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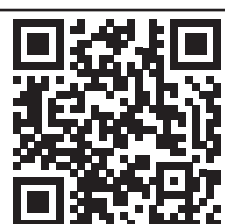
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La Veta Avenue road closure begins Monday

ALAMOSA — As part of the Alamosa Streets Trust Fund tax that was passed in 2019, beginning Monday, March 4, the area of La Veta Avenue from Main Street to 6th Street will be closed for reconstruction.

This project will include replacement of infrastructure such as water, sewer, curb, gutter and sidewalks.

Construction is anticipated to last 6 to 8 weeks, with a completion date expected by the end of May.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 719-589-6631.

Access to businesses is still available through alternate routes shown below and rear parking availability.

CAC annual Variety Show auditions April 2 and 4

CREEDE — The Creede Arts Council recently announced that the 29th Annual Variety Show will be taking place on April 13 at 7 p.m. at the Ruth Humphrey's Theatre in Creede.

If you sing, dance, act, perform magic, juggle — all the above — then the CAC is looking for you. Auditions for the show will be taking place on Tuesday, April 2, from 6-7 p.m. at the Creede Community Church and again on Thursday, April 4, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Creede Community Church.

All types of acts are encouraged to audition. Acts must be performance ready and appropriate for a wide range of audience, including families.

For more information or to schedule an audition, call 719-658-2333.

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A conversation with CD3 candidate Jeff Hurd

'I believe in the voters'

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — In the last days of 2023 when Republican Congresswoman Boebert switched districts from CD3 to CD4, the landscape of the 2024 congressional campaign season changed. And that was true for no one more so than Republican Jeff Hurd.

In a single day, the thoughtful, soft-spoken attorney from Grand Junction went from chal-

lenging a nationally known incumbent for his party's nomination to what appears to be, at this point, the top contender most likely to run as the Republican candidate in 2024.

According to his website, Hurd grew up "an average kid," in Grand Junction. The oldest of three boys, his father was a psychologist working with low-income patients. His mother passed away while he was in high school but had raised him and his siblings to "value self-sacrifice, integrity, and to always strive to be part of the solution."

After graduating from high school, he attended Notre Dame University and, later, the University of Denver for law school where he graduated with high honors. After working for several years later, Hurd obtained an advanced law degree from Columbia Law School, again with high honors.

But when asked about his background, the political newcomer does not immediately go to those accomplishments that make him most qualified for the job. Instead, he talks about his roots, his family, and those is-

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Jeff Hurd
Republican candidate for CD3

Our national bird in Alamosa



Photo by Dan Lee USFWS

ALAMOSA — According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, with springtime right around the corner, many species of refuge animals are moving about more frequently. This adult bald eagle, along with its mate, have been seen hanging out along the Rio Grande Nature Trail located on the Alamosa Refuge. The Library of Congress notes, 'The bald eagle became the national bird of the United States in 1782,' a symbol of pride and strength that earned it a place on the seal of the United States.' William Barton, one of the designers of the seal of the United States, who believed that the bald eagle should be an integral part of the seal stated: 'The eagle displayed is the symbol of supreme power and authority, and signifies congress, and that the olive branch and arrows that it holds in its talons are the powers of peace and war.'

Exploring new frontiers of science at the SLV Science Fair

By JOHN WATERS
Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — Part of the mission statement of the San Luis Valley Regional Science Fair is to encourage students to pursue careers in science, technology, mathematics, or engineering. During a morning visit to the fair, this reporter met many of the bright, curious, and analytical young minds from throughout the Valley presenting at the annual event.

At the event held on the campus of Adams State University on March 1, all the students interviewed expressed an inquisitive-

ness and appetite to further their studies in science or engineering. Mission accomplished for the science fair in fostering the next generation of scientists.

Fair Director Lucy Adams said, "This is our 75th anniversary and the fair was started by Adams State University professors and community leaders 75 years ago. Consequently, we are one of the oldest science fairs in the country and the oldest science fair in Colorado."

Adams said there were 12 school districts from the region participating with about 246 students registered. Stu-

dents from fourth grade through high school attended the science fair.

During the morning, Adams said the judges were busy reviewing the projects and they would be making their decisions later in the day for awards. Some of those chosen would then go to the Colorado State Fair at CSU in Fort Collins next

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Emilio Martinez a student at Alamosa High School holds one of the rockets he designed for his project as part of the San Luis Valley Regional Science Fair.

Courier photo by John Waters



Photo courtesy of the National Potato Council / Bill Schaefer Photography
Bob Mattive, of Monte Vista, was elected to serve as the National Potato Council's President for the next 12 months.

Mattive of Monte Vista elected National Potato Council President

Council installs 2024 Executive Committee during NPC Washington Summit

CONTRIBUTED
WASHINGTON, D.C.

— The National Po-

tato Council (NPC) installed its 2024 roster of Executive Committee members this week at the organization's annual Washington Summit. During the Annual Meeting of the Voting Delegates, Bob Mattive, of Monte Vista, was elected to serve as the Council's President for the next 12 months.

Having grown up on

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Drugs, firearms, and cash found on Thursday's traffic stop in Alamosa with K-9 Goose.

Two arrested on drug charges

STAFF REPORT
ALAMOSA — Two Alamosa residents were arrested Thursday afternoon on multiple drug charges after a traffic stop for a minor violation by Alamosa Police Department Cpl. VanRy and his K-9 Goose. Nicolas Hepsforth, 41, and a passenger in the car, Sahra Gallegos, 38, both of Alamosa were taken into custody after being found in possession of controlled

substances, firearms and a large amount of US currency. The car was stopped in the 900 block of 11th Street and K-9 Goose was deployed and alerted on the vehicle. A subsequent search of the vehicle found two firearms, a one-ounce bag of suspected methamphetamine, 400 or more suspected fentanyl pills, 50 suboxone stripes, gabapentin pills, suspected

heroin, a scale, multiple clear baggies, and a large amount of US currency. Both Sahra and Nicolas were charged with suspicion of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (drug felony 1), unlawful possession of a controlled substance (drug felony 4), and special offender (due to the firearms) and transported to the Alamosa County Detention Center.

Multi-agency investigation into stolen vehicles leads to arrest

Recovered vehicles were valued at \$50,000

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COSTILLA COUNTY — A multi-agency investigation led to an arrest and the recovery of several stolen vehicles on Feb. 27, the Costilla County Sheriff's Office reported. Abundo Martinez was taken into custody by Costilla County Sheriff's Office deputies on Feb.

27 and booked into the Costilla County Jail on suspicion of felony theft, possession of removed, defaced, altered or destroyed motor vehicle identification numbers and defacing a firearm. Bond was set by the courts at \$2,500. The recovered vehicles were valued at about

\$50,000. A welder and camper were also recovered. The lengthy investigation involved the Costilla County Sheriff's Office and the Taos, N.M., Sheriff's Office, Questa, N.M., Police Department, Blanca Police Department, and Colorado State Patrol Auto Theft Unit.

OBITUARIES

Keith L. Fisher

Keith L. Fisher passed away on Feb. 22, 2024, in the arms of his wife, Claudette and his two daughters. Keith Leon Fisher was born Nov. 8, 1932, to Howard and Henriette Nissen Fisher, but was raised by his grandparents Henry and Volterine Nissen. He lived his whole life in Alamosa, graduating from Alamosa High School in 1950. He joined the United States Air Force in May 1951 and served his country in the Korean War. He received an honorable discharge in 1955 while stationed at Ethan Allen Air Force Base in Winooski, Vt. He married Claudette Morin on June 4, 1955, at Sacred Heart Church in Barre, Vt., then returned to Alamosa to attend Adams State College and graduated with a B.A. in 1958 and an M.A. in 1961. After teaching at Sargent High School for seven years and two years at Alamosa Ju-



nior High, he operated a collection service for 20 years for several businesses including Alamosa Hospital and the San Luis Valley Federal Savings and Loan. Keith was a lifetime member of the Alamosa Elks No. 1297, a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post No. 899, and American Legion post No. 133. His greatest passion in life was hunting and fishing, and spending time in the mountains. His motto was "I'd rather be lost in the mountains than found in the city." He took great pleasure in his yard, working in his flowers and maintaining an immaculate yard. He loved the San Luis Valley and the

lifestyle it provided. After retirement, he enjoyed traveling to warmer climates in the winter, but always looked forward to returning to the Valley. He is survived by his wife Claudette Morin Fisher, daughters Sandra and Sharon Fisher of Grand Junction, and son Brian (Tamie) Fisher of Sun City, Ariz. He was preceded in death by his son Ronald, who died of cancer in 2013 at the age of 51, his brother Donald Fisher, and his sister Beverly Kirby. Because of health reasons, Keith and Claudette moved to Grand Junction into an Independent Living Facility Solstice Senior Living Center on June 6 to be closer to their daughters. Keith has requested no services at this time, but the family wants a memorial service next summer to be held at the Elks or Legion in Alamosa. The family has requested that donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101-9929, or Hope West, 3090 N. 12th Suite B, Grand Junction, CO 81506.

Nathan B Quintana

Nathan B Quintana was born May 11, 1978. Nathan was better known as Nate or Nate Dog. He was a very well-loved person, known to be the go-to man for help when needed. He loved making others laugh and always shined a light on others to brighten up their day. During his free time, Nate enjoyed crafting rosaries and doing tattoos. Nate also enjoyed spending time with his dogs and friends. Nathan passed away on Feb. 17, 2024, at Penrose Hospital in Colorado



Springs accompanied by his wife Consuela Quintana. He is survived by his

wife Consuela Quintana and close friends and family. He was preceded in death by his mother, Sue Ann Quintana, and his younger sister Maria Quintana. On Friday, March 1, we will gather at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Alamosa to celebrate the life of our dearly departed. The rosary will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by the mass at 10 a.m. Afterward, we will lay Nathan to rest at Alamosa Cemetery and hold a reception in his honor.

ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

Alamosa Police Department report for Feb. 24-March 1
 Donovan Chacon, 30, of Alamosa was cited for 3 degree assault, child abuse and domestic violence.
 Avelino Juan Pedro, 23, of Alamosa was cited for 2nd degree burglary, theft under \$300.
 Catherine Reynolds, 33, of Alamosa was cited for driving under restraint.
 Angel Tomas, 22, of Alamosa was cited for theft under \$300.
 Baqhelle Navares, 32, Alamosa was cited for uninsured vehicle, expired tags (1-29 days).
 Brittany Ellsworth, 25, of Colorado Springs was cited for careless driving causing bodily injury.
 Angel Robertson, 21, of Alamosa was cited for theft under \$300 x2.
 Isaac Medrano, 21, of Littleton was cited for 2nd degree contributing to a minor.
 Trinity Nichols, 30, of Arlington, Texas was cited for failing to notify police of accident, limitations on unsafe backing,

driving without valid license.
 Joseph Cordova, 63, of Alamosa was cited for driver's vision obstructed, expired plates (30-59 days), driving under restraint, uninsured vehicle, possessing an open alcoholic container, unlawful possession of controlled substance.
 Joseph Kelly, 49, of Alamosa was cited for theft under \$300.
 Jasmine Danq, 21, of Canon City was cited for disorderly conduct.
 Brandon Torres de Jaramillo, 25, of Capulin was cited for speeding (20-24 over), driving under restraint.
 Crystal Wilson, 39, of Colorado Springs was cited for speeding (10-19 over)
 Lonnie Harvey, 56, of Alamosa was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign, speeding (20 - 39 over) and uninsured vehicle.
 Faith Arellano, 26, of Alamosa was cited for uninsured vehicle and speeding (20-39 over).
 Isaias Andres Mateo, 33, of Alamosa was cited

for speeding (10-19 over)
 Carlos Hernandez, 20, of Alamosa was cited for speeding (40 mph or more over), pedestrian safety zone, reckless driving, reckless endangerment, uninsured vehicle.
 Pesideria Romero, 41, of Alamosa was cited for theft under \$300.
 Benigno Gonzales, 72, of Monte Vista was cited for careless driving.
 Brett Phillips, 27, of Alamosa was cited for speeding (10-19 over)
 Juan Tomas, 29, of Alamosa was cited for obstruction, criminal mischief.
 Salvador Lucero, 48, of Alamosa was cited for violation of a restraining order.
 Ezekiel Solis, 34, of Alamosa was cited for unlawful possession of control substance, unlawful distribution, special offender, unlawful use of controlled substance, possession of weapon by previous offender, tampering with evidence, theft, fictitious plate, impeding traffic, parked at curb or edge of roadway.

