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Alamosa **Commissioners** to meet on Wednesday

ALAMOSA— The Alamosa County Board of County Commissioners will have a regular meeting on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m., in their chambers located at 8900 Independence Way in Alamosa.

On the agenda is a report from the Alamosa Weed Control District, a presentation from airport manager Will Hickman, a resolution regarding parking fees at the airport, a 12th Judicial District update from Court Executive Kyle Gustafson. Also on the agenda is an update from Alamosa County Coroner Joe Dzuris, Emergency Manager EricTreinen, and an update from Beverly Strnad Interim Director of Alamosa Public Health.

The meeting is open to the public in-person or via Zoom at meeting iD270-314-6874.

Dark Skies meeting in Alamosa on Wednesday

ALAMOSA— The Alamosa Planning Commission will discuss the impacts of the suggested land use regulations to reduce light pollution and support the creation of the Sangre de Cristo Dark Sky Reserve at a work session on Wednesday at City Hall in Alamosa.

The meeting will be with the City Council and City Hall is located at 300 Hunt Ave., Alamosa. The public is welcome to attend.

Storytime at the Conejos Library District

LA JARA — Every Thursday morning from 11:40 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the Conejos Library Maria De Herrera Branch in La Jara hosts a weekly Storytime

and Craftime. The stories selected are usually seasonal in nature with a craft activity related to the story. In February, young patrons listened to Valentine stories and got to make Valentines for Veterans.

Sometimes though, the story-subject is what the librarian wants to learn more about. Take for example last week, the librarian wanted to know more about giraffes and so several books fictional and nonfiction were read, and the librarian learned about giraffes and the smallest patrons learned about giraffes.

This week, young patrons will hear a story called "The Doorbell Rang" by Pat Hutchins, which is a story about sharing and problem solving, as well as a memorable introduction to the concept of division.

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Adre Baroz pleads guilty to all charges in Los Sauces murders

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Courtesy photo

Julius Baroz and Francisco Ramirez 2020. plead guilty to lesser charges

Courier Reporter

CBI photo of Adre Baroz when a connection with the murders individuals were murdered be- will carry a minimum sentence statewide bulletin was issued nam- and dismemberment of five tween Aug. 25, 2020, to Nov. of 10 years and a maximum of ing him as suspect in the murders. people whose remains were 13, 2020.

found in two burn pits in Los Sauces in late November of counts of murder in the first

February 27, 2024

Over a period of several months, as forensic pathologists examined the remains, the victims were identified as By PRISCILLA WAGGONER Korina Arroyo, Selena Esquibel, Xavier Zeven Garcia, My-ALAMOSA — After three ron Martinez and Shayla Hamand a half years of court pro- mel. As court documents in count of assault in the first ceedings, Adre Baroz, 29, has each case obtained by the Valpleaded guilty to all charges in ley Courier revealed, those five jury, a class 3 felony, which

Baroz pleaded guilty to five degree, a class 1 felony, with each count carrying a sentence of life in prison with no hope of parole; five counts of tampering with remains of a deceased human body, a class 3 felony, which will carry a sentence of 4-12 years for each count: one degree with serious bodily in-

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Four candidates vie for **Alamosa's Chief of Police**

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — The City of Alamosa is progressing in the hiring of a new chief of police for the Alamosa Police Department with an initial field of eight candidates now narrowed down to four.

According to Alamosa City Manager Heather Sanchez, the interviews are currently being conducted with a committee that includes herself, Erich Schwiesow (city attorney), Holly Martinez (city clerk), Bill Stone (Alamosa fire chief), Harry Reynolds (public works director), Kathy Woods (economic development director) and three representatives from the Alamosa Police Department.

Interim Police Chief Joey Spangler, who has said he was not interested in the position, was part of the interview committee but is no longer listed.

Sanchez had also tentatively planned on George Dingfelder (Monte Vista Police Chief) and Bob Brammer (Durango Police Chief) being involved, but Chief Jeff Satur (Longmont Police Chief) and Bill Gurule (Chief Probation Officer) are serving on the committee, instead.

Prior to beginning the process, Sanchez had said that initial interviews would be done over Zoom with finalists brought in for an in-person interview, which will include a



An interview team comprised of department heads with the city, representatives from the Alamosa Police Department and law enforcement officials outside the agency are conducting interviews with four candidates to replace former Alamosa Police Chief Ken Anderson.

meeting with the Alamosa Po- they worked through the conlice Department and a tour of cerns of former Chief Anderthe community. Whether the son. With the work session on four candidates currently be- January 3rd addressing the reing interviewed are viewed as finalists or if there will be a further narrowing of the field was also not disclosed.

More than three and a half months have passed since former Police Chief Ken Anderson officially resigned from his position on Nov. 2, 2023. Since then, Capt. Spangler has been acting as the interim police chief.

When asked at the beginning of January for an update on the hiring process, Sanchez wrote, "Working with Interim Chief Spangler, we decided that the hiring process could wait while we worked on better understanding the needs of the department and providing information to City Council as

maining concerns, we are now able to move forward [with] the

At that time, Sanchez also said she anticipated working with the interview team to develop questions and review applications.

When asked for information about the four candidates, such as were any of the applicants from the Alamosa Police Department, other law enforcement agencies in the Valley or across the state, Sanchez would only confirm four were under consideration.

further information "No would be provided," she stated. It is not known when a hiring decision can be expected.

Adams State doctoral student receives fellowship

Sierah Campbell

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY ALAMOSA — A clinician and social justice advocate, Sierah Campbell recently received the prestigious National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) Minority Fellowship. An Adams State University School of Counselor Education second-year doctoral student, Campbell is currently a private practice owner-clinician for Perry Behavioral Wellness, LLC, in Clarksville, Tenn.

Campbell said the Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) will aid in her dedication to research, advocacy,

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Rogers speaks candidly about being on 'Farmer Wants A Wife'

By MARIE MCCOLM

CENTER — Potato and barley farmer Brandon Rogers recently spoke candidly about his experience on the reality dating series "Farmer Wants A Wife." Rogers, 29, is one of four farm-

ers that is on season 2 of the Fox show that airs Thursday nights. The four farmers, looking for the loves of their lives, were selected from across the United States. Each farmer selects five women from a pool of 29 to come live Board. I like being part of this with them on their farm. This gives the ladies a full taste of what it takes to be a farmer's

Rogers operates a 1,000-acre farm in Center. He said he started farming in 2014 and is proudly carrying on the family tradi-

tion - his mom and dad are both farmers. He enjoys living in the San Luis Valley and giving back to the community. "I pride myself on being a big

part of everything with my family and friends," he said. "I eniov the outdoors. I am an avid fisherman, and I like to hunt. I like to be involved in the community. I am the vice president of the Ski-Hi Stampede. I serve on the Monte Vista Noxious Weed community and I am proud of ■ See ROGERS page 3

Center's Brandon Rogers, far right, is one of four farmers on season 2 of the Fox series 'Farmer



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Record

Dems to hold caucus and assembly in Saguache County

Saguache County Democratic Caucus and Assembly will both be held together on Tuesday, March 5, starting at 6 p.m. at Mountain Valley School, 403 Pitkin Ave.,

All Saguache County Democrats within all seven precincts will conduct their caucuses together at that time. Delegates will

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be chosen to support two to the Saguache County The candidates for County Commissioner for District One, County Com- bly will be held directly missioner candidate for after the caucus. This is District Two, and other when the delegates will offices and positions.

> are asked to sign in start- ness will be attended to. ing at 5 p.m.

All participants must vide a snack bar. be signed in by 6 p.m. to participate.

people bring issues to add at 719-850-3254.

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The Democratic Assemvote for their candidates Registered Democrats and other election busi-Local students will pro-

For more information, call Democratic Party Organizers ask that Chair Lynne Thompson



The Creede Repertory Theatre is ready to kick off its 59th season with a season packed with discovery.

2024: Creede Repertory Theatre looks to 'season of discovery'

By LYNDSIE **FERRELL**

CREEDE — Each year is a unique and inventive season for the Creede Repertory Theatre and this year, the organization is looking to rediscover what CRT is, what it means to the community and what it can be for anyone who has not discovered the theatrical company that sits above 8,000 feet of elevation.

Interim Artistic Director Kate Berry recently spoke with the Mineral County Miner about what the coming 59th season at CRT will look like and what the theatre is hoping to share with theatregoers from all over the world.

