Genoveva Gonzales, and was raised in El Rito, N.M. Vincent married Rosalinda "Rose" Rivera of Canjilon, N.M., on June 24, 1967, and the two raised their three children early on in Grand Junction, Colo., and later Manassa, Colo., where he would spend the remainder of his life. Vincent worked during

his early years as a laborer for the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad, and later as a laborer for other industries and small businesses. In his later years, he and Rose wove New Mexican throughout northern New Mexico and passed down to their family and loved

Vincent's hobbies included fishing, hunting, taking trips to New Mexico to gamble, gardening and landscaping his yard, and weaving. He enjoyed a quiet life at home, a private man at heart, his greatest joys were spent passing the days watching the news and spending time and talking with of Hoboken, N.J.; Alexhis wife, children, grand- andria (Ames) Sisnechildren, great-grandchil- ros of Antonito, Colo.; als.com.

Manuel (Rihana) Herrera of Alamosa, Colo.: Brandon Gonzales Manassa, Colo.; and Ryan (Natalie) Gonzales of Alamosa, Colo.; his two great-grandsons, AJ and Alexander Sisneros of Manassa, Colo; his siblings: Cathaline Lind of Grand Junction, Colo.; Ruby Rivera of Manassa, Colo.; and Genoveva (Luis) Cortes of Tyler, Texas; and his sister-inlaw Elizabeth Gonzales of Grand Junction, Colo. He is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews throughout Colorado, New Mexico, dren, and his family and Texas, and Florida.

> Vincent was loved and will be deeply missed by his family.

All services will be held at St. Therese of the Child Jesus Catholic Church in brother-in-law, Betty and Manassa, Colo. A viewing serapes that were sold John McFarland of Sara- will be held on Wednessota, Fla.; brother, Jerry day, April 10, 2024, from 4 to 5:45 p.m. followed by tion, Colo., and brother- a Recitation of the Rosary in-law, Antonio Rivera of at 6 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, He is survived by his April 11, 2024, at 10 a.m. wife of 57 years, Rose Interment will follow the Gonzales of Manassa, Funeral Mass at the Los Cerritos Cemetery Manassa.

> Rogers Family Mortuand James Gonzales, ary is in care of the arall of Manassa, Colo.; rangements. To leave onhis grandchildren: Sa- line condolences, tributes, mantha (Kevin) Yapsir and words of comfort for Vincent's family, please visit www.RogersFuner-

New arrivals at the Alamosa Public Library

From the Librarian's Desk

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

Fiction

In the Shadow of the Greenbrier by Emily Matchar

The Greenbrier Resort is a hotel for the rich and famous, nestled among the Appalachian Mountains. Over the course of one hundred years, four generations of the Zelner family grapple with their place in its shadow.

 How We Named the Stars by Andrés N. Odor-

Daniel de la Luna is the first of his family to attend college, and feels terribly out of place - that is, until he meets his attractive, athletic roommate Sam. As the two boys fall in love, a family emergency pulls Daniel back to Mexico. Will they be able to find each other again?

Cahokia Jazz by

Francis Spufford In this alternate 1922, a vibrant Native American city thrives on the banks of the Mississippi. Some things are still the same - like prohibition, jazz... and murder. The body of a white man has been found, gutted, on a rooftop. Two detectives, one Native, one white, team up to solve this mystery.

Inspirational

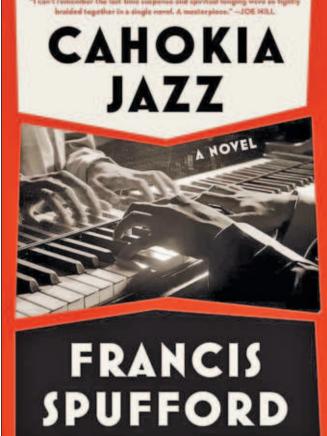
The Funeral Ladies of Ellerie County by Claire Swinarski

When her grandmother loses her savings to an online scammer, Iris is determined to stop the bank from taking their lakeside home. Can a cookbook of her grandmother's recipes save the day?

Mystery The Unquiet Bones by

Loreth Anne White

Forty-seven years ago, teenager Annalise Jensen went missing after a party. In the present, human bones are discovered underneath a chapel. Detective Jane Munro hopes ily was evacuated from to finally bring closure to Annalise's family, but An- imprisoned in the Gila



nalise's old friends don't River Relocation center, want the truth to come to light.

Nonfiction

 Gorilla Tactics by Greg Cummings

Gorillas are among the most recognizable of the large charismatic mammals, but climate change and poaching has brought them to the brink of extinction. Greg Cummings - former executive director of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund - shares his fascinating experiences working to protect endangered gorillas and their

· Unbound by Emil Her Many Horses

habitats.

This book celebrates the dynamic tradition of narrative art among Native nations of the Great Plains, from historical hides, muslins, and ledger books to contemporary works.

· Intuwitchin by Mia Magic

There's a key difference between intuition and IntuWitchin. While they both come from within us, IntuWitchin involves our innate capacity to learn and fluently speak the symbolic language of the Universe. This book describes how to tap into your Intuwitchin and apply it in your life with rituals, magikal practices

Secret Harvests by

and journaling prompts.

David Mas Masumoto In 1942, while his famtheir California farm and

Masumoto's aunt Shizuko was separated from the family and placed in a state institution for people with disabilities. Her family believed she had died, but seventy years later they found her alive, living just a few miles

from their family farm. Motorhome Prophe-

cies by Carrie Sheffield Carrie Sheffield grew up fifth of eight children with a violent, mentally ill father who believed he was a modern-day Mormon prophet. Carrie became the first of her siblings to escape the toxic brainwashing of his fundamentalist creed. This is the story of her journey from a scared and abused motorhome-dwelling girl to a Harvard-educated professional.



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Jeffrey John Gonzales

Jeffrey zales, a self-employed les; caring mother Jeri Carpenter known for Gonzales; his loving, competitive, Margaret outgoing, and fun per- brother Kris (Jess) Gonsonality, passed away zales; sisters Jana (Tim) on April 1, 2024, in Kehr and Leesa (Matt) Pueblo, Colo. He was Gonzales; nieces Andrea, born on Nov. 22, 1979, in Del Norte, Colo.

Jeffrey's proudest accomplishment was his and God-daughters Jason Lukas with whom he shared a special bond and cherished spending numerous aunts, uncles, time together. A true cousins and extended outdoorsman, Jeffrey enjoyed the simplicity of nature through fishing and hunting, finding peace and joy in the great outdoors.

pre-Jeffrey ceded in death by his grandfather paternal Andrew Gonzales, paternal grandmother Marcle and Godfather John peace.

through his surviving son Lukas Gonzales; lov- at St. Joseph Catholic family.

VanBibber.

John Gon- ing father Larry Gonza-Harlee, Cali and Khloe; nephews Jaxxon, Andrew; Aadin and Uriah nessa DiCamillo Eyvori Jacquez as well a family - all of whom will carry his memory with love and affection. To those who had the

privilege of knowing him even briefly or being touched by his warmth and spirit, Jeffrey John Gonzales leaves behind a legacy of love, strength, and an unwavering zest cella Martinez, maternal for life that will forever grandfather Jack Van- be remembered and cher-Bibber as well as his un- ished. May he rest in ries with the family, view

Cremation was selected His legacy continues and a Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary family and friends. He is will be held at 11 a.m. on survived by his beloved Saturday, April 13, 2024,



immediately followed by a Memorial Mass beginning at 11:30 a.m. To express words of

comfort or share memoa video tribute or to live stream the service, please www.mvmortuary.

Mountain Valley Mortuary is assisting the

Valley-Wide Health Sys-

"We work specifically

different locations,

with Valley-Wide on a mo-

bile unit, where we travel

and provide services like

health screenings and

vaccines," Trujillo said.

"We try to go to under-

served populations where

people are not able to get

into the clinics to get ser-

vice. I am here offering

vital sign checks and edu-

Billy Jiron was also at

the VWHS table. Jiron is

new to Valley-Wide and

said, "I am excited to be

here to tell people what

kind of services we can of-

Center resident Rose-

mary Salazar was at the

health fair and said she

hoped to get a screening

of her vital signs and see

what else the fair had to

don't get out too much.

I heard about this and

thought I better come,'

Salazar said. "I want to

get my heart listened to,

and maybe have someone

take my weight. I want to

see what they have to of-

"I am 68 years old. I

cational material."

fer them."

National Farmworkers Awareness Week includes free events

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY ALAMOSA State University Cultural Awareness and Student Achievement (CASA) Center, College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP), the Spanish Program, and Admissions is partnering with the campus food service Sodexo and Trinidad State College to host events to celebrate National Farmworkers Awareness Week with events on Monday, April 8, and Wednesday, April 10.

Events include: Monday, April 8

to the public.

"Million Film: Away; the inspiring story of Jose Moreno Hernandez," a son of migrant workers who became a NASA astronaut

All events are free and open

5:15 p.m. Adams State Richardson Hall Auditorium

Wednesday, April 10 Lunch-N-Learn

"The Legal Battle of El Cortito with the encouragement of Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta" by Honorable Maurice "Mo" Jourdane and Olivia Flores Jourdane, J.D.

12 p.m.

Trinidad State College Auditorium

Wednesday, April 10

Home

"The Victory Against the Devil's Arm: The Story Behind Chicano Park's New Mural," Honorable Maurice

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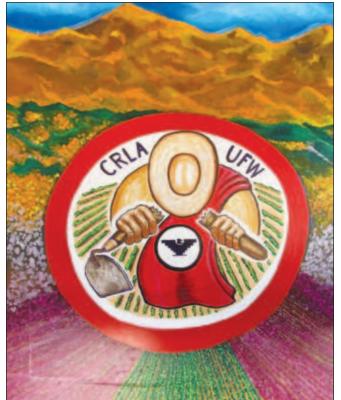
San Luis Valley. The store

is recognized for its fine

furnishings, mattresses,

and

next level," she said.



Graphic courtesy of ASU's Cultural Awareness and Student Achievement (C.A.S.A.) at Adams State University

Feature picture from the 'Victoria Contra El Cortito' Mural, located in Chicano Park in San Diego, Calif., tells the story of the struggle to ban 'el cortito' — a short-handled hoe whose use caused excruciating back pain in farmworkers - in California. The story of this struggle is a significant part of next week's events. Adams State CAMP is

"Mo" Jourdane and Olivia Flores Jourdane, J.D.

5:15 p.m.

