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Sharon Adams Memorial Dedication

MONTE VISTA — The Sharon Adams Memorial Dedication ceremony is planned for 5:30 p.m. on May 1 at the west main entrance of Sargent High School.

A community baked potato dinner will follow in the school cafeteria from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$10 per person and supports Sargent Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Live music will be provided by Celtic Knotz, including Kerry Adams.

Del Norte Food Bank distribution is April 20

DEL NORTE — The Del Norte Food Bank will be open for its April distribution on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. until noon. Anyone in need of food assistance is welcome. If you are unable to attend during distribution hours and need food assistance, call 719-850-2643.

San Luis Valley Commissioners to meet Monday

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley County Commissioners Association will hold a regular meeting at 8900 Independence Way in Alamosa on Monday, April 22, at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend in person or via Zoom with meeting ID: 270-314-6874.

On the agenda is a resolution honoring the Boulder DA's office for assistance, an update from the San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council, an update from the SLV Council of Governments, an update from the Rio Grande National Forest, and an update from the SLV Local Foods Coalition. Other business will be discussed.

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Visitors flock to new fish and wildlife center

By **JOHN WATERS**
Courier News Editor
ALAMOSA — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) held an opening of a new visitor center on April 19 at the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex Visitor Center and Headquarters on El Rancho Lane in Alamosa.

The new office and visitor center are on the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge, which was established in 1963 to provide food, cover, and habitat for migratory birds and wildlife.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is part of the U.S. Department of the Interior and is the nation's oldest conservation agency. The agency dates

to 1871 when Congress established the U.S. Fish Commission to study why the nation's food fishes were declining and to recommend ways to reverse that decline. In 1903, President Roosevelt established the first national wildlife refuge at Pelican Island in Florida.

In the San Luis Valley, Alamosa, Monte Vista, and Baca

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The public mingled with employees of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service during the grand opening of a new visitor center at the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge. The center is at 7824 El Rancho Lane, Alamosa off Highway 160.

Courier photo by John Waters



Mammoth opened on Main Street on April 2. Pictured left to right: Deb Hankinson, Lew Petersen, Jo Parent, and Dale Parent.

Mammoth opens on Main Street in Alamosa

Store gives 'souvenirs' a whole new look

By **PRISCILLA WAGGONER**
Courier Reporter
ALAMOSA — A new store has opened on Main Street in Alamosa, and it takes the idea of "souvenirs" to an entirely new level. Starting with its name "Mammoth", which store owners Deb Hankinson

and Lew Petersen chose after reading a Facebook post from a park ranger that said mammoths once roamed the San Luis Valley, every item available for purchase was carefully chosen — and, in some cases, created — with the uniqueness of Alamosa and the San Luis Valley in mind.

Located in the space previously occupied by May-Wa Chinese restaurant, Mammoth has been transformed by Hankinson and Petersen

along with partners, Jo and Dale Parent, into a space that is colorful and vibrant yet with a warm and rustic feeling.

Mammoth is stocked with an extraordinary variety of "good quality, good price point" items, all communicating in one way or another the aspects that make Alamosa and surrounding areas so special.

From children's books about Dark Skies to extremely soft stuffed animals — including "gators", in a nod to the Gator Farm

— to coffee cups commissioned with designs of the Great Sand Dunes to specially designed refrigerator magnets to pillows with photos of wildlife taking selfies to limited but carefully selected high quality art work by local artists on the walls to cotton t-shirts that won't be seen anywhere else, Mammoth celebrates Alamosa in a way that tourists — and undoubtedly no small number of locals

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Field of GOP candidates for CD3 narrows

By **PRISCILLA WAGGONER**
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — The field of Republican candidates vying for the nomination to run for Congress in Colorado District 3 (CD3) is narrowing as the date of the GOP primary, June 25, gets closer.

There are two paths to getting on the primary ballot that will decide who is the Republican candidate to run in CD3. One way is via the precinct caucus and county and district assemblies where candidates must win each contest to progress.

The second path is via petition where candidates submit signatures to the Secretary of State. To be on the ballot, those petitions must have a total of

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ASU hosts reception for Black History Mural

By **ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY**
ALAMOSA — Adams State University created a mural emulating the Black Arts Movement prevalent in the mid-1960s to the mid-1970s. A reception recognizing the significance and importance of this artwork begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 26, in McDaniel Hall 301. The event is free and open to the public.

Bill Tite, M.F.A., assistant professor of art and design; and Inclusive Excellence Liaison Heidi Schneider, Ph.D., associate professor and Department of Sociology chair; and Black Student Union Student President Rudy-Criss Bukassa, collaborated to create the mural.

Tite photographed students and integrated them into the mural design influenced by a Barbara Jones-Hogu painting, "Relate to Your Heritage," 1971. Art students, guided by Mary Wilhelm, M.F.A., assistant professor of art, painted the mural.

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A reception for Adams State's newest mural is April 26.

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OBITUARIES

Celestino Archuleta

Celestino (Tino) Archuleta passed away peacefully on April 11 at his home in Manitou Springs, Colo. He was born on April 7, 1932, in La Garita, Colo., located in the San Luis Valley to Delfina and Benigno Archuleta.

Celestino was preceded in death by his wife Marcella; his parents; and his 10 sisters and two brothers.

He is survived by his children Cathy, Dennis (Moir), Anthony (Rhoda), Paul (Donna) and Maria (Barry); his grandchildren Nicholas, Katherine (Tim), Nathan (Nicole), Carolyn (Trevor), Alex, Ryan, Landon, Oscar (Harley) and Joseph (Amy); his great-grandchildren Benjamin, Ariana, Oliver, Sam, Luna, Emma, Francisco, and Ander.

After graduating high school in Center, Colorado in 1952, Celestino served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He then received a B.A. degree from Adams State College in 1959 with extended self-research course studies in theoretical mathematics and physics. He later augmented his education by taking courses in advanced physics, including Quantum physics, at the University of Colorado Extension Center in Colorado Springs, now the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. Upon graduating from Adams State College, Celestino taught advanced mathematics and physics in Colorado at Walsenburg High School for one year while waiting for an opportunity to start his career in the field of science.

In 1960, Celestino began work in Colorado Springs as a staff research scientist for Kaman Sciences Corporation, a division of Kaman Aircraft Corporation. While at Kaman, he worked on nationally recognized programs, participating and managing projects for scientific research and computer-based modeling in nuclear effects, including

nuclear missile defense war games. His later responsibilities in business development and management of software development contracts for the U. S. Department of Defense. In 1979, he joined DMA Corporation where he introduced the company to compete for various government software development contracts.

In 1980, Celestino started his own company, National Systems & Research Company (NSR), specializing in information system development and information system operation support for contracts with the Department of Defense (DOD), Department of Energy (DOE), and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) among other government agencies. After serving over 20 years as President, CEO, and the Chairman of NSR's Board of Directors, he retired in 2003 when he sold NSR.

Celestino was always proud of experiencing the thrill of taking a start-up company of five software engineers and building it to where it peaked in the late 1990s with over 700 employees with offices located throughout the United States. Placing a high emphasis on ethical business practices and human values, NSR was highly successful during the peak of the Computer and Information Age.

Throughout his career, Celestino always felt a deep sense of pride to have worked side-by-side with industry-known nuclear scientists and some of the brightest high-technology software engineers. He was always cognizant that the success of NSR was due to the contributions of many talented employees and had immense pride seeing all their accomplishments. After retirement, Celestino maintained an interest in business by establishing and providing oversight of Second Wind Enterprises, LLC, a commercial leasing company.

Mary Ann Martinez (Large)

Mary 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 Marvina Large.

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. Although she had a keen eye for style, fashion, and



adventure, she also found solace in quieter pursuits like sewing, baking, home renovation projects, and solving puzzles. These activities created lasting memories with her and her family through their shared experiences.

Her dedication to serving others extended beyond her family, spanning over 50 years as a seamstress,



Throughout Celestino's professional career, Celestino served on board of directors in Colorado Springs for Norwest Banks, Wells Fargo Bank, Goodwill Industries, and United Way. He was a member and served as Chairman of the Latin American Management Association Board of Directors that was based in Washington, D.C. Additionally, Mr. Archuleta served with the Colorado Space Advisory Council and Congressman Joel Hefley Defense Business Advisory Council. In 1992, Governor Roy Romer appointed him to the Colorado Executives for an Opportunity Advisory Board. He was awarded Ernst & Young's 1990 Business Entrepreneur of the Year Award and Seymour Cray's 1997 Technology Entrepreneur of the Year Award as well as many other business-related awards. After his retirement he served on the Board of Directors for Penrose-St. Frances Health Foundation.

Having a special bond with the place where he was born and having great enjoyment for outdoor sports, Celestino and his family returned regularly to the San Luis Valley where they enjoyed time in the mountains camping and hiking, rock climbing, fishing, and skiing. The Valley always had a great significance as a special place because it was where the foundation of Celestino's Catholic faith began with his father and mother. It was through their teachings that Celestino came to understand and became dedicated to his Catholic faith. He lived his faith daily through his relationships with his fam-

ily's strength. Her legacy of kindness and compassion will continue to guide them through life's journey/

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 in Albuquerque, N.M.

Her unconditional love and unwavering support are the pillars of her fam-



ily and friends as well as extending gifts of support where needed.

