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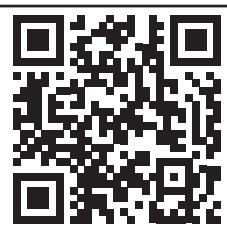
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## SLV Today

### Alamosa

#### County Health Fair is April 27

**ALAMOSA** - Alamosa County Public Health Department in partnership with San Luis Valley Health will be having the Alamosa County Health Fair from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 27, at the Colorado Army National Guard Readiness Center (the Armory), 1877 Old Sanford Rd., Alamosa.

The Fair will offer reduced cost blood tests, blood pressure, height/weight, skin screening, spirometry, blood sugar, cholesterol and other free screenings and health-related information tables. The blood test form may be downloaded from [www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org/services/laboratory](http://www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org/services/laboratory). Fasting is not required but is recommended if you are planning to check blood sugar and cholesterol. Drink water so you will be well hydrated.

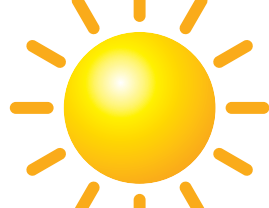
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#### Saturday is National Drug Take Back Day

**ALAMOSA** - On Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Alamosa Police Department will support a National Drug Take-Back Initiative in conjunction with the Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration.

Alamosa Walgreens, Alamosa City Market and the APD are partnering to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing prescription drugs. People can turn in their unwanted, expired, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances or medications. This program is anonymous.

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## Court removes obstacle to resort in RGNF

By **MICHAEL KARLIK**  
*ColoradoPolitics.com*

The 10th Circuit federal appeals court based in Denver cleared a key obstacle on Friday, April 19, to the construction of a resort village in the Rio Grande National Forest that has been planned for nearly four decades but has run into a steady stream of legal and logistical hurdles.

Conservation groups have repeatedly challenged the proposed Village at Wolf Creek, which envisions more than 1,700 housing and hotel units and 221,000 square feet of commercial space in Mineral County. Twice in recent years, federal judges have overturned the U.S. Forest Service's authorizations to connect the privately owned parcel to existing roadways, amid concerns about the quality of the government's environmental analysis.

However, a three-judge panel for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit agreed not only that the government's latest process satisfied the legal requirements, but a trial judge incorrectly told the Forest Service to start over in 2022. Specifically, there was a misunderstanding about whether the faulty first choice of swapping federal land for private land necessarily rendered the second option — an access road across federal land — faulty, too.

It did not, wrote Judge Carolyn B. McHugh. "We first hold that the Agencies approved a significantly different action alternative here in the form of a right-of-way, rather than a land exchange," she explained in the April 18 opinion. "Our independent review of the record indicates that the USFS carefully considered the potential effects of developing the (land) into a resort village."

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Photo by Charlie Jaquez

Volunteers brought their skills to a weekend renovation effort of the Saint Peter and Saint Paul Catholic Church in San Pedro on April 19-20.

## San Pedro Church restoration begins

By **CHARLIE JAQUEZ**

**COSTILLA COUNTY** — The San Pedro Church Restoration Committee sponsored a two-day workshop on April 19 and 20 to begin the restoration efforts of the Saint Peter and Saint Paul Catholic Church in San Pedro.

According to research by Dr. Maria Mondrag-

on-Valdez of San Luis, the adobe construction church was constructed in 1933 after a fire destroyed the original church built in 1893. An earlier jacal church of upright logs chinked with mud was built further south on the church's cemetery grounds. By 1890 that jacal (a temporary construction made of up-

right logs) church was in ruins and the cemetery was decommissioned by Costilla County and the Colorado State Highway Department in 1952. This Endangered Places Program Weekend Workshop was facilitated by Colorado Preservation, a non-profit organization that promotes historic preservation statewide by provid-

ing advocacy, education, outreach, and preservation services. History Colorado also provided funding for this project. The facilitators included an architect, an archaeologist, a structural engineer, and a construction foreman from Fort Collins, and an adobe expert from Durango. Between 20 and 30 volunteers participated in the workshop.

## Rio Grande Community Trust gains on affordable housing goals

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**DEL NORTE** — It has already been a busy year for the Rio Grande Community Trust (RGCT), a nonprofit formed in 2022 with a mission to sustain vibrant, durable communities in the San Luis Valley by creating homes that remain permanently affordable.

As part of this mission, RGCT is partnering with the Sawmill Meadow Village Housing Development in South Fork, which will create 30 affordable workforce housing units in the area, immediately addressing the need identified in the 2021 SLV Housing Needs Assessment. To ensure that the first 10 homeownership units remain affordable in perpetuity, RGCT will steward the deed restrictions. As homeowners buy the land and homes at Sawmill Meadow, these deed restrictions will ensure future buyers also have access to affordable homeownership.

"We started RGCT because we love the San Luis Valley and want living here to be affordable for everyone. We know that many people who are the backbone of our communities are at risk."

## Society Hall welcomes famed Texas songwriter Ensle

By **SOCIETY HALL**

**ALAMOSA** — Society Hall is excited to welcome famed Texas songwriter George Ensle on Saturday April 27, at 7:30 p.m. Valley favorite Fred Hargrove will open the show, accompanied by Alamosa multi-instrumentalist and producer Don Richmond.

Doors at 400 Ross Ave., Alamosa, open at 6:30 p.m. with the show beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and are available online at [www.society-hall.org](http://www.society-hall.org) and in Alamosa at The Green Spot, 711 State Ave. The concert will also stream live on

both the Society Hall Facebook page and YouTube channel.

During the 60's Houston Folk Music scene Ensle was sharing stories, songs, and stages with Townes Van Zandt, Guy Clark and Billy Joe Shaver. And after more than five decades he still maintains the essence of that folk tradition, the story song.

Society Hall board member Richmond remarks, "We're excited to welcome George to Alamosa and get a taste of that great Texas songwriting lineage that goes pretty much straight back

to folks like Guy Clark and Townes Van Zandt — a chance that doesn't come along very often!"

Ensle has released 15 albums in the US and Europe and was inducted into the Houston Folk Music Archives, the Corpus Christi Songwriters Hall of Fame.

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The board of Society Hall invites all to come join them and tap into the deep and rich Texas songwriting tradition with George Ensle, with special guest Hargrove, on Saturday, April 27.

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# Record

## Final Spring Faculty Lecture is April 25

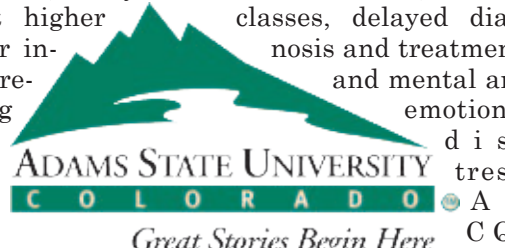
By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY  
**ALAMOSA** - AJ Webb, assistant professor of business, will present "Continuous Quality Improvement to Improve Student Health," the final Adams State University Faculty Lecture for the spring 2024 semester. The presentation begins at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, in McDaniel Hall 101. The lecture is free and open to the public.

This presentation explores how CQI could be used to address student athlete physical and mental health challenges. The proportion of student athletes on the Adams State campus has doubled since 2010.

Student athletes are a deceptively vulnerable population; they are at higher risk for injuries requiring medical care. Injuries, social pressure, and time demands increase risk for mental health challenges. While student athletes have access to sports medicine and other campus services they bare financial responsibility for their medical care; medical care in the San Luis Valley may not be covered by their insurance resulting in a variety of negative consequences that

impact their physical and mental health, economic burden, missed classes, delayed diagnosis and treatment, and mental and emotional distress. CQI approach to integrating the student athlete health resources could lend to improving student athlete health outcomes, supporting student success, and returning student to sport.

For more information on the Faculty Lecture Series, contact Jess Gagliardi at 719-587-8921 or jgagliardi@adams.edu.



## Art celebration April 27 at Colorado Welcome Center

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**ALAMOSA** - Visit Alamosa is thrilled to announce the unveiling of 13 murals at the Colorado Welcome Center on Saturday, April 27, followed by a Youth Art Show. The event will kick off at 1 p.m. at the Colorado Welcome Center, 610 State Ave.



Courier photo by John Waters

Join Visit Alamosa in celebrating the unveiling of the "We Love Our National Park" Heart Mural, designed and painted by Casey McCoy. This permanent art installation is part of Visit Alamosa's "We Love Our National Park" Program and will be a year-round declaration of the community's appreciation of the Great Sand Dunes National Park. Park Superintendent Andrea Compton will be in attendance representing the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve.

Directly following the We Love Our National Park Mural unveiling, Visit Alamosa will unveil the 12 murals created during the "Share the Love Community Mural Project" led

by local artists Katie Dokson and Bianca Maestas.

Following the mural unveilings, guests are invited to the Youth Art Reception inside the Colorado Welcome Center. This special exhibition will feature artwork by young artists aged 5-20, showcasing their love for the Great Sand Dunes through collage, painting, photography, drawings, and mixed media. The exhibit will run from April 27 to May 5, providing visitors with an opportunity to appreciate the artwork and learn more about the park.

"We are excited to celebrate the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve through art and invite everyone to join us for this unique event," said Elizabeth Sumner, Director of Destination Development of Visit Alamosa. "We are grateful to have this opportunity to share our love for the Great Sand Dunes, our Community, and the incredible local artists that made these projects possible."