Adams State Richardson Hall Auditorium

If you have a "cortito" bring it to Mo's presentation at 5:15 p.m. April 10, at Adams State and receive a free "Victoria commemorative Contra El Cortito T-shirt."

leading a long-sleeve t-shirt and glove drive for SLV migrant farmworkers through April 12. Drop off donations at Adams State CASA Center; CoRE Center, CAMP Offices; and Trinidad campus. Bins will be available during events on April 8 and April 10.

rugs. Its popular 'Kid's Cave,' specializes in designing creative bedrooms for children. New owners, Jack and

Keck, are excited to realize their dream of owning a business in their hometown and becoming more involved with the community. Keck will continue her work as the CEO of the Alamosa Chamber of Jack. "Alamosa Home pro-Commerce and will over- vides an opportunity for see marketing for Alamo-

sales manager for Delmar Carpet One in Alamosa, is well-versed in sales and customer service. Jack's family has been in Alamosa for five generations and will bring the "home," to Alamosa Home.

"I am excited about this opportunity to build on the legacy Mary has created here in Alamosa," said growth and a way to besa Home. Jack, a former come more involved with

the communities of the San Luis Valley.

Alamosa Home's line of quality furnishings, industry-leading brands, and dedicated customer service will continue without interruption. Kelly Geddes, store manager with a nine-year tenure at Alamosa Home, will help to ensure the transition is smooth and seamless. Domito will be available as a consultant if needed.

In addition to maintain-

tal Clinic.

the future.

About Alamosa Home cated at 630 Main St., visit alamosahome.com.

fer. This is good for older people like me who don't go out too much." Alamosa. The specializes in industryleading furniture, rugs, Jack commented on the mattresses, and bedding including Kingsdown, La-Z-Boy, Stressless, Taos Double-M, portunity for growth. We Wesley Allen, and more. Alamosa Home serves the mercial space as well as residents of Alamosa and surrounding areas of the San Luis Valley offering

Center Senior Resource and Health Fair draws interest

ter is sponsoring. The

che," she said. "We were

supposed to do this right

around St. Patrick's

Day, but we got snowed

out. We just secured the

basement here with the

church. SLV HEC spon-

sors lots of health fairs

throughout the Valley.

We are partners with

other people. This is a

partnership with Sagua-

che County. There are

many resources for se-

niors here. We are also

offering Hepatis C, and

HIV testing. We also will

be offering free Narcan

to the community here

at my table, and fentanyl

testing strips. Every-

thing is free. It's a great

Members from various

health organizations were

sitting at a table offering

different services to at-

"We have the addictions

clinic. We are going to

talk about that. We also

have pulmonary function

tests, along with scales,

and we also go over body

compositions after the

scales," said Kayla Acosta

of the Rio Grande Hospi-

resource fair."

tendees.

On first one was in Sagua-

Thursday, March 28, approximately 20 people attended the Center Senior Resource and Health Fair at the St. Jerome Catholic Church. The fair offered health resources, presentations, screenings, resource giveaways, and lunch for attendees. Though the fair was targeted for seniors, attendees did not have to be a senior to attend the fair.

The resource fair was in the back basement part of the church. The basement was laid out with tables and chairs, with different booths set up. On one table toward the front had bottles of supplemental dairy nutrition and Composure adult diapers. There were also boxes of Kleenex along with adult wet wipes available.

On another table there were shower mats, and shower heads with an attachment. There were also backpacks, towels, and a vaporizer available as giveaways.

Ruth Horn spoke about the fair and what it en-

This is one of two health fairs that SLV Health Education Cen-

Moriah Trujillo was also set up with a table for ing the continuity of products and services that Alamosa Home is known for,

new owner's visions for

"There is a lot of opwant to explore the comprovide furniture for families with second homes in our area. We're excited to expand on the store's successful foundation," Jack

Lifestyle's delivery and financing. Store hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more informa-Alamosa Home is lo-tion, call 719-589-2030 or

Eclipse

bedding, lighting,

■ Continued from Page 1 directly into the sun. The sun's surface won't be fully obscured in Colorado so viewing requires solar eclipse glasses.

At Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, totality will be about 70 percent coverage and if you are there, you will see the area start to get a little darker but there will be a sliver of sun shining behind the moon. There will not be any eclipse-related programs at the park.

Colorado Scientists are at the forefront of eclipse

Scientists with the National Science Foundation — National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder are gearing up to study the event. During a total eclipse, the moon blocks out the sun enabling researchers to study the

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Sun's upper atmosphere, or corona. The endeavor is increasingly important as better scientific knowledge of the solar corona helps in the prediction of space weather including solar flares that can interfere with radio communications and possibly take down the electric

Scientists from the NCAR will take to the skies on Monday and board a Gulfstream jet and chase the eclipse and collect data from the infrared light emitted from the corona. Using a spectrometer, they will study light emitted at specific wavelengths. This will facilitate research in understanding the temperature of the Sun's plasma and the density of the corona.

special, Great American Eclipse, is a history of eclipse science and research into the solar calendar for the April 12, corona. Included in the show are interviews with the path of totality to be



Photo courtesy of Peisang Tsai, NCAR

Scientist Jenna Samra with measuring instruments onboard the jet she and other researchers will use during eclipse research.

The new PBS NOVA charismatic astrophysi-

cists. If you miss the eclipse across south central and southeast Colorado.

For more informaon Monday, mark your tion on the NOVA Great American Eclipse Season 2045, solar eclipse with 51, Episode 6, see www. pbs.org.

Complete Sunshine Country Grocery Store (store is relocating) Sale starting April 10 to April 20 (or while supplies last) 10978 South County Road 5€ Monte Vista

Adams State University

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY • 7 **MONDAY • 8**

National Farmworkers Awareness Week:

Long-sleeve T-shirt & Glove Drive During Events

National Farmworkers Awareness Week:

A Million Miles Away 5:15 p.m. Richardson Hall Auditorium

TUESDAY • 9

National Farmworkers **Awareness Week:**

What Does Social Justice Mean to You? 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. SUB Solarium

National Farmworkers Awareness Week: Long-sleeve T-shirt &

WEDNESDAY • 10

Glove Drive During Events Zacheis Planetarium Free Movies:

5:30 p.m. *Undiscovered*

Worlds: The Search Beyond Our Sun and Unveiling the Invisible Universe

THURSDAY • 11

Lacrosse vs Tusculum University 11 a.m. Lacrosse Field Farmworkers Awareness:

The Victory Against the Devil's Arm: The Story Behind Chicano Park's New Mural 5:15 p.m. RH Auditorium

Planetarium Free Movies: 5:30 p.m. The First Stargazers and Jewel of the Heavens

Free Faculty Lecture:

Bill Tite, M.F.A., 6 p.m.

McDaniel Hall 101

Art and Land Acknowledgment Statements

FRIDAY • 12

Kindred Spirit

Luncheon: Discovering Science in the SLV: Course-based Research at Adams State Umesh Bhattrai, Ph.D., & David Bertolatus, Ph.D., 12 p.m. SUB

Banquet Room Baseball vs. Metro State

Activity Center

Leon Memorial Hall

University of Denver 3 p.m. Baseball Field **ASAP:** Kayak Pool Session 5:45 p.m. Rex

Guest Artist: Elizabeth Naccarato, piano, 7 p.m.

3 p.m. Baseball Field CASA Center After **Hours:** Tuesdays &

April

SATURDAY • 13

Softball vs. Colorado

DH 12 p.m. & 2 p.m.

Baseball vs. Metro

State University of

Denver DH 12 p.m.

Softball Field

State University Pueblo

Thursdays 5 p.m. until :7 p.m. Games Yoga Dancing Cooking .

Through May 10, 2024 Cloyde Snook Gallery: We Were Here

Bachelor of Fine Art Senior Exhibit

Gallery Hours: 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Compassion: Don't teach, or work or care for others without it

compassion? Got an understanding of the human condition? Got a knowledge of your own shortcomings? Then don't leave home today without compassion for others.



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with Nellie

Standing in the check-out line

at City Market, I wait behind a young mother and her sweetheart. They are paying with food stamps (SNAP- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) but must return a package of juice because they don't have enough on their account for the transaction. It was a few years ago now that I was a graduate student at the University of Houston when I was loading my grocery cart of food and necessities onto the check out counter. I also used this assistance then when my son was an inquisitive third grader. How thankful I was then for the program that was feeding Americans and helping me feed my son even as I completed my education. I was on the road toward my dreams of helping others, of teaching. The mother in line before me is checking off her grocery list the items she is able to buy right now. And, so I think, compassion here is like

Back in my second-floor classroom, a computer whiz of a student stands aside and motions to me. He relays how his uncle died suddenly and unexpectedly. His own eyes beg for understanding and compassion. How can an instructor not be compassionate to students who are suffering through such a loss and allow for an extension? Understanding the devastation that comes to a family with the loss of an uncle, a brother or a dad is what I am still feeling myself with the loss of my mother in the 2010 summer. The loss can impact how the brain processes the daily tasks and for sure the assignments in Composition or Psychology for students navigating hardships. Our own experiences can heighten our ability to feel compassion for others.

a best friend's smile. I see that smile in

the checker's face as she understands.

Americans with Disabilities Act inplace everywhere in America prompts all of us to have compassion and understanding. It is a law about compassion. But benevolence doesn't mean feeling sorry; it means allowing other human beings to live, work and create with some consideration of their conditions. An example is having sidewalks that are wheelchair accessible. It is having flooring that does not catch a physically challenged client or student's foot. It is also about having neutral breathing environments for patrons whether they have issues with breathing or not. Sometimes it can mean having ergonomically appropriate task stations.

Where some people's disability is evident, others' do not readily show theirs. It behooves us as a society to have compassion for each other and encourage others to achieve their goals. Having taught at universities, colleges, and satellite campuses, I am so thankful for the time that I was able to work oneon-one with several "otherly abled" students: a blind student, a deaf student and a student who suffered from multiple personalities. It was compassion that I learned as a little girl that led me, that allowed me to teach the early version of Dragon Dictate and navigating dialog windows to Emily, the blind student. It was compassion that I practiced that allowed me to encourage Marsha, the deaf student in graphic design. It was compassion that helped me understand the struggle Vicky, the sociology student with dissociative per-

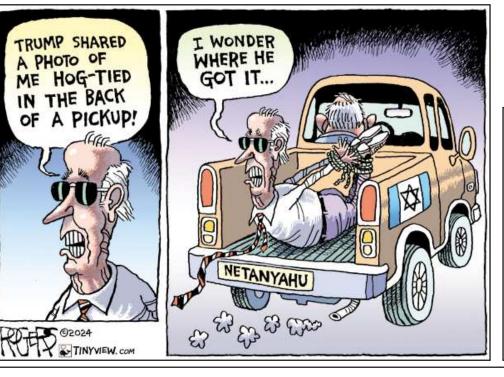
sonality, endured. It is compassion that drives my urge to write and teach; it is compassion that "makes the world go round" and not the "mean girl" syndrome promoted on X, YouTube, Snap chat, or Facebook or in hostile workplace or homes with domestic violence. It is not kindheartedness when a society is driven by slamming others rather than appreciating and building up those before us.

