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Dr. Crowther speaking at Juneteenth event

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Museum recently announced that Dr. Ed Crowther will address the museum's Juneteenth celebration from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19.

Dr. Crowther is an Emeritus Professor of History from ASU and is the keynote speaker for the event. The music will be by Moonshadow Marauders. Food truck Tacos Martinez will be at the event.

The program is free and open to the public.

DN Food Bank distribution June 22

DEL NORTE — The Del Norte Food Bank will be open for its June distribution on Saturday, June 22, from 10 a.m. until noon. Anyone in need of food assistance is welcome. If you are unable to attend during distribution hours and need food assistance, call 719-850-2643.

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Staff recognized with Boots on the Ground awards

By MATTHEW TULLEY
ALAMOSA—The San Luis Valley Joint Interagency Oversight Group (SLV Joint IOG) is pleased to honor partner agency staff members with the “Boots on the Ground” award in recognition of employees who exemplify the spirit of cross-systems collaboration.

The award recipients for June 2024 are Cristalray Dominguez and Jamie Dominguez of Shooting Stars Cultural and Leadership Center. Both are co-founders of center and have passion to restore the generational trauma of Alamosa, CO. They were nom-

inated by Don Hanna of PALS (Positive Activities Lead to Success).

“Jamie and Cristal have been incredible community advocates for years. Their hearts for the community, especially Southside residents and the Latino community is palpable. Again and again, they have gone above and beyond to lift up youth and

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Award recipients for June 2024, Boots on the Ground, from left to right: Cristalray Dominguez, Don Hanna and Jamie Dominguez.

Courtesy photo



Alamosa Round-UP underway



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

One of the advertising banners is set up in preparation for the annual Alamosa Round-UP. The annual Alamosa Round-UP got underway on Friday with the ranch rodeo. Tonight, will be the demolition derby at 6:30 p.m. The rodeo continues with the mutton bustin' and local barrel race on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The actual rodeo will begin next Friday at 6:30 p.m. With a block party in downtown Alamosa to follow. The rodeo ends next Saturday beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by a concert by Justin Lawrence.

San Luis Valley Farm Tours begin June 22

By MARIE MCCOLM
MOSCA – Agriculture and farm lovers, are you looking for something fun and exciting to do this summer? Valley Roots Food hub has you covered.

Valley Roots Food Hub will be hosting exciting San Luis Valley Farm Tours that will begin in June and go through September. Tickets for the tours are available online for \$35 each and include lunch and transportation to the farms.

There will be three different areas where the tours will take place. June tours will take place in the west part of the Valley. July tours will take place in the south part of the Valley. September tours will take place in the north part of the Valley.

The first set of tours will take place on June 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Farms that are scheduled for that day are Lazy Ewe 2 Bar Goat and Dairy Farm in Del Norte, Colorado Fresh Farms, and Three Guys Farm in Monte Vista.

The second set of tours will take place on July 27 from 9 a.m., to 5 p.m. Current farms that are scheduled for that day are White Rock Specialties in Mosca, Rio Grande Farm Park in Alamosa, and Elevation Farm and Orchards in Alamosa.

The third set of tours will take place on Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Current tours schedule for that day are to Jones Farms Organics in Hooper, San Juan Ranch in Saguache County, and Alpine Valley Mushrooms in Saguache.

More farms may be added to each of the tours.

Nick Chambers spoke about the Val-

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Innovative chamber musicians to perform June 23 at Colorado College

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ALAMOSA — In a final musical spring offering, Performances at Baca welcomes back to Crestone faculty of the Mt. Blanca Summer Music Conservatory performing a potpourri of traditional and new classical works. The venue is the Baca campus of Colorado College at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 23. The chamber ensemble includes violinist Sarah Off, artistic director of the Mt. Blanca Conservatory; composer and

musician Dylan Fixmer, cellist Mathieu D'Ordine, and pianist Randy Macy, a collaborative pianist at Adams State University, which has hosted the summer conservatory.

In addition to the first and third movements of Beethoven's “Spring Sonata” (a tentative as of this writing), they will perform works by Czech composer Bohuslav Martinu (1890-1959), Alan Hovhanness (1911-2000), an American composer of Armenian ancestry; Latvian composer Pe-

teris Vasks (b. 1946), and American composers Jennifer Higdon (b. 1962) and Dylan Fixmer (b.1987). The program includes instrumental arrangements of “Stormy Weather,” the 1933 torch song written by Harold Arlen and Ted Koehl; “Stardust” by Parish and Carmichael, and “Milonga del Trovador” by Astor Piazzolla and Horacio Ferrer.

Sarah Off, who comes from a musical family in Del Norte, completed her

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Courtesy photo

Violinist Sarah Off and musician and composer Dylan Fixmer.

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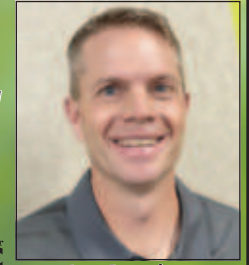
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This kayak was retrieved from the Conejos River after its owner flipped it. He was later found safe.

Kayaker found safe after accidental swim in the Conejos River

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CONEJOS COUNTY
— On June 11, at approximately 7 a.m., the Conejos County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of an upside-down kayak in the Conejos River.

The kayak was pinned against a rock in swift water. Emergency personnel could not determine if any-

one was in the kayak. The South Fork Fire Department Swift Water Rescue team was dispatched. The team entered the river and recovered the kayak.

The kayak had an expired Wyoming State Parks pass on the side. The river and surrounding areas were searched for the owner of the kay-

ak. Investigators contacted Wyoming officials and determined the owner of the kayak and were able to contact the owner and determined he was safe. He said he was kayaking the river when the kayak overturned. The kayaker swam to the bank but lost the kayak in the swift water.

OBITUARY

Perfilia Reuben Candelaria

Perfilia Reuben Candelaria, 94, affectionately known as "Perfie" departed on the morning of June 4, 2024, peacefully at her home with daughters at her side. Perfilia was born in Paiseja (San Rafael), Colo., to the union of Marcelino and Marie Irene (Rodriguez) Madril who preceded her in death along with her beautiful husband, Joe Arthur and their only son, Johnny; three brothers, Nasario, Elegario (Lee), Ubaldo (Walter); one sister, Natividad; great-granddaughter, Gabrielle Vigil; great-great-grandson, Josiah Vigil, and son-in-law, Ed Knecht.

Perfilia is survived by four daughters, Irene Knecht, Anne Gomez, Corrine Candelaria, and Laura (Chris) Perez; seven grandchildren, Perfilia (Daniel) Vigil, Veronica (Andrew Gallegos) Knecht, Sharon (Jake Korba) Roberts, Lynn (Jon) Suter, Jessica Gomez, Michael Roberts, Enrique Perez; 17 great-grandchildren, Marivel (Andrew) Yslava, Brooke (Jack Ortega) Vigil, Jacobo Vigil, Taylor Suter, Haley Suter, Chaziah (Dezira Rauch) Villa, Kiara Gallegos, Aiden Knecht, Lieta Korba, Kendra Korba, Braden Suter, Alex Korba, Constance Korba, Mason Suter, Tristan Korba, Kamylla Rose Gallegos, and Nico Korba; 10 great-great-grandchildren, Brayleigh Sisneros, Danielle, Donovan, Lailia, Lyahna Canelo and James Vigil; Isaiah and Jack Ortega, and Pheo-



nix Knight; in-laws, Eljio Candelaria, Alice (Ben Martinez) Candelaria, Marlene Candelaria, Valerie (Alfonso) Lopez and numerous nieces, nephews, godchildren, and friends.

Perfie, was not afraid of hard work. As a young girl after her daddy passed, she worked to help her mom, Irene. She then found employment as a nanny for the Hamilton's which provided additional financial stability as well as great opportunities which broadened the means to travel outside of the state of Colorado with the Hamilton's.

At the age of 21, she married her husband Joe Candelaria, a union of 71 years together. Perfie worked along his side with their entrepreneurial ventures, J&P Phillips 66 gas-station and the Can-

delaria Waste Management services.

When not involved with the family business she worked in the kitchen at the Sacred Heart Orphanage, packing deserts for distribution and bringing plenty home-she loved her sweet rolls. Perfie worked with Senior Resource Development Agency (SRDA) transportation department, ensuring clients had a ride to appointments and safely returning home, we are certain she'd get invited in for a visit which included coffee and a sweet roll. In addition, she worked as the Bus Aide for D60 students, enjoying the young children. I can see her smiling with that job.

Outdoorsy she was. Active with hunting both elk and rabbit, oh, and don't forget fly fishing. She would tinker for hours with the vegetable garden both planting and harvesting; tended to and nourished her rose bushes with love, creating them more beautiful each year. We continue to admire them today.

For those lives in which she touched, your memories will be plentiful and wonderful! Perfie, as beautiful as her rose gardens, as warm as the sun which shines upon them and as soft as their petals.

Rosary 9:30 a.m. with Funeral Mass to follow at 10 a.m., Monday, June 17, 2024, both at Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

Burial will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at Imperial Memorial Gardens.

PENDING OBITUARY

Thomas Peter Houghton

Del Norte resident Mr. Thomas Peter Houghton, 52, passed away on June 13, 2024.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Mountain Valley Mortuary.

To express condolences to the family, please visit www.mvmortuary.com.

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Billie Kathleen Carpenter

Mrs. Billie Kathleen Carpenter, a longtime homemaker known for her dedication to her family, passed away on March 8, 2024. Crema-

tion was selected and a Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday June 22, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Hermit Lakes. To share condolences with the family,

view a picture tribute of Billie's life or to stream the service please visit www.mvmortuary.com. Mountain Valley Mortuary is assisting the family.

