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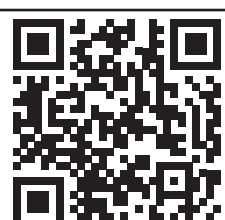
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SLV Today

RMGO to offer 2nd Amendment briefing on March 10

ALAMOSA — Rocky Mountain Gun Owners will offer a 2nd Amendment Legislative Briefing at 3 p.m. on March 10 in Alamosa at Calvary Bible Church, 7160 Brush Lane, Alamosa. This event will provide information on pending legislation and 2024 legislative matters concerning gun rights and regulations.

The two-hour event is open to firearm enthusiasts, legal experts, community leaders, and everyone in between. The executive director of RMGO will provide key insights and updates about potential legislative changes that will affect gun stores, gun owners, and communities in Colorado.

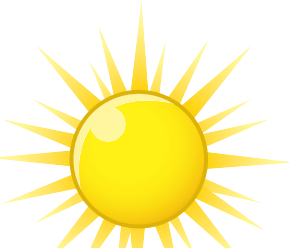
There will be a question-and-answer at the end of the presentation, giving attendees an opportunity for direct engagement, clarification, and a better understanding of the stance and strategy of Colorado's champion pro-gun lobby.

Coffee Connections in Alamosa tomorrow

ALAMOSA — Spend a part of a morning at the Sanctuary in Alamosa on Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m., for casual networking.

The event is free and sponsored by SLV Behavioral Health and Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce. The Sanctuary is at 607 4th St., Alamosa.

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City to submit application for \$600K CBDG

Grant would go toward Early Care and Learning Center

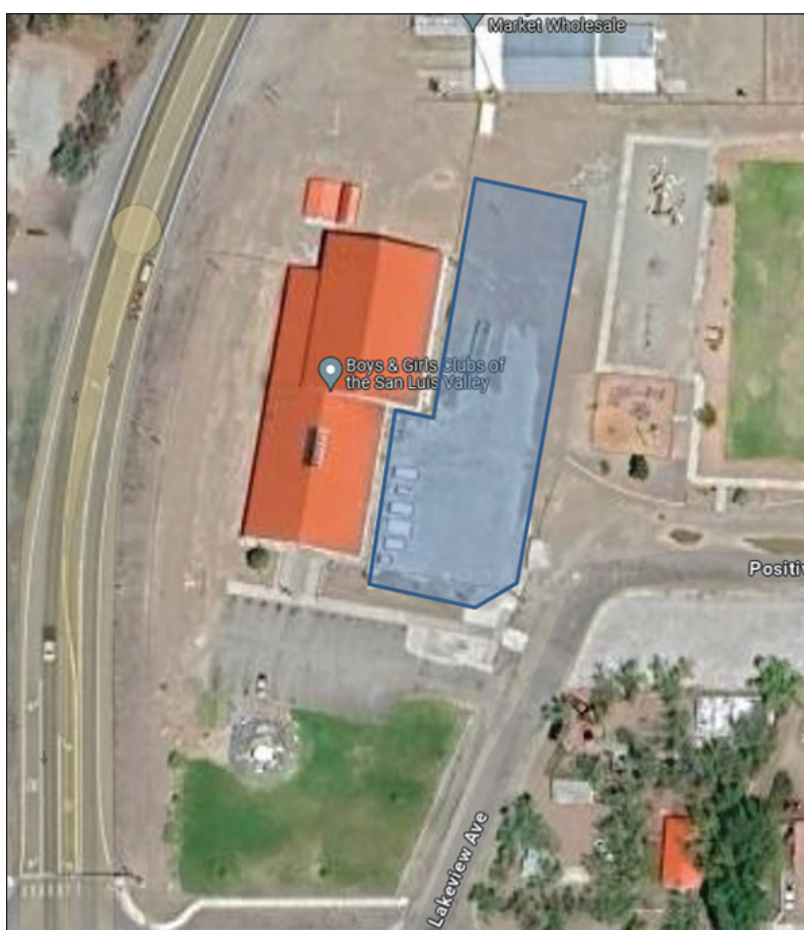
By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — With a unanimous vote in favor of the action, the City of Alamosa has agreed to submit an application for a \$600,000 federally funded Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) for the construction of

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Architectural illustration showing the location of the proposed Early Care and Learning Center.

Graphic courtesy of Deacon Aspinwall, City Planner for the City of Alamosa



Dan Scinto

Scinto to head business loan fund for SLV Development Resources Group

CONTRIBUTED

ALAMOSA — Dan Scinto has been named Director of the Business Loan Fund at the San Luis Valley Development Resources Group.

"I am extremely excited that Dan has joined our organization," said Sarah Stoeber, Executive Director of San Luis Valley Development Resources Group. "His experience with credit write-ups, lending and under-

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Top of the Nation honors program brings stellar voices to Alamosa

By JOHN WATERS
Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — To a packed church, over 200 choristers from high schools across Colorado gave a rousing concert to a standing-room-only crowd on Saturday, Feb. 24 at Sacred Heart Church in Alamosa.

The concert was the culmination of a three-day program hosted by Adams State University as part of the "Top of the Nation," High School Honors Choirs 2024 program.

According to Beth Robison, Director of Choral Activities at ASU, the choral program has been an Adams State tradition for over 30 years and is going strong.

"This is an opportunity for

students from around the state to come to ASU, we have two choirs, one is an audition choir and they submit an audition and are accepted that way. The other is a director-recommended choir so it is an opportunity for choir directors to recommend their students to be involved in this experience.

"The students arrive on

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Beth Robison, Director of Choral Activities at Adams State University, spoke to the audience at the Top of the Nation concert at Sacred Heart Church in Alamosa on Feb. 24. Over 200 high school students from across Colorado participated in the concert.

Courier photo by John Waters



Alamosa's Restaurant Week returns March 1-10

Sample the Valley's best eateries with prix fixe menus

ALAMOSA — Restaurant Week is the perfect opportunity to sample all of Alamosa's best eateries. Between March 1-10, you can visit any participating restaurant in town to enjoy their own prix fixe dining menus for either \$10 or \$25 each.

"This week-long event celebrates our region's authentic cuisine and traditions and allows locals and visitors alike to experience new restaurants in our community — affordably," organizers stated.

Participating locations: 4th Street Grille, Calvillo's, Frosty Acres Rolled Ice Cream, Friar's Fork, Hunan Chinese Restaurant, Juanitos, Knee Knockers, Lindo Jalisco, My Brother's Place, Oscar's Restaurant, Purple Pig Pizzeria and Pub, SLV Brewing Co, Smoothy's Juice Bar, Thai House, The Roast Cafe, and Woody's Q Shack.

The San Luis Valley Brewing Company on Main Street is one of the many restaurants participating in Alamosa's Restaurant Week which begins on Friday.

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OBITUARIES

Jose Maria Aragonese Granados

On Feb. 16, 2024, after a short illness, Jose Maria Aragonese Granados stood before the judgment seat of Almighty God. Jose was born as the third child of Andres Aragonese and Bernabe Granados on Dec. 9, 1937, in Gomez Farias in the state of Chihuahua, Republic of Mexico.

As a youth, there was instilled in Jose a love of his parents and of his country. He learned hard working skills on his parents' farm. Once he attained the necessary skills, he qualified for entry into the United States under the Bracero program for workers helping farmers in the production and harvest of row crops that required hard by-hand labor.

After several entries into the United States, Jose qualified for a Green Card by which he was allowed permanent residence in the United States. It was during his permanent residence that



he met and subsequently married Refugio Ruybal and together they enjoyed a happy and long life. Jose was very kind to his wife, very protective of her, a hard worker, a very gentle man.

During his lifetime, he was employed by the Quinlan Ranches as a caretaker of their huge property in Monte Vista. After several years of this employment that ended when the ranch was sold, Jose then worked at the Alamosa Mushroom Farm until his retirement. He and his wife enjoyed their long retirement and happy life together.

An event of which Jose

was extremely proud was the day he was naturalized a citizen of the United States with full privileges in a ceremony on Jan. 23, 1997, before the Honorable Judge Robert Ogburn at the Alamosa Courthouse. Until his death, Jose lived an exemplary life, proud of the fact that he was a United States citizen.

Jose was preceded in death by his parents, numerous relatives in Mexico and by his wife of many years, Refugio Ruybal Aragonese.

His body was transferred to his homeland in Mexico for a Mass of the Resurrection and a proper burial. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at a later date.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in the care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences, tributes, and words of comfort for Jose's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

Leland Dale (Lee) Wilson II

Denver resident Lee Wilson, 76, died Feb. 21, 2024, at the Swedish Medical Center in Englewood, Colo. Lee was born in Atlantic, Iowa on April 4, 1947, to Leland and Norma Wilson.

He spent his early childhood in Griswold, Iowa, until his parents moved to Walsenburg in 1959. He graduated from Walsenburg High School in 1965 where he participated in multiple sports.

He worked at his parents' restaurant in Alamosa, the Cow Camp Café, to finance his college education. He graduated from Adams State College (University) with a business degree. He was a U.S. Army veteran, and a retired accountant



in the Denver area. He also lived in San Diego, Calif., for a few years, and he really enjoyed his time there.

Lee was an avid outdoorsman in his prime. He enjoyed camping and hiking. He climbed 40 fourteeners, was a competitive volleyball player, and bicyclist. He also loved sports cars, as he had a few of his own over the years. He had a great sense of humor.

Lee was preceded in

death by his parents Leland and Norma Wilson, his niece Andrea Dayzie, and his nephew Todd Garcia.

