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## SLV Today

### Juneteenth holiday trash pickup schedule

ALAMOSA—In observance of the Juneteenth holiday, June 19, the trash schedule will be as follows for the City of Alamosa:

- Yard Waste Route: Will remain the same
- Commercial Routes: Wednesday, June 19, will be collected Thursday, June 20
- Residential Routes: Wednesday, June 19, will be collected Thursday, June 20
- Recycling Center: Will be closed Wednesday, June 19, and will reopen Thursday, June 20.

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

City of Alamosa facilities will be closed Wednesday, June 19, and will reopen Thursday, June 20.

### No Alamosa City Council meeting this week

ALAMOSA – There will be no meeting of the Alamosa City Council this week as members are attending the annual conference of the Colorado Municipal League (CML).

According to their mission statement, "The Colorado Municipal League was established to advocate for municipalities at the state level, gather and share resources and information of municipal interest, and facilitate collaboration among Colorado's many cities and towns."

This year's conference, held in Loveland from June 18 to June 21, includes sessions on "Building Consensus for Affordable Housing in a Small Town", "Important Relationships between City/Town Manager and the Chief of Police", "Protecting Home Rule Through Litigation", "Navigating Homelessness: Courage & Compassion in Action Lessons Learned in Addressing Homelessness: Insights from two Colorado municipalities and a nonprofit", "Recent Developments in Land Use and Planning Laws" and "Creating a Culture of Cyber Awareness".

City council will resume their regular meeting schedule in July.

### SLV WEATHER

Sunny, Brrrzy 82/44

Wed: Slight Chance of Showers, Breezy 78/49

Thurs: Chance of Showers, Breezy 81/50

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## AHS principal headed to Center CSD

### Lavier will be new asst. superintendent

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER  
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — After spending a decade as the principal of Alamosa High School (AHS) preceded by almost twice that many years with the district where he was both in and out of the

classroom, Andy Lavier is headed north to Center where he has been hired as that district's new assistant superintendent.

Lavier leaves behind a record marked by outstanding achievements, most notably in academic performance.

"Mr. Lavier leaves a legacy of being at the Performance Level for ten years during his tenure at Alamosa High School, and he has accomplished

a great deal," says Diana Jones, Alamosa School District superintendent. "We wish him the best as

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Principal Andy Lavier, right, officiating at the 2024 graduation, his last as the principal of Alamosa High School. Lavier was joined by Athletics and Activities Director Greg King, far left, and Asst. Principal Drew Cleveland, middle.

Photo courtesy of Andy Lavier



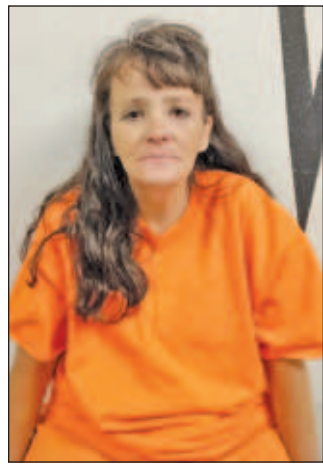
## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Rollin' Deep show and shine



Courier photos by Ken Hamrick

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Rollin' Deep lowrider and custom car show was Sunday at Cole Park. In addition to lowriders and custom vehicles, motorcycles and bicycles were also on display.

## Man fatally stabbed in Fort Garland



### Woman in custody, charged with murder

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER  
Courier Reporter

FORT GARLAND — A 52-year-old man was fatally stabbed in Fort Jessica Medina, 49, is being held in alleged connection with the murder of 52-year-old Jeffrey Segura.

Garland on Sunday, leading to the arrest of a woman by deputies with the Costilla County Sheriff's Office (CCSO).

According to Costilla County Sheriff Danny Sanchez, a 911 call came in at about 4:15 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, with the caller stating that a woman had stabbed a man.

CCSO deputies responded to a residence in

Fort Garland where they found a man, later identified as Jeffrey Segura, 52, in a car, the victim of an apparent stabbing.

Segura was declared deceased on the scene.

Deputies took a female suspect, identified as Jessica Medina, 49, into custody for her alleged involvement in the incident and transported her to the CCSO jail where she was in custody until

scheduled to appear in court for a hearing on advisement Monday afternoon.

Judge Jason Kelly, who presided in the hearing, said Medina is facing a charge of murder in the first degree and set bond at \$75,000 cash surety or \$7,500 in cash.

When the Valley Courier spoke with Sanchez on Monday, he said Medina was in custody until

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## Michael Hearne, SXSW, Don Richmond live at Society Hall

CONTRIBUTED  
ALAMOSA — Society Hall is welcoming back regional favorites Michael Hearne and South by Southwest, featuring Carmen Acciaioli, Zeke Severson and Don Richmond, for a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 20.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the show are \$20 and available online at societyhall.org or in person at the Green Spot in Alamosa. The concert will also stream on the Society Hall Facebook page and You-Tube channel.

Hearne, who splits his time between San Marcos, Texas, and his longtime home in northern New Mexico, is one of the most beloved and influential singer-songwriter-guitarists playing in the Southwest today. He and his band South by Southwest have been delighting audiences both in their home region of New Mexico, Texas, and Colorado as well as around the country, and internationally, for more than 30 years.

Hearne's "whiskey-velvet voice", as friend Eliza ■ See HEARNE page 3



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Legendary Michael Hearne, his band South by Southwest, and Don Richmond will be performing at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at Society Hall.

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# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Mary Margaret Fringer



Lifetime Valley resident Mary Margaret Fringer, 68, passed away June 14, 2024, at her home in Manassa, surrounded by her loving family.

Mary was born in La Jara, Colo., on Aug. 4, 1955, the daughter to Malcolm and Shirley (Fluckey) Vannoy. She married Max Fringer in Manassa, Colo., on Aug. 11, 1973. Their marriage was sealed for all time and eternity in the Mesa, Ariz., temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Feb. 23, 1982.

Mary worked for many years in Lapidary. She loved to spend time in the mountains with her husband, children and grandchildren. Mary enjoyed the warm sunlight and beautiful tan skin she would get from being outside. She loved her family very much and enjoyed seeing them. Mary loved gardening and taking care of her yard. She was one of the best cooks and enjoyed tasting new foods and then replicating them

in her kitchen for her family and friends.

She is survived by her children Angel (Justin) Gylling of Manassa, Colo., Keven (Kim) Fringer, Mosca, Colo., Max P. Fringer, Manassa, Colo.; her grandkids Mayson (Danielle) Gylling, Monte Vista, Colo., Jeremy (Malory) Fringer, Center, Colo., Braxton Fringer, Mosca, Colo., Brydon Gylling, Manassa, Colo., Tytan (Breña Roybal) Gylling, Manassa, Colo., and Aspen Gylling, Manassa Colo.; her great-grand-

children Raelynn Fringer, Macie Gylling, and one on the way; her siblings Pat (Marilee) Vannoy, Sanford, Colo., Jim (Becky) Vannoy, La Jara, Colo., Barb Radich, La Jara, Colo., Peg Hoff Corrigan, Pueblo, Colo.; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and her brother who died at birth, David Vannoy.

