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**SLV Today**

**Prison Education Program Scholarship established by Tandbergs**  
By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

**ALAMOSA** — On Dec. 15, 2022, Adams State University President David and Darin Tandberg attended a graduation ceremony that inspired an entirely new perspective on receiving a college diploma. The Adams State Prison Education Program (PEP) held a small ceremony at the Territorial Facility in Canon City. "I wore my full commencement regalia as I conferred bachelor and master degrees to the incarcerated population. It was incredibly powerful," President Tandberg said. "Adams State provides opportunity for upward mobility and personal achievement and these graduates had the strongest barriers and toughest road towards that end."

A PEP student told Tandberg, "What I wear every day in prison reminds me of the worse day of my life. Today, my graduation gown represents the very best day of my life."

Students must be registered at least half-time (6 credit hours) within the Prison Education Program (PEP) upon first award; be a full-time Colorado resident; maintain a minimum GPA of 3.2; and demonstrate financial need to be eligible for the Dr. David and Ms. Darin Tandberg Scholarship for the Prison Education Program. If an awardee is released from prison prior to degree completion, the scholarship may transfer to another Adams State University online or on-campus degree program.

"Social science research has shown those who earn a degree are much less likely to return to prison," President Tandberg added. "This class of Adams State alumni demonstrated grit to overcome their barriers and focus on obtaining their goal of becoming a college graduate and a better life."

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## Adams State Theatre premieres 'Knocking on the Devil's Door'

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

**ALAMOSA** — Isaac Anthony Sisneros wrote and directed "Knocking on the Devil's Door," based on his experiences as a young adult. The Monte Vista native was inspired by a song to turn his story into a play and hopes his production will inspire others to follow their creative ideas. The Adams State University Theatre production opens at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, in the Xperimental Theatre.

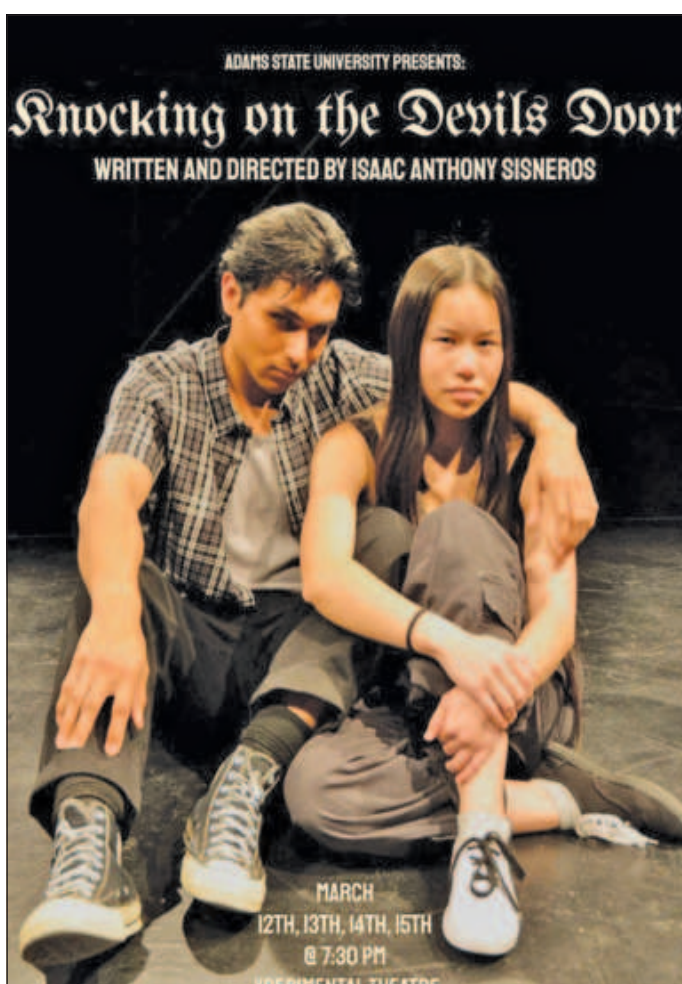
Sisneros developed the semi-autobiographic play for personal reasons.

"It's based on how I grew up. What I saw, heard, and experienced as a teenager," he said.

The song, "Real Gangsta,"  
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**'Knocking on the Devil's Door' opens March 12 in the Adams State University Xperimental Theatre.**

Courtesy photo



Courtesy of History Colorado  
Visitors to the Fort Garland Museum can view *Tierra o Muerte* by Emanuel Martinez and many other works as part of the ¡Viva La Causa! Long Live the Cause! The Art of Change exhibit through May 11.

**¡Viva La Causa! Long Live the Cause! The Art of Change exhibit in Fort Garland**  
*History Colorado*

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FORT GARLAND — A new exhibition highlighting the intersections of art and  
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## Vermiculture class on March 17 at Alamosa greenhouse



CONTRIBUTED  
**ALAMOSA** — Let's get green with a worm workshop offered by the Alamosa Community Greenhouse on Sunday, March 17, at 2 p.m., 1201 Edison Ave. Vermiculture, also known as worm composting or vermicomposting, uses worms to convert organic waste into nutrient-rich compost for plants. This is a way to reduce waste, improve soil health, and create a sustainable gardening practice.

The workshop will be hands-on with plenty of information and discussion about raising, caring for and harvesting worms. Bring a container and come ready to get your hands dirty.

Call Tom Wallis, resident worm expert, for more information, 719-992-1478.

The Community Greenhouse is a non-profit organic garden educational facility. Donations will be accepted.

**The Alamosa Community Greenhouse is the place to be on March 17 at 2 p.m., to learn the latest techniques of worm composting. The greenhouse is located at 1201 Edison Ave. in Alamosa.**

Courier photo by John Waters

## Dedicated crew of Saguache Firewise has productive season

By DANIEL JOHNSON  
*Saguache County Firewise*

**SAGUACHE COUNTY** — It's been a highly productive fall and winter for the Saguache County Firewise Program, in its 15th year, mainly due to the skills and dedication of the workforce.

Kevin Matz, the Baca Assistant Fire Chief, was instrumental in helping do assessments and complete hands-on mitigation projects since we were funded again back in September. His chainsaw talents and ability to jump into the Site Boss role when we got spread out and split the crew made us versatile and his calm and detailed choice  
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**Saguache Firewise crew; Left to Right, Benjamin Antoniewicz, Jake Marcus, Cory Wolfe, Daniel Johnson Kevin Matz.**

Photo courtesy of Saguache Firewise



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# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Yolanda Pepita Duncan

On Feb. 29, 2024, our amazing sister, Tia, niece, cousin, friend, Yolanda Duncan, has joined her beloved son, Tomas, in heaven. Yolanda was born on Sept. 29, 1957, in Alamosa, Colo., to Amadeo and Pepita Martinez.

Yolanda was a force of nature, the life of the party, she was a friend to all, with a personality bigger than life. Tia Yoli loved children and all children loved her. She loved her nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews more than life itself. She greeted each friend or stranger with a smile and a story and if there were children around, she took off to play with them.

Yolanda married the love of her life, Dave and together they built a thriving business, San Luis Valley Title. They traveled the world together and had many wonderful adventures.

Yolanda is survived by



her siblings, Fernando Martinez, Bernadette Lucero (Ron) and Roberta Martinez. Her Nieces and Nephews, Elina Martinez, Ronnie Lucero (Amber), Christina Lucero (Eddie), Avelina Martinez, Marcelo Martinez (Nancy), Carlos Martinez, Rafael Martinez (Luci), Ismael Sandoval (Nicole), Andrew Sandoval (Desiree) special niece, Charlie Valencia, and her great nieces and nephews Gabriel, Dominik, Isiah, Victoria, Ricardo, Adela, Angelo, Liana, Emilio, Amelia,

Enrique, Valeria, Aziel, Priscilla, Liliana, Arryn, James and Luke.

She was preceded in death by her son, Tomas Mondragon, husband David Duncan, her parents Amadeo and Pepita Martinez, her brother, Lorenzo Martinez, niece, Little Pepita Martinez, nephew, Little Emanuel Martinez, her sister-in-law, Priscilla Martinez, nephew, Luis Sandoval and numerous family members

Rosary will be held on Friday, March 15, at 6 p.m. at Romero Funeral Home in Alamosa, Colo. Funeral services will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Alamosa, Colo., on Saturday March 16, beginning with a Eulogy at 10:45 a.m. and Mass will start at 11 a.m. Reception to follow at the Parish Hall next to the church.

Arrangements are in the care of Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa, Colo.

### Paul E. Widhalm

Paul E. Widhalm passed away on March 7, 2024, at his home.

Paul was born in Monte Vista on Oct. 10, 1944, to John and Iris Widhalm. Much of Paul's younger years were working on the family ranch in Monte Vista and Center. He was always involved in sports and played basketball, football, baseball, and softball. He graduated from Center High School in 1963. He then attended Adams State College and was a kicker on the football team, graduating with a BA in Science in 1968.