Lee is survived by siblings Rosemary (Sam) Dayzie of Cortez, Marsha (Tim) Gallagher of Pagosa Springs, John (Candy) Wilson of San Diego, Calif., and Brenda Wilson (Mitch O'Steen) of Alamosa. Also survived by his nieces and nephews, Angie (Jason) Rossback, Tami (Matt) Sliwowski, Marlena (Steve) Halko, Lisa Larson, John (Maurice) Wilson, Mark Russell, Derek (Angie) Russell, and Nathan (Desiree) Russell. He is also survived by best friend, Chris Ciarello of Denver. Plus he is survived by numerous cousins.

Cremation was chosen and there will be no services. His ashes will be spread at a later date in the mountains he loved.

Laura Espinoza



ful servant of the Lord, a loving wife, mother, sister and grandmother. She created a warm and welcoming home that was always open to family and friends. Laura will be remembered for great cooking and always had a meal for anyone who stopped by. She was a woman of integrity, comfort and generosity.

She is survived by her husband Walter Espinoza, her four children; Orlie Espinoza of Alamosa, Jeff Espinoza of Fountain, Mario Espinoza of Lone Tree, and Aaron Espinoza of Alamosa, four grandchildren; D'Mitri Espinoza, Alys Espinoza, Elijah Espinoza and Montana Pearce; her siblings Eloisa Roybal of Ogden, Utah, Pauline Torres of Denver, Susie and Eddie Mestas of Okla-

homa City, Okla., Rose and Frank Martinez of Westminster, Colo., Dennis Montoya of Alamosa, Ronnie and Sharel Montoya of Alamosa, Becky and Carlos Arispe of Westminster. She is survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Laura was preceded in death by her parents Cristobal and Anita Montoya, sister Oralia Bueno.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 10 a.m. at The River of life Church in Alamosa with Inurnment to follow at the Alamosa Cemetery.

To leave online condolences, please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Effie Mary Gallegos

Our beloved Effie Mary Gallegos, 86, went to be with our Heavenly Father on Feb. 23, in the year of our Lord 2024.

Effie was born in Manassas, Colo., on Dec. 18, 1937, the loving daughter to Augustine LeFebre and Refugio DeHerrera LeFebre. She married Michael A. Gallegos at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Capulin, Colo., on Aug. 22, 1955.

Effie was an extraordinary soul who opened her heart and home to everyone. She spent the majority of her life caring for others. Her radiant light and warmth were given freely and affected everyone around her. Throughout the years she had been a masterful seamstress. Effie made many articles of clothing for herself, family and friends. She was a tireless steward of God and maintained a sassy and humorous disposition in every situation. She enjoyed creating in her crafts, cooking, and baking and her care and devotion for her family and

animals was unmatched. She will be remembered reverently by everyone for her unwavering love and optimistic personality.

Effie is survived by her husband Michael Gallegos of La Jara, Colo., and their children Miguel A. Gallegos of La Jara, Colo., Richard Gallegos (Kim) of La Jara, Colo., Donna Saavedra (Stan) of Albuquerque, N.M., Monica Gallegos, and Ezekiel Gallegos (Victoria) of La Jara, Colo.; her grandchildren Ileaha Tardona, Nikki Gallegos, Rochelle Gallegos, Crystal Montez, Sunni Gallegos, Danielle Murguia, Tommy Trujillo, Zjia Evans, Zach Manzanares, Zena Castro, Shelby Gallegos, Anita Gallegos, Chanci Gallegos, and Ezekiel "Boy" Gallegos; her brother Chris LeFebre (Sylvia), and numerous extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Refugio DeHerrera and Augustine LeFebre, and her siblings Melvin LeFebre, Marcella Munoz, Sal



LeFebre, Leo LeFebre, and Augustine LeFebre.

A Recitation of the Rosary will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024, followed by a Funeral Mass and Christian Burial Friday, March 1, 2024, at 2 p.m. All taking place at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Capulin, Colo. Committal services will follow the Funeral Mass in the Capulin Cemetery.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of arrangements, to leave online condolences, tributes and words of comfort for Effie's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

PENDING OBITUARY

Cecilia Atencio

Colorado Springs resident Cecilia Atencio, 85, was called home on Feb. 26, 2024. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

VALLEY — The San Luis Valley offers many Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous groups.

A.A. and N.A members primary purpose is to

stay sober and help other alcoholics/addicts to achieve sobriety.

There are AA and NA 12-Step Meetings throughout the valley. The 6th Tradition states that we are not affili-

ated with any outside organizations, but in the spirit of cooperation, we list these meeting schedules for friends and family. For information, call 719-937-5083 or see our website: slvaa.org

Future farmers attend leadership event at Adams State University

CONTRIBUTED
SAN LUIS VALLEY— Sargent Future Farmers of America (FFA) took a group of students to participate in the District IV Leadership Development Event contests at Adams State University on Feb. 14.

District IV is made up of Sargent, Sangre De Cristo, Monte Vista, Centauri, Alamosa, Sanford, and La Veta FFA Chapters.

Leadership Development Events (LDE's) consist of a variety of contests that allow students to demonstrate a variety of skills such as public speaking, critical thinking, and communication.

Creed Speaking
First Place — Makenzie Consaul
Second Place — Durae Naranjo
Extemporaneous Speaking
First Place — West- en Burkhardt
Prepared Speaking
Second Place- Ellaree Rocky



Courtesy photo
Quizbowl winners, left to right, Kandace Pargin, Madeline Mitchell, and Donovan Heineman of Sargent FFA.

ners have qualified to represent District IV at the State LDE contests in June.

Drop boxes for the 2024 Presidential Primary Election available statewide

CONTRIBUTED
DENVER — Drop boxes are now available to voters, in addition to the minimum number of voting centers. This year, over 153 voting centers and 418 drop boxes will be available for Colorado voters to submit their ballots to submit their ballots.

"Coloradans have hundreds of drop boxes and voting centers available to cast their ballots," said Secretary Griswold. "I encourage every voter to make their voice heard in the 2024 Presidential Primary."

It is too late to return a ballot by mail and ensure it is received by county election officials by March 5. Voters should return their ballot to a drop box or voting center. Coloradans can still register to vote, receive a ballot, and vote in-person at a voting center until 7 p.m. on Election Day. Voters can find their closest drop box or voting center at GoVoteColorado.gov.

Important information for Colorado voters: Coloradans should always use trusted sources when searching for information on elections. Infor-

mation from the Colorado Secretary of State's Office is distributed via ColoradoSOS.gov or www.GoVoteColorado.gov. Websites ending in ".gov" are government websites.

Voters can visit www.GoVoteColorado.gov and select "Contact my County Clerk" to ensure they are only visiting legitimate Colorado Clerk websites.

All Colorado voters can sign up to track their ballot from when it is sent to when it is counted using BallotTrax.

Eligible voters who wish to mail back their voted ballot should do so by February 26 to ensure it is received by their county election official by March 5. After February 26, voters should return their ballot to a drop box or voting center.

In-person voting on Election Day, Tuesday, March 5, will be available from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Important upcoming dates:

Feb. 27 — The minimum number of required drop boxes must be open to accept mail ballots for the 2024 Presidential Primary Election.

Feb. 27-March 5 — Sug-

gested dates for all voters to submit ballots at VSPC or drop box, and not by mail.

March 5 — Election Day. Eligible voters must submit their ballot or be in line to vote by 7 p.m. for their ballot to be counted. Ballots cast by military and overseas voters must be sent no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day and received close of business on the 8th day after the election (March 14).

School Menu Wednesday February 28, 2024

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Early Riser Hashbrown
Fruit & Milk

ELEMENTARY

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Broccoli
Veggie Bar
Fruit & Milk

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Broccoli
Veggie Bar
Fruit & Milk

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Broccoli
Veggie Bar
Fruit & Milk

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Voices

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Thursday morning and we rehearse Thursday and Friday and then we do the concert on Saturday afternoon, said Robinson.

Father Carlos Alvarez with Sacred Heart Church, told the Valley Courier he estimated about 370 people were attending the concert and added, "Philosophy speaks of five universals which may be known by all persons: truth, beauty, life, unity and being. Sacred Heart Church is truly blessed to host the Adams State University Top of the Nation Honor Choir and Band as our beautiful Church building is an ideal venue for their beautiful voices and music. We are honored to have the Adams State University Mu-

sic Department on our campus anytime to elevate our human souls through song and instruments."

The performance of Hayden's 1796 Gloria from Heilmaesse sung in the original Latin resonated well in the Catholic church.

The annual choir program has been a part of the Alamosa cultural scene for decades and is both an artistic and economic benefit to Alamosa.

"The ASU Top of the Nation concert was a huge success! The performance was amazing! It was great seeing hundreds of students and their family members and friends in attendance. This goes to show ASU has a first-class staff and music program," said Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman who attended the concert.

The concert opened with O Magnum Mysterium by Swiss composer Ivo Antognini whose music is fittingly described by Irish artistic director Desmond Early as "transporting the listener emotionally into a different kind of space." According to the composer, the work was written for a small church choir, "as a gift for these good people that came once a week to prepare Christmas songs," and as a tribute to J.S. Bach.

Kim Waller, a music teacher at Alamosa High School brought three student/musicians to the program said, "The choirs are conducted by guest clinicians from other parts of the country, one of the clinicians was Dr. Kevin Beaber who is a retired music teacher from the Denver area and the other is, Dr. Tod Fish, a professor from Texas. It is always nice for students to get a different experience from their high school teacher. They can get a more upper-level college-level professor experience directing. The students often get to sing literature that is more difficult than their high school performance."

Waller added she has been at Alamosa High for 16 years and participated in the Top of the Nation program every year.

Shea Jordan a soprano and one of the AHS students said this about the program, "I always love it, I've been able to



Courier photo by John Waters

Alamosa High School student musicians, left to right, Scott Hopper, David Chacon, and Shea Jordan recently took part in the three-day Adams State University Top of the Nation choral program and sang in a concert with several hundred other high school musicians at Sacred Heart Church in Alamosa on Feb. 24.

participate in the Top of the Nation program for three years. It has always been an amazing experience; I love the people and I love singing. Being able to participate and be in that choir, especially with the songs we sing, is just close to my heart and a social experience."