A visitation will be held from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Thursday, June 20, 2024, at the Manassa Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints followed by a Graveside Service at 12:30 p.m. in the Manassa-Romeo Cemetery.

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

### Carl J. Wenta



Carl J. Wenta, 68, of Del Norte, Colo., passed away peacefully on June 14, 2024. Born on Feb. 6, 1956, in Fowler, Kan., to Leo and Betty Wenta. Carl was known for his generous spirit, kind heart, and thoughtful nature. He brought joy and laughter to all who knew him, and his presence will be deeply missed.

Carl grew up in Fowler, where his love for the great outdoors and sports began. His youth was filled with adventure and the close-knit warmth of his family. He was the cherished brother of Barb Beckerman of Fowler, Kan., Deb (Sam) Boese of Fowler, Kan., and Don (Tonya) Wenta of Monte Vista, Colo. Carl's life was further enriched by the love and laughter of numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and a host of friends whose lives he touched with his amiable nature.

Professionally, Carl's hands and sharp mind to build mobile offices. Later, he found his calling in Colorado, working for Bob Metz. As a handyman and construction worker, Carl was known for his craftsmanship, reliability, and the readiness with which

he approached every project. Colleagues and clients alike respected him for his work ethic and the camaraderie he fostered on every job site.

Carl's passions extended beyond his work. He was an ardent sports fan, with a particular affinity for the Kansas City Chiefs, and KU Jayhawks. His enthusiasm for his teams was infectious, and many fond memories were made cheering alongside him during games. However, perhaps his greatest passion was for horses. Riding his beloved horse, Babe, through the mountains was more than a hobby; it was a return to nature, and a cherished time spent with his brothers.

His friendly personality

was legendary; Carl never met a stranger. He had an innate ability to connect with people, making friends wherever he went. Whether it was a kind word, a helping hand, or just a listening ear, Carl was always there for those in need. His legacy is one of kindness, generosity, and an unwavering commitment to his community and loved ones.

Carl's life was a testament to the power of positivity and the impact one person can have on the world around them. He lived fully, loved deeply, and left an indelible mark on the hearts of all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings: Kathy Hardaway, Larry Wenta, and Steve Wenta.

Cremation was chosen and a Graveside Service will be held 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at the Fowler Cemetery in Fowler, Kan.

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

## From the Librarian's Desk – New arrivals at the Alamosa Public Library

By MARIE KRAMER ALAMOSA – New

books are always coming in at the Alamosa Public Library. Here are 10 of our most intriguing arrivals. For more information, or to have a book reserved for you, check [alamosalibrary.org](http://alamosalibrary.org) or call 719-589-6592.

**Fantasy**  
**Chlorine** by Jade Song  
Swimming is life for high school athlete Ren Wu - more than life. Obsession. Because Ren wants to become more than human. She's always dreamed of being a mermaid. And she will do anything, and hurt anyone, to make that dream a reality.

**Fiction**  
**The Lightkeeper** by Linda Mary DuVal

Civil War widow Amy Pritchard seeks to start a new life for herself by becoming a lighthouse keeper. As she weathers storms and hardships, Amy makes her new life her own.

**Like Happiness** by Ursula Villarreal-Moura

Years ago, Tatum Vega sent a letter to her favorite author, Mateo Dominguez. The two built a consuming, undefined relationship that derailed her life. Now, a reporter contacts Tatum. Mateo has been accused as part of #MeToo, and Tatum could corroborate the story. Forced to confront the past, Tatum examines what the nature of their relationship truly was.

**Mystery**  
**Flotsam** by Patricia Boomsma

While working on a case, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Kelly Flynn is approached by a desperate mother. Therese's daughter Diyanni has been missing for almost a month, but the police and the Bureau of Indian Affairs don't seem to care. Kelly vows to help Therese - and finds herself facing a wall of negligence and disinterest that will test her idealism.

**Off the Air** by Christina Estes

Jolene Garcia is a local TV reporter in Phoenix, Arizona. When a conservative radio host is murdered, Jolene finds herself chasing the story. The investigation could make her career - if her rival reporter JJ doesn't get there first.

**Nonfiction**  
**The Colorado Trail in Crisis** by Karl Ford

Using his hike along the popular five-hundred-mile Colorado Trail to present his personal observations, Karl Ford presents a brief environmental history weaving in scientific studies about forest mortality.

**Rebellion** by Robert Kagan

Historian and foreign policy Robert Kagan fears the 2024 election may be the last free election held in a united America. In his book, he explores the historical forces that have brought us to this mo-

ment in our history - in particular the opposition to liberalism, and to government, that has shaped America's character from the time of the Revolution to today.

**Bird-Friendly Gardening** by Jen McGuinness

With hundreds of North American bird species facing population decline or at risk of extinction, right now is the perfect time to create a home-based habitat garden that offers birds the resources they need to safely feed, migrate, breed, and thrive. Bird-Friendly Gardening is the definitive guide to planting a wildlife-welcoming home landscape filled with a diversity of native plants that feed, shelter, and support birds.

**Psilocybin Therapy** by J. J. Pursell

Naturopathic physician J. J. Pursell explores the next frontier in mental health: the therapeutic use of psilocybin mushrooms and related psychedelics. Drawing on her experience as a user and facilitator, Pursell provides a guide for those seeking a new form of self-discovery and healing.

**A Brief History of Feminism** by Antje Schrupp

From antiquity to the third wave, this book covers important figures, moments and movements in feminist history in pithy text and pithier comics.

## Early in-person voting available statewide

By COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE

**Denver, Colo.** – Early in-person voting is now available statewide, with 155 voting centers open to eligible voters statewide.

Election Day is June 25 and voters will find races for congressional districts, the state Board of Education, the statehouse and other local races on their ballots.

“Access is critical to ensuring every eligible Coloradan can make their voice heard,” said Secretary Griswold. “I’m proud that Colorado voters will have ample voting access across the state to cast their ballot this election.”

Eligible Coloradans can still register to vote and update their voter registration at [GoVoteColorado.gov](http://GoVoteColorado.gov) through Monday, June 17, to receive a ballot in the mail. After Monday, June 17, Coloradans can register to vote and vote in person at a voting center until 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Voters who plan to return their ballot by mail should do so by today to ensure it is received by their county election official on time. Beginning June 18, voters should return their ballot to a drop box or voting center, or vote in-person.

Colorado Republican, Democratic, and Unaffiliated voters have been mailed a ballot. All Unaffiliated voters will receive a ballot for each major party and can only vote one of those ballots for their vote to be counted. Minor party voters in CD-4 whose party is not holding a primary election will receive a ballot featuring only the CD-4 Congressional Vacancy Election.

