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SLV Today CAC opens Call for Entry for Annual Mountain Shoot Out

CREEDE — The 2024 Mountain Shoot Out Call for Entry is now open. The deadline for entry is May 26. CAC will have its traditional opening reception on June 14 at 5 p.m. at the Creede-Mineral County Visitor Center. The photographs will be displayed in the Visitor Center through Sept. 15.

This year's judge, Cheré Waters, will select first through third place awards and two Honorable Mentions. Visitors will vote for their favorite photo, and the winner will receive the People's Choice Award. The winning photo will be purchased by the CAC, framed, and displayed at the Creede & Mineral County Visitor Center. For more information and to download the call for entry form, visit the website at <https://creedeartscouncil.com/mountain-shootout-photography-exhibit>.

Property tax payments at Alamosa County Treasurer's Office

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

Wildfire season is focus of RGNF series April 24

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

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

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

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Sunny, Breezy 73/33

Wed: Sunny, Breezy 74/35

Thurs: Mostly Sunny, Breezy 68/35

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Veteran transport, migrant-asylum on agenda for Alamosa County Commissioners

By JOHN WATERS
Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Board of County Commissioners will meet on Wednesday to discuss a variety of agenda items including an emergency plan for "Migrant/Asylum Refugees," and medical transport for Veterans.

Erik Treinen, Director and SLV Emergency Director with the Alamosa County of Emergency Management will

provide details of "Emergency Life Safety Support Plan for Migrant/Asylum Refugees in Alamosa County." According to document packet provided to commissioners, "The purpose of this Plan is to provide guidelines, principles, and structure to local government and private relief agencies/non-profits for coordinating the overall functions of emergency sheltering and/or temporary housing for people arriving in the San Luis Valley (SLV) requiring immediate shelter, feeding, and other health and medical support. Emergency Shelters include the use of pre-identified sites in existing facilities, or the creation of temporary facilities should emergency sheltering be necessary.

"The Commissioners of the San Luis Valley intend to provide emergent support to Migrants and Refugees from the Southwest Border (SWB) or any other location to prevent the loss of life and assist the individuals reaching their desired destinations outside of the San Luis Valley. The six counties of the San Luis Valley (Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache) would like it known that there are not enough services or resources available to support a prolonged response and will quickly overwhelm local resources if individuals from these groups arrive searching for on-going continued services."

The Veterans Medical Transport and Scheduling Services of Alamosa County will make a presentation regarding a grant application with the El Pomar Foundation seeking \$94,790. According to the application

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Courier photo by John Waters

Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve Photographer and Park Ranger Patrick Myers is pictured here with interpretive displays comprising his photographs in the park visitor Center.

Celebrate National Park Week

The best idea America ever had

STAFF REPORT
SAN LUIS VALLEY

— Since the establishment of Yellowstone National Park in 1872 our national parks have protected some of the most spectacular landscapes on Earth, included are the majestic sand dunes.

Our local park, Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve was first established in 1932 as a national monument. It became a national park and preserve in 2004.

National Parks Week began on Saturday, April 20. This week, each day has a different theme to highlight various aspects of Great Sand Dunes and the National Park Service as a whole:

The weeklong re-dedication to our parks began in August 1991 when President George Bush proclaimed, "The founding of our magnificent Yellowstone National Park in 1872 not only marked an important milestone in the history of American conservationism but also inspired a worldwide movement to set aside certain lands for

the preservation of their unique scenic value and natural resources. Today more than 100 countries boast some 1,200 national parks or equivalent preserves.

"To help protect the scenery, wildlife, and historic sites that are found throughout our National Park System, the Congress established the National Park Service on August 25, 1916.

"The National Park Service is responsible for managing the lands in its care "in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment

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Wynonna Judd to headline Stampede concert

STAFF REPORT
MONTE VISTA

— Longtime country artist and multiple-award winner Wynonna Judd will be the featured act for the Ski Hi Stampede concert on Thursday, July 11, as the 100-year plus event moves up a week earlier than normal.



Up-and-coming artist Max McNown will be the guest artist. Tickets will be available soon at skihi-stampede.com.

Wynonna is one of the most widely recognized and awarded female country musicians in history. In all, she has had 19 No. 1 singles, including those with The Judds. Her solo albums and singles are all credited to — and performed under — the singular stage name, Wynonna.

She first rose to fame in the 1980s alongside her mother, Naomi, in their mother-daughter country music duo, The Judds. They released seven albums on Curb Records, in addition to 26 singles, of which 14 were No. 1 hits.

In 2023, Wynonna was named the best country music artist, picking up the "country champion" award at the "People's Choice Country Awards."

McNown is a singer-songwriter from Bend, Ore. His soulful music attracted international attention on TikTok and other social media platforms, which built an engaging and committed fanbase.

His powerful lyrics and resonant vocals led to collaborations with renowned producers and songwriters and the opportunity to audition in front of Katy Perry, Lionel Richie, and Luke Bryan during the 2023 season of "American Idol."

Alamosa Quiz Kids on the stage this Friday

STAFF REPORT
ALAMOSA

— With its championship win on the FOX21/SOCO CW Rocky Mountain Quiz Kids Show, the quiz bowl team from Alamosa High School proved themselves worthy to play on a national stage. On Friday, April 26, the team will represent their school in a 143-team national competition: National Academic Quiz Tournaments' Small School National Championship Tournament.

Quiz bowl is a competitive, academic, interscholastic activity for teams of four students. Quiz bowl teams use buzzers to answer questions about science, math, history, literature, mythology, geography, social science, current events, sports, and popular culture. The matches feature a blend of individual competition and team collaboration, since no individual player is likely to be an expert in all subject areas. Participation in quiz bowl both re-



Courier file photo

In this 2023 photo, contestants pictured left to right are AHS juniors Jake Fricke and Brock Benton, freshman Madelyn Garberich and sophomore Aaron Ramirez.



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OBITUARIES

Shelia Marie Briggs (Smith)

Shelia Marie Briggs (Smith), 64, known to many in Del Norte, Colo., as "Miss Shelia", passed away unexpectedly on April 13, 2024, at Memorial Central Hospital in Colorado Springs. Shelia was born to Edward and Alice Smith (of Paonia) in Delta, Colo., on Aug. 22, 1959.



its lifted and her body busy.

Shelia was preceded in death by her parents Ed and Alice Smith, sister-in-law Kathleen Smith, brother-in-law Everett Briggs, father and mother-in-law Willard and Helen Briggs, and nephew Levi Comer.

Shelia is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, John; siblings Steven Smith and Janelle (Bill) Comer; children Michael (Ginger) Vodopich, William Briggs, and Criselle (Jeremy) Nading; grandson Karsyn Nading; four bonus grandsons (Avery, Alex, John, and Jase); several sisters and brothers-in-law; and dozens of nieces and nephews.

A farm-girl and natural born Coloradan, Shelia enjoyed many outdoor activities with her parents and two siblings, Steve and Janelle; including being blessed with her mother's green thumb. Hometown pride was a part of her youth, as a Paonia student and Eagles cheerleader — spending many a summer's day at Big Ma's (her grandmother) practicing.

In 1976, after the birth of her son and divorcing her first husband, she began dating the love of her life, John Briggs. As John helped her raise Mike, as his own. Their love continued to grow, and the couple married Sept. 1, 1979. Their family grew by two when they welcomed two more children — William in 1981 and Criselle in 1992.

A donation page to help with cost of arrangements and to support the family is available through GoFundMe — under the title "Celebration of Life for Shelia Briggs". Celebration of Life will be held at a later date; inquiries can be made with her daughter, Criselle. Cremation was chosen at Shelia's request.

Arrangements are in care of Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

time with her husband and kids, especially in the high country. Her admiration for nature and its wildlife was unprecedented and never faded; the butterflies and beautiful wildflowers in the mountains always will remind us of her. Once her youngest was old enough to be home alone, Shelia began working as Teacher's Assistant for Del Norte Head Start — those children, along with her grandson Karsyn, kept her spir-

Mary Ann Martinez (Large)

Marry Ann Martinez (Large), 71, of Albuquerque, N.M., former Alamosa, Colo., resident, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on Aug. 21, 1952, to Filiberto and Marvine Large.



Carlos Large, Danny Large, Margaret Large, and Carla Van Dyke, and close nephew Tino Large.

Her unconditional love and unwavering support are the pillars of her family's strength. Her legacy of kindness and compassion will continue to guide them through life's journey.