Compassion: Don't teach, or work, or

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care for others without it.

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Why we should respect the spring road closures

I've worked for the Forest Service for over 30 years. There are several aspects of managing your public lands that have been very flexible and have changed, sometimes even drastically over my career, in terms of how the agency operates. Thankfully though, many things remain the same and are fairly predictable. A few that immediately come to mind include, logging, grazing, and recreation. As trees mature and become valuable, we'll seek to use those trees for wood products. The changes to that are when we will log and where we will log. As for the grazing, we'll turn the sheep and cattle onto the forest each year with possible adjustments for the changing conditions brought on by drought or other environmental and human factors. Finally, the many recreation uses will happen without fail, and many of those we can set our calendars by. In fact, our calendars are set with many action points that are designed to help us manage the forest resources and are based on that timeless change of seasons that we individuals value as part our yearly lives.

It happens every year around this same time. In fact, our target date is March 15 each year. With the Land, Water

and People

Gregg

Goodland

groans of many avid forest users, we close the gates or barricade roads to keep motorized traffic off. The intent is the same every year. Allow the roads to dry out and remain viable as an indefinite transportation corridor through the forest. Here's how it works.

The melting snowpack has been slowly saturating the ground below. Dirt road surfaces that are soaking wet are easily damaged by heavy

vehicles. Tires can create endless ruts in the soft mud that will channel water down along the road surface preventing the waters' escape into the ditches. This can result in two aspects of negative impacts to our natural resource. First, if left unchecked, the ruts will channel increasingly more water into them, and they will become more resistant to drying. The ruts are likely to grow deeper and possibly pull all vehicle tires into them, further increasing the depth of the rut and its determination to keep you there overnight.



Public Affairs Officer for the Rio Grande National Forest Gregg Goodland writes about why we should respect the spring road closures.

Rutted roads can increase the speed that water exits the roadbed. The faster the water flows, the more opportunity it has to transport the sediment that was once the nice road surface, down into the

> ditches. Ditches are designed to move water away from the road. However, faster moving water can carry the sediment into nearby waterways.

You might be led to think that the water is off the road. Mission accomplished. The problem is that the fastflowing water carried all that sediment with it and the clean stream becomes cloudy, which leads to water quality deteriorating. Just like us,

in those waters very much appreciate having clean water. Poor water quality can result in meager reproductive cycles for the fish and all the cool insects that live in the water. The fine silt also has the potential to cover and suffocate those critters and any eggs that may been placed in a gravel bed. A quality gravel bed allows the smaller species to access the oxygen from the water yet remain relatively protected

from predators. As spring progresses, the roads will eventually dry. That is one of those

sure things I mentioned. About four vears ago, mother nature decided that the spring should last an extra 6 weeks to a month. Roads stayed closed due to late-season snow and early rains that kept vast swaths of the forest wet and rather dangerous to drive a vehicle on. But, alas, even that spring gave way to summer, the roads dried and we could return to using them for our extensive recreational activities as well as logging operations.

This year, I've heard distressing reports of selfish individuals driving around our gates and barricades. Please understand that the closures are not enacted as a means to arbitrarily restrict people from public lands. Rather, the closures stand as a testament the fish and other aquatic life to the agency's commitment to provide the best land stewardship we can. Also understand that the roads are closed to motorized vehicles, but you can always access those areas on foot. I urge you to respect those spring closures. Park at the bottom and walk in. Or wait. It will only be a few weeks and the roads will be dry and re-opened.

> Gregg Goodland is the Public Affairs Officer for the Rio Grande National Forest. As an avid outdoor enthusiast, he encourages individual stewardship and responsible use of our public lands.

LETTER

For a justice system to function, it must be applied equally to all

Our Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag ends with the words: "with liberty and justice for all." However, conservative columnist Byron York (March 22 Courier) doesn't want ex-president Donald Trump included in the "justice for all" part. He thinks the Federal Department of Justice should just ignore Trump's alleged criminal activities.

The charges include paying off a porn star he had sex with to silence her before the 2016 election; his recorded at-

tempts to overthrow the 2020 election results; Trump's stealing of top secret national security documents, storing them in unprotected places at Mar-a-Lago that the public could access, and bragging about it; and fraudulent real estate transactions which had the effect of corrupting the market for real estate loans in the state of New York.

Shouldn't the voting public know about this before the upcoming election? Republicans sure wanted all the (relatively benign) information on Hillary Clinton's email server before the

2016 election. This included FBI Director James Comey reopening the investigation only two weeks before the election and then declaring "nothing to see here" while people were already

voting. Right. Yes, Republicans think "justice for all" should only apply to Democrats. In the Trump case justice delayed is justice denied. For a justice system to function, it must be applied equally to all. That includes you, Donald.

David Lenderts Alamosa

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Religion

Joe Lieberman: a believer in the role of faith in politics

man to deliver address On Religion

Brigham Young versity faith and public service. The White

House race was heating up, and Mitt Romney was Terry Mattingly on his way to

winning the Republican won, I had some sense

anxiety," he said, draw-ties." ing on his experiences whether party. expressions, that affects their view of those candidates."

president.

the first member of the for me and for others ing the presence of reli-"I don't share that or for other nationali-

in 2000 as Vice Presi- March 27 at age 82, zens are Christians. But dent Al Gore's running ending a career defined ... those rights to life, mate -- the first Jew on as much by his life as liberty and a pursuit a major party's presi- an Orthodox Jew as by of happiness -- which dential ticket. "A can- his attempts to remain we have as the endowdidate does not give up a centrist as Democrats ment of our Creator their freedom of religion kept moving to the cul- -- have been given to or freedom of expression tural left. While voting everybody," Lieberman when they decide to run with his party on is- explained. "I will say to for office. They have the sues such as abortion, you as a Jewish Ameriright, if they choose, to gun control and gay can that I believe in the talk about the role that rights, he was a strong 5,765 years of Jewish faith plays in their life, supporter of religious history, there has never understanding that oth- liberty -- including for been a country, other ers have the right to conservatives who fre- than Israel during cerdecide, based on those quently clashed with his tain times of its history,

During his years in more freedom." the Senate, Lieberman For example, Lieber- had many friends on the dress,

me, at age 18 White House intern added. -- when he Monica Lewinsky.

ity, for different races, his friends and enemies.

"This is a country founded by Christians, Lieberman died on a majority of whose citiwhich has given Jews

> During his BYU ad-Lieberman

a symbolic time for was inspired when John with conservatives on called the country's thinking of the aboli- ton," he said. "We come Sen. Joseph Lieber- F. Kennedy was the bipartisan projects ad- "political religion" -- an tionist movement in the to Congress, to the first Catho- dressing hunger, low- approach to democracy 19th century that led White House, and to lic elected as income housing, relief that openly embraced to the end of the evil of the administration genprograms in Africa and the First Amendment slavery. ... And it was erally as people of faith. "I will tell government support for rights of believers and that same spirit that I And it seems to me that you that as a faith-based charities. In unbelievers alike. At was personally privi- when we get there, we young Jewish 1998, he was the first the same time, it's im- leged to witness when don't act as if those American -- Democrat at the nation- possible to study Amer- I was a college student principles that I've just though I was al level to openly call ican history without in the '60s and partici- talked about guide our not thinking Bill Clinton's behav-recognizing religious pated in the civil rights lives." of a political ior "immoral" after the faith as a "force for movement led by a relicareer, believe president's affair with great good," Lieberman gious figure, Dr. Martin

"Some of the most im-Church of Jesus Christ who were from faiths gious faith in public life language and liturgy of of Latter-day Saints to that were not the major- in terms familiar to both faith to build popular faith and values to be media.

Emmanuel Chapel - Independent Bible Church 0432 Hwy 149, South Fork 719-873-5411

Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6 p.m. - Book of Acts Study

San Luis Valley Christian Center 305 S. Broadway (3rd & Broadway), Monte Vista

Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Bible Study

Pastor Jaime Flores - 719-298-0007
Sunday Morning Service, 10:30 am
Wednesday Family Ministry, 6:30 pm
Friday Night Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Sargent Community Church
6967 N. County Rd. 2 E., Monte Vista (across from
Sargent School)

Kim Nipple • 303-532-9342 Worship Service - Wednesday Evening at 5:00 pm

Sargent School)
Pastor Stephen Burns • 719-852-2980

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Back Row Church - Church Community

Monday, 7 p.m. - Youth Thursday, 7 p.m - Bible Study

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Church of the Living God

Praver House Church

10 Main Street, La Jara

www.backrowchurch.com

Apostolic Alamosa Apostolic Churcg

Antonito Apostolic Church 710 Main St., Antonito

Assembly of God River of Life Church

Assembly of God

Baptist

Meets sundays 11-12 p.m. - Sunday School 12-1 p.m. - Worship service

510 Fist St., Alamosa Meets Sundays 1-2 p.m.

2-3 p.m. - Lunch 3-5 p.m. - Worship Service

9056 Hwy 285 South, Alamosa - 719-587-3351 Dan Dawning Pastor, 719-588-7307 Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - Service

7th & Miles • P.O. Box 507, Center, CO 81125

Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m

Sons And Daughters Of God Ministry 677 Madison Street, Monte Vista Pastor Leonard Sandoval, 719-849-0212

Sunday 10.00 a.m Service Wednesday 7.00 p.m Prayer

Adult Sunday School - 9:00

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

Sunday, 9:00 & 10:45 am Worship Services*

Tuesdáy 7:00 pm Young Adults/College Group Wednesday 6:30 pm Bible Quizzing (1st-6th grade) Wednesday 6:30 pm Reign Youth Group (6th-12th grade)

Sunday, 10:45 am Children's Ministry (PreK-5th grade) Sunday, 10:45 am Teen Bible Study (6th_12th grade)

Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm Living Water Bible Fellowship

2910 Clark Street, Alamosa 719-589-6351

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

New Life Fellowship 520 7th St., Del Norte, 81132

Services - 10:00

2602 Clark Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Service

Luther King."