Colorado voters can visit [GoVoteColorado.gov](http://GoVoteColorado.gov) to:

- Register to vote or update their voter registration
- Find their local County Clerk
- Find their closest drop box or voting center
- Sign up to track their ballot using BallotTrax

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**Tuesday**  
**June 18, 2024**

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Fruit & Milk

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## 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](http://slvaa.org)



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# Valley News

## Biden administration approves Colorado internet access plan

**\$826M allocated to connect every house to high-speed internet**

**STAFF REPORT**  
**WASHINGTON** – The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has approved Colorado’s plan to use over \$826 million in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding to connect every household with affordable, high-speed internet. The announcement was made by the Biden administration that was responsible for the legislation that allocated the funding.

U.S. Senators John Hickenlooper, Michael Bennet, and Governor Jared Polis celebrated the

announcement. With NTIA’s official approval, Colorado can now access and begin to distribute federal funding to build-out high-speed broadband in underserved communities across the state. “Our Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the largest investment in high-speed and affordable broadband ever, is closing the digital divide for Tribes and small business owners in rural communities across Colorado,” said Hickenlooper. “We’re ready to finish what we’ve started.” “Affordable, high-speed broadband is essential for modern American life,” said Bennet. “Colorado helps lead the way on successful implementation of the BEAD program, which will bridge the digital divide for com-

munities across Colorado -- especially our rural areas, low-income neighborhoods, and communities of color.” “Colorado is excited to expand reliable, high-speed broadband across our state and this approval of our plans for BEAD funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will accelerate those efforts,” said Polis. “I was pleased to be the first governor in the nation to support this law and I thank the Biden administration for their partnership. We look forward to seeing even more Colorado households get access to the internet they need to thrive.” Hickenlooper was part of the bipartisan group who wrote and negotiated the broadband provisions in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which es-



tablished NTIA’s BEAD program. BEAD, which stands for Broadband Equity Access and Deployment, is the largest broadband investment in American

history, and provides funding to build essential infrastructure and connect communities to high-speed internet. The program prioritizes unserved and underserved

locations that have no or very slow internet access. In Colorado, 10 percent of locations are unserved or underserved, and 190,850 households lack access to the internet.

## CPW seeks public input to select Species of Greatest Conservation Need

**CONTRIBUTED**  
**DENVER** — Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is seeking public feedback on the draft process to select the Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) to help determine which species are a conservation priority in the 2025 State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP). Public feedback will be accepted online via the EngageCPW website from June 11 to July 9, 2024. This is the first opportunity for input on the

2025 SWAP, but there will be others throughout the planning process. The draft SWAP is due to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in September 2025. ‘Species of Greatest Conservation Need’ are defined as species that are the most vulnerable and need conservation support to maintain healthy ecosystems. CPW posted an SGCN Draft Selection Criteria to gather input from the public on how CPW will identify and categorize

species. Species include amphibians, birds, fish, mammals, mollusks and crustaceans, and reptiles. CPW is still developing the process to determine the SGCN for plants and Invertebrates. Public feedback will be used to ensure that the species included in the 2025 SWAP are consistent with the expectations of Colorado’s wildlife conservation community and stakeholders. This public engagement opportunity allows

the public to provide input on a critical resource that will guide the conservation of species most in need. “This type of public engagement helps our agency increase awareness about the importance of wildlife conservation projects, align conservation priorities among stakeholders, and improve access to the SWAP development process and its outcomes,” said Terrestrial Section Deputy Manager for Species Conservation David Klute. CPW is a leader in wildlife conservation and manages over 960 species in the state, and that number continues to grow with the reintroduction of gray wolves and newly passed bills to reintroduce wolverines and conserve native invertebrates and rare plants.

To help manage and support Colorado’s biodiversity, CPW conducts investigations and surveys of species to develop information about wildlife populations, habitat needs, limiting factors, and other biological and ecological data. This information helps identify conservation and management measures that

protect these critical species. State Wildlife Action Plans are intended to provide a roadmap for reducing threats, improving habitat, and increasing understanding to benefit our species most in need of conservation. Decades of work to secure dedicated and sustained funding to conserve the full array of fish and wildlife species has yet to see permanent funding. However, about 25 years ago Congress created the State and Tribal Wildlife Grants (SWG) program. SWG has a two-pronged approach (of funding and planning) to address work that focuses on species of greatest conservation need. The 2025 SWAP will be elevated in CPW programs and resource allocation decisions as well as promote collective action for SGCN through increased use as a ‘Call to Action’ with our part-

## Sundays at Six music in Cole Park

**CONTRIBUTED**  
**ALAMOSA** —The Alamosa Live Music Association is once again providing free live music in Cole Park all summer long, with its Sundays at Six concert series. Head on over to Cole Park at 6 p.m. on most Sundays this summer and enjoy some quality live music. Grab your dinner and dessert from Tacos Martinez and Frosty Acres Rolled Ice Cream, whose food trucks will be on site selling delicious offerings at each concert

this summer. Please bring a non-perishable item for the food drive to benefit the Alamosa Food Pantry. On June 30, the sound of bluegrass will fill Cole Park as Sundays at Six officially begins with Stillhouse Junkies. On July 14, indie rockers Mo Lowda & The Humble will wow the crowd, followed by the Chicano funk of Los Mocochetes on July 21. We will finish out July 28 with the indie stylings of Xerephine Band

with Sage and Aera. Mojomama will bring their funky blues rock on August 11, and August 18 will feature the winner of Battle of the Bands. The final show of the season happens on August 28, with the variety group Groove ‘N Motion. Can’t make it to the concert? Catch the show livestreaming on ALMA’s Facebook page. For more information, like ALMA on Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok, or visit [www.almaonline.org](http://www.almaonline.org).

ners. To support these efforts, we will increase relevance by building robust Elements through more meaningful inclusion of additional taxa (i.e., rare plants and invertebrates), climate change, and adaptability to emerging threats. We have also added a new category of SGCN, a subset of species known as Species of Greatest Information Need (SGIN) which are species believed to be of conservation concern, but we are lacking enough information to confirm their status. It will be a more proactive planning document that drives CPW’s work, leverages other plans, work groups, and data, and is structured so that our successes and challenges can be assessed over time. For more information on CPW’s mission and conservation work, visit <https://cpw.state.co.us/Conservation>

Education or scoreboards on a field. As principal, Lavier brought AHS and its students through the COVID-19 pandemic, one of the most challenging times for schools in recent history. The graduating class of 2024 started their high school experience at the height of the pandemic. During that time, especially when the scope of the pandemic was not yet known, Lavier was a regular at school board meetings where, along with other principals, teachers, and staff, they would provide feedback to the ASD Board of Education about how things were going. And, in the end, the class of 2024 was noted for the number of honors, scholarships and accolades they received. During Lavier’s tenure, AHS was also the target of what the FBI calls, “swatting,” where a fake

call is placed to the school saying there is an active shooter on campus. As a result, the executive management team and their partnership with Lavier, other top administrators at the schools and staff, ASD now has a strong, flexible but effective security protocol. In his role as principal, Lavier also addressed a grieving community when he spoke at the funeral of Eric Melgosa, Lavier’s close friend and Alamosa’s Athletic Director who passed away in January of 2023. Despite grieving himself, Lavier spoke with dignity and grace. When asked about hiring the next person to AHS into the future, Superintendent Jones said the position will be posted immediately and “a hiring committee will participate in a first round of interviews.”