In 2009, he worked alongside his family to restore the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, a historical mission church in La Garita, Colo.; worked to protect the remaining walls of the church's convent through the construction of a monument dedicated to St. John the Baptist; and supported the construction of the St. John Paul II Rosary Walk. These projects are protected and maintained through the Archuleta Family Foundation to preserve the Catholic traditions of the Hispano culture by commemorating their historical presence of early Catholic settlers of La Garita. As a result, all of these structures now encompass a spiritual center that inspires contemplative prayer, enhanced by a beautiful setting for Catholics and all visitors. Celestino's family and cherished friends, who have supported this effort, will continue to take care of the San Juan Catholic Spiritual Center, to honor Celestino's legacy and those of his ancestors who, in the 1800s, joined together in La Garita's Hispano community to build their church.

Visitation and Rosary service for Celestino will be held Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 9 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 2030 W. Colorado Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo. A graveside burial service will take place at Carnero Creek Cemetery in La Garita, Colo., on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 1 p.m.

ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

Alamosa Police Department report for week of April 14-20.

Gary Sisneros, 43, of Alamosa was cited for 2nd degree burglary, theft under \$300.

Sarah Mozley, 33, of Manassa was cited for theft \$300 to \$999, 2nd degree burglary, criminal mischief.

Adriana Marcos Domingo, 32, of Alamosa was cited for driving under restraint, fictitious plate, uninsured vehicle.

Arturo Garcia, 32, of Alamosa was cited for theft under \$300.

Alexander Ortiz, 19, of Alamosa was cited for speeding 1-4 over.

Roynelle Harrison, 39, of Aztec, New Mexico was cited for seatbelts required.

Joyce Espino, 22, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

Dewayne Barnett, 18, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

Pascual Orozco Gutierrez, 67, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

Jesus Rodriguez, 22, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

Aaron Abachiche, 44, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

Brian Richie, 33, of Keenesburg was cited for seatbelts required.

Jayla Ford, 18, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required x2.

Messiah Janvier, 20, of Northfield, Ohio was cited for seatbelts required.

Santos Villanueva, 24, of Alamosa was cited for speeding '10-19 over.

Ryan Jaramillo, 34, of Manassa was cited for seatbelt required.

Dominic Garcia, 23, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelt required.

Rodney Ruybal, 51, of Antonito was cited for seatbelt required.

Jeffrey Hard, 62, of Blanca was cited for seatbelt required.

Lourdes Bonilla, 25, of Alamosa was cited for possession of contraband in the 2nd degree, unlawful possession of controlled substance, violation of restraining order.

William Ahern 49, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

Steven Clark, 72, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

Kyle Stouer-Morgan, 50, of Moffat was cited for seatbelts required.

Jacob McClure, 36, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

Daniel Mayo, 20, of Monte Vista was cited for seatbelts required.

John Edwards, 35, of Ft. Garland was cited for seatbelts required.

Henrietta Kelly, 57, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

Brenda Adams, 47, of Duncan, Oklahoma was cited for seatbelts required.

Roman Cisneros, 34, of Alamosa was cited for seat-

belts required.

Gustavo Acuna-Castanon, 42, of Blanca was cited for seatbelts required.

Blanca IvMichael Casias, 21, of Antonito was cited for seatbelts required.

Leova Villalobos, 49, of Monte Vista was cited for seatbelts required.

Brock Heersink, 20, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

Maria Quezada Romero, 49, of Manassa was cited for seatbelts required.

Andria Silva, 43, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

Gabrielle Fleming, 39, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

Mercedes Caldon, 18, of Sanford was cited for seatbelts required.

Perla de Jesus Hamilton, 43, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

Deidra Pourier, 36, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

Matthew Relyea, 42, of Monte Vista was cited for seatbelts required.

Joseph Serrano, 33, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

Carl Frank, 62, of San Luis was cited for seatbelts required.

Harold Wilson, 74, of Blanca was cited for seatbelts required.

Amber Santos, 39, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

Jessica Frasier, 33, of Alamosa was cited for failing to notify police of an accident, careless driving causing bodily injury.

Dave Dominguez, 43, of Denver was cited for 1st degree criminal trespass, theft under \$300.

Aaden Valdez, 22, of Alamosa was cited for disorderly conduct.

Travis McKinzie, 21, of Alamosa was cited for disorderly conduct.

Kieran Thompson, 21, of Fruita was cited for disorderly conduct.

Dalton Joe Knight, 24, of Alamosa was cited for unprovoked bite.

Kelly Garcia, 57, of Alamosa was cited for displaying fictitious plate, uninsured vehicle. Javeil Maes, 48, of Alamosa was cited for driving under restraint, vehicle not equipped with taillamps.

Bo Cormier, 22, of Manassa was cited for criminal mischief.

Janessa Martinez, 21, of Capulin was cited for driving under restraint, drivers vision obstructed.

Gabriel Anderson, 18, of Alamosa was cited for violating restrictions on temporary permit.

Martin Gracia, 41, of Sanford was cited for driving under restraint.

Ezekiel Naranjo, 21, of Alamosa was cited for tampering with physical evidence, theft \$300-\$749, 3rd degree burglary, theft under \$300, 1st degree criminal trespass.

Rowena Bull, 60, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

ALAMOSA SHERIFF'S REPORT

Alamosa County Sheriff's Office report March 27 to April 10

Kylee Cisneros-Gomez, 22, of Colorado Springs was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia at 366 Santa Fe Avenue.

Monique Gonzales, 31, of Monte Vista was cited for driving a vehicle while license was under restraint in the 4000 block of Highway 160.

Nicole Archuleta of Ala-

mosa was cited for unlawful possession of controlled substance at 11000 block of Highway 160 East.

Brian Cooper of Fort Garland was cited for possession of a weapon by a previous offender, tampering with physical evidence, possession of fentanyl 1-4 grams, possession of schedule II substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and a large capacity magazine at Vic-

toria Street and Thomas Avenue.

Adelina Acosta, 54, of Alamosa was cited for driving a vehicle with revoked license for habitual traffic offender and operating a vehicle without insurance at 12000 block of Highway 160.

Ryan Kerlin, 45, of Wilmington, North Carolina was cited for speeding 20-39 miles per hour over the speed limit in the 3000

block of 6 North.

Ashley Ince of Alamosa was cited for harassment and domestic violence at 2692 County Road 114 North.

Deserdia Romero of Alamosa was cited for possession of controlled substance DF4 at Main and Cochetopa.

Anna Pacheco, 52, of Alamosa was cited for careless driving at Main and Cochetopa Avenue.

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School Menu

Monday

April 22, 2024

BREAKFAST

Cereal/Graham Crackers

Fruit & Milk

ELEMENTARY

Chicken Taquitos/Salsa

Blackbeans/Cornbread

Veggie Bar

Fruit & Milk

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Mammoth

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will appreciate. “We’ve tried to provide good quality at a good price point and a good variety,” Hankinson says. “If you want to just spend \$3 or \$4 on a keychain, we’ve got that. But if you want to buy a t-shirt that will last you ten years, we have that, too.”

And with an eye toward sustainability and preserving the environment, many of the items are made using recycled or repurposed materials, such as the old horseshoes from a local rescue operation that have been painted and are on sale.

The appealing environment and lovely design of Mammoth is credited to Hankinson, who was an architect before she and her husband, Petersen — a software engineer, jointly decided to leave their corporate lives behind and move to the Valley.

The quality of merchandise is credited to Jo Parent. “Deb has taught me a lot,” Parent says.

Even with all that, it is also likely that Mammoth will become well known for its food.

The first thing customers see when they walk in the door is a large counter filled with freshly made fudge.

“I wanted to add the fudge because of what Jo can do,” Hankinson says.

Jo (Parent) worked at a KOA campground in Yellowstone National Park for years where she became a fudge aficionado, and her talent is immediately apparent in both the taste and the varieties of fudge that range from strawberry cheesecake to orange swirl to cappuccino (which is amazing) to rocky road to chocolate jalapeño and others.

“We make the fudge here and we’ve taught all the staff how to make fudge,” Hankinson says. “We’re always trying new recipes and looking for feedback

from the people.”

Starting next week, Mammoth’s will also open their Spud Café, featuring eight different kinds of “loaded” potatoes (sourced from Monte Vista, of course), including specialties such as taco and cheese enchilada potatoes.

“We’re going to give the locals an option for lunch,” Hankinson says, “and that will help to carry us through the season when there aren’t a lot of tourists.” Right now, they’re focused on the lunch crowd but may expand to dinner at some point in the future.

“There’s just still a lot to do,” she says with a bit of a sigh, a comment that draws agreement from the three others.

In a conversation with the Valley Courier, it becomes immediately apparent that nothing in Mammoth was done by happenstance.

Entrepreneurs at heart, Hankinson and Petersen own the KOA Campground east of Alamosa off of Highway 160 where, along with the Parents, they have transformed the site into a surprisingly beautiful spot with high-quality amenities.

Looking to expand into other areas while keeping the KOA, they were interested in opening a business in the downtown area.

That led them to contacting Kathy Woods, economic developer with the City of Alamosa, to find out what real estate was available downtown.

The building formerly occupied by May-Wa seemed the best option and — thanks to Nicky at Porter Realty — the purchase was completed on Dec. 13, 2023.

“When we bought the building, we thought the location was a great opportunity, just for the building itself,” says Petersen. “But when we thought about possibilities, we thought what does Alamosa need?”

That brings the KOA Campground into the picture where the souvenir

shop at the KOA — that “did really, really well, just great” — showed what was needed.