Paul began teaching in the Sargent School District after graduation. He had a true passion for firefighting and dedicated his life to that commitment. He served as a volunteer firefighter and as Alamosa Fire Chief. Paul served in different positions within the State Firefighters Association and served as President in 1983. He worked in the insurance business, working with fire departments and municipalities



until his retirement. Paul was active in the Alamosa Elks Lodge and served as a Past Exalted Ruler.

After retirement, he enjoyed hunting, golf, friends, family, and travel with his wife. He had a love for music and enjoyed singing.

Paul married Lois on Sept. 4, 1976. Together they combined families and raised three children. They also have six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Paul is survived by his wife Lois; his children Kristie Reynolds, Lori

Maul and Brad Widhalm (Trish); his siblings Tom Widhalm, Don Widhalm (Gwen), Mick Widhalm (Pat), and Billy Widhalm (Janet). He is survived by many nephews and nieces, as well as many cousins and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, brothers Dale Widhalm and Ken Widhalm, and sisters Thelma Turney and Pat Malouff.

Cremation was chosen and a Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. Contributions are suggested to the Alamosa Firefighters Association, on behalf of retired Fire Chief Paul Widhalm, P.O. Box 419, Alamosa, Colorado 81101 or to the American Heart Association and may be made here: <https://www.heart.org/en/get-involved/ways-to-give>.

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

### Mario Modesto Gutierrez

Mario Modesto Gutierrez, 41, passed away Feb. 27, 2024, at Swedish Medical Center in Englewood, Colo., surrounded by his sister and two brothers. Born the second baby boy to Mike and Joya Gutierrez on July 5, 1982, in Monte Vista, Mario was the definition of a "momma's boy."

His "Uncle Peck" always remembers Mario being able to update everyone on the current stats for all of the sports teams and always tending to his youngest brother Marty when they would go on their bike rides.

Mario was known for having a kind gentle spirit by his teachers and full of life and extremely loved by classmates. Everyone always knew that when they saw Michael, Mario was not too far behind. Just like all the other Gutierrez kids, Mario was known by some of his many nicknames such as OD, Podge, Mariacho, #2, and a few others that might not be appropriate for a newspaper.

In 2001, Mario graduated from Monte Vista High School, packed all of his belongings and moved to Phoenix, Ariz., where he found his passion for cooking. Side note, Mario's love language was cooking up a big meal (preferably Spaghetti) or having a BBQ with friends and family any chance he was able to. He spent several years working for UPS and later moved on to managing a



Subway.

In 2020, Mario moved back to Monte Vista to spend time with family. He had a passion for helping others and always wanted to make his family proud. Within the last two years of his life, Mario was living in Boulder, Colo., where he was working on bettering himself. Although life became hard and he struggled to find peace, Mario was able to make his siblings proud by accomplishing a huge goal of sobriety.

Losing Mario is a heartbreak that will never mend but knowing that he was able to help three other individuals to gain new life is something that we will always hold close to our hearts.

Mario was survived by his three siblings Michael (Erica) Gutierrez of Alamosa, Nick (Hailey) Gutierrez of Phoenix, Ariz., and Rachael (Lucus) Torres of Monte Vista; Sister in law Christy Whiteside; Grandmother Martha Salazar of Monte Vista; Paternal Uncles

Tom (Kathy) Gutierrez of Greeley, Phil (Bernie) Gutierrez of California, Pat (Bernice) Gutierrez of Monte Vista, Rose (Andy) Sanchez of Arizona; Maternal aunt and uncle Joey Salazar of New Mexico and Josette (Louie) Borrego of New Mexico; "Uncle Peck" Bob Martinez of Monte Vista; nieces and nephews Sierra Whitaker, Mia Gutierrez, Karsynn, Maverick and Declan Torres, Henley Gutierrez and Harper Porrello; Modesto, Mari, and Madison Gutierrez, several cousins and many friends.

Mario was preceded in death by his parents Mike and Joya Gutierrez, Brother Marty Gutierrez, Grandparents Juanita and Claude Gutierrez and Modesto Salazar, three Uncles Jan and Jerry Salazar and Claude Jr Gutierrez, Aunt Jessica Simmons.

A Recitation of the Rosary will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Monte Vista, Colo., on Sunday, March 10, 2024, at 6 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2024, at 10 a.m. also at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Monte Vista. Burial of ashes will follow at the Rock Creek Cemetery.

The family is requesting any monetary donations be sent to Romero Funeral Home or contact Michael Gutierrez.

Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa is in care of arrangements.

### Haley Rae Quintana

Haley Rae Quintana passed away peacefully on March 4, 2024, in Colorado Springs, Colo., at the age of 39. Born on July 2, 1984, in Alamosa, Colo., to Charlie and Judy Jackson, Haley's vibrant spirit brought joy to all who knew her.

Haley's life was a testament to her adventurous and loving nature. She moved to Arizona and married Ronald Boehm in 2005 with three children being born to this union. Ronald passed away in 2013. Haley then returned to live in Alamosa after his death.

In 2015, she met her future husband, Jeremy Quintana. They were married in May of 2015. She shared a beautiful life with her devoted husband and together they blended a family that was the center of her world. She was a cherished mother to Kaidence, Brooklyn, and Samuel Boehm, and a stepmother to Jace and Jayla Quintana, all of whom she adored and supported in every endeavor. Her love extended to her parents Charlie and Judy Jackson of Alamosa; her grandmother, Georgia Mauth of Alamosa, and her siblings, Heidi (Michael) Walker of Albuquerque, N.M., Connie (Michael) Slade of Spanish Forks, Utah, Tassie (Chris) Crowder of Monte Vista, Melissa (Brandon) Medina of Alamosa, Colo., and Kim (Dale) Jordan of Alamosa, Colo., and numerous nieces and nephews, who will miss her deeply.

Haley went to school in Alamosa graduating from Alamosa High school, in 2003. She graduated from the University of Phoenix, in 2015, earning a Bachelor's degree in Edu-



cation, a field where she could share her passion for learning and creativity with others. Her interests were as diverse as her talents, ranging from watching sporting events, especially those involving her family, to expressing her artistic side through acrylic painting. She found joy in life's simple pleasures, such as getting her nails done, driving her truck, and indulging in arts and crafts.

A collector of crystals and a fan of scary movies, Haley knew how to balance her interests with a sense of fun. She was competitive at heart, whether playing cornhole or engaging in board games of any kind. Her love for the outdoors was evident in her enthusiasm for hunting, camping, hiking, and riding four-wheelers. She also had a humorous side, often making light-hearted jests about her husband Jeremy's Ford trucks.

Haley's nurturing spirit shone through in the care she took of her flowers and the time she spent outside, embracing the beauty of nature. Her parents-in-law, Leroy and Sally Quintana, brothers-in-law Jared (Linda Silva) Quintana and Jason (Ashley) Quintana, along with many extended family, and friends, will forever hold

memories of Haley's loving, adventurous, and creative soul in their hearts.

Haley chose to be an organ donor to honor her daughter Brooklyn, who had been a recipient of donated organs herself. Due to this decision, (4) separate individuals have benefited from her selfless gift.

Haley was preceded in death by her first husband Ronald Boehm; her grandfather Rudy Mauth, her grandparents Eldon and Nola Jackson, her aunt Veretta Jackson, and her brother-in-law Kourtney Lake.

A Visitation will be held Thursday, March 14, 2024, from 6-8 p.m. at the Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa. A Funeral Service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 15, 2024, at the Rock Creek Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3rd and Richardson streets, in Alamosa. Interment will follow services in the Uracca Pioneer Cemetery on Mount Blanca. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the American Heart Association and may be made here: [www.heart.org/en/get-involved/ways-to-give](http://www.heart.org/en/get-involved/ways-to-give).

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

## BIRTH

### Aceson Kyrie Martinez

Aceson Kyrie Martinez was born on Feb. 22, 2024, at SLV Health in Alamosa to Brittany and Robby Martinez of Alamosa.

Aceson was 18 inches and weighed 6 pounds and 3 ounces at birth. Siblings are Ezequiel, Camden, and Danielle.

Grandparents are Tamara and Gerald Martinez of Alamosa and Shirley and Floyd Martinez of Monte Vista.

## South Fork plans for spring activities beginning with annual Easter Egg Hunt

By LYNDSIE FERRELL

**SOUTH FORK** — The South Fork Visitor Center in partnership with the Rio Grande Club and Resort are starting the resort season in South Fork with their annual Easter Egg Hunt. This event is an area favor-

ite, offering a wonderful chance to welcome spring with some family fun.

The Rio Grande Club and Resort, with help from the South Fork Visitor Center, are planning to transform a portion of the golf course with an array of colorful Easter eggs, games and activi-

ties for the entire family to enjoy.

On March 30 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., children ages 10 and younger can come to the driving range at the Rio Grande Club and Resort to say hello to the Easter Bunny, hunt for eggs and enjoy several games and prizes.