### OBITUARIES

#### Fidel Horacio Rodriguez

**SAN LUIS** - Fidel Horacio Rodriguez, a cherished father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side on April 18, 2024, in San Luis, Colo. Born on Jan. 26, 1943, in Durango, Colo., Fidel's journey through life was marked by his dedication to service, love for adventure, and the warmth of his generous spirit.



San Luis American Legion, where he continued to embody the values of camaraderie and philanthropy.

Fidel is lovingly remembered by his son, Jaime Christopher Rodriguez, and grandsons Iggi Naoh Rodriguez and Bazil Cain Rodriguez. His legacy also lives on through his daughter, Nicola Ann Tingle, and her children, Sydney, Lyndsey, Magan, and Gunner. Fidel's sister, Evangeline Ann Garcia, along with his nephew Doug (Molly) Livermore, and niece Kelly Moffitt, also survive him, each carrying forward the light of his enduring spirit.

Fidel's early years were spent in the town of Clinton, Utah, where he graduated from Davis High School in 1959. His strength was evident on the wrestling mat, earning him a letterman's recognition. Fidel's commitment to excellence and discipline carried over into his professional life, where he proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. After many years of service, including working as a supervisor on the renowned F-4 aircraft, he retired in 1993, leaving behind a legacy of integrity and honor.

Beyond his service in uniform, Fidel's passions painted the picture of a life fully lived. An avid outdoorsman, he reveled in the joys of travel, hunting, fishing, boating, and camping. His love for the open road was matched only by the thrill he found riding his motorcycle, with the annual pilgrimage to Sturgis being a highlight of his adventures. When not traversing the country on two wheels, Fidel could be found indulging in his love for classic cars, particularly his prized 1956 Chevrolet Belair.

Fidel's commitment to his community extended to his active membership in the San Luis Knights of Columbus and the

A memorial mass will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Sangre De Cristo Parish with Father John Farley officiating. Memorial contributions may be directed to Sangre De Cristo Parish, 511 S. Church St., San Luis, CO 81152.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in the care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences, tributes, and words of comfort for Fidel's family, please visit [www.Rogers-Funerals.com](http://www.Rogers-Funerals.com).



Photo courtesy of ASU Music Department

The ASU Wind Symphony performs a wide range of musical selections on Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in Richardson Hall on the campus of Adams State University. Admission is \$5 adults, \$1 children, ASU faculty, students, staff, and ASU Friends of Music are free.

## Adams State Wind Symphony in concert on Thursday

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**ALAMOSA** - The School of Visual and Performing Arts and the Department of Music at Adams State University invite you to a special concert. On Thursday, April 25, the ASU Wind Symphony, under the direction of newly appointed Director of Bands, James M. Lind, will perform works by master wind band composers from late Renaissance to contemporary music. The concert will be sure to delight and profoundly move audiences of

all ages, young and old. Audience members will be treated to the antiphonal music of Giovanni Gabrieli, an Italian musical master from the late Renaissance and early Baroque periods. The group will then take the listener on a musical journey to the western hill country of England and Wales in a contemporary piece by Robert Sheldon. Attendees will hear a collection of little-known Southwestern folksongs collected by faculty at the University of New Mexico in the mid-

20th century. According to Lind, "This is going to be a special concert that will present new music to you that will be sure to inspire you."

- The full program is:
- Declaration Overture by Claude Smith
  - Canzona by Giovanni Gabrieli
  - Ritual Fire Dance by Manuel de Falla
  - Música Simpática by William Rhoads
  - West Highlands Sojourn by Robert Sheldon
  - An American Elegy by Frank Ticheli

#### Janell Jones Noble

On March 26, 2024, we said "See you later!" to Janell Jones Noble, 62, of Parachute, Colo., after a diagnosis of glioblastoma. Janell grew up in Hooper, the daughter of Jim and Edenia Jones, who preceded her in death. She was a Sangre de Cristo graduate and later graduated from Mesa College.



complete 10 different card combinations to win. Janell lived her life with the one and only "Phase" that mattered.

Phase 1: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself." Mark 12:30-31

She had accepted

Christ as her personal Savior. She won!

Janell is survived by her husband, Darin Noble, along with his siblings that loved and accepted Janell as family; her daughter Danielle (James) Bailey, son Dustin, daughter Denie (Jake Swindell) Noble; her grandchildren Rylee, Carter and Kaylee May; her brother Robert (Beth) Jones of Hooper; and sister Jane (Mark) Arnold of Colorado Springs plus many nieces and nephews.

Janell's Celebration of Life service will be April 27 at 2 p.m. at Grace Bible Church - 755 Spencer Parkway, Parachute, Colo.

By JOHN WATERS  
 Courier News Editor

**GREAT SAND DUNES NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE** - The recreational fun at Medano Creek and the sandy beaches along it are off to another season. The snowmelt waters have now reached the area near the Dunes Parking Lot with a shallow and gentle flow. The creek is about one inch deep and between 10-20 feet.

Residents and other visitors to the park enjoy the cool water of the creek. Aside from the recreational pleasure, the creek is also of interest to scientists and the familiar pulse of the creek is a rare phenomenon. The "surge flow," of the creek is one of the few places on Earth where water flowing over the instream sand creates the pulse.

There are three attributes needed to create the surge flow. A relatively steep gradient that gives the water velocity. A smooth and mobile creek bed with little resistance which creates a laminar flow, and a sufficient supply of water. These components make dams or antidunes that create temporary small pools in the creek. When there is enough pressure from impounded water, the antidunes break sending the surge of water downstream. The magnitude of the surges depends on the depth (quantity) of water and can be as high as one foot.

influence of the streams and their role in transporting sand, the dunes would look different and would most likely be more oval-shaped.

Medano Creek, on the east and southeast sides of the dunes, and Sand Creek, on the northwestern side, influence the shape of the dune field. Researchers have concluded that without the

### SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Thomas E. Blunt

Graveside service for Thomas E. Blunt will be held at Homelake Cemetery on April 26, at 2:30 p.m.

**School Menu**  
**Wednesday**  
**April 24, 2024**

**BREAKFAST**  
 Breakfast Burrito  
 Fruit & Milk

**ELEMENTARY**  
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 Veggie Bar  
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# Valley News

## La Puente's Annual CROP Walk in Alamosa



Photo courtesy of La Puente

The CROP Walk on April 20 had 60 people attend the hunger education focused event. A huge thank you to Adams State University and the football team for attending. The ASU men's basketball team and the women's volleyball teams volunteered.

## Alamosa greenhouse sale in May



Courier photo by John Waters

Save the date! May 18, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., for the annual plant sale and open house at the Alamosa Community Greenhouse, 1201 Edison Ave. Organically grown tomato and basil seedlings will be for sale in addition to a variety of herbs and other plants. Stay tuned for a demonstration schedule. For more information, contact Jan Oen at 719-480-4771.

## Trust

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of being left behind and pushed out of the SLV," says Martha Williamson, co-founder and president of RGCT. "We are thrilled to carry forward the work of Sawmill Meadow, the Town of South Fork, and the San Luis Valley Housing Coalition as our first opportunity to make perpetually affordable homeownership a reality."

The Sawmill Meadow development has been in

motion since 2022, with construction on the first 10 homes beginning in late 2023. Matt Dorsett, the lead developer on the project, expects those units to be available by mid-summer 2024.

"The right people have come to the table to make this happen," Dorsett says. "RGCT has brought their expertise and resources to the project to help ensure affordability is preserved and get this project across the finish line."

As this opportunity to execute on its mission

opened, the means to make it so converged. In February, Wolf Creek Ski Area made a generous \$100,000 philanthropic pledge. RGCT is over the moon at this donation, which is instrumental to the nonprofit scaling its efforts going forward. Using the support from Wolf Creek, as well as funding from other sources, RGCT will use the community land trust model to create more affordable homeownership opportunities throughout the San Luis Valley.

"In the changing and dynamic world that we are all living in, it is of the utmost importance to stay grounded. When I was made aware of a grassroots attempt to help residents of the San Luis Valley continue to be able to afford and live in the Valley with the possibility of raising their families, gaining equity, and improving their financial security, the path was clear that supporting this fledgling program was worth it," says Davey Pitcher, president

and CEO of Wolf Creek Ski Area. "Wolf Creek Ski Area is a seasonal weather dependent business, if all goes well and we have another successful winter, and the Rio Grande Community Trust continues to gain momentum we plan on continuing our support for many years to come."

Formed in 2022, the nonprofit Rio Grande Community Trust (RGCT) supports the San Luis Valley remaining a place where people can afford to live and work for decades to come. RGCT stewards deed restrictions or purchases land,

works with builders and developers to build or rehab houses and work directly with buyers to create a path to ownership that ensures properties remain within reach in the long term. RGCT also purchases commercial real estate and leases it to community businesses who would not otherwise be able to set up shop in the towns that so dearly need them.

For more information on the Sawmill Meadow project or to submit your interest in one of the affordable homeownership units, visit: <https://sawmillmeadowvillage.com>.

## Church

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unteers assisted with the project.

This year, Colorado Preservation, Inc. (CPI) placed nine Costilla County mission churches, including the Saint Peter & Saint Paul Church, on Colorado's Most Endangered Places list.

Church Restoration Committee members provided lunches which included delicious red chili,

posole, menudo, and tortillas. Although the work was hard, the event was uplifting and joyous. The Committee thanked organizers Frank Vigil, Committee Chair, and Carlos Atencio, Church Mayor-domo, for the excellent planning and organizing of this important event.

The community volunteers appreciated the consultant's work, observations, recommendations, and genuine advocacy. Many friendships were established.