ALAMOSA SHERIFF'S REPORT

Alamosa County Sheriff's Office Report
Week of June 5 to June 12, 2024

Melvin Ward, 79, of Carmel, Ind., was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over the limit at Hwy 160 MM 223.

Mellony Jaramillo, 40, of Center was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over the limit at Craft and 8S.

Gilbert Vigil, 39, of Alamosa was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit at MM76 on Highway 17North.

Annette Jamestown, 51, of Anchorage, Alaska, was cited for careless driving at Highway 285 and 21st Street.

Henry Corral of Alamosa was cited for domestic violence and criminal mischief at 6855 Trinchera Lane.

Shawntaya Corral of Alamosa was cited for domestic violence and criminal mischief at 6855 Trinchera Lane.

Robert Guitierrez, 22, of Alamosa was cited for vicious animal, first offense at 5599 CR 15S.

Franklin Rodriguez-Flores of Alamosa was cited for assault in the 3rd degree, harassment, kidnapping in the 2nd degree, obstructing a police officer, resisting arrest and domestic violence.

Cassie Finnell, 36, of Alamosa was cited for first degree criminal trespass at 8137 County Road 9S.

Thomas Young, 70, of Lubbock, Texas, was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit on Hwy 150

MM6.

Cheyenne Bierman, 26, of Alamosa was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over the limit in the 10000 block of 100S.

David Garcia, 52, of Alamosa was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over the limit in the 1000 0 block of CR 100S.

Eliud Andres Cuevas, 33, of Colorado Springs was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit on Hwy 150 MM3.

Alfred Fresquez, Jr. of Alamosa was cited for second degree assault and violation of a protection order at 8137 CR 9S.

Adeline Acosta of Alamosa was cited for driving under the influence, reckless driving, obstructing a police officer, driving a motor vehicle while license revoked as a habituation traffic offender and resisting arrest at 12000 Hwy 160.

Melinda DeHerrera, 52, of Alamosa was cited for theft under \$2000 at 102 HWY 160 (Loaf 'n Jug).

Christa Davis, 57, of Alamosa was cited for careless driving, driving a vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol or both and driving a vehicle with blood alcohol content of .008 or more at 1496 CR 106S.

Shawn Mienke, 47, of Avon was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit in the 2000 block of Highway 17S.

Jacob Romero, 76, of Albuquerque, N.M., was cited for theft at 366 Santa Fe.

Ismael Garcia, 22, of Alamosa was cited for careless driving and driving while license was under restraint (revoked) in the 200 block of Broadway.

Ernesto Cordray, 28, of Commerce City was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit in the 22000 block of Ln. 6N.

Malcolm Ulbrick, 48, of Denver was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit in the 22000 block of Ln. 6N.

Irwen Lopez, 34, of Denver was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit in the 23000 block of Hwy 160.

Emilio Cervantez, 26, of Alamosa was cited for driving a vehicle while license is suspended in the 11000 block of Hwy 28S.

Megan Carpenter, 20, of Alamosa was cited for careless driving, driving a vehicle while license is revoked and driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs or both.

Phillip Craig, 38, of Loveland was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over the limit in the 22000 block of LN. 6N.

Cheyenne Bierman, 26, of Alamosa was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over the limit in the 2000 block of CR 8S.

Arthur Wilsdorf III of Denver was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit in the 14000 block of LN 6N.

Henry Hyde, 23, of Merino, Colorado was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit in the 11000 block of LN 6N.

ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

Alamosa Police Department Report
Week of May 31 to June 7

Dennis Wood, 61, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelt required.

Dora Herrera, 42, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelt required.

Reed Schmitz, 35, of Crestone was cited for seatbelt required.

Vern Rhead, 63, of Fort Collins was cited for seatbelt required.

Adrian Romero, 43, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelt required.

Patrick Carson, 75, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelt required.

Lorenzo Cavanagh Martinez, 19, of Capulin was cited for seatbelt required.

Jennifer Messersmith, 41, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelt required.

Jayden Lujan, 18, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelt required.

Nohemi Gomez, 48, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelt required.

Casey McCoy, 35, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelt required.

Ruben Ruybal, 64, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelt required.

Sandra Martinez, 69, of Del Norte was cited for seatbelt required.

Rayna Gonzales, 18, of Blanca was cited for seatbelt required.

Eugene Speciale, 61, of Arcata, California was cited for seatbelt required.

Desiree Sanchez, 40, of Monte Vista was cited for seatbelt required.

Anthony Padilla, 21, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelt required.

Brooke Gonzales, 20, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelt required.

Joe Chavez, 62, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelt required.

Arturo Romero, 67, of La Jara was cited for seatbelt required.

Leslie Taufer, 79, of Fort Garland was cited for seatbelt required.

Isabella Martinez, 50, of Antonito was cited for seatbelt required.

Darlene Cragle, 65, of Monte Vista was cited for seatbelt required.

Dalton Carleo, 27, of Ala-

mosa was cited for seatbelt required.

Aurelia Maez, 37, of Antonito was cited for seatbelt required.

Stephanie Cisneros, 44, of La Jara was cited for seatbelt required.

Jonathan Richardson, 28, of Alamosa was cited for speeding 20-24 over, driving under restraint, habitual uninsured vehicle.

Katrina Medina, 39, of Alamosa was cited for possession of a controlled substance.

Eliseo Rocha Rodriguez, 27, of Center was cited for DUI, speeding 10-19 over, driving under restraint.

Cassandra Finnell, 36, of Lincoln, Nebraska was cited for 3rd degree assault.

Georgina Navares, 51, of Alamosa was cited for careless driving causing bodily injury, reckless endangerment, spilled load on highway, uninsured.

Kreg Berry, 35, of Alamosa was cited for criminal possession of an identification document, theft under \$300.

Jose Trujillo, 50, of Alamosa was cited for driving under restraint, uninsured, expired tags.

Larry Trujillo, 71, of Center was cited for unlawful possession of a controlled substance, failed to use turn signals, uninsured.

Patrick H. Garcia, 54, of Alamosa was cited for violation of a restraining order.

Gary Dugas, 38, of Alamosa was cited for failing to present insurance, expired plates, number plates to be attached.

Steven Schaich, 44, of La Jara was cited for theft under \$300.

Karrie Scrivano, 36, of Monte Vista was cited for trespassing.

Amber Cortez, 39, of Alamosa was cited for dog running at large 2nd offense.

Yesenia Gamboa, 36, of Alamosa was cited for theft under \$300.

Ammy Steuart, 44, of Alamosa was cited for drove an unsafe vehicle, uninsured vehicle, careless driving.

Elfido Romo, 59, of Ala-

mosa was cited for following too closely, uninsured vehicle.

Minnie Duran, 61, of Alamosa was cited for failing to yield right of way on left turn.

Anna Walker, 34, of Alamosa was cited for reckless driving.

Alex Candelaria, 32, of Capulin was cited for driving under restraint.

Michael Lucero, 37, of Monte Vista was cited for unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

John Rivera, 38, of Manassa was cited for 2nd degree contributing to the delinquency of a minor, prohibited use of weapon, failed to obey traffic control light signal.

Adrienne Nobriga, 19, of Alamosa was cited for underage consumption of alcohol.

Jacob Bauman, 21, of Buffalo Grove, Ill., was cited for speeding 10-19 over.

Robert Brocious, 41, of Ambraidge, Pa., was cited for seatbelt required.

Timothy Gardener, 64, of Fairplay was cited for seatbelt required.

Andy Long, 48, of Mofat was cited for seatbelt required.

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Valley News

Sen. Simpson keynote speaker for URGED meeting

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL DEL NORTE** – Colorado State Senator Cleave Simpson (R-D6) was the keynote speaker for the Upper Rio Grande Development meeting in Del Norte on Tuesday, June 11.

Simpson came to the meeting to update the group on the most recent General Assembly Session and the passed bills. Simpson is known for his work on property tax and water issues in Colorado and is running for re-election this fall. Simpson serves District 6 – Alamosa, Archuleta, Conejos, Costilla, Dolores, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, Rio Grande, Saguache, San Juan, and San Miguel counties.

“It’s hard to believe I am at the end of my first term. As I looked back, I was amazed to see that our Governor Jared Polis signed 519 new bills into law but when I really thought about it, I sponsored at least 30 of those bills because of what our constituents needed. The best policy that I can advance, always comes from my constituents and that was the case this year,” he said.

Simpson explained some of the policies passed this past session

that ended at the beginning of May, including one on property tax within the state and how he could work to make Colorado more affordable again.

“This year, in my perspective, the session ended on a pretty positive note. There were two really big policies that will impact all of us whether indirectly or directly. Property tax was one of them and we have done a property tax bill every session I have been in office. This one fit the same mold but there was more transparency in this property tax discussion than in previous ones,” he said.

Simpson explained that the current property tax discussion ended with a bill that, according to Simpson, may not be the definitive answer to the issue, but was better than not having one at all.

“The bill ended up with very much bipartisan support and it was not the complete right answer, but the alternative was if we didn’t do anything, valuations and assessment rates and taxes were going to go back to what they were prior to the special session which would have been hugely impactful to communities,” he said.

Simpson also spoke

about a new dredge-and-fill permit program that was passed through the session that will help protect wetland and gap water in Colorado.

“Concerning the establishment of a dredge-and-fill permit program to regulate the discharge of pollutants into certain state waters in response to recent changes in federal law, and, in connection therewith, establishing the stream and wetlands protection commission and the stream and wetlands protection division and authorizing the stream and wetlands protection division to administer and enforce the dredge-and-fill permit program in accordance with rules promulgated by the stream and wetlands protection commission,” he said.

Simpson said that the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment would be overseeing the permitting process once the bill is signed into law.

Simpson finished his update stating that if he is re-elected, he will continue his fight to make Colorado affordable again and to listen to his constituents about issues that need to be addressed moving forward.