With boundless energy and determination, she embraced life with vitality and purpose. Her adventurous spirit defined her existence, whether she was exploring new places with loved ones or finding joy in life's simple pleasures. A few of her favorite pastimes include spending sunny days at the beach, cheering passionately at football games, and eagerly attending the concerts of her favorite musicians.

Mary Ann was predeceased by her parents, Filiberto and Marvine Large, as well as her brothers, Moises large and George Large.

She is survived by her three children, Aldon Martinez, Renee Martinez, and Patricia Martinez, her four grandchildren, Kianna Martinez, D'Marco Salazar, Patrick Salazar, and Bianca Martinez, her siblings,

Mary Ann's spirited nature, independence, and loyalty endeared her to all who knew her. She leaves behind a profound impact of love, laughter, and unwavering strength, with her kindness, warmth, and infectious spirit touching many lives. While her absence will be deeply felt, her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

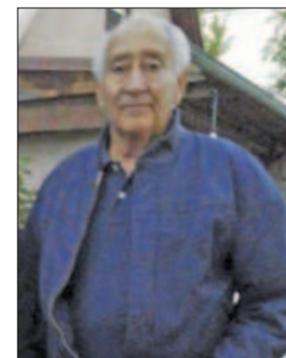
We invite all who cherished Mary Ann to join us in commemorating her life and sharing fond memories. A Rosary/Vigil will be held on Thursday, May 2, at 6 p.m., followed by a Funeral Service on Friday, May 3, at 10 a.m. at St. Bernadette's Church, 11509 Indian School Rd. NE, Albuquerque, N.M.

stay sober and help other alcoholics/addicts to achieve sobriety.

There are AA and NA 12-Step Meetings throughout the valley. The 6th Tradition states that we are not affili-

ated with any outside organizations, but in the spirit of cooperation, we list these meeting schedules for friends and family. For information, call 719-937-5083 or see our website:slvaa.org

Walter Espinoza



Longtime Alamosa resident Jose "Walter" V. Espinoza, 83, went to be with the Lord on April 17, 2024. Walter was born Dec. 16, 1940, in Espinoza, Colo., the son of Juan E. and Solidea Romero Espinoza.

After graduating from La Jara High School, he honorably served in the United States Navy from August of 1958 to December of 1962 and the United States Army from October of 1963 to October of 1966.

He married Laura Maria Montoya on July 10, 1968, in Conejos, Colo., where they resided in Alamosa for 56 years.

Walter worked for AmeriGas for 38 years as a service technician and was well known throughout the San Luis Valley. He often gave his time and skills to anyone in need of assistance with their propane appliances and their heating needs.

He was a devoted Catholic and enjoyed attending church and was involved in many church activities. A member American Legion Post No. 113 of Alamosa, World War II, Korean, Vietnam Last Squad of Alamosa.

Walter loved the time he spent with his wife, family, grandchildren and the many friends he made through his years.

He is survived by his four children, Orlie Espinoza of Alamosa, Jeff Espinoza of Fountain, Mario Espinoza of Lone Tree, and Aaron Espinoza of Alamosa; four grandchildren, D'mitri Espinoza, Alysa Espinoza, Elijah Espinoza and Montana Pearce; sisters Lucy

(George) Martinez of Romeo, Marbella (John) Trujillo of Denver, Virginia (Dave) Stuber of Alamosa, and Irene Espinoza of Aurora; sisters-in-law Virginia Espinoza of Leadville and Rosalie Espinoza of Romeo; and brother Otto (Elva) Espinosa of Layton, Utah. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents Juan and Solidea Espinoza; his beloved wife Laura Espinoza; and two brothers, Enios Espinoza and Lionel Espinoza.

Cremation was chosen and a Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. Memorial Mass to follow at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Alamosa. Inurnment will follow at the Alamosa Cemetery with full military honors.

To leave online condolences, please visit romero-funeralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Katherine Woolbert



Katherine Woolbert, an extraordinary individual whose light shone brightly in all facets of her life, passed away on April 8, 2024, in Alamosa, Colorado. Born on March 29, 1951, in Washington D.C., she graced this world with her presence and left an indelible mark through her numerous achievements and unwavering dedication to her passions.

Katherine was a woman of many talents and interests, excelling as a writer, editor, martial arts practitioner, horse owner, artist, and educator. Her career spanned various fields, from publishing six books to serving as an instructor at Adams State University for over two decades. Katherine's commitment to the arts extended beyond writing; she delved into sculpture, painting, drawing, and more, showcasing her boundless creativity.

One of Katherine's proudest accomplishments was founding and directing the volunteer Prison Integrated Health Program at the Federal Women's Prison in Dublin, California. Her innovative approach to holistic healing touched the lives of many incarcerated

ated individuals, underscoring her compassionate nature and desire to make a difference.

Her magnetic personality was characterized by fiery passion and unwavering loyalty. Katherine was known for her honesty, generosity, and deep love for horses—especially her beloved Espranza. Whether crafting beautiful quilts by hand or tending to her garden, she found solace in creative pursuits that reflected her vibrant spirit.

In addition to her professional success and creative endeavors, Katherine cherished her relationships with family and friends. She is survived by her devoted spouse Henry Woolbert; loving siblings Thomas Edwards Park of Washington, New Hamp-

shire; Mary Caroline Park Berman of Oakland, California.

She was preceded in death by her parents Richard Park and Maude (Green) Park, her sisters Nancy Turner Park; and Susan Park.

As we bid farewell to Katherine Woolbert, we celebrate a life well-lived—a life defined by passion, creativity, generosity, and unwavering dedication to uplifting others. Her legacy will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing her. May she rest in peace amidst the echoes of all the lives she touched with her kindness and brilliance.

At her request cremation was completed and a Celebration of Life Gathering will be held at a later time. To express thoughts or memories for the family, please visit www.mvmortuary.com

Mountain Valley Mortuary in Monte Vista is in care of the arrangements.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

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

A.A. and N.A members primary purpose is to

BIRTH

Merritt Tyler Cerny

ALAMOSA — Tyler and Megan Cerny of Alamosa welcomed their first child on March 31, 2024, Easter Sunday. Merritt Tyler Cerny was born at SLV Health weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces and 19 3/4 inches in length.

Paternal grandparents are Keith Cerny and Beth Cerny Tooker, both of Alamosa, and maternal grand-

parents are Walter Gylling of LaJara and Miriam Baines of Alamosa. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Robert and Elsie Cerny, and the late Francis and Mary Alice Rea of Nebraska. Maternal great-grandparents are Julie Campbell of Alamosa and the late Robert Campbell, and Nathel Gylling and the late Ivan Gylling.

School Menu
Tuesday
 April 23, 2024

BREAKFAST
 Pancake On A Stick
 Fruit & Milk

ELEMENTARY
 Italian Meatball Sub/Marinara
 French Fries
 Veggie Bar
 Fruit & Milk

MIDDLE SCHOOL
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Valley News

Unbridled hope at Alamosa High

By JOHN WATERS

Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — Last week students and staff at Alamosa High School celebrated the unveiling of the 2024 Mural of Hope which was painted by the students of art teacher John Dodds. Denver muralist Carlos Fresquez assisted in the project. The mural is in the school library.

In an interview last month with the Valley Courier while the students were creating the mural, Dodds said, "The concept is hope, and what does hope look like to the students, we want students to come up with the idea, the plan, and also execute it. I'm here as a coach and a guide and Mr. Fresquez is teaching them color theory, texture, and layout."

Included in the artwork are many scenes of the region including mountains, trees, wildflowers and the school mascot, a moose. The creative student artists also included a sasquatch, a UFO, and a fairy.

The Caring for Colorado Foundation sponsored the mural, one of four in the state. The foundation works with communities to improve the health of Colorado's children, youth, and families. In 2023, the charitable organization awarded \$12.3 million to 214 non-profit groups.



Photo courtesy of Alamosa High School

Last week students and staff at Alamosa High School celebrated the unveiling of the 2024 Mural of Hope.

Movement and Cello open to community

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

ALAMOSA — The Adams State University Next50 is hosting Movement and Cello at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, in the Rex Activity Center. The event is free and open to the public.

Join Yula Cisneros Montoya and Mark Dudrow exploration and celebration of music and dance. This workshop encourages all interested movers and music lovers of any proficiency level to participate. The

unifying characteristic of all registrants is a great love for music and dance. Let your body move to Bach, Piazzolla, some delicious blues, and more.