## Hearne

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 Gilkyson terms it, as well as his impressive command of the guitar make him one of the most memorable artists performing in the country and American arenas. Add in his compelling and evocative songwriting and you have a combination rarely seen anywhere. Adding in the pedal steel and fiddle mastery of Acciaoli and the impeccable bass of Severson, plus the soaring three-part harmonies, and you have one of the best examples of Americana music with a southwest flair that you will ever hear anywhere. Says Society Hall board member and area musician and record producer Richmond, who will also be joining the band, “I’ve been listening to Michael

since the late 1970’s, first with The Great American Honky-Tonk Band, and then with South by Southwest, as well as solo and in other configurations, and from the very first time I heard him until now, he just knocks me out, on all levels. There’s pretty much nobody I’d rather hear sing a song.” Richmond also credits Hearne for being a profound influence on his music and career, and that of the Riffers band. He continues, “Michael and SXSW pretty much invented a genre – what we call Southwest Americana - that sort of folk/country/singer-songwriter with southwestern sensibilities, and that high, airy sound that come from living in Taos and Red River for so long.” Hearne will feature songs from his latest album “Better Days”, selec-

tions from a new album in progress, and favorites from his many older releases. “Better Days” features performances by such luminaries as Lloyd Maines, Gilkyson, Dave Perez (Tejas Brothers), Kelley Mickwee, Ben Jones (Beat Root Revival), and Terri Hendrix. Filled with Hearne’s trademark beautiful songwriting, lively rhythms, and compelling messages, “Better Days” is a true masterpiece. Hearne also hosts the 3-day Big Barn Dance Music Festival, held every year the weekend after Labor Day in Taos, N.M., which has become one of the premier songwriter-oriented festivals in the country over its 22 years. Society Hall is at the corner of 4th Street and Ross Avenue in Alamosa.

## Murder

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 na will be transferred to Archuleta County Detention Facility following her court appearance. Due to the condition of the Cos-

tilla County Jail, individuals accused of committing serious crimes are routinely held in Archuleta County.

The Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has taken over the case and an investigation is ongoing.

## Lavier

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 he embarks on this new journey and opportunity.” Under Lavier’s leadership, AHS also excelled in other areas, as noted by Luis Murillo, assistant superintendent. “Mr. Lavier has been an integral part of AHS’ success,” Murillo says. “In his time at the helm, AHS transformed into a performing school and has stayed there for the past 10 years. Also, in his time at AHS, the student body competed in sports and academics, winning several championships. Andy bleeds maroon and will be missed. We wish him the best of luck in his leadership endeavors.” There are other accomplishments that can be attributed to Lavier, but they aren’t the kind that end up in reports from the Colorado Department of

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# Lifestyles



Courtesy photo

There are benefits to early workouts. Healthline says that early morning workouts are best when the heat rises during the day and you'll be doing outdoor activities. A 2018 study published in the International Journal of Obesity found that those who exercise first thing in the morning often choose healthier foods and eat less the rest of the day. Many who exercise early report greater overall energy and focus throughout the day as well.

## Making the switch to early-morning workouts

(METRO) – One of the common complaints among people who want to be more active is that they can't seem to fit exercise in when work, school or family responsibilities get top billing. According to the Better Health Channel, lack of time is a common perceived barrier to physical activity, with men age 30 to 50 saying they are typically too busy with work and family commitments to exercise regularly. And when leisure time is limited, they'd much rather choose recreational activities over heading to the gym.

There are many ways to make exercise fit into a busy schedule, and one of them is to switch when you exercise. Opting for early-morning workouts can free up time later in the day. Plus, there are some benefits to getting a fitness fix in while the sun is rising. Get started with these tips.

- Skip afternoon caffeine and evening alcohol. Getting up early to exercise will likely require an adjustment period. One way to make it easier to rise and shine a few hours earlier is to limit behaviors that can make it hard to get out of bed. Coffee and other caffeinated products can make it challenging to fall asleep at night if consumed too late in the day. Alcoholic beverages, while they may cause you to fall asleep faster, adversely affect sleep quality. When sleep is compromised, you may be more inclined to hit the snooze button.
- Gradually move your wake-up time. Progressing slowly by waking up about 15 minutes earlier each week can help you achieve your goal without it being a big shock to the system. As you build up to the new wake-up time, fit in short workouts in this newly acquired free

- time.
- Consider a home gym setup. If the thought of venturing out to a gym or another facility in the wee hours of the morning is unappealing, think about outfitting a space in your home with workout equipment. Doing so may facilitate an early fitness routine.
- Prepare workout gear the night before. The lifestyle experts at Real Simple suggest laying out workout gear and other items needed for the day the night before. This way you can get up and out quickly without forgetting things.
- Enlist a buddy to exercise as well. Having someone to whom you are accountable can help keep early workouts on the docket. A workout pal can motivate you to get exercise in, and you can do the same for your partner. If someone is counting on you, you'll be less likely to skip a workout.

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Andrea Davis  
Tonya 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.

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## Voss Field celebration hits it out of the park

*Ribbon cutting held June 6 for renovated baseball field*



The High Valley Community Center children and staff eat lunch at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Voss Field Renovation Project on June 6.



D Mountain Park and Recreation Board President Patti Kelley cuts the ribbon celebrating the Voss Field Renovation Project on June 6 in Del Norte. Board member Stan Montoya, advisory board member Grace Young, and board member Heather Sawyers are to Kelley's left and board members Karie Lichtenfeld and Doug Wibbenmeyer are to her right.

**By LYNDISIE FERRELL DEL NORTE** — After several months of hard work, the Voss Field Renovation Project was officially completed and celebrated during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 6. D Mountain Park and Recreation District (DMPRD) has been working to revitalize the baseball field in Del Norte for over two years, through grant funding, and community and local government support.

and Wildlife. The goal of the grant is to preserve, maintain and develop more recreation for all to have access to," he said.

After the board cut the ribbon, Rio Grande County Commissioner Gene Glover tossed the ceremonial first pitch to Young.

Grant funding that was awarded for the project included awards from the Department of Local Affairs, the Major League Baseball Youth Development Foundation, Rio Grande County, the Town of Del Norte and many volunteers who spent time and money to help see the project through to completion.

Stoudt added, "This is very cool to have this done and for everyone to be here to enjoy. I hear it has already been used and loved. Part of the goal is to enjoy but also to maintain so let's do our best to maintain this awesome spot and keep it for years to come."