The construction investigation work included excavating seven holes along the foundation; grinding and cutting nine test patches of stucco, opening trap doors on the church floor to inspect the floor joists; and assessing the water and salt damage to lower wall adobes plus doing considerable assessment of the bell tower. This work is not yet complete before a formal repair plan is done.

The Historic Structure Assessment presented by

Scheuber and Darden Architects in 2015 proposed a six-year work plan and budget. More of these work sessions will occur and the time and dates will be announced. This project and fundraising are gaining momentum and is being promoted by a committed and energetic local committee. The San Pedro Church Restoration Committee thanks the community and advocates. For more information and how to make donations, call 719-672-3511.

## Enslé

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ers Hall of Fame, and the South Austin Pop Culture Museum. He's been awarded government grants to serve as Artist in the Schools in economically disadvantaged school districts and published two books of his students' work. His song, "Build A Bridge" was adopted by the Build a Bridge Foundation for Healing through the Arts, and included on the "Music to Life" CD.

Five songs he wrote with children at the Hill Country Youth Ranch for abused and abandoned children were included on their "Brand New Start" CD. He created Portrait-Songs, a custom songwriting service, and partnered with Swan Songs to write songs honoring the life stories of those on hospice.

His songs have been featured in movies, and his own Movie-In-Song, "Small Town Sundown," includes poetry and songs he's performed as a one-man song-play. His songwriting has won numerous competitions, including the American Songwriter Festival, the Kerrville Folk Festival,

and the Texas Heritage Songwriters Association Songwriter U. He has been an official showcase artist at Southwest Regional Folk Alliance conference and served as producer on album projects for other songwriters. He was nominated as Songwriter of the Year by the Texas Music Academy.

A member of the Texas Arts Commission Touring Roster, Enslé conducts songwriting workshops and performs for schools, libraries, and the special needs community, while maintaining a robust touring schedule filled with festivals, clubs, coffeehouses, churches, and cause concerts. He also serves as an ambassador for Soldier Songs and Voices, teaching songwriting to veterans and active-duty personnel.

His performances are filled with wit, wisdom, grit, and always hope, accompanying his edgy vocals with intricate fingerstyle guitar, resonator, and keyboard.

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## Resort

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alternatives

The land for the intended village is owned by the Leavell-McCombs Joint Venture, named for the late Charles H. Leavell and industrialist Billy Joe "Red" McCombs. Attorneys for the joint venture did not respond to emails seeking comment on the 10th Circuit's decision.

Mark Pearson of the San Juan Citizens Alliance, one of the environmental groups that challenged the approval of an access road, said the developers still have other steps to complete before they can begin work, and a "concerned local citizenry will be actively engaged."

"It's hard to understand why the Forest Service continues to champion this Texas development project in the heart of Colorado's high country," he said. "The direction must be coming from the highest levels of the Forest Service, but it seems entirely at odds with the Biden administration's stated interest in landscape conservation and protecting wildlife habitat."

In 1986, Leavell-McCombs proposed swapping more than 1,600 acres of its privately owned land in Sagua-che County for a couple of hundred acres of Forest Service land in the

national forest, with the idea of building a resort at the Wolf Creek Ski Area. The subsequent federal litigation did not explain why, but the land exchange resulted in Leavell-McCombs' parcel entirely surrounded by government land with no highway access. Subsequently, the parties attempted for years to surmount the access hurdle. In 2007, the state Court of Appeals ruled Mineral County lacked the authority to approve the resort village without highway access. Three years later, Leavell-McCombs proposed another land swap that would give it a connection to the roadway or, alternatively, asking the government to authorize a 1,600-foot access road across its land.

**Featured Local Savings**

The government agreed with the first suggestion and in 2015 issued a decision authorizing the swap. Conservation groups sued and in 2017, then-U.S. District Court Senior Judge Richard P. Matsch threw out the government's analysis, believing there was a "predictive bias" toward facilitating the ski resort.

"The Forest Service entirely failed to consider an important aspect of the problem, offered explanations for its decision that run counter to the evidence before the agency, failed to base its decision on consideration of

all relevant factors, and was wrong as a matter of law," he wrote.

The government and Leavell-McCombs appealed to the 10th Circuit, but while the case was pending, they opted to pursue the second option of an access road. The 10th Circuit dismissed the appeal, but simultaneously warned a federal law, the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, required the Forest Service to give Leavell-McCombs access to its land.

"Whether USFS ultimately completes the land exchange, builds an access road across USFS land, or takes some other alternative, it is not free to 'do nothing at all'; it must take some action," wrote McHugh, the only judge to sit on both appellate panels reviewing the case.

**Take two**  
After a new analysis, the government found the access road itself would not likely jeopardize the threatened Canada lynx — even though the ski village itself would. It approved the access road and once again, the conservation groups challenged the decision.

U.S. District Court Senior Judge Christine M. Arguello, who had taken over the case following Matsch's death, similarly found flaws in the latest round of decision-making. Chiefly, she concluded Matsch's previous decision was the "law of

the case," and there was no significant enough change to overcome the original defects Matsch identified.

"For the same reasons the court in the Land Exchange Lawsuit set aside agency action, the law of the case doctrine dictates setting aside agency action in this case as well," Arguello wrote.

The 10th Circuit disagreed with her. McHugh wrote that the government engaged in further analysis on a completely different alternative, meaning Matsch's original order could not be the "law of the case."

The panel concluded the government "extensively analyzed the environmental impacts" of the development and rejected the conservation groups' allegations of impropriety.

Judge Allison H. Eid wrote separately to voice her curiosity about a potentially important phrase in the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, which requires the federal government to allow access to privately owned land "notwithstanding any other provision of law." Because the parties did not raise that caveat, she suggested a future case may need to address whether the government has broader authority to grant access than the parties assumed.

The case is Rocky Mountain Wild et al. v. Dallas et al.

### 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](http://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](mailto: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!**

# Opinion

## Building a huge park is anything but easy

Marc Katz is a retired entrepreneur who lives part-time in Durango, a town of 19,000 people who all seem to love the outdoors. You can't have too many parks, he believes, because the demand seems inexhaustible.

The way he tells it, when he bought the 1,680 acres adjacent to town, he thought it would be a fantastic place for a rural park that included biking and hiking trails and a centralized set of soccer fields. He quickly learned it was "naïve" to think park development would be uncomplicated or quick.

What he started in 2014 has now become a whopper of a park that someday may prepare mountain bikers for the Olympics. Katz, though, only had experience working in the private sector, as CEO of a credit card payments company.

The \$14 million parcel he bought once hosted a coal mine and gravel pit, and it sits atop a steep mesa above the town. Planning for the new park turned into a nine-year effort that involved countless meetings with city and county officials. Then there were road trips to innovative park projects, notably those around Bentonville, Arkansas.

As one of its goals, Katz's project includes an 80-acre "outdoor mountain bike stadium," a BMX track and community events center, which would make Durango the king of U.S. mountain biking.

"We anticipate the 2028 US Olympic Mountain bike team training at the park," said Gaige Sippy, a board member of the Durango Mesa Foundation that's carrying out Katz's vision.

Sippy knows cycling. He was the long-time director of the Iron Horse Bicycle

### Writers On The Range



Dave Marston



Classic. Every Memorial Day weekend, the race pits a tourist train against several thousand bikers, who usually win.

Cycling is anchored deep in Durango, with a vigorous youth and adult program involving hundreds of participants. Still, said Moira Compton, who runs Katz's foundation as executive director, "this is a big lift for Durango. But so was Purgatory Ski Resort and our local Chapman Ski Hill."

Sippy agreed. "Those same people who fought the rec center now say, 'It's too small.' This is the biggest philanthropic endeavor for Durango times-ten," Sippy said. "Sometimes I feel like a snake oil salesman, selling something that won't be fully realized for 20 years."

But the hard work isn't on his plate. "That's Moira's job," he said, as Compton wrangles meetings and talks to residents about what they want in the new park.

Compton said planning includes leaving "big open space" for what the community might want in 10-20 and even 40 years. "If you told me that the Klunker bikes we made in our garages in Crested Butte would become an Olympic sport,

I'd have said, 'impossible.'"

For today's users, Katz said, "We know we need adaptive sports trails (hand-bike trails), and we need a dozen ball fields in one place for state tournaments. We also need camping, from primitive to RV hook-ups to go with it."

"Don't forget frisbee golf," he added, and "dedicated walking trails" for the many locals who don't bike or find interactions with mountain bikers intimidating.

"They (bikers) just move so fast," agreed 77-year-old Dave Stiller, an avid walker.

To get things moving, Durango Mesa Park opened last fall with a series of demonstration trails with banked corners, table-top jumps and unlike other area trails, traffic goes in only one direction and e-bikes are permitted.

The biking community was ecstatic. Sippy said. "We just had to get something going. It was time to get shovels in the ground."

If there's grumbling, it's about housing.

Durango, like many mountain towns, is housing constrained. "Three develop-

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ers put (Katz's) land under contract and then passed on developing. The infrastructure costs were over \$100 million," said Sippy.

"This, though, is a rural park," said Compton. "We don't have to build sidewalks or streetlights." Sippy added that if the town moved its ballfields and BMX track to the park and the county moved its fairground, "it would open up land in the town for housing."

But the county backed out of building their fairgrounds in the park. "It was a setback," Compton said. "We're leaving the option open if they want to reconsider."

As Sippy put it, "Someone rarely hands you a huge chunk of land next to town and the money to build a giant park for the community. This is a big opportunity for Durango."

"And it's our job not to screw it up," said Compton.