Yula Cisneros Montoya has a BFA in Dance and Pilates certification from Cornish College of the Arts and teaches at her private studio in Alamosa. She has over twenty years as a dancer and educator who teaches specialized dance techniques in ballet, modern, African, and Afro-Latino

dance aesthetics.

Mark Dudrow has been playing the cello for live audiences for more than five decades. He shares the song of the cello with all kinds of audiences, from festivals to farmers markets, and collaborates with musicians in many genres including Chamber Music, Singer-Songwriter, Balkan and Middle-Eastern, Americana, Tango, Blues, Jazz and Rock and Roll... In addition to live performance, Mark teaches cello, does studio record-

ing sessions and loves to do collaborative projects with dancers, writers and visual artists.

The program is funded with a \$129,959 grant from NextFifty Initiative, a private Colorado-

based foundation that supports projects benefiting people 50-years-old and older.

MOVEMENT AND CELLO *
 Yula Cisneros Montoya
 Mark Dudrow
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 Colorado
 Thursday
 18 & 25 April
 5:30 PM
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 This workshop encourages all interested movers and music lovers of any proficiency level to participate. The unifying characteristic of all registrants is a great love for music and dance. Let your body move to Bach, Piazzolla, some delicious blues, and more.
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Park

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of future generations." It is a noble and important task because our national parks are more than scenic preserves. As the renowned conservationist and civic leader, J. Horace McFarland, observed: "The parks are the Nation's pleasure grounds and the Nation's restoring places, they are an American idea; it is one thing we have that has not been imported. These great parks are, in the highest degree, as they stand today, a sheer expression of democracy."

In 1983, Wallace Stegner wrote, "National Parks are the best idea we ever had, Absolutely American, absolutely democratic, they reflect us at our best, rather than our worst."

This week, visitors to the park can enjoy a variety of activities including:
 • Tuesday, April 23 — INNOVATION: Stop

by the visitor center at 1:30 for a short ranger program about the innovative tools and devices people have made here for millennia.

• Wednesday, April 24 — WORKFORCE WEDNESDAY: Watch for our social media post highlighting a few Great Sand Dunes staff members!

• Thursday, April 25 — YOUTH ENGAGEMENT: Great Sand Dunes engages youth through programs for schools, local libraries, the Alamosa Boys and Girls Club, internship programs through Conservation Legacy, and Youth Archeology Camps. Watch for a social media post highlighting our current Conservation Legacy intern.

• Friday, April 26 — COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: This is also Arbor Day, a day set aside to celebrate and care for trees. Watch for our social media post about some of the unique trees at Great

Sand Dunes! Arbor Day was founded as a way for communities to learn about and plant trees. But long before Arbor Day, Indigenous people have been peeling trees at Great Sand Dunes, carefully extracting the inner bark for food and medicine without killing the tree.

• Saturday, April 27 — NATIONAL JUNIOR RANGER DAY: Stop by the visitor center throughout the day for a touch table of cool fossils, artifacts, and natural objects, and pick up a variety of Junior Ranger booklets — Great Sand Dunes Junior Ranger, Night Explorer, Wilderness Explorer, Eclipse Explorer, and Bat Explorer, to earn special badges or patches! Our Great Sand Dunes Junior Ranger Day will be on Saturday, Aug. 10.

• Sunday, April 28 — ARTS IN PARKS: Join a park ranger for a time of sketching and creating! Materials provided. Visitor center, 1:30 p.m.

Quiz

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enforces lessons from the classroom and encourages players to develop new intellectual interests.

This will be Alamosa's first time attending the Small School National Championship Tournament. In 2023, they qualified but were not able to attend. The SSNCT is the only

quiz bowl national championship pitting small schools against each other. It has one division containing non-selective public schools with 500 or fewer students in their top three grades, and another division for other schools with 350 or fewer students in their top three grades.

The team, in the Traditional Public Schools Division, will be captained by Jake Fricke, who will

be joined by Brock Benton, Madelyn Garberich, and Brice Wisener. The team will be coached by Jason Duncan, Erika Henderson, and Matthew Relyea.

Tournament results will be updated throughout the three days of competition at www.naqt.com/go/stats/14701 so everyone can follow along and see how the team does. You can also follow #ssnct on Twitter.

Agenda

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tion, "The purpose of this request is to enable the Veterans Medical Transportation and Scheduling Services of Alamosa County to better assist local Veterans of the San Luis Valley to obtain safe and secure transportation to their statewide appointments."

The commissioners will also discuss a memoran-

dum of understanding with the Colorado Department of Human Services. This is an annual renewal.

The Alamosa County Employee of the Quarter will be announced. Roni Wisdom, County Administrator, will read a letter of appreciation the county received. Commissioner Lori Laske will read a "We Love our National Park Proclamation."

A liquor license renewal for BJGN LLC, Discount

Liquor at 151 Broadway in Alamosa will be discussed.

Two grants for the San Luis Valley Regional Airport to be filed with the U.S. Department of Transportation will be discussed. Airport manager Will Hickman will update commissioners.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 24 at 8900 Independence Way in Alamosa and is also available on Zoom.



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Lifestyles

Dozens of high-stakes initiatives could appear on Colorado's 2024 ballot

By CHASE WOODRUFF

Colorado Newsline

A major set of election reforms, constitutional protections for abortion rights and a series of tit-for-tat battles over property taxes and environmental regulation top the long list of measures that may appear on Colorado ballots in November.

"There's going to be about 47 ballot measures on a really long ballot," joked Theresa Conley, chair of the state's Initiative Title Setting Review Board, last week during the panel's final biweekly meeting to hear proposed initiatives.

If that ends up being an overstatement, it might not be by much. For now, more than 50 different initiatives remain in play for the November ballot, though major hurdles remain for most of them, and history suggests a significant number will be withdrawn.

The first step in qualifying for the ballot is to win approval from the Title Board, a three-member panel of officials designated by the secretary of state, attorney general and the legislative branch. A majority of the board must determine that an initiative meets a constitutional requirement that measures address only a single subject, and can be given a clear "title" — a one-sentence description of the proposal that will appear on signature petitions and ballots.

Once a title is set, statutory initiatives must earn signatures from at least 124,238 registered voters, and then need a simple majority to pass. Those seeking to amend the state Constitution face two additional hurdles: they must collect signatures from at least 2% of registered voters in each of Colorado's 35 state Senate districts, and the measure must be approved by at least 55% of voters.

Over 100 measures have been given the nod from the Title Board during the 2024 election cycle, though many of them were variations on the same proposal and dozens have already been withdrawn or expired. And at least one high-profile initiative campaign has already failed to collect enough signatures: Backers of the Colorado Life Initiative, an anti-abortion measure that would have defined life as beginning at conception, told CBS News last week that they were only able to collect "tens of thousands" of signatures.

The deadline to file a proposed initiative was April 5. Following the Title Board's last regular hearing of the election cycle last week, another handful of measures may be approved by the board in a special re-hearing this week, or by the Colorado Supreme Court, which often has the final say on ballot title decisions. Initiatives approved for signature-gathering must submit their petitions for certification no later than Aug. 5.

Election overhaul

Some of the most fundamental changes proposed by 2024's bumper crop of ballot measures are those contained in an election overhaul package backed by centrist megadonor Kent Thiry, former CEO of Denver-based DaVita.

The reforms would abolish Colorado's current party primary and assembly system for federal and state offices, replacing it with an all-candidate or "jungle" primary election. The four candidates who receive the most primary votes would advance to the general election, which would be decided by ranked-choice voting, also known as instant-runoff voting. Under this method, voters would rank as many or as few of the four candidates as they wish, and candidates with the fewest first-place votes are eliminated until one candidate receives a majority.

Abortion rights

Backed by Coloradans for Protecting Reproductive Freedom, a coalition of groups including Cobalt and the ACLU of Colorado, Proposed Initiative 89 would recognize the right to an abortion under the Colorado Constitution. It would also allow the procedure to be covered by health insurance plans for state and local government employees, repealing a 40-year old constitutional ban that currently prohibits state dollars from being used to pay for abortions.

Organizers announced last week that they had submitted over 230,000 signatures in support of the measure to the Colorado secretary of state's office, which will determine the sufficiency of the petitions by May 17. As a constitutional amendment, which can't be repealed by a vote of the Legislature, the measure would need to be approved by 55% of voters to pass.

Property taxes

Conservative groups are pushing to enact a 4% annual cap on the growth of property tax revenues, unless voters authorize their local taxing district to retain the excess revenue. Several different versions of the measure are pending.