"We are excited about the coming season. It will be a season of discovery, rediscovery and every play has that element of discovery. We are celebrating 50 years of Christy Brandt who has been an integral part of CRT, and we are really happy to celebrate her," said Berry.

To kick the 59th season at CRT off, the first production comes to the stage through a playful and innovative take on a classic character. Ken Ludwig's "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery" is exactly what is great about CRT. Directed by Christy Montour Larson, this play is sure to captivate audiences and add that mysterious flare that CRT has become known for. This play opens May 25 and runs through

Sept. 14. "Mystery and mayhem... From the award-winning mastermind of mayhem, Ken Ludwig ("Sherwood"; "Dear Jack, Dear Louise"), comes a fast-paced comedy about everyone's favorite detective solving his most notorious case. Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson must crack the mystery of "The Hound of the Baskervilles" before a family curse dooms its newest heir. Watch as five actors deftly portray more than 40 characters. Does a wild hellhound prowl the moors of Devonshire? Can our heroes discover the truth in time? Get your deerstalker cap on — the play's afoot!"

sure to bring tears of laugh- pokes fun at Victorian senter to anyone who sees it. sibilities with some of the Beginning on June 8 and best loved characters to be running through Aug. 31 found on the modern stage. Mel Brooks' "Young Fran- Our production features kenstein" hits the stage Christy Brandt as Lady ready to make audiences laugh all summer long.

Directed by Amanda Berg Wilson with music and lyrics by Brooks and based on the book by Brooks and Thomas Meehan, "A monstrously hilarious musical...The grandson of the infamous Victor Frankenstein, Frederick Frankenstein (pronounced 'Fronk-en-steen') inherits his family's estate in Transylvania. With the help of his sidekick, Igor (pronounced 'Eye-gore'), and sultry lab assistant, Inga, Frederick finds himself in the mad scientist shoes of his ancestors. Eventually, of course, the monster neral...Three cousins (priescapes and hilarity continuously abounds. Young ally long day. It's the day Frankenstein has all of the panache of the classic film from Gene Wilder and Mel Brooks with a dose of theatrical flair, so you'll be 'Puttin' on the Ritz' and having a monstrously good

time!" The fun doesn't stop there. Opening on June 28 and running through Sept. 8, this classic play offers the perfect setting for some intricate costume designs. Set in the Victorian Era, Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" will capture and show off the artistic talent that comes to the stage every year.

Directed by Berry and starring Brandt and Annie Butler, this production will bring audiences through time. "A classic comedy of manners...The most renowned of Oscar Wilde's comedies tells the story of two bachelors. John 'Jack' Worthing and Algernon 'Algy' Moncrieff, who create alter egos named Ernest to escape their tiresome lives. They attempt to win the hearts of Gwendolyn and Cecily, two women who, conveniently, claim to only love men called Ernest. The pair become tangled in a tale of deception, disguise,

known production that is classic comedy of manners Bracknell and Annie Butler as Miss Prism."

> Finally, the rounds out with a play set in the San Luis Valley. "Prima's Guide to Funerals" by Leonard Madrid will run from July 12 through Sept. 14. This play is directed by Yesenia García Herrington, and this will be the play's world premiere set in the San Luis Valley. The production will also be hitting the road and will be performed at the San Luis Valley Federal Bank Theatre at Adams State University for three performances in September.

> "A comedy in one fumas), an urn, and one reof her mother's funeral and Arcie is losing her grip. But her cousins Nando and Clara are having none of it. A fast-paced and hilarious world premiere set along the waters of the Rio Grande in the San Luis Valley of Southern Colorado, 'Prima's Guide to Funerals' tells the story of family, laughter, grief, love, and finding yourself alongside the ones who know you the best: your

More details about the the creative essence of CRT Creede Musical Arts Collective, the annual KiD Show production and the Young Audience Outreach Tour will be announced

primas."



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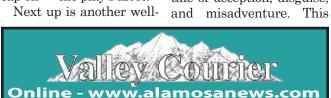
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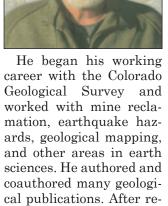
OBITUARIES

Robert M. Kirkham

Robert M. Kirkham of Alamosa, Colo., passed away Nov. 17, 2023, at his home following an extended illness. Bob was born August 14, 1951, in Highland, Ill., to Marshall and Blanche (Paul) Kirkham. Surviving him

his wife Lois (McMahon) Kirkham, brothers Dennis (Jo) Kirkham of Greenville, and Ed (Tana) Kirkham of Sherwood, Ore. Also survived by nieces, Kari Kirkham of Houston, Texas, and Krista Kirkham of Bloomington, Ill., and nephew, Kristopher Kirkham of Liberty, Mo.

Bob attended Greenville Schools, graduating from Greenville High School with the class of 1969. He attended the University of Missouri-Rolla and Western Illinois University, graduating with a degree in Geology in 1973. He obtained a Master's Degree from the University of Nevada-Reno in 1975, also in



tiring, he started his own

consulting firm, GeoLogi-

cal Solutions and contin-

ued working until the last

few months. tured to all continents rangements. To leave onwith many unique experi- line condolences, remarks ences including backpack- for Bob's family and ing for several months in words of comfort, please the Himalayan Moun- visit www.RogersFunertains, viewing mountain als.com.

gorillas in the wild, and riding elephants to explore a rhino preserve. Robert recently completed an extensive genealogical search of the Kirkham Robert never knew a

stranger and was always good for a long conversation. He and Lois made many friends through their travels. He loved his nieces and nephews, taking each for a week-long Colorado adventure for the 16th birthday. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and colleagues.

Cremation was chosen and a Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, March 17, 2024, at 3 p.m. at the Society Hall, 400 Ross Ave., Alamosa CO 81101.

Rogers Family Mortu-Bob and Lois adven- ary is in care of the ar-

Lorrita R. Vance



Lorrita worked as a Social Services Director Lorrita is survived by at the River Valley Reher mother Lorine Franhabilitation and Nursing cis of Monte Vista, her facility in Del Norte. She husband Cory Vance of was a loving wife, mother Monte Vista; her children and grandmother. She Brandi Nichole (Jason) loved spending time with Ensz of Del Norte, Colo., her family. Lorrita was a Austin Cory (Kendra) member of the Feed Store Vance of Idaho, and Ja-Church in Monte Vista and was a supporter since of Monte Vista, Colo.; her its inception. She enjoyed grandchildren Quierra riding motorcycles with Ensz, Sadie Ensz, Lyle her husband Cory and Ensz, Caroline Vance, seeing the countryside. Liam Vance, and Caleb

Vance; her parents-in-law Don and Gloria Vance of Utah; her siblings Irene (Maurice) Gibson of La Jara, Colo., Albert (Katrina) Francis of Monte Vista, Colo., Bonnie (Ed) Gylling of Arizona, and Cindy (Bubby) Morgan of Alamosa, Colo.; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

Lorrita was preceded in death by her father Robert Ira Francis.

A Funeral Service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, March 2, 2024, at the Feed Store Church in Monte Vista. Interment will follow services in the Monte Vista Cemetery.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arcob Cole (Yesenia) Vance rangements. To leave online words of comfort, remembrances, and condolences for Lorrita's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gilbert D. Ortega

Gilbert D. Ortega passed on Nov. 10, 2023. His memorial is taking place on March 2, 2024, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 406 Hunt Ave., Alamosa.



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Swoop of the Cranes Baroz back for fifth year in **Monte Vista**

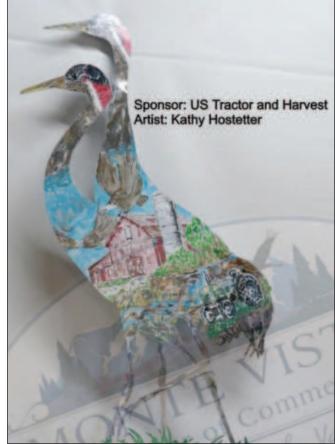
By MARIE MCCOLM MONTE VISTA

The Swoop of the Cranes is once again headed for Monte Vista to fill downtown with beautifully decorated, painted cranes. For the past five years, the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce has worked with Valley artists on this community art project.