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## School Menu Monday March 11, 2024

### BREAKFAST

Cereal/Graham Crackers

Fruit & Milk

### ELEMENTARY

Chicken Slider on a Bun/Pickle

Waffle Fries

Veggie Bar

Fruit & Milk

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Waffle Fries

Veggie Bar

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# Valley News

## Adopt a Park and Trail meeting



Courier photo by John Waters

**ALAMOSA — Are you interested in adopting a local Park or Trail? Join Alamosa Parks and Recreation on March 14 or 21 at 7 p.m., at the Alamosa Family Recreation Center, 2222 Old Sanford Rd. They will be sharing information about the new Adopt-A-Park and Trail Program. For more information, get in touch with our Outdoor Recreation Supervisor at [sslyuter@ci.alamosa.co.us](mailto:sslyuter@ci.alamosa.co.us). Join representatives from Alamosa Parks and Recreation on March 14, and find out how you can help the city maintain parks and trails.**



Photo courtesy of Saguache Firewise

## Season

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of tactics kept everyone safe.

The second Baca supervisor, Benjamin Antoniewicz who brought his knowledge of wildfire management after two years on the San Juan Hotshot Crew home to share. He split his time between the Greenbelt project and lot mitigation equally and stepped into the site boss position whenever needed.

This past winter, Cody Wolfe braved the biting cold winds and swirling snow on almost every project. He became proficient in ignitions to help folks with their pile burns. He literally moved tons of cut materials to piles or trailers to haul to the mitigation pit and has begun his apprenticeship in wildfire chainsaw use.

Grace Puchtel joined us last summer and became a regular on Firewise projects and is a great asset to the program.

Joshua Fruland made sure the Greenbelt crew had enough folks to operate before joining the lot crew. Wherever he

worked, a lot of slash was moved with his signature strap and drag technique. He is also becoming a skilled sawyer.

Our meticulous equipment officer, Jake Marcus, arrived every morning a half hour early to do rig checks and equipment rehab. Whenever needed for a large project, he swung off the Greenbelt crew to do whatever job was necessary. His chainsaw techniques vastly improved this year and I figure he'll make his FAL2 qualifications in the next year or so.

Stevio Hirsch drives the ambulance, day or night, rushing to help folks through some of their darkest moments. When available, he added his saw skills to projects, until a call for help came and he high-tailed it to get the ambo.

Another EMS responder is Quinn Kenny. He fit in with the crew and learned quickly how we run our dynamic work environment safely, adding his emergency coverage to our projects.

Angie Geis is a great organizer who works in the office one day and help swamp in the field

the next. Most of us crave working outdoors and are grateful for those who can sit in front of a computer, which is a vital part of the job. She has a standing invitation to work with my crew anytime she needs to get outdoors and get 'er done.

The Firewise program has been augmented by a few others on occasion this past year. Alexandra Woods, is mainly an EMS person and admin worker, who plans to pursue fire communications but managed to join us a couple times. Popular musician Marcus Daniels was hired on a week-long private job since he is waiting for an opening on the fire department. Former fire chief Ben Brack helped us whenever we hit a huge job and he was available and even Kevin "Popeye" McConnauhay managed to leave his usual Greenbelt Site Boss position for a day on one of the retreat center jobs.

Gratitude to our county commissioners who have supported and funded the Firewise program since its conception. Thank all of you for making Saguache County a safer place to live.

## Museum

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activism is at the Fort Garland Museum and Cultural Center through May 11.

Using artwork created at the peak of two social justice movements — the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s and '70s and the Black Lives Matter movement in the early 2020s — ¡Viva La Causa! Long Live the Cause! The Art of Change explores themes of identity, equality, and courage in the face of injustices.

"This exhibition reflects the struggles of many who have spoken against social inequities; while celebrating the artists who have documented pivotal moments in history," said Lucha Martinez de Luna, Associate Curator of Hispano, Chicano, Latino History and Culture. "Artwork displayed in ¡Viva La Causa! helps instill a sense of hope and perseverance in the many who sacrifice and continue to advocate for a just and equitable future."

With more than two dozen pieces of art, spanning multiple mediums and materials, ¡Viva La Causa! Long Live the Cause! The Art of Change features bold declarations, provocative imagery, and striking narratives. Visitors to the exhibition will engage with the legacy of social justice movements in Colorado while also investigating the ways artistic creations reflect and inform the identities of social movements and the people behind those movements.

"Social justice activism is one of the prominent threads that weaves Colorado into what it is today, and in every generation, artists create works as a form of protest," Martinez de Luna said. "Through art, activists address the struggle for social justice and equality, encourage social change, and memorialize causes and individuals which have defined the modern world."

Included in the art display in ¡Viva La Cau-



Courtesy of History Colorado

**'George Floyd, I Am the Golden Straw that Broke the Back of Injustice' by Jodie Herrera is on display at the Fort Garland Museum.**

sa! are the works of:

Internationally acclaimed muralist, painter and sculptor Emanuel Martinez who has created iconic artwork that serves as some of the most famous iconography for the Chicano/a/x rights movement

Jodie Herrera, a painter, muralist, and activist (artist + activist) who is best known for creating semi-photorealistic oil paintings of remarkable women as well as murals that reflect the social justice issues of the time and space in which they are created

Denver-based photographer Juan Fuentes who has documented the gentrification of Black and Latino neighborhoods in his hometown as well as prominent protests against police brutality, including the George Floyd protests of 2020

Floyd Tunson, a highly regarded artist in the Rocky Mountain region who creates art that explores the realities of racial injustice and systemic racism faced by communities of Color

¡Viva La Causa! Long Live the Cause! The Art of Change is open now through May 11. at the

Fort Garland Museum and Cultural Center in Fort Garland. The Fort Garland Museum and Cultural Center is located at 29477 Colorado Highway 159 and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission for kids 18 and under is free every day.

For individuals interested in further exploring ¡Viva La Causa! Long Live the Cause! The Art of Change, Fort Garland Museum and Cultural Center will hold a panel discussion on Saturday, May 11. Lucha Martinez de Luna, Associate Curator of Hispano, Chicano, Latino History and Culture at History Colorado, will lead this discussion alongside several contributing artists with works in the exhibition.

About the Fort Garland Museum and Cultural Center Fort Garland was built in 1858, 10 years after the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, during American expansion into the west. Today, visitors can explore life in a nineteenth century military fort by walking the parade grounds and touring five of the original adobe buildings.

## Theatre

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by SPM, sparked the idea to write the play.

"The character, Tony, is 18, and looking back on what happened in his life in the late 2000s," he said.

Here in the San Luis Valley, there are not a lot of stories, especially theatre productions that address a young person's experiences.

"My playwrighting and directing debut acknowledges where I am from, and I hope it in-

spires others to pursue their own creative endeavors while acknowledging where they are from," he said.

Sisneros enjoyed working with the actors and helping them bring their characters to life.

Although he did not enroll at Adams State as a theatre major, a first-year seminar professor encouraged him to be a part of the theatre community.

"Associate Professor Gerke made me realize I could express my creativity as a technician and over time

I ingrained myself in the program," Sisneros said.

"Knocking on the Devil's Door" continues at 7:30 p.m. March 13 through March 15, in the Adams State Experimental Theatre. Tickets are \$13 for general public and free to Associated Students and Faculty with current Adams State identification. Tickets can be purchased online at [theatre.adams.edu](http://theatre.adams.edu); by calling 719-587-8499; or visiting the box office, open 3 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## March

SUNDAY • 10	MONDAY • 11	TUESDAY • 12	WEDNESDAY • 13	THURSDAY • 14	FRIDAY • 15	SATURDAY • 16
Baseball vs Regis University DH 12 p.m. Baseball Field	Summer Registration Begins	Lacrosse vs William Jewell College (Mo.) 1 p.m. Lacrosse Field <b>Play: Knocking on the Devil's Door</b> 7:30 p.m. Xperimental Theatre 719-587-8499	SLV High School Spring Career Fair: 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Plachy Field House <b>Kindred Spirits Luncheon: Cultural Awareness and Support of Native Students</b> Bill Tite, MFA, 12 p.m. SUB Banquet Hall <b>Zacheis Planetarium Free Movies:</b> 5:30 p.m. <i>Solar Superstorms and To Space and Back</i> <b>Play: Knocking on the Devil's Door</b> 7:30 p.m. Xperimental Theatre	Lacrosse vs Quincy University 3 p.m. Lacrosse Field <b>Zacheis Planetarium Free Movies:</b> 5:30 p.m. <i>Lamps of Atlantis and Seeing</i> <b>Faculty Lecture: What Having Adventures Taught Me About Life and Education</b> Wil Rickards 6 p.m. McDaniel Hall 101 Free <b>Play: Knocking on the Devil's Door</b> 7:30 p.m. Xperimental Theatre	<b>Play: Knocking on the Devil's Door</b> Written and Directed by Isaac Sisneros 7:30 p.m. Xperimental Theatre 719-587-8499	<a href="http://www.adams.edu">www.adams.edu</a>
<p>Through April 2, 2024</p> <p><b>Cloyde Snook Gallery:</b> <i>hum/swell - a meditative multimedia journey</i> Lares Feliciano and Bothe Kretsinger</p> <p><b>Hatfield Gallery:</b> <i>Bizarre</i> Adams State Art Faculty &amp; Students</p> <p><b>Gallery Hours:</b> 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday</p>						
					<p><b>CASA Center After Hours:</b> Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Games Yoga Dancing Cooking</p>	



# Opinion

## The Science Fair village

I had the privilege and honor to, once again, serve as a judge at the San Luis Valley Regional Science Fair on Jan. 14 and 15. What a show it was! There is a certain level of respect to be given just knowing it was the 75th year of the Fair and, if my memory serves me well, we are told it is the oldest in Colorado! But, as impressive as that is, that wasn't the show. It was the dedicated, enthusiastic, nervous, brave, excited, and amazing students that impressed me, just as they always do.