Perform

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doctoral studies in music at Arizona State University with a thesis on “Building Musical Communities in Rural Areas.” She currently teaches violin and music at University of Northern Colorado in Greeley and has established herself as an innovative and passionate performer both as a soloist and chamber musician in the United States and abroad. Her performances abroad include the International Kondo Festival, which showcased the work of Japanese composer Kohei Kondo; Iceland’s Harpa International Music Festival; and the world premiere of Dylan Fixmer’s Concerto for Violin in London in September 2022. She has been featured in The Times of London, on Radio Classique – Paris, and on Colorado Public Radio’s “Morning Edition” and “All Things Considered.” Sarah holds that creativity, advocacy, business skills and community engagement are vital for the sustainability and progress of the arts in today’s world. She is currently working on a book addressing the chal-

lenges of fostering entrepreneurial spirit in traditional schools of music pedagogy.

Dylan Fixmer is a passionate artist and composer whose works reflect his diverse music career. Classically trained at University of Colorado and Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, Dylan’s music, inspired by the beauty of nature and the human spirit, draws on many musical styles and traditions. As a multi-faceted and imaginative composer, Dylan writes orchestral and traditional solo and ensemble works, including for theater, choir, film, and narrative, the latter including the soundtrack for the audio book “Adventures of a Mystic Warrior” by Robert Rocco D’Ordine. He has recorded numerous albums including with Embodying Rhythm Marimba Ensemble’s “Music for Everyday Life.”

Mathieu D’Ordine is a devoted interpreter of a wide variety of music from the last four centuries of the Western canon including music from living composers. Mathieu received his Master of Music degree from CU Boulder in 2011, where he was a long-time student

of Judith Glyde. He also had the privilege of being a featured soloist with the Boulder Symphony and having two remarkable pieces dedicated to him by acclaimed composer Anthony R. Green: “...On top of a frosted hill...” (2011) and “Colorful Open Space” (2023). He entertained the idea of becoming a novelist, or a poet, or a classicist, and still considers those careers monthly.

Randy Macy, a resident musician in the Valley, has worked as a salaried church musician in the Denver metro area and taught music at community colleges. He has served the last fourteen years as a collaborative pianist at Adam State University’s Music Department. Randy is a founding member of Performances at Baca.

Tickets, \$20 for adults and \$10 for youth-students (ages 7-21), may be reserved through bcaperformances@gmail.com, payable in cash or check at the door, which opens at 6:30. All are invited to a reception for the artists in the lobby following the performance. The entrance to the CC Baca campus parking is off Road T less than a mile from Crestone.

Boots

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families who too often are overlooked or fall through the cracks. Their sensitivity to the culture of the families and youth they are working with, their ability to share their lived experience, and their deep understanding of the needs of the community, make their efforts particularly valuable and effective. They both serve as shining lights for Alamosa. We are incredibly lucky to have them and the work that they are doing,” from the nomination written by Don Hanna.

Established in 2008 and funded through Colorado House Bill 1451, the SLV Joint IOG currently includes Alamosa and

Saguache Counties. Over twenty agencies participate including the 12th Judicial District, Probation Department, the Colorado Youth Detention Continuum program, Alamosa County Department of Human Services, Alamosa County Public Health Department, Alamosa School District, Center for Restorative Programs, Colorado Division of Youth Services, Colorado Health Partnerships, Crossroads’ Turning Points, San Luis Valley Early Childhood Council, San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group, San Luis Valley BOCES, Signal Behavioral Health Network, Health Colorado Inc., Boys and Girls Club of the San Luis Valley, Saguache County Department of Social Services,

Saguache County Public Health Department, Center School District, Mofat Consolidated School District, Mountain Valley School District, Valley-Wide Health Systems Inc., La Puente Inc., Tu Casa, and Teri Sisneros, Family Representative for the SLV Joint IOG.

The goal of the SLV Joint IOG is to develop collaborative approaches for the provision of individualized, strength-based, family-centered, and culturally sensitive services to children, youth, and families. The SLV Joint IOG works to increase the quality and appropriateness of services while encouraging cost sharing and reducing service duplication and fragmentation.

Free seed packets available for pickup across Colorado

CONTRIBUTED DENVER

— Generation Wild, a movement from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) that seeks to reconnect kids with nature, is calling on Colorado’s kids to help Save the Bees this summer.

Generation Wild is distributing over 100,000 free packets of “Wildflower” seeds — a nod to Generation Wild’s friendly spokesperson, Wilder — and is encouraging kids and families to plant the seeds in their backyards. Wildflower packets are now available for pickup at local libraries and more partner locations across the state.

This initiative aims to make our state more beautiful, more ecologically diverse and more friendly to pollinator friends — all while rewilding Colorado’s kids.

“The Western Bumblebee population has declined in Colorado by 72% (CBS News), and we’re calling on kids across Colorado to Bee the Change,” said GOCO Executive Director Jackie Miller. “Through this effort, kids will be empowered to improve the environment and learn firsthand what helps our local ecosystems thrive. Most importantly, they’ll be outside engaging with nature in a fun and personal way — and Generation Wild knows that ‘Kids Grow Better Outside.’”

The Wildflower mix was developed in partnership with Applewood Seed Co. and packets are now available for pickup at local libraries and designated partner sites including more than 80 Little Free Library boxes.

By distributing 100,000 Wildflower packets, Gen-

eration Wild is providing more than 56 million seeds for planting in every nook and cranny of the state. All seeds are regionally-native to Colorado, which is important for sustaining the living landscape of bees, birds and other animals.

Additionally, Wilderflow-ers use less water than non-native plants. This is especially important as we strive to conserve Colorado’s precious water resources.

“Applewood Seed Co. was excited to jump in and help Generation Wild identify a seed mix that is native to the Colorado region and the American West, containing a diversity of flower species to attract and support Colorado’s pollinator populations,” stated Norm Poppe, CEO of Applewood Seed Co. “We hope efforts like this continue to educate the public on pollinator conservation and the need to protect our native bees and butterflies.”

According to a new report from the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, 20% of Colorado’s bumblebees are now at risk of extinction. Even in a small area like a backyard, planting Wildflowers can make a positive impact on the local ecosystem and provide native bees a healthy place to live.

Wildflowers are native Colorado wildflowers, which means they have adapted to our climate and soil, and don’t need pesticides to survive. (Pesticides are another key cause of the decline in bee populations.)

With this initiative, Generation Wild is introducing the Bee Team, which will join Wilder out in the community this summer at

various events for kids and families. Kids can join the Bee Team movement simply by spreading Wildflowers in their own backyards and in public areas with approval.

In addition to providing seed packets, Generation Wild highlights several other ways for kids and families to get outdoors and take part in this movement, including:

Pollinator Week (June 17-24) is an annual celebration in support of pollinator health. What better time to spread Wildflowers than during Pollinator Week? Beginning in July, Colorado families can visit stops on the Pollinator Trail, a Denver Park Trust-led initiative to restore native landscapes throughout Denver, providing resilient habitats where nature can thrive.

Pollinators are responsible for one in every three bites of food we eat. In Colorado, pollinators help produce apples from Paonia, pumpkins from Lafayette, tomatoes from Grand Junction, peaches from Palisade, cantaloupes from Rocky Ford and lots more.

On Generation Wild Day, kids statewide are encouraged to get outside and spread Wildflowers. Those located in the Denver Metro area are invited to come celebrate at the Children’s Museum’s Joy Park Free Night from 4:30-8:00 p.m. where they can get free Wildflower seeds and meet Wilder.

For more information and a statewide directory for where to find seeds in every community, visit generationwild.com/wilderflowers. Tag @GenerationWild on Facebook and Instagram to share your Wildflowers.

Tours

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ley Roots Food Hub, “Valley Roots is a Colorado local food distributor. We have over a hundred producers in our network statewide, and that’s across produce, meat, dairy, and value added. You know we run online markets, where customers place orders. We are a project of the non-profit in Alamosa called the San Luis Valley Local Food Coalition. We operate in Mosca, and we operate out of White Rock Specialties, which is a potato and quinoa plant. We are all about just small, medium, and large-scale Colorado local foods. We essentially aggregate all the products from those hundred producers that we have in our network. We put them all together for buyers to see. Buyers will get one invoice representing over 100 producers. This is again across, meat, dairy, pro-

duce, and value added, all those categories.”

Chambers said they operate on a produce model, so the idea is to sell the produce before it is harvested. Chambers explained that this gives farmers fresh numbers to know exactly how much to harvest.

“When the food is harvested, it is picked up and aggregated in our warehouse in Mosca, and then it has a very quick turnaround time to our customers, since it’s already sold, of about 24 to 36 hours from warehouse to customer establishments,” he said.

Chambers said that the customers in network include, grocers, restaurants, buying clubs, hospitals, dude ranches, dude trucks, caterers, and wholesalers. Chambers also said there is a CSA market specifically for people who like shopping from home.

“We do home deliveries for them. We also have a bunch of pick-up loca-

tions in their communities where they can pick up their goods once per week,” he said.

Chambers said that for as many stakeholders and moving parts as Valley Roots has, they are mission driven as well.

“We come out of the pioneers for organic food, are some of the founders of our board. We really want to promote soil health and growing food. We really wanted to bring that to the forefront of consumers’ buying choices. We really try to encourage the development of the economy and community. It really starts with the buying choices that all our community members have. We really want to be the ones that people buy from. We also know that if we keep the buying local, that’s how we create wealth and abundance in our community,” he said.

For more information on the SLV Farm Tours, call 719-206-2839.