“We had a couple of other ideas,” Petersen says, “but we thought there’s nothing in town that is specifically related to Alamosa. So, we decided on a souvenir shop.”

Since then, the four have invested tremendous “sweat equity” in the property, repurposing the space from a restaurant into a retail store with a commercial kitchen. Any additional labor that was needed was drawn from the local workforce and materials, like the rough sawed wood used on the walls, came from an Amish business associate specializing in that type of lumber.

And now, with the doors being opened for business on April 2, the same attention to detail that characterizes the KOA Campground is evident everywhere in Mammoth.

But the commitment to the project goes far beyond just owning a retail business in the city and a KOA campground in the county.

Hankinson is on the board of directors at Visit Alamosa and both she and her husband plus the Par-



Photo courtesy of Deb Hankinson

Interior of Mammoth, a quality souvenir shop with a Spud Cafe now open on Main Street in Alamosa.

ents are committed to the success of the community.

Decisions made in selecting merchandise were made so as not to interfere with businesses already in operation. For example, only a limited number of local artists are featured to not compete with other businesses offering local art on Main Street. The same is true of the houseware and jewelry items they offer.

“There may be a little overlap, but our goal is to fill the gap,” Hankinson says. But that gap is evident in other ways, as well.

Starting on May 5 — Cinco de Mayo — Mammoth will be open seven days a week. “When the

tourists come, we want to be open in the evening. If you’re going to be a tourist definition, you really need to be open seven days a week. I’ve heard people say it’s too hard to find staff, but we haven’t had that problem, at all,” she says.

Currently, Mammoth has created five new jobs and anticipate, when the Spud Café opens, hiring another two.

She attributes their success in hiring to using Indeed, which brought them “high-caliber people” from Alamosa, Monte Vista, Manassa and Romeo.

All four are also focused on being able to promote the area to customers com-

ing into Mammoth about the array of interesting things to do. Hankinson says they plan to send staff to Visit Alamosa for training on being an ambassador to the area.

In looking at the big picture, when asked if their philosophy is best described as “when one succeeds, all succeed,” Hankinson does not hesitate.

“Absolutely right,” she says. “That’s exactly how it works.”

Mammoth is located at 620 Main St. in Alamosa. Open Tuesday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5:50 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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1,5000 valid signatures or 10% of the voters who voted in the last primary, whichever is less.

Following a vote of delegates attending the Republican CD3 district assembly, Stephen Varela, a member of the State Board of Education, and former Colorado State Rep. Ron Hanks will appear on the primary ballot.

Varela got 33% of the delegates’ votes and Hanks scored 32%. A minimum of 30% of votes is required to be on the primary ballot.

Other candidates chose

a different path to getting their name on the primary ballot. Instead of attending caucuses and the assemblies where they courted delegates for their votes, as Varela and Hanks did, these candidates chose to petition to be on the ballot.

The Secretary of State (SOS) has announced that four have qualified to be on the ballot, so far, including Russ Andrews, Jeff Hurd, Curtis McCracken, and Lee Webb giving those voting in the Republican primary a field of six from which to choose.

Money has always played a huge role in a candidate’s success, and

it may be a factor in this contest, as well.

According to the Federal Election Commission filings, as of the end of March, Jeff Hurd, a political newcomer and attorney in Grand Junction, had raised \$916,438 in contributions with \$527,987 on hand, putting him in the top position.

Russ Andrews, a businessman in Carbondale who has hosted a political talk show in the Roaring Fork Valley for 14 years, has raised \$342,800 and has \$238,405 remaining.

Lew Webb, who lives in Durango and “financed and built a mountain retreat to support missionaries, struggling pastors

and church groups,” after his family’s business in California was sold, has raised \$152,500 with \$130,335 on hand.

Stephen Varela has raised \$70,357 with \$23,024 remaining, and Ron Hanks has raised \$9,130 with, as of March 31, \$5,735 unspent.

Whatever the circumstances and candidates’ financial positions are at this point, it all comes down to the primary where the voters will ultimately have the final word. Pundits and political analysts may predict outcomes, but they are still just that: predictions.

The Republican primary is scheduled for June 25.

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National Wildlife Refuges are areas set aside for migratory birds and resident wildlife. The refuges are now combined

administratively into the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex. The Alamosa Refuge is 12,026 acres of wetland areas, riparian corridors, wet meadows, and river oxbows. The wetland and river habitats provide a wildlife oasis in this dry region. These habitats support a variety of wildlife, including songbirds, water birds, raptors, deer, beavers, coyotes, and more.

The artificially created wetlands on the 16,279 Monte Vista Refuge which was established in 1952, are intensively managed to provide habitat for a wide variety of waterfowl and other water birds. Mallards, pin-

tails, teals, and Canada geese are common, as are American avocets, killdeers, white-faced ibises, egrets, and herons. Irrigation canals and wells provide precious water to maintain this important wetland habitat.

The Baca Refuge is comprised of 92,500 acres of a highly diverse combination of shrublands, grasslands, wet meadows, playa wetlands, and riparian areas. The refuge was established in 2000.

The three wildlife refuges protect 119,330 acres of habitat in the San Luis Valley. By comparison, Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve protects 149,028 acres.

During the grand opening of the visitor center, Refuge Manager Suzanne Beauchaine offered this reporter a tour of the center and discussed the many projects underway for the refuges that will

be reported on in the Valley Courier. Beauchaine was also preparing to take visitors on a tour of the refuge as part of the grand opening celebration.

Among those attending the celebration were Erin Minks San Luis Valley Regional Director for U.S. Senator Michael Bennet, Maggie Gaddis with the Colorado Native Plant Society, and Barbara Kraus, history columnist for the Valley Courier

In other USFWS news, the seasonal closure of the Rio Grande Nature Trail on the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge began on April 15. The closure is to protect the federally endangered Southwestern Willow Flycatcher. The diminutive bird is dependent on riparian habitat and utilizes cottonwoods for migration, foraging, and nesting. Disruptive human activities such as hiking and biking can disrupt nesting territory

establishment, foraging, and nesting. Disturbances can affect the ability of adult flycatchers to be attentive to their eggs or fledglings. This can potentially expose nests to predators and decrease breeding success and slow recovery.

The trail closure reduces the conflicts between human activities and the flycatchers during the nesting season when they are most vulnerable to the adverse impacts of disturbance.

The reopening of the trail is expected when the nesting season is completed, on or about Sept. 1.

The Friends of the San Luis Valley Wildlife Refuges is offering free Saturday morning bird walks that last several hours. The next walk is scheduled for April 27 at 8 a.m. and will meet at the Malm Trail in Alamosa. For more information, visit www.slvrefuges.org.

Mural

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Schneider received financial assistance from an Adams State alumnus to create the mural.

School of Humanities and Social Sciences Director of the and Chair of the Psychology Department Colleen Schaffner, Ph.D., approved the location of the mural on the third floor of McDaniel Hall.

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

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

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

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

Details and Application:

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

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

SUNDAY • 21
Softball vs. Chadron State College DH 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Softball Field
Lacrosse vs. Westminster University (Utah) 3 p.m. Lacrosse Field

MONDAY • 22
CASA Center After Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Games Yoga Dancing Cooking

TUESDAY • 23
Jazz Band & 68 West Concert: 7 p.m. Richardson Hall Auditorium

WEDNESDAY • 24
Sexual Assault Awareness Month: Denim Day
Zacheis Planetarium Free Movies: 5:30 p.m. *Out There: The Quest of Extrasolar Worlds*

THURSDAY • 25
Planetarium Free Movies: 5:30 p.m. *Tales of the Maya Skies and From Earth to the Universe*
Free Faculty Lecture: *Continuous Quality Improvement to Improve Student Health* AJ Webb, Ph.D., 6 p.m. McDaniel Hall 101
ASU Wind Symphony Concert: 7 p.m. Richardson Hall Auditorium

FRIDAY • 26
Play: *Stupid F*cking Bird* Written by Aaron Posner and Directed by George McConnell, Ph.D., 7:30 p.m. Theatre Building San Luis Valley Federal Bank Main Stage Tickets: 719-587-8499 or adams.edu/theatre

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Cloyde Snook Gallery: *We Were Here* Bachelor of Fine Art Senior Exhibit

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www.adams.edu

Opinion

I get by with a little help from my friends

Amid the wind and snow last month, I couldn't open my house fuse box that is parked off the back deck. The North rail of the deck was built too close to the fuse box cabinet; so much so, I couldn't open it to check the electrical fuses.

My neighbor Greg Sanchez often tells me, "Let me know if you need anything, Nellie." So, I did. I saw him chipping wood by his backyard hangout and called to him. Over the fence, I asked him, "Greg, do you have a saw? Could you shave off an inch off this rail so I can open this electrical box?"

He said, "I'm happy to help and I could tap down any loose nails, too."

Sure enough, when I inspected, the ledge of the rail had receded an inch. I exclaimed, "Yes!"

Greg and his wife Shana have a full house with teens and preteens. Like so many of us, he's taken on extra projects to help with the family budget. Besides grilling and cooking, one of his talents is manicuring yards, too.

A most kindhearted neighbor, he has wrangled my yard when the grass and weeds were three feet high and some. Today, he's announcing his new yard venture and clients are lining up for him to mow their lawns, clean out flower beds, transplant flowers from one bed to another, and haul away yard junk.