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## Speaking of old age

meandering contributions meant enough to people that they'd take time to write?

So, thank you, each and every one.

I'd always been one of the lucky ones, rarely sick a day since recovering from chickenpox at age 12. Probably a bit smug about it, honestly. None of the chronic complaints common to people my age had touched me: no back or joint pain, no arthritis, no cancer apart from a couple of skin lesions left over from my lifeguarding days.

Back when the COVID epidemic began, I joked with my brother that our family's history of living in dirt-floored Irish hovels with farm animals had rendered us immune to disease. Never mind that our maternal grandfather had died in the 1918 influenza epidemic. Other people get sick, not us. All the same, I showed up early and often for COVID vaccines.

Then came year 80. I woke up one morning in February too weak to get out of bed. No chest pain, so it wasn't a heart attack; I could see, hear and move my extremities, so it wasn't a stroke. But I truly felt as if the life was draining out of me.

I told my wife that I was dying. Oddly, I wasn't so much frightened as resigned. The rest of you would have to go on without me. I'd be gone. Off duty.

I remember thinking that our two sons could care for Diane. If the idiots wanted Trump, they could have him. I'd no longer be available to bitch about it.

Even so, I told her not to call an ambulance, which she interpreted to mean that I wasn't fixing to die at all. She waited. Eventually, I managed to get out of bed. The rest of the day is a blur, but on the second morning I drove myself to the emergency room at the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences campus about 10 blocks away. COVID. My second infection of the winter. The first had been like a mild cold. This time it had gotten into my heart. I was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation, an irregular heartbeat that can cause strokes. They started me on blood thinners, beta blockers to slow my racing pulse and anti-virals for the COVID. They kept me overnight in the hospital, a lifetime first.

I felt weak and vulnerable. Diane complained that my bitching and moaning had become intolerable. Then my plumbing stopped up. Back to the emergency room for the longest day of my life. "Acute urinary retention" was the diagnosis. Catheterization provided a temporary but awkward solution.

## Workers Memorial Day

these fatalities happened here in Denver and in other parts of Colorado. Like the 30-year-old who fell 30 feet while working on a residential building... or the 25-year-old who fell off a working platform eight stories high... or the 28-year-old struck by a falling branch as he worked to trim a tree.

Each of these workers had families and friends who loved them and now mourn

their loss. Each is special to someone and is now gone forever. Their absences scar families and diminish our communities.

When the nation first marked Workers Memorial Day in 1970, about 38 people died on the job each day. While significant progress has been made since OSHA was created in 1971, and less than half - 15 workers - die each day in the U.S. now, the fact remains that even one is too

many.

Tragically, most workplace deaths can be prevented. Employers who make safety and health a core workplace value, and go beyond the minimum safety standards, better protect their workers from hazards. When proper control measures are in place and safety and health is a priority, workers are in fact safer, and they feel safer in their workplaces. Most importantly, fewer workers suffer fatal injuries.

Workers Memorial Day allows us to remember the fallen workers in our communities and across the nation. A time to reflect on the loss their families endure every single day...an opportunity to think about their deaths' effects on our communities... and call to recommit ourselves to demanding employers fulfill their moral and legal obligations to protect workers.

A safe workplace is not a privilege, it is every worker's right regardless of race, ethnicity, age, gender, or immigration status. As we often say at the department, good jobs change lives. And good jobs are safe jobs. Every worker has the right to get home safe at the end of the workday. We all need to work together to make sure that happens.

*Jennifer Rous is the Denver Region Administrator for OSHA.*

### By GENE LYONS

Old men have been much in the news of late. Specifically, the health and intellectual fitness of two aging politicians, President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump.

As a member of the same demographic -- I'm roughly halfway between the two candidates in age -- I can't say I'm enthusiastic about the choice. The odds of either man being physically and intellectually fit four years from now, when the nation will presumably be electing his successor, would seem long.

My own odds have turned rather for the worse since last we met here. Indeed, having recently experienced what felt like a near-death experience -- the doctors seemed somewhat less alarmed than I was -- I feel more qualified to speak to the issue.

Regular readers may have noticed an editorial note to the effect that I've been recovering from an illness. Four illnesses would be more like it -- a succession of maladies that hit me out of nowhere. In retrospect, it seems almost comical. But it didn't feel funny then.

I'm writing this because so many readers sent me messages of support that I've been truly touched. Who knew that my

### By JENNIFER ROUS

Those who observe Workers Memorial Day on April 28 are bonded by a shared, and painful experience: the loss of loved one, friend or colleague who died because of on-the-job injury, illness or disease.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports 5,486 people suffered fatal workplace injuries in the U.S. in 2022, the most recent year for which data are available. Some of

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# Lifestyles

## Real property taxpayer remedies

By **SANDRA HOSTETTER**  
*Alamosa County Assessor*

For tax years 2023 and 2024, the county assessor is required by law to appraise all real property at a June 30, 2022, level of value. Notices of Valuation reflecting the 2024 values

will be sent to owners of real property by May 1. The information used by the assessor to value your property is available for your review. From May 2 through June 10, owners of real property may protest the value or the classification established by the assessor. This

protest period provides an opportunity for the taxpayers to inform the assessor of errors in classification, property description, or other discrepancies that may result in a reduction in value or a change in classification. Protests to the assessor must be postmarked or presented in person on or before June 10. The assessor must make a decision concerning your protest and mail you a written Notice of Determination on or before the last working day in June. If you are

satisfied with the assessor's determination, the tax bill you receive next January will be based on the value and classification reflected on the Notice of Determination. If you disagree with the assessor's decision, you may file an appeal with the county board of equalization. An appeal to the county board of equalization must be postmarked or hand-delivered no later than July 15. The county board will notify you by mail of the hearing date, time, and place

where you may present evidence to substantiate your case. Evidence includes documentation such as the sales price of property similar to yours that sold between Jan. 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022. The county board will conclude hearings and render decisions by the close of Business on Aug. 5. The county board must mail you a decision within five business days of the date of its decision. If you are satisfied with the county board's decision, the tax bill you receive next January will

be based on the valuation and classification reflected in the county board's decision. If you disagree with the action of the county board, you may file an appeal with the State Board of Assessment Appeals or the district court, or you may request a binding arbitration hearing. Your appeal must be made within 30 days of the county board's decision. For additional information regarding the protest and appeal process, contact your county assessor at 719-589-6365.

## CDOT devoting all available resources to US 50 bridge

By **COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**MONTROSE AND GUNNISON COUNTIES** — County Road 26 opened on Monday provide immediate relief for local commuters as Colorado Department of Transportation crews continue inspecting the bridge that crosses Blue Mesa Reservoir at Dillon Pinnacles and working with a team of experts on long-term repair solutions. Limited travel on the local access road went smoothly and will continue.

access route will continue twice daily in each direction. Because CR 26 is a high-mountain, unpaved road that is not intended to accommodate the traffic volumes of US 50, travel times will be limited and commercial vehicles exceeding a 16,001 gross vehicle weight rating are prohibited. Trailers of any kind are also prohibited from using this route. The schedule for piloted travel is:

- 6 to 6:30 a.m. and 6 to 6:30 p.m. for westbound travel
- 7 to 7:30 a.m. and 7 to 7:30 p.m. for eastbound travel

A snooper truck, an underbridge inspection bucket truck, staged on top of the bridge that crosses is helping inspectors get a better look at the underside of the bridge while two CDOT rope teams hang from the side of the structure to grind away paint for a better look at weld joints and potential defects. Representatives from several engineering firms are evaluating inspection results for the bridge at Dillon Pinnacles to determine the best course of action for repairing the structure. This bridge was closed Thursday, April 18, in the interest of public safety, and there is no timeframe for when it might reopen. The bridge's technical designation is K-07-B is also informally referred to as the "middle bridge" on the reservoir.

County Road 26 will only be open for local, essential travel during these periods of time. The road will remain closed at all other times for the ongoing restoration work needed to ensure the road remains safe for travel.

A hotline and email continue to be in place to assist customers with questions about the closure. Anyone with questions can reach out via 970-648-4423 or us50bridge@gmail.com. Calls will be closely monitored and will receive a prompt reply. Information is also available on the website at bit.ly/us50bridge. Travelers should refer to COtrip.org or the smartphone COtrip Planner app to plan an alternate route.

There are two recommended detours for through travel via Interstate 70 to the north or US 160 to the south and these detours add six to eight hours of travel time.

For additional information about this project:

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*Baseball at University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Colo.*  
 3:00 p.m.

*Softball at Colorado School of Mines at Golden, Colo*  
 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

*Men's Lacrosse at Colorado Mesa University at Alamosa, Colo. (Highest Seed Remaining)*  
 7:00 p.m.

*Men & Women's Track at Payton Jordan Invitational at Stanford, CA*  
 4:00 p.m.

**Saturday, April 27**

*Men & Women's Track at RMAC Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Grand Junction, Colo.*  
 9:15 a.m.

*Softball at Colorado School of Mines at Golden, Colo*  
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# Sports



Alamosa High School's Araceli Molina pushes the ball upfield in Tuesday's 5-0 win over Ignacio at the AHS stadium.

Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

## Lady Moose blank Lady Bobcats

By KEN HAMRICK

Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The Alamosa High School girls soccer team was looking to start a new winning streak on Tuesday as it hosted Ignacio at the AHS stadium.

The Lady Mean Moose were successful as they defeated the Lady Bobcats by a score of 5-0.

"My girls really dominated the whole game," said Alamosa coach Kelly Wubben. "We struggled a little bit with finishes but overall it looks good and we're ready to take on Cortez."