Sargent School Districts

Meet & Greet

June 17th, 2024
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Candidates:
Jacquelynn Crabtree
Andrea Davis
Tonja Rodwell

Staff and community members are invited to attend a “Meet and Greet” with our 3 finalists to the position of Superintendent. The event will be held in the school cafeteria starting at 12 pm, the interviews of the candidates will begin at 12:05 pm in the High School library. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Your comments and opinions will be presented to the board prior to their executive session.



Opinion

Forestry Camp Four

It happened again this year. They nearly got me this time though. Our Valley youth possess such great aptitude and passion for learning that I nearly ran out of things to present to them! I'm talking about the amazing students that attended the Forestry Session at the Beaver Creek Youth Conservation Camp on June 4-6 this year.

Land, Water and People



Gregg Goodland

Nearly 5 years into working here at the Rio Grande National Forest, I am amazed and thankful that I was able to share a bunch of a long career's worth of acquired knowledge with a great group of students for the fourth time. I also realized that I would share my camp experience here, each year. I mean, the kids simply deserve the recognition.

My partners, Katie Goodleaf and Julia Franz, from Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, put on a great show in their third and first year of the Forestry Camp, respectively. With only a short pre-camp coordination discussion, we set out at noon on Tuesday the 4th for what would easily become one of the highlights of my year, so far. Mimicking curriculum from past years, we began the session with introductions all around and establishing our "camp names." Cysco Cat, Ziggy Zebra, Nolle Narwhal, and Jasper Jaguar, to name just a few, set the stage for the next two days of learning in this wonderful outdoor classroom.

It stands to reason that during introductions, we would want to meet some of the local trees, doesn't it? So, we did. The kids got a happy laugh out of "Katydid Katie" leading a blindfolded "Grizzly Bear Gregg" to hugging a tree to meet it properly. Of course, they all enjoyed meeting their own trees too.

The second morning began with a highly active game of predator and prey where the prey had to try to cross the field and avoid being tagged by the predators. It was a fun, interactive way to illustrate the wildlife relationship and was just what we needed to prepare us for the arriving wildland fire engine. A BLM crew from Worland, Wyo., here to help for a couple



of weeks, promptly presented information on why wildland fires can be used to benefit forest health or must be immediately extinguished. The firefighters even explained the fire triangle and explored ways they use to break that triangle and snuff out the wildfires, including a look at all the tools on their truck.

The highlight of the presentation (according to the students) was when they all participated in a mobile attack of a fake fire. Each student took a turn walking on the front flank of the engine and spraying water to extinguish our fire. They said it was "pretty cool."

The afternoon began with an exploration of the water cycle where afterwards the "water droplet" stories the students created were shared. They were very creative and well written - it was a meaningful and thought-provoking activity for them.

The session then moved us to a secluded section of Beaver Creek to conduct our annual review of macro-invertebrates. The small side channel was running a bit slower than in past years. But we found some interesting critters anyway by lifting rocks and allowing the current to sweep them into our awaiting nets and placing the specimens into these cool cups with magnifying glasses for caps. Each student then had the opportunity to identify caddisflies, mayflies, and the gamut of other miniature creatures we find in our wild waters. We discussed how the stream flow and other factors might affect the species we find and how it might affect their survival. The students also easily understood how



Photo courtesy of Rio Grande National Forest

Students at the Beaver Creek Youth Conservation Camp examine a tree to determine the species by using a dichotomous key.

other aquatic species can be affected by changes in these populations. How they can pick this up so fast is truly impressive!

The third day brought us to our quite place where the students used all their senses to learn about their surroundings. And quite the perceptive group they were again this year! Finally, the big hike tried to bring many of the newly learned concepts together as we gained the ridge and looked out across the Valley.

I thank Rio Grande Watershed Conservation and Education Initiative for

hosting and inviting us to the Youth Conservation Camp at Beaver Creek. As always, it is an experience worth participating in that gives us great hope for our bright, future land stewards.

Gregg Goodland is the Public Affairs Officer for the Rio Grande National Forest. As an avid outdoor enthusiast, he encourages individual stewardship and responsible use of our public lands.

It feels like home

As I drove up Highway 115 just past Canyon City and the Department of Corrections there, I suddenly saw splashes of that terra cotta dirt and those projectile formations. It felt like home again.

Movin' On with Nellie



Nelda Curtiss

The Garden of the Gods is one of my favorite places in the world and it always feels like home when I can feast on those godly geological gems. Every sigh reminds me of the power in nature, the love in the world, and the spiritual adventure ever present no matter what chaos forms.

As a sculptor, I can't help but see the maker's hands as the limestone, marble or clay erupted out of the earth as two of the planet's plates collided; or understand that like a

woman's red cycle, the red dirt colors life and emboldens desert trellises. Some names of mountains even saw body parts in their ascending rocky terrain, as in The Grand Tetons in Wyoming.

I've felt this heart wave come over me driving through the Garden of the Gods, on the banks of the now-you-see-it Medano Creek (and later-you-don't), and on the scout-like drives around Trinchera. Being graced by a whole herd of Elk or Antelope stirs the insides and recognizes that feeling of home. Those visits to an art gallery also vibrate with such butterflies in my stomach as does seeing my son come through the living room door.

This feeling is like home; it's like coming home. Hearing the hummingbirds in the morning while I sip some Yuban coffee still brings me back to other towns (Galveston, La Jara) or a hike up Zapata Falls where I've enjoyed those melodious notes.

It feels like home when I'm greeted at the Sand Dunes Pool and Recreation Center. There's nothing better than sliding into that great warm body of water there - without the chlorine of other pools.

And meals with friends at the Stagecoach Restaurant in Manitou Springs feels a lot like home, too. Even the first bite of a buffalo burger brings home the family cookouts on the banks of the Rio Grande in South Texas or backyard barbeques after Memorial Day Parades.

It feels warm like home, Mom's hug, and Minnie's prayer (46 years my senior) with her roast beef Sunday dinner.

That's all. It just feels like home again!

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Religion

New threat to Alaska's historic Orthodox Cathedral

The fire began in the early hours of Jan. 2, 1966, and spread through the business district of Sitka, Alaska -- toward the historic St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral.

"Everyone in town ran to the church and started passing things out, hand to hand, in long chains of people," said Father Herman Belt, the cathedral's current dean. "They even carried out the chandelier, since you could lower it back then. They ran out with all the candlestands. They carried out the crosses. We lost one icon."

The rescued treasures included the bishop's throne carved by St. Innocent Veniaminov, the Siberian priest and missionary who in 1840 was sent to serve as bishop of "New Archangel," the island village that would become Sitka. The bishop translated the Gospels and Orthodox texts into several Alaskan languages and dialects and, later, served as Metropolitan of Moscow.

The bishop's staff is in the rebuilt sanctuary, leaning next to the central doors before the altar. The cathedral --

On Religion



Terry Mattingly

designed by St. Innocent -- contains other links to six saints whose lives touched Sitka.

The original cathedral was completed in 1848, built with logs and clapboard siding, with interior walls covered in sailcloth. After the 1966 fire, St. Michael's was rebuilt with concrete, steel and other fire-resistant materials, using 1961 drawings from the Historic American Buildings Survey for reference.

Today, however, there are leaks along joints in the church's domes, and the wooden floors squeak from water damage. Russian churches can handle winter, but snow isn't the problem here, near the Gulf of Alaska. Bedrock under Sitka ends a block away from St. Michael's.

"We're in the mush below that, then we've got the ocean, so all the rain and melt running down dumps into our basement," Belt explained. "If we get snow here, it isn't too bad. But we get lots of rain, with wind coming off the water."

Sitka averages 90 inches of rain a year. Seattle gets 40.

Saving this National

Historic Landmark will be complicated, including pulling the copper from the domes to fix faulty flashing. The cathedral is cooperating with the Russian Orthodox Sacred Sites In Alaska network and the U.S. National Park Service. The project could cost \$1 million.

Many in the small, steady congregation are Tlingit, a tribe that has lived in the region since the last Ice Age. The worshippers also include members of other tribes, Orthodox believers who have moved from other states, and people who "walk through the doors after reading about Orthodoxy online," Belt said.

The historic setting is both symbolic and complex.

In the 1700s, Orthodox leaders sent missionaries to the area in response to brutal, lurid reports about Russian traders -- including convicts from Siberia -- sent to find "soft gold," the thick, waterproof fur of sea otters. St. Herman and the first monks gradually became allies with the native peoples in their struggles with the powerful Russian American Company. When the United States purchased Alaska in 1867, the Orthodox began petitioning Wash-

ington, D.C., on behalf of local tribes.

In his 1993 book "Orthodox Alaska," the late Father Michael Oleksa noted that monks learned that native spirituality included a Creator God and a glorious, but flawed, natural world.

Orthodox rites blessing rivers, lakes and oceans pleased the local tribes. So did John 3:16, the Bible verse proclaiming: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son." That rang true for Indigenous people who believed salmon, whales, deer and other animals were gifts from the Creator -- creatures that will-

ingly yielded their lives to provide sustenance.

Oleksa wrote: "It is this essentially cosmic spirituality, biblically based, patristically affirmed, and liturgically celebrated in the Orthodox tradition" that is threatened by secularizing trends in modern institutions, materialism and media. His big question: "What does the Alaskan Orthodox experience have to contribute to Eastern Orthodox theology in the modern world?"

Today, noted Belt, the St. Michael's flock continues to sing hymns in the Tlingit language, while striving to preserve many

traditions from early monks and their converts.

"People everywhere have their own traditions and customs," he said. "Here in Alaska, things are really different and not in a bad way. There's the native piety and the Russian piety and they have endured for many, many years. ... It's gorgeous. It's from a pure heart. It's warm and tender. ... That's something that can be treasured."