Local businesses are given the chance to sponsor a 5-foot flat piece of steel in the shape of a Sandhill Crane. The crane is decorated and transformed by artists into a personal crane creation. Downtown Monte Vista is then adorned, during the Crane Festival in March, with these creations. Each is attached to a downtown light pole. The 41st Crane Festival is March 8-10. The cranes are on dis-

play through the summer and into the fall. In the fall, the artist or sponsor of each crane can either buy it back for \$100 or it can be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The money from the auction and buy back is used in the community for development projects such as planting trees, or flowers, and other landscaping or storefront improvements. One purpose of this

beautification project is to bring attention to the town and draw tourists. Many people travel through town during the summer and fall months



Decorated cranes will again be on display throughout Downtown Monte Vista just in time for the annual Crane Festival on March 8-10. This decorated crane is from last year.

an artistic landmark.

Cranes project was created in 2020 by then chamber board member Ken and having artists pro-

the Crane Festival. The Monte Vista Cham- 2731.

and the cranes are part of ber Director Heather Hilwhat makes Monte Vista lin is excited about the project for this year and The Swoop of the encourages residents and tourists to walk the town and enjoy the cranes.

The Chamber of Com-Hamko. He had the idea merce is requesting that of creating the cranes, anyone who did not get to sponsor a crane this year, vide their unique touch to keep the project in mind each one. Hamko believed for next year. For more by doing this, the cranes information on the projwould help draw in tour- ect, contact Hillin at the ists, and attention during Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce at 719-852-

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32 years in prison; second degree kidnapping, a class 3 felony, which will carry a sentence of 10-32 years; and second degree assault, a class 4 felony, which has a sentencing range of 5-16 For the "lesser" felo-

ny charges, Baroz will serve anywhere from 45 the Boulder District Attorney's Office, the life tions completed. sentences will be served 200 years sentencing Baroz to spending the

C.J. Dominguez, 31.

Dominguez ecutors in December of and the prosecution. 2022 when he entered a from the case.

However, Julius Baroz and Ramirez remained co-defendants until Monday's resolution with the prosecution.

Julius Baroz pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit murder in the first degree of Myron Martinez, which will to the agreements that that we can deliver a carry a prison sentence of 16-25 years with 5 years mandatory parole.

pleaded guilty to three counts of tampering with deceased human bodies, where he will be sentenced to eight years in tention when, in late the Department of Corrections for each sen- deceased remains of hutence to be served consecutively.

on Monday were entered

after Adre Baroz's plea of not guilty by reason Adre Baroz was identiof insanity (NRGI) was fied as a suspect as the withdrawn. On April 29, 2022, Baroz had entered vestigation, along with the NRGI plea, which local law enforcement began a protracted pe- from Conejos, Alamosa to 140 years in prison. riod of 22 months where and Rio Grande Coun-However, in the resolu- two psychological evalu- ties and agencies in tion reached between ations — the second one New Mexico, began a Baroz's defense coun- requested by the de- manhunt. sel, David Lipka, and fense – led to a series of special prosecutor, Fred continuance after con- Baroz, who already had Johnson assigned from tinuance due to delays several in getting the evalua-

Finally, consecutively, totaling months ago, Judge Gonzales stated that "enough was enough" Baroz went through to proceed in a timely the court proceedings manner. In fact, today's with, initially, three co- proceeding was slated ciso Ramirez, 41, and the results of the second evaluation had been

> was headed in a different direction."

As Gonzales — in this case, members had been reached. Although there was menthe family was satisfied. result."

garnered national at-November of 2020, the man beings were found in two separate burn All resolutions reached pits in the small town of Los Sauces in Conejos County. At that time, Colorado Bureau of In-On Nov. 19, 2020,

This case originally

outstanding warrants in Alamosa for failure to appear on several a drug related charge, was taken into custody in Gallup, N.M. Back in the Valley, in-

rest of his life in prison. and the case needed vestigators immediately began interviewing people associated with Baroz and soon built a defendants: his brother, as a hearing, based on case that led to his ini-Julius Baroz, 33, Fran- the assumption that tial charge in the murder of Selena Esquibel. Sentencing for Julius

reached completed and in pos- Baroz and Francisco an agreement with pros- session of both defense Ramirez is scheduled for May 3, at which time When Judge Gonzales victims — should they guilty plea of tampering entered the courtroom, so choose — may adwith a deceased human counsel requested to dress the court directly body, which severed him meet in chambers and as well as individu-Gonzales said, "the case als who may choose to speak on behalf of any of the defendants.

"These pleas repreeach plea deal, he asked sent a tremendous vic-Johnson if the victims tory for justice in the Valley," wrote District of the families of the five Attorney Anne Kelly in people Baroz murdered an email to the Valley — had any objections Courier. "I am thrilled result for the families of these victims that may tion of some opposition help them move through to Julius Baroz plead- their nightmare. I caning guilty to conspiracy not express enough how with other charges dis- appreciative our commissed, Johnson said munity is for the tirethat, with the sentence less and fearless work enhancer that increased of our law enforcement Julius Baroz's sentence, team in achieving this

Rogers

■ Continued from Page 1 where I am from."

Rogers said his stepsister, who lives in Los Angeles and is "kind of in the industry, she does commercials and different things" was the person who said he should apply to be on show.

"She called me up and said, 'Hey there's a new show coming out and I think you should sign up for it," Rogers recalled.

"I was skeptical at first and I asked her OK what is it. She said, 'it's called 'Farmer Wants A Wife,' and I know how dating is in the Valley and a small town. I told her I don't know I am busy I don't know if I want to be on TV and do all of that. She said, 'just fill out the application.' So, I filled out the application to please my stepsister," he said with a chuckle.

About two months later production from Los Angeles started calling and "got the ball rolling. So, that's how it all started,"

Rogers said he was surprised to get the call. When he saw the call coming in from Los Angeles, he thought it might be his stepsister calling from a different number.

"It ended up being casting producers. They said they had looked at my social media and wanted to hop on Zoom to see if I looked like my social media representation, and that's when it all really started," he said.

Rogers said filming started in September at his farm in Center. He confirmation around Sept. 15 that he got the part, and around Sept. 25, they showed up to start filming.



Brandon Rogers said he had a good experience on the Fox series 'Farmer Wants A Wife!

paperwork and stayed connected with me the whole time, but when I got the confirmation on the 15th, that's when it made it all real," he said.

Rogers had never been on camera before. He felt that the crew represented him well and documented his family in a genuine

"They really showed what's it's like to be in a small town on a farm, to be a part of the San Luis Valley," he said. "A little nerves at the beginning, yes, but around week it was great networking. I three of filming, I settled met a lot of great people," in and felt comfortable with everything."

Rogers said that meeting the women on TV for the first time was the most intense first date he had ever experienced.

"Essentially for the show, the ladies got a fore the show, and I am 1-minute video clip of me, and I got one picture and like 5 to 7 sentences about the women that I chose from," he said.

Rogers said as they walked up on camera that it was the first time they

"It's an intense situation," Rogers said. "You meet someone you have "They had me filling out never met on camera, and are many beautiful wom- It was a great experience."



Brandon Rogers operates a 1,000-acre farm in Center and is on the Fox series 'Farmer Wants A Wife.'

you have 10 minutes to decide if this is someone that you want to get to know more. It's a different animal for sure."

Rogers said that he met eight women at the first mixer and had to reduce that to five women and ask those five women to come experience life on the farm.

Rogers said that all through the filming, he had a great experience. He would recommend other farmers try it.

"I enjoyed it. I felt like he said. "The women were all very sweet. I would say if you're not too shy, fill out the application. It's a great experience." Rogers considers him-

self an "open book."

"This is who I was bethe same person after," he said. "I feel like the best part of the show for me was I did no acting at all. What you see is my true, authentic self. I went up there with an open mind and open heart. I tried to make the best of the entire experience and I enjoyed it all."

Rogers said that there

en in the San Luis Valley but dating in the Valley is

"A lot of the theory behind what I was doing on the show was looking for someone who would want to be on farm with me," he said. "I am not looking for a housewife or a farm wife, but I do think that it takes a special person to realize what farmers do on a farm, how demanding their jobs really are."

Rogers said that part of the show that interested him was that there were women who were there who would understand the sacrifices of the farm work.

"This was an influential part in me joining the show," Rogers said. "There is nothing like farming all year, and at the end of the season seeing the fruits of all your labor come to life. It's important to me to find someone to share that with, too.'

As for spoilers, Rogers said he could not reveal whether he found love on the show.

"You will just have to keep watching," he said. "What I can tell everyone is I am very happy with the outcome of the show.