An initial set of measures filed by the two groups proposed slight variations on a mechanism that would require the state to reimburse local districts using the state's general fund, at a cost of around \$750 million annually. Dave Davia, Colorado Concern's CEO, said in a press release that the mechanism was "balanced and thoughtful" and "very intentionally protected funding increases for teachers, firefighters and other local districts."

A series of measures seeking to counteract the impacts of these anti-tax initiatives are also pending. All are backed by Scott Wasserman, the outgoing president of the liberal Bell Policy Center, and have won initial approval from the Title Board.

Anti-LGBTQ measures

Two measures sponsored by Erin Lee, a Fort Collins anti-LGBTQ activist who since 2022 has made

a string of appearances in conservative media crusading against what she calls the "indoctrination" of children by "predators" at public schools, have been approved by the Title Board. One would require Colorado public schools to notify parents when their child shows signs of "experiencing gender incongruence" at school, and another would codify a parent's "legal right to review their child's school records."

Oil and gas wars

In an echo of past Colorado elections, the stage is set once again this year for a ballot clash between the oil and gas industry and environmental advocates, both of which have filed multiple proposed initiatives.

One industry-backed proposal seeks to ban state and local governments from restricting "energy choice," a move that would halt efforts to phase out the use of natural gas in homes and businesses, a major source of greenhouse gas emissions. A separate, broader measure would amend the Constitution to prohibit restrictions on gas-powered vehicles, appliances, lawn equipment or any other "products or services currently in common use based on the energy source of that product or service."

Other measures

In addition to the battle over property taxes, the clash between Gov. Jared Polis and local governments over Colorado housing policy may be headed to the November ballot in the form of a constitutional amendment affirming the right of "local control over land use."

Three different versions of the proposed amendment were approved by the Title Board last week. The proponents, former Republican state Sen. Kevin Grantham and former Democratic state Sen. Cheri Jahn, were represented before the board by Jason Dunn, a Republican former U.S. attorney during the Trump administration who is now an attorney at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck.

The measure would severely restrict efforts by Polis and some lawmakers to force cities to allow the construction of more housing units and higher-density neighborhoods, adding a clause in the state Constitution that gives local governments "plenary and exclusive control over land use regulations or decisions within their jurisdictions, such that the state government may not specify more or less restrictive land use requirements than the local government specifies."

Meanwhile, conservative activist Jon Caldara of the Independence Institute has filed another proposed income tax cut, which would reduce the state's current income tax rate from 4.4% to 4%. The cut would be the third incremental reduction passed by voters in consecutive two-year election cycles, as part of an effort Caldara's group calls a "Path to Zero" for state income taxes.

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Lifestyles

Keep hands off ducklings and goslings to keep them wild

By COLORAD PARKS AND WILDLIFE DURANGO, Colo. —

Ducklings and goslings are starting to appear along bodies of water all across Colorado. It is crucial for their development that humans leave them alone and never pick them up.

Young birds will begin to imprint on their mothers shortly after hatching. Learning to follow them provides safety and is critical for their long-term survival.

Ducklings and goslings can quickly imprint on humans, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife asks the public to never pick up these young birds.

“The best moms are their moms,” said CPW District Wildlife Manager Stephanie Taylor. “They are quick to imprint, and we also don’t want them to lose their natural wariness of

humans.” Each year, CPW takes calls from people who have picked up a young duck or goose, and Durango area wildlife officers have already taken such calls and observed people getting too close to nests and goslings this spring.

If a duckling or gosling imprints on a human, it will not be able to survive in the wild. It is critical these young birds are given space and are not interfered with. Even a brief human disturbance can have consequences and can lead to a young animal being separated from its family.

If you find young wildlife, enjoy a quick glimpse, leave the animal where it is and keep pets out of the area. Quietly observe the animal from a distance and don’t hover so close that the wild parents are afraid to return to the area.



CPW photo by Jim White
Three goslings walk alongside adult geese on the Animas River Trail in Durango. Jim White/CPW photo

Biden-Harris Administration announces \$312 million to deliver residential solar in Colorado

By US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY DENVER —

On Monday, as the Biden-Harris Administration celebrates Earth Day, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced The Colorado Energy Office and Oweesta Corporation have been selected to receive \$156,120,000 each through the Solar for All (SFA) grant competition to develop long-lasting solar programs that enable low-income and disadvantaged communities to deploy and benefit from distributed residential solar. This award is part of the historic \$27 billion Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, which was created under President Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act to lower energy costs for families, create good-quality jobs in communities that have been left behind, advance environmental justice, and tackle the climate crisis.

The Colorado SFA (COS4A) program will provide single-family rooftop solar and multifamily rooftop solar across the entire state. The COS4A program represents a diverse array of stakeholders with the Colorado Energy Office (CEO) as the lead applicant. With varying expertise and capacity across its stakeholder network, COS4A will deliver the benefits of solar to low-income or disadvantaged communities. The EPA’s SFA grant will complement the robust solar market in Colorado by enabling the state to increase the number of communities that can take advantage of distributed solar investments and provide access to affordable, resilient, and clean solar energy. The program will help deliver lower utility bills improved public health through reduced pollution from power generation, creating wealth and jobs for local communities.

“Although solar technology has become more affordable for residential use, many communities still face cost barriers to access,” said Regional Administrator KC Becker. “One of our goals with the Greenhouse Gas Reduction fund is to make clean energy more accessible, especially for communities who are both overburdened by climate change impacts and disproportionately excluded from green technology resources. The Solar for All program will make access to cleaner energy more equitable for Colorado communities.”

The Colorado Energy Office is among 49 state-level awards EPA announced today totaling approximately \$5.5 billion, along with six awards to serve Tribes totaling over \$500 million, and five multistate awards totaling approximately \$1 billion. “We are grateful to the EPA

for this funding, which will broaden access to solar power across the state,” said Colorado Energy Office (CEO) Executive Director Will Toor. “Expanding access to rooftop and community solar energy will not only help us achieve our clean energy goals, but will also lower energy bills, enable electrification, and reduce pollution for all Coloradans.”

Oweesta Corporation, a tribal nonprofit, was also selected to receive \$156,120,000.

Oweesta Corporation’s SFA program will address adoption barriers to Native residential and community solar deployment by acting as the intermediary between professional services partners, developers, Tribal governments and Tribal organizations. Oweesta’s program will support an equitable spread of solar deployment across all Tribal census tracts nationwide. It will employ a systems-building approach to centralize regulatory compliance information, technical deployment, commercial solar standards, and Tribal housing expertise all within the framework of experienced Tribal Community Development Financial Institution’s (CDFIs). Based in Colorado, Oweesta Corporation’s program will operate in Tribal lands across the nation.

“Oweesta Corporation is incredibly grateful to be chosen as an awardee for the Solar for All program,” said Chrystel Cornelius, President and CEO of the Oweesta Corporation. “This funding provided by the EPA’s Greenhouse Reduction Fund initiative will ensure Native communities can equitably participate in the clean energy economy and will provide the opportunity for energy independence, cost saving benefits and energy resiliency for Native communities across the nation.”

A complete list of the selected applicants can be found on EPA’s Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Solar for All website.

EPA estimates that the 60 Solar for All recipients announced today will enable over 900,000 households in low-income and disadvantaged communities to deploy and benefit from distributed solar energy. This \$7 billion investment will generate \$350+ million annual savings on electric bills for overburdened households. The program will reduce 30 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions cumulatively from over 4 GW of clean energy capacity. In total, solar projects

funded by this program will generate over \$8 billion in household savings over the 25-year lifetime of the assets. Solar and distributed energy resources help improve electric grid reliability and climate resilience as well, which is especially important in disadvantaged communities that have long been underserved.

Solar for All will deliver on the Biden-Harris Administration’s commitment to creating high-quality jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union for workers across the United States. This \$7 billion investment in clean energy will generate an estimated 200,000 jobs across the country. All selected applicants intend to invest in local, clean energy workforce development programs to expand equitable pathways into family-sustaining jobs for the communities they are designed to serve. At least 35% of selected applicants have already engaged local or national unions, engagement that demonstrates how these programs will contribute to the foundation of a clean energy economy built on strong labor standards and inclusive economic opportunity for all American communities.

The Solar for All program also advances President Biden’s Justice40 Initiative, which set the goal that 40% of the overall benefits of certain federal climate, clean energy, affordable and sustainable housing, and other investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution. All of the funds awarded through the Solar For All program will be invested in low-income and disadvantaged communities. The program will also help meet the President’s goal of achieving a carbon pollution-free power sector by 2035 and net-zero emissions economy by no later than 2050.