OLD SANFORD ROAD CLOSURE



Old Sanford Road closure on March 4

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ALAMOSA — The City of Alamosa is notifying residents in the area that a portion of Old Sanford Road (County Road 109S) will be closed to thru-traffic, starting Monday, March 4.

The closure will start at the intersection of Airport Road and continue north for 300 feet to allow crews to install water and sanitation lines for a new development. Access will be available through alternate routes

as shown on the map. Access to CDOT shops will remain open from the north only on Old Sanford Road. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 719-589-6631.

Alpine Achievers Initiative secures \$100K Nonprofit Infrastructure Grant to elevate community impact

By ALPINE ACHIEVERS INITIATIVE
ALAMOSA — Alpine Achievers Initiative (AAI) is thrilled to announce the attainment of a \$100,000 Nonprofit Infrastructure Grant (NPI) from the Community Foundation of the San Luis Valley, in collaboration with the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).

In alignment with AAI's commitment to enhancing community-based programs, the grant will be strategically utilized for crucial initiatives. A significant portion of the funds will be allocated to professional development for staff, ensuring that the AAI team is equipped with the latest skills and knowledge to deliver impactful services. Moreover, the grant will be instrumental in improving communications with the community regarding AAI's impact and program offerings. This effort aims to foster a deeper understanding of AAI's mission and the positive influence it has on the communities it serves.

funds will be channeled into capacity building initiatives. AAI seeks to leverage these resources to increase its impact in the community through strategic planning, organizational development, and other measures that enhance the organization's ability to serve effectively. Megan Strauss, Executive Director at Alpine Achievers Initiative, expressed her enthusiasm about the grant's potential impact, stating, "This funding is a tremendous opportunity for AAI to invest in our team, improve community engagement, and build the capacity needed to make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve."

The grant underscores AAI's commitment to continuous improvement and community development. As the organization implements these initiatives, it strengthens its position as a catalyst for positive change in rural Colorado. Alpine Achievers Initiative (AAI) is a nonprofit organization devoted to inspiring, connecting, and nurturing youth,

families, and communities in rural Colorado. AAI is dedicated to fostering positive development through a range of initiatives, including educational programs both inside and outside the classroom, supplemental homeschool curriculums, mentorship initiatives, and education-based career training and experiences.

School Menu Monday March 4, 2024

BREAKFAST Pop Tart/Graham Crackers Fruit & Milk
ELEMENTARY Mac & Cheese Green Beans Veggie Bar Fruit & Milk
MIDDLE SCHOOL Mac & Cheese Green Beans Veggie Bar Fruit & Milk
HIGH SCHOOL Mac & Cheese Green Beans Veggie Bar Fruit & Milk

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Valley News

Mattive

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a small farm in Brighton, Mattive began taking on leadership roles in high school — as class president and president of the 4-H Club. Now, the partner of Worley Family Farms, LLLP, in Monte Vista, will continue to serve the industry in his newly appointed role as President of the National Potato Council. Mattive, who most recently served as

NPC's First Vice President and Vice President of Environmental Affairs, was elected to a one-year term on Feb. 26.

"I've always been interested in environmental issues and legislative affairs," said Mattive, who was initially introduced to NPC as a delegate from Colorado. His involvement with the federal policy-focused organization brought about a national perspective and he served on different NPC committees

throughout the years. Mattive also serves on several Colorado agricultural committees and boards. "I've learned a lot and I know we have to work hard and work together to keep relevant, educate the next generation, and continue advocating on behalf of our growers and industry partners."

Mattive became a part of the fourth-generation Worley Family Farms when he and his wife Gail (Worley) were invited by her father to

join the operation in 1982. When he started farming with his father-in-law, the operation raised about 500 acres of potatoes. Today, the farm raises around 1,800-1,900 acres of potatoes and 2,000 acres of other crops. The business is now also co-managed by their sons Grant and Reid and nephew Matthew Smartt.

For Mattive, environmental stewardship is second nature. "As with most industries, technology has become a large part of our or-

ganization. We irrigate all of our acreage with computerized center pivot irrigation systems and utilize GPS operating systems in most of our tractors and other equipment," said Mattive.

The full NPC Executive Committee roster includes:

- President — Bob Mattive, Monte Vista
- First Vice President and Vice President, Trade Affairs — Ted Tschirky, Pasco, Wash.
- Vice President, Legislative Affairs — Dean Gibson, Paul, Idaho
- Vice President, Environmental Affairs — Ben Sklarczyk, Johannesburg, Mich.
- Vice President, Finance and Office Procedures — TJ Hall, Hoople, N.D.
- Vice President, Grower Outreach and Industry Relations — Chris Olsen, Othello, Wash.
- Immediate Past President — RJ Andrus, Idaho Falls, Idaho

As a grower-led organization, NPC is managed by an Executive Committee and Board of Directors, which oversees its operations and provides guidance on its policy activities. Board members are appointed by the Executive Committee from recom-

mendations submitted by state potato grower organizations and hold office for one calendar year.

NPC is the voice of U.S. potato growers and industry members in our nation's capital. NPC protects potato growers' interests in Washington, D.C. by addressing issues that affect the potato industry, from policy issues debated in Congress to regulatory issues proposed by federal agencies.

The NPC 2024 Washington Summit is a forum for potato industry members to discuss, define, and advocate for the policy priorities impacting their businesses and protecting their ability to farm. From Feb. 26 — March 1, growers and industry stakeholders took the results from its latest economic impact study, "The Current and Potential Impact of Expanded Potato Exports," to Members of Congress and the administration to advocate for issues such as keeping potatoes in federal nutrition programs, promoting free and fair-trade agreements, and protecting tax policies that support the long-term health of family-owned farming operations.

Science

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month, or the International Science Fair in Los Angeles in May.

One of the judges was Gregg Goodland from the U.S. Forest Service who said, "This is my fourth year judging and I find this to be an amazing science fair, they do such a great job."

Goodland said, "The Rio Grande National Forest very much likes to support our community, we serve with the dignity and the intent that we are meant to."

Timothy Culler, a sixth-grade student from Sanford had this hypothesis about his presentation, 'Counting

the Starts Underneath the Moon,' "I predicted you can see the most stars during a new moon. This is because there is no moonlight. This allows more starlight to be seen." He added this was his second time attending the science fair and, "I'm thinking about doing this through high school."

Joslyn Mix, a seventh-grade student at Ortega Middle School in Alamosa was interested in ascertaining the greater density between polished versus unpolished metamorphic rocks. In her conclusion, she determined that polished rocks had a density of 0.03933333, which is greater than unpolished rock. She added, "I hope

I can eventually get more rocks to polish so I can find the density of those. Metamorphic, sedimentary, and igneous. I would like to see what would happen to a geode if you polish it and see what happens when it is broken and what happens to the crystals."

Emilio Martinez an 11th-grade student spoke to the Valley Courier about his science presentation, Falling Avionic Light Landing: Analysis of Control Surfaces upon Atmospheric Re-entry. Part of the rationale of the project is, "Due to the emergence of revolutionary technology in the field of space flight and aerospace, the opportunity

of space exploration and discovery has never been more feasible." Martinez studied several rocket designs that would be suitable for commercial use.

In choosing one of three rockets he designed he said this about his preferred rocket, "In my conclusion, I found that this was a very effective design. This rocket which was better in design for commercial use and suited for commercial travel."

After interviewing Martinez, he added with excitement that it had been the first time he was interviewed by a journalist. He plans on majoring in engineering at Regis University in Denver.

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Hurd was then asked what has become a defining question. Does he believe the 2020 election was stolen?

He hesitates just for a moment but doesn't dodge the question.

"I have not seen any sign of fraud to the scale that would impact the 2020 election," he says.

When asked about the current state of Congress, he says, "There's vast room for improvement and I want to be part of the solution. I'm not out to make national headlines. I believe we need a Congress that follows the rule of law, is effective at passing laws but also removing laws that are harmful to Colorado and the decisions we make. We need to get back to ordinary budgeting, like separate appropriations bills. I share frustration with the dysfunction, and I don't want to increase the tension. I want to decrease it."

He also emphasizes that he's a conservative.

"I'm a Reagan Republican. I believe in being fiscally conservative, limited government, free enterprise, and the rule of law," he says.

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Hurd

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issues most important to him.

"I'm a native of Colorado and grew up in this district. I'm a family man. I've been married to my wife, Barbora, for 18 years and we have five children together. I was chairman of the board of the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce.

"The primary issues I'm running on are securing the border, economic development, energy independence and protecting water and ag, and that's including the San Luis Valley. I know water's critical to the people I've met there and I'm serious about that, as well.

"I'm working to be a sincere and hardworking representative in Congress who brings a reasonable voice to conversations. I think rural Colorado is being left behind. Our best resource is our kids who leave and don't come back. I would like to be a member of Congress who can create opportunities so that our children and grandchildren can — if they want — stay and live and be successful in rural Western Colorado."

When asked if he had any aspirations to go into politics before Boebert was elected, Hurd doesn't hesitate.

"No. I thought perhaps

I might consider the judiciary at some point, but I had better sense than to jump into politics," he says.

When asked what happened to that "better sense", Hurd says, "I felt called to serve the district that I grew up in. I felt the voters deserved a sincere and credible Republican choice in the election."

The race in the district is already targeted by national media as one to watch due to how close the results were in 2022. When asked how it feels to be a political newcomer in the national spotlight, he says, "There certainly is a spotlight."

"I jumped into this race focused on the issues that will help families and businesses and communities in rural Colorado thrive. Whatever attention comes to the race, my focus remains on the issues."

Hurd has been described as the most competitive candidate in a field of 8-10 contenders. Does he see himself as a politician?

"I see myself as a Coloradoan, a father, a husband, and a Christian. I've never run for anything before. I would describe myself as a citizen legislator. I'm not a career politician. I don't like that Washington D.C. has become a retirement center for people in Congress, and I don't

plan to stay in Congress any longer that what is needed to accomplish results for western Colorado," he says.

When asked for an example of what those results would be, he speaks of the crisis at the border and the need to stop the influx of fentanyl, crime and people coming into the country illegally.

As far as energy independence, he says the kind of results he hopes to achieve would not be results that would show up in the headlines of national newspapers, but instead local newspapers serving local communities with "jobs created, opportunities made and things that are of benefit to working families and rural communities."

He cites the Craig Power Plant in Moffat County that owners plan to shut down by 2030.

"I'd like to see that coal powered plant transitioned to natural gas or nuclear to save the jobs of the people who work there. That wouldn't make national news, but I'm not interested in national attention. I want to focus on what helps rural Colorado," he says.

Hurd also notes that he's an electric utilities attorney representing rural co-operatives as well as other businesses and agencies involved in infrastructure. While he may not be an expert, he's familiar with issues

like energy and water.

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Photo courtesy of Jeff Hurd for Colorado
Photo of Hurd family, including Jeff, his wife, Barbora, and their five children. Hurd is a candidate running for the Republican nomination in the 2024 CD3 race.

"She appreciates in a deeply personal way democracy and the rule of law. Through her eyes I've come to appreciate in a much deeper way what it means to be an American," he says.