Cambell

■ Continued from Page 1 counseling, and educational advancement to address gaps in treatment for underserved populations, which aligns with the MFP goal to reduce health disparities and enhance the well-being of the community.

seling; including counseling in underserved areas, educate and lecture on topics of interest, and research and develop exciting new counseling initia-

"My goal is to aid in the reduction of health disparities by addressing barriers to equitable treatment among marginalized groups," Campbell said.

Alongside colleagues, she is currently conducting research on the training and experience of licensed mental health providers working with people of color navigating an eating disorder(s). The and better equip fieldbased licensed mental health providers to render culturally responsive treatment.

Additional research interest was fueled by Campbell's childbirth experience during the fall 2023 semester.

"Due to my challenging pregnancy and birth experience while navigating doctoral coursework, internship, and clinical duties as a counselor, I am interested in researching the experience of women of color navigating pregnancy and motherhood

while pursuing a Ph.D. in counselor education," she

Campbell intends to sustain her commitment as a counselor. "As the daughter of a

Veteran, I am dedicated to continued counseling and advocacy to serve Veterans, active-duty military, and their families."

The NBCC minority The MFP mission is to fellowship will support change the face of coun- her professional growth to collaborate with other mental health professionals dedicated to being change agents addressing barriers to culturally competent counseling and strengthening contributions to research, edu-

> cation, and advocacy. After completing her doctoral degree in counselor education and supervision, Campbell plans to continue her dedication as a clinician, educator, researcher, and advocate.

"I intend to further develop culturally responsive and traumainformed curriculum for counselors-in-training results of this study could and continuing educabetter inform education tion for licensed mental health providers," Campbell said.

As a published coauthor on multicultural counseling practices, Campbell will continue to contribute to the counseling profession to address gaps in counseling literature.

"Through culturally informed research, I also intend to advance evidence-based practices among marginalized populations," Campbell said.

Campbell received her bachelor's and master's from Lipscomb Univer-

Lifestyles



Courtesy graphic

CPW provides tips to help people recreate responsibly in the winter.

CPD provides outdoor winter tips on how to recreate responsibly

By COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

DENVER — Colorado is a winter wonderland and a world-class destination for outdoor activities involving snow and ice. For those willing to explore in colder temperatures and leave the hibernation of home, Colorado state parks and state wildlife areas offer unique outdoor experiences like snowshoeing, ice fishing, snowmobiling, ice skating, wildlife watching, and cozying up in visitor centers while enjoying scenic views.

Venturing outside for winter recreation can be an exhilarating and unexperience. forgettable But before you bundle up and head outside, knowing how to navigate Colorado's extreme winter weather is a paramount first step in planning a winter adventure.

Below are tips and resources from Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) outdoor experts to help you plan winter fun and recreate responsibly.

Know Before You Go

Colorado's winter weather is unpredictable and changes quickly. Research your destination, weather, and road conditions before your trip.

• Check the weather forecast for where you are going before you depart and pack layers, sun protection, and appropriate

• Choose your destination based on the weather forecast and your activity based on your skill level and safety gear.

• Find a Colorado State Park Map and see what activities are available at each state park using the Colorado State Parks Guide (el folleto de parques en Español) or the online Park Finder Tool.

• Discover park events and classes on the CPW Events Calendar.

Backcountry and Avalanche Safety

 Avalanches happen in Colorado, so planning ahead and monitoring the weather will ensure the safest time possible.

 Check the Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) Forecast to learn the Avalanche Danger Rating Scale, dai-

ly weather predictions, gear. and avalanche advisory

• Things won't always go to plan, and you should be willing to stay home or pivot from your desired vulnerable in the winter destination if conditions when their energy dedictate.

ter travel conditions. Ensure your car has winterappropriate tires, and stock your vehicle with winter emergency gear, like extra-warm clothing, food, water, and a sleeping bag.

 Cell phones don't always work in the backcountry, so bring paper maps and beacons in case of an emergency.

Stick To Trails

 Walk on the designated trails — even if muddy, slushy, or icy to prevent erosion and disturbing wintering wildlife.

· Respecting trail closures is a must — they're closed for a reason. Trails may be closed because on trails to prevent them they are dangerous dur- from chasing wildlife. ing winter months or to ing disturbed by humans. aware.

• Download the CO-TREX app to discover mocks, outdoor Colorado's expansive net- and other tangle hazards work of trails and closure from your yard that may

Leave It As You Find migrate this winter.

 Parking in designated areas is critical orado have received high can destroy vegetation and block outdoor first- impact whether campresponder vehicles in an fires are allowed or reemergency.

 Colorado's trees pro-Help keep them thriving by not carving into them or pulling down branches fire areas when allowed that may kill or disfigure and available.

because they play an essential role in stabilizing and protecting the ero- fire unattended. sion of trails.

Trash the Trash

 Keep our winter play-Consider your responsibility to take action to protect our climate — to- group's noise level so evday's snow is tomorrow's eryone can appreciate our

• Pack it in, pack it out. Whatever you bring into rado Wild Pass to support the outdoors, take it out with you.

Remove makeshift toilets from camps that contain hutrash, or leftover camping panish.

• Don't leave pet waste and warning information. bags on the trails or bury them in the snow.

Keep Wildlife Wild

Wildlife are extra mands are high, tempera-· Be prepared for win- tures are low, and food is scarce, but there's a lot we can do to avoid disturbing them.

> Colorado has multiple big game species, including elk, mule deer, moose, and bighorn sheep. Winter disturbance or stress caused by humans jeopardizes these animals' ability to survive the following season and reduces females' chances of successfully raising offspring.

 Watch and photograph wildlife from a safe distance to avoid startling them.

· Do not feed wildlife or approach young wildlife.

Keep dogs leashed

· Help reduce humanprotect wildlife from be- bear conflicts and be bear

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Be Careful with Fire

· Although parts of Col- undesignated parking moisture levels this year, drought conditions still stricted this winter.

· Check fire restricvide shade and oxygen. tions or bans at www.coemergency.com.

Use designated camp-

 Put fires out with wa- Avoid stacking rocks ter until you can touch the embers.

· Never leave a camp-

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Regency Tax and Bookkeeping Services owner-operator Benjamin F. Terry cuts the ribbon during his grand opening celebration on Feb. 16 at his office, 260 Adams St., Monte Vista.

Regency Tax and **Bookkeeping Services** holds grand opening

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Approximately fice, 260 Adams St.

MV Chamber manager ally be of use and help a all their different tax Heather Hillin handed lot of people." him and proceeded to cut the red ribbon. With a smile, Terry cut the ribbon, and everyone clapped as the celebration began.

Terry said that he has been an accountant for many years. He was originally trained to do taxes in 2001 by Jackson Hewitt.

"The first tax season when I saw how everything operated, I really became interested in becoming an accountant," he said.

Terry has set up a home office in Monte Vista but said he will probably expand to Delta and other places too. Terry has a vision to set up his offices as franchise offices.

"I had my choice between Delta and Monte Vista. This right now is the home office," he said. "What I have figured out is that bookkeeping wise, I have more clients here, but tax wise I have more clients in Delta."

Terry said that as partners come in, the business will then expand.

Terry is originally from Texas but chose the Monte Vista area to move to because he was referred to the area by people from Delta.

Terry specializes in helping non-profit organizations. There are a lot of non-profit organizations that need help in the area, he said.

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By MARIE MCCOLM the folks in the non-MONTE VISTA — profit sector are a lot although non-profit or-The Regency Tax and of next generation folks ganizations are his spe-Bookkeeping Services and they need a lot of cialty, he also does all Agency held its grand help with what their du-regular tax returns, inopening and ribbon cut-ties are, as well as their cluding regular 1040s, ting on Friday, Feb. 16, work," he said. "Many of self-employment with support from the them need help straight- turns, rental returns, Monte Vista Chamber of ening their books out or business returns, and Commerce and the Opti- making sure that their all other tax returns. Mystics Citizen Action taxes have been filed right. A lot of them as ward to servicing the 10 second-generation own- area and meeting new people attended the cer- ers, don't understand all people. emony at the agency of- of that, so I have been having to educate them part of the community. Owner-operator Ben- as we go along. I am a I am looking forward jamin F. Terry took the non-profit specialist, so to expanding and helpbig pair of scissors that this is where I can re- ing a lot of people with

Terry explained that

Terry is looking for-

"It's great to be a needs," Terry said.