The 60 selected applicants have committed to delivering on the three objectives of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: reducing climate and air pollution; delivering benefits to low-income and disadvantaged communities; and mobilizing financing to spur additional deployment of affordable solar energy. Solar for All selected applicants are expanding existing low-income solar programs and launching new programs. In 25 states and territories nationwide, Solar for All is launching new programs and opening new markets for low-income, residential solar by providing subsidies and low-cost financing so that households in low-income and disadvantaged communities can build and access affordable solar energy for the first time.

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Sports

Centauri baseball swept by Pagosa Springs

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

LA JARA—The Centauri High School baseball team was looking for its first Intermountain League win on Saturday as it hosted a doubleheader against Pagosa Springs at the CHS field.

Unfortunately, the woes continued for the Falcons as they were swept by the Pirates. Pagosa won the games by scores of 15-4 and 14-2.

Game 1

The Pirates got off to a fast start as they scored four runs in the top of the first inning. Riley Laugel led off with a walk and he stole second. He came home on Chris Martinez's single for a 1-0 lead.

Hunter Pouyer continued the inning by getting hit by a pitch and Kyler Henderson's single plated Martinez. An error put Hunter Pouyer on third and he came home on Cooper Ralston's sacrifice fly. Jaden Tuggle reached on an error to drive home Henderson.

Pagosa put two more runs on the board in the second. Martinez drew a walk and Hunter Pouyer was again hit by a pitch. Henderson walked to load the bases, and Ralston singled home both runners for a 6-0 advantage.

The Pirates added four more runs in the third. Tuggle hit a leadoff triple and scored on a wild pitch.

Brodie Norton doubled with two outs and Laugel walked. Martinez was safe on an error in the outfield and Norton and Laugel both scored. Hunter Pouyer reached on an error and Martinez scored for a 10-0 lead.

The Falcons got on the board by scoring one run in the bottom of the third. Caden Allen tripled with two men out and scored a wild pitch.

Centauri drew closer with three runs in the fourth. Deven Brady led off with a triple, and Kamryn Garcia walked. Pablo Hernandez's single brought Brady home, and Garcia scored on an error.

Hernandez was taken off the basepaths on Parker Buhr's ground ball, but Buhr was safe on the fielder's choice. Spencer Smith's triple plated Buhr to cut the deficit to 10-4.

The Pirates put the game out of reach by scoring five times in the fifth. Laugel had a leadoff single and he came around to score on Martinez's triple. Hunter Pouyer reached on a fielder's choice and Ralston's single brought Martinez and Hunter Pouyer home.



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick
Centauri High School's Drake Gallardo catches a pop fly in the first game of a doubleheader against Pagosa Springs on Saturday. The Pirates swept the Falcons by scores of 15-4 and 14-2.

Zach Pouyer singled and an error allowed Ralston to score. Dylan Dempster singled to plate Zach Pouyer for a 15-4 lead.

Centauri went down in order in the bottom of the fifth and the game ended on the 10-run rule.

Dylan Gallegos started on the mound for the Falcons and he took the loss. He allowed 13 runs and 10 hits and he struck out five, walked four and he hit two batters. Brady relieved Dylan

Gallegos and he gave up two runs and three hits with no strikeouts, one walk and one hit batter.

The Falcons collected only five hits. They were led by Hernandez who went 1-2 with one RBI, Smith who went 1-2 with a triple and one RBIs, Leland Chacon who went 1-2, Allan who went 1-2 with a triple, and Brady who went 1-3 with a triple.

Game 2

The Pirates again got off to a hot start with three runs in the first. Laugel led off with an infield single and took second on a wild pitch. Hunter Pouyer singled home Laugel for a 1-0 lead.

Henderson was safe on an error, and Ralston singled to plate Hunter Pouyer. Tuggle walked to load the bases, and Henderson came home on Zach Pouyer's sacrifice fly.

Pagosa scored two more runs in the second. Ty Richey singled to lead off the inning and Laugel hit a two-run homer for a 5-0 advantage.

The Falcons got on the board in the bottom of the first by scoring one run. Dylan Gallardo led off by getting hit by a pitch and he stole second. Smith doubled home Dylan Gallegos to cut the deficit to 5-1.

The Pirates scored four times in the

fourth. Dempster led off with a double and Richey walked. Laugel singled home Dempster, and Martinez reached on an error to load the bases. Henderson walked to plate Richey, Ralston's sacrifice fly brought Laugel home, and Tuggle doubled home Martinez for a 9-1 advantage.

Pagosa scored another run in the fifth. Zach Pouyer drew a leadoff walk, stole second and took third on an error. He came home on Dempster's sacrifice fly.

The Falcons scored one more run in the bottom of the fifth. Buhr was hit by a pitch and took second on a wild pitch. Jace Haslett's double brought Buhr home to bring Centauri within 10-2.

The Pirates put the game on ice with four runs in the sixth, Hunter Pouyer hit a ground-rule double to lead off the inning, and Henderson was hit by a pitch. Ralston walked to load the bases, and Hunter Pouyer came home on a wild pitch.

Tuggle doubled home Henderson, and Zach Pouyer's single plated Ralston and Tuggle.

Centauri went three up and three down in the bottom of the sixth and the game ended on the 10-run rule.

Hernandez was Centauri's starting pitcher and he was dealt the loss. He surrendered 10 runs and eight hits and he struck out one and walked four. Drake Gallardo relieved Hernandez in the fifth and he allowed four runs and four hits. He no strikeouts, one walk and he hit two batters.

The Falcons had four hits and were led by Buhr who went 1-2, Garcia who went 1-2, Haslett who went 1-3 with a double and one RBI, and Smith who went 1-3 with a double and one RBI.

What's next

Centauri (5-11, 0-4) will host a single game against Sanford on Tuesday. The first pitch is at 4 p.m. The Falcons will then travel to Alamosa for another league doubleheader on Saturday. The first game begins at 11 a.m.

Pagosa Springs 15, Centauri 4

Pagosa Springs	424	05	-	15	13	2
Centauri	001	30	-	4	5	4

Laugel (W) and H. Pouyer. Dy. Gallegos (L), Brady (5) and Chacon.

Pagosa Springs 14, Centauri 2

Pagosa Springs	320	414	-	14	12	2
Centauri	010	010	-	2	4	2

Ralston (W), Martinez (5) and H. Pouyer. Hernandez (L), Dr. Gallardo (5) and Chacon. HR - PS: Laugel (2nd inn., 1 on, no outs).

Ortega finishes third at Pueblo Centennial Invite

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA - The Alamosa High School girls golf team finished in seventh place at the Pueblo Centennial Invitational Monday at Walking Stick Golf Course.

The Lady Mean Moose scored 303 strokes and were led by Morgan Ortega who finished in third place with an 87. Taylor Wiedeman finished in a tie for 25th with a 101, Jayla Quintana tied for 41st with a 115, and Kiara Gallegos tied for 43rd with a 116.

Pueblo West won the tournament with 260. Cheyenne Mountain was second with 271, and Pine Creek was third with 273.

Pueblo Central's Sofia Contreras was



the medalist with a 75.

Alamosa and Monte Vista will next compete at the Salida Invitational on Thursday.

Team scores

Pueblo West 260, Cheyenne Mountain 271, Pine Creek 273, Pueblo County 296, Palmer Ridge 298, Canon City 302, Alamosa 303, Fowler 309, Pueblo South 314, Pueblo Central 320, Pueblo Centennial 321, Swallows Charter Academy 325, Palmer 340, Pueblo East 341, Trinidad 365, Florence NS, La Junta NS, Rocky Ford NS.

Sports Bulletin

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

SCOREBOARD FRIDAY

Prep baseball
Sierra Grande 16, Centennial 3, 5 inn.
Sierra Grande 29, Centennial 1, 3 inn.
Prep girls soccer
Alamosa 3, Pagosa Springs 0
College baseball
Colorado State Pueblo 15, Adams State 3, 8 inn.
College men's lacrosse
Colorado Mesa 17, Adams State 8

SATURDAY

Prep baseball
Alamosa 6, Montezuma-Cortez 5
Del Norte 19, South Park 0, 4 inn.
Del Norte 14, South

Park 4, 5 inn.
Monte Vista 18, Center 0, 4 inn.
Monte Vista 13, Center 1, 5 inn.
Montezuma-Cortez 8, Alamosa 4
Pagosa Springs 15, Centauri 4, 5 inn.
Pagosa Springs 14, Centauri 2, 6 inn.
Sargent 22, Custer County 16
Sargent 7, Custer County 4
Prep girls soccer
Banning Lewis Academy 10, Del Norte 0
Bayfield 1, Alamosa 0
College baseball
Adams State 14, Colorado State Pueblo 1
Colorado State Pueblo 9, Adams State 4
College women's softball
Chadron State (Neb.) 9, Adams State 8
Chadron State (Neb.) 15, Adams State 5, 5 inn.