Hurd frequently uses the word "reasonable". Is there room for reasonable people in national politics today?

"I believe in the voters in this district," he says. "This is where I was raised. And I hope they'll see someone who reflects their values, is independent minded, conservative and recognizes the importance of moving rural Colorado forward because we're being left behind."

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Opinion

How to meet ADA Service Animal requirements

Friends, colleagues, medical staff, and strangers sometimes stop me with my service animal/dog and ask how one trains and gets a service animal certified.

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), no certification is required from the government. The main requirement is that the animal must be under control and must work or complete tasks for the disabled. On the Internet, surfers can find endless numbers of sites that offer certification if one pays \$60 or more. These sites are charging money and offering certifications that are not required by the government. In other words, they are likely scamming those who need a service animal. So, it is up to those who need a service animal to do research and understand the law.

The Department of Justice defines a service animal: "A service animal is a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability." The agency also states that a service animal is not a pet; and the service animal must be under control at all times. Agencies, businesses, and even medical institutions cannot refuse entry to the disabled who have a service animal. "Generally, title II and title III entities must permit service animals to accompany people with disabilities in all areas where members of the public are allowed to go."

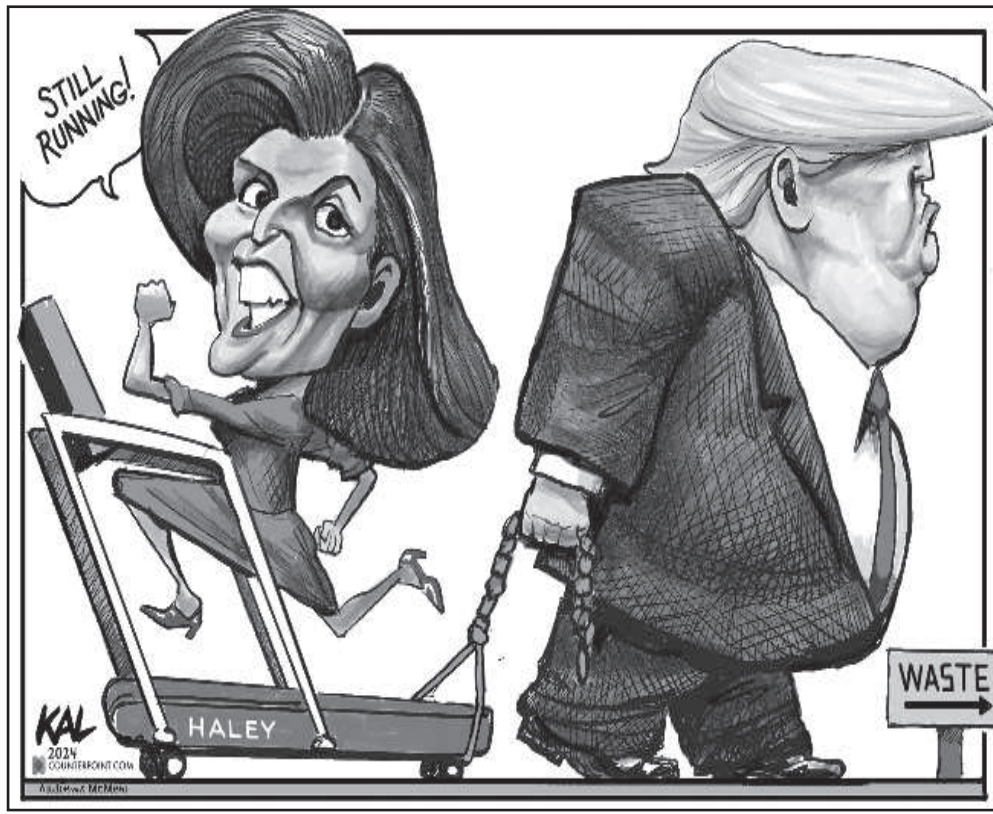
Examples of task that a service dog might perform are listed at ADA.Gov. In short, dogs may retrieve objects, perform tasks, alert to medical events like seizures or panic attacks.

Popular groups who train seeing-eye service dogs or seizure-alert service dogs have developed their own internal certification. We have all seen those spe-

Movin' On with Nellie



Nelda Curtiss



cial news reports about a blind student receiving a dog that accompanies and guides the blind.

For instance, those who have documented Post Traumatic Stress Disorder may need a service animal to alert to distress, and panic attacks. The disabled can train their own service animal to complete tasks like this. When your primary care provider prescribes a Psychiatric dog or PTSD Dog/service animal, then documentation is provided. Keep a copy of the prescription for easy access.

DOJ also posts: "Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA. This definition does not affect or limit the broader definition of "assistance animal" under the Fair Housing Act or the broader definition of "service animal" under the Air Carrier Access Act."

Steps to qualifying a dog as a service dog are: 1) secure a prescription/letter from doctor for the service animal with specific needs: blind guide dog, PTSD Psychiatric Dog, or hearing service dog; 2) train your dog in obedience training and train for specific tasks like alerting to medical conditions; 3) keep immunizations up to date for the service animal. In my opinion, labeling your service dog alleviates a lot of concerns that the gen-

eral public may have.

An emotional support dog qualifies as an "Assistance Animal" under the fair-housing act; but does not meet the ADA requirements for providing a specific task. Providing a letter of prescription for a landlord, updated shot records, gives the renter protection that the "Assistance Animal" will be allowed legally in housing.

An "Assistance Animal" is not protected as a service animal and does not have the rights that an ADA Service Animal does when frequenting restaurants, grocery stores, hospitals, and other public domains.

Bottom line, an ADA service animal is allowed to go anywhere a human can go: bathrooms, shopping malls, grocery stores, hospitals, clinics and movie theaters (and so on). However, the business may ask the dog and owner to leave if the dog is disruptive or aggressive. Although a service animal is allowed in hospital settings or doctor offices, it may not be appropriate for the service animal to be in a surgery room where sterile conditions may be compromised.

If you see me with my service dog, say "hi" and let me know how your process is going. But don't fall prey to the scammers charging – instead read the DOJ's guide to service animals: http://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm. Look in the Valley Courier classifieds for

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Schroeder is the author's service dog trained to alert to medical events.

an obedience trainer: The San Luis Valley Dog Training Center: 719-379-4157 advertises.

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Haley heads for another loss

By BYRON YORK

The Michigan Democratic and Republican primaries took place Tuesday. The Democratic contest is interesting not because any candidate had a chance of touching President Joe Biden, but for what it might say about the reach of the Israel-Hamas war into Democratic Party politics.

The Republican primary drew interest because it could shed more light on the lopsided race between former President Donald Trump and former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley. Well, at this point it's not really a race, but Michigan will show how long the cycle of Trump-trouncing-Haley and Haley-vows-to-continue will go on. It will also shed more light, after elections in Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina, on the number of voters, Republican and Democrat, who will vote against Trump in a GOP primary.

There has been very little polling on the race. In fact, there is just one recent poll, done by Emerson College and The Hill, which was taken between Feb. 20 and Feb. 24, the day of the South Carolina primary. The poll showed Trump with a massive lead over Haley in Michigan, 69% to 20% — a 49-percentage-point margin. An additional 11% said they were undecided. When those people were asked which candidate they lean toward, the Trump lead got even bigger, 76% to 24% — a 52-point margin.

The numbers seem crazy, like a lot of

polls in the GOP race. But it's worth noting that Emerson and The Hill did one of the final polls in the South Carolina primary. It showed Trump defeating Haley by 22 points. The final margin was 20 points, which meant the poll was pretty accurate.

Indeed, as the New York Times' Nate Cohn remarked recently, primary polling has been "more accurate than average." But at the same time, polls in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina have overstated Trump's support. Looking at the RealClearPolitics average of polls, in Iowa, the final pre-election average had Trump over Haley by 34 points. He actually beat her by 32 points. In New Hampshire, the final pre-election average had Trump over Haley by 19 points. He actually won by 11 points. In South Carolina, the average showed Trump up by 23 points. He won by 20 points.

Not a bad performance from the pollsters. But still, each average overstated Trump's lead. Cohn looked into various explanations. The most persuasive is that pollsters have been unable to fully and accurately identify the electorate in the Republican contests so far. This is the problem: When a pollster seeks to measure the support of "likely GOP primary voters," he looks for voters who have either participated in a Republican primary in the last eight years or have registered recently as a Republican. That's fine for finding Republican voters, but what about those Democrats

who chose to vote in the GOP primaries and caucuses? Screening poll respondents for Republican activity would not find them. So, when they showed up at the polls to vote for Haley, they were a surprise to the pollsters.

"The decision to survey prior Republican primary voters is understandable," writes Cohn. "It makes the poll much cheaper and homes in on the respondents likeliest to vote, but it will obviously miss any previous Democratic voters who hadn't voted in a Republican primary and now choose to do so."

Cohn suggests that has been an important theme in polling the Trump-Haley race so far. The number of Democrats who chose to vote in a Republican primary in order to support Haley and oppose Trump has been larger than previously estimated. That is one reason we've seen post-election data showing that many Haley voters characterized their vote not as a show of support for her but as a show of opposition to Trump.

Obviously, such voting has not been decisive anywhere, but it has been bigger than expected. It could happen again in Michigan, and then all around the country on Super Tuesday on March 5. For those voters, Nikki Haley is just a vessel — their current means of opposing Trump. When the general election comes around, they'll be back, voting for whatever candidate is not named Donald Trump.

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Religion

Are attacks on churches brand-new or just old news?

Security cameras at St. Columba Catholic Church in Brooklyn showed five people, in the night, trying to force their way inside.

When they failed, the suspects settled for breaking a stained-glass window and attacking a nearby cross. Police noted that this Jan. 27 crime

charges brought against pro-life protestors outside abortion clinics, received significant attention in Congress," noted the report.

"In hearings in both the House and the Senate, Republicans accused the Department of Justice and the FBI of bias against Catholics and Christians."

On Religion



Terry Mattingly

was the latest of many New York City attacks on churches, synagogues, sacred symbols and religious schools, medical facilities and offices. Authorities referred this case to the NYPD Hate Crimes Task Force.

Headlines of this kind have become old news, according to the 2024 religious liberty report from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. What has changed, after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, is that anti-Christian vandalism often includes spray-painted slogans such as, "If abortion isn't safe, then neither are you," swastikas and nasty graffiti.

"The general failure ... of the federal government to apprehend and prosecute the perpetrators of such attacks, in contrast with the numerous

Political activists seeking additional evidence that this issue has become politically charged will be able to quote former President Donald Trump's Feb. 22 speech to the National Religious Broadcasters.

After promising to defend religious freedom, he claimed that "radical left" activists are determined to "tear down crosses where they can. ... But no one will be touching the cross of Christ under the Trump administration, I swear to you that will never happen."

Meanwhile, the Family Research Council released its latest "Hostility Against Churches" report during the NRB convention, a 183-page document built on direct references to online news reports and public source documents. It included 436 hostile incidents from

2023, more than double the number from 2022. This 2023 total was more than eight times higher than in 2018, when the conservative think tank began tracking reports.

"Hostile incidents" included vandalism, theft and arson (including attempted arson), as well as bomb threats and gun-related acts on church property. These incidents occurred over six years in 50 states and the District of Columbia, with the highest numbers found in major states such as California (91), Texas (62), New York (58) and Florida (47).

While it's impossible to say that every single attack shares the same motivation, the report claimed: "Criminal acts of vandalism and destruction of church property may be symptomatic of a collapse in societal reverence and respect for houses of worship and religion -- in this case, churches and Christianity. ... Attacks on houses of worship may also signal a discomfort with religion in general."