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Sports

Both Centauri teams to play in Class 3A State **Tourney**

By KEN HAMRICK Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA - Both Centauri High School basketball teams won their respective Class 3A Intermountain District Tournaments last weekend in Bayfield.

They will both host a first-round game in the state tournament this week.

The Falcon boys team defeated Ignacio 44-27 on Friday and they had a 70-38 win over Crested Butte on Saturday.

Individual statistics were unavailable for both

Centauri (16-5) will host Timnath in the first round of state.

The Lady Falcons defeated Crested Butte 49-12 on Friday and Montezuma-Cortez 42-33 on Saturday.

Joselyn McCarroll led Centauri against Crested Butte with 12 points. Braelyn Tucker was the top scorer against Cortez with 11 and Lacey Johnson scored 10.

Centauri (15-6) will host Thomas MacLaren in the first round.

Sports Bulletin

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SCOREBOARD FRIDAY College men's

basketball South Dakota Mines 83, Adams

State 81, OT

College women's basketball

Adams State 86, South Dakota Mines

College baseball Adams State 9, Wayland Baptist

(Texas) 8 Wayland Baptist (Texas) 3, Adams State 2

SATURDAY Prep boys

Centauri 70, Crested Butte 38 Sanford 57, Monte Vista 37

basketball

Sierra Grande 50, Sangre de Cristo 42

Prep girls basketball

Centauri 42, Montezuma-Cortez 33 Sanford 49, Monte Vista 43

Sangre de Cristo 36, Sierra Grande 31

College men's basketball Black Hills State

(S.D.) 103, Adams State 97

College women's basketball

Adams State 67, Black Hills State (S.D.)

College baseball Adams State 12, Wayland Baptist

(Texas) 9, 8 inn. Wayland Baptist (Texas) 11, Adams State 10

College women's softball

Regis 11, Adams State 3, 5 inn. Regis 19, Adams Stage 5, 5 inn.

SUNDAY College women's softball

Regis 9, Adams State 1, 5 inn. Regis 18, Adams State 15

Sanford sweeps Class 2A District 1 titles

By KEN HAMRICK Courier sports editor

LA JARA - The Sanford High School boys and girls basketball teams won both of the Class 2A District 1 Tournament championship games Saturday at the Centauri High School gym.

The Lady Mustangs came from behind to defeat Monte Vista 49-43, while the Mustang boys team defeated Monte Vista 57-37.

Sanford girls 49, Monte Vista 43

Allessah Archuleta gave the Lady Pirates a 2-0 lead, but Brooklynn Reynolds made a 3-point basket to put the Lady Mustangs in front. Zariah Archuleta, Heysenny Beltran and Stefanie Lopez all scored to give Monte Vista an 8-3 lead.

Shasta Bond made a layup to stop the run, but Sasha Dupont made a layup and Lopez two free throws. Bond scored two baskets in the final two minutes of the period and Brinlyn Smith one, but the Lady Pirates led 14-11. Makynlee Faucette made two free tosses

to start the second quarter, but Beltran did

the same. Claire Crowther and Lopez both split at the line and Bond scored another layup as the Lady Pirates had a 17-16 edge at the intermission. Zariah Archuleta drained a three to open

the second half and she later split at the line. Alycia Archuleta knocked down a jumper, but Reynolds drove for a layup. Zariah Archuleta hit a jumper, and DuPont

Vista its largest lead at 29-18. Bond scored four points, and after Beltran split at the line, Reynolds scored 10 points in the final 1:36 of the period and the deficit had been trimmed to 34-32 at the end of the

made back-to-back baskets to give Monte

third quarter. Smith made one of two from the line, but so did DuPont. Crowther made two free tosses. The teams then exchanged baskets until Smith hit a three to help the Lady Mustangs regain the lead a 40-39.

Crowther made two more free throws and Reynolds sank another 3-pointer to extend the Sanford lead to 45-40. Allessah Archuleta scored, but Faucette answered with a layup on the other end. The Lady Mustangs made two out of four free throws to seal the victory.

Reynolds led all scorers with 18 points which included four 3-pointers. Bond was next for Sanford with 13.

Zariah Archuleta was Monte Vista's leading scorer with 10 points.

Sanford (17-5) will host the Class 2A Region 4 Tournament and it will host Crowley County. Monte Vista (17-3) will play Wray in the Region 5 Tournament in Hoehne.

Three other District 1 team will play in regionals as Sargent (14-6) will play Fowler in the Region 1 Tournament at McClave, and Center (11-9) and Del Norte (10-11) will both play in the Region 8 Tournament in Mancos





Courier photos by Ken Hamrick

Left: Sanford High School's Trason Gartrell (21) makes a move to the basket against Monte Vista's Darrien Archuleta in the Class 2A District 1 championship Saturday at Centauri High School. The Mustangs defeated the Pirates 57-37. Right: Sanford's Riley Willett (12) puts up a shot over Monte Vista's Allessah Archuleta (21). The Lady Mustangs scored a 49-43 win over the Lady Pirates.

with the Lady Vikings playing Sedgwick County and the Lady Tigers will face Mancos. Sanford boys 57, Monte Vista 37

Trason Gartrell gave the Mustangs a 2-0 lead to open the game, but Kaden Madrid tied the score. Gartrell scored again, but Kaden Mellott made a pair of free throws.

Ben Sittler gave Sanford the lead with a 3-point basket, but Madrid scored again.

Cash Caldon, Emmit Larsen and Travis Canty all scored to give the Mustangs a 13-6 advantage at the end of the third quarter.

Caldon opened the second quarter with a jumper, but Mellott sank a three. Gartrell scored a layup and a free throw for an 18-9

Mellott and Azariah Hurtado both scored to bring the Pirates within 18-13, but the Mustangs got baskets from Ben Sittler, Emmit Larsen and Gartrell. Gartrell then buried a trey and Caldon hit another jumper. Mellott scored in the paint, but Sanford led 29-15 at the half.

Lincoln Reynolds and Gartrell increased the lead to 33-15. Hurtado made three out of four free throws, but Caldon and Travis Canty both hit threes and the Mustangs led 39-18.

Darrien Archuleta ended the rally, but Gartrell scored on the other end. Alex Marquez made two free tosses and Madrid made one of two.

Roj Larson and Mellott scored for their respective teams and Sanford led 43-25 at the end of the third quarter.

Reynolds opened the fourth quarter with a jumper, but Madrid and Hurtado both scored to bring the Pirates within 46-29. Sanford had a 48-31 lead with 4:38

remaining, and outscored Monte Vista 9-6 in the final 3:33.

Gartrell led Sanford with 19 points. Mellott was Monte Vista's leading scorer with 11.

Sanford (18-4) will host the Class 2A Region 6 Tournament and it will play Golden View Classical Academy. Monte Vista (14-7) will face Walsenburg in the Region 2 Tournament in Merino. Sargent (15-6) will take on Fowler in the Region 4 Tournament in Collbran.

Girls championship game Sanford 49, Monte Vista 43

Sanford - Crowther 0 5-6 5, Reynolds 7 0-0 18, Willett 0 0-0 0, S. Caldon 0 0-0 0, Bond 5 3-4 13, Smith 2 1-3 6, Koenig 0 0-0 0, Faucette 2 3-4 7. Total 16 12-17 49.

3-point goals - Reynolds 4, Smith 1. Total 5.

Monte Vista - Beltran 1 3-4 5, Espinoza 1 0-0 2, A. Archuleta 4 1-2 9, Z. Archuleta 4 1-2 10, Lopez 2 4-6 8, DuPont 3 1-2 7, Henderhan 0 0-0 0, Mora 0 0-0 0, Castro 1 0-2 2, Pacheco 0 0-0 0. Total 16 10-18 43.

3-point goals - Z. Archuleta 1. Total 1.

Monte Vista 14 11

Fouls - Sanford 17, Monte Vista 17.

Boys championship game

Sanford 57, Monte Vista 37 Monte Vista - Madrid 3 2-6 8, Marquez 0 2-2 2, Mellott 4 2-2 11, Medina 0 0-0 0, Hurtado 3 3-7 9, Jiron 1 1-1 3, Naranjo 0 2-2 2,

Archuleta 1 0-0 2. Total 12 12-20 37. 3-point goals - Mellott 1. Total 1.