SUNDAY

College baseball
Colorado State Pueblo 8, Adams State

1 **College men's lacrosse**
Westminster (Utah) 22, Adams State 6
College women's softball
Chadron State (Neb.) 15, Adams State 2, 5 inn.
Chadron State (Neb.) 18, Adams State 3, 5 inn.

SCHEDULE TUESDAY

Prep baseball
Del Norte at Pagosa Springs (2), 3 p.m.
Center at Rocky Ford, 4 p.m.
Sanford at Centauri, 4 p.m.
Sierra Grande at Walsenburg, 4:30 p.m.
Prep girls soccer
Ignacio at Alamosa, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY

Prep girls golf
Alamosa, Monte Vista at Salida Invitational, 10 a.m.
Prep girls soccer
Del Norte at Trinidad, 4 p.m.

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- 6 Shopping Local retains our distinctiveness:** Local businesses respond quicker to the needs of the customers and stock products to meet the core community's needs.
- 7 Shopping Local encourages community growth.** By choosing to do business locally you help maintain Alamosa's diversity, charm & appeal. Which in turn, attracts new community members.
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Public Notices

Request for Proposal for Audit Services Purpose

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

Services Required

The scope of the prospective engagement will be to perform a 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, Colorado. Funds included in the financial statements to be audited will be the General, Capital Projects, Special Revenue, and Internal Service Funds. More detailed information on the District, as well as the District'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.

Inquiries

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

Qualifications Required

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

Proposal Content

Proposals must include the following information:

1. Firm's Name; the name, address and telephone number of the contact person; and the proposal date; include the firm's license to practice in Colorado
2. Letter explaining the understanding of work to be done, commitment to the calendar and a statement why the auditing firm is in the best position to perform the auditing services
3. Has the local office performed school district, or government, audits in Colorado? List names of school districts, dates of audits and whether a single audit was required. Include any other statements related to qualifications and experience.
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.
5. What is the firm's standard for continuing professional education, for certified staff and non-certified staff? How many hours of continuing professional education (CPE) are required in governmental accounting and auditing? If required, are individual staff members meeting the minimum requirements as defined by the Yellow Book?
6. What percentage of the external auditors who would be assigned to the audit have at least six months experience in governmental accounting? Please give details.
7. Submit a copy of the most recent completed external quality control review (i.e., peer review). If available, a review of a specific government engagement.
8. Please quote a not to exceed audit fee for each of the next four years, which must include out-of-pocket expenses.

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

Time Requirements

- * The following deadlines are presently anticipated:
- * RFP released April 1, 2024
- * Prospective bidder's inquiry deadline April 15, 2024
- * Proposal deadline April 30, 2024
- * Notifications of bid selection May 15, 2024
- * Engagement of successful firm May 31, 2024
- * End of accounting period June 30, 2024
- * Submit audit report to Board of Education for approval December 12, 2024
- * Submit audit report to the Office of the State Auditor December 31, 2024

Evaluation Process

The District will judge the merits of proposals received in accordance with the criteria discussed below. The bidder is responsible for 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.

Criteria:

1. Certified public accounting firm licensed to practice in the State of Colorado.
2. A peer review completed within the past three years.
3. The adequacy and completeness of the proposal.
4. The experience of the firm.
5. The experience and qualifications of staff to be assigned to the audit.
6. The proposed cost of the audit (number of hours and hourly rate).

Right to Reject Proposals

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

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ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Saguache County Board of County Commissioners are accepting scholarship applications for graduating seniors who will be graduating high school in 2024.

Commissioners will be awarding graduating seniors' college scholarships that will be paid through the Marijuana Excise Tax funds. Scholarships may be used at a trade school, college or university but you must reside in Saguache County to apply and possibly receive scholarship funds.

Applications are due by Wednesday, May 1, 2024 and are available through our website at www.saguachecounty.colorado.gov to download the application or by contacting Wendi Maez at 719-655-2231 or by email at wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov.

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South Conejos School District is seeking sealed bids for the sale of:

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For Inquiries, please call: 719-376-7007. Sealed bids can be sent to ebrien@southconejos.com. All bids must be received by 2:00 p.m. on April 30, 2024. Bids received after this date and time will not be considered. The South Conejos School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids if deemed to be in the best interest of the District.

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Defendants:
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County Court Alamosa County, Colorado

Court Address:
8955 Independence Way Alamosa CO 81101

In the Matter of the Petition of:
Adult: Jerrick Lee Martinez Canales
For a Change of Name to:
Jerrick Hiro Martinez
Case Number: 2024C58
Division B
Courtroom B
ORDER FOR PUBLICATION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
The Court having read and considered the Petition for Change of Name of Adult finds:
That the statements made in the Petition satisfy the statutory requirements.
That the desired change of name is proper and not detrimental to the interests of any other person.
That the Petitioner has submitted the documentation required in 13-15-101(1)(b), C.R.S. from the fingerprint-based criminal history record check or has provided appropriate certified copies of any dispositions that would constitute a felony conviction in this state or any other state or under federal law.
Individuals over the age of fourteen(14), have submitted the documentation required in 13-15-101(1)(b), C.R.S. from the fingerprint-based criminal history record check or has provided appropriate certified copies of any dispositions that would constitute a felony if committed by an adult in this state or any other state or under federal law.
The Court orders the following publication for a change of name; Name of Jerrick Lee Martinez Canales is requested to be changed to Jerrick Hiro Martinez Pursuant to statute, public notice of this change of name shall be published in a legal newspaper published in this county. This publication is to be made within 21 days of the date of this Order.
Proper proof of publication shall be filed with the Court upon final publication to receive a Final Decree for a Change of Name.
Date: April 15, 2024
Judge Walzi
No. 3912
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ALAMOSA COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Alamosa Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 8:30 AM, in the Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado for the purpose of considering an amendment to the Special Use Permit issued to Susannah Barnes on property currently addressed as 15050 Lane 6 North, Parcels 513903200030 & 513903200118.

The Special Use was approved on November 16, 2022 by Resolution 2022SUP-8, and the applicant is proposing to add seven (7) tent sites to the approved plan. This property is in the Rural (RU) zone district. The legal description of the property is: The NW1/4 NW1/4, the W1/2NE1/4NE1/4NW1/4, the W1/2NE1/4NW1/4, and SE1/4NE1/4NW1/4 in Section 3, Township 39 North, Range 11 East, N.M.P.M., County of Alamosa, State of Colorado.

Details regarding this application are available for public inspection in the Alamosa County Land Use Office at 8999 Independence Way Suite 100 during regular office hours or at (719) 589-3812.

Richard Hubler
Land Use Administrator
Alamosa County
No. 3913.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is now accepting applications for the following position: MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORTS/RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION COORDINATOR. Applications are available online at <https://www.alamosaschools.org/> For more information, contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600 or tracyvigil@alamosaschools.org. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/24/24)

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 and Microsoft office applications. Qualifications are: Experience in business or fiscal management, BA accounting, Business Management or related field. Salary between \$47,000 and \$52,000 depending on education and experience. Year round position, 5 weeks paid holidays breaks, 10 hours sick/vacation per month, simple IRA, HSA account available. For more information, you may contact the director at, director@mvheadstart.org or call 719-852-3215. Positions opened until filled. (4/26/24)

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NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year for (1) CENTAURI MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEACHER. Applicant must hold a current Colorado Teaching License or be able to obtain proper endorsement. Application deadline is until position is filled. Please call Brian Riccatone with questions at 719-274-4301. Applications are available at the District Administration Office, 17887 US Hwy 285, LA JARA, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com Submit application to Mr. Darren Edgar, Superintendent. EOE. (5/7/24)

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

ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 School Year. CLASSROOM TEACHER at AES 3-5. Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teacher License with an endorsement in ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6. Applications are available online at <https://www.alamosaschools.org/>. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/24/24)

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

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

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

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

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

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ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the following positions: REGISTRAR/GUIDANCE OFFICE SECRETARY, and ENTRY CONTROL & BUILDING SECURITY at AHS. Applications are available online at <https://www.alamosaschools.org/>. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/24/24)

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NOTICE

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

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) PRIME VENDOR/DISTRIBUTOR - SCHOOL FOOD AND PAPER GOOD SUPPLIES 2024-2025 Year

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

DATE PROPOSALS ARE DUE: Wednesday, April 24th, @ 2:00PM

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- 3.