I'm so grateful for his help with so many tasks. Last Saturday while I caught my breath (because my diaphragm is compromised) he already noticed the trunk was open. When I looked up from a nebulizer treatment, he had the groceries in hand and placed them on the couch. Another time, he took an old easy chair worn and not operational to the dump. I remember one time he helped me find my driver's license when it fell under my car seat. Even with a metal Reacher, the card was inaccessible. But Greg found it and cleaned out my floorboard, too.

On Wednesday, he grabbed a post digger and dug a hole for the rhubarb plant purchased from North River Road Greenhouse in Alamosa. He was careful when he loosened the roots before he lowered it into the prepared hole.

So when yard work is ganging up on you, call Greg like I do. Besides, he enjoys being outside and helping others. Reach him at 719-9010-490.

Movin' On with Nellie



Nelda Curtiss



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How Biden wins women

By STEVEN ROBERTS

"Women put Joe in the White House four years ago," Jill Biden argued recently, "and women will do it again." Her first statement is undeniably true. The second remains to be seen. But if Jill's husband, Joe, does win a second term, women will be the reason.

In the latest New York Times/Siena poll, Donald Trump leads Biden by 1 point, 46 to 45. But the gender gap is huge, with Biden beating Trump by 16 points — 53 to 37 — among women, while Trump holds a 20-point lead among men. These figures closely resemble the outcome in 2020, when women gave Biden a 15-point advantage, according to exit polls.

Gender is only one factor among many in shaping each voter's decision. Plenty of women are deeply upset with Biden over issues like inflation and immigration. But this election, like the last two, will be very close, and most voters are already locked into their preferences.

So, a shift of a few votes in a few states could make a major difference. And two issues have emerged that could provide Democrats the leverage they need to attract marginal female voters: Trump's legal troubles and his position on abortion.

That legal jeopardy was spotlighted this week as the first of four criminal cases against the ex-president went to trial in New York. Most lawyers, including Democrats, consider it the weakest of the four allegations — that Trump falsified business records to cover up a brief fling with a porn star.

But a shaky legal case can still have a damaging political impact, especially with women. When polled,

40% of them called the charges against Trump "very serious" (compared to 20% of men), and another 30% deemed them "somewhat serious."

Remember, too, that Nikki Haley wounded Trump during the GOP primaries by repeatedly denouncing the "chaos" that seems to follow him everywhere, and a well-publicized trial that drags up Trump's tawdry treatment of women is not going to help his reputation. In the Times survey, 68% of women said that Trump lacks "the personality and temperament to be an effective president." Almost the same number called him a "risky" choice and said he does not respect women.

"With these trials, there's the 12-person jury, and then there's 120 million Americans that are gonna vote that form their own jury on this," Jim Kessler, executive vice president of Third Way, a center-left policy group, told the Washington Post. "It's like, 'Oh yeah, he's that guy. I forgot about the porn star.' ... You could see women saying, 'Here's another reminder why I don't like him.'"

Those gnawing negative feelings can crystallize around the issue of abortion. Every state that has recently voted on the issue has favored the abortion rights side, and women voters have been pivotal to those outcomes. Take Ohio, generally a red state; but 3 out of 5 women supported an initiative to protect abortion rights in the state constitution — it passed with 57% of the total vote.

Trump boasts about appointing three Supreme Court justices who backed the Dobbs decision that canceled a woman's right to choose an

abortion. But that ruling remains very unpopular, with 6 in 10 voters disapproving of it in an NBC survey. The critics, reports NBC, include "nearly 80% of female voters ages 18-49, two-thirds of suburban women, 60% of independents and even a third of Republican voters."

Trump effectively wooed evangelical Christians by promising to appoint conservative judges, but in politics, every action has a reaction. And now Democrats are turning his triumph against him, using his judicial choices as a key argument to deny him a second term.

In a recent TV ad, Biden warns: "Because of Donald Trump, millions of women lost the fundamental freedom to control their own bodies. ... Women's lives are in danger because of that." His main target is young women, and Biden says sharply, "Your body and your decisions belong to you, not the government, not Donald Trump."

"Republicans were on offense, they won constantly on this," Doug Heye, a veteran Republican strategist, told Politico. "Now, post-Dobbs, the situation is reversed." Added Justin Sayfie, another GOP operative: "If you're the Democratic Party, you want to lean in as hard as you can into reproductive rights."

Biden talks often about the death of his young wife and daughter in a car accident, and how Jill came into his life and saved him emotionally. Now it's up to her sisters to save him politically.

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Evaluating the dual impacts of drone technology for fish conservation efforts

By DARIUS MAEZ

Piloting drones and fishing the open seas were two separate pastime activities and before the global COVID-19 pandemic, were hardly even comparable. Since then, the use of drones for recreational fishing and conservation has become a popular practice generating conflict with other anglers, raising concerns for fish stocks, and helping aid in fisheries management.

Drones are self-propelled airborne devices that have no on-board pilot and were developed for military purposes during the Second World War. They also come in different sizes; drones with rotary wings tend to be smaller and can be launched by hand, which makes them a favorite for drone fishing.

There are two different ways to drone fishing; the line could be attached to the drone from the fishing pole and the drone can fly as far as the fishing line allows it to and drops the line, allowing the angler to reach distances further out than casting would. The other option for drone fishing allows anglers to fish from their drone, where the drone is equipped with a reel like motor that can drop line in and out of the water and carry fish back to shore.

While using drones for fishing can be very effective, it also comes with conservation risks. Drones with cameras allow anglers to pinpoint ideal fishing habitats far from the shore allowing areas that anglers couldn't reach before to be exploited. Large fish hooked hundreds of meters away are likely to expe-

rience exhaustion and physical disturbance, increasing their chances of being consumed by other predators.

In many parts of the world the use of drones is regulated by law; an official ban on the use of drones for fishing is needed in Colorado, as well as an increase in the use of drones for fishery conservation. The use of drones in particular raises questions from the ethical standpoint of "fair chase." The "fair chase" law is defined as the ethical, lawful pursuit, and taking of any free-ranging wild game animal in a manner that does not give the hunter

an improper or unfair advantage over the game animals ("The Principles of Fair Chase"). Furthermore, the use of drones for hunting has been banned in Colorado which can easily be supported and implemented into the fishing scene.

I've been fishing my entire life and look to it as a stress reliever, while for others, fishing brings in a large amount of food. Using drones creates an unfair advantage, however they can be used to observe marine wildlife, including species that are critical to the health of aquatic ecosystems, tracking movements, behaviors, and numbers with-

out disturbing the animals, and used to catch illegal fishing activities to bring back a sense of security while also allowing habitats to remain relatively untouched. Ultimately, I think drones used for fishing shouldn't be allowed and fishery conservation groups need to expand their use of drones in the field.

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Religion

Orthodox Church of Ukraine slams "Russian world" theology

Close observers of Eastern Orthodox Christianity were not surprised when the recent World Russian People's Council bluntly rejected "abortion propaganda," efforts to promote LGBTQ+ rights and this age of "sexual licentiousness and debauchery."

It wasn't surprising when that Moscow conference urged the defense of traditional families, "strong with many children," during an era where birth rates are falling.

Then there was this proclamation -- both theological and political -- about the war in Ukraine: "From a spiritual and moral point of view, the special military operation is a Holy War, in which Russia and its people, defending the single spiritual space of Holy Rus, fulfill the mission of the Restraint, protecting the world from the onslaught of globalism and the victory of the West, which has fallen into Satanism."

On Religion



Terry Mattingly

"Holy War" references were about the "metaphysical realm," not about warfare in Ukraine. WCC General Secretary Jerry Pillay claimed that the Moscow patriarch agreed that armed warfare cannot be "holy."

But the most striking rejection of the "Russian World" document came from the Department for External Church Relations of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, which for centuries had been linked to the Russian Orthodox Church.

"The Church should care about the proper preaching of the Gospel, which Christ commanded her to do, and not of the formation of geopolitical and geo-spiritual concepts," said its public statement. The "Russian World" text ignored the reality that "Ukraine has her own history, and Ukrainians have the right to their national identity and independence, which we are ready to keep defending. ..."

"Instead of providing ideological support and justification for Russia's military aggression and intervention in Ukraine, we believe that the Orthodox Church in Russia

should have raised her voice against this war. ... Calls for the destruction of Ukraine and the justification of a military aggression are inconsistent with the Gospel teaching."

Quoting its leader, Metropolitan Onuphry of Kyiv, the statement stressed: "We do not build any Russian world, we build God's world."

That statement echoed a Metropolitan Onuphry proclamation made immediately after the 2022 Russian invasion, which included: "We appeal to the President of Russia and ask him to immediately stop the fratricidal war. The Ukrainian and Russian peoples came out of the Dnieper Baptismal font, and the war between these peoples is a repetition of the sin of Cain, who killed his own brother out of envy."

The "fratricidal war" reference affirmed ties binding Orthodox churches in that region, which date to the 988 conversion of Prince Vladimir and the creation of the Holy Rus. Caught between Vladimir Putin's Kremlin and the current Ukrainian government, the leaders of this church embrace the Rus as a historical reality but insist that this only makes the Russian invasion even worse, with Orthodox

brothers killing brothers.

In 2022, the UOC synod declared itself independent, doing everything it could under centuries of Orthodox canon law to cut remaining ties to Moscow, while waiting for Orthodox leaders around the world to intervene in this schism.