– A. Sittler 0 0-0 0, Caldon 4 0-0 9, B. Sittler 3 0-0 7, Reynolds 4 0-0 9, Gartrell 8 2-3 19, Larson 1 0-0 2, Fairhurst 0 0-0 0, E. Larsen 2 0-0 4, C. Canty 0 0-0 0, T. Canty 2 2-2 7, C. Larsen 0 0-0 0. Total 24 4-5 57

3-point goals - T. Canty 1, Caldon 1, Gartrell 1, Reynolds 1, B Sittler 1. Total 5.

9 Monte Vista 10 13 16 Sanford Fouls - Monte Vista 15, Sanford 21. Fouled out - Larson

Sangre girls, Sierra Grande boys win Class **1A District 6 titles**

Courier sports editor

LA JARA – The Sangre de Cristo girls basketball team and the Sierra Grande boys team won their respective Class 1A District 6Tournament championship games Saturday at Centauri High School's gym.

The Lady Thunderbirds defeated Sierra Grande 36-31, and the Panthers recorded a 50-42 win over Sangre de Cristo.

Sangre de Cristo girls 36, Sierra **Grande 31**

Audrina Knorr got the Lady Thunderbirds off to a 5-0 lead and Idahlia Garcia made one of two from the free throw line. Jaylyn Quezada made a 3-point basket to put the Lady Panthers on the board, but Garcia and Knorr both scored to give Sangre a 10-3 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Garcia opened the second quarter with a layup, but Aleigha Sandoval drained a 3-pointer to bring Sierra Grande within a 12-6 deficit. Jaydra Cordova scored a layup and added a free throw to push the lead to 15-6. Alexia Gonzalaez knocked down a jumper and then made a trey to cut the Sangre lead to 15-11.

Knorr made a layup, but Quezada made another 3-pointer to bring Sierra Grande within 17-14. Cordova made two free throws, and Gonzalez made one of two free tosses and the Lady Thunderbirds led 19-15 at halftime.

Cordova began the second half with a layup, but Sanchez buried her second three of the game. Haylee Freel responded with a trey of her own, followed by a Knorr jumper and a Presley Wilson 3-pointer and the Lady Thunderbirds had a 29-18 advantage. Gonzalez ended the run with a layup, but

Wilson sank another three and the Lady T-birds led 32-20 at the end of the third Idahlia Garcia scored the first points of the

fourth quarter, but Yazmin Molina scored for the Lady Panthers. Freel came back with a layup, but the Lady Panthers attempted a comeback by scoring the final seven points of the ball game. Gonzalez scored five of the points and Alexandra Garcia two, but the rally fell five points short. Knorr led Sangre in scoring with 11 points.

Gonzalez was Sierra Grande's top scorer Both teams will be in regional action this

weekend. Sangre de Cristo (17-4) will play Hi-Plains in the Class 1A Region 1 Tournament in McClave, while Sierra Grande (10-12) will face Flatirons Academy in the Class 1A Region 3 Tournament in Colorado Springs. Sierra Grande boys 50, Sangre de

Cristo 42 Aron Ojeda gave the Panthers an early 2-0

Above: Sierra Grande's Ahlea Garcia (24) and Sangre de Cristo's Jaydra Cordova (23) pursue a loose ball. The Lady Thunderbirds defeated the Lady Panthers 36-31. Right: Sierra Grande's Brian Ontiveros (3) puts up a shot over Sangre de Cristo's Jaron Mason (10) The Panthers defeated the Thunderbirds 50-42.

lead, but Kaiden Smit scored back-to-back layups for a 4-2 Thunderbird lead. Brian Ontiveros and Ojeda both scored to give Sierra Grande a 6-4 lead at the end of the

Deagon Rogers made a 3-point basket to open the second quarter, but Manny Miranda hit a jumper and added a free throw. That sparked a 14-0 run in which Ojeda scored six points, Ontiveros four and Jadyn Martinez

Kolby Shellabarger made a three to end the period, but Sierra Grande led 21-10 at the break. Ojeda began the second half with a jumper,

but Shellabarger and Rogers both made threes and Shellabarger was one out of two from the line to cut the deficit to 23-19. Miranda answered with a 3-pointer and he

also made a jumper. Jadyn Martinez drove for a layup to extend the Panthers' lead to 30-21. Rogers ended the run with a jumper and

Smit split at the line. Jadyn Martinez sank a three and Ontiveros made a short jumper. Trent Mason hit a three for the T-birds, but Ojeda did the same and the Panthers led 38-27 at the end of the period. Shellabarger made a jumper and Rogers a

trey to reduce the deficit to 38-32. Ojeda and Jadyn Martinez scored back-to-back layups, but Smit made a pair of free tosses.

Sierra Grande put the game away by



two minutes. Shellabarger made two more

3-pointers to wrap up Sangre's scoring. Ojeda led Sierra Grande in scoring with 16 points, followed by Jadyn Martinez with 12

and Ontiveros with 10. Rogers and Shellabarger led Sangre de Cristo with 15 points apiece.

Sierra Grande (16-5) will host the Class 1A Region 6 Tournament and it will first play Wiley. Sangre de Cristo (14-7) will play in the Class 1A Region 4 Tournament in Stratton and it will face Otis.

Two more District 6 teams will be in regional action as Moffat (13-7) will play at Stratton in the Region 4 tourney, and Centennial (10-8) will play at Peetz in the Region 7 Tournament.

Girls championship Sangre de Cristo 36, Sierra Grande 31 Sierra Grande – Quezada 2 0-0 6, Gonzalez 5 2-4 13, Velasquez 0 0-0

0, Molina 2 0-0 4, Ah. Garcia 0 0-2 0, Al. Garcia 1 0-0 2, Sanchez 2 0-0 6. Total 12 2-6 31. 3-point goals – Quezada 2, Sanchez 2, Gonzalez 1. Total 5. Sangre de Cristo – Wilson 2 0-0 6, Knorr 5 0-2 11, Freel 2 0-0 5, Cordova 2 3-4 7, Henry 0 0-0 0, Garcia 3 1-2 7. Total 14 4-8 36. 3-point goals - Wilson 2, Freel 1, Knorr 1. Total 4.

11 - 31 Sierra Grande 12 10 9 13 Sangre de Cristo

Fouls - Sierra Grande 16, Sangre de Cristo 16. Fouled out - Al. Gar-Boys championship

Sierra Grande 50, Sangre de Cristo 42 Sangre de Cristo – Rogers 6 0-0 15, Shellabarger 5 1-2 15, Mason 1 0-0 3, J. Baker 1 0-0 2, Smit 2 3-6 7, Cantu 0 0-0 0, T. Baker 0 0-0 0, Lopez 0 0-0 0, Arteaechevarria 0 0-0 0. Total 15 4-8 42. 3-point goals - Shellabarger 4, Rogers 3, Mason 1. Total 8 Sierra Grande – Ontiveros 5 0-3 10, Miranda 3 1-1 8, Kester 2 0-0 4, J. Martinez 3 5-10 12, A. Ojeda 7 1-4 16, Mizokami 0 0-0 0, Maes 0 0-0 0, D. Martinez 0 0-0 0, Najera 0 0-2 0, A. Lopez 0 0-0 0. Total

20 7-20 50. 3-point goals – T. Martinez 1, Miranda 1, A. Ojeda 1. Total 3. Sangre de Cristo 4 6 17 15 – 42 4 6 17 15 - 42 6 15 17 12 - 50

Fouls - Sangre de Cristo 19, Sierra Grande 11. Fouled out - Rogers. making four out of 16 free throws in the final

Colorado saw fewer human-bear conflicts in 2023

By COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

DENVER — Colorado Parks and Wildlife received 3,526 reports of sightings and conflicts with bears in 2023, which is a 21 percent decrease from the average number of reports received in 2019-2023. Trash continues to be the number one source of conflicts between humans and bears. Of the 3,526 reports

CPW received in 2023, 1,795 resulted in property damage to a shed, garage, home, vehicle, fence, etc. Around 92 percent of property damage reported from bears is linked to an attractant of some kind, with over 51 percent linked to trash, 20 percent to livestock, chickens and beehives, and 19 percent to bird seed, pet food, barbeque grills, coolers and refrigerators.

In 2019, CPW launched a new bear reporting system to help wildlife managers track and quantify bear activity and conflicts across the state. The data collected is used to see overall trends and identify sources of conflict on a localized, regional and statewide level. Since its implementation in April 2019, CPW has recorded 21,310 reports of sightings and conflicts with bears.

The data from the annual bear cycle informs CPW's wildlife managers where bears are at and what they are up to, helping CPW identify sources of conflict and make educated management decisions. If you see a bear causing trouble in an urban area, call CPW to report it.