Alamosa's first goal came in the 10th minute as Leah Higareda took a pass from Jayden Wubben and put the ball into the goal.

The score remained 1-0 at halftime.

Wubben accounted for the next goal six minutes into the second half. Lexany Heredia was credited with the assist.

Heredia scored the third goal just six minutes later with Kennedy Hillis getting the assist.

Araceli Molina scored in the 68th minute with Heredia getting her second assist of the game.

Noemi Lemus wrapped up the scoring in the 76th minute as Wubben recorded her second assist of the game.

Alamosa outshot Ignacio 21-3. Emmy Tibbitts stopped all three shots on goal



she faced. It was the fifth shutout of the season for Tibbitts.

The Lady Moose also had six corner kicks compared to just two for the Lady Bobcats.

Alamosa (6-5-1, 3-1-1 Intermountain League) will host Montezuma-Cortez on Friday. A win will give the Lady Mean Moose the league title and an automatic berth into the Class 3A state playoffs.

"That will be for the league championship," coach Wubben said. "If we win, we win league."

Game time is at 11 a.m. at the AHS stadium.

	Alamosa	Ignacio
Goals	5	0
Shots	21	3

**Scoring**

A – Higareda (Wubben), 10:00  
A – Wubben (Heredia), 46:00  
A – Heredia (Hillis), 52:00  
A – Molina (Heredia), 68:00  
A – Lemus (Wubben), 76:00

Shots on goal – Ignacio 1-2-3, Alamosa 9-12-21.  
Corner kicks – Ignacio 1-1-2, Alamosa 2-4-6.  
Goalkeepers – Lorenzini (saves 8-8-16), Alamosa: Tibbitts (saves 1-2-3).

### lacrosse

Adams State/Colorado Mesa winner vs. Concordia-Irvine (Calif.)/Westminster (Utah) winner (RMAC Tournament at Grand Junction), 5 p.m.

### College women's softball

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

### College outdoor track and field

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

### SUNDAY

#### College baseball

Adams State at Colorado-Colorado Springs, noon

#### College outdoor track and field

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

### TUESDAY

#### Prep baseball

Del Norte at Sanford (2), 3 p.m.

Monte Vista at Rye, 4 p.m.

Antonito at Center, 4:30 p.m.

Center JV at Sierra Grande, 4:30 p.m.

#### Prep girls soccer

Del Norte at Pagosa Springs, 4 p.m.

#### Prep track and field

Moffat at 2-Mile High Invitational (at Fairplay), TBA

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 men's lacrosse

Adams State at Colorado Mesa (RMAC Tournament), 7 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 men's



Courtesy photo

Centauri High School's Chaz Holman (front row center) signed a national letter of intent to play men's basketball for Adams State University on Monday. Also pictured, back row from left, Centauri head coach Larry Mortensen, assistant coach Ashley Voss, assistant coach Kyle Forster, and athletics director Jesse Shawcroft. Front row from left, Aaron Holman (Chaz's father), Holman and Cara Taylor (Chaz's mother).

## Centauri's Holman signs with Adams State

By KEN HAMRICK

Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – Centauri High School senior student-athlete Chaz Holman has decided where he will continue his academic and athletic careers as he signed a national letter of intent to play men's basketball at Adams State University.

Holman had quite the career for the Falcons as he was a three-time Class 3A All-State player and a four-time All-Intermountain League performer. He has also been named to the Colorado High School Coaches Association All-State Games.

"I am thrilled Chaz has signed with Adams State men's basketball and coach Kenny Tripp," said Centauri coach Larry Mortensen. "Chaz will love playing for coach Tripp. Chaz is a gym rat and has worked hard for this. He's also a great student and will represent Adams State Centauri and the San Luis Valley well. Thanks to Ted Morrison and Arby's for



making this scholarship possible."

Holman averaged 9.3 points, 3.9 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 4.1 steals per game this past season. The Falcons finished with a record of 18 wins and six losses overall and they finished second in the IML with an 8-2 record. Centauri advanced to the Class 3A State Tournament for the third straight year and that includes a state runner-up finish his sophomore year.

Holman joins his older brother, Baron, on the Grizzlies' team.



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### SCOREBOARD

#### TUESDAY

#### Prep baseball

Center at Rocky Ford  
Del Norte at Pagosa Springs (2)

Sanford at Centauri  
Sierra Grande at Walsenburg

#### Prep girls soccer

Ignacio at Alamosa

### SCHEDULE

#### 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

# Lifestyle

## Town of Del Norte awarded DOLA grant for housing infrastructure

*Downtown revitalization is another project set to begin*

**By LYNDISIE FERRELL DEL NORTE** — The Town of Del Norte recently announced that it was the recipient of a Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant in the amount of \$440,275 that will be used to build housing infrastructure on property near the southeast side of town next to 9th street.

A letter from DOLA stated, "DOLA is excited to fund/support local governments who are partnering on affordable housing projects in their communities. Your jurisdiction's successful land use planning and other work that supports affordable housing development has made your jurisdiction/project more competitive for funding in this initiative."

The project has been named the Cherry Street Housing Project and though it is in the early planning stages, the award from DOLA will help get things underway. The scope of the project is to begin a phased approach toward achieving some affordable housing within financial reach of those making 100% of the Average Median Income for the area which is based on the US census and other collected data.

According to the grant

paperwork submitted by the town, "Housing will be located on six lots owned by the Town of Del Norte that were acquired from the Del Norte School District when they built the new k-12 grade school building located three blocks away from the proposed site."

The first phase of the project will be to prepare the site by removing the old tennis courts on the property and some tiered earth leveling along Cherry Street. The project will also include repaving of the removed blacktop and new paving of the newly excavated 9th Street on the south side of the property.

"The initial phase of the project is to install water and sewer service including a new hydrant that does not exist on this section of Cherry Street and connect taps to all six lots to assist in making them buildable for phased future development," town officials stated

Town Administrator Bernadette Martinez stated that the town is looking to build three duplex units after the initial phase of the infrastructure project is complete and that the town will be seeking funding to build the units.

"This was in part a result of the San Luis Valley Colorado Workforce Housing feasibility study that was completed in all six counties throughout the Valley. We worked with Sarah Stoeber with SLV Development Re-

source Group and Dawn Melgares with San Luis Valley Housing Coalition. We are really excited to be able to start work on bringing much needed housing to the area," said Martinez.

In addition to these projects, the town is preparing to begin work on revitalizing the downtown area through a grant awarded by the Colorado Department of Transportation.

"The project just went out for bid, and it looks like we will begin work sometime mid-summer. We know that this is a hard time of year to begin a project like this, but it is also the only time of year it can be done," said Martinez.

The downtown revitalization project will begin on Cherry Street on the north side of Highway 160, beginning with gutter and lighting work.

"Once the north side of the highway is complete, crews will move to the south side. This will allow CDOT to have one-way traffic along Highway 160 instead of having to detour," explained Martinez.

The Town of Del Norte has been working for several years to bring these projects to fruition and is excited to share the beginning stages of each with the community.

"We encourage everyone to come and join us for our (trustee) meetings which are the second Wednesday of every month in the town hall meeting room at 6 p.m.," Martinez said.

## MV seeks public input on short-term rentals

*Planning and Zoning meeting set for April 25*

**By MARIE MCCOLM MONTE VISTA** — The Monte Vista Planning and Zoning Committee is seeking public input related to short-term rentals for Monte Vista.

A meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, to hear from the public as the city is looking to add short-term rental regulations.

City Planner DJ Enderle said, "Our intention is to try to hear what the community wants prior to deciding on what kind of regulation or what we will regulate as far as rentals, as far as short-term rentals which is anything less than a 30-day rental.

"We want to hear from the public about any changes we should add, before we implement anything. We are inviting everyone to attend to express their wants, needs, desires, for short term rentals and their residents."

Enderle said that cur-

rently there are no regulations in place.

"With the surrounding communities, those communities have all implemented some regulations," Enderle said. "There have been some people that have been more combative in those communities about the regulations, than others. We don't want that situation in our community. We want to go ahead and support the short-term rental, but at the same time protect our long-term rental assets."

Enderle said that Planning and Zoning will, based on the input, make recommendations to the Monte Vista City Council to vote on.

"Whether it's a set percentage of the housing market, a set number, a set distance, or do we even want to regulate this at all. We just want to figure out what the right set of rules is to add," Enderle said.

Enderle explained that part of the meeting will be to receive public input on where the public thinks that short-term rentals should be placed in town. Does the public think they should all be

placed or moved to a specific location, or should they be allowed to be anywhere in town?

"We aren't looking at a nuisance code. We aren't looking at changing regulations based on people's actions, or whether people are acting as part of a nuisance code to regulate things," Enderle said. "We are currently working on the land use code and renovating it and making it more current. One of the things we are looking at is some kind of standards regarding where we should be placing short-term rentals.

"We want to meet the people's needs when we write our regulations."

The Planning and Zoning Committee meeting is on Thursday April 25 at City Hall. The public meeting on short-term rentals will be the second or third item on the agenda.

Enderle also said that depending on the number of people who show up that the time per recommendation may be limited.

For more information on the meeting, contact the City of Monte Vista at 719-852-2692.



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- 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.
- 8 Shopping Local invests in community services and city economy.** Your dollars spent in locally-owned businesses have three times the impact on your community as dollars spent outside of Alamosa.
- 9 Local shops value you more:** Local businesses survive by their reputation & repeat business which means you get a higher standard of service.