The fall of 2011 was a college freshman, he aisle, often cooperating Abraham Lincoln had support," he said. "I am brought to Washing-

Terry Mattingly is Senior Fellow on Commu-It is especially impor- nications and Culture at In 2005, Lieberman portant movements of tant, Lieberman con- Saint Constantine Colnomination. Some polit- that doors had opened appeared on NBC's conscience in our his- cluded, to recognize the lege in Houston. He lives icos were worried that for me, that somehow a "Meet the Press" pro- tory emerged from the positive power of reli- in Oak Ridge, Tennes-Romney could become horizon had expanded gram, openly support- convictions of religious gious faith during times see, and writes Rational people and used the of turmoil and division. Sheep, a Substack news-"We need America's letter on faith and mass

man explained that, as Republican side of the praised what President

Saturday, April 6,

therefore under the AKJV) mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you priorities in due time: Casting all straight. your care on him; for he Focus on cares for you." (1 Peter the Lord 5:6-7 AKJV)

Do you want the peace will for your of God? Follow the in- life. structions above.

Sunday, April 7, 2024 because your adversary whereof we are glad." the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may Lord. devour:" (1 Peter 5:8 **Wed** AKJV)

Read your Bible. Pray. in a spiritual battle. Re-

member, God wins. Monday, April 8, 2024

(Psalms 126:3 AKJV)

"And this is the record, Attend church. We are that God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that has the Son has life; and "And the world pass- he that has not the Son

eternal destiny rests these two questions. Thurs-

day, April 11, 2024

"The LORD has done from idols. Amen." (1

the Lord.

"Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth." (Psalms 124:8

Since the Lord made Heaven and Earth, He can certainly help you

Bible Digest

"Humble yourselves for ever." (1 John 2:17 Does Jesus have you?

Amen! Thank

2024

Do you have Jesus?

"Little chil-

Don't let anything stand between you and

Friday, April 12, 2024

AKJV)

thereof: but he that does John 5:11-12 AKJV) the will of God stays

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 dren, keep yourselves "Be sober, be vigilant; great things for us; John 5:21 AKJV)

Wednesday, April 10,

es away, and the lust of God has not life." (1

He speaks to my heart. Remember, He wants us to put our confidence in

God really does want to speak to you personally and lead you in His great plan for your life. So don't be afraid to step out and do what's in your heart. If you make a mistake, you'll learn from it and go on. And if you get off track, He'll help you get

I want to encourage you to study God's Word every day and pray His Word over your life. Make declarations based on Scripture, like, "God loves me. He wants to speak to my heart. I can hear from God. He is faithful to me and will lead me in His will for my life. And I believe it will be exactly as God has told me! By God's grace, we can be bold in

faith and overcome every attack of doubt during the storms of life.

four-part teaching resource How to Attack Anxiety: You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, Enjoying Everyday Life, by calling (800) 727-

bestselling author and founder of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. She has authored more than 140 books, including BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND and OVERCOMING EVERY PROBLEM (FaithWords). She hosts the Enjoying Everyday Life radio and TV programs, which air on hundreds of stations worldwide, rin www.joycemeyer.org. note: The views and what this

Small Groups meets throughout week, please call for info ** Nursery is available (6wks-preK) College Heights Baptist Church Pastor Anthony Bowden 2045 Church Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. - Sunday

Wednesday 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study* Saturday 5:00 pm Worship Service**

School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Morning Worship San Luis Valley Baptist Church 930 State Avenue, Alamosa Pastor R.L. McDonald

Pastor R.L. McDonald
Wednesday 7 p.m. - Worship
Saturday, 2 p.m.
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Sunday School
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship
Sunday, 6 p.m. - Evening Worship
Spanish Ministry - Iglesia Bautista Rehobot
Pastor Sal Garcia, 589-3020
Calvary Bible Chapel
7100 Rnish I ane Alamosa

Sankary Bulble Orders 30 Age 230 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:20 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Ministry of the Word Small group studies meet during the week. Calvary Blanca Pastor Mathew Leonard - 719-379-3317 Sunday, 9:30 am - Bile Study Sunday, 11:00 am - Service Wednesday, 6:30pm - Community Get to Know

Calvary Baptist Church Carvary Baptist Church
2160 Sherman Ave, Monte Vista
Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Bible Study
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship
Tuesday, 6 p.m. - C.L.A.Y. Youth
Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study
South Fork Baptist Church
01:30 Four Seasons Dr.(Old Chizum Bldg), South
Fork Fork

(East side near laundromat & car wash) Sunday Scool, 9:30am Sunday, 10:30am - Worship For more information - Pastor Paul Moon - 719-496-7702 United Presbyterian Church of Antonito P.O. Box 665, Antonito Office Hrs. Tues, 9:00am -12:00

CHURCH DIRECTORY To Local Houses of Worship Sunday -9:45am - Sunday School 10:45am - Service Camolic
Sacred Hearl Church
715 4th Street, Alamosa
Saturday, 4:00 p.m. - Mass
Saturday, 6:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass
Sunday, 8 a.m. - Mass
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Mass Hooper Church 3rd and Adams, Hooper

Sunday, 9 a.m. - Morning Worship United Church of La Jara 719-274-5250 Terry Buckman, Pastor Cell Phone: 339-8444 Office Hours: Mon. 9:00 am - 12:00 Sunday 9:00 am - Contemporary Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am

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

Pioneer United Church in Del Norte, Colorado A Congregation of Evangelical Covenant Order

Presbyterians 630 Spruce St. (1.5 blocks south of Hwy. 160) Adult Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Sunday Coffee Fellowship – 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service – 11:00 a.m. Sunday Church of the South Fork 0116 Landen Dr., South Fork, Co., 81154

Sunday are at 9 am - Services School Room. Choir is held on Wednesday at 6pm during the summer months with a final practice at 8:15am on Christian

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

01 Sante Fe, Alamosa Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Friday, 6:00 p.m. M.O.S.H. Youth Night The Peak Community Church 510 San Juan, Alamosa Sundays, 6 p.m. - Fellowship Sundays, 7 p.m. - Worship & More

Alamosa Pentacostal Church 184 East 2nd St., Alamosa - 719-589-0475 Pastor Carl Sutter Bible Studt Wednesday 7:00 p.m

Sunday School Sunday 1:00-1:45 Worship 2:00-3:00 Christian Fellowship Church The Door 1300 West 12th St., Alamosa

Pastor Martin Montoya • 719-587-6197 Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 6:30 p.m. - Victory Service Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Revival Christian Independent Alamosa Christian Church

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

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

408 Victoria Avenue. Alamosa Sunday, 9.30 a.m. - Bible Classes Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study Healing Hearts, a Bible-based 12 step

reduing realis, a bible-oased 12 ste group meets, even Friday at 7 p.m. South Fork Chuch of Christ 205 Birch St, South Fork, 719-873-1259 Nathan Wheeler Pastor Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m. Central Church of Christ 200 Erapkin Streat Monta Vista, 710-852-3

Central Church of Christ
200 Franklin Street, Monte Vista, 719-852-3811
David L. Baker Preacher
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Class
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. - Worship
Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study
San Luis Valley Church of Christ
704 Del Sol, Alamosa, 719-589-2114
Sunday Bible Study 9 am
Sunday Worship 10 am
Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm Cornerstone Community Church Hwy. 160 Del Norte next to Rio Grande Medical

Clinic
Pastor Mark 719-657-9107 Sunday 9:50 a.m. free breakfast Sunday 10:20 a.m. Contemporary Worship & Children Sunday Wednesday 5:15 p.m. Dinner, music, fellowship teachings

Episcopal Saint Thomas Episcopal Church 607 4th Street, Alamosa Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service Saint Stephen the Martyr 729 3rd Avenue, Monte Vista Sunday, 10 am Service First Christian Church

518 First St. (First & State) Alamosa 589-6805 Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - Church Service Valley Fellowship
240 East 5th Street, Center - 719-754-3904
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary
Worship, Prayer and Bible Study

*Bible Studies during the week, call for informa-

First United Methodist First United Methodist Church 2005 Mullins Ave., Alamosa - 719-589-2243 "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" Morning Worship - Sunday, 11:00 am Children's Church - Sunday, 10:30 am Community Churches Community Churches
United for Christ Community Church (SBC)
"Community Centered Around Love"
7th & Brodawy in Blanca - 719-379-3317
Sunday School 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 11am

Bible Believer's Community Church 11762 E US HWY 160. Alamoša. Co 81101

330 San Juan Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship Hispanic Pentecostal HISPANIC Pentecostal Iglesia Pentecostal Unida L.A. 907 Tenth St. Alamosa - 719-587-3546 Guadalupe Salazar Pastor Wed. 7:00 p.m. Service Sat. 7:00 p.m. Youth Service Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Sun. 5:00 p.m. Worship New Hope Church

Sunday worship 10:30 Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

www.bbcchurch.co

New Hope Church "The Church on the Hill" 25258 Hwy 160, South Fork, Co. 81154 Pastor John Jayne • 719-873-1202

www.newhopesf.com Morning Worship -10:00 am Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 - 9:45 Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa 330 San Juan Aye., Alamosa, CO 81101 alamosafellowship@gmail.com Sunday 4:30 PM Worship in the north

wing of the Alamosa Presbyterian Church Independent, Fundamental Baptist First Baptist Church of Costilla County 9717 County Rd H, Mesita - 719-206-0011 Pastor Paul Jones
Sunday, 9:45 am - Sunday School
Sunday, 10:45 am - Morning Worship
Sunday, 12 Noon - Potluck Dinner
Sunday, 12 Noon - Potluck Dinner
Sunday, after dinner - Afternoon Worship
Thursday, 7:00 pm - Mesita, Bible Study and

Prayer meeting

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Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Alamosa Y S A Ward 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Alamosa Second Ward 927 Weber Drive, Alamosa

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Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Sierra Vista Branch (Spanish Language) 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Lutheran

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

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

52 EI Rio Drive, Alamosa
Sunday, 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship

Small Bible Study Groups Throughout the Week
- Pre-School through 5th grade
Church: 593-4611, School: 593-3271

Conejos Canyon Community Chapel
20062 State Hwy, 17 (between mile posts 21 and 20)
Fellowhip Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service

Mountain Valley Church
408 State St. 17, Alamosa
Pastor: Richard Pinkerton
589-2899 or 588-7662

589-2899 or 588-7662 Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service Presbyterian Church of Monte Vista 702 Second Avenue, Monte Vista (719) 852-2555 (719) 852-2555 Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Sunday Worship Seventh-day Adventist Seventh-day Adventist Church 315 Craft Drive, Alamosa

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Mosca United Methodist Church 538 Barker Street, Mosca 970-270-3078 Pastor Steve Dunkel

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Have Peace in the **Midst of Life's Storms**

In Acts 27 (AMP), there's a great story about the apostle Paul. He was travelling by ship with some people when "a violent wind...[a northeaster, a tempestuous windstorm like a typhoon], came rushing down from the island" (v. 14).