In an effort to help combears, CPW provides local Colorado communities with financial resources

to support efforts that havior play a role in the ceiving 696 reports. flicts through its Humangram. Last spring, CPW awarded nearly \$1 million in funding to local communities, municipalities, businesses and nonprofit organizations for projects working to create innovative ways to reduce human-bear conflicts and keep communities safe. Follow the links above to learn about human-bear conflict reductions grants and find out if your community is eligible. "Collaboration with lo-

cal communities is vital to successfully reducing human-bear conflicts and CPW cannot do it alone," said CPW Grant Manager Travis Long, manager of the Human-Bear Conflict Reduction Community Grant Program. "Without individuals and communities taking some action and following proper guidelines on living with bears, the number of conflicts will not go down. Fortunately, the funding CPW provides can help empower communities to take the proper actions."

There are an estimated 17,000 to 20,000 bears in Colorado and every year the majority of incident reports involve bears trying to access human food sources. 2023 was no different with trash continuing to be the number one source of conflicts. Other constant sources of conflict included birdfeeders, livestock and bears accessing open garages and other human-originated items that are left unsecured. These conflicts could all easily be reduced if the public takes some simple steps around munities co-exist with their homes and properties to prevent bears from accessing them.

Nature and human be-

reduce human-bear con- amount of bear activity that we see annually. Bear Conflict Reduction Drought conditions and Community Grant Pro- other factors that may influence the availability of natural food crops for bears, such as a late freeze, vary across the state, as does the behavior of people when it relates to human-bear interactions. In 2023, the majority of

the East Slope received adequate temperatures and rainfall to produce natural forage for bears. Compared to 2022, reports on the East Slope remained steady with CPW's Northeast region receiving 905 reports and the Southeast regions re-

CPW's Northwest region has the largest bear population in the state and received 1,228 reports, a 35 percent reduction from the previous year. Despite good natural forage in the area, an unreasonable number of bears were reported entering homes. Reports remained steady in CPW's Southwest region at 697. One concern CPW is

aware of from the public is a reluctance to report bear activity over a belief it will lead to the bear being put down. Data shows that of the 3,526 reports wildlife managers received on bears in 2023, only 1.8% led to euthani-

getting involved early need to euthanize a bear.

aware, especially when contain food. conflicts first begin, wildlife officers can educate the community, make site visits to homes to help them secure attractants and can haze bears in an attempt to reinforce their natural fear of humans. In some circumstances, wildlife officers can attempt to relocate bears out of conflict areas to alleviate safety concerns or 51 relocated, 66 euthabefore that animal's behavior escalates to a dangerous level which may 118 relocated, 158 eutharequire euthanization. nized

zation. The vast major- However, wildlife officers ity led to wildlife officers stress relocation is not a fix-all solution as there is enough to prevent the no way to unteach a bear once it learns that homes, When CPW is made garages or vehicles might

Below is the number of reports and bears euthanized and relocated by CPW annually since 2020:

- · 2023: 3,526 reports, 33 relocated, 63 eutha-
- · 2022: 4,147 reports, 59 relocated, 94 eutha-
- · 2021: 3,598 reports, nized
- · 2020: 4,806 reports,

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More than 70% of Colorado pedestrian fatalities occur in dark conditions

By COLORADO **DEPARTMENT OF**

TRANSPORTATION According to data recently released by CDOT, pedestrian fatalities soared to a record high in 2023, representing 18.6% of Colorado's total roadway deaths. The majority of the past year's pedestrian deaths occurred at night or during low-light conditions. With nearly three more weeks of short winter days and extended darkness, CDOT is urging drivers to be cautious and alert while driv-

ing at night. Approximately 74% of the pedestrian fatalities recorded last year occurred at night or in lowlight conditions. October had the highest number of pedestrian deaths with 33 fatalities in one month. Over the past four years, October and November have been the months when most pedestrian fatalities occurred.

"Pedestrians don't go away when it gets dark out, especially this time of year when the sun sets early and rises late," said CDOT's Office of Transportation Safety Director Darrell Lingk. "We need a collective commitment from every road user to prioritize safety. Be alert, be aware of your surroundings and treat driving like the immense responsibility it is."

In the last decade, pedestrian fatalities in Colorado have surged by 96%, with a 16% increase between 2022 and 2023.

CDOT is urging individuals and local communities to make pedestrian safety a priority. This rate the economic and can be achieved through cultural center of the hisslower speeds and im- toric community.

infrastructure. proved particularly at intersections where pedestrians cross.

CDOT is actively investing in infrastructure projects to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility as part of the agency's commitment to equity in transportation

safety. Examples include: • The Boulder County CO 119 Safety and Mobility project focuses on a popular cycling route and incorporates protected bike lanes and features to enhance pedestrian

• The CO 121 Signal Improvements project in Jefferson County replaced antiquated traffic signals with modern equipment, added pedestrian-focused signage and made improvements for people with disabilities by installing ADA-compliant ramps.

CDOT's Revitalizing Main Streets program further underscores the commitment to community-driven safety enhancements, with over \$75 million awarded through community grants.

• In Fruita, the Mesa Street Multimodal Improvements project will slow-speed create a transportation corridor that accommodates pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles, safely connecting downtown Fruita.

• In Basalt, the program supports the Midland Avenue Streetscape Revitalization, which will enhance pedestrian space, create public gathering areas, and invigo-

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Public Notices

District Court Denver Probate Court

Costilla County, Colorado Court Address: 304 Main Street, P.O. Box 301

San Luis, CO 81152 719-672-3681

In the Matter of the Estate of: Richard M. Landon

Attorney or Party Without Attorney (name and address)

John M. Montgomery, Attorney 660 Grande Avenue

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Phone Number: 719-657-3333 E-mail: john@montgomery-law.net FAX Number: 719-657-9999 Atty. Reg. #: 19385 Case Number: 2024PR30004

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-

Estate of Richard M. Landon, Deceased

2024PR30004

All persons having claims against the above named estate are re-

quired to present them to the personal representative or to X District Court of Costilla, County, Colorado or Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado

on or before June 17, 2024 (date)*, or the claims may be forever

Del Norte, CO 81132 City, State, Zip Code No. 3790.

will not be provided.

Published in the Valley Courier on February 13, 20 & 27, 2024 ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

The Monte Vista Municipal Airport

Sealed bids subject to the conditions and provisions presented herein will be received until 1:00 PM MT, March 18, 2024, and then publicly opened and read at 95 West First Avenue, Monte Vista, CO 81144, for furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment and performing all work necessary to: Construct Taxilane – Volume 1 AIP Project No. 3-08-0042-019-2024

and Widen Taxiways – Volume 2 AIP Project No. 3-08-042-020-2024 A full notice to bidders and a complete set of bid documents may be obtained from The Aviation Planning Group, LLC., by calling (208) 602-6725 or by emailing rafael@theaviationplanninggroup.com starting February 19th. Bid documents will be provided electronically, in PDF format. The bidder will be responsible for acquiring, copying, and distributing Bidding Documents (plans and specifications) neces-sary to bid and construct the project. Hard paper copies of the project

Bids may be held by the City of Monte Vista for a period not to exceed one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract. The right is reserved, as the City of Monte Vista, may require, to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bids received. Federal Provisions

This project is subject, but not limited, to the following Federal provisions, statutes and regulations. Reference Division 5 Supplementary Provisions for a complete list of applicable provisions. Equal Opportunity Clause and Specifications – Reference 41 CFR § 60-1.4, Executive Order 11246;

Affirmative Action Requirement - Reference 41 CFR part 60-4, Ex-

ecutive Order 11246; Nonsegregated Facilities Requirement – Reference 41 CFR § 60-1.8;

Notice to Prospective Federally Assisted Construction Contractors; Notice to Prospective Subcontractors of Requirements for Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities;

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise – Reference 49 CFR Part 26; Davis-Bacon Requirements – Reference 2 CFR § 200 Appendix II(D); Buy American Preference – Reference 49 USC § 50101; Published in the Valley Courier on February 14, 20, & 27, 2024.

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BOE OF CENTER SCHOOLS is now ac-

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Under Contact/Employment. RGH is an EOE.