Thus, "when a statue of Mary outside of a Catholic church is beheaded, it is natural for congregants to feel disturbed and upset, and that may be the vandal's aim. Acts of hostility against churches can send the message -- regardless of

whether it is the perpetrator's intent -- that churches are not wanted in the community or respected in general. This may cause congregants or church leaders to feel unsafe."

Some attacks were especially symbolic, with the nativity scene at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Catholic Church in the New York City borough of Queens being attacked twice -- on the same night. A fire was set at Faith Lutheran Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, just after the Easter service ended.

One flashpoint in public discussions of this trend -- in political rheto-

ric, court documents or news reports -- has been whether most hostile actions against religious sanctuaries and institutions will be considered "hate crimes."

After one attack at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Denver -- with "Satan lives here" in blood-red paint on the bronze front doors -- the local archbishop cited the surging numbers of attacks on Catholic facilities. However, similar reports are made by leaders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, historically Black church-

es and others, he added. "Simply holding different beliefs, however strongly, is not an invitation to aggression," wrote Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila, with Tim Busch in the Washington Post. "If that becomes a widely accepted reaction, which now appears to be a real possibility, society will rapidly spiral downward. We'll reach a place where Americans turn on each other at the slightest provocation."

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

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

Church of the Living God
11611 2nd Avenue, Hooper
719-378-2080
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship
Sunday, 6 p.m. - Book of Acts Study
Monday, 7 p.m. - Youth
Thursday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study

San Luis Valley Christian Center
305 S. Broadway (3rd & Broadway), Monte Vista
719-852-6168
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship
Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Bible Study

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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"The Church on the Hill"
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Pastor John Jayne • 719-873-1202
www.newhopest.com
Morning Worship - 10:00 am
Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 - 9:45

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

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

Bible Digest

Saturday, March 2
"Blessed is the man that trusts in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is." (Jeremiah 17:7 AKJV)

Be blessed. Trust God.

Sunday, March 3
"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9 AKJV)

Don't trust yourself. Put your faith in God.

Monday, March 4
"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that you should abstain from fornication." (1 Thessalonians 4:3 AKJV)

Tuesday, March 5
"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump

of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first." (1 Thessalonians 4:16 AKJV)

Jesus is coming back. Get ready. Repent of sin and commit your life to Him.

Wednesday, March 6
"Rejoice ever more. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 AKJV)

Here is a good game plan for everyday life. The Christian life is the best life.

"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:3-4 AKJV)

All men means you also. Repent of sin and trust Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Be saved from Hell now.

Friday, March 8
"Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint." (Proverbs 25:19 AKJV)

Can the Lord and people depend on you?



Don't Waste Your Pain

Over the years, I've spoken with a lot of people who have gotten stuck in their place of pain. Whether they were abused as a child or suffered from other disappointments in life, they allowed it to keep them from moving forward. Painful experiences can leave us bitter, offended and focused on the people who have harmed us. However, just because someone treated us wrong, it doesn't give us the license to treat them wrong. In fact, when we decide to "pay people back" in this way, we're doing the exact opposite of what God's Word says to do. Making progress means giving up all offense, hatred, pain, and unforgiveness. The Lord has used Psalm 37:1-3 (AMV) to literally change my life. It says, "Do not worry because of evildoers, nor be envious toward wrongdoers; for they will wither quickly like the grass, and fade like the green herb. Trust [rely on and have confidence] in the Lord and do good..." When someone harms or treats us unfairly in some way, our first inclination is to want to get revenge. But if we continue to focus on the injustice and the person who wronged us, it will eat us up on the inside. I often say that holding a grudge and staying bitter is like taking poison and hoping your enemy will die. It is useless! I really want you to remember this: Life is not fair, and everything that happens to you is not fair, but God is fair. And if you place your trust in Him and do things His way, He will make it up to you (many times over!) and use what happened for your good. So, what is "God's way"? Psalm 37:3 holds the key: trust God and do good.... First, we must trust God with our situation. In the midst of the pain, in the midst of betrayal, rejection, or

disappointment, we need to say: "God, I don't understand everything that's happened, but I know You are good. Your Word says You are my Vindicator and that You will make wrong things right. I give my situation to You, asking You to fight on my behalf as I continue to seek You and go about helping other people." Now, the second part is just as important: do good. I really believe this is our secret weapon. Romans 12:21 says that we "overcome evil with good." In fact, we will never move beyond our pain if we repay evil for evil. The enemy's goal is for us to feel sorry for ourselves and get consumed with our own problems. But during these times, the greatest thing we can do is turn our focus outward and help others with their needs. I believe when we continue to trust God and remain determined to be good to others even while we're hurting, there's nothing the enemy can do to stop us. The truth is, life isn't always going to turn out the way we want. Jesus Himself said that we will have tribulation. However, even when bad things happen—even when we suffer disappointments and setbacks we didn't see coming—God wants to use it for our good. In fact, the Lord wants us to let Him use our challenges and difficulties as opportunities to help us grow strong in Him. Look what it says in Habakkuk 3:19 (AMPC): "The Lord God is my strength [my source of courage, my invincible army]; He has made my feet [steady and sure] like hinds' feet and makes me walk [forward with spiritual confidence] on my high places [of challenge and responsibility]. I believe God is saying, "Don't waste your pain!" If you allow Him, He will use your challenging times to "make your feet steady and sure" and



trust Him like never before. Each thing we go through helps equip us for our next challenge. Having experience and going through things also help us live courageously. We learn that we can endure difficulties, and that knowledge helps us not to fear the future. Maybe you've been hanging on to some deep emotional wounds that occurred years ago, and it's preventing you from taking that next step forward. Or maybe some recent disappointments have caused you to want to throw in the towel and give up on the process. I'm not sure where you are today, but I do know this: If you will put your trust in God and do things His way, He can take even the worst things that have happened and work them out for your good. For more on this topic, order Joyce's three-part teaching resource *Burnt But Not Bitter*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org. Joyce Meyer is a *New York Times* bestselling author and founder of *Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc.* She has authored more than 140 books, including *BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND* and *OVERCOMING EVERY PROBLEM* (*FaithWords*). She hosts the *Enjoying Everyday Life* radio and TV programs, which air on hundreds of stations worldwide. For more information, visit www.joycemeyer.org. Please note: The views and opinions expressed throughout this publication and/or website are those of the respective authors and do not necessarily reflect those of Joyce Meyer Ministries.

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Sports

Both Sanford teams advance in regionals

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

SANFORD—The Sanford High School boys and girls basketball teams both won their first round games in their respective regional tournaments Friday at the SHS gym.

The fourth-ranked Lady Mustangs easily handled Crowley County 58-18 in the Class 2A Region 4 Tournament, while the sixth-ranked boys team defeated Golden View Classical Academy in the Region 6 tourney 60-42.

Sanford girls 58, Crowley County 18

The Lady Chargers took the early lead as Nakayla Aguilar hit a 3-point basket. Riley Willett put the Lady Mustangs on the board with a layup, but Alexis Rusher knocked down a jumper and Emalee Ross made two free throws to increase the lead to 7-2.

Brinlyn Smith drove for a layup and Shasta Bond made a pair from the free throw line to close the margin to 7-6. Rusher scored in the paint, but Bond answered with a layup for the Lady Mustangs.

Aguilar hit a short jumper for an 11-8 Lady Charger lead.

That would be Crowley County's last lead as Willett and Makynlee Faucette both scored layups to give Sanford the lead for good. Brooklynn Reynolds also scored a layup for a 14-11 lead.

The second quarter was all Sanford as it outscored Crowley County 21-0. Faucette opened the scoring for the period with a layup, and Reynolds drained back-to-back 3-pointers for a 22-11 advantage.

Reynolds scored a layup and Willett scored two baskets. Bond made a short jumper and added a free throw, and Faucette and Bond closed out the period with layups and the Lady Mustangs had a 35-11 lead at halftime.

Reynolds scored to begin the third quarter to extend the Lady Mustangs' run to 29-0. Kamil Lovato ended the run with a layup, but Bond scored two baskets and Claire Crowther one for a 43-13 advantage.

Bond, Reynolds and Sadie Caldon all scored for a 49-13 lead. Ava Caballero made one of two free throws for Crowley County, but Smith ended the quarter with a three and Sanford had a 52-14 lead at the end of the period.

The fourth quarter was played under a running clock. Sanford scored six points in the period with Reynolds, Bond and Jelissa Peterson all scoring. The Lady Chargers scored four points — a free throw by Rusher and a trey by Ross.

The Lady Mustangs had two players score in double figures. Reynolds led the way with 16 points and Bond scored 15.

Aguilar, Ross and Rusher all scored five points to lead Rowley County.

Sanford (18-5) will play the winner of the game between Las Animas and Wiggins for the regional championship today at 1 p.m.

Sanford boys 60, Golden View Classical Academy 42

Luke Chronowski gave the Sentinels the early lead with a layup, but Trasen Gartrell tied the score. Lincoln Reynolds put the Mustangs in front and Cash Caldon increased the lead to 7-2 with a 3-point basket.

Jacob Walker reduced GVCA's deficit to 7-5 with three free throws, and William Wheaton tied the score with a layup. Reynolds scored another layup and Caldon drained another three for a 12-7 lead.



Left: Sanford High School's Brooklynn Reynolds (10) fires up a 3-point shot against Crowley County Friday at the SHS gym. The Lady Mustangs defeated the Lady Chargers 58-18. Right: Emmitt Larsen goes in for a layup against Golden View Classical Academy Friday at the SHS gym. The Mustangs defeated the Sentinels 60-42.

Walker knocked down a jumper and Isaiah Fresquez made two free tosses to bring the Sentinels within 12-11 at the end of the first quarter.

Gartrell opened the second quarter with a jumper, but Miles Lindgren buried a three and Chronowski knocked down a jumper to put GVCA back into the lead at 16-14.

Ben Sittler deadlocked the score with a layup, but Connor Maske put the Sentinels back in front by making one of two free throws.

That would be the Sentinels' final lead. Gartrell gave the lead back to the Mustangs, and Sittler added a layup. Both scored another basket and Sanford had a 24-17 advantage.

Miles Lindgren made two free throws to end the run, but Caldon scored a layup and added a free throw for a 27-19 advantage at the break.

Reynolds began the third quarter by splitting at the line, and Caldon followed with a layup. Miles Lindgren scored for GVCA, but Gartrell scored a layup and also made a free throw for a 33-21 lead.

Wheaton scored for the Sentinels, but Caldon scored seven points and Ben Sittler four to extend the lead to 44-25.

Wheaton scored three baskets to close out the quarter to reduce the lead to 44-31.

Caldon started the fourth quarter with a pair of free throws, but Chronowski made a 3-pointer. Emmitt Larsen and Travis Canty both scored layups for a



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50-30 lead.

The Mustangs made six out of nine free throws in the final 2:31 to wrap up the victory.

Three Mustangs scored in double figures. Caldon was the top scorer with 20 points, followed by Gartrell with 15 and Ben Sittler with 14.

Wheaton led GVCA with 12 points.

Sanford (18-5) will play Loveland Classical for the region championship today at 2:30 p.m. The Lions defeated Holly 79-42.

Sanford girls 58, Crowley County 18

Crowley County — Brown 0-0-0, Aguilar 2-0-0 5, Rusher 2-1-4 5, Lovato 1-0-0 2, Ross 1-2-2 5, Caballero 0-1-2 1, Anderson 0-0-0 0, Medina-Neal 0-0-0 0. Total 6-4-8 18.

3-point goals — Aguilar 1, Ross 1. Total 2.

Sanford — Crowther 2-0-0 4, Reynolds 7-0-0 16, Willett 4-0-0 8, S. Caldon 2-0-0 4, Bond 6-3-3 15, Smith 2-0-0 5, Koenig 0-0-0 0, J. Caldon 0-0-0 0, Faucette 2-0-0 4, B. Peterson 0-0-0 0, H. Peterson 0-0-0 0, J. Peterson 1-0-0 2. Total 26-3-3 58.