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Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

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Dinner, music, fellowship, teachings</p> <p>Episcopal Saint Thomas Episcopal Church 607 4th Street, Alamosa Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service</p> <p>Saint Stephen the Martyr 729 3rd Avenue, Monte Vista Sunday, 10 am Service</p> <p>First Christian Church 589 First St. (First & State) Alamosa 589-6805 Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - Church Service Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study</p> <p>Valley Fellowship 240 East 5th Street, Center - 719-754-3904 Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship, Prayer and Bible Study *Bible Studies during the week, call for information.</p> <p>First United Methodist First United Methodist Church 2005 Mullins Ave., Alamosa - 719-589-2243 "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" Morning Worship - Sunday, 11:00 am Children's Church - Sunday, 10:30 am</p> <p>Community Churches United for Christ Community Church (SBC) "Community Centered Around Love" 7th & Broadway in Blanca - 719-379-3317 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 11am</p> <p>Bible Believer's Community Church 11762 E US HWY 160, Alamosa, Co 81101 719) 206-3239 Sunday worship 10:30 Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm www.bbcchurch.org</p> <p>Presbyterian Alamosa Presbyterian Church 330 San Juan Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship</p> <p>Hispanic Pentecostal Iglesia Pentecostal Unida L.A. 907 Tenth St. Alamosa - 719-587-3546 Gudalupe Salazar Pastor Wed. 7:00 p.m. Service Sat. 7:00 p.m. Youth Service Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Sun. 5:00 p.m. Worship</p> <p>New Hope Church "The Church on the Hill" 25258 Hwy 160, South Fork, Co. 81154 Pastor John Jayne • 719-873-1202 www.newhopest.com Morning Worship - 10:00 am Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 - 9:45</p> <p>Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa 330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101 alamosafellowship@gmail.com Sunday 4:30 PM Worship in the north wing of the Alamosa Presbyterian Church</p> <p>Independent, Fundamental Baptist First Baptist Church of Costilla County 9717 County Rd H, Mesita - 719-206-0011 Pastor Paul Jones Sunday, 9:45 am - Sunday School Sunday, 10:45 am - Morning Worship Sunday, 12 Noon - Potluck Dinner Sunday, after dinner - Afternoon Worship Thursday, 7:00 pm - All Saints, Bible Study and Prayer meeting</p> <p>DEAF MINISTRY FOR ALL SERVICES Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Alamosa Y S A Ward 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Alamosa Second Ward 927 Weber Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alamosa Third Ward 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alamosa Fourth Ward 927 Weber Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Sierra Vista Branch (Spanish Language) 300 Richardson Avenue, Alamosa Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.</p> <p>Lutheran St. Peters Lutheran Church & School Church: 1621 Grande Avenue, Monte Vista School: 330 Faraday Street, Monte Vista Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Services School: K-8, Monday-Thursday</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church & School 52 El Rio Drive, Alamosa Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship *Small Bible Study Groups Throughout the Week* -Pre-School through 5th grade Church: 589-4611, Monte Vista - 589-3271 Conojos Canyon Community Chapel 20062 State Hwy. 17 (between mile posts 21 and 20) Fellowship Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service</p> <p>Mountain Valley Church 408 State St. 17, Alamosa Pastor: Richard Pinkerton 589-2899 or 588-7682 Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service</p> <p>Presbyterian Church of Monte Vista 702 Second Avenue, Monte Vista (719) 852-2555 Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 11 a.m. - Sunday Worship</p> <p>Seventh-day Adventist Seventh-day Adventist Church 315 Craft Drive, Alamosa Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship</p> <p>United Methodist Mosca United Methodist Church 538 Barker Street, Mosca 970-270-3078 Pastor Steve Dunkel Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Unitarian Universalist Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa *North Wing of Alamosa Presbyterian Church 719-587-5529 Service & Youth Programs at 10:30 am Sunday.</p> <p>Valley Church of the Nazarene Pastor: Chris Yocom 228 Madison, Monte Vista - (719) 852-5858 churchoffice@valleynaz.com Sunday Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes 9 a.m. Wednesday Dinner at 6 p.m. Small Group Classes at 7 p.m. Thursday Teen Activities (beginning at 6:30 p.m.) *Nursery is available during all services Visit website at www.valleynaz.com for online bulletins and service information or call the number above.</p> <p>Church of Scientology 5111 Main Street, Suite #12, Alamosa 719-587-5554 Monday and Wednesday, 7-10pm... - Services</p> <p>Grace Assurance Ministry Church without Religion 9851 CR 4 S, Alamosa, CO Sunday Mornings - 10:30 Randy Brown - 719-588-7004 Eric Wolf - 719-480-3977</p>

Bible Digest

Saturday, June 15
"And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." (Matthew 19:24 AKJV)

Sunday, June 16
"And he answered and said to them, Have you not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall join to his wife: and they two shall be one flesh?" (Matthew 19:4-5 AKJV)

Monday, June 17

Tuesday, June 18
"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the middle of them." (Matthew 18:20 AKJV)

Wednesday, June 19
"For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he ponders all his goings." (Proverbs 5:21 AKJV)

Thursday, June 20

Friday, June 21

Saturday, June 22

Sunday, June 23

Monday, June 24

Tuesday, June 25

Wednesday, June 26

Thursday, June 27

Friday, June 28

Saturday, June 29

Sunday, June 30

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want." (Psalms 23:1 AKJV)

When we have the Lord we have all that we need. Amen!

Jesus set the example of greatness. He came to serve others and so should we.

"Show me your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths." (Psalms 25:4 AKJV)

This should be our daily prayer.

"And said to them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but you have made it a den of thieves." (Matthew 21:13 AKJV)

Prayer is a vital part of the life of the church. We must pray.



One Surfire Way to Love Your Life

If someone asked you if you love your life, what would you say? It seems most people would say they don't love their life. But as believers in Christ, we can learn to love the life we have.

I know what it's like to have a miserable life, and how wonderful it is to live with God's peace and joy. I remember when God spoke to my heart and told me, "You're not happy because you're selfish." It wasn't easy to hear, but facing that truth helped me surrender my will to God, so He could begin working in me and help me make the changes I needed to make.

I discovered that the key to loving my life is making God's love the central theme of my life. God is love. It's not just what He does, but who He is. He loves us unconditionally, and when we believe that, it changes us; it makes us confident and secure.

Knowing you are loved gives you courage and boldness to step out and try new things, so you don't have to be stuck with a negative attitude about life in general, or in a situation you hate. It gives you security that enables you to confront unhealthy relationships, knowing you'll be okay—and even better than before—however things turn out.

Here's how God's love works in our lives: We receive His love for us, then we see ourselves in the way He does and love ourselves in a healthy way, and finally, we let His love flow through us to others.

The goal is to take in the good things God offers us, and then go out in the world and give to others what He has given to us! God wants to give us His love, mercy, grace, and forgiveness, and He expects

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up the phone and calling a friend who's been going through a rough time, letting them know you're thinking about them and praying for their situation. Or maybe you can send someone a text message to let them know how valuable they are and how much you care.

Would you like to make every day better? Would you like to find joy even in the midst of difficult times? Then begin taking even just a few minutes every day to think about what you can do to help someone else.

Because when you give your life away, you'll find that it comes back to you in the most marvelous ways.

For more on this topic, order Joyce's three-part teaching resource **Keys to Loving Your Journey**. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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Lifestyles

Donkey Dash brings fun to Creede

By LYNDISIE FERRELL

CREEDE – Over a hundred people gathered along Main Street in Creede for the annual Donkey Dash. Donkeys of all shapes and sizes stood along the roadway as their owners prepared for a day of fun and good old-fashioned donkey racing.

This year's dash hosted the largest number of donkey teams to toe the line in Creede, according to organizers. The oldest runner was Blair Smith at 76 years old and William Rohen-Trapp at 13. Racers traveled from Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, and Virginia to participate in the Creede Donkey Dash.

The annual Creede Donkey Dash kicked off with pack burros laden with mining supplies and other gear as the racers sped off, leaving the starting line in the dust. Local resident Nancy Leggitt was the commentator for the race, making sure to bring fun and laughter to the attending crowd.

This year boasted a new shorter race to bring more participants. Each race challenges racers and their burros depending on experience. Some of the returning racers have raced burros throughout Colorado and beyond, bringing with them a long-standing tradition that is loved by all who attend.

The burros come from all different types of backgrounds. Some have been owned by private owners, come from programs like the Colorado Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wild Horse and Burro Project or from burro sanctuaries like those that reside in South Fork and other Colorado communities. Each animal is as unique as their owners and their uniqueness is what makes these races fun for everyone who attends.

"Burro racing is a great sport began by some of Colorado's 19th-century miners. Those hardy characters used burros to carry mining tools and supplies through the Rocky Mountains as they prospected for gold, silver, and other valuable ores. Since the burros were carrying a full load, the miners had to walk, leading the animal with a rope. Legend has it that two miners found gold in the same



This participant in the Creede Donkey Dash made a statement by abandoning her teammate near the start of the annual event. After an outburst of kicking and braying, the burro settled down and was captured by other participants coming from behind.



Courier photos by Keith R. Cerny

With a look of determination, a young participant in the mini-donkey race heads for the finish line Saturday on Creede's main street as part of the annual Donkey Dash event.



The 'Lost Creek Miner,' Wayne Peterson of Durango made a cameo appearance Saturday in Creede for the annual Donkey Dash. He has made a career with his miner looks working for the Durango and Silverton Scenic Railroad, panning for gold along the train route. 'People think I'm the real thing,' Peterson said.

location, and raced each other back to town to be the first to stake a claim to the find. Neither could ride their animal because of its load, so one of the basic rules of burro racing was established."