Over 200 students participated in eleven categories ranging from Environmental Science to Chemistry to Biomedical to Behavioral Science. You only need to think for a moment to guess which category I was attached to. I have judged science fairs in various locations around the state and I never limit my curiosity and make it a point go exploring out of my division. After I completed the judging duties in the Junior Environmental Science division, I perused the floor, stopping at random projects and chatting with the students. Still impressed. Perhaps even more. I noted one project in which the student was developing a fall detection device that summoned help from local authorities upon activation. I think about the practical application of that project and encouraged that student to stay with the project. It turns out that the divisional judges were also impressed, and the student advanced to the state competition and further onto the international competition as well!

Speaking of the state competition, two other students quite close to me also advanced to present their projects among the best students in Colorado. Monte Vista senior Gus Miller was recognized with the "Best Paper" award for his Chemistry project. Gus has participated in science fairs since the sixth grade, and he finally met his goal with that honorable distinction. I won't embarrass myself by trying to explain Mr. Miller's project. Chemistry has never been a strong subject for me.

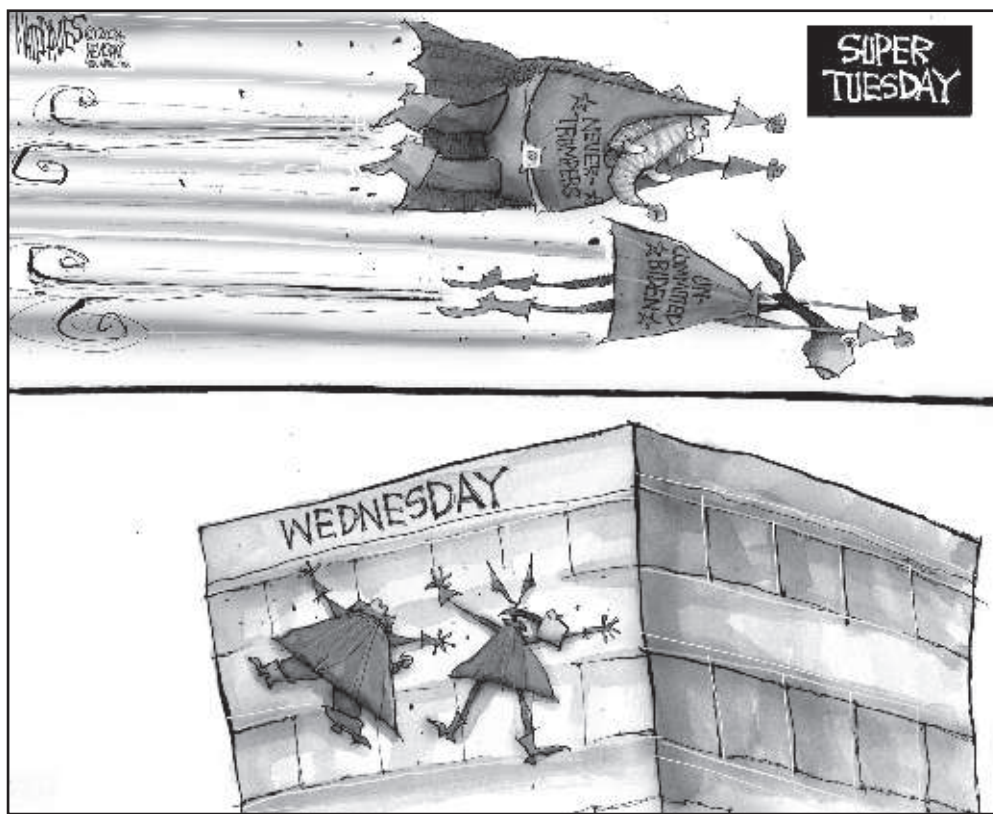
Valerie Goodland, another Monte Vista senior (and my daughter), placed first in the Senior Environmental Science Division with a project that explored removing plastic particulates from our municipal water sources. Again, I see great potential for a practical application that could benefit society. The projects I mention here only scratch the surface of projects that I saw that we should all recognize as important enough to support further exploration.

I hope you are asking yourself, "so why is it important to support these students in science fair?" Our students' young minds have not been jaded by the many things

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that make up an adult's life experiences. They are ambitious, eager, and open-minded enough to take these massive challenges head on. They are curious enough to ask questions and willing to work hard to seek out the answers. They are ambitious enough to seek out and explore the application of data from thousands of publicly available sources. They are not daunted by the possibility that their analysis may not support their hypothesis. By supporting the science fair students, we foster the courage to tackle those complex and sometimes scary ideas they've been long thinking about or have just thought of. Above all, the process promotes and develops critical thinking in the minds of our future. As our youth develop their critical thinking abilities, I imagine positive advancements in every field we work in, not just those represented at the fair.

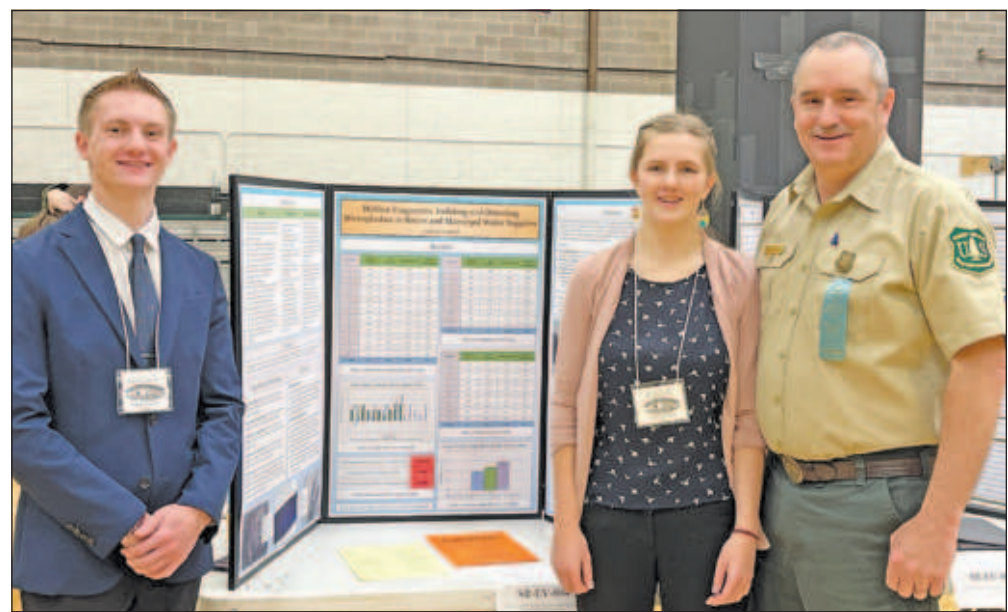
The Rio Grande National Forest wholeheartedly supports the science fair. This year, we had five Forest Service employees serving as judges. From our point of view, the investment is in our local youth and future land stewards of your public lands. While I won't speak for them, but I suspect that the other federal agencies here in the valley also support the fair similarly, since I saw representation from literally every agency I can think of. I'll conclude by extending my gratitude to Fair Director, Lucy Adams, for her tireless dedication, to the Fair Board for their endless support, my fellow judges, and the amazing support of the fair from our communities. You've heard the old African proverb "it takes a village to raise a child." From my perspective and in terms of science fairs, there is no other village I'd rather be in.

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Rio Grande National Forest 2024 Science Fair Judges from left: Brandon Skerbetz, Doug Clark, Rachel Hosna, Gregg Goodland, and Jason Remshardt.



Monte Vista Seniors Gus Miller and Valerie Goodland stand in front of Valerie's display board with the author.

## March 1924 — 100 years ago in the San Luis Valley

By BARBARA KRUSE

**SAN LUIS VALLEY** — Was there any mention about Sand Hill Cranes in the March 1924 newspaper? No. Today, we have the Monte Vista Crane Festival that draws birders from across the country to the San Luis Valley.

Heavy snow in mid-March from Alamosa to Creede closed schools and roads. The heavy snowfall ensures the valley excellent crop conditions for this year.

The Monte Vista Journal featured many pontificating segments: "The people of this great country need to be reminded from time to time, usually prior to an election, that America is not going to the dogs." "Men who work hard and live sparingly are seldom or never troubled by low spirits." "It is not so much the high cost of living that is hard to meet as it is the cost of high living." "One swallow does not make a spring." "The public is beginning to tire of mudslinging and wish congress would resume the function for which members were elected." "The Power above gave us this beautiful planet that we might take care of it and find happiness in the process."