For days they were caught in the

storm, and at one point it was so fierce, they were "violently tossed about by the storm" (v. 18) and had to throw the ship's equipment overboard. They ended up without food, hungry, stranded—seemingly without hope.
In that moment, Paul stood in the midst of the survivors and said to them, "I urge you to keep up your courage and be in good spirits, because there will be no loss of life among you" (v. 22). He then shared that an angel of

25, *So keep up your courage, men, for I believe God and have complete confidence in Him that it will turn out exactly as I have been told." How could Paul, in the middle of a horrible storm, ask the people to "be in good spirits" and have a good attitude? Because he believed in his heart-without a doubt-"that it will

God told him this, and said in verse

turn out exactly as I have been told." I love that! It's a great picture of the power of faith in God when all hope seems lost. And we can have the very same faith that Paul had if we will overcome doubt. We all face storms in life. Some

are more difficult than others, but we all go through trials and tribulation. That's why we have the gift of faith. Ephesians 6:16 (NIV) calls it "the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one." Doubt is a type of "flaming arrow"

that the enemy uses to attack our faith and cause us to get caught up in fear and anxiety. We usually experience doubt after

we've made a decision. In James 1:6,

the Bible says having doubt is like being tossed about like the wind, which feels like you're trying to go in two different directions at the same time. And it's miserable to be torn between two places, not able to decide what you really believe. It's in those moments we have to choose whether we are going to believe

God or the enemy...God or our

feelings...God or what people tell us...

God or our circumstances... When doubt comes against us, we have to lift up the shield of faith. We do this by opening our mouth and saying what God's Word says, rather than grumbling and complaining about the problem. Our faith is released as we say, pray and do the Word. So, in those times, open your mouth and say, °I believe that everything God has told

me will come to pass!"

Maybe you're doubting whether you can hear God's voice or not. This happens because we usually doubt ourselves more than we doubt God. Now I'm not talking about actually hearing a voice; I'm talking about that knowing we have inside our hearts about what is right or wrong. That's the still, small voice of God. Believers in Jesus Christ all have it, but many don't have the confidence to trust it. The Bible says in James 1:5 that

when we need wisdom, we "should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault" (NIV). This means that even though we aren't perfect, God will be faithful to us and give us what we need if we will ask Him for help. He loves us, blesses us, and uses us in spite of us, because He is faithful! And we never have to doubt that. I've learned through my own relationship with God that He's not

expecting me to be perfect; He wants me to do my best to be in His will and take steps of faith as He leads me, through His Word and the promptings

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Sports

Panthers sweep twinbill from Bobcats

By KEN HAMRICK Courier sports editor BLANCA – The Sierra Grande High School baseball team hosted a pair of five-inning games on Friday when it faced Manzanola at the

Panthers' field.

The Panthers were successful in the doubleheader as they won by scores of 10-5 and 21-4.
"We were pretty pleased," said Sierra Grande coach Brandon Mizokami. "We're a little behind after a couple of weeks after basketball. They're coming along. We have some really good

to get them ready for baseball."

athletes and we're trying

The Bobcats took the early lead with a run in the top of the first inning. Mark Holland singled and went to third on an error in the outfield. He scored on Richard Morales' groundout.

The Panthers tied the score in their half of the first. Kobe Mizokami singled and stole second and he came home on Derek Martinez's single.

Manzanola regained the lead with two runs in the second. T.J. Price walked and stole second. Dillon Pittman then reached on an error and he reached second on another miscue, allowing Price to score. Pittman also scored on an error for a 3-1 Bobcats

Sierra Grande took the lead back with three runs in the bottom of the second. Bryant Tijerina walked, and Garrick Pettigrew was hit by a pitch. Jaydn Martinez singled home Tijerina, and Pettigrew came home on Brian Ontiveros' groundout. Jadyn Martinez scored on a wild pitch to give the

Panthers a 4-3 lead. The Bobcats tied the score in the third. Morales was hit by a pitch, Canye Trujillo reached on an error, and Price was also hit by a pitch to load the bases. Moranles scored on Danner Carrol's

The Panthers regained the lead for good by scoring four runs in the bottom of the third. Rolando Najera singled, stole second and third, and scored as Tijerina was safe on an error. Pettigrew and Jadyn Martinez also reached on errors with Tijerina scoring on the play. Ontiveros' single plated Pettigrew and JadynMartineztoincrease the Sierra Grande lead to

The Panthers added two

more runs in the fourth. Patrick Sanchez singled and stole second and scored on Najera's single. Najera stole second and third and came home on Luis Roybal's single.

The Bobcats scored once in the top of the fifth. Morales, Trujillo and Carroll all walked to load the bases, and Pittman was hit by a pitch to drive home Morales.

Ontiveros went the distance on the mound and picked up the win. He allowed five runs and two hits and he struck out four, walked four and hit three batters.

The Panthers collected eight hits and were led by Najera who went 2-3 with one RBI. Ontiveros led in RBIs with three, followed by Jadyn Martinez with

Sierra Grande stole 16 bases and was led by Najera with four and Kobe Mizokami with three.

Game 2

Sierra Grande took the early lead with three runs in the bottom of the first. Ontiveros, Kobe Mizokami and Derek Martinez all walked and Ontiveros scored on a wild pitch. Kobe Mizokami came home on Sanchez's sacrifice fly, and Derek Martinez was driven home on Najera's groundout.

Manzanola came back with four runs in the top of the second. Thomas Vigil led off by getting hit by a pitch, and Owen Tillquist singled. An error in the outfield allowed Vigil to

Josiah Chavez drew a walk, and Holland doubled to score Tillquist and Chavez. Carroll's groundout plated Holland for a 4-3 Bobcats lead.

The Panthers responded with 11 runs in their half of the second. Giovanni Jaquez walked, and Ontiveros singled. Kobe Mizokami also walked to fill the sacks, and Jacquez tied the score on Derek Martinez's groundout.

Sanchez doubled home Ontiveros and Kobe Mizokami to put Sierra Grande back into the lead. Sanchez scored on a wild pitch. Najera received a base on balls and he stole second and third, and scored on Tijerina's single. Pettigrew also walked and Jadyn Marinez tripled to bring home Tijerina and Pettigrew. Jadyn Martinez scored on a wild pitch to increase the lead to 11-4.

Jacquez drew a walk, stole second and took third on a wild pitch. Ontiveros' single plated Jacquez. Ontiveros stole second



Sierra Grande's High School's Kobe Mizokami throws out a Manzanola batter in the first game of a doubleheader on Friday. The Panthers swept the Bobcats by scores of 10-5 and 21-4.

and third and was driven home on Kobe Mizokami's single. Mizokami also stole second and third and came home on a wild pitch to give Sierra Grande a 14-4 advantage.

The Panthers put seven more runs on the board in the third. Najera led off with a single and took second on an error. He scored on a wild pitch.

Tijerina and Eugene Allaart both walked and both came home on Ontivero's double. Kobe Mizokami's single plated Ontiveros, and Derek Martinez followed with an

inside-the-park home run. Najera was hit by a pitch and he scored on three wild pitches.

Manzanola went down in order in the fourth and the game ended on the 15run rule.

Sanchez threw a complete game and was awarded the win. He gave up four runs and three hits with eight strikeouts, five walks and three hit batters.

The Panthers had 11 hits and were led by

Ontiveros who went 3-3 with a double and three RBIs, Kobe Mizokami who went 2-2 with two RBIs, and Tijerina who went 2-3 with one RBI.

Ontiveros, Derek Martinez and Sanchez led in RBIs with three each, followed by Kobe Mizokami and Jadyn Martinez both with two.

The Panthers had 18

stolen bases. They were led by Kobe Mizokami with five, Ontiveros and Najers with four and Tijerina with three.

What's next Sierra Grande (3-0) will host a single game with La Veta today.

"They'll be good," coach Mizokami said. "We're looking forward to it. Hopefully the weather

will cooperate. It will be a challenge

Sierra Grande 10, Manzanola 5 Manzanola 121 01 - 5 2 6 Sierra Grande 134 2x - 10 8 6 Morales (L) and Trujillo. Ontiveros

(W) and Sanchez. Sierra Grande 21, Manzanola 4 040 0 - 4 3 4 Manzanola Sierra Grande 3(11)7 x - 21 11 3 Lange (L), Pittman (2) and Trujillo.

Sanchez (W) and Mizokami. HR - SG:

D. Martinez (3rd inn., one on, 2 out).

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Sports Bulletin

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SCOREBOARD FRIDAY Prep baseball

Antonito at Branson/ Kim JV (2) – no report Monte Vista 17, Rangely 12

Sierra Grande 10, Manzanola 5 Sierra Grande 21,

Manzanola 4, 4 inn. Prep girls soccer Alamosa at Pagosa

Springs – no report College baseball Adams State at Colorado School of Mines

College women's softball Colorado-Colorado

– late

Springs 7, Adams State Adams State 8,

Colorado-Colorado Springs 7

SCHEDULE SATURDAY Prep baseball La Veta at Sierra

sa, 10 a.m.

Grande, 9 a.m. Durango at Alamo-

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

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

11 a.m. 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, 11 a.m.

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 Colorado State pueblo,

College women's

softball Adams State at Colorado-Colorado Springs

(2), 11 a.m. College outdoor track and field

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

SUNDAY College baseball Adams State at Colo-

rado School of Mines, noon

TUESDAY Prep baseball Centauri at Del

Norte, 4 p.m. Centennial at Antonito, 4:30 p.m. Sanford at Sargent, 4:30 p.m.

Sierra Grande at Custer County, 4:30 p.m.

Prep girls soccer Alamosa at Del Norte, 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Prep baseball Center vs. Las Animas (at Runyon Sports

Complex), 4 p.m.

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Lifestyle

Making youth sports safer for athletes

Valley Courier

(METRO) — Partici- strain placed on bones, overweight among mod-reconstructions these young athletes.

Children's Health, more than 3.5 million children ages 14 and younger get hurt each year while playing in recreational activipeople between the ages of 12 and 19 were sportsrelated. In the face of such data, parents may be left wondering what can be done to reduce young athletes injuries.