# Public Notices

### COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 958-24  
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:  
 On February 5, 2024, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.  
 Original Grantor(s): Jardenia L. Martinez  
 Original Beneficiary(ies): Rio Grande Savings and Loan Association  
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: Rio Grande Savings and Loan Association  
 Date of Deed of Trust: July 06, 2010  
 County of Recording: Alamosa  
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust: July 07, 2010  
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 342665  
 Re-Recording Date of Deed of Trust: February 14, 2020  
 Re-Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): 375898  
 Original Principal Amount: \$58,500.00  
 Outstanding Principal Balance: \$50,252.52  
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Payment of the LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.  
 The East 5 feet of Lot 9, and all of Lot 10, and the West 10 feet of Lot 11, in Block 73, in the City of Alamosa, in Alamosa County, Colorado Together with any and all wells, water rights, pumps, motors and well equipment. Any and all well and water rights and ditch and ditch rights.  
 Also known by street and number as: 514 8th Street, Alamosa, CO 81101.  
 THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.  
 NOTICE OF SALE  
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.  
 THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 06/05/2024, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
 First Publication: 4/10/2024  
 Last Publication: 5/8/2024  
 Name of Publication: Valley Courier  
 IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;  
 DATE: 02/05/2024  
 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado  
 By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee  
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
 Newbold, Chapman & Geyer, PC 150 E. 9th Street, Suite 400, PO Box 2790, Durango, CO 81302 (970) 247-3091  
 Attorney File # 10288.10  
 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
 No. 3891.  
 Published in the Valley Courier on April 10, 17, 24, May 1, & 8, 2024.

**NOTICE OF ACCEPTING BIDS**  
 The Center Fire Protection District is accepting bids for a 1995 International tanker truck, sold as is. Bids shall be a minimum of \$2,500. Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on May 10, 2024. Bids may be mailed to Center Fire Protection District, P.O. Box 845, Center, CO 81125. Bids will be opened at the Board's regular meeting on May 14, 2024. To view the above truck, please call John Anderson at 719-588-8005 for an appointment. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
 No. 3914.  
 Published in the Valley Courier on April 24, 26, 27, 30, May 1, 3, 4, & 7, 2024.

**173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**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)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

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

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AT ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY** is seeking a PROGRAM COORDINATOR / STUDENT ADVISOR. This is a twelve-month full-time, exempt position. The pay range for this position is \$42,252 - \$48,060 commensurate with experience and education. A BA and/or experience in an education-related field is preferred. This position will report directly to the School Director and will provide advising and support to undergraduate and graduate students, assist faculty and staff with daily operations, and coordinate program processes and events across undergraduate and graduate degree and licensure areas. For more information and to apply, please visit <https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/>. (5/14/24)

**MOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT** has the following COACHES POSITIONS open for the 24-25 season: HS FOOTBALL; MS FOOTBALL; HS WRESTLING; HS VOLLEYBALL; MS VOLLEYBALL; ASSIST POSITIONS for HS coaching also open. Send inquiries/resumes to Mr. Stagner @ Stagnerb@valley.k12.co.us or call 719-655-2578. (5/28/24)

**MOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT** has the following openings for the 24-25 school year: KINDERGARTEN, K-12 ART, MS SCHOOL TEACHER, HS ELA, HS SOCIAL SCIENCES, K-12 PE, HS SCIENCE, K-12 PRINCIPAL. Send inquiries/resumes to Mr. Stagner @ Stagnerb@valley.k12.co.us or call 719-655-2578. (5/28/24)

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

**SEEKING AN ENERGETIC**, compassionate MANAGER for RETHREADS COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE, located at 511 6th Ave., ALAMOSA. Ability to work independently with people from diverse backgrounds and circumstances required. Organizational skills and friendly customer service is desired. Position is 20-25 hours per week, starting at \$15 per hour. Send resume and letter of interest to: hr@lapuente.net. (5/11/24)

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

**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)

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# FULL-TIME SALES

- Competitive Draw
- Commission
- Benefits

Contact Keith at the  
  
**(719) 589-2553**  
[kcerny@alamosanews.com](mailto:kcerny@alamosanews.com)

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

**ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY** seeks applicants for an 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)

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

**LOOKING FOR A rewarding and fulfilling career?** Are you a positive, self-motivated individual? Consider a career with the MONTE VISTA HEAD START. FISCAL OFFICER is responsible for the fiscal management and fiscal reporting to the Office of Head Start and the Grantee Board. Must be proficient in QuickBooks and Microsoft office applications. Qualifications are: Experience in business or fiscal management, BA accounting, Business Management or related field. Salary between \$47,000 and \$52,000 depending on education and experience. Year round position, 5 weeks paid holidays breaks, 10 hours sick/vacation per month, simple IRA, HSA account available. For more information, you may contact the director at, [director@myheadstart.org](mailto:director@myheadstart.org) or call 719-852-3215. Positions opened until filled. (4/26/24)

**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](mailto:hr@lapuente.net). (4/27/24)

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

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

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

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

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

**ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 School Year. CLASSROOM TEACHER at AES K-2. Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teacher License with an endorsement in ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6. Applications are available online at <https://www.alamosaschools.org/>. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/24/24)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TOWN OF MOFFAT, COLORADO, WATER OPERATOR / WATER CONSULTANT.** Job Description WATER OPERATOR DUTIES: 1. The Operator Responsible in Charge (ORC) shall have a Small Systems (DI) certification in good standing. 2. Identify CDPHE's Monitoring Schedule for Moffat and complete all tasks needed for compliance including sampling, reporting, and maintaining programs such as backflow prevention. 3. Records and communications will be public information. 4. Requires independent contractor insurance. 5. Estimated hours per month: 5-12. 6. Certification training may be provided. 7. Estimated pay range \$25 - \$30 per hour depending on experience. WATER CONSULTANT DUTIES: 1. Interface with town attorney and engineer regarding water system installation. 2. Complete tasks for Division of Water Resources (DWR) compliance requirements. 3. Serve as point person for public outreach and education regarding new municipal water system connections, including number of population and costs involved. 4. Perform tasks as they arise in developing a new municipal water system. 5. Establish and maintain Fee Schedule. 6. Requires independent contractor insurance. 7. Estimated hours per month: 10-30. 8. Estimated pay range \$40 - \$50 per hour depending on experience. (5/15/24)

### COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE PUBLICATION

(CRS §38-38-103)  
 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 1-2024  
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following Deed of Trust:  
 On February 14, 2024, under Reception No. 24000158, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Conejos records.  
 Original Grantor(s): Raymond White and Shannon White  
 Original Beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Beneficiary, as nominee for Pacific Union Financial, LLC, its successors and assigns  
 Current Holder of the Evidence of Debt: Nationstar Mortgage LLC  
 Date of Deed of Trust: October 24, 2016  
 County of Recording: Conejos  
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust: December 9, 2016  
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.): Reception No. 16001616\*\*  
 Original Principal Amount \$157,175.00  
 Outstanding Principal Balance \$149,271.55  
 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated including, but not limited to the Borrower's failure to make timely payments as required under the Evidence of Debt and Deed of Trust.  
 THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.  
 The property is all of the property encumbered by said Deed of Trust and is described as: Lot 10, 11, and 12, Block 19 Town of La Jara, County of Conejos, State of Colorado. \*\*The Deed of Trust was corrected by an Affidavit of Correction recorded 5/15/2023 at Reception No. 23000662 in the records of the Conejos County Clerk and Recorder, State of Colorado.  
 Purported Common Address: 104 Joe S. Chavez Dr., La Jara, CO 81140  
 If applicable, a description of any changes to the deed of trust described in the notice of election and demand pursuant to affidavit as allowed by statutes.  
 NOTICE OF SALE  
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.  
 THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at the office of the Conejos County Public Trustee, Conejos County Courthouse, 6683 County Road 13, Conejos, CO 81129, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.  
 IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.  
 FIRST PUBLICATION DATE: April 17, 2024  
 Last Publication Date: May 15, 2024  
 Name of Publication: The Valley Courier  
 Date: April 12, 2024  
 Mack M. Crowther  
 Public Trustee in and for the County of Conejos, State of Colorado.  
 The name, address, telephone number and bar registration number of attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
 Halliday, Watkins, & Mann, P.C.  
 Attorney for Nationstar Mortgage LLC  
 Amanda Ferguson, #44893  
 Heather L. Deere, #28597  
 355 Union Blvd., Suite 250  
 Lakewood, CO 80228  
 Phone: 303-274-0155  
 E-mail: [info@hwmlawfirm.com](mailto:info@hwmlawfirm.com)  
 File #: CO21736  
 THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
 No. 3902.  
 Published in the Valley Courier on April 17, 24, May 1, 8, & 15, 2024.

**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 Walzl  
 No. 3912  
 Published in the Valley Courier on April 20, 23, and 24, 2024.