Meanwhile, the leader of the rival Orthodox Church of Ukraine -- created in 2018 by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Istanbul, with support from Western governments -- has urged the Ukrainian government to finalize legislation that will ban the older UOC.

"There is not a single religious association in

Ukraine that would support publicly that religious organizations in Ukraine can continue to be subordinate to structures that are controlled by the Russian state," said Metropolitan Epiphanius during an April 10 visit to Geneva. The proposed legislation does "not affect freedom of religion," he claimed, but will "protect religious organizations in Ukraine from becoming a tool of the Kremlin's hybrid warfare."

On the other side of that schism, Metropolitan Onuphry marked the second anniversary of the Russian invasion by stressing his embattled flock's "love for the Ukrainian people

and land, even if many prefer not to notice it."

A native of Western Ukraine, Onuphry added: "The duty to defend one's Motherland is one of the important principles in a Christian's life. We should be worthy citizens of the earthly kingdom so as to become equally worthy citizens for the Kingdom of Heaven as well."

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Bible Digest

Saturday, April 20
"The fear of man brings a snare: but whoever puts his trust in the LORD shall be safe." (Proverbs 29:25 AKJV)

Tuesday, April 23
"Therefore say you to them, Thus said the LORD of hosts; Turn you to me, said the LORD of hosts, and I will turn to you, said the LORD of hosts." (Zechariah 1:3 AKJV)

Sunday, April 21
"And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that has understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred three score and six." (Revelation 13:17-18 AKJV)

Monday, April 22
"Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips." (Psalms 141:3 AKJV)

This is a good and timely prayer. It will save us from saying things we should not say.

Is it time for you to turn back to the Lord? Do it now.

Wednesday, April 24
"Therefore rejoice, you heavens, and you that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has but a short time." (Revelation 12:12 AKJV)

The devil wants to destroy you too. Turn to the

Lord before it is too late.

Thursday, April 25
"The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, said the LORD of hosts." (Haggai 2:8 AKJV)

We do well to remember this. If we are in need we know who can help. If we are too materialistic we need to repent and ask the Lord what we should do with the abundance.

Friday, April 26
"For you have possessed my reins: you have covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise you; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are your works; and that my soul knows right well." (Psalms 139:13-14 AKJV)

You are created in the image of God. You are important. You are no accident.



Are You Wearing Your Armor?

When I read the Bible, I am always fascinated by how many times the Lord tells us to "put on" or "put off" different things. Ephesians 6 is a perfect example—and it's one of the most well-known passages in the New Testament.

Ephesians 6:11 (AMPC) tells us to "Put on God's whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil."

The words "put on" are very important. I have never walked into my closet and had my clothes or shoes jump onto my body. I have always had to put them on—it's a choice. So, what does God tell us to put on?

The Belt of Truth: Ephesians 6:14 says, "Stand therefore [hold your ground], having tightened the belt of truth..."

The belt of truth is the Word of God. And just like a physical belt holds everything together, God's Word is our support and foundation. This means when trouble comes and you're tempted to give up or blow up—that's when you want to tighten your belt and trust the Word of God more than ever!

The Breastplate of Righteousness: Ephesians 6:14 (NKJV) says to "...put on the breastplate of righteousness."

It's sad how many Christians walk around feeling like something is wrong with them. For years, I was one of them. If I sinned, I would torment myself by allowing myself to feel guilty and condemned.

However, the Bible says we have been made right with God through Jesus' death on the cross (2 Corinthians 5:21). This means we can have the mindset that says, "I am a child of God—He loves me, and I am forgiven."

This doesn't mean we can just sin and do whatever we want. But it means when we make mistakes, we can go to God, sincerely confess our sins, then receive His gift of forgiveness—no strings attached (1 John 1:9).

Shoes of Peace: Ephesians 6:15 (NLT) says, "For shoes, put on the peace that

comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared."

As a believer, one of the most important things you can do is stay in peace. Peace is your position of power! I encourage you to keep your peace at any cost. If someone upsets you, take a few moments to walk away and ask God for His help. Talk to Him and say, "Help me to stay calm, Lord. Help me to keep the peace." Because in your battles against the enemy, peace is power.

Shield of Faith: Ephesians 6:16 (AMPC) says, "Lift up over all the [covering] shield of saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one]."

Faith is something that God has given us, but it must be released in our lives—through praying, through saying, and through doing.

During a crisis, it's easy to run to a friend for help, and sometimes we need to talk to other people. However, our first reaction to a problem should be to run to God and pray for His strength, guidance, and deliverance.

Our words are also extremely powerful. In fact, the Bible says, "The tongue has the power of life and death." (Proverbs 18:21 NIV). When we line up what we say with the Word of God and declare His promises over our lives, we are speaking faith-filled words that improve our situation.

Finally, what we do makes all the difference. Sometimes our circumstances can feel pretty scary. But those are the times when it's most important to step out in faith and do what God has placed in our heart to do.

Helmet of Salvation: Ephesians 6:17 tells us to put on "the helmet of salvation." I believe God is saying that we should think like a child of God.

First Corinthians 2:16 (AMPC) says "we have the mind of Christ." This means we can line up our thoughts with God's Word and think like God thinks—good, positive, hopeful, believing thoughts.

Don't be a garbage dump for the enemy's thoughts. Keep your helmet on...and keep believing!



Moving Up Higher
with **Joyce Meyer**

Sword of the Spirit: The Sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17) is the Word of God, and it's our primary offensive weapon against the enemy. As I mentioned, our words carry tremendous power; and when we speak God's words out of our mouths, we are combating the enemy and helping to bring to pass God's good plan for our lives.

When you're under attack, speak out God's Word. When you're overwhelmed and feel like giving up, declare, "I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13 NKJV).

When it looks like things aren't going well, purposely choose to say what God says about you—things like, "God has a good plan for my life—plans for me to prosper...plans to give me hope and a great future!" (Jeremiah 29:11.)

As you do, you will be clothed and ready to meet every single battle that comes your way. You will go out with God's full armor and be dressed for battle.

For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-part teaching resource **Winning Life's Battles**. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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All-Denominational
Emmanuel Chapel - Independent Bible Church
0432 Hwy 149, South Fork
719-573-5411
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Church of the Living God
11611 2nd Avenue, Hooper
719-378-2080
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship
Sunday, 6 p.m. - Book of Acts Study
Monday, 7 p.m. - Youth
Thursday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study
San Luis Valley Christian Center
305 S. Broadway (3rd & Broadway), Monte Vista
719-852-6168
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship
Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Bible Study

Prayer House Church
410 Main Street, La Jara
Pastor Jaime Flores - 719-298-0007
Sunday Morning Service, 10:30 am
Wednesday Family Ministry, 6:30 pm
Friday Night Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Sargent Community Church
6967 N. County Rd. 2 E. - Monte Vista (across from Sargent School)
Pastor Stephen Burns • 719-852-2980
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Back Row Church - Church Community
In the Alamosa Presbyterian Church Building
Alamosa
www.backrowchurch.com
Kim Nipple • 303-532-9342
Worship Service - Wednesday Evening at 5:00 pm

Apostolic
Alamosa Apostolic Church
510 First St., Alamosa
Meets Sundays 1-2 p.m.
2-3 p.m. - Lunch
3-5 p.m. - Worship Service

Antonito Apostolic Church
710 Main St., Antonito
Meets sundays
11-12 p.m. - Sunday School
12-1 p.m. - Worship service

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Living Water Bible Fellowship
2910 Clark Street, Alamosa
719-589-6351
Sunday, 9:00 & 10:45 am Worship Services**
Sunday, 10:45 am Children's Ministry (PreK-5th grade)
Sunday, 10:45 am Teen Bible Study (6th-12th grade)
Tuesday 7:00 pm Young Adults College Group
Wednesday 6:30 pm Bible Quizzing (1st-6th grade)
Wednesday 6:30 pm Reign Youth Group (6th-12th grade)
Wednesday 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study**
Saturday 5:00 pm Worship Service**
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Sunday - 9:45am - Sunday School
10:45am - Service

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

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

Meditation, Kriya
Mountain Institute
Alamosa - (575)758-5876

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hispanic Pentecostal
Iglesia Pentecostal Unida L.A.
907 Tenth St. Alamosa - 719-587-3546
Guadalupe Salazar Pastor
Wed. 7:00 p.m. Service
Sat. 7:00 p.m. Youth Service
Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Sun. 5:00 p.m. Worship

New Hope Church
"The Church on the Hill"
25258 Hwy 160, South Fork, Co. 81154
Pastor John Jayne • 719-873-1202
www.newhopest.com
Morning Worship - 10:00 am
Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 - 9:45

Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa
330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101
alamosafellowship@gmail.com
Sunday 4:30 PM Worship in the north
wing of the Alamosa Presbyterian Church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Churches of Christ
Alamosa Church of Christ
408 Victoria Avenue, Alamosa
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Classes
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Bible Study
Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study
Healing Hearts, a Bible-based 12 step
group meets, every Friday at 7 p.m.