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work additional hours

on the inpatient unit

or emergency depart-

ment. Must have ver-

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information and ideas

essential to team par-

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general nursing theory

and practice; capable of dealing with people and working closely

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knowledge of safety pro-

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ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is now accepting applications for the following po-sition: SECURITY ENTRY CONTROL and BUILDING SE-CURITY (AHS). Applications are available online at https://www. alamosaschools.org/ . For more information, contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600 or tvigil@ alamosaschools.org. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (3/6/24)

ALAMOSA SCHOOL **DISTRICT** is now accepting applications for the following posi-tion: AHS ASSISTANT CROSS COUNTRY COACH. Applications

are available online at https://www.alamosaschools.org/. For more information, contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600 or tvigil@alamosaschools. org. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (3/6/24)

ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is now accepting applications for the following position: OMS ASSISTANT

good judgment; must be able to work as a team WRESTLING COACH. member; must be willing to learn For more inable online at https:// formation, contact Kayla Jordan at 719-657-4160 www.alamosaschools. or complete an applimation, contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600 or cation online at http:// tvigil@alamosaschools. rio-grande-hospital.org org. Application dead-line is until filled. EOE. Under Contact/Employment. RGH is an EOE.

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ALAMOSA SCHOOL **DISTRICT** is now accepting applications for the following posi-tion: AHS ASSISTANT TRACK COACH. Applications are available online at https://www. alamosaschools.org/ For more information, contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600 or tvigil@ alamosaschools.org. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (3/6/24)

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ELEMENTARY BE-HAVIOR INTERVEN-TIONIST / SCHOOL ASSESSMENT CO-ORDINATOR / RE-SPONSE TO INTER-VENTION COORDI-NATOR needed at DEL NORTE ELEMEN-TARY SCHOOL for the 2024-2025 school year. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team. Applicants must have a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at aduda@urtigers.co or contact Amy at 719-657-4050. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: urtigers.co. (3/26/24)

INSTRUCTIONAL AT DEL NORTE ELE-MENTARY SCHOOL. Candidate should be proficient in all areas of teaching and learning, with an emphasis on professional practice and the teaching and learning cycle. The coach will be responsible for consulting with and sup-porting the instructional teaching staff in using resources that impact student learning. The coach will provide support and professional learning to instructional staff as needed. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to Amy Duda, Principal at aduda@urtigers. co. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: ur-

tigers.co. (3/26/24) DEL NORTE ELE-MENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER needed at the URGSD. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at aduda@urtigers.co or contact Amy at 719-657-4050. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: urtigers.co. (3/26/24) SEED SORTERS

WANTED: will last two weeks ..job will start soon. Please text or call 719-850-2137. (3/26/24) LABORERS AND

SORTERS needed for POTATO WARE-HOUSE in CENTER. Experience not necessary, willing to train. 40+ hours/week. Stop by MOUNTAIN KING ŠPUD GROWERS, 1090 South Miles Street, Center, CO 81125 to fill out an application. (3/22/24)

221 -**HELP WANTED**

DATA COORDINA-TION LEAD. SLV COMMUNITY SOLU-TIONS, 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 insues of people living in poverty. This will involve building data integrity protocol, staff training, and data support for contract of the c port 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)

CENTER FOR RE-STORATIVE PRO-GRAMS has the following position(s) open: IN-TENSIVE CASE MANAGER (ICM II/ III). Responsible for providing specialized intensive case management/wraparound services to assigned caseload. At least 3-5 years experience providing wraparound services, intensive case management, advocating and working with adults with substance use and/ or mental health disorders, homeless population, recovery support, and collaboration with community partners and families. Will work closely with community partners such as justice system, law enforcement, behavioral health, medical, housing, human services, schools and workforce development. Must be willing to travel, work some nights and weekends. Spanish speaking is a plus. FOR BOTH POSITIONS: See webpage for more details: restorative programs. org and email resume & cover letter to clarissa@ restorativeprograms.org

(3/5/24)CENTER POLICE DEPARTMENT is looking to hire a LIEU-TENANT POSITION. Annual salary DOE will be \$50k - \$62K, medical insurance, paid time off, dental benefits to name a few. Out of state applicants welcomed. For applications visit www. townofcenter.colorado gov or email the Chief at aaron@centerco. gov. Application will be accepted through March 15, 2024. (3/1/24)

COSTILLA COUNTY DEPARTMENT of SOCIAL SERVICES seeks a CHILD WEL-FARE CASEWORKER. Bachelor's degree in Human Services or a related field. The main responsibility of a child welfare social worker is to protect children from situations of abuse, neglect and other forms of maltreatment. Child welfare social workers focus on ensuring the social, physical, psychological and emotional well-being of their clients. They do this by making home visits to investigate allegations of abuse or neglect, providing assessments to determine whether a parent or guardian is fit to provide care, evaluating whether a child should be temporarily or permanently removed from their living situation and placing children with foster care or adoptive families. In addition, child welfare social workers must complete extensive documentation, maintain case files and perform other types of administrative tasks. Experience is preferred. An individual background check and drug screening is required, eligible candidate must have a valid Colorado driver's license. Eligible for full county benefits after probationary period. Work schedule is - Full time 40 Hrs. / per week Monday through Thursday. Applications available on line @ Costilla County DSS or applications may be picked up and returned to: Jackie Vigil, CW/AP Supervi-sor, 233 Main Street, SAN LUIS, Colorado 81152. (2/28/24) SANGRE DE CRISTO

SCHOOL is looking for an ASSISTANT PRIN-CIPAL / ATHLETIC DIRECTOR for the 2024 / 2025 SCHOOL YEAR. Please see www. sangreschools.org for more information. (3/12/24)

221 -**HELP WANTED**

STRENGTHEN-

ING LIAISON. SLV

COMMUNITY SOLU-TIONS, 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) **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/ portunities or contact the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (3/12/24)

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

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DEL NORTE JR/ SR HIGH SCHOOL is looking for an energetic and experienced candidate to serve as the district's STRENGTH AND 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.



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221 -**HELP WANTED**

CAFETERIA STAFF NEEDED at UP-PER 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)

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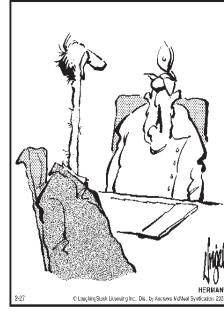
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HERMAN



"A lot of men would love to be 7 feet tall."

Man's chronic unemployment creates doubt for future

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 32-year-old woman who has been with my boyfriend, my first and only partner, for 11 years. Overall, our relationship is healthy. He's smart, kind, supportive, caring, loyal and funny. I can see us getting married and living a happy life

The problem is, aside from a few short-term gigs, he hasn't had a job for the last six years, when he left his office job to move with me for my career. I've done well. But although he has applied for all sorts of jobs -- sales, admin, medical, police, government, fast food -- no one has hired him.

together.

Last year, he developed a heart condition, and he can no longer perform physical labor. He also suffers from depression. So, I've been paying for nearly everything. I'm lucky not to have credit card debt, but at age 32, I have no retirement savings. My job barely covers living expenses for us and

I want to progress in life and have an equal partner. We've discussed marriage, and I think he's "the one." But how long should I hold out hope of him finding a job? Do I just keep on hoping,

or do I consider ending

our pets.

things and breaking both our hearts? -- BUR-DENED IN FLORIDA

DEAR BURDENED: Has it occurred to you that the reason the man you love has been unable to find employment all this time may be connected to his depression? It would benefit you both if he consulted a doctor and sought treatment for it. Free and low-cost counseling is available through the county, as well as through colleges and universities with departments of psychology. Please explore this before ending your relationship because it could be the solution to your problem.

DEAR ABBY: My sister has become very interested in Zen meditation. I'm afraid she has become obsessed with it. She spent a week at a special meditation workshop during which she said she meditated all day, every day to the point that her back hurt from sitting so much. She's now saying she wants to become a Zen priest, which necessitates spending three months at a Zen center

meditating constantly. My sister has a husband and two teenage daughters I think she's neglecting. She earned a master's degree in eco-

nomics at a prestigious

university but works only



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part time as a bookkeeper to allow more time for her Zen center.

How can I politely persuade her to focus on her family and career, and let Zen meditation be her hobby rather than the focus of her life? -PRIORITIES IN THE WEST

DEAR PRIORITIES: Your sister is an adult, intelligent and capable of making her own decision about the path in life she chooses. Nowhere did you state that her husband and children disagree with it. I do not think your input on this subject, regardless of how ʻpolitely" you offer it, will be welcomed. Keep your opinion to yourself unless

asked for it.

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