Jordan added that singing One Boy Told Me, a work composed by Timothy Takach, was a favorite song and, "It defiantly reminded me of my brother."

David Chacon a tenor and student at AHS

said, "This was definitely fun and a new experience being in such a big choir compared to what I'm used to. The was more challenging and a social experience as well, you meet people from different areas."

Chacon said his favorite song at the concert was Anything, by American composer Ayrian Norman.

ASH student Scott Hopper, also a first-year performer at the concert said, "I thought it was really fun and great to balance off of just one tenor. Singing with a really big choir was cool and I got to do it in the church I go to."

Hopper added his favorite song to sing was, One Boy Told Me, "Just

because the tenor has such a fun part in that."

The repertoire from the concert included several songs not sung in English and when the AHS students were asked if they had previously sung in foreign languages, all the AHS students confidently responded that they had.

The song "Anything" has these lyrics, "I can be anything I can be. I will be anything. I will be everything I want to be." For the talented musicians from Alamosa High School and the several hundred other vibrant high school musicians who participated in the ASU Top of the Nation program, these are indeed fitting words.

High School Honor Bands at Adams State on Saturday

ALAMOSA — The Adams State University, Top of the Nation High School Honor Band, a program similar to the ASU choral honors program, will host about 60 musicians at ASU this weekend and have a free concert under the direction of James M Lind, Visiting Assistant Professor of Music at Adams State. The concert will be held in Richardson Hall on the university campus at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, and the public is welcome to attend this free event. Lind said he is excited to welcome clinicians Andrew Trachsel and Mark Emery to the program.

CDBG

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the Boys and Girls Club of the San Luis Valley's (BGCSLV) new Early Care and Learning Center.

If awarded, the \$600,000 will go toward funding the building's construction, which will be immediately west and northwest of the BGCSLV facility in Alamosa.

In a presentation made to the city council at the Feb. 21 meeting, Rachel James, director of Development Services and the person who will assist with the CDBG application, said the total cost of construction of the center is \$7.5 million.

"This is an incredibly valuable new development in our community," James told the council. "A lot of stakeholders have been working on this for many years, and it has huge implications for economic development and the well-being of our community."

"This isn't something the Boys and Girls Club anticipated doing," Aaron Miltenberger, BGCSLV's executive director, told council members. "But, because of our coalition of partners that represented city and county government, individual businesses, caregivers and grandparents, we knew that it was necessary."

The scope of that need, most especially in the San Luis Valley, was illustrated in data Miltenberger then shared with the council, crediting

Sherry Valdez with the Early Childhood Council for the information.

"There are 5,000 children between the ages of 0 and 6 years old currently living in the San Luis Valley," he said. "Right now, there is only licensed care for 11% of the children between the ages of 0 and 3. In other words, only 1 out of every 10. Of those kids who are 0 to 6 years old, only 31% have access to licensed care. That's 3 out of every 10."

In a later conversation with the Valley Courier, Miltenberger expounded on both the plans and the need for the center.

"Zero to three is the most highly correlated with and indicative of future success," he said. "But we're thinking about it not just in terms of academic success but also seeing it as a way to address the opioid epidemic by supporting children to be in safe environments with highly trained professionals. But it's also a way to provide some support for parents so they can be part of the workforce or do other things they need to do for their own health and wellness."

The vision for the program also extends beyond Alamosa, where the center will be located.

"This is the pilot for a Valley-wide initiative," Miltenberger said, "and we're hoping to bridge the capacity in workforce development with some blended services that provide affordability and access across the valley."

Finding licensed child-

care providers is a consistent challenge in many communities, but Miltenberger and the other groups behind the center's creation have considered that, too.

"We've just completed a 6-month Opportunity Now grant to develop a plan around early childhood professionals to have stacked credentials. Our goal is to develop a workforce that is ready to hit the ground running in August in 2025 when we open the center," he said.

Opportunity Now grants are part of an innovative program launched under the Polis administration that connects Colorado workers with new employment opportunities.

While BGCSLV appears to be at the helm of the project, the organization will not actually be in charge of the Early Care and Learning Center.

"[We] will own the building and we'll be the fiscal umbrella for the non-profit that will be managing the center. That new non-profit is being formed right now and is a version of the Early Childhood Stakeholders that started in early 2020 with the Early Childhood Council and includes business leaders, grandparents, community-based organizations," he said.

With all that said, Miltenberger still realizes this is just one step in meeting a significant and pressing need among the Valley's youngest residents.

"We're not going to be able to solve this prob-

lem, but we sure hope to put a dent in it," he said.

This is the second application for a CDBG the city has submitted in support of the Early Childhood Center project. The first application was when the city was the pass through for a \$450,000 CDBG that funded the design and engineering phase of the project.

To date, the BGCSLV, working with a capital fundraising committee that includes the city's Economic Development Director, Kathy Woods, has already raised \$3.1 million with another \$700,000 in donations pending. Should the \$600,000 CDBG be awarded, the remainder of funding needed to complete the building will be financed through a construction loan.

Construction is slated to begin in August of 2024 with completion projected for August of 2025. Anyone interested in contributing can do so at the website Colorado Gives, the BGCSLV website at www.bgcslv.org or by contacting Miltenberger or Sherry Valdez with the Early Childhood Council.

According to its website, the CDBG is one of the longest running programs in the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development and is funded for local community development activities with the stated goal of addressing affordable housing, anti-poverty initiatives and infrastructure to support thriving communities.

cal businesses looking to grow or expand their operation, and to assist new businesses just beginning. The Business Loan Fund has assisted nearly 200 businesses throughout the San Luis Valley with loans totaling more than \$10 million.

"I look forward to

working with the Business Loan Fund fostering economic growth and community development in the San Luis Valley," Scinto commented. "I am dedicated to supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs and strongly believe in the transformative power of entre-

preneurship in rural areas."

For more information about the San Luis Valley Business Loan Fund, contact Scinto at 719-589-6099 or email at dscinto@slydrg.org. Information is also available online at www.slydrg.org/slv-business-loan-fund/.



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UPCOMING GRIZZLY ATHLETIC EVENTS

Friday, March 1

Men & Women's Basketball at Colorado School of Mines at Golden, Colo.
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Baseball vs Malone University at Tucson, Ariz.
12:00 p.m.

Softball vs Fort Lewis College at Alamosa, Colo.
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 2

Wrestling vs NCAA Super Region VI Championship at Pueblo, Colo.
All Day

Softball vs Fort Lewis College at Alamosa, Colo.
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Baseball vs Concordia University, St. Paul at Tucson, Ariz.
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Men & Women's Basketball at Metropolitan State University of Denver at Denver, Colo.
5:00 p.m.




Scinto

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writing are impressive and he'll be a great asset for the San Luis Valley."

As director, Scinto is responsible for originating and servicing loans to lo-

Opinion

Rosa Parks gives a talk in my small town

It was 2 p.m. on a recent Sunday in the western Colorado town of Paonia, population 1,500, not an ideal time to gather a crowd to meet the famous Rosa Parks, the woman who kicked off the modern civil rights movement.

Yet surprisingly, about 100 people gathered at the Blue Sage Center, almost all of us white, to hear what really happened in the mid-1950s. Chairs kept getting added.

The bare stage didn't have a chair, just a table with water. Becky Stone, one of the scholar-actors with the Colorado Humanities Black History Tour, quietly entered. Rosa Parks was 42 and all of 5 feet tall in 1955 when she refused an order from a bus driver to give up her seat to a white passenger.

But by some transmutation known only to talented actors, Becky Stone, wearing a cotton dress, sweater and flat shoes, became Rosa Parks, who died in 2005. She seemed a reserved, no-nonsense woman who had all the time in the world to talk.

She wanted to set the record straight, she told us, about why she defied bus segregation in Montgomery, Ala. She said the story that's come down through the years was dead wrong.

Yes, her feet were tired from working all day as a seamstress at a downtown department store, but that's not why she wouldn't sacrifice her seat on the bus. She was "tired of giving in" because of her race.

Every bus was segregated by long tradition, she explained, with whites entitled to the front seats. A middle "colored" section allowed both races but once the bus was crowded, whites had priority and Blacks had to stand or find a seat in the back where Blacks were supposed to

Writers On The Range



Betsy Marston



sit. Blacks were also expected to board through a back door. Ridership of city buses, she pointed out, was about 75% Black.

There was one insult on the bus she never forgot, she told us. It had happened 12 years earlier, when driver James Blake took her fare but ordered her to get off and board the bus from the back. Just as she got to the door, though, he drove off. From then on, she said, she'd try to avoid riding his bus. On the day of her civil disobedience, however, he was the driver who called the police and got her arrested.

The desire to confront discrimination in Montgomery had been long simmering, she said, and as secretary of the city chapter of the NAACP, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, she felt she was a good — as in non-threatening — candidate to make a stand. There had been other women who'd refused to relinquish seats through the years, but they'd acted alone.

Rosa Parks said her resistance had the backing of the local NAACP, a first-ever united Black community, some white allies, and the help of a local, 26-year-old pastor, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He became a friend, she said, and credited him with starting a sub-

stitute transportation system of private cars that helped some people get to work who couldn't walk. That was crucial, she said, because the bus boycott lasted more than a year. It ended when the Supreme Court ruled that Montgomery and Alabama laws requiring segregated buses were unconstitutional.

Her victory made national news and changed the law, but there were consequences. After she lost her job and withstood multiple threats against her family, she and her husband decided to move to Detroit. She got a tailoring job in the city, but her husband, she said, became depressed.