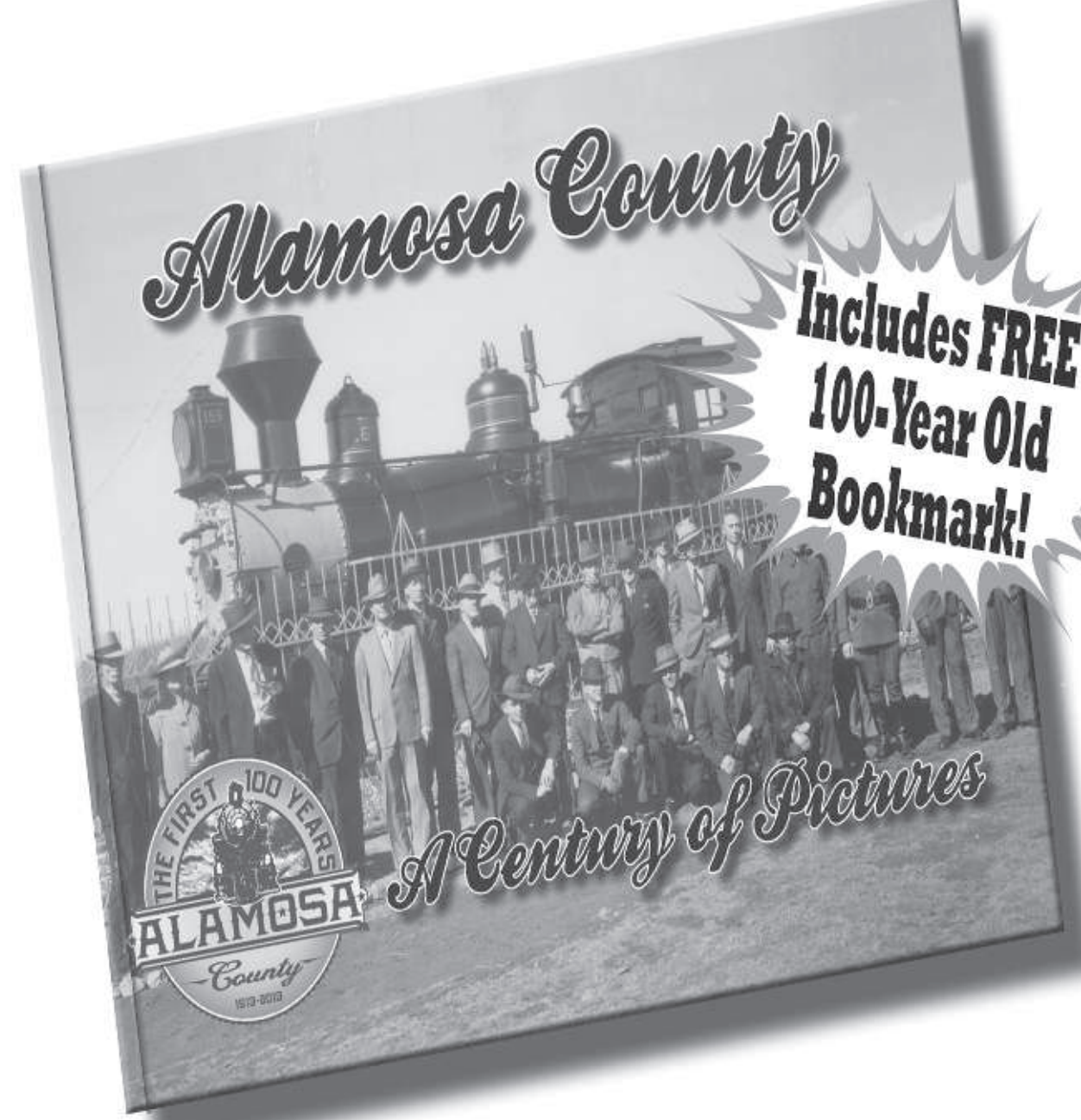
Winners for the 10-mile race were Bob Sweeny, with burro Yukon from Leadville coming in first with a time of 1 hour and 30:04 seconds. Coming in second with burro Mary Margaret was Tracy Laughlin from Salida with a time of 1:30:06 and in third place, Harrison Walter from Westcliff with burro Full Tilt Boogie with a time of 1:30:10.

In the new 3-mile race, from Golden, Jessica Hiatt with burro Arrow came in first with a time of 35:35. Coming in second was Ty Carroll from Pagosa Springs with burro Paco with a time of 38:34 and coming in third was Mathew Rohen-Trapp with burro Patrick Joseph from Tucson, Ariz., with a time of 39:51.



Dozens of participants took to the streets of Creede and the hills surrounding it on Saturday for the annual Donkey Dash. Burro racing is a sport begun by some of Colorado's 19th century miners and fits with the community's mining history.

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Ellie Garcia, right, who works in the San Luis Valley Health Regional Medical Center's ED takes a photo with her supervisor, ED Director, Monica Hinds, RN.

SLVH recognizes latest DAISY winner Garcia

CONTRIBUTED ALAMOSA – San Luis Valley Health has another DAISY winner – Ellie Garcia.

Garcia was surprised to be chosen as a DAISY recipient at SLV Health. When the shock wore off a bit, she was all smiles. When she signed the traveling DAISY banner, she commented, "I'm going to sign my name right by Taylor's because she has been my mentor."

DAISY awards are given for nursing excellence and can be submitted by co-workers, patients, and family members.

This family member wrote this about Garcia, "My dad came into the Emergency Department in Alamosa with sepsis. The doctor/PA was very

pessimistic. However, Ellie was a ray of sunshine. She explained everything she was doing, taught me how to read the screens, and helped my dad feel comfortable with everything that was going on. While we are still not out of the woods on his treatment, we are in a much better place than we might have been. I think Ellie was a big part of that. Her positive outlook and true care for my dad was so apparent and we are truly grateful for her."

Former DAISY recipient, Kat Cummins, BSN, RN, read about the award and posed for a photo with the traveling banner. Garcia is the second nurse in the SLVH RMC ED to receive this distin-

guished recognition.

SLVH Chief Nursing Officer, Roberta Bean, RN, read about the history and origin of the award. She also read the nomination form to Garcia. At the reception, Garcia met many of the nursing leaders and senior team members at SLVH. She was also surprised when her husband showed up to support her. The traditional cinnamon rolls were served and then Garcia jumped up high to place her name on the wall art for DAISY winners in the RMC lobby.

To nominate a nurse at SLVH for the DAISY award, visit online www.sanluisvalleyhealth.org/about-us/daisy-nursing-excellence/.

U.S. Supreme Court overturns ban on bump stocks used in Las Vegas mass shooting

By **ARIANA FIGUEROA**
Colorado Newsline

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday struck down a rule enacted following a 2017 mass shooting in Las Vegas that defined a semiautomatic rifle equipped with a bump stock attachment as a machine gun, which is generally prohibited under federal law.

The opinion, written by Justice Clarence Thomas, reduces the executive branch's already-limited ability to address gun violence. Thomas, a strong defender of Second Amendment gun rights, wrote that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives exceeded its statutory authority in prohibiting the sale and possession of bump stocks, which he said differed importantly from machine guns.

"Nothing changes when a semiautomatic rifle is equipped with a bump stock," Thomas wrote. "Between every shot, the shooter must release pressure from the trigger and allow it to reset before re-engaging the trigger for another shot."

The case, *Garland v. Cargill*, was a 6-3 decision that broke along the court's established ideological lines.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor, the senior member of the court's liberal wing, wrote the dissent, and argued that the decision puts "bump stocks back in civilian hands."

"When I see a bird that walks like a duck, swims like a duck, and quacks like a duck, I call that bird a duck," she wrote. "A bump-stock-equipped semiautomatic rifle fires 'automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger.' Because I, like Congress, call that a machine gun, I respectfully dissent."

Gun safety setback
The White House slammed the decision.

"Today's decision strikes down an important gun safety regulation," President Joe Biden said in a

statement. "Americans should not have to live in fear of this mass devastation."

Biden called on Congress to ban bump stocks and assault weapons, but any gun-related legislation is likely to be stalled with Republicans controlling the House and Democrats holding only a slim majority in the Senate.

"Bump stocks have played a devastating role in many of the horrific mass shootings in our country, but sadly it's no surprise to see the Supreme Court roll back this necessary public safety rule as they push their out of touch extreme agenda," Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said in a statement.

In a statement reacting to the ruling, U.S. Rep. Diana DeGette of Denver said the court's conservative majority had "once again legislated from the bench."

"This ruling is not in line with the American people and will only worsen the gun violence epidemic that is unique to our country," DeGette said. "As a member of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, I am working to pass the Closing the Bump Stock Loophole Act which would ban these deadly devices. Enough is enough: House Republicans must join us to put Americans' safety over the gun lobby."

Trump-era rule
This case stems from a regulation set during the Trump administration, following the mass shooting in Las Vegas. A gunman used rifles outfitted with bump stocks to fire into a crowd at a music festival, killing 58 people that night and two more who died of their injuries later, and injuring more than 500.

The next year, the ATF issued the rule that concluded bump stocks are illegal machine guns. Anyone who owned or possessed a bump stock was required to either destroy the material or turn it in to the agency to avoid criminal penalties.

Michael Cargill, a gun shop owner in Austin, Tex-

as, surrendered two bump stocks to ATF and then challenged the rule in federal court.

A U.S. district court dismissed his case, but the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit agreed with Cargill that a 1986 law's definition of a machine gun does not apply to bump stocks because the rifles equipped with the attachments don't shoot multiple bullets "automatically," or "by a single function of the trigger."

That law defined a machine gun as "any weapon which shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot, automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger."

The Biden administration appealed the 5th Circuit's decision to the Supreme Court.

High court arguments
In oral arguments, the Biden administration defended the Trump-era rule and said that bump stocks allow semiautomatic rifles to fire automatically with a single pull of the trigger.