# Classifieds

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<p><b>ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT</b> is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 School Year. ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AES 3-5. Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teacher License with an endorsement in SCHOOL PRINCIPAL (K-12). Applications are available online at <a href="https://www.alamosaschools.org/">https://www.alamosaschools.org/</a>. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/24/24)</p>	<p><b>ARE YOU PASSIONATE</b> 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 <a href="http://www.sierragrandeschool.net">www.sierragrandeschool.net</a>. Applications may be submitted electronically to Mr. Kevin Jones at <a href="mailto:kjones@sierragrandeschool.net">kjones@sierragrandeschool.net</a> or Mrs. Maria Atencio at <a href="mailto:matencio@sierragrandeschool.net">matencio@sierragrandeschool.net</a>. For more information please contact the district office at 719-379-3259. (5/1/24)</p>	<p><b>CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT</b> 26Jt is paying years of service and single health insurance benefits. Apply now to become part of our dynamic district as we are now accepting applications for the position of ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER, for the 2024-2025 School Year. Qualifications: Must hold a valid State of Colorado Teacher's License or, such alternative as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Applications can be found on the District Website <a href="https://www.center.k12.co.us/page/employment-opportunities">https://www.center.k12.co.us/page/employment-opportunities</a> or contact the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (5/15/24)</p>	<p><b>THE CITY OF MONTE VISTA</b> 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 <a href="http://www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov">www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov</a> 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><b>MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT</b> is accepting applications for an INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTER/LIBRARY PARAPROFESSIONAL at BILL METZ ELEMENTARY for the 2024-2025 school year. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. Monte Vista School District operates on a 4-day week (Monday - Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD 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 <a href="https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities">https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities</a>, by April 23, 2024, or until the position is filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (4/30/24)</p>	<p><b>MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT</b> is accepting applications for a 6th GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER at MONTE VISTA MIDDLE SCHOOL for the 2024-2025 school year. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience is posted on the district website. The District operates on a 4-day week (Monday - Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Teacher Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application <a href="https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities">https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities</a> by April 25, 2024 or until the position is filled. For application questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (4/30/24)</p>	<p><b>LOOKING FOR A</b> 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. For more information, you may contact the director at, <a href="mailto:director@mvheadstart.org">director@mvheadstart.org</a> or call 719-852-3215. Positions opened until filled. (4/26/24)</p>	<p><b>WATER/SEWER OPERATOR: PART-TIME;</b> 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 <a href="mailto:townofromeo@gmail.com">townofromeo@gmail.com</a> or come in during office hours Tuesday or Thursday 9 to 3 for application. You can call 719-843-5785 for more information. (4/26/24)</p>	<p><b>SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT</b> is seeking anticipated ELEMENTARY TEACHERS for the 24-25 school year. Applicants must possess a Colorado Teaching License or be eligible to apply for one. Salary schedules are available on the district website. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, and transcripts at <a href="https://www.southconejos.com/page/how-to-apply">https://www.southconejos.com/page/how-to-apply</a>. (5/1/24)</p>
<p><b>1ST SOUTHWEST BANK,</b> a locally owned CDFI community bank, is seeking a RELATIONSHIP MANAGER with 3+ years of commercial loan experience and a BRANCH MANAGER with 5+ years of banking experience. FSWB offers competitive compensation, generous benefits, &amp; career development. Join FSWB's award-winning team dedicated to supporting rural Colorado's agricultural, nonprofit and small businesses. For details and to apply, visit <a href="http://www.fswb.bank/about/careers">www.fswb.bank/about/careers</a>. EOE. (5/1/24)</p>	<p><b>ACCOUNTANT, THE SLV LOCAL FOODS COALITION</b> seeks an ACCOUNTANT to oversee finances for our local nonprofit. Send resume and cover letter to <a href="mailto:opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com">opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com</a>. Additional requirements can be found at <a href="http://www.slvlocalfoods.org/jobs/">www.slvlocalfoods.org/jobs/</a>. (5/1/24)</p>	<p><b>ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT</b> is now accepting applications for the following positions: Assistant TRACK COACH, Assistant VOLLEYBALL COACH, Assistant CROSS COUNTRY COACH, Head CHEERLEADING COACH, Head GYMNASIAC COACH at ALAMOSA HIGH SCHOOL. Applications are available online at <a href="https://www.alamosaschools.org/">https://www.alamosaschools.org/</a>. For more information, contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/24/24)</p>	<p><b>DEL NORTE BANK</b> 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 <a href="mailto:postmaster@truelocalbank.com">postmaster@truelocalbank.com</a> by April 30, 2024. Application is available at <a href="http://TrueLocalBank.com/careers">TrueLocalBank.com/careers</a> or call 719-657-3376 and ask for Dawn. EOE. (4/30/24)</p>	<p><b>HOME HEALTH AIDE</b> 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)</p>	<p><b>LOOKING FOR YEAR ROUND HELP ON POTATO GRAIN FARM,</b> starting immediately, contact 719-850-2137. Must have experience around machinery and farming practices. (5/1/24)</p>	<p><b>LOOKING FOR A</b> 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. For more information, you may contact the director at, <a href="mailto:director@mvheadstart.org">director@mvheadstart.org</a> or call 719-852-3215. Positions opened until filled. (4/26/24)</p>	<p><b>WATER/SEWER OPERATOR: PART-TIME;</b> 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 <a href="mailto:townofromeo@gmail.com">townofromeo@gmail.com</a> or come in during office hours Tuesday or Thursday 9 to 3 for application. You can call 719-843-5785 for more information. (4/26/24)</p>	<p><b>PART-TIME MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN/PARKS &amp; RECREATION TECHNICIAN:</b> 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 <a href="mailto:townofromeo@gmail.com">townofromeo@gmail.com</a> or come in during office hours Tuesday or Thursday 9 to 3 for application. You can call 719-843-5785 for more information. (4/26/24)</p>

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

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

**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 [townofmontevista@gmail.com](mailto:townofmontevista@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)

**MECHANIC: JT TIMBER FALLING** is hiring a full-time HEAVY EQUIPMENT and TRUCK MECHANIC in BLANCA, CO. \$25-\$45/hr depending on experience. Monday - Friday schedule. Benefits are available. Call 719-379-4066 or visit [jtmechanic.com](http://jtmechanic.com) to apply. (5/8/24)

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

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**CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26Jt** is paying years of service and single health insurance benefits. Apply now to become part of our dynamic district as we are now accepting applications for the position of 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](http://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](http://www.northconejos.com). Submit application to Mr. Darren Edgar, Superintendent. Application deadline is until position is filled. EOE. (4/24/24)

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

**HEAD JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL COACH** needed at DEL NORTE JR. HIGH SCHOOL. Experience as a coach or assistant coach at the MIDDLE SCHOOL 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](mailto:gsanchez@urtigers.co) 719-657-4020; or Annie Hardy, Principal, at [ahardy@urtigers.co](mailto:ahardy@urtigers.co), 719-657-4020. (5/1/24)

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### 221 - HELP WANTED

**SUBSTITUTES TEACHERS NEEDED** at the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT in DEL NORTE! Call or email: Sophia at 719-657-4040, x4000 ([scrutz@urtigers.co](mailto:scrutz@urtigers.co)) for more information, go on-line: [urtigers.co](http://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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### NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Spot on a card
  - 4 High five
  - 8 Hoofbeat sound
  - 12 Blond shade
  - 13 Bristle
  - 14 Fury
  - 15 Cunning
  - 16 Bombs and bullets
  - 17 About (2 wds.)
  - 18 Stun gun
  - 20 Boozy binge
  - 22 Annoy
  - 23 Unit of work
  - 24 Front tooth
  - 28 Picture puzzle
  - 32 Raised platform
  - 33 Dandy
  - 35 "Able was I — ..."
  - 36 Greek letter
  - 37 Enemy
  - 38 Flavoring plant

- 39 " — a Preacher Man"
- 42 Taught
- 44 Dry, said of wine
- 46 Blvds.
- 47 Coddle
- 50 Measure of length
- 53 Maple genus
- 54 — mater
- 57 Have being
- 58 Wrinkle
- 59 Made the same score
- 60 — Abner of comics
- 61 Circular current
- 62 Lab burner
- 63 Piano part
- DOWN**
- 1 Antiquity
  - 2 "La — Bonita"
  - 3 General practitioner
  - 4 Hammer-heads

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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T	A	R	D	E	L					
G	L	I	S	T	E	N	D	E	C	A
R	A	F	T	Y	E	T	O	N	E	
E	C	U	T	E	W	E	L	U	N	A
W	E	L	L	S	A	V	O	R	E	D
T	R	O	U	P	E	L	E	E	K	
M	O	A	N	O	V	A	L	O	A	F
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T	E	A	L	A	N	D	Y	S	E	W

- 5 Take it on the —
- 6 Goal
- 7 Investigate
- 8 Cower
- 9 Touch down
- 10 Monstrous one
- 11 Nobleman
- 19 Goddess of discord
- 21 "To — is human ..."
- 24 — of March
- 25 Alliance acronym
- 26 A bit wrong
- 27 Cheer
- 29 "Jack and the —"
- 30 Press
- 31 Farming need
- 34 — contra
- 38 Aspect
- 40 Fish hawk
- 41 Charge for service
- 43 Group of warships
- 45 Box
- 47 Wan
- 48 Sour substance
- 49 Darn
- 51 Canal in a song
- 52 Depend
- 55 Kindled
- 56 "Two and a Half —"

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## ALLEY OOP

SO, DOC, IF WE'RE STUCK IN A TIME LOOP, HOW DO WE GET OUT?

GOOD QUESTION, OOLA. WHATEVER WE DO, THOUGH, WE SHOULDN'T TOUCH THE DEVICE.

BUT WHY NOT? I'M EVER SO FUN. DON'T YOU LIKE ME?

WELL, IN THAT CASE...

ALLEY, NO!

BUT IT'S MY NEW BEST FRIEND!

## ARLO & JANIS

CHARCOAL BRIQUETTES WERE INVENTED BY HENRY FORD!

HE WASTED TO UTILIZE WOOD WASTE FROM EARLY AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION!