Her activism continued. She gave talks about how important it was to be unified to challenge segregation, and her example resonated. In the 1960s, Blacks would invite white supporters to travel on Freedom Rides to "sit-in" at lunch counters in the South. Their legal cases led to Jim Crow laws getting slapped down in state courts, followed by passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Applause for Rosa Parks just wouldn't quit after she spoke. She answered questions for another hour, then talked to individuals who gathered around her.

That week, when I met people on the street who'd heard Rosa Parks speak,

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we agreed: "I wouldn't have missed that for the world."

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Are American politics approaching a new era?

By DAVID M. SHRIBMAN

There is a tide in the affairs of America, and the big question is whether right now the political seas are at ebb tide or flood tide.

American politics is guided by these tides, and in retrospect, their movements become clear. Future students of history may come to see that contemporary America was shaped by two of them, each about four decades long. Their precise beginnings and ends are murky, but the general shape of them — the swells and the troughs — may be apparent when mid-21st-century historians begin to examine what we now regard as lived experience and modern history. For them, all this may seem like ancient history.

The first of these tides might be said to have started in 1932 and almost certainly will come to be seen as a great Democratic era, populated by giants (Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Harry Truman, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson) and marked by the conquest of both the Great Depression and the Second World War; a great expansion in the role of government; and soaring rhetoric about ending injustice and smoothing out the rough edges of life.

The second tide might be thought of having begun in 1976 and may be seen as a dominant Republican era, populated by a powerful mixture of establishment figures (Richard M. Nixon and George H.W. Bush) and rebels (Ronald Reagan and Donald Trump), and marked by the conquest of Soviet-style Communism; by a fundamental rethinking of the role of

government in everyday life and in the economy; and by a celebration of the philosophy and arts of entrepreneurship.

What ties them together — what ties together almost a century of American life — is the conviction, held dearly by political figures in both parties, that politics is the expression of upswells of public will. Even though the rhetoric in both waves focused on the middle class — its growth and shrinkage, its prospects and perils — both tides realized their power through the welfare, interests and inclinations of blue-collar Americans. The animating conviction was, as Mr. Kennedy might put it, that a rising tide — whether because of the new opportunities that accompanied new rights or the liberation that came from the removal of government interference in the economy — lifts all boats.

And so the shifting loyalties of what we might call "working America" — not middle-class Americans nor soccer moms in the suburbs, important as they have been in stump speeches — are the moving parts of the country's politics.

That was true in the 19th century, as the elections of Andrew Jackson (1828 and 1832) and William Henry Harrison (1840) displayed. It began to coalesce in modern times with the unsuccessful 1928 campaign of Democratic Gov. Al Smith of New York and was consolidated with the election of FDR in 1932.

Under Mr. Roosevelt and the Democrats who followed the New Deal with the Fair Deal (Mr. Truman), the New Frontier (Mr. Kennedy), the Great Soci-

ety (Mr. Johnson) and the New Covenant (Bill Clinton), rights were expanded and horizons were broadened.

The first two years of the Nixon presidency can almost be regarded as an extension of the Democratic wave, with the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and with the administration winning passage of a landmark income-floor plan in the House but failing to win support in the Senate. It was the Nixon team's pillorying of a similar 1972 plan forwarded by Sen. George McGovern — a flip from Nixon approval of the plan to opposition to it — that began the transformation from one era to the next.

The following two years were consumed with Watergate. Then came the second wave.

That wave commenced with the insurgent 1976 presidential campaign of former Gov. Reagan of California, who mounted an outsider's challenge to an establishment incumbent president, Gerald Ford, who had served 25 years in the House, always as a supplicant in a chamber controlled by the Democrats.

From that moment, the interesting story of American politics moved to the Republican side.

Not that the Democrats were denied successes in that period. Jimmy Carter rode the Watergate counter-reaction to the White House; Mr. Clinton served two terms; Barack Obama became the first Black president. But in that period, the Democrats were a faint, unimaginative variation on an old theme, while the Republicans fought to define themselves

even as they succeeded in defining the era.

The Reagan insurrection was followed by years of struggle over the role of religious conservatives in the GOP, a proxy for an important battle over the role of religion in the public square. The anti-abortion movement emerged from that, with the 1988 GOP national convention convulsed by a class struggle, a power struggle and a political struggle.

Those struggles persist to this day. "The key question of the future of American politics," the late Brookings Institution fellow A. James Reichley told me as that convention opened, "is how the Republican Party handles these tensions." He was right.

An incipient trend that began in the Nixon years — the creation of a "Democrats for Nixon" effort — eventually became one of the major themes of the remainder of the 20th century and the first quarter-century of the 21st. By the time Mr. Reagan won the 1980 GOP nomination, the trickle of onetime Democrats, most of them blue-collar workers but a few intellectuals (such as Jeane Kirkpatrick and other "neocons"), into the Reagan circle became a rivulet, then a flood. This movement presaged the insurgency of Mr. Trump, himself a onetime Democrat who spoke to the grievances of blue-collar voters and sculpted a new profile for the GOP — essentially the reverse of the New Deal coalition.

Now we may be at another turning point, and, like so much else in American politics, Mr. Trump is at the center of it. Note that we cannot place Joe Biden in that role; he's a purebred product of the first wave and is in our politics only because of longevity and because he was the candidate who denied Mr. Trump a second term.

If Mr. Trump is elected, the Republican wave will continue, at least for another four years, and the children and grandchildren of New Deal Democrats may grow ever more comfortable in their GOP raiments.

Almost everyone — members of both parties, though for vastly different reasons — believe the future of democracy is at stake in 2024, and they are probably right. But so is the nature of our democracy.

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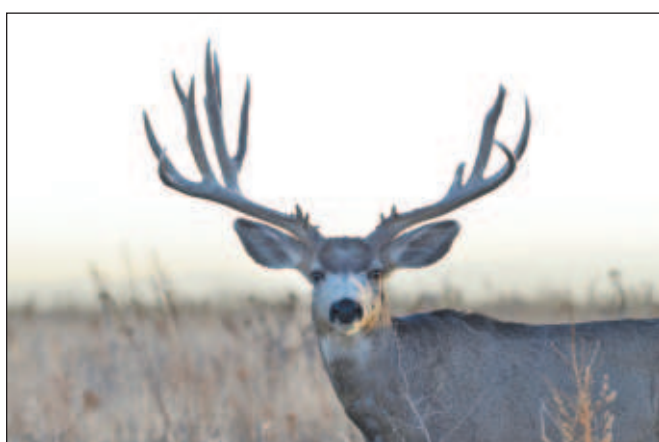
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Lifestyles

CPW releases 2025-2029 Big Game Season Structure preliminary alternatives, staff recommendations

By COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

COLORADO — Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) released on Monday, Feb. 26, its preliminary alternatives and staff recommendations for the 2025-2029 Big Game Season Structure (BGSS). Over the past year, CPW carefully considered various biological, social, and economic factors, as well as internal and external input received during its extensive public outreach process, when developing these BGSS recommendations.



Courtesy photo

The Big Game Season Structure (BGSS) planning process is a critical component of big game management and big game hunting regulation development.

The BGSS planning process is a critical component of big game management and big game hunting regulation development in Colorado and provides a framework for CPW staff to make annual license recommendations. The central purpose of the BGSS planning process is to determine what, when, and where various types of big game hunting opportunities are available, and to determine how the timing of opportunities are divided among hunters. Through this planning process, CPW is better able to maintain healthy wildlife populations in keeping with management objectives.

2025-2029 BGSS Staff Recommendations

Change to the previous season structure (2015-2019) for regular deer and elk rifle seasons.

Maintain the status quo for season structure for early seasons (archery and muzzleloader) for deer and elk west of I-25 and GMU 140; in addition, there shall be an additional stand-alone limited archery antlered deer season that opens Aug. 15 and closes Sept. 1, annually. This season would be optional and determined on a herd-by-herd basis (DAU/GMU), allowing for regional flexibility. This optional antlered deer season would not replace existing antlered, either-sex, and antlerless deer

archery seasons.

Over-the-counter (OTC) archery: Limit all resident and nonresident archery licenses — limited licenses to be available through the draw by management area (Data Analysis Unit (DAU) or Game Management Unit (GMU)).

OTC rifle: Maintain the status quo; keep unlimited licenses available for antlered elk during the second and third general rifle seasons in OTC units. Keep limited either-sex or limited antlered elk licenses available in remaining limited units. All antlerless elk licenses remain limited. Limited licenses issued by GMU/DAU.

Addition of an optional rifle deer hunt during the first regular rifle season (currently elk only).

Addition of an optional second regular rifle buck and doe pronghorn season.

A change to the BGSS cycle length was considered. CPW recommends maintaining the status quo of conducting a review of the BGSS every five years.

Administrative topics (cow moose): Optional late cow moose season that would be additional to the regular moose rifle season and would be valid for all regular rifle deer and elk seasons (with no hunting during the breaks between seasons) when necessary to meet management objectives for moose.

Administrative topics (private-land-only (PLO) black bear): Modify the existing language to clarify that PLO rifle bear licenses are not required to be unlimited OTC for every population/DAU (managers could still choose an unlimited PLO OTC strategy).

Optional: CPW staff would have the option to utilize this season as a tool to meet biological objectives (established in Herd Management Plans) and/or social management objectives; would be determined on a herd-by-herd basis (DAUs).

CPW will present these preliminary alternatives and staff recommendations to the Parks and Wildlife Commission at the March Commission meeting in Denver; staff are planning a three-step approval process, with the Commission making final decisions on season structure in June.

If members of the public are interested in providing a comment on the BGSS preliminary alternatives and staff recommendations, they are encouraged to either submit a written comment to the Commission inbox (dnr_cpwcommission@state.co.us) to ensure their comments are included in the record and provided to the Commission or sign up to provide a verbal comment at the upcoming March Commission meeting.