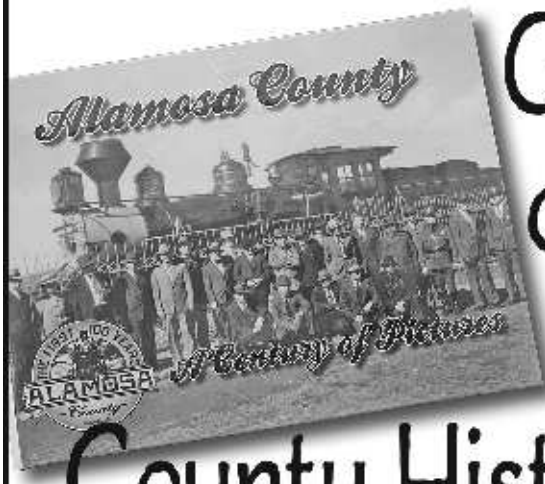
Attorneys for Cargill argued that bump stocks are used by repeatedly pulling the trigger, rather than firing automatically with a single pull.

In her dissent, Sotomayor said the decision will limit the federal government's "efforts to keep machineguns from gunmen like the Las Vegas shooter."

Thomas also wrote a major gun decision in 2022 that invalidated a New York law against carrying a firearm in public without showing a special need for protection. The court decided the case on 14th Amendment grounds, but it also expanded Second Amendment rights.

Because of that 2022 decision, another gun related case is before the court this session that tests a federal law that prevents the possession of firearms by a person who is subject to a domestic violence protective order. A decision is expected this month.

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Sports

Several locals on All-SPL track and field teams

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor
ALAMOSA – The Southern Peaks League track and field teams for Classes 1A and 2A were announced following the state track meet in late May.

Sanford dominated the Class 1A All-SPL team with Holly McDaniel being named the girls Athlete of the Year and Lincoln Reynolds was the co-Athlete of the Year on the boys side.

McDaniel also earned All-League honors in the 100-meter high hurdles, the 300-meter intermediate hurdles and the triple jump.

Other Lady Mustangs who were named All-League included Erica Miller in the 200- and 400-meter dashes and the 800-meter run, Ashley Dominguez in the 100-meter dash, and Brecken Crowther in the long jump.

Sanford also took All-League in each of the five relays – the 4x100, the 4x200, the 4x400, the 4x800 and the 800-meter sprint relay.

Other San Luis Valley girl athletes named All-League were Creede's Jasmine Laing in the high jump, and Sangre de Cristo's Taylor Freel in the discus.

On the boys side, Reynolds was All-League in the 100, 200 and 400 meters.

Sanford was also All-League in the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 relays.

Also named All-League were Creede's Charlie Heinrich in the 110

and 300 hurdles, Sierra Grande's Ayden Lopez in the triple jump and the high jump, and Moffat's Ziah Pesqueira in the long jump.

Sangre de Cristo was All-League in the boys 4x800-meter relay.

Sanford's Blake Canty was named the 1A SPL Coach of the Year.

In Class 2A, Del Norte's Frannie Edelen was named the girls' Athlete of the Year. She was also All-League in the 800, 1,600 and 3,200 runs.

Another Lady Tiger, Timay Garcia, was All-League in the pole vault.

Center's Ciara Paiz was also All-League in three events – the 100, the long jump and the triple jump. Two more Center athletes earned All-League as Emiliana Valadez was All-League in the shot put, and Giselle Meraz earned the same honor in the discus.

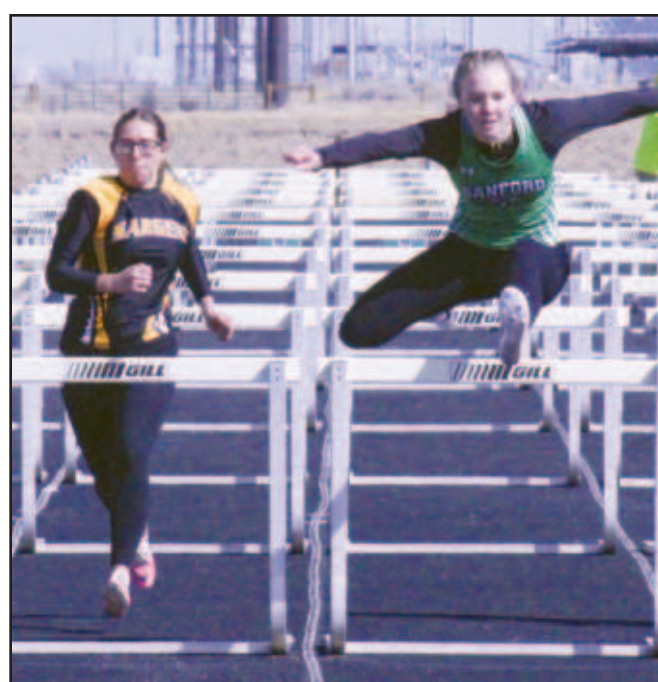
Sargent's Bailey Asbell was also a three-time All-League performer. She earned All-League in the 100 hurdles, the 300 hurdles and the high jump.

Monte Vista was named All-League in three relays – the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400.

On the 2A boys side, Monte Vista's Jack Noonan was All-League in two events – the 200 meters and the 300 hurdles. Alex Gonzales was All-League in the 100.

Monte Vista was also All-League in the 4x100-meter relay.

Two Del Norte boys were All-League selections. Caleb Cowett earned the



Above left: Monte Vista's Jack Noonan (left) and Sanford's Lincoln Reynolds. Below left: Sargent's Bailey Asbell (left) and Sanford's Holly McDaniel. Right: Sanford's Erica Miller.

honor in the 400 meters, and Damon Ledford-Vigil in the pole vault.

The Tigers were All-League in the 4x400. Center's Andree Meraz

was All-League in the discus. Center's Camille Villa

Courier file photos by Ken Hamrick was the 2A Coach of the Year.

Sports Bulletin

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SCHEDULE SATURDAY Motorsports

Alamosa-Round-UP demolition derby, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY Rodeo

Alamosa Round-UP mutton bustin' and local barrel race, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY PRCA Rodeo

Alamosa Round-UP, 6:30 p.m.

ALAMOCA PARKS AND RECREATION BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

12-14 Baseball At Ortega Middle School south field TUESDAY
 Blue Jays vs. Pirates, 5 p.m.
 White Sox vs. Pirates, 6:30 p.m.

12-14 girls softball At Lee Field #1 TUESDAY

Monte Vista 2 vs. Alamosa, 6 p.m.
 Monte Vista 1 vs. Alamosa, 7:30 p.m.
THURSDAY
 Buena Vista vs. Alamosa (2), 6 p.m.

9-11 baseball At Cole Park THURSDAY

Red Sox vs. Angels, 5 p.m.
 Dodgers vs. Cubs, 6:15 p.m.
 Rockies vs. Pirates, 7:30 p.m.

9-11 girls softball At Lee Field #3 TUESDAY

Monte Vista vs. Battitudes, 6 p.m.
 Monte Vista vs. Ace of Bases, 7:15 p.m.

7-8 coed machine pitch At Sunset Field WEDNESDAY

Sliders vs. Strikers, 5:30 p.m. (southwest)
 Longhorns vs. Thunderdogs, 5:30 p.m. (northeast)
 Little Rascals vs. Bat Busters, 6:30 p.m. (northeast)

Co-ed Tee-ball At Tee-ball field MONDAY

Wolfpack vs. Outlaws, 5:30 p.m. (north field)
 Rug Rats vs. Little Hitters, 5:30 p.m. (south field)
 Little Giants vs. Sandhogs, 6:30 p.m. (south field)

Men's softball league At Lee Field 2 TUESDAY

REC/Deuces vs. WOLO, 7 p.m.
 99 Problems vs. WOLO, 8 p.m.
 Platinum vs. 99 Problems, 9 p.m.
THURSDAY
 REC/Deuces vs. 99 Problems, 7 p.m.
 Platinum vs. Happy Mountain/NGNL, 8 p.m.
 WOLO vs. Happy Mountain/NGNL, 9 p.m.

Coed Leisure softball At Lee Field MONDAY

Steel Line vs. All Valley Towing, 7 p.m. (Field 1)
 Battitudes vs. Top Notch, 7 p.m. (Field 2)
 The Dirty Dozen vs. The Undertakers, 7 p.m. (Field 4)
 SOS Misfits vs. War Turtles, 8 p.m. (Field 1)
 CRP Dust Devils vs. The Dirty Dozen, 8 p.m. (Field 2)
 Tandberg's Angels vs. Livingstone Trucking, 8 p.m. (Field 4)
 Bomb Squad vs. Where My Pitches At, 9 p.m. (Field 1)
 La Puente Homers vs. WOLO, 9 p.m. (Field 2)
 The Misfits vs. Bros Before Throws, 9 p.m. (Field 4)

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DIRECTOR FOR INFANT CARE CENTER needed at the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Please submit your application and resume to: Aaron Horrocks, Superintendent, at 950 French Street, DEL NORTE, CO, 81132, or call at 719-657-4040, x4000. Applications may be retrieved online at urtigers.co or at the District Office. (7/3/24)

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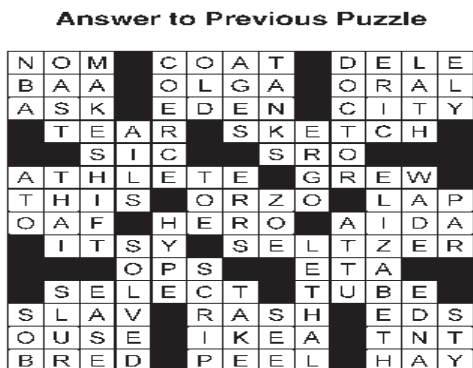
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 - 16 Module
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 - 18 Fuel vessel
 - 20 Reddish-brown
 - 22 Psychic's gift
 - 23 Dressed to the —
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 - 27 Skeddaddled
 - 29 Plant
 - 30 Sideboard
 - 34 Improved
 - 37 Agent, for short
 - 38 Great Lake
 - 39 Specter
- DOWN**
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 - 2 "La — Bonita"
 - 3 Gas that glows red
 - 4 Stared
 - 5 Dethrone
 - 6 Movers' truck
 - 7 Director — Kazan
 - 8 Adjusted