3-point goals — Reynolds 2, Smith 1. Total 3.

Crowley County 11 0 3 4-18
 Sanford 14 21 17 6-58

Fouls — Crowley County 7, Sanford 8.

Sanford boys 60, Golden View Classical Academy 42

GVCA — Fresquez 1-2-2 4, Chronowski 3-0-0 7, Mi. Lindgren 2-2-2 7, Maske 0-1-2 1, Walker 2-3-5 7, Heldt 1-0-0 2, Hale 0-0-0 0, Ma. Lindgren 0-0-0 0, Todd 0-0-0 0, Wheaton 5-2-2 7, Badanagki 1-0-0 2. Total 15-10-13 42.

3-point goals — Chronowski 1, Mi. Lindgren 1.

Sanford — A. Sittler 0-0-0 0, Caldon 6-5-5 20, B. Sittler 6-2-5 14, Reynolds 2-1-4 5, Gartrell 6-3-4 15, Larson 0-0-0 0, E. Larsen 1-0-0 2, C. Canty 0-0-0 0, T. Canty 1-2-2 4, C. Larsen 0-0-0 0. Total 22-13-20 66.

3-point goals — Caldon 3. Total 3.

GVCA 11 8 12 11-42
 Sanford 12 15 17 16-60

Fouls — Golden View Classical Academy 20, Sanford 13. Fouled out — Mi. Lindgren.

Centauri basketball teams reach Sweet 16

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

LA JARA — Both Centauri High School basketball teams were victorious in their respective Class 3A State Tournament first round games Friday at the CHS gym.

The fourth-ranked Lady Falcons scored an easy 67-21 win over Thomas MacLaren, while the Centauri boys defeated Timnath 50-30.

Centauri boys 50, Timnath 30

Max Roselle put the Cubs in front early with a jumper, but Carson Bagwell tied the score and Troy Sowards hit a 3-point basket for a 5-2 lead. Chaz Holman split at the free throw line, and Sean Jarvis and Sowards closed out the first quarter with threes and the Falcons led 12-4.

Carson Shawcroft hit a trey to open the second quarter, and Bagwell also scored from beyond the arc. Holman and Bagwell both scored to increase the lead to 22-4.

Jack Hemme ended the Centauri run, but Kamryn Garcia drained a 3-pointer. Roselle scored a layup and a free throw to cut the Falcons' lead to 26-9 at halftime.

Roselle began the second half the same way he ended the first — with a layup and a free throw. Holman drove for a layup, but Roselle scored again, and Luke Jacobson also scored to bring the Cubs within a 28-17 deficit.

Holman then buried a three, and after Andrew Hamlin split at the line, Bagwell made back-to-back baskets, and Sowards made a layup and added a free throw for a 38-18 advantage.

Carter Gaines hit a 3-pointer to bring Timnath within 38-21 at the end of the third quarter.

Kaleb Anderson made two layups to begin the fourth quarter and extended the lead to 42-25. Jacobson split at the line and Roselle hit a jumper to bring Timnath within 42-28.

Sowards hit his third three of the game and Holman

followed with a layup to wrap up the scoring for Centauri.

Sowards was the Falcons' leading scorer with 14 points, followed by Holman with 11.

Roselle led the Cubs with 12.

Centauri (17-5) will host either Manual in the Sweet 16 today at 1:30 p.m. The Thunderbolts defeated Platte Valley 63-48 on Friday.

Centauri girls 67, Thomas MacLaren 21

The Lady Falcons started quickly as they led the Lady Highlanders 26-5 after the first quarter. The lead was increased to 34-9 at halftime and to 62-16 after the third quarter.

The fourth quarter was played under a running clock with both teams scoring five points.

Centauri had three players score in double figures. Braelyn Tucker was the top scorer with 22 points, followed by Hannah Curtis with 16 and Rylee McCarroll with 10.

Sara Christensen was Thomas MacLaren's leading scorer with 13 points.

Centauri (16-6) will face Cedaredge in the second round today. The Bruins defeated Banning Lewis Academy 36-20 also on Friday.

Centauri boys 50, Timnath 30

Timnath — Nelson 0-0-0 0, Hamlin 0-1-2 1, T. Mock 1-0-0 2, Jacobson 2-1-3 6, Roselle 5-2-2 12, Hemme 1-0-0 2, Gaines 1-0-0 3, Summers 0-0-0 0, Walter 0-0-0 0, Raymond 1-0-0 2, Southworth 0-0-0 0, Yoch 0-0-0 0, R. Mock 0-0-0 0, D. Mock 0-0-0 0. Total 11-4-7 30.

3-point goals — Gaines 1, Jacobson 1. Total 2.

Centauri — Holman 4-2-3 11, Sowards 5-1-1 14, Bagwell 4-0-0 9, Haslett 1-1-2 3, Anderson 2-0-0 4, Jarvis 1-0-0 3, Garcia 1-0-0 3, Broyles 0-0-0 0, Shawcroft 1-0-0 3, McGinnis 0-0-0 0. Total 13-4-6 50.

3-point goals — Sowards 3, Bagwell 1, Garcia 1, Holman 1, Jarvis 1, Shawcroft 1. Total 8.

Timnath 4 5 12 9-30
 Centauri 12 14 12 12-50

Fouls — Timnath 15, Centauri 14. Fouled out — T. Mock.

Centauri girls 67, Thomas MacLaren 21

Thomas MacLaren — Christensen 6-1-2 13, Hrbacek 1-0-0 2, E. Kewley 0-0-0 0, A. O'Lear 0-1-2 1, Ambuhl 0-1-2 1, K. Hrbacek 0-0-0 0, E. O'Lear 1-0-0 2, Lilevjen 0-0-0 0, Noreldeen 1-0-0 2, A. Kewley 0-0-0 0, Hassell 0-0-0 0. Total 9-3-6 21.



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

Centauri High School's Troy Sowards (2) looks to put up a shot over Timnath's Davis Walter (15) in Friday's game at the CHS gym. The Falcons defeated the Cubs 50-30.

3-point goals — none.

Centauri — Jarvis 3-0-0 6, Tucker 10-0-1 22, J. McCarroll 0-0-0 0, Johnson 4-1-4 9, H. Curtis 7-0-0 16, Hostetter 0-0-0 0, K. Curtis 0-0-0 0, Jackson 1-0-0 2, R. McCarroll 5-0-1 10, Norton 0-0-0 0, Tibbitts 0-0-0 0, Shawcroft 1-0-0 2, Russell 0-0-0 0, Holman 0-0-0 0. Total 31-1-6 67.

3-point goals — H. Curtis 2, Tucker 2. Total 4.

Thomas MacLaren 5 4 7 5-21
 Centauri 12 8 28 16-60

Fouls — Thomas MacLaren 11, Centauri 10.

Sports Bulletin

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

SCOREBOARD FRIDAY

Prep boys basketball

Centauri 50, Timnath 30

Fowler 49, Sargent 36

Monte Vista 39, Walsenburg 30

Otis 50, Sangre de Cristo 48

Peetz 60, Centen-

nial 41

Sanford 60, Golden View Classical Academy 42

Sierra Grande 67, Wiley 42

Stratton 73, Moffat 39

Prep girls basketball

Centauri 67, Thomas MacLaren 21

Flatirons Academy 67, Sierra Grande 10

Hi-Plains 36, Sangre de Cristo 26

Mancos 38, Del Norte 26

Sanford 58, Crowley County 18

Sargent 49, Fowler 28

Sedgwick County 51, Center 35

Wray 55, Monte Vista

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College men's basketball

Colorado School of Mines 93, Adams State 68

College women's basketball

Adams State 82, Colorado School of Mines 63

College baseball

Adams State 9, Malone (Ohio) 1

Malone (Ohio) 3, Adams State 2

College women's softball

Fort Lewis 6, Adams State 2

Adams State 10, Fort Lewis 6

SCHEDULE SATURDAY

Prep boys basketball

Manual at Centauri (Class 3A State Tournament), 1:30 p.m.

De Beque at Sierra Grande (Class 1A Region 6 Tournament), 2 p.m.

Loveland Classical at Sanford (Class 2A Region 6 Tournament), 2:30 p.m.

Monte Vista vs. Evangel Christian/Merino winner (Class 2A Region 2 Tournament at Merino), 2:30 p.m.

Prep girls basketball

Cedaredge at Centauri (Class 3A State Tournament), noon

Las Animas/Wiggins

winner at Sanford (Class 2A Region 4 Tournament), 1 p.m.

Sargent at Merino (Class 2A Region 1 Tournament), 1 p.m.

College men's basketball

Adams State at Metropolitan State-Denver, 5 p.m.

College women's basketball

Adams State at Metropolitan State-Denver, 3 p.m.

College men's wrestling

Adams State at NCAA Super Region VI Championship (at Pueblo),

TBA

College baseball

Adams State vs. Concordia-St. Paul (Minn.) (2) (Tucson (Ariz.) Invitational), 9:30 a.m.

College women's softball

Fort Lewis at Adams State (2), 11 a.m.

SUNDAY

College baseball

Adams State vs. Walsh (Ohio) (2) (Tucson (Ariz.) Invitational), 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

College men's lacrosse

Colorado State Pueblo at Adams State, 3 p.m.

Lifestyle

Creede awarded \$1.5M grant for downtown revitalization

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL CREEDE** — The City of Creede was one of many municipalities awarded funding through a CDOT revitalization effort and will begin the early stages of planning for the project that will begin construction in the spring of 2025.

In a public forum hosted by the City of Creede this past week, several area residents gathered to hear about the conceptual plans presented by the town and to voice their suggestions and or concerns. Creede City Manager Louise Fineberg said it was one of at least three such meetings the city plans to host and that it was a successful event.

"We are really excited about this, and we knew going in that there would be concerns. About 25 people showed up for the forum and we were able to answer questions as well as look as some conceptual design options as we begin to move forward," he said.

The grant awarded to the city by CDOT is \$1.5 million and the proposed project will be about \$1.9 million by the time it is complete, according to Fineberg.

"We are hoping to do this

in one phase initially. We know there will be a second phase, but it will be later down the road. The City of Creede will need to provide about \$400,000 for the initial phase," Fineberg said, adding the focus of the project is to make Main Street in Creede from the north end down to First Street ADA compliant.

During the meeting, members of the public could see conceptual project designs such as bump outs, storm drain placements, sidewalk reconstruction and addition, crosswalk locations, the lighting system and proposed relocation of utility lines.

"2025 is going to be a big year for us. We will begin work on the new sewer project, the hydroelectric plant and now the downtown revitalization project," said Fineberg. "We are not at the first design phase yet, but we were able to show proposed design features and get some feedback. All of the feedback from those who attended was very positive. All of these projects need to be done."

In addition to the feedback from the attending crowd, several business

owners voiced their concern about potential closures while the project is underway, Fineberg said.

"We are always in a unique position up here in Creede because our busy season coincides with the only time of year where we can feasibly do a project like this and therefore it raises some concerns for business owners who may or may not have to temporarily close for certain aspects of the project to be complete," explained Fineberg.

Fineberg said that he and the planning crew were going to do everything they could to make sure that businesses will not have to close while the project is underway.

"We thrive on our business during the summer, and we will do everything we can to make sure business and events like the Fourth of July will not be affected," he said.

The next step in the design phase will be to finish at least 30% of the initial design work and then host another public forum to gain feedback from the public. After that, the city will host at least one more meeting when design is at 80%.



Photo by Marie Mccolm

SLV Fast Friends Director Larry Garner makes a \$2,000 donation to Sangre de Cristo High School music teacher Al Duran on behalf of the non-profit.