US sues to block merger of grocery giants Kroger and Albertsons, saying it could push prices higher

The Colorado Sun

The Federal Trade Commission sued to block a proposed merger between grocery giants Kroger and Albertsons, saying the \$24.6 billion deal would eliminate competition and lead to higher prices for millions of Americans.

The FTC filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Oregon on Monday. It was joined in the suit by the attorneys general of eight states and the District of Columbia.

The move comes less than two weeks after Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser filed a similar lawsuit in Denver District Court that also seeks to block the merger, likewise arguing it could harm consumers.

Kroger and Albertsons, two of the nation's largest grocers, agreed to merge in October 2022. The companies said a merger would help them better compete with Walmart, Amazon, Costco and other big rivals. Together, Kroger and Albertsons would control around 13% of the U.S. grocery market; Walmart controls 22%, according to J.P. Morgan analyst Ken Goldman.

Kroger, based in Cincinnati, Ohio, operates 2,750 stores in 35 states and the District of Columbia, including brands like Ralphs, Smith's and Harris Teeter. Albertsons, based in Boise, Idaho, operates 2,273 stores in 34 states, including brands like Safeway, Jewel Osco and Shaw's. Together the companies employ

around 700,000 people.

But the merger, announced at a time of high food-price inflation, was bound to get tough regulatory scrutiny. U.S. prices for food eaten at home typically rise 2.5% per year, but in 2022 they rose 11.4% and in 2023 they rose another 5%, according to government data. Inflation is cooling, but gradually.

"Kroger's acquisition of Albertsons would lead to additional grocery price hikes for everyday goods, further exacerbating the financial strain consumers across the country face today," Henry Liu, the director of the FTC's Bureau of Competition, said in a statement.

The FTC, which said the proposed deal would be the largest grocery merger in U.S. history, said it would also erase competition for workers, threatening their ability to win higher wages, better benefits and improved working conditions.

The Biden administration has also shown a willingness to challenge big mergers in court. Last month, the Justice Department sued to block a proposed merger between JetBlue Airways and Spirit Airlines.

The action by the FTC and the states follows lawsuits filed earlier this year in Colorado and Washington to block the merger. The states that joined the FTC lawsuit Monday are Arizona, California, Illinois, Maryland, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon and Wyoming.

invest \$500 million to lower prices as soon as the deal closes. It said it also invested in price reductions when it merged with Harris Teeter in 2014 and Roundy's in 2016. Kroger also promised to invest \$1.3 billion in store improvements at Albertsons as part of the deal.

Last year, C&S Wholesale Grocers agreed to purchase 413 stores and eight distribution centers that Kroger and Albertsons agreed to divest in markets where the two companies' stores overlapped. C&S said it would honor all collective bargaining agreements with workers.

Still, the United Food and Commercial Workers union, which represents 835,000 grocery workers in the U.S. and Canada, voted last year to oppose the merger, saying Kroger and Albertsons had failed to be transparent about the potential impact of the merger on workers.

The union was also critical of a \$4 billion payout to Albertsons shareholders that was announced as part of the merger deal. Several states, including Washington and California, tried unsuccessfully to block the payment in court, saying it would weaken Albertsons financially.

Kroger and Albertsons had hoped to close the deal early this year. But the two companies announced in January that it was more likely to close in the first half of Kroger's fiscal year. Kroger's fiscal second quarter ends Aug. 17.



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Sports

Regional basketball tournaments are this weekend

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor
ALAMOSA – The Colorado High School Activities Association released its regional basketball tournament schedules on Monday. All of the brackets are posted on the CHSAANow.com web site.

A total of 16 San Luis Valley teams will be in regional tournaments. Five of them will host tournaments this weekend.

Class 3A Centauri

Both of Centauri's basketball teams will host a first and second round game in the Class 3A State Tournament.

The Falcon boys team (16-5) is the fifth seed and will host 28th-seeded Timnath (11-11) on Friday at 4:30 p.m. The second game will feature 12th-seeded Manual (15-7) against 21st-seeded Platte Valley (10-12) at 7:30 p.m.

The winners of these two games will play Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

The Lady Falcons (15-6) are seeded fourth and will host 29th-seeded Thomas MacLaren (11-10) at 3 p.m. on Friday. The second game will be between 13th-seeded Cedaredge (13-9) and 20th-seeded Banning Lewis Academy (16-6) at 6 p.m.

The victors will face off on Saturday at noon.

The final eight teams will play at the University of Denver's Hamilton Gym on March 7-9.

Class 2A Sanford

Both Sanford basketball teams will host a regional tournament this weekend.

The Mustang boys team (18-4) is the sixth seed and will host the Region 6 Tournament. It will play Golden View Classical Academy (10-11) at 2:30 p.m., while 11th-seeded Holly (16-6) will play 22nd-seeded Loveland Classical (15-6) at 6:30 p.m.

The winners of the games will play Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

The Lady Mustangs (17-5) are seeded fourth and will host the Region 4 Tournament. Their first opponent will be 29th-seeded Crowley County (12-9) at 1 p.m. on Friday. The second game is between 13th-seeded Wiggins (12-9) and 20th-seeded Las Animas (16-6) at 4 p.m.

The victors will play Saturday at 1 p.m.

Monte Vista

Both Monte Vista teams will be in action but both will be on the road.

The Pirates (14-7) are the 18th seed and will



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick
Sanford High School's Ben Sittler dribbles the ball in the Class 2A District 1 championship last Saturday. Both the Mustangs and Lady Mustangs will host a regional tournament this week.

play in the Region 2 Tournament at Merino. They will face 18th-seeded Walsenburg (14-7) at 3:30 p.m. The second game will have second-seeded Merino (19-3) against 31st-seeded Evangel Christian Academy (8-13) at 6:30 p.m.

The winners will play Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

The Lady Pirates (17-3) are seeded 12th and will play in the Region 5 Tournament at Hoehne. Monte will play 21st-seeded Wray (8-12) at 7 p.m. on Friday, and fifth-seeded Hoehne (20-2) will take on 28th-seeded Byers (7-13) at 5:30 p.m.

The winners play at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Sargent

Both Sargent teams are also in regional action on the road.

The Farmers (15-6) are seeded 20th and they will compete in the Region 4 Tournament in Collbran. Sargent will play 13th-seeded Fowler (15-7) at 7:30 p.m., while the host team, fourth-seeded Plateau Valley (20-1), will play 29th-seeded Wiggins (12-9) at 5:30 p.m.

The winners play at noon on Saturday.

The Lady Farmers (14-6) are the 17th seed and they will play at top-seeded Merino in the Region 1 Tournament Friday. They will face 16th-seeded Fowler (13-9) at 2 p.m. on Friday. The second game will be between Merino (22-2) and 32nd-seeded Trinidad (11-11) at 5 p.m.

The winners of the two games will face off Saturday at 1 p.m.

Center

The Center girls (11-9)

are the 24th seed and they will play in the Region 8 Tournament at Mancos. The Lady Vikings will face ninth-seeded Sedgwick County (18-4) Friday at 2 p.m.

If they win, the Lady Vikings will play either Mancos or Del Norte at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Del Norte

The Del Norte (10-11) girls are seeded 25th and they will play at eighth-seeded Mancos (16-5) at 2 p.m. on Friday.

The winners will play Saturday at 11 a.m.

The Class 2A State Tournament is at Blue Arena (formerly the Budweiser Events Center) in Loveland on March 7-9.

Class 1A

Sierra Grande

Both Sierra Grande teams will play in a regional tournament this weekend.

The Panthers (16-5) are the sixth seed and will host the Region 6 Tournament. They will first play 27th-seeded Wiley (8-11) at 4 p.m. The second game is between 11th-seeded De Beque (16-4) and 22nd-seeded Cheraw (9-11) at 6 p.m.

The winners will play Saturday at 2 p.m.

The Lady Panthers (10-12) are seeded 30th and they will play at third-seeded Flatirons Academy (20-1) in the Region 3 Tournament in Westminster. The second game is between 14th-seeded Rocky Mountain Lutheran (15-6) and 19th-seeded De Beque (13-8) at 7 p.m.

The winners of these two games will play Saturday at 1 p.m.

Sangre de Cristo

Cheraw vs. De Beque (Class 1A Region 6 Tournament at Blanca), 6 p.m.

Sargent vs. Fowler (Class 2A Region 4 Tournament at Collbran), 7 p.m.

Manual vs. Platte Valley (Class 3A State Tournament at La Jara), 7:30 p.m.

Prep girls basketball

Sangre de Cristo vs. Hi-Plains (Class 1A Region 1 Tournament at McClave), 12:30 p.m.

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

Del Norte at Mancos (Class 2A Region 8 Tournament), 2 p.m.

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

Thomas MacLaren at Centauri (Class 3A State Tournament), 3 p.m.

Wiggins vs. Las Animas (Class 2A Region 4 Tournament at Sanford), 4 p.m.

Sierra Grande at Flatirons Academy (Class 1A Region 3 Tournament at Westminster), 5:30 p.m.

Center vs. Sedgwick County (Class 2A Region 8 Tournament at Mancos), 6 p.m.

Monte Vista vs. Wray (Class 2A Region 5 Tournament at Hoehne), 7 p.m.

Cedaredge vs. Banning Lewis Academy (Class 3A State Tournament at La Jara), 7:30 p.m.

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Adams State at Colorado School of Mines, 7:30 p.m.