Strength & Conditioning Association says overtraining may be ing them into games. one contributor to these injuries. Overuse inju-

pating in youth sports tendons and ligaments, can be a great way for which differ from acute children to develop vari- injuries that occur durous interpersonal skills ing a traumatic event. and stay active. Routine A 2009 study from the physical activity is part American College of of a healthy lifestyle, Sports Medicine found which can help reduce the number of anterior the rates of obesity and cruciate ligament (ACL) ern youths. However, formed on children beparticipation in sporting tween the ages of three activities is not without and 20 in New York risk. It falls on coaches, increased by 100 perleagues and parents cent between 1990 and to make youth sports 2009. The Children's as safe as possible for Hospital of Philadelphia says ACL tears in chil-According to Stanford dren are not typically common compared to all injuries they suffer. However, they are more prevalent among youths who participate in orgasports or participating nized sports that involve a lot of running, jumpties. The Centers for ing, twisting, and piv-Disease Control and oting. Children need to Although there is some Prevention reports high take breaks from sports school athletes account to allow their bodies to ing sports, young athletes for an estimated two recover and to incorpomillion injuries, half a rate variety into their of getting hurt if they are million doctor visits and activities through cross smart about sports play. 30,000 hospitalizations training to avoid repetieach year. A 2011 study tive strain on one area of Canadian youth pub- of the body. In addition, lished in Science Direct muscles that have had found that 66 percent the chance to warm up of injuries among young are less vulnerable to tion and should never be overuse injuries.

\mathbf{Use} proper technique

be schooled in the proper techniques when engag- juries and lead to more Cross train for over- ing in physical activity. use injury prevention Coaches should make line an athlete for a Canadian sure that athletes are long time, says Johns employing the proper Hopkins Medicine. Less techniques before send-

Get the ries involve repetitive equipment



METRO photo risk of injury when playcan reduce their chances

Protective equipment, such as helmets, pads, shoes, and more, are vital for injury prevenoverlooked.

Listen to your body

Young athletes should It is essential that not be advised to play through pain. Doing so can exacerbate any indamage that may sidefocus on being the best at all costs from coaches and parents may remove proper the pressure to play no matter what.



SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024 • 9 A.M.

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Public Notices

Valley Courier

County Court CONEJOS County, Colorado

6683 COUNTY ROAD 13, P.O. BOX 128, CONEJOS, CO 81129 In the Matter of the Petition of: Parent/Petitioner: TIFFANY GONZALES

Minor Child: RONNIE LLOYD VIGIL III

to Change the Child's Name to: RONNIE JOSE GONZALES Case Number: 2024C9

Case Number: 2020-05
Division B
NOTICE TO NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT BY PUBLICATION
Notice to: GILBERT VIGIL, non-custodial parent.
Notice is given that a hearing is scheduled as follows:
Date: May 6, 2024

Location: 6683 COUNTY ROAD 13, CONEJOS, COLORADO for the purpose of requesting a change of name for RONNIE LLOYD VIGIL III

At this hearing the Court may enter an order changing the name of the child.

To support or voice objection to the proposed name change, you must

appear at the hearing. Date: APRIL 3, 2024 TIFFANY GONZALES

P.O. BOX 595, ROMEO, CO 81148 No. 3890 Published in the Valley Courier on April 6, 9, and 10, 2024

County Court CONEJOS County, Colorado

Court Address: 6683 COUNTY ROAD 13, P.O. BOX 128, CONEJOS, CO 81129 In the Matter of the Petition of: Parent/Petitioner: TIFFANY GONZALES

for Minor Child: ADRIAN GILBERT MARTIN VIGIL

to Change the Child's Name to: ADRIAN JONATHON GONZALES Case Number: 2024C11 Division B NOTICE TO NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT BY PUBLICATION

Notice to: GILBERT VIGIL, non-custodial parent.

Notice is given that a hearing is scheduled as follows:

Date: May 6, 2024

Time: 10:00 A.M. Location: 6683 COUNTY ROAD 13, CONEJOS, COLORADO

for the purpose of requesting a change of name for ADRIAN GILBERT MARTIN VIGIL At this hearing the Court may enter an order changing the name of the child.

To support or voice objection to the proposed name change, you must

appear at the hearing. Date: APRIL 3, 2024

TIFFANY GONZALES P.O. BOX 595, ROMEO, CO 81148

No. 3889

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

new agenda management creation and platform to be utilized for City Council meetings and other boards and committee meetings run by the City. For additional information, please visit www.cityofalamos co.us. Deadline: 04/15/2024 by 5:30 p.m. No. 3883. Published in the Valley Courier on April 5, 6, 9, 10, & 12, 2024.

Ordinance No. 05-2024 Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at a regular meeting of the Alamosa City Council duly called, Council finally

passed and adopted Ordinance No. 5-2024, an ordinance shortening the cure and notice provisions for nuisance properties owned or controlled by resident owners creating the nuisance. Further notice is hereby given that the full text thereof is available

for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the Office of the City Clerk. Alamosa City Council

Holly C. Martinez City Clerk No. 3887.

Request for Proposal

Conejos 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

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 informa

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 On Ordinance No. 4-2024

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 4-2024, an ordinance approving official hours for public use of City of Alamosa Parks and Open Space and prohibiting deadly weapons in

all parks, open space and recreation facilities.

This ordinance was accepted on first reading on April 3, 2024, and a Public Hearing thereon set for Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. This hearing will be held in Alamosa Council Chambers, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa,

Further notice is given that any and all persons of interest may appear at said hearing and be heard in this matter, and that the full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the office of the City Clerk.

Holly C. Martinez,

City Clerk No. 3886. Published in the Valley Courier on April 6, 2024.

TOWN OF BOMEO P.O. BOX 505 ROMEO, COLORADO 81148

Press Release/Letter to the editor/General statement

Continued discussion of the proposed National Conservation Area in Conejos County requested. Meetings and news articles regarding a proposed National Conserva-

tion Area in Coneios County will continue for the foreseeable future The Town of Romeo looks forward to continued discussion and re-

ceiving 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 Conserva-

tion 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 Conservation 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 Conservation Area, either in support of or opposition to.
The potential benefit to the Town and community has not been demonstrated to the Town. The Town anticipates working with commu-

nity 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

and far. Thank you, The Board of Trustees of the Town of Romeo

No. 3888.

Alamosa School District RE11J

Mailing Address: Ortega Middle School, 401 Victoria Ave, Alamosa, CO 81101 Physical Address: Administration Office, 403 Santa Fe Ave, Alamosa CO 81101

Tel: 719-587-1600 Fax: 719-587-1721 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

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found on the Alamosa School District Website: www.alamosaschools. org under Foodservice Department, Food Bid Folder. DATE PROPOSALS ARE DUE: Wednesday, April 24th, @ 2:00PM

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is hereby given that a supplemental budget has been submitted to the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Alamosa for the vear of 2024; a copy of such supplemental budget has been filed in the Office of the County Finance Officer. Said document is available for public inspection at the front reception area. A final hearing on the supplemental budget will be held at 9:30 AM, April 10, 2024 at a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. Such a supplemental budget will be considered for adoption in the Board's Chambers, Alamosa County Administrative Services Building, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101. Any interested parties may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto until the conclusion of the final budget hearing. MariCruz Mora, Published in the Valley Courier on April 6, 2024.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS COSTILLA COUNTY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

GUADALUPE SANCHEZ DITCH PROJECT General Notice

SAN LUIS, CO

Costilla County Conservancy District (District) in conjunction with the andowner, 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

PM local time. On ___April 26_____, 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 approximately \$300,000. The Project has an expected duration of approxi mately 6 months with a goal deadline of completion of October, 2024.

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 Conservancy District Office on Monday through Friday between the hours Costilla County Conservancy District

324 Main Street, San Luis, CO 81154

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 No. 3848

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6683 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129 VALERIE MORALES, an Individual, and AMY REGNIER,

an Individual

DARLENE LETEY, an Individual A COURT USE ONLY A

Attorney for Plaintiffs: Samuel J. Scheurich, #46270 BURNHAM LAW 2760 29th Street, Suite #IE Boulder, CO 80301

Phone: 303.990.5308 Fax: 303.200.7330 sam@bumhamlaw.com Case No.: 2022CV30010

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,

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

seize and take into possession the following described property

Lot 3, Block 12, Manaassa Parcel No. 2, County of Conejos, State

file such written claim of exemption with the Clerk of said Court you

shall be deemed to have waived your right of exemption under Witness, Garth Crowther, Sheriff of Conejos County, Colorado, this 30 day of November, 2023.

GARTH CROWTHER CONEJOS COUNTY SHERIFF

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DISTRICT COURT, RIO GRANDE COUNTY, COLORADO Court Address: 925 6th Street, Del Norte, CO 81132 Phone: 719 657-3394

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

K.L. (D.O.B. 10/31/2023) A CHILD, AND CONCERNING: TAMARA LOPEZ (D.O.B. 08/16/1992) MOTHER OF CHILD, 'JOH DOE" (BIOLOGICAL FATHER)

RESPONDENTS JOHN NARANJO & REBECCA NARANJO, SPECIAL RESPON-

Attorney for Rio Grande County Dept of Social Services

Address: PO Box 40, Del Norte, CO 81132

Phone: 719 657-3381 Fax: 719 657-4013 E-Mail: attorney.riograndedss@gmail.com Reg No: 39307 COURT USE ONLY

ALIAS SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
TO: JOHN DOE (THE UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF K.L.) You are hereby notified that a Verified Petition for Adjudication of Dependency and Neglect of the above-named child/ren has been filed in the above-named Court in which it is represented to the Court that the child/ren, is/are dependent or neglected for the reasons set forth more fully in said Petition, the original of which is on file in the above Court and copies of which will be made available to you upon request during normal business hours at the office of the Clerk of the District Court in Rio Grande County.

APRIL 16, 2024 9:20 A.M.

LOCATION: 925 6TH STREET, DISTRICT COURTROOM, DEL NORTE, CO 81132 You are further notified that TERMINATION OF THE PARENT-

CHILD LEGAL RELATIONSHIP IS A POSSIBLE REMEDY AVAIL-ABLE IF THIS PETITION ALLEGING THAT THE CHILD/REN IS/ ARE DEPENDENT OR NEGLECTED IS SUSTAINED. A SEPARATE HEARING MUST BE HELD BEFORE SUCH TERMIATION IS OR-DERED. TERMINATION OF THE PARENT-CHILD LEGAL RELA-TIONSHIP MEANS THAT THE CHILD/REN WHO IS/ARE SUBJECT TO THIS PETITION WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION. Pursuant to Rule 4.1 of the Colorado Rules of Juvenile Procedure,

a responsive pleading is not required, although you may file one, if you so desire, nor is it necessary for you to deny any allegations of the Petition, except jurisdictional matters of age and residence of the child/ren which shall be deemed admitted unless specifically denied. You are further informed that if you choose to appear at the hearing at the time and place hereinabove stated, you shall be fully

advised by the Court of your constitutional and legal rights pursuant

to C.R.S. 19-3-202, as amended. You may demand a trial by jury of not more than six. Unless a jury is demanded, it shall be deemed to be waived. You have the right to be represented by counsel at every stage of the proceedings. If you request representation by an attorney and you are found to be without financial means to afford an attorney, an attorney will be appointed for you by the Court. You are further advised that, if the court finds that the allegations in the Petition are supported by the necessary standards of proof,

the Court shall hold a dispositional hearing, but that in a proper case, providing prior notice thereof is given to you, and, you are now so advised, the dispositional hearing may be had co-extensively with the adjudicatory hearing. If you fail to enter your appearance, or if you fail to deny jurisdictional matters, if any, as permitted by law, the above matter, and any

other related matters that may come before the Court will be decided without further notice to you.