Formaldehyde and Corrosive Sublimant (mercury chloride) now available at Fuller Drug. The Ag College recommended a mixture of one pint formaldehyde in 40 gallons of water. "Spread grain on clean canvas and apply with an ordinary sprinkling can until moist enough to pack in the hand. Cover with canvas and leave overnight. It is necessary to plant the next day to avoid sprouting."

Movie admission tickets 20¢ for kids, 40¢ adults. A different movie each day of the week. Good, clean comedy is showing again, Daddy Long Legs with Mary Pickford.

The First Church of Christ on 4th and Ross in Alamosa announced a free lecture on Christian Science.

"How can we afford permanent pastureland when land is worth \$200/acre?" Practically every farm has a patch of wasteland not suitable for potatoes, wheat, or alfalfa. Here in the Valley that means low-lying seep land. You can replace foxtail with grasses that will drive it out, like red top, timothy grass and sweet clover. These mixtures prove successful. A quarter ton of poisoned oats is ready for

distribution. Scatter a small amount on the ground a few feet from the entrance to a prairie dog burrow."

Current clubs for boys and girls: Poultry, Forestry, Farm Accounts, Baking, Sewing, Pig, Calf, and Potato Club. Call up the county agent and the rest will be attended to.

The dedication of the Methodist Episcopal Church building in Monte Vista took place March 16, 1924. For those who wish to bring their lunch and remain for the day, warm coffee will be provided. The church can accommodate 900 people.

A.E.Green general store in Antonito was destroyed by fire with estimated loss of \$65,000. Twenty-one tons of newly flaked potato meal was destroyed by the water that put out a fire of unknown origin at the Potato Flour Mill.

A sensational disturbance in Del Norte over installing water meters suggested by the town board. It has been whispered however the real issue has to do with anti-American Legion demonstrations with pro-German influence.

A request was made to city council that all public dances close at 12:00 on Satur-

day nights.

Happy Home house dresses were advertised for 98¢. Men's fancy oxfords \$5.50. Hotpoint curling iron for bobbed or shingled hair- \$1.50 down and \$1.00/month for 5 months. Nine types of corsets were available at Fassetts. Grapefruit 1¢, Bacon 23¢/pound, Quick Quaker Oats 30¢.

A rabies infected wolf appeared on the streets of Fort Garland. It was shot after it killed a dog. The head was sent to the Bureau of Animal Industry in Denver and was confirmed to have unmistakable signs of rabies. Wolves are uncommon in the SLV.

Potato advice: 1. Select seed carefully 2. River bottom loam best for Russet, heavier Conejos soil good yield for Peach Blows 3. Rotate best after alfalfa 4. Send to market the type you desire for your table 5. Use clean, new bags 6. Cultivate frequently. Irrigate more and irrigate less. Potato roots grow 3-4 feet. When the water table comes above 3 feet it rots off the ends of the roots."

Acting on a tip, 2:30 a.m. delivery of booze on a back porch resulted in an arrest at 6:00 am. A man was sentenced to 120 days in jail and \$250 fine. However, in another article the paper insinuated that the District Attorney was not handing out equal punishment. A Mexican found with a pint bottle was given a penitentiary sentence while another proven guilty of selling whiskey to five boys gets off lightly.

While Democrats were considering five different candidates, Coolidge loomed as the most possible presidential candidate for Republicans. Not because party leaders want him but simply because he is President, and no other Republican has enough popular appeal.

Everyone that had been in the hospital was reported and everyone who bought a Ford automobile was listed in the paper and what model they bought.

Eventually every part of this world will talk to every other part through the air.

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# Religion

## Evangelicals' and Catholics' shared tensions on immigration

Year after year, the World Day of Migrants and Refugees includes a Vatican sermon with the pope quoting the words of Jesus, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me," or similar messages from Scripture.



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"We are called to show maximum respect for the dignity of each migrant; this entails accompanying and managing waves of migration as best we can," said Pope Francis in 2023. "In whatever place we decide to build our future, in the country of our birth or elsewhere, the important thing is that there always be a community ready to welcome, protect, promote and integrate everyone, without distinctions and without excluding anyone."

That's half of the Catholic equation on this hot-button issue in North America and around the world. But there is also an authoritative doctrinal word of caution. The Catholic Catechism teaches: "The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security

and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin.

Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible, may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions. ... Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens."

There is no way to eliminate this tension, noted David P. Deavel, who leads the theology department at the University of St. Thomas in Houston.

"There is no formula in Catholic social principles for how this is supposed to get done, in terms of politics or public life," he said, reached by telephone. In Catholic doctrine, there is "certainly an obligation to allow immigration and to help immigrants. But there is no obligation to take in everyone under every circumstance."

It's significant that similar tensions surface in a new Lifeway Research study of American Evan-

gelical views on immigration, including questions raised by Office of Homeland Security claims that there have been at least 6.3 million migrant encounters along the U.S. southern border during President Joe Biden's administration. Officials believe 2.4 million migrants have entered the country during this time, while critics insist the number is closer to 10 million.

The bottom line: Evangelicals want Congress "to act this year to improve laws around immigration." Other survey findings include:

-- Half of those polled believe the new wave of immigrants will be "a drain on economic resources," and 37% said it poses a threat to "law and order" as well as to public safety. But 39% saw immigration numbers as an opportunity to show Christian compassion, and 82% said they would welcome sermons that applied "biblical principles" to immigration issues.

-- Concerning legal immigration, around 60% said current numbers are appropriate, with 23% backing an annual increase and 21% calling for a decrease. There was near universal support (93%) for legislation that "respects the rule of

law," promises "fairness to taxpayers" (93%) and "respects the God-given dignity of every person" (91%).

-- A large majority (71%) said "the U.S. has a moral responsibility to accept refugees," especially those fleeing persecution (72%). Just over half (55%) said "Christians have a responsibility to assist immigrants" even if here illegally.

-- Meanwhile, 78% said they would support new immigration laws that "increase border security and establish a process for those who are currently in the U.S. illegally to earn legal status and apply for

citizenship if they pay a fine, pass a criminal background check and complete other requirements" during a probation period.

-- Finally, 80% said they would back bipartisan legislation that "strengthens border security" and offers a "pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. as children," often called "Dreamers."

It's clear that both American Evangelicals and Catholics "feel compelled to show compassion" on immigration questions, said Deavel. "They know there are people who urgently need help and that the church

cannot ignore that.

"They don't want to be unkind, but they don't think that the enforcement of America's laws is unkind and unjust. ... They also think Congress is where compassionate immigration laws are supposed to come from. The hard question is whether our political system can, at this moment in time, produce laws that religious believers can support."

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Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

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Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.  
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11611 2nd Avenue, Hooper  
719-378-2080  
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship  
Sunday, 6 p.m. - Book of Acts Study  
Monday, 7 p.m. - Youth  
Thursday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study  
San Luis Valley Christian Center  
305 S. Broadway (3rd & Broadway), Monte Vista  
719-852-6168  
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship  
Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Bible Study  
Prayer House Church  
410 Main Street, La Jara  
Pastor Jaime Flores - 719-298-0007  
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Wednesday Family Ministry, 6:30 pm  
Friday Night Bible Study, 7:00 pm  
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Alamosa  
www.backrowchurch.com  
Kim Nipple • 303-532-9342  
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Saturday, 4:00 p.m. - Mass  
Saturday, 8 a.m. - Spanish Mass  
Sunday, 8 a.m. - Mass  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Mass  
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719-274-5250  
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Sunday 9:00 am - Contemporary  
Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am  
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Services - Sundays at 10:00 p.m.  
The second Wednesday of each 4 p.m.  
Thanksgiving Day 10 a.m.  
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Presbyterians  
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Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Sunday

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719) 206-3239  
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Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm  
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Sun. 5:00 p.m. Worship  
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Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 - 9:45  
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330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101  
alamosafellowship@gmail.com  
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9717 County Rd H, Mesita - 719-206-0011  
Pastor Paul Jones  
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Sunday, 10:45 am - Morning Worship  
Sunday, 12 Noon - Potluck Dinner  
Sunday after dinner - Afternoon Worship  
Thursday, 7:00 pm - Mesita Bible Study and Prayer meeting

## Bible Digest

**Saturday, March 9**  
"And you shall seek me, and find me, when you shall search for me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:13 AKJV)  
Are you ready? Seek the Lord now. He's waiting for you.  
**Sunday, March 10**  
"For you, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy to all them that call on you." (Psalms 86:5 AKJV)  
He can and will forgive us too if we repent of sin and cast ourselves on God and His mercy.  
**Monday, March 11**  
"For even when we were without you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat." (2 Thessalonians 3:10 AKJV)  
God commends work. It is His plan for people to work and provide for his own.

**Tuesday, March 12**  
"Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? said the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? said the LORD." (Jeremiah 23:24 AKJV)  
You can't hide from God. He knows and sees all.  
**Wednesday, March 13**  
"And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming;" (2 Thessalonians 2:8 AKJV)  
Jesus is coming back. Read verses 9-12 for the rest of the story of God's Judgment.