Lichtenfeld introduced her fellow DMPRD board members — Patti Kelley, Heather Sawyers, Stan Montoya, and Doug Wibbenmeyer — and D Mountain advisory board member Grace Young who also serves as their grant writer.

During the ceremony, Karie Lichtenfeld, co-owner of Creek Water Construction and DMPRD board member, spoke to the crowd, welcoming them to the revitalized baseball field.

Lichtenfeld first introduced Ashley Voss, whose family originally donated the field to the community in 1975.

"We are so excited to be a part of this field and a part of what is going on in our community. We are grateful that we were able to collaborate with several people to get this field done and we are excited to keep working with this community trying to improve our outdoor spaces and make it fun for all of kids and adults," said Lichtenfeld.

"My family donated this field in 1975 and I just wanted to say thank to everyone who came together and got the grant funding to give this the facelift it needed. I hope all the families here can enjoy this for many years to come like we did when we were kids. It used to be really fun, so I hope to see a lot of games out here," said Voss.

A huge thanks goes out to the Town of Del Norte, Kevin Larimore and his Public Works crew, Rio Grande County, Youth Development Foundation of Major League Baseball Association, High Valley Community Center, Del Norte Youth Booster Club, Upper Rio Grande School District's woodshop class, Bullwork Construction, Creek Water Construction Garrison Fence and all of the volunteers that helped to make this project a community accomplishment, Lichtenfeld said.

Next to speak was Josh Stoudt with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

"I would like to thank the Voss family first, who kicked this off with a grant through the Land, Water Conservation Fund which is funding through the federal government administer by National Park and also through Colorado Parks



### Creede Reads is returning

**CONTRIBUTED CREEDE** — Creede Reads (and Feeds) is returning after a decades long hiatus. The event will be held on June 23, at 5 p.m. at the Sunnyside Bar in downtown Creede.

contributors to attend and share a piece from the journal. Readers are encouraged to share by reading their favorite poems or short stories," organizers stated.

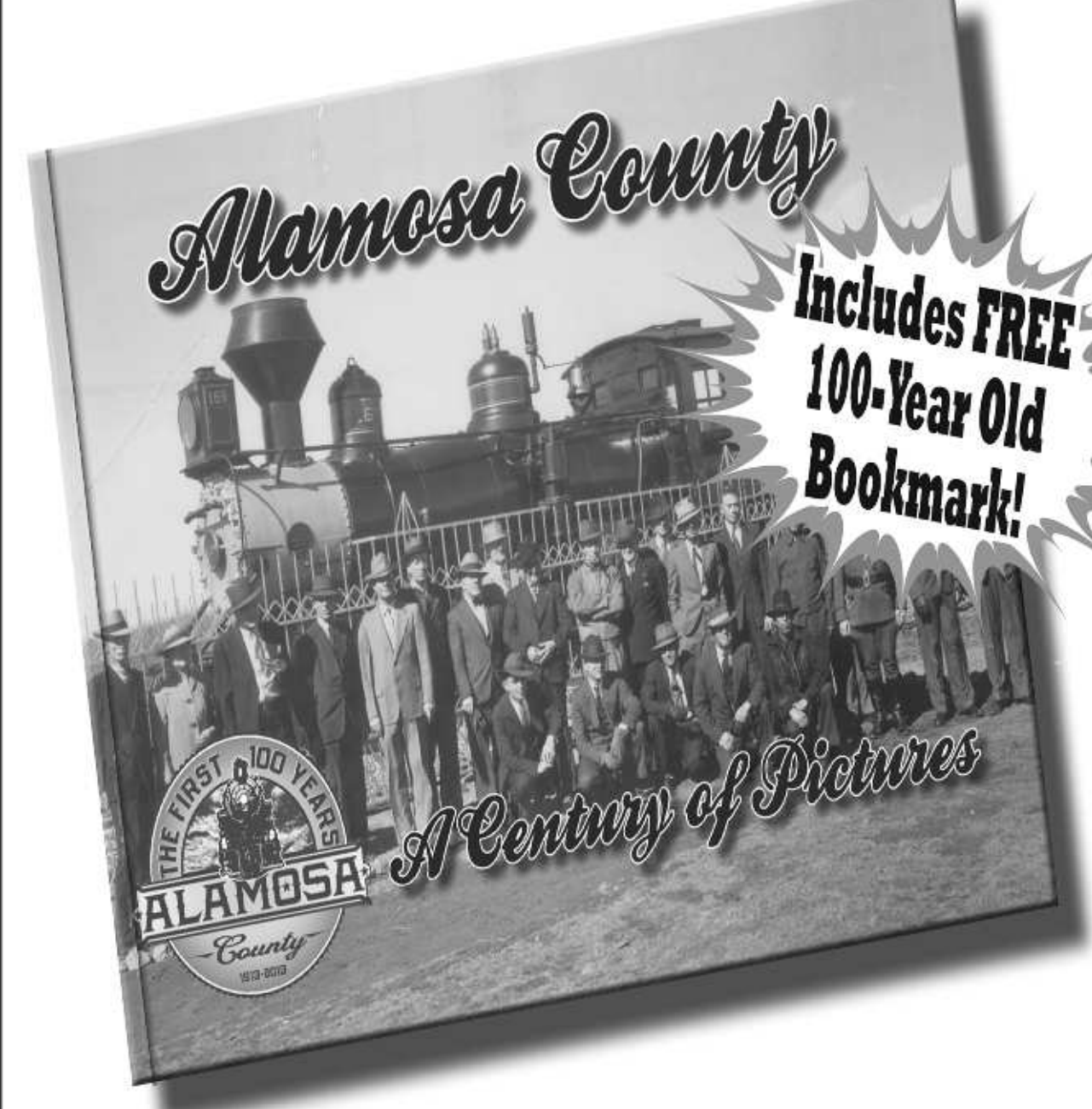
Creede Reads is a poetry gathering; it is an opportunity for local writers and readers to share their new or favorite poetry with other Creede residents and visitors. Writers are welcome to bring their pieces to share.

CAC will provide snacks, but attendees are welcome to bring finger food to share.

This project is presented by the Creede Arts Council's WCJ Committee. The 2024 WCJ is now available around Creede.

For more information, contact Creede Arts Council at [creedearts@outlook.com](mailto:creedearts@outlook.com).