College women's basketball

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College women's softball

Fort Lewis at Adams State (2), noon

High school basketball standings

BOYS BASKETBALL CLASS 4A/3A INTERMOUNTAIN LEAGUE

Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Pagosa Springs	10-0	24-1
Centauri	8-2	16-5
Alamosa	5-5	13-10
Montezuma-Cortez	4-6	8-13
Ignacio	2-8	8-14
Bayfield	1-9	3-17

CLASS 3A/2A SOUTHERN PEAKS LEAGUE

Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Sanford	6-0	18-4
Crested Butte	5-1	16-5
Monte Vista	4-2	14-7
Sargent	3-3	15-6
Del Norte	2-4	7-14
Center	1-5	3-17
Trinidad	0-6	2-18

CLASS 1A SOUTHERN PEAKS LEAGUE

Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Sangre de Cristo	6-0	13-7
Sierra Grande	4-1	15-5
Centennial	4-2	10-7
Moffat	3-3	13-6
Antonito	2-4	3-14
Creede	1-5	3-15
Lake City	0-5	0-7

GIRLS BASKETBALL CLASS 4A/3A INTERMOUNTAIN LEAGUE

Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Pagosa Springs	9-1	21-4
Centauri	7-3	15-6
Montezuma-Cortez	6-4	11-10
Alamosa	5-5	12-10
Ignacio	3-7	8-13
Bayfield	0-10	4-16

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Sargent	4-2	14-6
Del Norte	4-2	10-11
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Sports Bulletin

SCHEDULE FRIDAY Prep boys basketball

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Sangre de Cristo vs. Otis (Class 1A Region 4 Tournament at Stratton), 2:30 p.m.

Monte Vista vs. Walsenburg (Class 2A Region 2 Tournament at Merino), 3:30 p.m.

Centennial at Peetz (Class 1A Region 7 Tournament), 4 p.m.

Wiley at Sierra Grande (Class 1A Region 6 Tournament), 4 p.m.

Timnath at Centauri (Class 3A State Tournament), 4:30 p.m.

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Limit 1 coupon per customer

FREE
Digital Coupon Deal

TOTINO'S PARTY PIZZA
9.8-10.9 oz., Select Group



\$11.99/EA. sale price
- \$3.00/EA. with manufacturer's digital coupon

\$8.99/EA.
DIGITAL COUPON FINAL PRICE
Limit 1 item per coupon
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When You Buy One

TIDE DETERGENT
92 oz. Liquid or 25-31 ct. PODS, Select Group



3 DAY SALE

Friday, March 1st - Sunday, March 3rd

99¢
/LB.

WHOLE PORK BUTT ROAST
Twin Pack (Cry-O-Vac)
Limit 2 Packages Per Customer



5 lb. bag

\$1.99
/EA.

APPLES
Granny Smith or Red Delicious
5 lb. bag



99¢

CRAV'N FUDGE COOKIES
8.5-12.5 oz., Select Group



Previously Frozen for Quality

\$4.99
/EA.

CHICKEN DRUMSTICKS
Frozen
10 lb. bag

10 lb. bag



99¢

BETTY CROCKER HELPERS
5-8.7 oz., Select Group



\$2.99

LOWE'S DRINKING WATER
32 pk., 16.9 oz.



\$1.99
/LB.

TILAPIA FILLETS



99¢

HUNT'S PASTA SAUCE
24 oz., Select Group



\$1.99

KOOL AID JAMMERS
10 pk., Select Group



10 lb. bag

\$2.49
/EA.

U.S. #1 RUSSET POTATOES
10 lb. bag



\$1.49

FOOD CLUB SHREDDED CHEESE
6-8 oz., Select Group



\$1.49

NISSIN TOP RAMEN
6 pk., Beef or Chicken



49¢
/LB.

DEL MONTE BANANAS



\$3.99

KEMPS ICE CREAM
128 oz., Select Group



99¢

CHEF BOYARDEE PASTA IN SAUCE
14.5-15.5 oz., Select Group



\$1.99/EA. sale price
- \$1.00/EA. digital coupon

99¢/EA.
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Limit 1 coupon per customer

POST CEREAL
11-16.4 oz., Select Group



99¢

HOSTESS SNACKS
2.5-4.5 oz., Single Serve



\$3.49

FIORA BATH TISSUE
12 double roll, Select Group
PAPER TOWELS
6 giant rolls



Public Notices

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION
 CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 956-23
 To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:
 On December 20, 2023, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Alamosa records.
 Original Grantor(s)
 Samuel G. Burris
 Original Beneficiary(ies)
 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Generation Mortgage Company
 Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
 LLAGG Community Investment Fund
 Date of Deed of Trust
 April 14, 2011
 County of Recording
 Alamosa
 Recording Date of Deed of Trust
 April 25, 2011
 Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
 345955
 Original Principal Amount
 \$210,000.00
 Outstanding Principal Balance
 \$208,038.94

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: For reasons including, but not limited to, the failure to pay monthly payments of principal and interest together with all other payments provided for in the Deed of Trust and Note.
 THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.
 THE LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SITUATED IN THE STATE OF COLORADO, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
 A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 3 ACRES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
 BEGINNING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERLY R.O.W. LINE FOR S. H. NO. 285 AND THE SOUTH LINE OF THE N.W. 1/4 SEC. 5, T. 36N., R. 10E., OF N.M.P.M. FROM WHICH POINT THE N.W. CORNER OF SAID SEC. 5 BEARS N. 3 DEG. 31' 37" W. A DISTANCE OF 2657.11 FT. THENCE S. 89 DEG. 42' 45" W. ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE N.W. 1/4 SAID SEC. 5 AND N.E. 1/4 SEC. 6, A DISTANCE OF 325.00 FT. THENCE N. 22 DEG. 45' E., PARALLEL TO THE WESTERLY R.O.W. LINE FOR S.H. NO. 285, A DISTANCE OF 436.93 FT. THENCE N 89 DEG. 42' 45" E., PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE N.W. 1/4 SAID SEC. 5, A DISTANCE OF 325.00 FT. TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY R.O.W. LINE FOR S.H.NO. 285. THENCE S. 22 DEG. 45' W., ALONG SAID WESTERLY R.O.W. LINE FOR S.H.NO. 285, A DISTANCE OF 436.93 FT. TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID N.W. 1/4 SEC. 5, WHICH IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL IN ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO.

Also known by street and number as: 12483 US Highway 285 S, Alamosa, CO 81101.
 THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.
 NOTICE OF SALE
 The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

WHEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 04/17/2024, at County Office Building, 8999 Independence Way, Alamosa Colorado, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.
 First Publication 2/21/2024
 Last Publication 3/20/2024
 Name of Publication Valley Courier

IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;
 DATE: 12/20/2023
 Amy McKinley, Public Trustee in and for the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado
 By: Amy McKinley, Public Trustee
 The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:
 Jeremiah B Hayes #34002
 Taherzadeh, PLLC 15851 N Dallas Parkway, Suite 410, Addison, TX 75001 (469) 729-6800
 Attorney File # Burris 190-00165
 The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
 No. 3797.
 Published in the Valley Courier on February 21, 28, March 6, 13, & 20, 2024.

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 Witness my hand and seal this 21st day of February A.D. 2024.
 Mack M. Crowther
 Conejos County Treasurer
 No. 3798.
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 Witness my hand and seal this 28th day of February A.D. 2024.
 Mack M. Crowther
 Conejos County Treasurer
 No. 3807.
 Published in the Valley Courier on February 28, March 6, & 13, 2024.

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 No. 3799.
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NOTICE OF HEARING
 NOTICE is hereby given of a public hearing before the Town Board of the Town of Hooper, Colorado, on March 20, 2024, at 6:30 P.M., at the Town Hall, 8660 Main St, Hooper, CO 81136.
 The public hearing is for the purpose of considering whether to adopt, by reference, the Town of Hooper Municipal Code, which consists of: Title I: General Provisions; Title II: Administration; Title III (Reserved); Title IV (Reserved); Title V: Animal Regulations; Title VI: Nuisances; Title VII: Business Regulations; Title VIII: General Offenses; Title IX: Land Usage; Appendix A: Procedure and Rules of Order; and Appendix B: Zoning Code.
 The code relates, primarily, to the codification of existing ordinances, modifications to update ordinances, and the repeal of obsolete ordinances.
 Copies of the proposed Town of Hooper Municipal Code is on file at the office of the Town Clerk and may be inspected during regular business hours.
 No. 3818.
 Published in the Valley Courier on February 28 & March 12, 2024.

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 Conejos County Treasurer
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 THE S1/2 NE1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST, N.M.P.M., COUNTY OF CONEJOS AND STATE OF COLORADO, TOGETHER WITH ALL WATER RIGHTS THAT MAY EXIST WITH PROPERTY.
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Classifieds

221 - HELP WANTED

INSTRUCTIONAL COACH NEEDED AT DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY 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 supporting 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.com. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: urtigers.co. (3/26/24)

DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER needed at the URGSD. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at aduda@urtigers.com 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 WAREHOUSE in CENTER. Experience not necessary, willing to train. 40+ hours/week. Stop by MOUNTAIN KING SPUD GROWERS, 1090 South Miles Street, Center, CO 81125 to fill out an application. (3/22/24)

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)

221 - HELP WANTED

CENTER FOR RESTORATIVE PROGRAMS has the following position(s) open: **INTENSIVE 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: restorativeprograms.org and email resume & cover letter to clarissa@restorativeprograms.org (3/5/24)

MAINTENANCE WORKER I. Definition: This position performs skilled and unskilled work in the operation of automotive and light construction equipment involved in the maintenance and cleaning of streets and maintenance utility system (water and sewer.) Direct supervision is required under a foreman. This is an entry-level position to all the functions of the Public Works Department. The Maintenance Worker I position is hourly, 32 hours a week position. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Preferably some knowledge of practices in: Construction, maintenance and repair of water and/or wastewater systems; Knowledge and use of hand tools appropriate to the Public Works tasks; Ability to prepare and maintain simple records; Ability to perform strenuous physical work for extended periods of time in all weather conditions; Ability to follow oral and written instructions; Ability to communicate effectively with other employees, superiors and the public; Ability to recognize and report abnormal operating functions of assigned equipment; Ability to learn to operate various equipment, which may include heavy construction equipment; Requires the ability to exert up to 50 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 25 pounds of force frequently, and/or a negligible amount of force constantly to move objects. Physical demands of work require walking or standing to a significant degree. Education: High school or GED and preferred some vocational, high school or equivalent training. **EXPERIENCE:** A minimum of three (3) years manual labor or mechanical maintenance and repair, or an equivalent combination of education and experience is required. **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** A Class C driver's license and availability for on-call duty is required. Background check is required. Probation: No less than a 90-day period. Applications can be picked up at Blanca Town Hall during normal business hours. (3/13/24)