**Thursday, March 14**  
"For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." (Psalms 84:11 AKJV)  
Amen! There is no one who can compare to the Lord of the Bible.  
**Friday, March 15**  
"I spoke to you in your prosperity; but you said, I will not hear. This has been your manner from your youth, that you obeyed not my voice." (Jeremiah 22:21 AKJV)  
Prosperity can keep us from the Lord. Knowing Him is better than all this world has to offer.



**Spend Your Time Without Acquiring Regrets**  
Imagine we're at a graveyard. You look at a tombstone and see the person's name, the date they were born, and when they died. In between the dates there is a dash. I think it's interesting that a person's whole life—from the time they are born until they die—is represented by that dash.  
The question is: What are you doing with your dash?  
Time goes by so fast, and you don't want to get to your later years in life and have nothing but regrets. David talks about this in the Psalms.  
Psalm 39:4-5 (AMP), says, "Lord, make me to know my end and [to appreciate] the measure of my days.... Behold, You have made my days as [short as] handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing in Your sight. Truly every man at his best is merely a breath!"  
It's so important for us to invest our time in the important things of life. Because you don't want to spend your life climbing the ladder of success only to find out your ladder is leaning against the wrong building when you get to the top!  
First Peter 5:8 (AMP) says we should "be sober [well balanced and self-disciplined].... This is the key to living with purpose, making your time count. Are you living a balanced life, getting enough sleep, drinking enough water, taking care of yourself so you have the energy you need to do what God is leading you to do?"  
Are you focused on the important things—your relationship with God, spending time with family and friends? The people in your life are more important than money. Are you striving to store up material possessions that are already in the process of decay and will someday end up in a junk yard? That's what happens to all the things we "worship" here.  
There is nothing wrong with having nice things and enjoying them, but we cannot afford to put them before the really important things. So I ask you again: What are you doing with your

time? Are you investing it or wasting it?  
Wisdom is doing now what you will be happy with later on. A good example of this happened when I had a hip replacement in 2015. After the surgery, I healed very well and quickly. The doctor said it was because I was in great shape physically before surgery. I was in great shape because I've spent lots of time working out, eating properly, getting good sleep consistently, and doing other healthy habits. I paid the price, investing my time in ways that brought me strength and helped me to recover successfully.  
Here's another example: I only have six teeth that don't have crowns on them. This is because when I was growing up, I never went to the dentist unless I had an emergency. My dentist finally said, "If you're not going to come in for your regular checkups and cleanings, then don't call us when you have an emergency."  
Because I wouldn't take the time to go to the dentist on a regular basis and take care of my teeth like I should have, I ended up spending more time getting my teeth repaired later on. It takes a lot of time to get your teeth crowned—and a lot of shots and pain!  
The bottom line is if you take a little time to do the right thing to begin with, then you won't be forced to take a lot of time later on taking care of problems that could have been prevented in the first place.  
I've discovered eight simple, practical ways you can avoid wasting your time:  
Stop getting upset about things you can't do anything about. Be determined to keep your peace in every situation (John 14:27).  
Don't complain (Philippians 2:14). It's useless and changes absolutely nothing. The more we talk about problems, the bigger they seem to become.  
Don't try to "buy" time by getting less sleep. This actually causes you to lose more time because when you're

tired, you make more mistakes than you would if you were properly rested. And every mistake costs time to fix.  
Stop hurrying. This also causes us to make mistakes and waste time.  
Enjoy what you have instead of craving and going after things you don't have (Ecclesiastes 6:9).  
Don't live in the past. You can't go back and do anything over again. Let it go and get on with life (Philippians 3:8-13).  
Take time to deal with little problems and you won't spend more time later dealing with big ones.  
Identify things that hijack your time and be firm in avoiding them.  
We all have room for improvement in our lives. I want to encourage you to make a decision to begin making changes, with God's help, in the areas you need to grow in. You'll have abundant life in Christ (John 10:10) and make your "dash" count as you invest your time following the plan He has for you!  
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710 Main St., Antonito  
Meets sundays  
11-12 p.m. - Sunday School  
12-1 p.m. - Worship service  
**Apostolic Pentecostal**  
Church of Champions, Acts 2:38  
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**Center Assembly of God**  
7th & Miles • P.O. Box 507, Center, CO 81125  
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Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m.  
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Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Prayer  
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Services - 10:00  
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Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
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Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
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**The Peak Community Church**  
510 San Juan, Alamosa  
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**Christian Independent**  
Alamosa Christian Church  
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Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship  
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It's so important for us to invest our time in the important things of life. Because you don't want to spend your life climbing the ladder of success only to find out your ladder is leaning against the wrong building when you get to the top!  
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## Sports

# Mustangs crush Rams to advance to state championship game

By **KEN HAMRICK**  
*Courier sports editor*  
**LOVELAND** – For the third straight year, the sixth-ranked Sanford High School boys basketball team will play for a state championship after it defeated second-ranked Merino 58-39 Friday at the Class 2A State Tournament at Blue Arena.

Ben Sittler and Cash Caldon staked the Mustangs to a 5-0 lead, but the Rams got a layup from Slayter Goss and a 3-point basket by Tyler Miller to tie the score. Ben Sittler put Sanford back into the lead, but Kaden Piel scored five points and Miller two as Merino took a 12-7 lead.

Lincoln Reynolds sank two free throws to cut the deficit to 12-9 at the end of the first quarter.

Trason Gartrell and Ben Sittler both hit jumpers and Caldon drained his second three to give the Mustangs a 16-12 lead. Piel cut the lead to two, but Alex Sittler drove for a layup for an 18-14 lead.

Miller drained another three to cut the lead to one, but Gartrell scored in the paint. Miller scored his third trey to tie the score at 20-20 with 3:58 left in the second quarter.

Colton Canty split at the line, and Ben Sittler buried a 3-pointer. Gartrell split at the line and Alex Sittler scored another layup to give Sanford a 27-20 lead at halftime.

Reynolds opened the second half with a jumper, but Slayter Goss drilled a three. Caldon then scored seven straight points including his third 3-pointer for a 36-23 advantage.

Piel ended the Sanford

run, but Travis Canty scored a layup. Jaxson Samber buried a trey for the Rams, but Caldon knocked down a short jumper. Jaxson Samber hit a jumper to end the third quarter and Sanford led 40-30.

Gartrell scored six points and Reynolds two as the Mustangs increased the lead to 48-30. Piel scored to end the Sanford run.

The Mustangs led 52-36 before Miller hit another three. But Reynolds scored three points, Ben Sittler two and Gartrell one to wrap up the Sanford scoring.

Three Mustangs scored in double figures. Caldon led the way with 15 points, followed by Gartrell with 14 and Ben Sittler with 13.

Miller led Merino with 14 points and Piel scored 13.

Sanford (22-4) will play fifth-ranked Limon for the state championship today at 6:30 p.m. The Badgers defeated top-ranked Simla 49-42 also on Friday.

## Sanford 58, Merino 39

**SANFORD** – A. Sittler 2 0-0 4, Caldon 6 0-0 15, B. Sittler 5 2-2 13, Reynolds 3 3-4 9, Gartrell 5 4-6 14, Larson 0 0-0 0, E. Larsen 0 0-0 0, C. Canty 0 1-2 1, T. Canty 1 0-0 2, C. Larsen 0 0-0 0. Total 22 10-14 58.

3-point goals – Caldon 3, B. Sittler 1. Total 4.

Merino – Piel 5 3-4 13, Hernandez 0 0-0 0, Miller 5 0-0 14, S. Goss 3 0-0 7, J. Samber 2 0-1 5, Curtis 0 0-0 0, R. Samber 0 0-0 0, Trenkle 0 0-0 0, Holman 0 0-0 0, Roelle 0 0-0 0. Total 15 3-7 39.

3-point goals – Miller



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

**Sanford High School's Cash Caldon (5) passes the ball on a fast break in Friday's Class 2A State Tournament semifinal game against Merino Friday at Blue Arena in Loveland. Caldon scored 15 points as the Mustangs defeated the Rams 58-39. Sanford will play Limon for the state title tonight at 6:30 p.m.**

4, S. Goss 1, J. Samber 1. Total 6.

Sanford 9 18 13  
18 - 58  
Merino 12 8 10  
9 - 39

Fouls – Sanford 8, Merino 13. Fouled out – Piel.

## Panthers defeat Peetz

**GREELEY** – The Sierra Grande High School basketball team scored

a 53-39 win over Peetz Friday at the Class 1A State Tournament at the University of Northern Colorado's Bank of Colorado Arena.

The score was tied at 7-7 after the first quarter, but the Bull-

dogs took a 27-21 lead at halftime. The Panthers came back to take a 37-35 lead after the third quarter, and they put the game on ice by outscoring the Bulldogs 16-4 in the fourth quarter.

Individual statistics for Sierra Grande were unavailable.

Sierra Grande (19-6) will play Flatirons Academy for fifth place today. The Bison defeated Idalia 69-60 also on Friday.