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# Sports



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**Ryan Cordova (25) finishes off Jonathan Lunder to win the Large Car Class at the Alamosa Round-UP demolition derby Saturday at the Alamosa rodeo grounds. Cordova won the event and Lunder was second.**



**Action in the Mini Car Class. Ryan Martin (77) won the event, Jelani Martinez (13J) was second, and Carlos Romero (22R) was third. Also pictured are George McAlear (72G) and Terri Desmond (7).**



**Dyani Ojeda (28) hits Ryan Cordova (005) in the Old School Class. Ojeda won the events and Cordova was second.**

## Lots of action at demolition derby

By **KEN HAMRICK**  
*Courier sports editor*

**ALAMOSA** – The annual Alamosa Round-UP demolition derby took place Saturday at the Alamosa rodeo grounds. There were several different classifications with several cars from locals to out of state drivers competing. In the Old School Class, Dyani Ojeda was the winner and she was also named the most aggressive driver. Ryan Cordova was second, and Dominick Cisneros was third. There were four cars in the Old School Class. The Mini Car division was won by Ryan Martin. Jelani Martinez was second, and Carlos Romero was third. George McAlear was the most aggressive driver. Eleven cars were entered in the Mini Cars. Winning the Large Car competition

was Cordova. Jonathan Lunder finished second and was also named the most aggressive driver, and Ezekiel Gallegos was third. There were seven cars entered in the Large Car division. New to the demolition derby this year was the ATV Motocross Barrel Race. Jaxon Richey won the event in a time of 20.38 seconds, followed by Terry Bliesner in 21.43, and Jace Crowther in 23.22. There were 12 entries in this event. The Alamosa Round-UP continues this weekend. On Thursday, it will be the mutton bustin' and local barrel race at 6:30 p.m. The actual rodeo begins Friday with the slack at 10 a.m., and the first performance at 6:30 p.m. A block party in downtown Alamosa follows the first performance. The rodeo ends on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. A concert by Justin Lawrence follows the second performance.



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick  
**Tate Huffaker of Huffaker Ranches rides a ranch bronc at the Alamosa Round-UP ranch rodeo Friday at the Alamosa rodeo grounds. Huffaker won the event with an 83-point ride.**

## Damnera Ranch repeats as ranch rodeo champion

By **KEN HAMRICK**  
*Courier sports editor*

**ALAMOSA** – For the second year in a row, Damnera Ranch from the Lamar area, has won the Alamosa Round-UP ranch rodeo championship. The team, which consists of Josh Weimer, Tyler Hainer, Colton Reed, Wyatt Wollert and Dakota Canfield, won the competition with 18 points. This despite not winning a single event. Damnera took second place in calf branding in 1:01.53, third in wild cow milking in 49.06 seconds, second in doctor and loading in 1:18.22, and third in ranch bronc riding as Hainer compiled a score of 76 points. Huffaker Ranches and Rock Bottom both tied for second with 17 points apiece. But Huffaker, which consists of Tate Huffaker, Monte Huffaker, Cody

Huffaker, Haydn Huffaker, and Troy Huffaker, placed second on the tie-breaker. Huffaker Ranch won milking in 39.07 seconds and ranch bronc riding as Tate Huffaker scored 83 points. It was third in branding in 1:15.60 and sixth in doctor and loading in 1:47.32. Rock Bottom, which consisted of Ty Canty, Tucker Canty, Haydn Huffaker, Colby Crowther and Colter Canty, won two events. It took branding in 35.18 seconds and doctor and loading in 1:18.19, and was second in milking in 43.15. It did not record a score in bronc riding. Strieter Ranch and Johnson Ranch tied for fourth place with eight points apiece, and Half Fast Cowboys were sixth with seven points.

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### Sports Bulletin

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

**FRIDAY PRCA Rodeo**  
 Alamosa Round-UP, 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY PRCA Rodeo**  
 Alamosa Round-UP, 6:30 p.m.

**ALAMOSA 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**  
 MonteVista2vs.Alamosa, 6 p.m.

MonteVista 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**  
 MonteVistavs.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**  
 Little Giants vs. Little Hitters, 5:30 p.m. (north field)  
 Sandhogs vs. Wolfpack, 5:30 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**  
 Where My Pitches At vs. WOLO, 7 p.m. (Field 1)  
 Bros Before Throws vs. Battitudes, 7 p.m. (Field 2)  
 War Turtles vs. Steel Line, 7 p.m. (Field 4)  
 Top Notch vs. Tandberg's Angels, 8 p.m. (Field 1)  
 Cutthroats vs. SOS Misfits, 8 p.m. (Field 2)  
 Livingstone Trucking vs. Steel Line, 8 p.m. (Field 4)  
 All Valley Towing vs. The Dirty Dozen, 9 p.m. (Field 1)  
 The Undertakers vs. CRP Dust Devils, 9 p.m. (Field 2)  
 The Misfits vs. Bomb Squad, 9 p.m. (Field 4)

# Public Notices

**Summons**

A. District Court  
 Colorado County: Costilla County  
 B. Parties to the Case  
 Petitioner: HEATHER BLACKER &  
 Respondent: NORMAN BLACKER  
 D. Case Details  
 Number: 2024DR9

1. Family Case You (the Respondent) are now a part of a court case to resolve a family legal matter. Along with this summons, you will get a document called a Petition. The Petition will let you know more about the case and what the Petitioner wants the Court to do.  
 2. Your Next Steps: You must file a written response to that Petition. You may use form JDF 1015 – Response to the Petition. Forms and resources are found online at [www.courts.state.co.us/Forms/family]. Your response is due within 21 days of receiving this summons. Note that deadline extends to 35 days when served outside of Colorado or if notified of the case by publication. File online at: [www.bits.courts.state.co.us/filing] Or file by mail or at the courthouse. (The Court's address is in Box A above.) Include the filing fee (\$116). Or request a fee waiver. (Use forms JDF 205 and JDF 206)  
 3. Consequences: If you do not file a Response, the Court may decide the case without your input. You may not receive further notice about court filings and events. You are still required to obey any orders the Court issues.  
 4. Automatic Court Orders (Temporary Injunction) As soon as you receive this Summons, you must obey these orders: Do not sell, transfer, assign, borrow against, hide, or get rid of any marital property without permission of the other party or the court. You may use your income for your usual business expenses and life necessities. Do not disturb the peace of the other parent or parties in this case. Do not take the children out of the state without permission from the Court or the other party. Do not stop paying, cancel, or make any changes to health, homeowner's, renter's, automobile, or life insurance policies that cover the children or a party in this case or that name a child or a party as a beneficiary. Exception: You may change insurance coverage if you have written permission from the other parent or party or a court order and give at least 14 days' Notice to the other party. C.R.S. §§ 14-10-107, 108. You must obey these orders until this case is finalized, dismissed, or the Court changes these orders. To request a change, you may use form JDF 1314 – General Motion.  
 5. Note on Genetic Testing: You can request genetic testing. The Court will not hold this request against you when deciding the case's outcome. You must do testing and submit the results before the Court establishes who the parents are (parentage) and issues final orders. After that time, it may be too late to submit genetic testing evidence. The law that directs this process is C.R.S. § 14-10-124(1.5).  
 So Summoned Dated: 04/16/2024  
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**Request for Proposal (RFP) Auditor Services**