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DISTRICT COURT, ALAMOSA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 2023 CV 030034, Division No. D
SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION)
COLORADO MOUNTAIN RANCHES, INC., a Colorado corporation, Plaintiffs,
vs.
MARTIN ROBERTO CASTANEDA, ROSALVA CASTANEDA, KARI L. FORD,
KENNETH W. FORD, DOROTHY E. FRANK, REGINA HOFER, ARTHUR M. WILLIAMS, BRIAN C. WOOD, RACHELA A. WOOD, and all other persons who claim as heirs, devisees, creditors or otherwise under said defendants, and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action,
Defendants.
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within thirty days after the service of this Summons upon you. Service of this Summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice to you.

This is an action to quiet title to the following described property situate in the County of Alamosa and State of Colorado, to-wit:

Lot 42, Block C, Deer Valley Meadows, Unit 1;
Lot 35, Block E, Deer Valley Meadows, Unit 11;
Lot 16, Block 3, San Luis Valley Ranches, Unit 11;
Lot 15, Block 5, San Luis Valley Ranches, Unit 11; and
Lots 18 and 19, in Block 45, The Zapata - Unit Two, the Plat of which was filed July 29, 1976, under Reception No. 188563, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Alamosa County, Colorado;
and the "Property", free and clear of all liens and encumbrances.

DATED: April 8, 2024.
By: /s/ Jeffrey E. Motz
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Jeffrey E. Motz, Reg. No. 35972
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<p>TOWN OF MOFFAT, Colorado, WATER OPERATOR / WATER CONSULTANT. Job Description WATER OPERATOR DUTIES: 1. The Operator Responsible in Charge (ORC) shall have a Small Systems (DI) certification in good standing. 2. Identify CDPHE's Monitoring Schedule for Moffat and complete all tasks needed for compliance including sampling, reporting, and maintaining programs such as backflow prevention. 3. Records and communications will be public information. 4. Requires independent contractor insurance. 5. Estimated hours per month: 5-12. 6. Certification training may be provided. 7. Estimated pay range \$25 - \$30 per hour depending on experience. WATER CONSULTANT DUTIES: 1. Interface with town attorney and engineer regarding water system installation. 2. Complete tasks for Division of Water Resources (DWR) compliance requirements. 3. Serve as point person for public outreach and education regarding new municipal water system connections, including number of population and costs involved. 4. Perform tasks as they arise in developing a new municipal water system. 5. Establish and maintain Fee Schedule. 6. Requires independent contractor insurance. 7. Estimated hours per month: 10-30. 8. Estimated pay range \$40 - \$50 per hour depending on experience. (5/15/24)</p>	<p>ARE YOU PASSIONATE about making a positive impact on people's lives? SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT is currently accepting applications for BEHAVIOR HEALTH COUNSELOR/MTSS COORDINATOR for the 2024-2025 School Year. Our school has a reputation as being a great place to work. We currently have a state of the art facility, supportive administration, paid health insurance, free lunches, 4 day school week. A current license/state certification in counseling is highly recommended to apply. Application forms are located at 17523 Hwy 160 Blanca, CO. 81123 or on the district's website at www.sierragrande-school.net. Applications may be submitted electronically to Mr. Kevin Jones at kjones@sierragrande-school.net or Mrs. Maria Atencio at matencio@sierragrande-school.net, or can be turned in at the district office. For more information please contact the district office at 719-379-3259. (5/1/24)</p> <p>SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is seeking anticipated ELEMENTARY TEACHERS for the 24-25 school year. Applicants must possess a Colorado Teaching License or be eligible to apply for one. Salary schedules are available on the district website. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, and transcripts at https://www.southconejos.com/page/how-to-apply. (5/1/24)</p>	<p>ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 School Year. ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AES 3-5. Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teacher License with an endorsement in SCHOOL PRINCIPAL (K-12). Applications are available online at https://www.alamosaschools.org/. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/24/24)</p> <p>DEL NORTE BANK is seeking a candidate to fill a permanent position for a TELLER at our CREEDE BRANCH. Duties will be to accept deposits, loan payments and process withdrawals while maintaining a balanced cash drawer. Must be personable and pleasant answering the phone and greeting customers. Many other duties will be assigned as needed. The position is full time in the summer and part time in the winter, with an end of season bonus and an hourly rate range of \$14.42 to \$17.00. Please send your resume or application to postmaster@truelocalbank.com by April 30, 2024. Application is available at TrueLocalBank.com/careers or call 719-657-3376 and ask for Dawn. EOE. (4/30/24)</p>	<p>CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26Jt is paying years of service and single health insurance benefits. Apply now to become part of our dynamic district as we are now accepting applications for the position of ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER. for the 2024-2025 School Year. Qualifications: Must hold a valid State of Colorado Teacher's License or, such alternative as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Applications can be found on the District Website https://www.center.k12.co.us/page/employment-opportunities or contact the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (5/15/24)</p> <p>ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is now accepting applications for the following positions: Assistant TRACK COACH, Assistant VOLLEYBALL COACH, Assistant CROSS COUNTRY COACH, Head CHEERLEADING COACH, Head GYMNASIAC COACH at ALAMOSA HIGH SCHOOL. Applications are available online at https://www.alamosaschools.org/. For more information, contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/24/24)</p>	<p>1ST SOUTHWEST BANK, a locally owned CDFI community bank, is seeking a RELATIONSHIP MANAGER with 3+ years of commercial loan experience and a BRANCH MANAGER with 5+ years of banking experience. FSWB offers competitive compensation, generous benefits, & career development. Join FSWB's award-winning team dedicated to supporting rural Colorado's agricultural, nonprofit and small businesses. For details and to apply, visit fswb.bank/about/careers. EOE. (5/1/24)</p> <p>THE CITY OF MONTE VISTA is accepting applications for a SEASONAL PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKER. This position is approximately 16 weeks, 40 hours/wk. Duties include mowing, trimming, watering parks and trash pickup. Wage is \$16.00-\$17.00 per hour. Applications and job description are available at www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov or pickup/return applications to the City of Monte Vista, Human Resources, 95 West First Ave., Monte Vista, CO. 81144. Open until filled. (5/31/24)</p> <p>SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a ONE ON ONE PARAPROFESSIONAL. Applications can be downloaded at www.sanford-schools.org. Sanford School is an EOE&E. (4/27/24)</p>	<p>MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for an INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTER/LIBRARY PARAPROFESSIONAL at BILL METZ ELEMENTARY for the 2024-2025 school year. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. Monte Vista School District operates on a 4-day week (Monday - Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Paraprofessional Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. 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. (4/30/24)</p> <p>ACCOUNTANT. THE SLV LOCAL FOODS COALITION seeks an ACCOUNTANT to oversee finances for our local nonprofit. Send resume and cover letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com. Additional requirements can be found at www.slvlocalfoods.org/jobs/. (5/1/24)</p>	<p>MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a 6th GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER at MONTE VISTA MIDDLE SCHOOL for the 2024-2025 school year. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. The District operates on a 4-day week (Monday - Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Teacher Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities by April 25, 2024 or until the position is filled. For application questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (4/30/24)</p> <p>LOOKING FOR YEAR ROUND HELP ON POTATO GRAIN FARM, starting immediately, contact 719-850-2137. Must have experience around machinery and farming practices. (5/1/24)</p>	<p>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 and Microsoft office application. Qualifications are: Experience in business fiscal management, BA accounting, Business Management or related field. For more information, you may contact the director at director@mvheadstart.org or call 719-852-3215. Positions opened until filled. (4/26/24)</p> <p>WATER/SEWER OPERATOR: PART-TIME; Pay based on experience; Job Title: Water and Sewer Operator. Job Description: The Water and Sewer Operator plays a vital role in ensuring the efficient and safe operation of the town's water and sewer systems. 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 office hours Tuesday or Thursday 9 to 3 for application. You can call 719-843-5785 for more information. (4/26/24)</p>

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221 - HELP WANTED

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

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

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY seeks applicants for an ADVISING COORDINATOR for its UPWARD BOUND MATH & SCIENCE PROGRAM. The salary for this position starts at \$46,476 per year. A minimum Bachelor's Degree in science, technology, engineering, math, or related field is required for this exempt position. For application details and more information, please see <https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/> AA/EOE. (4/27/24)