# Lady Grizzlies fall to Regis

By **KEN HAMRICK**  
*Courier sports editor*  
**DENVER** – The Adams State University women's basketball team was defeated by Regis University 67-47 in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Tournament semifinals Friday at the Regis Field House.

The Lady Rangers led 12-6 after the first quarter. They outscored the Lady Grizzlies 11-5 in the second quarter to take a 23-11 advantage at halftime.

The third quarter was a high scoring affair, but Regis outscored ASU 24-21 to take a 47-32 lead.

The Lady Rangers outscored the Lady Grizzlies 20-15 in the fourth quarter.

ASU was led by Elaina Watson who scored 16 points. Riahana Davis led in rebounding with five, Angeline Nageak led in assists with five, and Watson led in steals with six.

Regis had three players score in double figures. Josey Ryan led with 18, Erin F r y scored 17, and Morgan Smith scored 12.

Adams State (24-8) will now wait to see if it will be selected to compete in the NCAA Division II Tournament as an at-large team.



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## Sports Bulletin

### SCOREBOARD

**Friday**  
Prep boys basketball  
Sanford 58, Merino 39  
Sierra Grande 53, Peetz 39

**Prep baseball**  
Eagle Valley 8, Alamosa 1  
Monte Vista at Gunnison – canceled  
Sargent at Antonito – canceled

**College women's basketball**  
Regis 67, Adams State 47

**College baseball**  
Regis at Adams State – suspended

### SCHEDULE

**Saturday**  
Prep boys basketball  
Sanford vs. Limon (Class 2A State Tournament at Loveland), 6:30

p.m.  
Sierra Grande vs. Flatirons Academy (Class 1A State Tournament at Greeley), TBA  
**Prep baseball**  
Alamosa vs. Summit (Montrose Invitational), 12:30 p.m.

**Prep track and field**  
Center, Monte Vista at CSU Pueblo Early Bird Invitational, 9 p.m.

Alamosa at Banana Belt Classic (at Dutch Clark Stadium, Pueblo), 10 a.m.

**College women's basketball**  
Adams State at RMAC Tournament (at Regis), TBA

**College indoor track and field**  
Adams State at NCAA Division II Championships (at Pittsburg, Kan.), TBA

**College men's wrestling**  
Adams State at NCAA Division II National

Championships (at Wichita, Kan.), TBA

**College baseball**  
Regis at Adams State (2), noon  
**College women's softball**  
Adams State at Black Hills State (S.D.) (2), noon

**Sunday**  
**College baseball**  
Regis at Adams State (2), noon  
**College women's softball**  
Adams State at Black Hills State (S.D.) (2), 11 a.m.

**Tuesday**  
**Prep baseball**  
Sargent at Centauri, 4 p.m.

**Prep girls soccer**  
Alamosa at Ignacio, 4 p.m.  
**College men's Lacrosse**  
William Jewell (Mo.) at Adams State, 1 p.m.



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# Lifestyle



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Haskin Elementary kindergarten teacher Jatón Najera's class celebrated 100 days of school by dressing up like they were 100 years old and doing activities related to the number 100.

## Haskin Elementary kindergarteners celebrate 100 days of school

By MARIE MCCOLM CENTER — Haskin Elementary kindergarten classrooms recently celebrated 100 days in school. Kindergarten teacher Jatón Najera's class was just one of many that celebrated the milestone. Najera said the children enjoyed the celebration. "It was a fun day for the kids. The kids were so cute. I have been a teacher for 11 years now and every year we have the 100-day celebration," Najera said. "The kids were told they could dress up like they were 100 years old, and there were kids that came dressed up like they were 100 years old. The boys were wearing suspenders with big pants, and some of the boys even wore stick-on moustaches. The girls had curly hair

and lots of fancy jewelry, it was a fun time for all." Najera said that the classroom often celebrates different things based on happenings at the school and holidays. She said that the kids were informed of the celebration, and they all acted like they were 100 years old. "A lot of the kids also brought in canes. They were walking around with canes and giggling. The kids had a fun time for the celebration," she said. Najera said that during the celebration the students sang songs together, they counted to 100, and they also read 100 words, and counted out 100 words as they read them. "The kids knew that it would be their 100th day at school," Najera said. Najera said that the

kids also colored little paper hats with the number 100 on them. The kids also colored paper gumball machines that said they had a ball on the 100th day of school. Najera said that the pictures also had 100 dots on them in honor of the 100 days at school. Najera said there is a man named Jack Hartman who creates YouTube videos and content for kids. "He has a video called the one hundredth day of school, and in the video, he counts to 100. The video has him and another lady also dressed up like they are 100 years old counting too. The kids were able to watch the video and count to 100 with him and the lady on the video. We also listened to some different books about one hundred days at school," she said.

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### NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Drink
  - 4 Young bovine
  - 8 Peddled
  - 12 "I — Camera"
  - 13 Smell
  - 14 Test question answer
  - 15 London warning: Mind the —
  - 16 Walk through water
  - 17 Nerve network
  - 18 Culture medium
  - 20 Planning to marry
  - 22 Minerals
  - 24 Reheat in a microwave
  - 25 "Do — say ..."
  - 26 Mammoth
  - 27 Male swan
  - 30 Sharp tool
  - 32 Tiresome talker
  - 34 Mil. address
  - 35 Actress Taylor, familiarly
- DOWN**
- 1 Story
  - 2 Insect stage
  - 3 Tabloid photogs
  - 4 Intimidate
  - 5 Oklahoma city

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 6 Mine find
- 7 Wild
- 8 Rein
- 9 Wash. neighbor
- 10 Pear-shaped instrument
- 11 Act
- 19 In medias
- 21 Joke
- 23 Bro. or sis.
- 26 Enfant terrible
- 27 Christmas-time treat (2 wds.)
- 28 Reveal, in verse
- 29 Stoop
- 30 Chicken — king
- 31 Racket
- 33 Branch
- 37 "Mayday!"
- 40 Fitting
- 42 — Angeles
- 43 Actor — Welles
- 45 Broadcast portion
- 46 Leave unmentioned
- 47 Weather-cock
- 48 River in Ireland
- 49 Exile island
- 51 Spots
- 54 Texur's guffaw
- 55 Every

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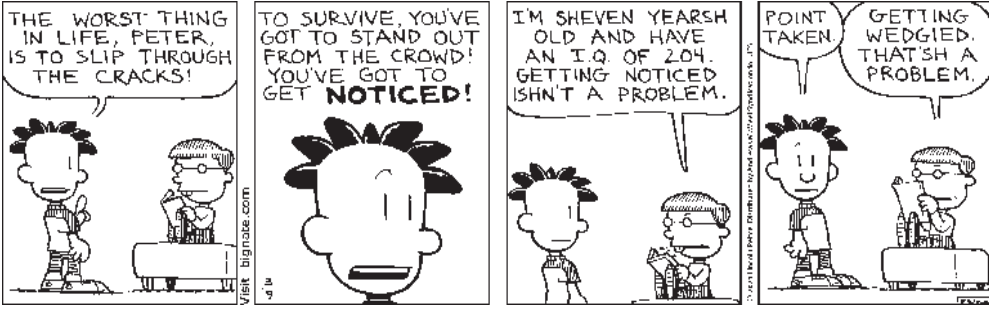
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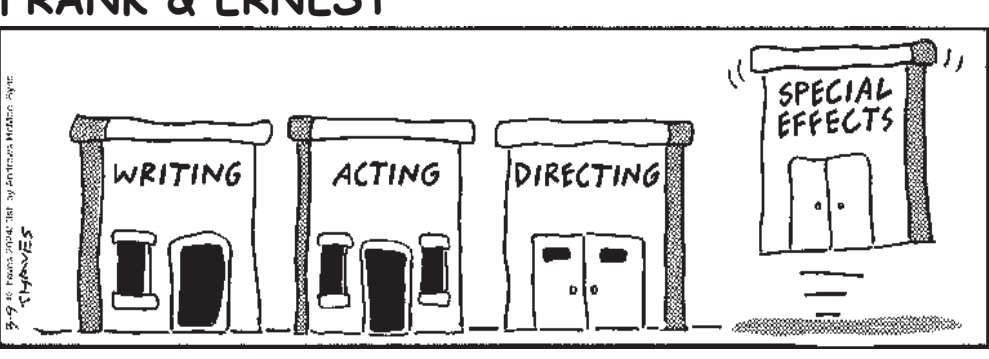
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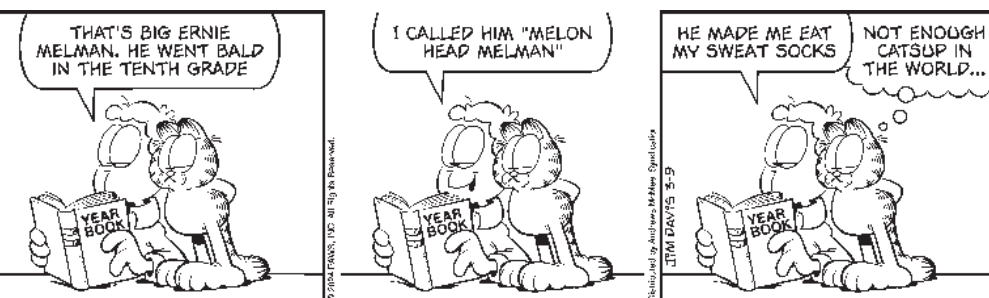
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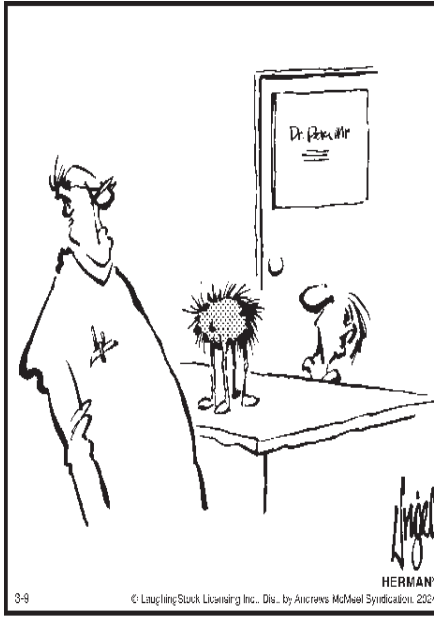
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### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