SLV Fast Friends donates \$2K to Sangre de Cristo HS drum line

By **MARIE MCCOLM MOSCA** — Larry Garner, the director of the non-profit organization SLV Fast Friends, made a \$2,000 donation on Thursday, Feb. 22, to help support music at Sangre de Cristo High School drum line — Blue Thunder.

Music Teacher Al Duran was excited about the donation.

"We don't have a very big budget for the music class, so this money is really going to help the classroom and kids a lot. I am excited to receive this donation from SLV Fast Friends and want to say thank you to Mr. Garner for supporting our kids and music," Duran said.

Garner was all smiles as he handed the check to Duran inside of the music classroom at Sangre de Cristo High School.

"I am tickled to make this donation to the music department," Garner said. "I was a band kid. I started when I was 8 years old. All through grade school, junior high and high school I played in the band. I have been a band kid forever. I think band is beneficial to kids, it teaches them a lot of

skills that they can use. They get a chance to do something for themselves that matters, like a solo or something, too. I am very happy about making this donation, and would encourage others, if they are able, to make one to the school, too."

Garner is no stranger to donations and supporting Valley projects. Garner has directed many different non-profit organizations and enjoys helping children succeed.

Garner has lived in many different areas and raised money to help families with children who are ill and terminally ill, with different expenses and things they might need. Garner has also donated money to help 4-H clubs, and the Monte Vista Kids Connection.

Garner started SLV Fast Friends after having another non-profit organization with a similar name Fast Friends. Garner had decided to close down SLV Fast Friends, due to personal reasons, but wanted to make a final donation to a worthy cause.

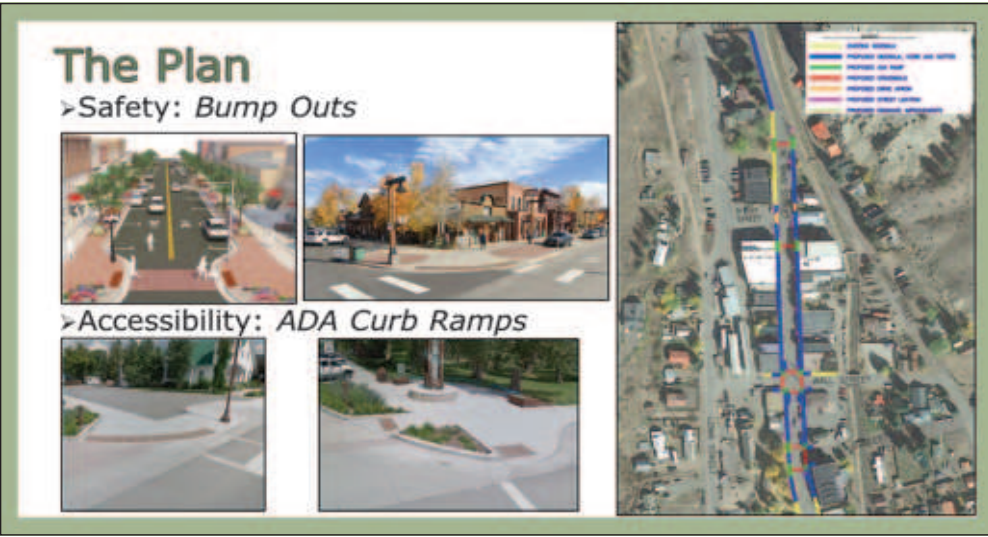
"I held the event Dragging Main to help 4-H

students last year," Garner said. "I have decided to close out SLV Fast Friends and wanted to donate to some students who could really use the help. I was talking to my wife, and she mentioned the music department at Sangre de Cristo High School."

Garner said that after talking to Duran, he felt good about making the donation because Duran had mentioned that the department only had a budget of about \$300 for the class.

"My kids went to school at Sangre de Cristo, and they didn't have a music department then," Garner said. "So, in talking to the principal, the teachers, the superintendent, and hearing about the budget, I figured that making this donation was just the right thing to do. I gave the department a check for \$2,000."

Garner said that he's hoping that the department can use the money to help the kids travel, and to repair instruments. He hopes others can be "sympathetic to the cause" and help the students in the music department.



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The City of Creede is in the beginning stages of designing a downtown revitalization project via grant funding awarded through CDOT. The project is scheduled to begin construction in the spring of 2025.



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RIO GRANDE HOSPITAL CLINIC has a Full-Time MA position available in our clinic. Must be dependable, have the ability to multitask, be a self-starter and pay close attention to detail complete an application online at <http://rio-grande-hospital.org> Under Contact/ Employment. Additional question contact Ted Andersen at teda@rio-grandehospital.net or call 719-657-2418 RGH is an EOE. (3/15/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING LIAISON. SLV COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS, a social services strengthening nonprofit, seeks a facilitator who can help selected nonprofits to build stronger connections and strategies in order to better meet the needs of those living in poverty as well as manage a Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). Will train the right candidate in Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) protocol and grant specific management. Required duties will include supporting the SLV Community Solutions Board of Directors in convening community meetings, in formulating community needs assessments, and developing community partnership strategies. This is an excellent opportunity to build a stronger community and help the SLV work together to solve our challenges. Salary \$40,000 to \$45,000. DOE. A performance evaluation at 90 days will include discussions of growth, future responsibilities and commensurate salary. Submit resumes to HR@lapuente.net. Resumes without phone numbers and an email will not be considered. Attention to detail, organized, a passion for community, and strong public interaction are a plus. (3/5/24)

DATA COORDINATION LEAD. SLV COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS, a social services strengthening nonprofit, is looking for a data geek to help build data collection and data driven strategies for SLV agencies and organizations that work to address the issues of people living in poverty. This will involve building data integrity protocol, staff training, and data support for partner organizations. This position requires a self-starter with a passion for using quality information to help our community. Salary \$43,000 to \$50,000, DOE. Valid driver's license, vehicle and ability to travel around the San Luis Valley is required. Good communications and ability to train others is a must. Submit resumes to HR@lapuente.net. Resumes without phone numbers and an email will not be considered. (3/5/24)

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BOE OF CENTER SCHOOLS is now accepting applications for CHILDCARE IN THE INFANT ROOM for the 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR. Qualifications: 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 and continuing education as needed. For information and application materials please visit 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. (3/12/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

SEED SORTERS WANTED: will last two weeks. Job will start soon. Please text or call 719-850-2137. (3/26/24)

SANGRE DE CRISTO SCHOOL is looking for an ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL / ATHLETIC DIRECTOR for the 2024 / 2025 SCHOOL YEAR. Please see www.sangreschools.org for more information. (3/12/24)

SANGRE DE CRISTO SCHOOL DISTRICT is looking for PART-TIME CURRICULUM help. For more information please contact Gary Fritz at 719-469-1221 or email gfritz@sangreschools.org. Applications may be downloaded from sdc.schools.net under tab "about us". Position open until filled. (3/12/24)

DEL NORTE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL is looking for an energetic and experienced candidate to serve as the district's STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH. This position will assume the responsibility and obligation of establishing and maintaining a strength and conditioning program for all sports. Additional responsibilities include teaching junior high school physical education and high school physical education/weight training courses. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree and either possess or be able to obtain the appropriate Colorado teaching license. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Annie Hardy, DNHS Principal at ahardy@urtigers.co or contact Mrs. Hardy at 719-657-4020. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at www.urtigers.co.org. (3/5/24AS)

CAFETERIA STAFF NEEDED at UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Must have a high school diploma and some knowledge of working in a kitchen or a willingness to be trained. Pay is dependent on prior experience. Please contact Leslie Martinez at 719-657-4040, x1100 or email her at lmartinez@urtigers.co. (3/5/24AS)

307 - APPLIANCES

PAT SOLD HER ELECTRIC STOVE IN JUST 3 DAYS THROUGH THE VALLEY COURIER'S CLASSIFIED ADS. (AS)

324 - SEED & FEED

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345 - WOOD

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360 - MISC. FOR SALE

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852-4302

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Villas
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376-2388

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Accepting applications for 2 bedroom apartments. Family living at an affordable price.
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376-2025

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611 - HOMES FOR RENT

KUDDOS TO THE VALLEY COURIER FOR RENTING OUR HOUSE IN 2 DAYS! Thanks, Gerry. (AS)

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Comics

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Annoy
 - 4 Ship's cargo area
 - 8 Seize
 - 12 Down Under bird
 - 13 Have in one's bonnet
 - 14 Rajah's wife
 - 15 Sports org.
 - 16 Metallic element
 - 17 Punta del —
 - 18 — Haute
 - 20 Railway car
 - 22 "Norma —"
 - 23 Bond creator — Fleming
 - 24 CIA cousin
 - 26 Tiny colonist
 - 27 Last letter
 - 30 Not shiny
 - 32 So-so grade
 - 33 "— Fine Day"
- DOWN**
- 1 Stopped over
 - 2 Brown pigment
 - 3 Ensure

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	B	E	G	O	R	E	S	L	O	B
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A	S	H	O	R	E	F	I	N	A	L
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- 4 Misty fog
- 5 Kimono accessory
- 6 Eye part
- 7 Refuse politely
- 8 Immature
- 9 Speak hoarsely
- 10 Stake
- 11 Coffin stand
- 19 Remainder
- 21 Greasy spoon
- 25 Arm of the Mediterranean
- 26 Peak
- 27 Animal caretaker
- 28 Stop
- 29 Just-passing grade
- 30 Kitten's cry
- 31 Affirmative vote
- 36 Unpredictable
- 38 Auditorium
- 42 Ornate
- 44 Estimate
- 45 Competent
- 46 Heavy metal
- 47 Hotel employee
- 48 Concluding section
- 49 Earthy fuel
- 50 Blemish
- 53 Chess pieces

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ALLEY OOP

ENJOY BEING THE NEW KING OF MOO, ALLEY. I'M OUT OF HERE.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I'M GOING ON A CRUISE TO GONDWANA, AND I'M NEVER COMING BACK.

EVERYONE WILL MISS YOU.

THEY WON'T MISS ME WHEN THEY REALIZE I STOLE ALL OF MOO'S MONEY!

JUST FOR THAT, YOU'RE EXILED!

ARLO & JANIS

I'LL BE HONEST, BABE. THE IDEA OF POP LIVING ALONE AT THE BEACH SCARES ME!

I KNOW

HE GOT HIMSELF IN PRETTY BAD SHAPE LAST TIME!

I KNOW

HE REALLY DOES WANT TO GO BACK. HE PROMISED HE WOULD DO BETTER!

MAYBE IF HE AND I HAD A COME-TO-JESUS MEETING...

WHERE CAN I BUY TICKETS?

BIG NATE

I WOULD NEVER JOIN A CULT. HOW DO YOU KNOW?

BECAUSE I'M TOO STRONG-MINDED! I WOULD NEVER LET SOME RANDO MAKE ME BLINDLY FOLLOW A MADE-UP LIFE PLAN!

UGH.

WHAT?

MY HOROSCOPE STINKS TODAY.

THE BORN LOSER

DO YOU KNOW WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU, BRUTUS?

NO. WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT ME, MOTHER GARGLE?

WELL, IF YOU CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING, HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME TO?

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

LIVABEFF—HOW LONG WILL IT BE BEFORE I CAN WEAR ONE OF THESE?

A LONG TIME, APRIL.

HOW LONG BEFORE I CAN PUT ON DAT STUFF?

YEARS AN YEARS.

YOU MEAN I WON'T BE BIG FOR DAYS AN MONTHS AN EVER?

THAT'S RIGHT.

CH.

SIGH—THE TROUBLE WITH OUR KIDS, JOHN, IS—THEY'RE GROWING UP MUCH TOO FAST.

FRANK & ERNEST

AEROBICS CLASS

"TOUCH MY TOES"! WE'LL BE HERE ALL NIGHT!

GARFIELD

HAVE I LOST WEIGHT?

NO.

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. I'VE BEEN ON A STRICT DIET.