PART-TIME MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN/PARKS & RECREATION TECHNICIAN: 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 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)

221 - HELP WANTED

DEPUTY CLERK: PART-TIME Hourly 15-20 hours, Tuesday-Thursday and some Fridays; Pay Rate \$14.42. Position Overview/ Job Description: We are seeking a diligent and organized individual to join our team as a Part-Time Deputy Clerk for our small town. The Deputy Clerk will work closely with the Town Clerk and other municipal staff to ensure the efficient operation of administrative tasks and provide support in various municipal functions. This position offers an excellent opportunity for someone who is detail-oriented, community-focused, and eager to contribute to the smooth functioning of local 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)

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

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

CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26J 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://www.center.k12.co.us/page/employment-opportunities> or contact the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (5/8/24)

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for (1) HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicant must hold a current Colorado teaching license or be willing to work toward certification. NCSD offers a competitive salary, great discipline and environment for staff and students, and up to \$915 monthly towards health insurance. Application deadline is until position is filled. Applications are available at the District Administration Office, 17887 US Hwy 285, LA JARA, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. Submit application to Mr. Darren Edgar, Superintendent. EOE. (4/24/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for (1) full-time SECONDARY EDUCATION TEACHER at North Conejos Alternative Program for the 2024-2025 school year. Contact Susan Hamilton for details at 719-580-5864. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Teaching License or be able to obtain proper endorsement. NCSD offers a competitive salary, great discipline and environment for staff and students, and up to \$915 monthly towards health insurance. Applications are available at the District Administration Office, 17887 US Hwy 285, LA JARA, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. Submit application to Mr. Darren Edgar, Superintendent. Application deadline is until position is filled. EOE. (4/24/24)

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CITY OF MONTE VISTA is accepting applications for KIDS CONNECTION SUMMER PROGRAM LEADERS. Duties include, planning, scheduling, and implementing youth program activities. \$15 per hour. Job Description and applications are available at <http://www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov> or City of Monte Vista, Human Resources, 95 West First Ave, Monte Vista, Co. 81144. (5/1/24)

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

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221 - HELP WANTED

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DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER needed at the URGSD. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at aduda@urtigers.co or contact Amy at 719-657-4050. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: urtigers.co. (4/30/24)

HELP WANTED: SOMEONE to CLEAN the TOWN HALL OFFICE. 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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- ACROSS**
- 1 Tease playfully
 - 4 Gelling agent
 - 8 Diner dish
 - 12 Supped
 - 13 Poet — Teasdale
 - 14 Pot
 - 15 "Give — break!"
 - 16 Punch
 - 17 Fight match
 - 18 Beast of burden
 - 20 Dues payer
 - 22 Sailor
 - 23 Actress Dolores — Rio
 - 24 Sparkle
 - 28 Window sticker
 - 32 Flat boat
 - 33 So far
 - 35 United
 - 36 Old coin of France
 - 37 Ovine animal
 - 38 Moon goddess
- DOWN**
- 1 Crash into
 - 2 Particular
 - 3 "A — Mind"
 - 4 Affirm
 - 5 Liquid meas.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 6 Calla lily
- 7 Stormed
- 8 Walk haltingly
- 9 Soothing plant
- 10 Run together
- 11 Bowler
- 19 Final
- 21 Between lg. and sm.
- 24 Expanded
- 25 "Arsenic and Old —"
- 26 CBS's logo
- 27 Tidings
- 29 Polite
- 30 English queen
- 31 Metallic element
- 34 Oolong, e.g.
- 38 Run
- 40 Singer — Richie
- 41 Old French coin
- 43 Dale
- 45 "Once — Time"
- 47 Musical sound
- 48 Pro —
- 49 Regular
- 51 Actress — Winslet
- 52 Cushion
- 54 Plus
- 56 Not very many

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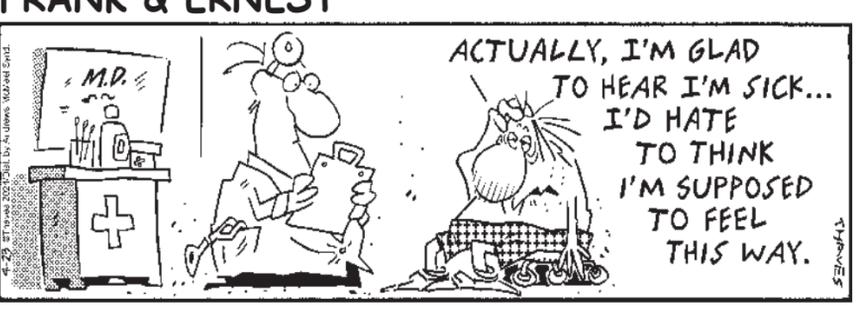
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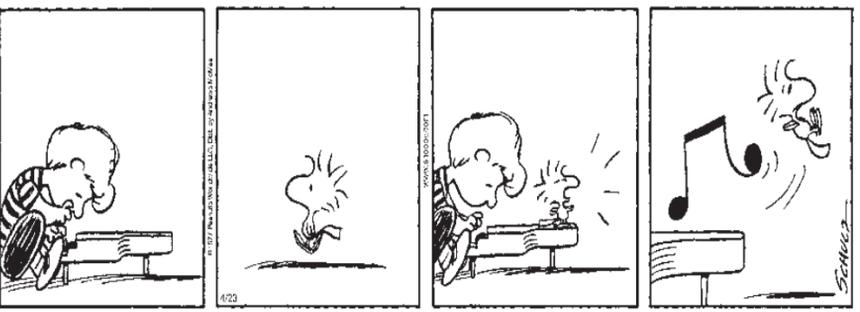
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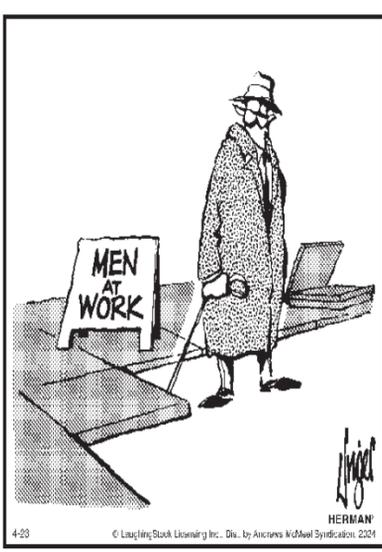


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DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, my sister and I took our kids on vacation together. She and I get along but have never been close. Sometimes I walk on eggshells around her because I never know what might make her upset.

I thought we were having a good time on that vacation and getting along well, even though I was anxious. We were both taking pictures with our phones, and she handed me hers to forward myself some of the pictures. While I was looking at them, a text message pinged, and I checked it without thinking about it not being my phone.

It turns out my sister had spent the entire vacation texting about my "B.S." my inability to do anything competently and even referenced something that happened years before. I had noticed her constant texting but said nothing because I didn't want to risk an argument.

I am still angry about this and don't know how to let it go. I really don't want to travel with her again, since I know the invisible third party will be with us the whole time. How do I deal with this? -- STAYING PUT IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR STAYING

PUT: When you saw that message from your sister's text partner you should have handed her the phone and started packing. You are not obligated to travel with someone who causes you to walk on eggshells, ignores you, puts you down and says nasty things behind your back. Don't be mean about taking steps to protect yourself. Simply stop vacationing with her. (I love you I sure would!)

DEAR ABBY: My wife recently had her DNA tested so she could learn more about her genealogy. She then decided to make her results public so other possible relatives could contact her. Not long ago, she received an email from a man, "Stan," claiming a DNA match.

Stan said he was adopted, and his search to find his birth parents had hit a dead end. My wife immediately recalled old family stories about an older relative -- who is still alive -- who had given up her baby for adoption. Several pieces of information from Stan matched (like his birthplace), and we have no doubt my wife's relative is this man's parent.

Our question: Do we help Stan contact his long-lost parent? As sad as it may be, I don't think it's our business to surprise



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

my wife's kin with news of a son they've never talked about. My wife is leaning in the opposite direction and sees no harm. What do we do? -- TO HELP OR NOT TO HELP?

DEAR TO HELP: Your wife should contact the relative in question, explain about her DNA test and inform her that she has been contacted by a man claiming he is related. She should tell her relative she had long ago heard about a child that may have been placed for adoption. If your wife's relative would like to have "Stan's" contact information, she should share it. However, if this relative isn't open to being contacted, your wife should let the matter rest.