CENTER POLICE DEPARTMENT is looking to hire a LIEUTENANT 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.townof-center.colorado.gov or email the Chief at aaron@centerco.gov. Application will be accepted through March 15, 2024. (3/1/24)

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.schools.net under tab "about us". Position open until filled. (3/12/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

COSTILLA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES seeks a CHILD WELFARE 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 Supervisor, 233 Main Street, SAN LUIS, Colorado 81152. (2/28/24)

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/page/employment-opportunities> or contact the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (3/12/24)

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. (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)

EMPOWER STUDENTS. JOIN our CENTENNIAL team as a SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR. Guide academic & personal growth. Collaborate with teachers, offer support, and create a positive environment. Masters in School Counseling required. Application materials include a completed application, resume, cover letter, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation. Applications are printable from the district website (centennial.k12.co.us) or can be picked up from the front office. Submit application materials to kimbarael@centennial.k12.co.us. EOE. (3/1/24AS)

221 - HELP WANTED

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)

COME BE PART of the growing CENTENNIAL R-1 team! We are seeking applications for an ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL. This is an opportunity to grow professionally through the exciting initiatives we have underway. We have an incredible team of educators, loving students, and a strong community. The position will remain open until filled. A current administrator license and/or master's degree and enrollment in an alternative principal licensure program are required. Please submit a resume, three letters of recommendation, pertinent transcripts, and a background check/valid CDE license with an application. Applications are printable from the district website (centennial.k12.co.us) or can be picked up from the front office. Submit applications to kimbarael@centennial.k12.co.us. We provide a competitive benefits package, an admin pay schedule, and opportunities for admin multi-year contracts. EOE. (3/1/24AS)

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY is looking for candidates to fill the position of BUDGET ANALYST within the Business and Finance department. You can apply here https://adams.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/ASU/details/Budget-Analyst_R188. We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions please reach out to our Human Resources department 719-587-7990. (2/28/24AS)

307 - APPLIANCES

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

324 - SEED & FEED

HORSE & COW HAY: GRASS, GRASS/ALFALFA, ALFALFA. 3x3 bales, various quality and pricing. 719-850-8917. (3/20/24AS-monthly)

330 - FREE

FREE 2 PIECE BEIGE SECTIONAL, good condition. Call 719-589-3009. (3/2/24)

345 - WOOD

THANK YOU, VALLEY COURIER. I SOLD MY WOOD SPLITTER! Frank.

350 - FARM EQUIPMENT

2005 HESSTON 4910 BALER WITH ACCUMULATOR, new style monitor, and Preservative applicator. EXCELLENT CONDITION. \$25,500 OBO. Call 719-850-1143. (3/1/24AS)

353 - FARM & LIVESTOCK

I SOLD MY HORSE IN 2 DAYS TO A GOOD HOME. THANKS VALLEY COURIER! Rick. (AS)

356 - MEAT & PRODUCE

E & M CUSTOM BUTCHERING is accepting new appointments. 719-992-8334. 8249 CR 13, ANTONITO, CO, 81120. (3/20/24)

360 - MISC. FOR SALE

SOLD MY WHEELCHAIR IN 2 DAYS. WONDERFUL HEART WARMING EXPERIENCE. A WIN-WIN FOR BOTH OF US! Yolanda. (AS)

ANTIQUE ROLL-UP DESK, 3 drawers - \$40. 719-298-2175. (3/5/24)

GLASS PATIO TABLE 3'x5' & 4 chairs - \$40. 719-298-2175. (3/5/24)

ADULT DIAPERS: MEDIUM or large, 18 per pack/\$10. 719-937-9373. (3/5/24)

ZACH'S EUROPEAN MOUNTS. Professional work, low prices. 719-580-0398. (TFN-AS)

387 - WANTED TO BUY

TOYOTA TRUCKS ONLY: 4x4 from 80's to early 90's, running or not, wrecked ok. 719-580-8101 call or text. (3/27/24)

401 - BUSINESS PROPERTIES

Century Property Management & Sales, LLC
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PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICE
For all your rental needs please call 719-589-5744 or stop by 823 Main St. Alamosa, CO 81101
www.alamosarentals.com

426 - MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

FOR SALE IN ALAMOSA County: 1980 GLENWOOD TRAILER HOUSE \$6,700. Must be moved. 402-269-7172. (E-TFN-AS)

525 - GUNS

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601 - APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Accepting applications for 1 bedroom apartments. Must be 62 or older or disabled
Cielo Vista
Apartments
166 S. Willis Center, Colo
754-3664
TTY
1-800-659-2656
This institution is an equal opportunity provider & employer

601 - APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Accepting Applications for waiting list for 2 & 3 bedroom apartments. Family units available
West View Villas
510 Dunham Monte Vista, Colo
852-3949
TTY
1-800-659-2656
This institution is an equal opportunity provider & employer

601 - APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Accepting applications for 2 & 3 bedroom apartments. Rent based on income for qualifying households.
Gomez Manor Apts.
804 State St. Antonito, Colo.
376-2388
TTY
1-800-659-2656
This institution is an equal opportunity provider & employer

601 - APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Accepting applications for 2 bedroom apartments. Family living at an affordable price.
Guadalupe Hacienda Apts.
404 W. 8th Antonito, Colo.
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Accepting applications for 2 & 3 bedroom apartments. Family living at an affordable price. Disabled Unit Available.
Casita del Sol
1405 West 11th St. Alamosa, Colo.
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KUDDOS TO THE VALLEY COURIER FOR RENTING OUR HOUSE IN 2 DAYS! Thanks, Gerry. (AS)

601 - APARTMENTS FOR RENT

MOFFAT, 2 MILES south of Joyful Journey Hot Springs: Brand new CABIN for rent; \$1,200 per month; 1 BEDROOM, 1 BATH. Text 719-207-6890. (3/13/24)

614 - MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH in FORT GARLAND. \$450/month plus utilities. Call 719-588-1126. (3/1/24)

614 - MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

2 BEDROOM ON private lot with storage shed and car port. No pets/ smoking, \$650/month. 719-480-1856. (3/2/24)

614 - MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

1 DAY ADVERTISED IN THE VALLEY COURIER. SOLD MY CAR! GREAT SERVICE! Samuel. (AS)

614 - MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

2017 CHEVY TRVERSE SUV: 96,000 miles, new tires, good condition. \$12,000 OBO. 1-832-683-3533. (3/30/24)

614 - MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

701 - AUTOS FOR SALE

614 - MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

713 - PICKUP TRUCKS

614 - MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

FARM / RANCH WORK TRUCK with Northman snow plow and dump bed, 1979 Chevy, V8, standard, 4x4, hydraulic wench, \$4,500/obo. 719-742-3321. (3/8/24)

614 - MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

737 - RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

614 - MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

1985 TOYOTA, 123K, sleeps two, pottee, good FISHING VAN - \$2,200. 719-936-1031. (3/5/24)



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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 — Cruces, N.M.
 - 4 Actress — Watson
 - 8 Zippy
 - 12 Org. for lawyers
 - 13 Work crew
 - 14 Toledo's lake
 - 15 "The — of Venice"
 - 17 Singer — Minnelli
 - 18 Sound loudly
 - 19 Fermented juice
 - 20 Joan of —
 - 22 Negligent
 - 23 Online activity
 - 26 Mimic
 - 28 Owns
 - 31 Pelt
 - 32 Like some skillet
 - 34 Scaremonger
 - 36 Fairy tale monster
 - 37 Small dog
 - 38 Against
- DOWN**
- 1 Gentle creature
 - 2 Cain's victim
 - 3 Poet — Teasdale
 - 4 Old anesthetic
 - 5 "Give — — break!"
 - 6 Gent
 - 7 Qty.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

H	O	S	T	A	C	E	M	A	I	D
E	P	E	E	S	O	S	E	S	N	E
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- 8 "Odd Couple" name
- 9 Like the Gobi
- 10 Dimensions
- 11 Salty drop
- 16 Bomb hole
- 19 Sedans
- 21 Pointed tooth
- 22 Edible seed
- 23 Bloke
- 24 Hawaii city
- 25 Comedian — Sandler
- 27 Pillar
- 28 Exalted
- 29 "God's Little —"
- 30 Distort
- 33 Alarm bell
- 35 Hurt badly
- 40 Gut feeling
- 42 Too bold
- 43 Experts
- 44 Old stringed instrument
- 45 Worm on a hook
- 47 Appends
- 48 Wood for ships
- 49 Horde
- 51 Beanie
- 52 Man-mouse link
- 53 Rent