FOR HOW LONG?

ELEVEN WHOLE MINUTES!

THE GRIZZWELLS

NOW WHAT'S WRONG?

SIGH...I HAVEN'T SEEN A DODO BIRD IN THIS PARK FOR MONTHS.

YOU BIRDBRAIN, DODO BIRDS HAVE BEEN EXTINCT FOR AT LEAST A HUNDRED YEARS.

I REST MY CASE.

PEANUTS

I THINK I'LL RUN AWAY...

ARE YOU THE KIND WHO RUNS FROM A PROBLEM, CHARLIE BROWN?

NO, BY GOLLY! I'LL STAY AND FIGHT! I'LL USE ALL THE STRENGTH AND TALENT I POSSESS TO PROVE MY CAUSE WAS JUST!

YOU'D BETTER RUN AWAY!

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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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

"Dad, the cat got married!"

Series of unfortunate events puts friendship in question

DEAR ABBY: My friend of eight years, "Lorna," had a family get-together for her daughter, who was graduating from college. I was not invited, which surprised me, since our families were always close. Both of our sons were best friends. After telling me about their party plans, Lorna asked if I could make my special cake. I felt obliged, so I made it and dropped it off the morning of their party.

Because it was a special gathering, I didn't want to put it in a cheap-looking plastic cake carrier. So I put it on the only other option I had -- an ornate cut glass cake stand I had received as a gift years before. A few days after the party, Lorna and I met for breakfast and she told me she was sorry, but when her mother was washing the stand, it slipped out of her hands and she broke it. I was crushed because it had been given to me by a special friend.

I know accidents happen, but shouldn't they have offered to replace it? Lorna has mentioned that her parents were struggling financially, but she and her husband seem well-off -- they have a large home and drive expensive

cars. If Lorna had offered, I probably wouldn't have taken her up on it, but offering no compensation seemed odd to me. I no longer feel as close to her as before. Am I right to feel this way, or should I just let it go? -- SWEET TURNED SOUR

DEAR SWEET: Lorna may have money, but she apparently lacks class. She should have offered to replace the cake stand her mother broke. Of course, you could ask her to replace it, but even if she did, it wouldn't have the sentimental value of the one that was lost. In light of your long friendship, and now realizing Lorna has feet of clay, I suggest you let this go if you can. But in the future, if she asks again, think twice before putting on your apron.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 46 years. During the last five, he has procrastinated about doing our income taxes to the point that we have been charged penalties. He keeps saying he'll work on it, but everything else is a bigger priority.

I gathered all the necessary documents and printed out a tax worksheet. My husband has his



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

own small business, which complicates things. I hate this hanging over my head. I told him I won't go on our planned camping trip if this isn't done beforehand, and I intend to follow through. I can't get him to give me a straight answer for why he keeps doing this. It's ruining our otherwise great marriage. -- MONEY WOES IN FLORIDA

DEAR MONEY WOES: Locate a certified public accountant who can take over this task. Then give your husband a deadline to file the taxes, and if he doesn't meet it, turn the necessary information over to the CPA, who may be able to discover something advantageous.

Lifestyle



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Whether you enjoy lure fishing, ice fishing, or fly fishing, Colorado provides 27,000 miles of streams and more than 1,300 lakes and reservoirs.

Colorado 2024-2025 fishing licenses are now available

By COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

DENVER — Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) reminds anglers the 2024-2025 fishing season is officially here.

The 2024-2025 fishing license is valid from March 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025. Regulations and pricing for annual, daily, and multi-day fishing licenses are in the 2024 Colorado Fishing Brochure (Pesca en Colorado (En Español)). For individuals ages 18 through 64, an \$11.50 Habitat Stamp is required with the first license purchase for the year. Youth under age 16 can fish with one rod for free, and CPW provides opportunities throughout the season to learn how to fish.

Coloradans and non-resident visitors can purchase fishing licenses online, by phone at 1-800-244-5613, at a local CPW office, or from authorized sales agents statewide. CPW does not receive general tax dollars, and fishing license sales support all statewide hatchery and fish-stocking operations.

CPW stocks 90 million fish annually into waters throughout Colorado to ensure quality angling opportunities. From warmer waters to mountain streams,

Colorado angling opportunities are world-renowned. Funding from fishing license sales may allow for additional public access, community angling grants, and habitat improvement projects that support state birds, fish, and other small game.

“CPW biologists and volunteers will soon be spawning fish to replenish our walleye and saugeye fisheries,” said CPW Aquatic Section Manager Matt Nicholl. “Our hatcheries also stock front range waters with trout while water temperatures remain cool for added angling opportunities.”

Whether you enjoy lure fishing, ice fishing, or fly fishing, Colorado provides 27,000 miles of streams and more than 1,300 lakes and reservoirs. Fishing in Colorado provides the possibility of catching 35 species of warm-water and cold-water fish.

Fishing is a great activity to share with family and friends and the perfect chance to get outside and enjoy Colorado’s natural resources.

“Spring is around the corner, and so is the opportunity to get out and enjoy the active, outdoor Colorado lifestyle by going fishing,” said CPW Angler Education Coordinator Andre Egli. “If

you are new to fishing there are many classes offered around the state. Classes are available for new anglers, families, or seasoned anglers that want to learn a new technique like fly fishing.”

CPW fishing classes, events, seminars, and tournaments are posted on the Fishing News and Events web page.

When planning your next fishing trip, download the My CPW app. My CPW is the official mobile app for CPW’s license and pass purchasing website CPWshop.com and includes access to a list of active products on your CPWShop.com account, CPWShop mobile purchases, links to fishing reports, PDFs of the most recent brochures, and more (available to residents and non-residents).

Resident anglers will purchase their fishing licenses the same way they always have and receive a printed physical license, but now they will also have the option to display it within the myColorado mobile app. Check out the myColorado FAQ document for more information about accessing your resident fishing license within the app Wallet.

For more information about fishing in Colorado, visit cpw.state.co.us.

Colorado Secretary of State highlights election results reporting process for the 2024 Presidential Primary Election

CONTRIBUTED

DENVER — Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold on Friday highlighted the process of counting ballots and reporting results for the 2024 Presidential Primary Election on Tuesday, March 5.

“Election night results are not final results in Colorado,” said Secretary Griswold. “After Election Day, ballots continue to be counted, military and overseas voters return their ballots, signature discrepancies can be fixed, and bipartisan audits are conducted to confirm the results — there is quite a bit of activity that occurs after Election Day across the state.”

While counties began processing ballots before Election Day, initial results will not be reported until after polls close at 7 p.m. on March 5. When polls officially close at 7 p.m., counties will begin uploading results to the state’s centralized Election Night Reporting system. The link to those results are posted on the Colorado Secretary of State’s website,

including on the home page and at GoVoteColorado.gov.

In Colorado, results are not reported based on the manner in which ballots are cast. However, as counties can start reviewing signatures once ballots are received and begin processing ballots for scanning 15 days before Election Day, early in-person ballots and mail ballots received before Election Day will likely be scanned prior to in-person and mail ballots received on Election Day.

The biggest variable impacting reporting unofficial results is the number of Coloradans who vote (either early in-person or return their mail ballot via mail, drop box or in person) in advance of Election Day relative to those who return their ballot or vote in-person on Election Day.

In addition to using Colorado’s Election Night Reporting system, counties may post results to their websites but are not required to do so. Note that if a court

extends polling hours in any county, results will not be posted by the Secretary of State’s Office until polls are closed in every county.

As counties continue to upload results periodically through the night, you can track progress by referencing the color-coded status that are used in the “counties reporting” map to indicate at what point they are in the process. Yellow indicates that a county has reported results at least once, and as they continue to tabulate ballots, they will update results periodically throughout the night. Lavender means that a county has stopped tabulating for election night but does not indicate that all ballots have been tabulated, as they will continue to update results in the following days. Green indicates that all eligible ballots have been tabulated, and dark orange indicates results have been certified as official.

For more information on election dates and deadlines, visit www.GoVoteColorado.gov.



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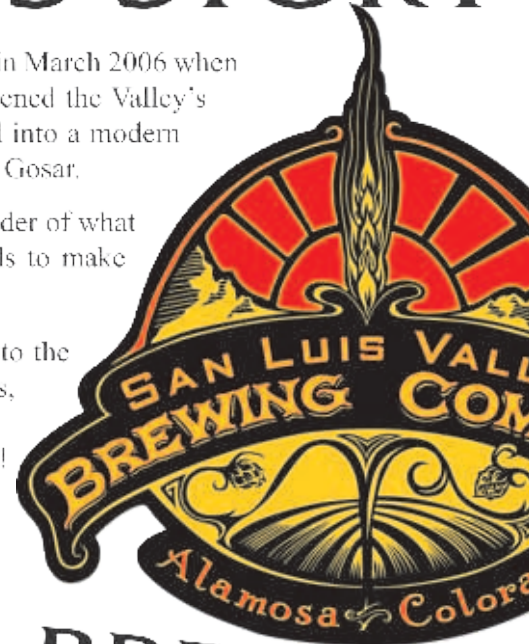
OUR BREWERY'S STORY

Welcome! Your experience at the San Luis Valley Brewing Company began in March 2006 when Scott & Angie Graber, along with their parents, Steve & Sue Friedman, opened the Valley's first brewery. Constructed in 1897, the San Juan Building was transformed into a modern brewpub with the talents of local artist, designer, and sausage producer, Kris Gosar.

The centerpiece of the back bar, a 5,000 lb. vault door from 1912, is a reminder of what the brewery is about today: quality, craftsmanship, and using raw materials to make something wonderful.

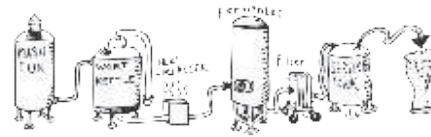
In 2014, the brewery opened the Roast-Craft Coffee & Libations adjacent to the brewery, expanding the brewery's offerings to include house roasted coffees, espresso, breakfast, increased beer production, and a private space for gatherings. Thanks for stopping by, and we hope you enjoy your experience!

Cheers and God Bless,
Scott & Angie



HAND CRAFTED BREWS

SMALL BATCH



LOCAL INGREDIENTS



10 OZ. \$4.25

PINT \$5.95

PITCHER \$16.50

4 OZ. SAMPLE, \$1.75

ASK YOUR SERVER ABOUT OUR LATEST SEASONALS, GUEST BEERS AND BEER TO GO!



A crisp, golden, Mexican style
lager.
4.2% abv



Our Valle Especial lager
soaked on Hatch Chile, for
added heat & individuality.
4.2% abv



A very smooth, unfiltered,
easy drinkin' American style
wheat beer.
4.8% abv



A classic Colorado Red with a
balanced malt to hop profile,
and beautiful crimson color.
5.5% abv



A bold, abundantly hopped
ale with a pleasant bite and
clean finish.
6.7% abv



A dark and complex beer with
great roasted malt character
and rich creamy body.
6.0% abv

GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE

LOAD THEM UP FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. GREAT GIFT IDEA!