## HERMAN



# Journal writer unsure of sharing entries with son

DEAR ABBY: During my late teens and most of my 20s, I kept journals that filled two full spiral-bound notebooks. I kept them my entire life before reading them for the first time on my recent 70th birthday. I found it to be an enlightening journey through my past on a very personal level, dealing with the highs and lows of those tumultuous years.

I told my youngest son, who is now in the middle of that stage of life and dealing with some of the same things I did, about my journals, and he asked if he could read them. My wife says I should let him, but I'm conflicted about it.

On the one hand, they would show him he's not the only one who faces these life challenges, which may help him deal with them and in some ways get to know me better.

On the other hand, these are things (some quite intimate) that weren't intended to be read by someone else, much less my kid. If I do this, then what about my other two adult sons, who have no idea the notebooks exist? Your thoughts? -- CONFLICTED ON THE COAST

DEAR CONFLICTED: Because you feel conflicted about sharing the entire contents of your journals with your son(s), why not simply impart the important

lessons you were reminded of as you read them? That way, you can skip the embarrassing parts and simply pass along the hard-earned wisdom from which your sons could benefit.

DEAR ABBY: I have often seen letters in your column from men and women concerned about how divorce affects their children, and rightfully so. As the child of parents who stayed together too long, I can state, from my perspective, it is not always for the best.

Children are aware of tension in the household and it is often damaging -- at least it was for my sister and me. We are still trying to break the pattern of the submissive behavior my mom exhibited to keep peace in the household.

My father had a temper, and no one ever wanted to cross him. I can state honestly that my brother, sister and I were relieved when Dad finally moved out. Our lives became much more peaceful and stable. My dad was never physically abusive, but he definitely controlled everything.

Once he moved out and we didn't have to live with him anymore, we all had a better relationship with him. Kids know and feel more than adults believe they do. People need to give their children more credit than they do. Do you agree? -- LEAVING'S BETTER IN



## ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

MICHIGAN  
DEAR LEAVING'S BETTER: Yes, I do agree. Children sense the tension between their parents, grow up believing it is normal and sometimes model the same scenario as adults when choosing mates, which is not healthy.

DEAR READERS: This is my timely reminder for all of you who live where daylight saving time is observed: Don't forget to turn your clocks FORWARD one hour tonight at bedtime. Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday. I look forward to it each year because it signals longer, brighter days and warmer weather. I find the extra light to be a mood elevator and an energizer. Spring is almost sprung! -- LOVE, ABBY



# Lifestyle

## CPW to introduce sterile walleye at Ridgway Reservoir, further boosting angling opportunities on Western Slope

**By COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE**  
**RIDGWAY, Colo.** – Walleye are coming soon to Ridgway Reservoir.

After years of coordination, Colorado Parks and Wildlife aims to stock sterile walleye into the reservoir at Ridgway State Park during the spring of 2024. "This is part of a larger goal to increase angling opportunities in western Colorado in a way that is compatible with the native species of the Upper Colorado River Basin," said CPW aquatic biologist Eric Gardunio. "This will diversify the fishery while still allowing us to maintain and accomplish other management goals within the reservoir."

"The goal is to sustain a robust forage base and to maintain reproduction and recruitment for brown trout so that we will have two quality, top-end predatory fish species in Ridgway for anglers to fish for."

CPW aims to begin stocking sterile fingerling walleye into the reservoir this spring. The fish will be spawned and undergo the sterilization process at Pueblo Reservoir before being transferred to the Pueblo State Fish Hatchery.

"Using these sterile walleye really allows us to diversify our fishing opportunities," said CPW Area Wildlife Manager Rachel Sralla. "We are excited to add this new species to the fishery, and we look forward to developing and maintaining this population over the coming years to provide opportunity for multiple angling interests."

In order to stock a new species in western Colorado waters, CPW must write a Lake Management Plan that outlines the management strategy for a given fishery. The plans are vetted through local CPW staff and then approved by partner agencies, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and state fisheries programs from Utah and Wyoming.

For Ridgway Reservoir, two key stipulations of the plan were to stock only sterile walleye and to construct

an escapement barrier on the spillway that further prevents escapement of sterile walleye and smallmouth bass into downstream waters.

The fish escapement barrier was constructed on the spillway at Ridgway Reservoir by the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program and partners. That included CPW, the Colorado Water Conservation Board, Tri-County Water and the Bureau of Reclamation.

CPW produces millions of sterile walleye fry each year. These fish offer managers a unique opportunity to create novel fisheries in waters where reproduction would be problematic. They also allow managers to have a greater ability to fine tune fisheries because their numbers can be driven by stocking rates.

Ridgway Reservoir, a 1,000 surface-acre reservoir, will receive 30,000 1.2-inch long walleye fingerlings annually beginning in May, provided successful sterilization is achieved. This is a relatively low stocking rate when compared to other walleye fisheries in the state.

"We want to start slow with our stocking to make sure that we are maintaining the forage base and we can monitor effects on other components of the fishery," Gardunio said. "Having sterile walleye available for stocking allows us to maintain the prey species in Ridgway Reservoir, providing the energetic base to grow large predatory species that many anglers are looking to catch. By controlling our stocking rates, we can also accomplish other management goals such as maintaining the trophy brown trout fishery that currently exists."

Ridgway Reservoir has abundant populations of white suckers, yellow perch, smallmouth bass and crayfish. The juveniles of these species offer a robust food resource for species such as sterile walleye. When appropriate stocking rates are utilized, those prey sources should be sustainable into

the future. The walleye will also help CPW with management of the smallmouth bass.

"The illegal introduction of smallmouth bass really hurt our fishery and prevented us from doing some things," Ridgway State Park Manager Johnathan Freeborn said. "We looked at numerous ways to mitigate those issues and chose the smallmouth bass harvest incentive tournament that has been pivotal in our management. Through the success of that tournament, we are now able to look at doing something like introducing walleye."

General harvest regulations will be in place for walleye at Ridgway Reservoir allowing anglers to keep five fish daily. Anglers harvesting walleye or perch should be sure to know how to correctly identify the two species prior to keeping a fish. While walleye anglers will be eager for this new opportunity, they should be patient as the fishery develops.

"We expect it to take three to five years for the first stocked walleye to reach 14 to 16 inches in Ridgway Reservoir," Gardunio said. "Ridgway walleye should grow efficiently by eating the suckers, perch, smallmouth and crayfish. I would be surprised if we don't end up with some 30-inch fish, but it may take more than 10 years to see that size fish. Once the fish are stocked as fingerlings, anglers should start catching them."

Ridgway State Park is already looking forward to hosting anglers to pursue the sport fish.

"Walleye fishing is addictive," said Freeborn. "Walleye fishermen travel the country to fish for walleye. We look forward to a future where our park becomes a desirable walleye fishery along with still providing opportunities for trophy brown trout and rainbow trout."

Diversifying Fisheries Across Western Colorado  
 The addition of sterile walleye into Ridgway Reservoir is the latest step CPW has taken to provide diverse opportunities for anglers in

western Colorado. A Lake Management Plan for Sweitzer Lake State Park has allowed CPW to start stocking largemouth bass and bluegill at that reservoir in Delta with the goal of creating a quality warm water fishery.

CPW has added more than 200 habitat structures to Sweitzer Lake, Crawford Reservoir and Confluence

Lake to improve the quality of those fisheries. Aquatic biologists have also creatively managed for unique species such as tiger trout and grayling in several high mountain lakes.

"CPW's mission is to provide recreational opportunities while maintaining the wildlife resources of the state of Colorado," Gardunio said. "We've heard from our

local anglers that they want more warm water fishing opportunities and diverse species, and we are trying to create that recreational opportunity in a way that is compatible with our native species conservation goals.

"I fish these waters, too, and I really like fishing these waters. I'm as excited about these opportunities as a lot of other people."

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