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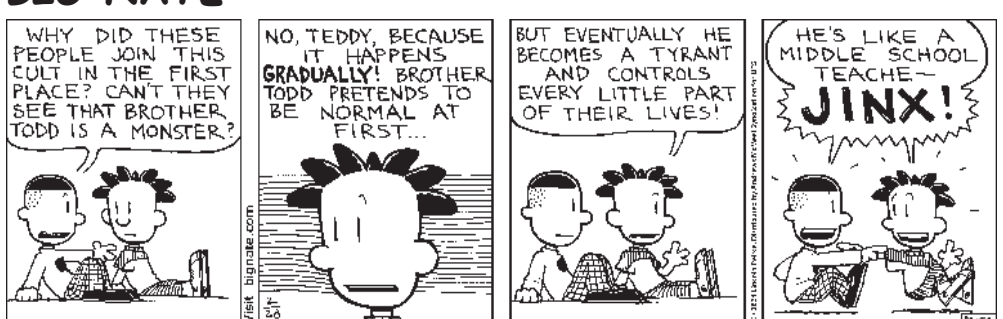
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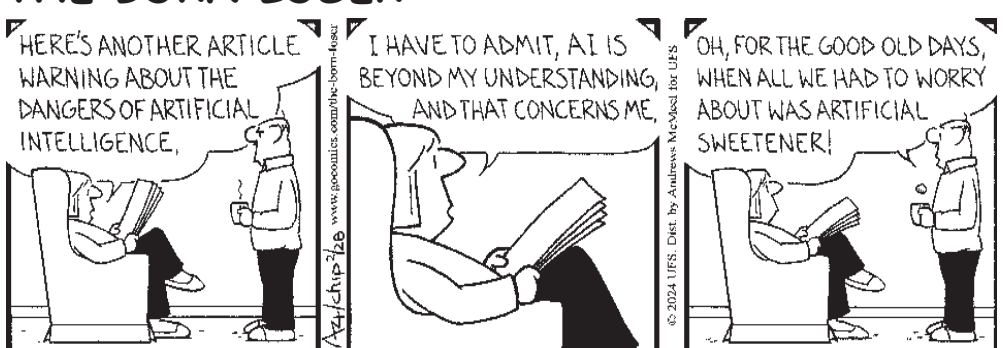
ARLO & JANIS



BIG NATE



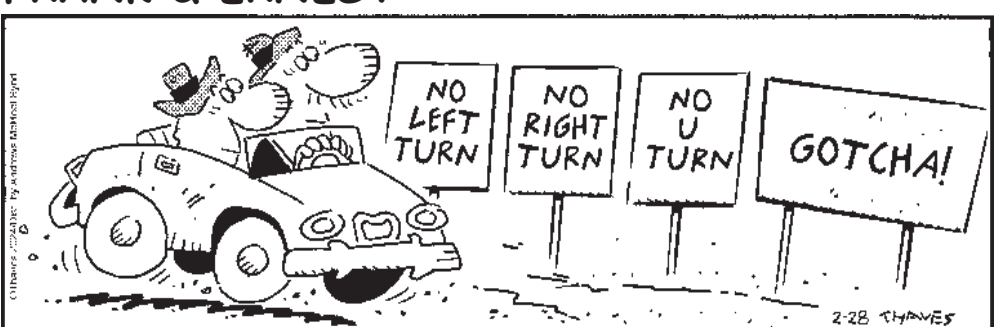
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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



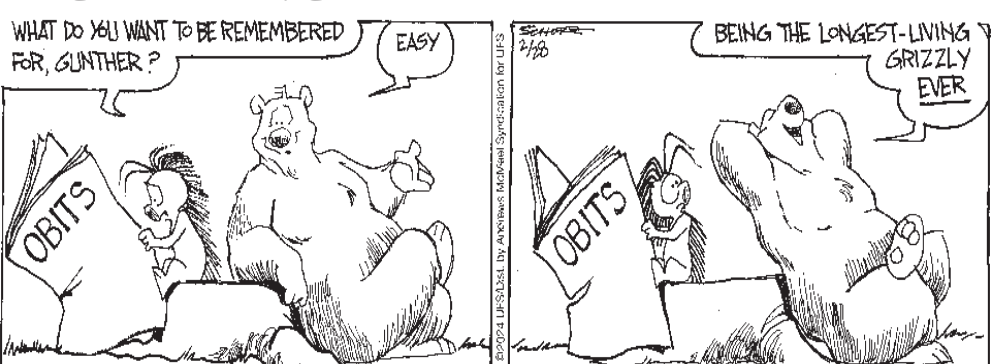
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THE GRIZZWELLS



PEANUTS



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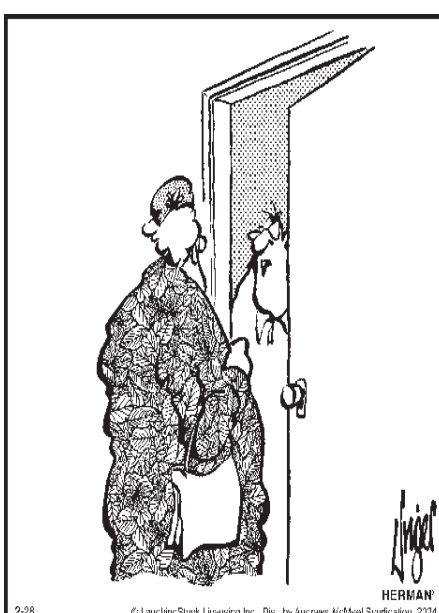
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

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

HERMAN



In-laws keep spouses off family-only text thread

DEAR ABBY: I recently married and was excited to be part of my husband's family. My own siblings and I are not particularly close. During COVID, one of my husband's sisters started a family text chain in which they share what's happening in their lives. I thought it was a great idea.

Not technically being a family member yet, I understood why I wasn't included in the thread. But after our wedding, I wasn't added to the chain. Come to find out, none of the spouses are included. I have also learned from my husband that his mother really had no use for any of her kids' spouses, because technically "we are not one of THEM."

They aren't sharing earth-shattering information with one another. It's normally fun stuff or things their kids are up to, etc. It is very hurtful that I'm not included. I have to hear everything second-hand from my husband.

Am I wrong to feel this way? I asked him to add me to the list and he tried, but he couldn't. Instead of pursuing it with his sister, he just dropped it. I have asked him several times to see what he can do, to no avail. I feel like he doesn't have my back. Your advice? --LEFT OUT IN FLORIDA

DEAR LEFT OUT: Your husband doesn't have enough power in his family to do what you have been requesting, which is regrettable. Rather than pout, consider starting a text chain of your own, comprising of all the outcasts who have been excluded from the "our bloodline and nobody else" chain. It might be fun, and you may find it's a club that is welcoming and has some interesting things to say.

DEAR ABBY: My wife of 26 years is having an affair with another (married) man. We have teenage kids and so does he. She has been having him over and meeting him out for the last four months. The kids have noticed how she takes off in the middle of the day for hours to do a "solo hike." Several times, my teenage daughter has called me at work, frantic, saying Mom is not answering either of her phones and was supposed to pick her up at the agreed-upon location.

My wife claims to love us both and wants to continue both relationships. For our family's sake, it is sad that this has happened. He is the manager of a local business, and I encounter him from time to time. I want to ask him how he thinks this is OK. What should I do?



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

-- SHARING HER IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR SHARING HER: Make up your mind about what kind of a marriage you want. If it's what you are experiencing now, do nothing. However, if it isn't, tell your wandering wife she must end the affair now. Offer her the option of counseling to see if you can get your marriage back on track.

Instead of talking with the man she's having the fling with, tell HIS WIFE what has been happening if she's unaware. That your wife is so irresponsible she would leave her daughter stranded while she's "hiking" is disgraceful. If your wife refuses counseling, contact an attorney.

Lifestyle

Fun ways to spend extra Leap Day hours

(METRO) — The sentiment that there aren't enough hours in the day may be true for busy families and individuals. However, once every four years, everyone is given an extra day on their calendars in February.

leaping, which can include frogs or flying squirrels. Children and adults can take turns doing their own leaping long jumps to see who can leap the farthest.

Calculate your leap year age

Students can practice math and have fun in the process by dividing each person's age by four to determine what age they would be had they been born on a Leap Day.

Commemorate in fours

Do everything for the day in fours. Enjoy four scoops of ice cream or commit to a four-hour hike. Go out to lunch or dinner with friends and spend four hours finding out everything that has been going on in the lives of others. Watch a movie marathon that adds up to four hours of fantastic cinema.

Leap into community service

Use the extra time for doing good. Figure out where you can volunteer your services and make Leap Day all about giving back.

Although Leap Day is designed to move the clock and calendar more in line with the Earth's rotation around the sun, which takes slightly longer than 365 days, it also can be an exciting opportunity to relax and have some fun. The following are some ways to maximize that extra day of the year.

Learn about leaplings

A leapling is a person who was born on February 29 during a leap year. Highlights magazine reports the odds of being a leapling is one in 1,461. Find out if anyone you know is a leapling or research celebrity leaplings.

Celebrate Leap Day

Even if Leap Day isn't an official holiday, it is worthy of celebration. Figure out a theme for your party, and then invite friends over for an extra day of revelry or relaxation.

Take the day off

Make the most of Leap Day by enjoying a mental health day and taking off from work or school, if possible. Spend the day engaged in hobbies or other activities.

Leapin' lizards

Kids may enjoy reading up on or learning about the various animals that are good at



Leap Day is an opportunity to engage in fun or relaxing activities everyone can enjoy.

Mctro photo

kids' corner

FOOD FACT!

THIS TYPE OF STORE IS WHERE MOST PEOPLE BUY THEIR FOOD AND OTHER SUPPLIES.

ANSWER: SUPERMARKET

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Aisle
SPANISH: Pasillo
ITALIAN: Corridoio
FRENCH: Allée
GERMAN: Gang

What's the Difference?

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

A

B

Answers: 1. Man is wearing the 2. Extra milk in cart 3. Price on sign is different 4. "Shop" missing from the back wall

THIS DAY IN...

HISTORY

- **1815:** NAPOLEON BONAPARTE ESCAPES FROM EXILE.
- **1919:** PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON SIGNS AN ACT OF CONGRESS THAT ESTABLISHES THE GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK.
- **2008:** THE NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC PERFORMS IN NORTH KOREA.

CHECKOUT

a point at which goods are paid for in a store

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ANSWER: CHECKOUT COUNTER

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