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

Central Church of Christ
200 Franklin Street, Monte Vista, 719-852-3811
David L. Baker Preacher
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Class
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. - Worship
Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study

San Luis Valley Church of Christ
704 Del Sol, Alamosa, 719-589-2114
Sunday Bible Study 9 am
Sunday Worship 10 am
Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm

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

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

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

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

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

DEAF MINISTRY FOR ALL SERVICES
Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Alamosa Y S A Ward
300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa
Sunday, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Alamosa
Second Ward
927 Weber Drive, Alamosa
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Alamosa Third Ward
300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Alamosa Fourth Ward
927 Weber Drive, Alamosa
Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Sierra Vista Branch (Spanish Language)
300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa
Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

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

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

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

Conejos Canyon Community Chapel
20662 Slate Hwy. 17 (between mile posts 21 and 20)
Fellowship Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service

Mountain Valley Church
408 State St., 17, Alamosa
Pastor: Richard Pinkerton
589-2899 or 588-7662
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service

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

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

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

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

Valley Church of the Nazarene
Pastor: Chris Yocom
228 Madison, Monte Vista - (719) 852-5858
churchoffice@valleymaz.com
Sunday
Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School Classes 9 a.m.
Wednesday
Dinner at 6 p.m.
Small Group Classes at 7 p.m.

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

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

Grace Assurance Ministry
Church without Religion
9851 CR 4 S, Alamosa, CO
Sunday Mornings - 10:30
Randy Brown - 719-588-7004
Eric Wolf - 719-480-3977

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

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

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

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

Calvary Baptist Church
2160 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista
Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Bible Study
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship
Tuesday, 6 p.m. - C.L.A.Y. Youth
Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study

South Fork Baptist Church
0130 Four Seasons Dr. (Old Chizum Bldg), South
Fork
(East side near laundrymat & car wash)
Sunday School, 9:30am
Sunday, 10:30am - Worship
For more information - Pastor Paul Moon - 719-
496-7702

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

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Sports

Lady Moose blank Pagosa to remain in first

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The Alamosa High School girls soccer team defeated Pagosa Springs on Friday by a score of 3-0 at the AHS stadium. The win helped the Lady Mean Moose to remain in first place in the Intermountain League and set up an important match-up at Bayfield today.

With a win, the Lady Mean Moose will win the league title.

“If we play like we did today, we can beat Bayfield again,” said Alamosa coach Kelly Wubben.

It was the Lady Mean Moose’s second win of the season over the Lady Pirates. Both wins were by shutout.

Alamosa took the lead in the 18th minute as Leah Higareda sent a pass past Lady Pirate goalkeeper Kiera Davis and into the box. Kennedy Hillis was there to finish off the play with the goal into a wide-open net.

Higareda scored the second goal of the game just 17 minutes later with Araceli Molina getting credited with the assist.

The Lady Mean Moose led 2-0 at halftime.

Higareda scored the final goal early in the second half as she took a pass from Jayden Wubben and put a header into the net.

The Lady Pirates turned up the pressure the rest of the second half but were unable to find a goal.

Pagosa Springs did outshoot Alamosa by a 7-3 margin. The difference being that all of the Lady Mean Moose shots went into the goal while Emmy Tibbitts stopped all of



Alamosa High School’s Leah Higareda (3) goes after a free ball in Friday’s game against Pagosa Springs at the AHS stadium. Higareda scored two goals and also had an assist to lead the Lady Mean Moose to a 3-0 win over the Lady Pirates.

the Lady Pirates attempts. She had seven saves.

Pagosa accounted for the only three corner kicks.

Alamosa (5-4-1, 3-0-1 league) will be in Bayfield today with the game scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

Alamosa 3, Pagosa Springs 0	
Pagosa Springs	0 0-0
Alamosa	2 1-3

Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

Scoring

- A – Hillis (Higareda), 18:00
- A – Higareda (Molina), 35:00
- A – Higareda (Wubben), 48:00
- Shots on goal – Pagosa Springs 3-4-7, Alamosa 2-1-3.
- Corner kicks – Pagosa Springs 1-2-3, Alamosa 0-0-0.
- Goalkeepers – Pagosa Springs (Davis 0-0-0 saves), Alamosa (Tibbitts 3-4-7 saves).

High School spring sports standings

BASEBALL		
Class 3A/2A Intermountain League		
Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Montezuma-Cortez	2-0	7-7
Bayfield	3-1	6-9
Alamosa	1-1	3-12
Centauri	0-2	5-9
Pagosa Springs	0-2	4-8

Class 2A Southern Peaks League		
Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Trinidad	6-0	8-5
Monte Vista	5-0	8-3
Sanford	5-1	9-1
Del Norte	2-2	3-4
South Park	1-4	2-8
Center	0-3	0-7
Custer County	0-5	0-9
Sargent	0-6	0-10

Class 1A Southern Peaks League		
Team	League W-L	Overall W-L-T
Sierra Grande	2-0	10-0-0
Antonito	2-0	5-5-1
Centennial	0-4	2-7-0

GIRLS SOCCER		
Class 3A Intermountain League		
Team	League W-L-T	Overall W-L-T
Alamosa	3-0-1	5-4-1
Bayfield	1-1-2	4-4-2
Montezuma-Cortez	1-1-2	2-3-2
Pagosa Springs	0-2-1	3-3-1

Class 2A Southwest League		
Team	League W-L-T	Overall W-L-T
Crested Butte	4-0-0	8-1-1
Telluride	1-1-0	2-3-1
Ignacio	1-1-0	1-5-0
Ridgway	1-2-0	3-4-0
Del Norte	0-3-0	0-8-0

Grizzly Youth Basketball Tournament is later this month

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor
ALAMOSA – Adams State University will host the First Grizzly Youth

Basketball Tournament at the end of this month at Plachy Hall.

The Tournament will take place on April 26-27

in the main gym and the field house and it will be four courts.

There will be five divisions in boys and

girls play. The divisions are third-fourth grade, and fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

The cost is \$200 per

team and there is a three-game guarantee.

For more information or to register contact Katelyn Smith at ksmith@adams.

edu or Max Ruybal at mruybal@adams.edu, or call (719) 587-7401.

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
 Adams State at Colorado State Pueblo -late
College men’s lacrosse
 Colorado Mesa 17, Adams State 8

SCHEDULE SATURDAY

Prep baseball
 Alamosa at Montezuma-Cortez (2), 11 a.m.

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

Pagosa Springs at Centauri (2), 11 a.m.
 South Park at Del Norte (2), 11 a.m.

Prep girls soccer
 Banning Lewis Academy at Del Norte, noon
 Alamosa at Bayfield, 1 p.m.

Prep track and field
 Alamosa, Creede, Del Norte at Ron Keller Invitational (at Durango), 9 a.m.

College baseball
 Adams State at Colorado State Pueblo (2), 1 p.m.

College women’s softball
 Chadron State (Neb.) at Adams State (2), noon

SUNDAY College baseball

Adams State at Colorado State Pueblo, noon

College men’s lacrosse

Westminster (Utah) at Adams State, 11 a.m.

College women’s softball

Chadron State (Neb.) at Adams State (2), 11 a.m.

MONDAY Prep girls golf

Alamosa at Pueblo Centennial Invitational (at Walking Stick Golf Course), 8:30 a.m.

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.

FRIDAY Prep baseball

Sanford at Custer County, 9 a.m.

Antonito at Sierra Grande (2), 11 a.m.

La Veta at Centennial, 5 p.m.

Prep girls soccer
 Montezuma-Cortez at Alamosa, 11 a.m.

Dolores Huerta at Del Norte, 4:30 p.m.

Prep track and field
 Monte Vista at Coronado Invitational (at Garry Berry Field), 9 a.m.

Alamosa, Del Norte at High Altitude Challenge (pole vault) (at

Del Norte), TBA

College baseball
 Adams State at Colorado-Colorado Springs, 3 p.m.

College women’s softball

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

College outdoor track and field

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

SATURDAY Prep baseball

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

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

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

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

Prep track and field

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

College baseball

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

College women’s softball

Adams State at Colorado School of Mines (2), 11 a.m.

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SUNDAY College baseball

Adams State at Colorado-Colorado Springs, noon

College outdoor track and field

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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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9 Local shops value you more: Local businesses survive by their reputation & repeat business which means you get a higher standard of service.

Lifestyle

New arrivals at the Alamosa Public Library

From the Librarian's Desk

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

Classics
 The Walls of Jericho by Rudolph Fisher

In this new edition of a Harlem Renaissance classic first published in 1928, a white-passing black lawyer moves into an exclusive white suburb.

Fiction
 The Postcard by Anne Berest

In January 2003, an unsigned postcard is delivered to Anne Berest's home, addressed to her late grandmother. Written on the back are four names - four victims of the Holocaust, including Anne's great-grandparents. As Anne ponders this mysterious postcard, she begins to uncover her painful family history.

Lone Tree Claim by C. K. Van Dam

Civil War widow Kate Rose Kelly is determined to make a new life for herself as a shepherd-her. In the wide-open prairies of the Dakota frontier, Kate faces off against powerful cattle ranchers who see her as competition.

Horror
 Camp Damascus by Chuck Tingle

Rose is a devout Christian, but her attraction to other girls still lands her in Camp Damascus - a cult-like "conversion camp" that boasts a 100% success rate. At the camp, Rose starts seeing and experiencing things she can't explain, visions that seem, frankly, demonic.

Nonfiction
 The Modern Witchcraft Book of Moon Magick by Julia Halina Hadas

Author Julia Halina Hadas offers in-depth explanations about the moon's energy and history in witchcraft and how best to work with the moon to amplify your witchcraft power. With over 50 spells and rituals based on the moon's phases!

A History of Women in 101 Objects by Annabelle Hirsch

With engaging prose and compelling stories, Annabelle Hirsch curates a diverse compendium of women and their things, uncovering the thoughts and feelings at the heart of women's daily lives. The result is an intimate and lively alternative history of humans in the world.