Furthermore, you have the following additional rights:

The right to subpoena witnesses; 2). The right to know the nature of the allegations contained in the

3). Any admission on your part must be voluntary; 4). If you admit the allegations of the Petition, the Court is not bound by any promises or representations made by anyone about the dispo-

sitional alternatives by the Court; 5). The Court may appoint an attorney as a Guardian ad Litem to represent the interest of the child/ren. 6). The right to present evidence;

The right to cross examine witnesses; 9). In order for the Court to find the child/ren to be neglected or dependent, it must be proven to a judge or jury by the preponderance

10). In order to terminate the parent-child legal relationship, the Court would have to find at a separate hearing by clear and convincing evidence either of the following:

a) That the child/ren has/have been adjudicated dependent and neglected and has/have been abandoned by his/her/their parent or

b) That the child/ren is/are adjudicated dependent or neglected, and the Court has found by clear and convincing evidence that no appropriate treatment plan can be devised to address the unfitness of the parent or parents. c) That the child/ren is/are adjudicated dependent or neglected and

een reasonably complied with by the parent or parents or has not (II) That the parent is unfit; (III) That the conduct or condition of the parent or parents is unlikely

(I) That an appropriate treatment plan approved by the Court has not

SIGNED this 2ND DAY OF APRIL 2024. ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

all of the following exist:

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

Request for Proposal for Audit Services

The scope of the prospective engagement will be to perform a financial and compliance audit of the District for the year ended June 30, 2024, with the option to audit the District's financial statements for each of the four (4) subsequent fiscal years. The firm selected will be expected to provide consultation and assistance in the preparation of its basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The audit and resulting accountants' reports must be in accordance with the Single Audit Act. Description of Entity to Be Audited The District serves approximately 2,000 students in Alamosa, Colo-

rado. Funds included in the financial statements to be audited will be the General, Capital Projects, Special Revenue, and Internal Service Funds. More detailed information on the District, as well as the District's finances can be found in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023
Audited Financial Statements which is posted on the District's website 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, Alamosa, CO 81101 Attention: Amanda Hensley, Chief Operations and Financial Officer, 719-587-1600 or hand delivered to 403 Santa Fe, Alamosa, CO 81101. Qualifications Required In order to be considered, the firm presenting the proposal must be

a firm of certified public accountants eligible by law to practice public accounting in the State of Colorado. Proposal Content Proposals must include the following information:

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 2. Letter explaining the understanding of work to be done, commit-ment to the calendar and a statement why the auditing firm is in the best position to perform the auditing services

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

4. List the personnel of your local organization who are likely to be assigned to the engagement. Indicate whether Partner, Principal, Senior

Accountant, etc. Provide information on Colorado licensure for each person and whether the individual has school district, or governmental, auditing experience. tal, auduling experience.

5. What is the firm's standard for continuing professional education, for certified staff and non-certified staff? How many hours of continuing professional education (CPE) are required in government accounting and auditing? If required, are individual staff members meeting the minimum requirements as defined by the Yellow Book? 6. What percentage of the external auditors who would be assigned

 What percentage of the external auditors who would be assigned to the audit have at least six months experience in governmental ac-counting? Please give details. 7. Submit a copy of the most recent completed external quality control review (i.e., peer review). If available, a review of a specific government engagement.

April 1, 2024

ears, which must include out-of-pocket expenses.
irms are requested to provide the written proposal to the District by April 30, 2024. Time Requirements

* The following deadlines are presently anticipated:

Prospective bidder's inquiry deadline / Proposal deadline April 30, 2024 Notifications of bid selection May 15, 2024 * Engagement of successful firm * End of accounting period

Submit audit report to Board of Education for approval Submit audit report to the Office of the State Auditor December 31,

RFP released

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

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

2. A peer review completed within the past three years.

6. The proposed cost of the audit (number of hours and hourly rate). This is not a competitive bid. The RFP process allows the District to

3. The adequacy and completeness of the proposal.

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19, 20, & 23, 2024.

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ment, BA accounting,

Business Management or

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formation, you may con-

tact the director at, di-

rector@mvheadstart.org

or call 719-852-3215.

Positions opened until filled. (4/26/24)

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Spuds. (AS) LOOKING FOR A rewarding and fulfilling career? Are you a positive, self-motivated individual? Consider a career with the MONTE VISTA HEAD START. FISCAL OFFICER is responsible for the fiscal management and fiscal reporting to the Office of Head Start and the Grantee Board. Must be proficient in QuickBooks MECHANIC: JT and Microsoft office ap-TIMBER FALLING plications. Qualifications are: Experience in busi-

District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and accepts no

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HELP WANTED

OPERATOR: PART-TIME; Pay based on experience; Job Title: erator. Job Description: The Water and Sewer Operator plays a vital role in ensuring the ef-Jesus and Saint Jude for ficient and safe operation of the town's water and sewer systems. Responsibilities include monitoring, maintaining, and repairing water treatment and distribution systems, as well as sewer collection and treatment facilities. To apply, submit a resume to townofromeo@gmail. com or come in during

information. (4/26/24)

TENANCE TECH-NICIAN/PARKS & RECREATION TECH-NICIAN: Part-Time Hourly 15-20 hours; Pay rate \$14.42/hour. Job Description: We are seeking a skilled and dedicated Part-Time Maintenance Technician/Parks and Recreation Technician to join our team in maintaining and enhancing the beauty and functionality of our town's parks and recreational areas. As COURIER. Smokin a vital member of our community, you will be responsible for ensuring the upkeep, safety, and cleanliness of our parks, playgrounds, and town buildings and facilities. To apply, submit a resume to townofromeo@gmail.com or come in during office hours Tuesday or Thursday 9 to 3 for application. You can call 719-843-5785 for more information. (4/26/24)

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

221 -**HELP WANTED**

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

information. (4/26/24)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a SPECIAL EDU-CATION PARAPRO-FESSIONAL at BILL METZ ELEMENTARY 8. Please guote a not to exceed audit fee for each of the next four for the 2024-2025 school year. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience may be viewed on the district website. Monte Vista School District operates on a 4-day week (Monday - Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Paraprofessional Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of select the vendor that best meets the needs of the District, taking into consideration firm qualifications, price, and service capabilities. The hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://www. pirates.monte.k12.co.us/ employmentopportunities, by April 23, 2024, or until the position is filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (4/24/24)

> DATED 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 K-12 ART TEACHER, for the 2024-2025 School Year. Qualifications; Must hold a valid State of Colorado Teacher's License or, such alternative as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Applications can be found on the District Website https:// office hours Tuesday or www.center.k12.co.us/ Thursday 9 to 3 for appage/employment-opplication. You can call 719-843-5785 for more portunities or contact the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position PART-TIME MAINis Filled. EOE. (5/8/24) **NORTH CONEJOS**

CENTER CONSOLI-

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.northconeios. com. Submit application to Mr. Darren Edgar. Superintendent. EOE. (4/24/24)**SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL** DISTRICT is seeking a PRESCHOOL AIDE. Preferred qualifications include a Level I or II in Colorado Shines

ules are available on the

district website. Please

submit a district appli-

cation, resume, cover

letter, and transcripts at

https://www.southcone-

jos.com/page/how-to-

<u>apply</u>. (4/10/24)

221 -**HELP WANTED**

SANGRE DE CRISTO SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following positions available for the 2024-2025 school year: HS GIRLS BASKET-BALL COACH & FOOD SERVICE DI-RECTOR. Please visit our website www.sangreschools.org to apply. If you have any questions, please call 719-420-1422. (4/19/24)

Kristi Mountain **Sports** is now seeking retail sales staff to join their team. Please email resume to jobs@kristimountainsports.com

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 phone numbers and an email will not be con-

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.

sidered. (4/19/24)

(5/1/24)POOLE CHEMICAL SEASONAL TRUCK DRIVER: Now-August. (local deliveries). Must have a CDL Class A and pass drug screen. Apply in Person 2060 S. Rd. 5E, MONTE VISTA

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NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications 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. (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 relationships with school administrators, parents, and students. Please contact Gibbs Sanchez, Athletic Director, at: gsanchez@urtigers.co 719-657-4020; or Annie Hardy, Principal, at: ahardy@urtigers.co ,719-657-4020. (5/1/24)

221 -**HELP WANTED**

ALAMOSA COUNTY

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE is seeking a DATA EN-TRY 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. Responsibilities include: Working independently or in a team setting, entering deed transfers (land splits/combination and replats of parcels into database), entering address changes into the computer system, answering 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. 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)

POTATO WARE-HOUSE IN CENTER IN NEED OF WORK-ERS. There are SEVER-AL POSITIONS AVAIL-ABLE. Hours 8:00 am-??? Competitive wages. Please inquire at MOUN-TAIN KING SPUD GROWERS, 1090 South Miles Street, Center, CO.

221 -**HELP WANTED**

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 graduate and have a substitute license from CDE (Colorado Department of Education). (5/1/24)

HOME HEALTH AIDE for individual needed near LA JARA. CNA helpful but not required, on the job training. Good pay, flexible hours, must pass background check. Call or Text 719-580-9633. (4/26/24)

221 -**HELP WANTED**

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

TOWN OF HOOPER

is accepting applications for the PARK AND TOWN MAIN-TENANCE POSI-TION. 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 resume 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)

221 -**HELP WANTED**

LA PUENTE IS seeking a self-starting individual for the position of EMPLOY-MENT NAVIGATOR 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 Navigator 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) CAPULINDITCH 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-

221 -**HELP WANTED**

SHIPPING CLERK **NEEDED** for a POTA-TO 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)

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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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"How much would it cost to send a 185-pound wooden crate to Hawaii for two weeks?"