HIS CHARCOAL COMPANY BECAME KINGSFORD AND WAS EVENTUALLY SOLD OFF!

I'M SORRY! YOU HAVE TO TELL ME IF I'M MANSPLAINING OR MAKING CONVERSATION!

## BIG NATE

NEPHEW, I'D LIKE YOU TO DRAW A PORTRAIT OF ME THAT I CAN SEND TO EXOTICA?

YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S NAME IS EXOTICA?

ARE YOU SURE SHE'S A REAL PERSON?

OH, SHE'S REAL. BELIEVE ME.

AND SHE HAPPENS TO BE DESPERATELY IN LOVE WITH ME.

"DESPERATELY" SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT.

ONCE SHE GETS PAROLED, WE'RE GETTING MARRIED!

## THE BORN LOSER

HOW WAS WORK?

IT WAS A COMEDY OF ERRORS.

HOW DID VEEBLEFESTER HANDLE THAT?

HE HAS NO SENSE OF HUMOR. HE DOESN'T SEE THE COMEDY, JUST THE ERRORS!

## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

I'LL GO DOWNSTAIRS AND GET YOUR SUITCASES, GRAM.

DEAR ME. I HATE PACKING. I NEVER KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN.

SO... WHAT I'D BETTER DO IS HAVE SOME TEA.

I ALWAYS HAVE SOME TEA BEFORE I TACKLE A JOB. IT HELPS ME TO SORT OUT MY PLANS.

WHAT'S GRANDMA DOING?

...PUTTING ON HER THINKING CUP!

## FRANK & ERNEST

OH NO! HERE COMES THE BLACK WIDOW SPIDER AGAIN!

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## GARFIELD

ODIE IS MAD AT ME OVER SOMETHING I DID

I WISH HE'D TELL ME WHAT IT WAS

I'D LIKE TO DO IT AGAIN

## THE GRIZZWELLS

HAVE YOU SEEN PIERFBINT?

HE HAS HIS APPOINTMENT WITH THE ANIMAL THERAPIST TODAY

I'M AFRAID I CAN'T HELP YOU... YOU HAVE GENERIC PHOBIAS

## PEANUTS

MAY I ASK YOU SOMETHING?

WHY IS IT THAT YOU DON'T LOVE ME?

SOMETIMES I WISH I KNEW...

DON'T ANYBODY TELL HIM!!

## HERMAN

"I decided to save you the trouble of visiting me."

## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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**PREVIOUS SOLUTION**

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

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

## Flurry of new sounds drifts through quiet neighborhood

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I live in a lovely older neighborhood and have enjoyed wonderful neighbors over many years. The homes are close together with windows often left open in spring, summer and fall, as large shade trees keep our homes cool.

A couple of years ago, our longtime next-door neighbors moved, and a new neighbor, a single woman, moved in. She was quiet, and we would occasionally visit in the yard. Well, over the last few months, a "problem" has developed. This neighbor has a new male friend who is there much of the time. Since the new friend's arrival, loud moaning sounds frequently emanate from her home.

It quickly went from a bit funny to shocking to annoying. It's unbelievable how loud and prolonged the moaning sounds are, the "Oh, Gods," the slapping and spanking sounds, not to mention the frequent back-to-back sessions.

Other neighbors hear it and have commented, so it's not just we who are offended. One neighbor thought someone was in distress and almost called the police until another neighbor told her what it was. It has awakened us

and kept us up at night. Also of concern is that there are small children among our nearest neighbors.

Abby, is there anything you can suggest I do so our neighbor keeps her private business private without embarrassing or offending her? I would sure like to put an end to the auditory assault. -- KEPT AWAKE IN OHIO

DEAR KEPT AWAKE: Approach your neighbor privately and inform her that the sounds of her lovemaking are creating a disturbance not only for you, but also for the other neighbors. Tell her that one of them nearly called the cops, but someone was able to stop the person. Then suggest that when she entertains her gentleman caller, they close the windows, because not only are people scandalized, but there are children who can hear what's going on. Then cross your fingers. If the noise isn't abated, DO inform the authorities. Perhaps they can be more persuasive.

DEAR ABBY: I've been married to my husband for 40 (long) years. Whenever I do something wrong, I get a note on the kitchen counter. This has gone on for years and years. This is the note I woke up to this morning. "Why did you leave the light on in



**ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**

the garage? To burn it out to see what I would do? I will do nothing except go to the garage in daylight." He always makes it seem like I purposely do things. I'm tired of being treated like this. What is his problem? -- NOTES IN THE EAST

DEAR NOTES: I will assume you have addressed this directly with your husband. For whatever reason, he is hesitant to communicate with you face-to-face, which is why he resorts to notes on the kitchen counter. Instead of openly expressing his annoyance, he expresses it indirectly, which is the definition of passive-aggression. The next time it happens, call him on it -- and confront him directly.

# Lifestyle

## Celebrating Colorado's cultural heritage through folk and traditional arts projects

**CONTRIBUTED DENVER** — The Colorado Creative Industries (CCI) Division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) announced that 21 artists and art organizations across Colorado have been awarded Folk and Traditional Arts Project Grants.

These grants will help preserve, celebrate and document the local artistic traditions and heritage of unique Colorado communities. "By celebrating Colorado's folk and traditional arts, we preserve values and traditions that are passed from generation to generation," said OEDIT Director, Eve Lieberman. "The recipients announced today will help carry on the diversity, culture and heritage of Colorado communities, offering all of us the opportunity to realize the rich history our state holds."

The Folk and Traditional Arts Project Grants seek to enhance community well-being, cultural identity, economic vitality, and sense of place especially in areas that are often underrepresented in the contemporary art space. Funds will support the creation, presentation, or teaching of folk and traditional arts, and or the documentation of folk and cultural heritage through community archiving, oral histories, photojournalism, video or other creative works.

Among the recipients, the Spanish Peaks Community Foundation will use the grant funds to publish a cookbook of recipes and stories representing Huerfano County. As part of the grant's preservation efforts, all funded projects will be archived in the State Archives and made accessible to the public through History Colorado.

"Folk and traditional art is a vital and ever evolving artistic tradition that reflects the cultural life of a community. We are so pleased to see renewed interest nationwide in preserving these traditions and are proud to celebrate Colorado's many unique communities," said CCI Director, Josh Blanchard.

The Folk and Traditional Arts Grant was developed in response to a two-year planning process with a stakeholder group engaged in Colorado's folk arts. A total of \$61,940 is being awarded to 21 art-

ists and art organizations, funded in part by a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The recipients include:

- Alamosa County
- Adobe de Oro - Ballet Folklórico - \$3,000 - Semillas de la Tierra, the San Luis Valley's oldest Ballet Folklórico dance group, will offer a public performance and celebration.
- Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area - Hispanic Folk Dances - \$3,000 - For the production of a short documentary on the history of local folk dances and music within the San Luis Valley. The film will feature Los Vecinos Bailadores, a group of retired community members who practice and perform the Hispanic dances that have been staples of the community since Hispanics first settled in the San Luis Valley in the mid-nineteenth century.
- Costilla County
- Dana Maestas -



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Colcha embroidery by Josephine Lobato.

Documentary project - \$3,300 - «The Heritage Project – Recuerdos: Remembrances of Indo-Hispano Elders of the Rio Culebra Villages» is an oral history project documenting interviews of approximately five

to ten ancianos (elders) living in the San Luis de la Culebra villages of southern Colorado. Huerfano County

- Spanish Peaks Community Foundation - Saguache County
- HEART of Saguache - Colcha Embroidery

publication of a community cookbook highlighting the rich legacy that food represents in the folk and traditional arts of Huerfano County.

- \$3,000 - Free colcha embroidery workshop in Saguache, provided by the San Luis Valley Colcha Embroidery Project, a collaboration between HEART of Saguache, The Range, and artists in the San Luis Valley.

THIS COMMON OUTDOOR PLANT CAN HELP PREVENT SOIL EROSION, MAKE A HOME LOOK NICE, AND CLEAN THE AIR.

ANSWER: GRASS

### What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Dog rolling in grass 2. Flower in blue flower pot 3. Missing plant on cart 4. Tree has an extra branch

### THIS DAY IN...



### HISTORY

- 1803: THOUSANDS OF METEOR FRAGMENTS FALL FROM THE SKIES OF L'AIGLE, FRANCE. THIS CONVINCES SCIENTISTS THAT METEORS EXIST.
- 1900: FIRES CONSUME THE CANADIAN CITIES OF OTTAWA AND HULL, DESTROYING THEM IN 12 HOURS.
- 1954: THE FIRST CLINICAL TRIALS OF JONAS SALK'S POLIO VACCINE BEGIN.



### LAWN

an area of short, mown grass in a yard

### How they SAY that in...

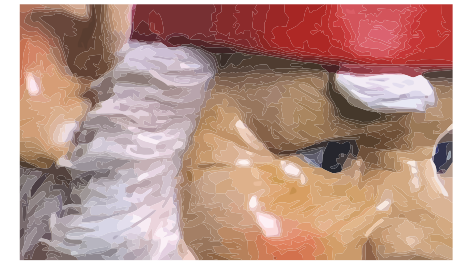
- ENGLISH:** Mow
- SPANISH:** Cortar
- ITALIAN:** Falciare
- FRENCH:** Tondre
- GERMAN:** Mähen

### Did you Know?

CENTRE COURT AT WIMBLEDON IN ENGLAND IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE LAWN IN THE WORLD. THIS TENNIS COURT REQUIRES A LOT OF UPKEEP.



### GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: GARDEN GNOME



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