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DAILY
7 AM



EVENINGS
BY
RESERVATIONS

RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER



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APPETIZERS

WARM SPINACH ARTICHOKE DIP

a delicious blend of spinach, artichokes, and cheese, served with tortilla chips and pita bread
11.95



NACHOS

house fried tortilla chips, layered with cheese and topped with guacamole, sour cream, black beans, jalapeños, black olives, green onions and a side of homemade salsa
12.95

half order 9.95

add Gosar chorizo sausage 3.75

add carne asads, chipotle chicken or BBQ Pork 3.75



BREW PUB WINGS

1 lb. of hearty chicken wings in your choice of sauce served with bleu cheese or ranch and celery sticks.
12.99

BUFFALO

HONEY CHIPOTLE BBQ

LEMON PEPPER

WING SAMPLER 12.99

FISH & CHIP BASKET

Vallé Caliente beer battered cod served with brew fries
12.99

CHIPS & HOMEMADE SALSA

3.99
add guac. 1.75

MOZZARELLA STICKS

with marinara sauce
8.99

FRENCH ONION SOUP

savory onion broth finished with sherry wine, topped with crostini and melted Swiss
6.75

PORK GREEN CHILI

cup 4.25
bowl 5.50

BUFFALO CHICKEN TENDER BASKET

with brew fries, ranch and celery.
12.50



LOCAL SAUSAGE SAMPLER

three local Gosar Sausages (Bavarian, Andouille, and Green Chili) grilled and served with fresh sauerkraut, pita bread, and stone ground mustard
14.99

HUMMUS & VEGETABLES

with pita bread & house fried tortilla chips.
11.50

CARNE ASADA & CHEESE QUESADILLA

with sautéed bell peppers, onions, melted cheese, avocado, sour cream, and salsa
11.99

substitute chipotle chicken 11.99

BASKET OF BREW FRIES

5.99

sub Sweet Potato Fries 7.50

add Pork Green Chili, or Queso 2.25

BAVARIAN HOT PRETZEL

-PAIRS WELL WITH HEFE SUAVE-
salted & served with melted queso on the side
7.99

SALADS

dressings: homemade honey mustard, balsamic vinaigrette, ranch, chipotle ranch, 1000 island, bleu cheese, Italian, and balsamic vinegar / olive oil
SUB - HUMMUS 2.25

SOUTHWEST CHORIZO SALAD

-PAIRS WELL WITH HEFE SUAVE-

local Gosar chorizo sausage served with roasted corn, beans, chipotle ranch dressing, and tossed with romaine, fresh cilantro, black olives, green onions and shredded cheddar jack
13.99

VEGETARIAN BURRITO BOWL

quinoa, black beans, roasted corn, sauteed onions and peppers on bed of romaine, topped with cheddar jack and green onion, served in tortilla bowl with a side of salsa.
12.99

add guac. 1.75

CHEF SALAD

ham, turkey, crispy bacon, egg, croutons, and shredded cheddar cheese over romaine lettuce with cucumbers, carrots, tomatoes, and a choice of dressing
15.99

CAESAR SALAD

romaine lettuce, parmesan cheese and croutons tossed with our homemade Caesar dressing
9.99

SAN JUAN SALAD

a mixture of fresh spring greens, cucumbers, carrots, tomatoes, and croutons with choice of dressing
9.99

BUFFALO CHICKEN SALAD

crispy chicken breast on a bed of romaine with buffalo wing sauce, avocado, bacon bits, bleu cheese crumbles, and ranch dressing.
15.99

CARNE ASADA & SPINACH SALAD

served with bleu cheese crumbles, mushrooms, roma tomato, avocado and choice of dressing
15.99

SIDE SALAD

6.99

ADD THE FOLLOWING PROTEINS TO ANY OF OUR SALADS

GRILLED OR CHIPOTLE CHICKEN	4.50
GOSAR SAUSAGE (BAVARIAN, ANDOUILLE, OR GREEN CHILI)	4.50
PORTOBELLO	4.00
QUINOA	3.75
CARNE ASADA	4.50

STREET TACOS

three flour or corn tortillas with your choice of seasoned cod, chipotle chicken, carne asada, or BBQ pork topped with shredded cabbage, chipotle ranch, and sides of black beans, homemade salsa and guacamole

FISH

10.99

CARNE ASADA

10.99

CHIPOTLE CHICKEN

10.99

BBQ PORK

10.99



-HOT & SPICY

TEMP. NOTE: MEDIUM: WARM, PINK MIDDLE

BURGERS

GLUTEN -FREE BUN OPTION

1/2 LB. HAND HEWN, PREMIUM ANGUS BEEF
- MAKE IT A DOUBLE BURGER, ADD 5.00 -

- MAKE IT A HOMEMADE BLACK BEAN QUINOA BURGER AT NO CHARGE -

served on an Artisan bun with lettuce, tomato, onion and a pickle spear with your choice of brew fries, roasted red potatoes, kettle chips, tortilla chips, quinoa, or pork green chili.

sub side salad 2.99

sub sweet potato fries 1.50

sub Salazar BEEF@ 2.50 

sub BISON 3.99

GREEN CHILE GUACAMOLE BURGER*

-PAIRS WELL WITH VALLE ESPECIAL-

served with green chiles, pepper jack cheese and homemade guacamole.

13.99

SMOKEHOUSE BBQ BURGER*

-PAIRS WELL WITH OL' 169 OATMEAL STOUT-

honey chipotle BBQ sauce, beer battered onion wedges, a touch of cabbage, and cheddar.

13.99

SMOKED BACON SWISS & MUSHROOM BURGER*

-PAIRS WELL WITH ALAMOSA AMBER-

served with smoked bacon, sauteed mushrooms and Swiss cheese.

13.99

THE BLANCA BURGER*

grilled and served with your choice of Swiss, pepper jack, cheddar, provolone, or American.

12.99

UFO BURGER*

an over easy egg, ham, and pork green chili with your choice of Swiss, pepper jack, cheddar, provolone, or American.

13.99

BLACK &.. BLEU BURGER*

-PAIRS WELL WITH GRANDE RIVER IPA

topped with bleu cheese crumbles, black pepper, bacon and chipotle ranch.

13.99

SANDWICHES & WRAPS

GLUTEN -FREE BUN OPTION

served with your choice of brew fries, roasted red potatoes, kettle chips, tortilla chips, quinoa, or a cup of pork green chili.

sub side salad 3.50

sub sweet potato fries 1.50

BREW PUB'S CLASSIC REUBEN

-PAIRS WELL WITH ALAMOSA AMBER-

tender corned beef, fresh sauerkraut and melted Swiss cheese stacked on marble rye with 1000 island dressing.

12.75

FRENCH DIP

tender sliced roast beef on a hoagie roll with au jus dipping sauce.

12.75

add Swiss and sauteed mushrooms 1.50

CLUB SANDWICH

ham, turkey, smoked bacon, lettuce, tomato and mayo with American and Swiss cheese on sour dough, wheat bread, or rye.

11.75

add avocado 1.75



BUFFALO CHICKEN WRAP

-PAIRS WELL WITH VALLE ESPECIAL-

crispy chicken in Buffalo Wing sauce with romaine, avocado, bacon bits, bleu cheese crumbles and ranch.

12.75

SOUTHERN STYLE BBQ PORK SANDWICH

-PAIRS WELL WITH OL' 169 OATMEAL STOUT-

tender, shredded, slow roasted pork smothered in honey chipotle BBQ sauce.

10.99

BLT

thick smoked bacon, tomatoes, and lettuce on your choice of sour dough, wheat or rye with mayo.

9.75

add avocado 1.75

add avocado and Swiss cheese 2.50

CHIPOTLE CHICKEN WRAP

marinated grilled chicken with spring mix, cheddar jack, avocado, tomato and chipotle ranch dressing.

11.99

add salsa 1.00

PHILLY CHEESE STEAK

tender sliced beef topped with melted Swiss, sautéed mushrooms, onions, and peppers on a hoagie roll.

12.99

add jalapeños 1.00

GRILLED CHICKEN SWISS & AVOCADO

-PAIRS WELL WITH HEFE SUAVÉ-

grilled chicken breast topped with smoked bacon, avocado, and melted Swiss cheese.

12.75

CHICKEN CORDON BLEU SANDWICH

a lightly breaded chicken breast, topped with honey ham, melted Swiss, and parmesan jack sauce, on a artisan bun.

12.75

GRILLED GYRO

sliced beef and lamb gyro meat with lettuce, tomato, cucumber, roma tomatoes and onion topped with homemade Tzatziki sauce on warm pita bread.

10.99

FISH SANDWICH

Valle Caliente beer battered and deep fried filet of cod served on a hoagie roll with homemade tartar sauce and lettuce, tomato and onion

11.99

SOUTHWEST PORTOBELLO WRAP

-PAIRS WELL WITH GRANDE RIVER IPA-

slices of Grande River IPA glazed portobello, grilled and served in a soft tortilla with spinach, avocado, pepper jack and chipotle ranch dressing.

11.50

CARNE ASADA WRAP

Carne Asada marinated steak with fresh mozzarella, Roma tomatoes and spring mix with cilantro pesto

12.50

*Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness.



--HOT & SPICY

FLAT BREAD PIZZAS

MARGHERITA PIZZA

Fresh mozzarella, sweet basil, Roma tomatoes, and marinara
11.95

BBQ PULLED PORK PIZZA

Homemade BBQ Sauce, mozzarella cheese, pulled pork, and bacon
13.95

SPINACH ARTICHOKE PIZZA

Spinach, Artichokes, Parmesan, Fresh Garlic and Mozzarella Cheese
12.95

CARNE ASADA PIZZA

Carne Asada steak, Roma Tomatoes, Cilantro pesto, and Mozzarella cheese
13.95

GREEN CHILI CHIPOTLE CHICKEN PIZZA

Mozzarella cheese, bell peppers and onions, bacon, green chilis, jalapenos, and topped with chipotle ranch
13.95

STEAKS & PASTAS

grilled and seasoned to perfection with a side salad and choice of brew fries, roasted red potatoes, sweet potato fries, kettle chips, quinoa or pork green chili

RIBEYE
8oz - 24
12oz - 32

SIRLOIN
6oz - 18

ADD THE FOLLOWING
PROTEINS TO ANY OF OUR
PASTA DISHES
CHICKEN 4.50
GOSAR SAUSAGE 4.50
(BAVARIAN, ANDOUILLE, OR GREEN CHILE)
PORTOBELLO 4.00
QUINOA 3.75

LUCILLES GREEN CHILI PASTA ALFREDO

-PAIRS WELL WITH GRANDE RIVER IPA-
the Brewpub's own green chili alfredo cream sauce with Local Lucilles Sausage, cherry tomatoes, and cilantro. Served with a side salad
18

THREE MUSHROOM PASTA

-PAIRS WELL WITH GRANDE RIVER IPA-
Cremini, portobello and button mushrooms sauteed in a roasted garlic cream sauce and tossed with fresh spinach. Served with a side salad
16

DESSERTS

CHOCOLATE STOUT BROWNIE
SUNDAE 6.99

HOMEMADE MIXED BERRY BREAD
PUDDING 5.99
(add Ice Cream 1.50)

APPLE FILLED CHURROS 5.99

PECAN BOURBON PIE 5.50
(add Ice Cream 1.50)

COLOSSAL NEW YORK CHEESECAKE
7.99

BREWERY ROOT BEER FLOAT 5.75

VANILLA ICE CREAM 3.50

BEER & RETAIL TO-GO

6-PACK 10.99

64 OZ GROWLER 14.99

COLOR LOGO PINT 5.99

LOGO T-SHIRT 14.99

LOGO BALL CAP 18.99

1 2 OZ ROAST COFFEE BEANS 11.99



BEVERAGES

HOMEMADE ROOT BEER 3.99
no free refills

HOMEMADE BLACK CHERRY
CREAM SODA 3.99
no free refills

Coca-Cola FOUNTAIN DRINKS 2.99
Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Dr. Pepper, Iced Tea, Sweet Tea,
Raspberry Tea, Mellow Yellow, Lemonade, Ginger Ale

PEACH OR STRAWBERRY
LEMONADE 3.99

ARNOLD PALMER 2.99

ROAST CAFE COFFEE 2.49

HOT TEA 2.49

MILK 2.99

CHOCOLATE MILK 3.50

KID'S FOUNTAIN DRINKS 1.99

KID'S HOMEMADE ROOT BEER 2.75

KID'S HOMEMADE
BLACK CHERRY CREAM SODA 2.75

 -HOT & SPICY