Family dynamics add to sister's anxiety issues

DEAR ABBY: Five years ago, I was diagnosed with GAD (generalized anxiety disorder). It manifests itself with sudden outbursts of anger when I'm stressed, which is often. I have three sisters, two of whom are bossy and try to take over and control every little thing. I have always had a difficult relationship with one of them. When she stresses me out, I tend to blow up at her easily.

The other day, we were in a stressful situation, and I blew up at her. I later apologized and explained about my anxiety. She replied that it wasn't my anxiety but that I want to be the boss and don't want to accept her help with anything. She then proceeded to order me to do certain things the way she wanted them done.

I want to cut ties with her because of how she affects my mental health and sanity. But, after all, she's my sister, and there are situations in which I will have to be around her. Please advise. -- ANXIETY-RIDDEN IN

WEST VIRGINIA DEARANXIETY-RID-DEN: You aren't going to change your sister. Her compulsion to control is ingrained in her. Avoid her

as much as possible. However, if there are situations in which you can't do that, be polite and keep some distance. Do not argue with her, and remember: Just because someone tells you to do something does

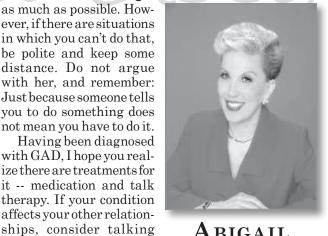
Having been diagnosed with GAD, I hope you realize there are treatments for it -- medication and talk therapy. If your condition affects your other relationships, consider talking about it with the medical professional who gave you that diagnosis.

DEAR ABBY: I am 29, and I lost my dad last year. I am writing to ask how I can help my 5-year-old understand death better. He misses his grandpa so much that he cries. Sometimes he tells me he remembers a lot about my dad, and other times he tells me he doesn't. I am very worried that he is suppressing his memories of my father, and I don't

want him to. My son has a lot of good memories from when he was younger. I tried to show him pictures of my dad and him together, but tonight he mixed up his memories of him with

another grandpa. I tried to

talk to him, but he wouldn't



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to open up to me and start remembering? -- REMEM-BERING IN INDIANA DEAR REMEMBER-

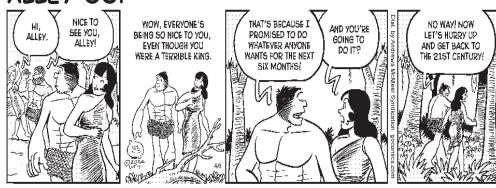
open up. How can I get him

ING: Your son is 5. Of course he misses his grandfather. But expecting him to cling to every memory of the short time they spent together is unrealistic, regardless of how much you wish it. You could benefit from discussing this with a child psychologist. You cannot force the boy

to remember, and trying to do that or make him feel guilty could actually be harmful. Books have been written for children on the subject of death. Please consider getting one

or more for your boy.

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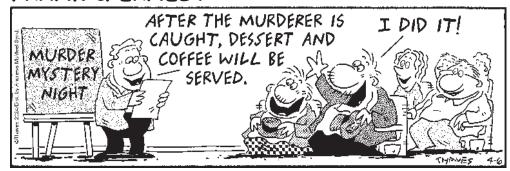
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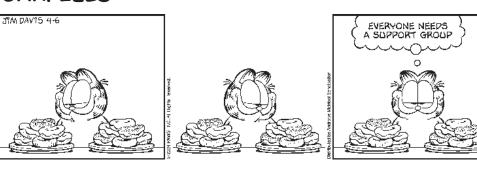
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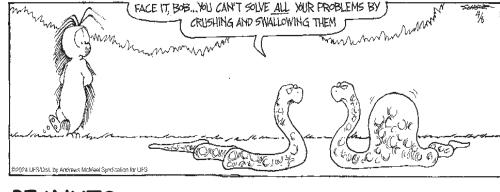
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A paddler wisely wears a life jacket while kayaking at State Forest State Park.

Cold water presents danger, life jackets can help save lives

RIDGWAY, Colo.

Colorado's lakes and reservoirs are opening to more recreation with the arrival of spring, but cold water temperatures can present a serious risk. Wearing a personal floatation device can save lives.

Parks Colorado Wildlife rangers have already responded to multiple incidents this spring involving paddlesports recreationists falling into the water.

One kayaker died and another was hospitalized last Saturday after they fell into the water at Chatfield Reservoir. Two kayakers who fell into the water at Ridgway Reservoir the weekend before were rescued after they spent 15 minutes in the water.

In both cases, water temperatures were in the low 40 degrees, and all four kayakers in these two incidents were not wearing life jackets at the time they went into the water.

"Our lakes and reser-

By COLORADO PARKS become perilous without reating on the water should the proper precautions," said Ridgway State Park really cold and remains Manager Johnathon Freeborn. "The recent incidents on our waters serve as a said Scott Rist, Park Manstern reminder of nature's ager of Crawford, Paonia unpredictability and the vital importance of wearing a Parks. "Having the proper personal floatation device. A PFD is more than a piece and of safety equipment; it's what stands between you and tragedy. Wear a life exacerbate danger on the jacket — it could save your life.'

> The instinctive reaction when a person hits cold water is to gasp, which can lead to inhalation of water. Hypothermia can set in quickly, and use of arms and legs to swim can be quickly impaired as blood flow is directed to a person's core. This can all balance and goes into the lead to unconsciousness or swimming failures as muscles become numb.

Wearing a life jacket will keep your head above water and support your body should your swimming ability fail or you become unconscious.

voirs, while especially in- we start getting warmviting in the spring after weather days and it's nice sponsibility to know before a long winter, can quickly outside, but everyone rec- you go."

be aware the water is still cold until at least midsummer here in Colorado," and Sweitzer Lake State gear and a life jacket on is imperative for anyone recreating on the water."

Windy conditions can water for paddlers. Getting blown off course can happen quickly, and returning to shore can be difficult going into a headwind or when facing waves. That can lead to paddlers expending a lot of energy to navigate and maintain bal-

When a paddler loses water, it can also be easy to become separated from a kayak or paddleboard.

"There are several cell phone apps that will tell you hourly wind predictions," Rist said. "Knowing when conditions are going to change can be the dif-"It can be deceiving when ference between life and death. The user has a re-

Governor Polis, Colorado Energy Office announce \$21M to expand EV charging network

Awardees include locations in Alamosa. Ft. Garland, South Fork and Monte Vista

> By COLORADO **ENERGY OFFICE**

DENVER — Governor Jared Polis and the Colorado Energy Office (CEO) announced \$21 million in grant awards Thursday through the Direct-Current Fast-Charging (DCFC) Plazas program. Funded through the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program, part of President Biden's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and the state's Community Access Enterprise (CAE), these grants create 290 new fast charger ports at 46 different sites across the state, expanding Coloradans access to fast, affordable, and reliable EV chargers. This will increase Colorado's existing public fast-charger network of more than 1,000 ports by

about 28%. "Colorado is leading the way in the shift to electric vehicles by making them more affordable and ensuring that driving them across our beautiful state is just as easy as driving a gas-powered car," said Gov. Polis. "We're grateful to have additional dollars to pair with state funds to accelerate our efforts to become the number one state for electric

"Addressing greenhouse gas pollution from transportation is a top priority in our efforts to meet the state's climate goals," said CEO Executive Director Will Toor. "This grant program is a key piece of that puzzle, ensuring Colo-

cars, bikes, and buses."

rado builds enough public electric vehicle charging infrastructure to support 940,000 light-duty EVs on

Colorado roads by 2030." chargers in locations across the state, including Cañon City, Littleton, Dolores, Silverton, Yuma, and Fort Garland. Like the first round of NEVI-supported grant awards, announced rado Springs in August 2023, these awards aim to fill charging gaps along Colorado's Littleton federally designated alternative fuel corridors — a Brighton, Denver, Durequirement for NEVI funding. CEO also awarded CAE funding for projects in communities without adequate electric vehicle (EV)

infrastructure. To ensure the air quality ing, LLC: Montrose benefits of electric transportation reach those who are Monte Vista, Silverton most affected by transportation-related air pollution, USA Inc.): Fort Garland, CEO prioritized projects in disproportionately impacted communities. These investments will not only facilitate statewide travel in an electric vehicle, but will also help improve air quality and meet charging needs in communities that currently lack access to fast LLC: Limon and reliable EV charging.

of the most comprehensive EV charging networks in the country," said Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Executive Director Shoshana Lew. "We Ridge believe that nearly every Coloradan will have access to DC fast-charging within a matter of years."

With more than 100,000 EVs registered in Colorado, and the pace of adoption growing, the expansion of the charging network is

(DC) fast chargers located within 30 miles of 78% of the state's geographic area.

Grant awardees include charging station operators, Awardees will install fuel providers, convenience stores, and local governments. CEO will provide funding to support the following EV-charging infrastructure projects:

· 7-Eleven: Aurora, Colo-

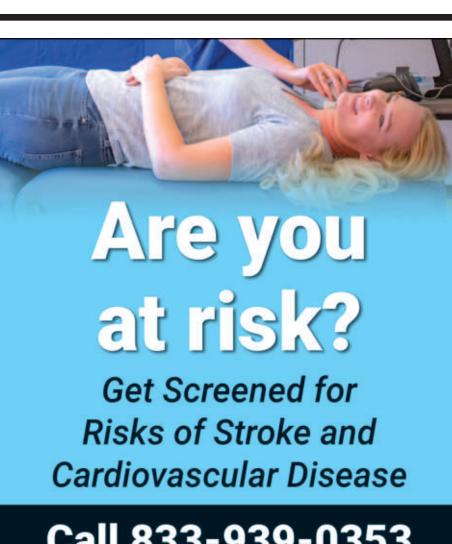
· Apro LLC. (dba United Pacific): Colorado Springs,

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- Clifton, Dolores, Lakewood, South Fork Francis Energy Charg-
- Helios Charging Inc.:
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- Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc: Burlington, Cañon City, Fountain, Pueblo, Walsenburg
- Phillips 66 Company: Colorado Springs Grand Junction
- · Pilot Travel Centers
- · Tesla, Inc.: Arvada, Au-"Colorado is building one rora, Bennett, Brush, Carbondale, Denver, Frisco, Glenwood Springs, Greeley, Gunnison, La Junta, Lakewood, Longmont, Parker, Sterling, Wheat
 - Town of Avon: Avon

CEO expects many of the chargers supported by the current round of DCFC Plazas awards to become available by the end of 2025, and anticipates continuing to offer two DCFC Plazas funding rounds per necessary to meet consum- year, with the next opporer demand. As of February, tunity expected to open there were direct-current later this year.

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