Rekha's Kitchen Garden by Rekha Mistry
 Rekha Mistry has more than 30 years' experience as both an amateur and professional gardener. In this book she shares the tricks and lessons she has learned from a lifetime of sowing, digging, and harvesting.

The Five Resets by Aditi Nerurkar

For Dr. Nerurkar, the common misperception of stress as "bad" needs reframing. Stress is a

healthy biological phenomenon that helps us tackle life's many demands. It becomes problematic when it's out of tune with the frequency of our lives, resulting in burnout, fatigue, sleep disturbances, and many other physical symptoms. To bring stress back to healthy levels, Dr. Nerurkar offers her five science-backed mindset shifts, rooted in more than two decades of clinical experience.

Timeboxing by Marc Zao-Sanders

Every day, a billion workers wake up, gravitate towards a pixelated screen and process information for eight hours or more, facing an endless and bewildering array of work and

life choices. This book is a comprehensive guide to carefully and intentionally selecting what to do, specifying start and finish times, focusing solely on that single activity, and getting it done.

Science Fiction
 The Mountain in the Sea by Ray Naylor

The mega-corporation DIANIMA has purchased the Viet-

namese archipelago of Con Dao, defending its marine sanctuary with lethal force. Its only inhabitants are a lethal security drone specialist, the world's first android - and Dr. Ha Nguyen, marine biologist. Dr. Nguyen is seeking the Con Dao Sea Monster, a hyper-intelligent octopus species which has no love for humanity.



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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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NOTICE

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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
In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

This institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider
To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at:
<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. mail:
2.
3.
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or fax:
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or email:
program.intake@usda.gov
No. 3874.
Published in the Valley Courier on April 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, & 23, 2024.

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

2002 Chevy Suburban 6.0 engine, 4WD w/ Snow Ply, 172,141 miles.

2003 Blue Bird 65 Passenger Bus: DT466e engine and automatic transmission, 202,442 miles.

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.

No. 3899.
Published in the Valley Courier on April 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, & 30, 2024.

NOTICE

Ordinance No. 6-2024

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at a regular meeting of the Alamosa City Council duly called, Council finally passed and adopted Ordinance No. 6-2024, an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alamosa to include a new Chapter 17 titled "Guidelines and Regulations for Water Projects for export outside the San Luis Valley as designated as matters of state interest of the City of Alamosa."

Further notice is hereby given that the full text thereof is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the Office of the City Clerk.

Alamosa City Council
Holly C. Martinez
City Clerk
No. 3910
Published in the Valley Courier on April 20, 2024.

ALAMOSA COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Alamosa Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 8:30 AM, in the Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, Colorado will consider the vacation of Iron Place, as platted on the Sangre de Cristo Estates Unit 16, according to the plat filed April 21, 1972 under Reception No. 170820 in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Alamosa County, 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. 3911
Published in the Valley Courier April 20, 2024

County Court Alamosa County, Colorado

Court Address:
8955 Independence Way Alamosa CO 81101

In the Matter of the Petition of:
Adult: Jerick Lee Martinez Canales

For a Change of Name to:
Jerick 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 Jerick Lee Martinez Canales

is requested to be changed to Jerick 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

Published in the Valley Courier on April 20, 23, and 24, 2024.

173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

PRIVATE HOME HEALTH: I can help keep your loved one at home. CNA 20+ years experience, excellent references, reasonable rates. 512-293-1448. (5/21/24)

LICENSED PLUMBER DOES

all types of plumbing & plumbing repairs. Quick service! Call anytime, weekends & evenings: 719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593. (5/24/24-monthly)

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

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 ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN III position in the ASU Finance Office. Starting salary for this position is \$4,033 per month. For application or more information, please see <https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/> AA/EOE. (4/24/24)

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MILAGROS IS SEEKING a highly motivated and compassionate individual for the position of COFFEE SHOP MANAGER. MILAGROS COFFEE SHOP serves the community quality goods while fostering a comfortable environment for people to spend time and connect with others. Milagros is an interface for the public to learn about and engage in the mission and work of La Puente, as well as local artisans and support other small businesses. Come join this team of amazing and passionate people and contribute to a mission that betters the community. This is a full-time 40hr/week position with benefits and base salary starting at \$42K-\$45K DOE, plus tips, plus a monthly commission. To apply, email your cover letter and resume to: hr@lapuente.net. (99/99/24)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

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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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FULL-TIME SALES

- Competitive Draw
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Contact Keith at the Valley Courier
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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)

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<p>ALAMOSASCHOOL DISTRICT is now accepting applications for the following positions: TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT DISTRICT WIDE. 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>ARE YOU PASSIONATE about making a positive impact on people's lives? SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT is currently accepting applications for BEHAVIOR HEALTH COUNSELOR/MTSS COORDINATOR for the 2024-2025 School Year. Our school has a reputation as being a great place to work. We currently have a state of the art facility, supportive administration, paid health insurance, free lunches, 4 day school week. A current license/state certification in counseling is highly recommended to apply. Application forms are located at 17523 Hwy 160 Blanca, CO. 81123 or on the district's website at www.sierragrandeschool.net. Applications may be submitted electronically to Mr. Kevin Jones at kjones@sierragrandeschool.net or Mrs. Maria Atencio at matencio@sierragrandeschool.net, or can be turned in at the district office. For more information please contact the district office at 719-379-3259. (5/1/24)</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>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>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. 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Responsible for communications with stakeholders, developing best value construction standards, producing accurate stating sheets including material lists and costs estimates, obtaining easements and permits, contributing to economic development with best value electric and fiber service opportunities, and interpreting maps, surveys and electric drawings. Education requirements include a degree in engineering, land surveying, construction management, journeyman lineman certification, or equivalent. Additional testing will be required. Visit our website at www.slvrec.com to complete the job application. Applications will not be accepted after close of business on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:30 AM. EOE. (4/20/24)</p>	<p>FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE PERSON needed for apartment complex in MONTE VISTA. Interested persons need to have a minimum 2 years maintenance experience, valid driver's license, clean background check and pass a drug test. Maintenance duties include but not limited to minor plumbing & electrical, grounds keeping, maintaining buildings & common areas, and painting, etc. Interested persons should pick up an application at 551 Monroe Street, Monte Vista CO 81144. If any questions or further information is needed, please call 719-852-5505 or send resume to mvha04@yahoo.com Attn: Alonzo. Equal Employment Opportunity Provider and Employer. (4/20/24)</p>
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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)

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)

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)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFSSIONAL 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)

221 - HELP WANTED

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CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26It is paying years of service and single health insurance benefits. Apply now to become part of our dynamic district as we are now accepting applications for the position of 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)

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)

ADELANTE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER DATA ANALYST - Seeking a team oriented person to oversee our data systems to ensure timely and accurate data collection. This person will transform the raw data into program reports, help identify and implement quality improvement of data collection, train new staff on data systems, and provide ongoing data entry support to program staff. This person will oversee the Working Together program reporting requirements and organize the monthly meetings. Salary \$39,000 - \$42,000 DOE plus benefits. Submit cover letter and resume to HR@lapuente.net. (4/30/24)

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

221 - HELP WANTED

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)

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

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

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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. MUSEUMHELP: 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)

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

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Existed
 - 5 Disloyal
 - 10 Challenges
 - 11 Roper's rope
 - 12 Obsessed
 - 14 Harry —
 - 15 New Year's word
 - 16 Simian
 - 18 Print measures
 - 19 Restricted
 - 23 "I — Camera"
 - 26 Snood
 - 27 Lots and lots
 - 31 Memory
 - 33 Brunch item
 - 34 Wandering
 - 35 Sea rover
 - 36 Washbowl
 - 37 Mother —
 - 38 Retired jet
 - 39 Clung
 - 42 "— were a rich man ..."

- DOWN**
- 1 On guard
 - 2 Actress —
 - 3 Moriarty
 - 3 Make merry
 - 4 Opposite of WNW
 - 5 To and —
 - 6 Islet
 - 7 Tardy
 - 8 Pipe part
 - 9 "I'm all —!"
 - 10 Driller's deg.
 - 13 Specifically
 - 14 Animal friend
 - 17 Stone

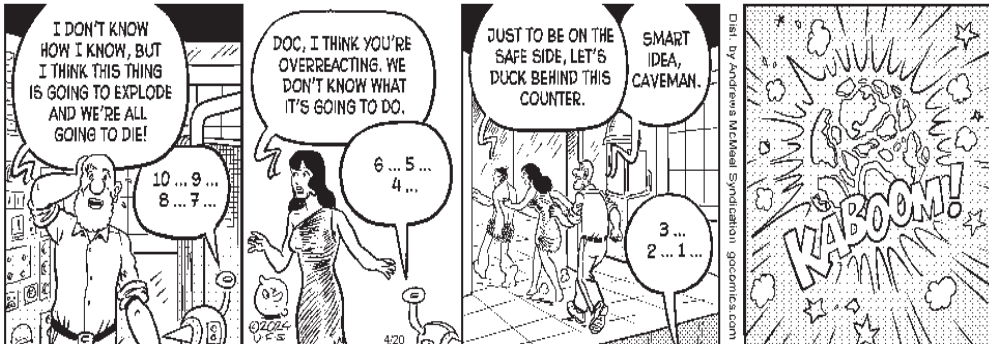
Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 20 Not coastal**
- 21 White fur
 - 22 "The — Hunter"
 - 23 Bedouin
 - 24 City in Arizona
 - 25 Statutes
 - 28 "Woe is me!"
 - 29 New York players
 - 30 Dele's undoing
 - 32 Vegas hotel
 - 33 "Carmen" and "Aida"
- 37 — and**
- 40 Shanty
 - 41 "Lorna —"
 - 42 Elemental metal
 - 43 Confront
 - 44 Decorates with frosting
 - 47 Went on
 - 48 Golden- —
 - 49 Supervillain — Luthor
 - 51 Kit — bar
 - 52 USN officer
 - 54 "The — Woodman of Oz"