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- 10 Wide-awake
- 11 Youngsters
- 19 Curve shape
- 21 Wait for
- 24 Blab
- 25 Be in the red
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- 27 Liberate
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- 30 Dernier —
- 31 New Deal org.
- 32 Last letter in London
- 33 Mimic
- 35 Sea bird
- 36 Norseman
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- 39 Child
- 40 Ballpark snack
- 41 Rose oil
- 42 Spine
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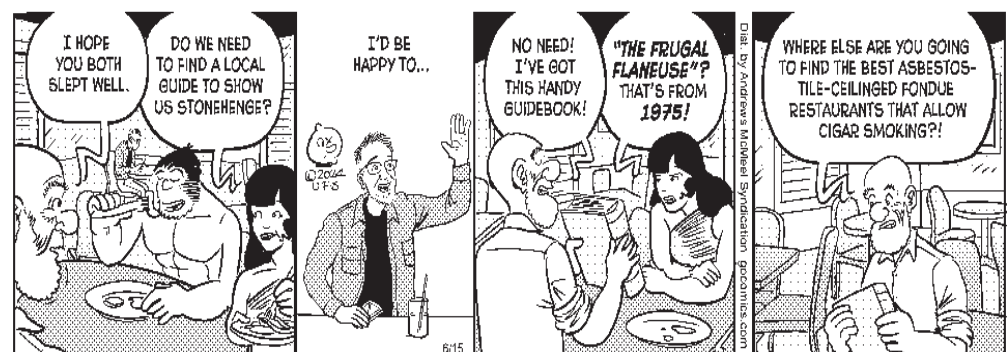
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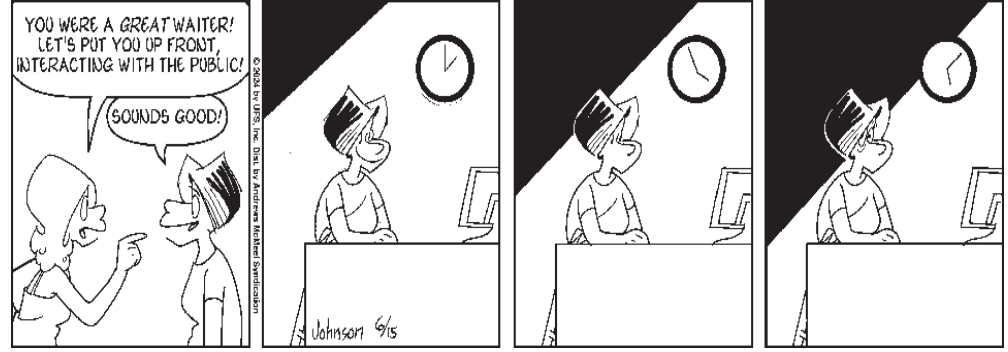


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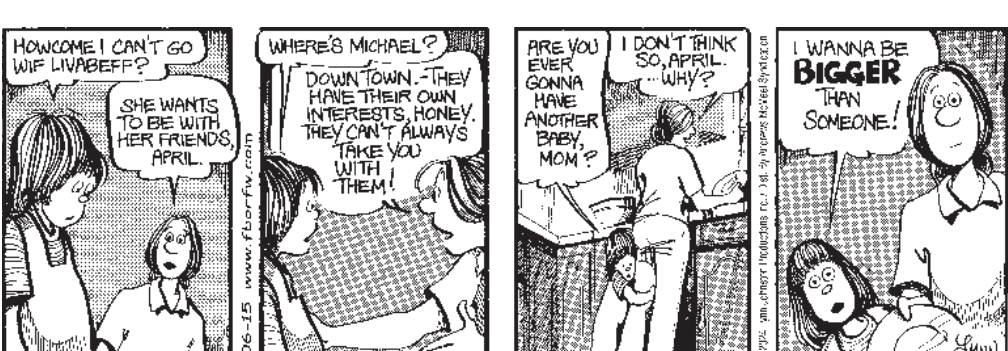
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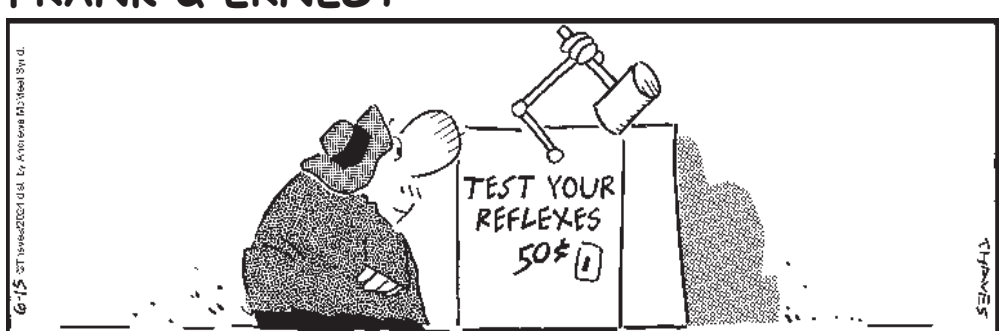
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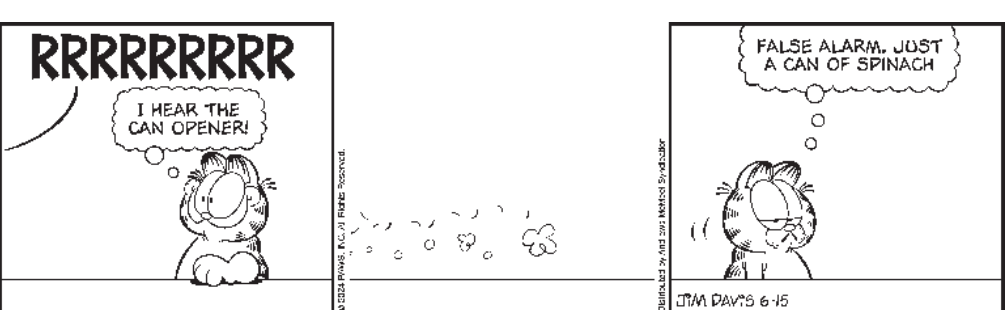
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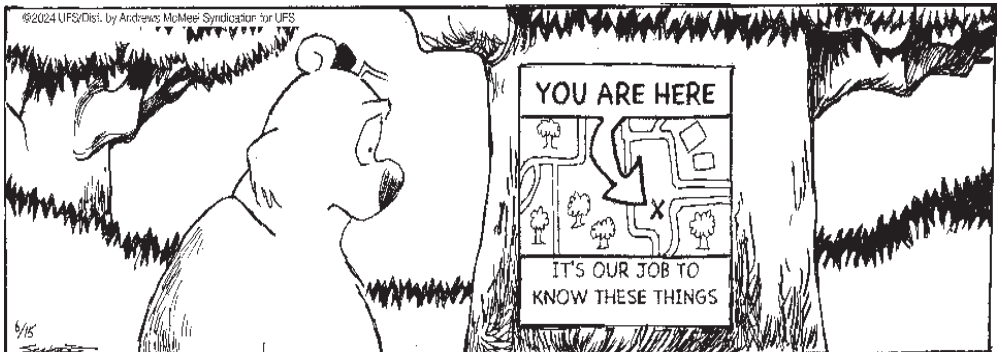
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Business relationship clouds couple's response to affair

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have a friend, "Sophie," who is cheating on her husband of 25 years. Of course, this is not our business. But now, unbeknownst to her husband, she has incorporated her lover into their everyday life. Her lover is from India and is also married. Sophie is now obsessed with all things Indian -- wearing saris, dancing in her lover's dance troupe and wearing henna all over her body.

My husband and I are involved in a small business with Sophie and her husband, and I'm growing more uncomfortable by the day as she constantly confides to me about her and her lover's sex life, addictions, how she's pursued him, etc. I told her she's playing with fire. Now I remain silent, hoping she'll stop. Meanwhile, she's started a new business that has incorporated him into her life on a daily basis.

We love Sophie's husband. He's a good and trustworthy man. I absolutely will never be the one to tell him what's going on, but we need to get away from her. Without hurting the husband, what explanation can we

give for stepping away from a business and personal level? Because he WILL ask why. He's a kind and compassionate man who feels very close to both of us. Any gentle suggestions? -- KNOWS TOO MUCH

DEAR KNOWS: Start by making yourself and your husband less available to socialize with these people. If Sophie continues to confide in you, tell her you do not approve and do not want to hear another word about her affair. You may not have to worry about keeping mum around the husband because, sooner or later, he is going to catch on to the fact that something is going on.

Because you did not mention how closely tied your financial interests are with Sophie and her husband, I will assume you are not solely dependent upon it. That is why you and your husband should consider telling Sophie's husband that "considering the state of the economy," your financial picture has changed, and you will need to relinquish your interest in the business. Your attorney can help you with this.

DEAR ABBY: I have an identical twin who lives in



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

a different state. I am married; she never has been. At 62, she still demands that I live my life her way. I love her, but I'm an adult. I live by my own rules. She seems enraged that I don't think and behave the same way she does. By the way, she works from home and sets her own schedule. I work in a call center. I would appreciate your input. -- LIKES MY FREEDOM IN IOWA

DEAR LIKES: At 62, you are entitled to live your life exactly as you wish. So is your sister. You may be identical, but this does not mean you must think alike. Perhaps the next time your twin unloads on you, you should remind her of that.