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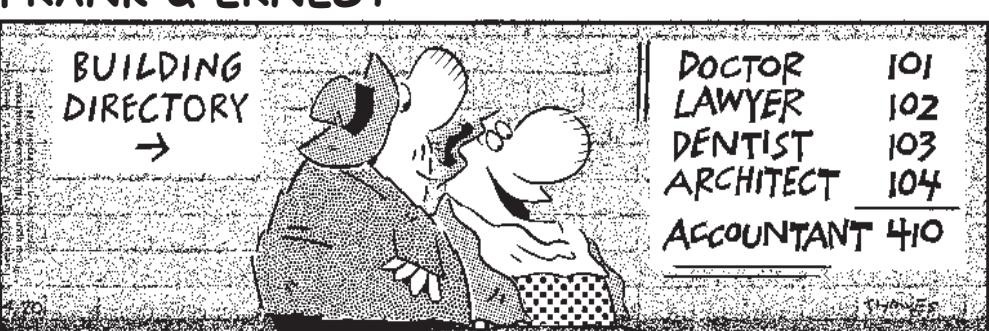
THE BORN LOSER



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



FRANK & ERNEST



GARFIELD



THE GRIZZWELLS



PEANUTS



SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

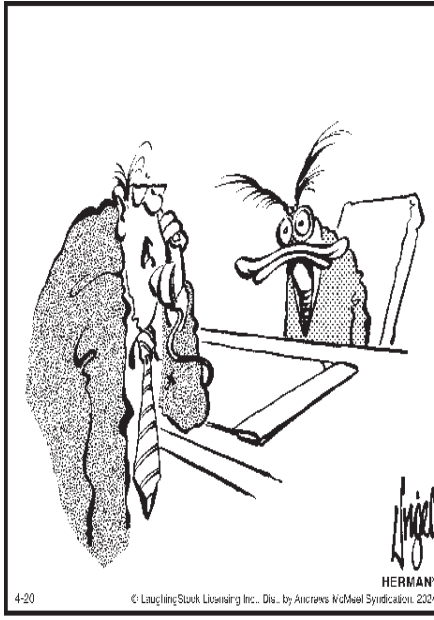
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

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

HERMAN



Couple's ancient divorce is still a sore subject

DEAR ABBY: My parents have been divorced for 30 years. It was an unpleasant divorce because Dad had an affair with a woman he worked with and married her soon after. Mom was devastated. She and Dad were high school sweethearts.

Both have moved on from this -- sort of. Dad has since divorced, remarried and divorced again. He's now with a woman he isn't married to, but who is wonderful to him. My mom remarried to a lovely man she knew in high school. But she still talks about my dad and how he hurt her.

I knew about the affair when I was younger and, as I grew older, I discovered there had been many more affairs with other women. Mom takes some responsibility for the divorce. She mentioned that she wasn't always "there" for Dad because she had young children and was tired.

I recently saw my father. He talked about Mom and opened up a new can of worms. He confided that he always wanted to be a "one-woman guy" and have one wife, but not only was my mom rarely "there" for him, but they also didn't have relations for the first two years of their marriage.

Both parents are getting up in age now. Knowing this and the continuous blame game, should I bring this up to Mom the next time

she talks about Dad in a negative light or let it go? -- PULLED IN TWO IN FLORIDA

DEAR PULLED: If you bring up what your father told you, it will only stir the pot. Let it go. But before you do, tell your mother you know the divorce was hurtful to both of them, and you would appreciate it if she wouldn't discuss it with you further.

As to your father, he had no business discussing what he did with you. If he brings it up again, remind him that his marriage to your mother was only his first marriage, and you don't want to hear it again because it was inappropriate.

DEAR ABBY: We have a couple we occasionally invite over for games and dessert. For the last several months, they have been asking me if the dessert I've made is from a mix. They are not joking; they are serious. I'm a good cook and baker. They've eaten here often and know I make from scratch. I try to make something special every time they come. To ask if I used a mix is an insult and very hurtful.

I tried showing them the recipe for whatever dessert I've made for an evening, but it hasn't put the issue to bed. I invite them to our home less often because of this. If it were just me, I'd quit seeing them altogether,



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but my husband plays golf with the husband, and I don't want to mess that up.

How can I figure out why this started and get them to stop? If I get into it when it happens, it will ruin our evening. -- TRYING TO GET ALONG IN NEVADA

DEAR TRYING: Call the wife and ask her calmly and privately why she and her husband keep doing this. Remind her that she knows darn well that you prepare the food that you serve them from scratch, and you are puzzled about why she has been implying that you didn't. Then let her explain.

After that, ask if she and her husband would prefer that, instead of you spending hours in the kitchen before their visits, you simply order pizza and a salad?

Lifestyle



Courtesy photo

The Southwest Conservation Corps is excited to announce the return of the Los Valles Youth Crews program for the upcoming summer.

Southwest Conservation Corps seeks youth crews

CONTRIBUTED SALIDA — The Southwest Conservation Corps is excited to announce the return of the Los Valles Youth Crews program for the upcoming summer. Dedicated to nurturing the next generation of environmental stewards, the program offers a unique blend of employment, education, and conservation work for youth aged 15-18 in select Colorado counties.

The Los Valles Youth Crews will embark on a range of projects across Alamosa, Chaffee, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, Park, and Saguache counties. These projects include invasive species removal, tree planting, trail maintenance and construction, habitat improvement, and community cleanup efforts. Beyond contributing to significant environmental conservation efforts, participants will be compensated at a rate of \$14.42 per hour, working Monday through Friday across two five-week sessions this summer.

“Our program is about so much more than just the critical conservation work we accomplish,” said Ms. López, Youth Program Coordinator at the Southwest Conservation Corps. “It’s a comprehensive developmental opportunity for our youth. They learn about leadership, team building, communication, and civic engagement, all while earning a wage and making tangible improvements to their local communities.”

The first session runs from May 27 to June 28, with the second session from July 8 to Aug. 9. The program caters to both Day Crews and Camping Crews, providing flexible opportunities for youth to engage in this transformative experience. Friday of each week is dedicated to education, focusing on enriching the participants’ understanding of environmental stewardship and their role in the broader ecosystem.

“We’re calling on our community to help

spread the word about this incredible opportunity,” added Ms. López. “Whether you’re a parent, teacher, or community leader, you can play a crucial role in connecting us with potential participants who are eager to make a difference this summer.”

For more information on the Southwest Conservation Corps Los Valles Youth Crews program, including how to apply or support, contact Samantha López at slopez@conservationlegacy.org or visit Los Valles Region Youth Crews Southwest Conservation Corps online at sccorps.org.

The Southwest Conservation Corps engages youth, young adults, and veterans in meaningful work experiences on public lands, specializing in conservation projects. Through these projects, participants gain valuable skills, education, and the opportunity to make significant contributions to their communities and the environment.

US 50 bridge closed west of Gunnison due to safety concerns

By COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GUNNISON AND MONTROSE COUNTIES — A safety closure is in place for a bridge on US Highway 50 located west of Gunnison. The Colorado Department of Transportation is closing the bridge at the urging of the Federal Highway Administration and state bridge engineering experts due to the findings of an ongoing safety inspection, which identified anomalies in the bridge on Thursday, April 18.

The closure is in place between US 50 Mile Point 131 (intersection with Colorado Highway 92) and MP 138. Local traffic will be allowed through the closure point to reach residences. Motorists should use COtrip to plan an alternate route. CDOT has set up an incident command and will coordinate with local, state and federal agencies to respond as quickly and

effectively as possible.

CDOT has been conducting a special inspection for high-strength steel bridges for the Blue Mesa bridges as required by the Federal Highway Administration. This inspection was required because of known issues with similarly constructed bridges elsewhere in the country. A defect was observed during an early investigation of the bridge at approximately Mile Point 136.3. CDOT immediately brought in a second inspection crew with resources to perform another method for testing whether the defect posed a safety hazard on the bridge. The second inspection took place on Thursday, April 18.

CDOT is continuing to assess the safety of the bridge and to quickly determine options for interim and permanent fixes — and will keep the public informed as soon as more information is available. The bridge closure is between Gun-

nison and Montrose. It is east of the US 50 Little Blue Creek Canyon project, which is in a planned winter shutdown.

This closure will create a significant detour for commuters between Montrose and Gunnison. The recommended detour route for through traffic is via Interstate 70 to the north or US 160 to the south. CDOT understands the inconvenience that this creates and is rapidly evaluating options to improve options for residents, businesses, and travelers on the western slope.

The northern route is 354 miles and requires approximately 6 hours of travel time. The southern route is 331 miles and requires nearly 7 hours of travel time.

CDOT and local partners are exploring whether it is feasible at this point in the season to clear local seasonal routes that may be able to significantly reduce the detour time for local travelers.

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