Introduction:  
 The Town of Crestone is seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide auditing services for fiscal years 2022-2024. The selected auditor will be responsible for conducting a comprehensive audit of the Town's financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.  
 Scope of Work  
 The selected auditor will be expected to perform the following tasks:  
 - Conduct an audit of the Town's financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.  
 - Review internal controls and make recommendations for improvements, if necessary.  
 - Provide a management letter outlining findings and recommendations.  
 - Assist in the preparation of required financial reports and statements.  
 - Any other tasks deemed necessary for a comprehensive audit.  
 Proposal Submission:  
 Interested firms are invited to submit their proposals by email. Proposals should include the following:  
 - Firm profile, including relevant experience and qualifications.  
 - Proposed audit approach and methodology.  
 - Proposed timeline for completion of the audit.  
 - Fee schedule and estimated total cost.  
 - References from past clients, preferably in the public sector.  
 P.O. Box 64, Crestone, CO 81131, (719) 256-4313, crestonetownoffice@gmail.com  
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**District Court, Costilla County, Colorado**  
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 v.  
 Defendants: JERRY E. DAVEY AND LORRAINE P. DAVEY and all heirs, creditors and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action.  
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 Case Number: 2024CV30017  
 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):**  
 You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 30 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.  
 If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 30 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.  
 This is an action: COMPLAINT TO QUIET TITLE PURSUANT TO RULE 105

**DESCRIPTION GIBBS-ROBINSON TRACT**  
 That portion of Tract 33, San Luis Lands, as shown on the 1913 survey plat thereof, located in Sections 16 and 21, Township 3 North, Range 72 West, 6th Principal Meridian, Costilla Estates Survey, So-Called, lying south of Colorado State Highway No. 142, and within the occupation fences surrounding said parcel, more particularly describes by metes and bounds as follows, to wit:  
 Commencing at the Northeast Corner of said Section 21, being a recovered original stone; thence N73°28'17"W a distance of 3344.31 feet to a point on the south right-of-way line of said Colorado State Highway No. 142 and the True Point of Beginning; thence S00°48'19"E along an existing fence a distance of 5641.06 feet; thence N89°22'08"W along an existing fence a distance of 134.26 feet; thence N83°29'10"W along an existing fence a distance of 264.42 feet; thence N00°56'04"W along an existing fence a distance of 5664.31 feet to a point on the south right-of-way line of said Colorado State Highway No. 142; then along the south right-of-way line of said Colorado State Highway No. 142 for the following two (2) courses: thence following the arc of a curve to the right (Curve Data: Central Angle = 04°08'52"; Radius = 5655.00 feet; Chord bearing = S82°26'49"E; Chord Length = 409.29 feet) a distance of 409.38 feet; thence S80°22'23"E a distance of 4.38 feet to the True Point of Beginning, containing 52.34 acres, more or less. This tract is subject to any and all existing easements including, but not limited to, easements for the existing irrigation ditches.

**DESCRIPTION EMORY TRACT**  
 That portion of Tracts 34 and 35, San Luis Lands, as shown on the 1913 survey plat thereof, located in Sections 16 and 21, Township 3 North, Range 72 West, 6th Principal Meridian, Costilla Estates Survey, So-Called, lying south of Colorado State Highway No. 142 and North of Culebra Creek and within the occupation fences surrounding said parcels, more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:  
 Commencing at the Northeast Corner of said Section 21, being a recovered original stone; thence N73°28'17"W a distance of 3344.31 feet to a point on the south right-of-way line of said Colorado State Highway No. 142; thence along the south right-of-way line of said Colorado State Highway No. 142 for the following two (2) courses; thence N80°22'23"W a distance of 4.38 feet; thence following the arc of a curve to the left (Curve Data: Central Angle = 04°08'52"; Radius = 5655.00 feet; Chord bearing = S82°26'49"W; Chord Length = 409.29 feet) a distance of 409.38 feet to the True Point of Beginning; thence S00°56'04"E along an existing fence a distance of 5664.31 feet; thence S00°38'50"E along an existing fence a distance of 598.80 feet to a recovered pin set by PLS No. 23891; thence N85°36'17"W along an existing fence a distance of 132.29 feet to a recovered pin set by PLS No. 23891; thence N64°32'00"W along an existing fence a distance of 108.97 feet to a recovered pin set by PLS No. 23891; thence N28°43'21"W along an existing fence a distance of 103.09 feet to a recovered pin set by PLS No. 23891; thence N30°33'27"W along an existing fence a distance of 39.66 feet to a recovered pin set by PLS No. 23891; thence N36°55'26"W along an existing fence a distance of 39.45 feet to a recovered pin set by PLS No. 23891; thence N68°28'37"W along an existing fence a distance of 58.78 feet to a recovered pin set by PLS No. 23891; thence N75°54'13"W along an existing fence a distance of 185.74 feet to a recovered pin set by PLS No. 23891; thence N03°17'39"W along an existing fence a distance of 86.84 feet to a recovered pin set by PLS No. 23891; thence N00°50'02"W along an existing fence a distance of 5846.28 feet; thence N81°33'28"E along an existing fence a distance of 297.60 feet to a point on the south right-of-way line of said Colorado State Highway No. 142; then along the south right-of-way line of said Colorado State Highway No. 142 for the following three (3) courses; thence along the arc of a curve to the right (Curve Data: Central Angle = 00°47'36"; Radius= 5630.00 feet; Chord bearing = S86°42'10"E; Chord Length= 77.95 feet) a distance of 77.95 feet; thence N85°07'14"E a distance of 153.96 feet; then along the arc of a curve to the right (Curve Data: Central Angle = 00°14'34"; Radius= 5655.00 feet; Chord bearing= S84°38'32"E; Chord Length= 23.97 feet) a distance of 23.97 feet to the True Point of Beginning, containing 77.89 acres, more or less. This tract is subject to any and all existing easements including, but not limited to, easements for the existing irrigation ditches.  
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 Michael H. Trujillo, P.C. #5946

This summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4(g), Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure. This form should not be used where personal service is desired.  
 (TO THE CLERK: When this summons is issued by the clerk of the court, the signature block for the clerk or deputy should be provided by stamp, or typewriter, in the space to the left of the attorney's name.)  
 \*Rule 12(a), C.R.C.P., allows 30 days for answer or response where service of process is by publication. However, under various statutes, a different response time is set forth, e.g., §38-6-104, C.R.S. (eminent domain); §38-36-121, C.R.S. (Torens registration).  
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**NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Colorado State Statute No. 83-21-1. Storage Units having given proper notice to the parties of the storage unit herein stated at their last known address, shall dispose of all property in said unit. Said disposal shall be any time after the June 25, 2024. Contents of storage units M & M Out Side Storage to be disposed is Blue Van for Robert Readd, Appletree #26 Jolene and Juanito Balderas, #25 Alfred T Maestas.  
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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
 Integrated Project Delivery Method Utilizing CM/GC Services  
 Project: Early Care and Learning Center at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley  
 Location: 1115 Tenth St., Alamosa, CO 81101  
 Owner: Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley, PO Box 1032, Alamosa, CO 81101  
 Architect: Spencer Architecture Studio LLC, 404 San Juan Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101. Don Spencer, A.I.A., NCARB Principal Architect. The Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley are seeking proposals for an Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) method utilizing Construction Management/General Contracting (CM/GC) services for the construction of an Early Care and Learning Center. Interested parties should submit a comprehensive proposal detailing their approach to IPD, relevant experience, timeline, budget estimates, and references. Contact for Architectural Inquiries: Don Spencer, A.I.A., NCARB Spencer Architecture Studio LLC 404 San Juan Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101 rdspeencer2017@gmail.com (719) 696-5783  
 Contact for Project Inquiries: Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley PO Box 1032, Alamosa, CO 81101 aaron@bgcslv.org (719) 589-5252  
 Submission Deadline: No later than 5:00 PM, Monday, July 1, 2024  
 For the full RFP, visit: www.bgcslv.org/procurement  
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**Notice:**  
 Request For Proposals: City of Alamosa is requesting proposals for: Plant Well Abandonment Project 2024  
 The City of Alamosa is seeking a contractor to provide material and labor to perform abandonment of existing well in compliance with State regulation 2-CCR-402-2. A RFP Bidders package and construction documents are available at the city website HERE.  
 All responders must provide the following criteria:  
 - Must hold a current General Contractor License issued by the City of Alamosa Building Department.  
 - Must provide Current General Liability Insurance in the amounts described in the RFP Bid package.  
 - Must Provide a completed RFP Bidders Package prior to the submission deadline.  
 - Must visit the site and understand the requirements of the project.  
 The City of Alamosa will be accepting responses until July 3, 2024. A pre-bid walk thru will be available June 20, 2024 at 10:00am. Respond directly to Roy Sanchez, at rsanchez@ci.alamosa.co.us. No. 3991.  
 Published in the Valley Courier on June 18, 19, 25, & 26, 2024.

**Notice:**  
 Request For Proposals: City of Alamosa is requesting proposals for: Alamosa Community Food Kitchen  
 The City of Alamosa is seeking firms or individuals to provide Architectural/Engineering design. A RFP Bidders package is available at the city website HERE.  
 All responders must provide the following criteria:  
 - Must provide Current General Liability Insurance in the amounts described in the RFP Bid package.  
 - Must Provide a completed RFP Bidders Package prior to the submission deadline.  
 - Must attend a pre-bid meeting June 12, 2024. 9:30 am MST. A zoom attendance will be available, see RFP bid package for information. ? Must visit the site and understand the requirements of the project.  
 The City of Alamosa will be accepting responses until June 26, 2024. Respond directly to Steve Copley, Project Manager at scopley@ci.alamosa.co.us or 719-587-2549.  
 No. 3992.  
 Published in the Valley Courier on June 18, 19, 25, & 26, 2024.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
 CO Grocers Group LLC, d/b/a Rainbow Express has applied for a Retail Liquor License. The Liquor License Application is for the premises located at 30359 West Highway 160, South Fork, Colorado, 81154. A Public Hearing on this application is scheduled for July 9th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. This hearing will be held at the South Fork Community Building located at 0254 Highway 149, South Fork, Colorado, 81154. Comments and Petitions can be filed at the South Fork Town Hall located at 0100 Silver Thread Lane, mailed to P.O. Box 369, or emailed to townadministrator@southfork.org.  
 Dated this 12th day of June, 2024.  
 Hank Weber, Town Manager  
 Town of South Fork  
 No. 3994.  
 Published in the Valley Courier on June 18, 2024.

**DISTRICT COURT ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO**  
 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101  
 Case Number: 2024PR030007  
 In the Matter of the Estate of: Joe R. Miera a/k/a Jose Roland Miera, Deceased  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to the District Court of Alamosa County, Colorado, on or before October 18, 2024 or the claims may be forever barred.  
 Robert J. Miera, Personal Representative of the Estate  
 c/o Dagna Van Der Jagt, Attorney for Personal Representative  
 200 S. Wilcox Ave. #206  
 Castle Rock, CO 80104  
 920-214-8501  
 Dagna@vdjlaw.com  
 No. 3995.  
 Published in the Valley Courier on June 18, 25, & July 2, 2024.

**NOTICE OF 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION**  
 STATE OF COLORADO  
 COUNTY OF CONEJOS  
 Notice is hereby given that the 2024 Primary Election will be held by mail ballot, and Voter Service and Polling Center, in the County of Conejos, in the State of Colorado, to be held Tuesday the twenty-fifth day of March 2024 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Beginning on June 3, 2024, the Conejos County Clerk and Recorder will send a mail ballot to every active voter. To be counted, mail ballots must be returned to and in the hands of Conejos County Clerk and Recorder no later than 7:00 pm on Election Day, June 25th. POST-MARKS DO NOT COUNT. Voters may also visit a Voter Service and Polling Center until 7:00 pm on Election Day to register for the first time, update existing record or vote in person on accessible voting devices, at the location below.  
 Conejos County Clerk and Recorder's Office VSPC  
 6683 County Road 13 Conejos, Colorado 81129  
 Monday through Friday (May 11–June 24, 2024) 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
 Saturday (June 15) 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 Saturday (June 22) 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 Tuesday, June 25 (Election Day) 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM  
 ADA accessible voting machines are available at VSPC listed above.  
 24 HOUR BALLOT DROP OFF BOXES  
 Conejos County Courthouse  
 6683 County Road 13 Conejos, Colorado 81129  
 Monday through Sunday (June 3 – June 24, 2024)  
 Tuesday, June 25 (Election Day) 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM  
 La Jara Town Hall  
 211 Broadway Avenue La Jara, Colorado 81140  
 Monday through Sunday (June 3 – June 24, 2024)  
 Tuesday, June 25 (Election Day) 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM  
 Affiliation Rules for voters affiliated with either Democratic or Republican parties remain the same, affiliated voters will only receive a mail ballot of their specific party affiliation. Unaffiliated voters may vote in the 2024 Primary. Unaffiliated voters will receive both party ballots in their mail ballot packet may mark and return only ONE ballot. If voters mark and return both party ballots, neither will count. You can register to vote or update your existing voter registration at GoVoteColorado.com or at the Conejos County Clerk and Recorders Office at 6683 County Road 13 Conejos, Colorado 81129.

**AVISO DE ELECCION PRIMARIA DE 2024**  
 ESTADO DE COLORADO  
 CONDADO DE CONEJOS  
 Por la presente se notifica que la Elección Primaria de 2024 se llevará a cabo mediante boleta por correo, y Centro de Votación y Servicio de Votantes, en el Condado de Conejos, en el Estado de Colorado, a realizarse el martes veinticinco de marzo de 2024 entre las horas de 7:00 a.m. y 7:00 p.m. A partir del 3 de junio de 2024, el Secretario y Registrador del Condado de Conejos enviará una boleta por correo a cada votante activo. Para ser contadas, las boletas por correo deben entregarse a las 7:00 p.m. el día de las elecciones. El 25 de junio de 2024, el Secretario y Registrador del Condado de Conejos enviará una boleta por correo a cada votante activo. Los votantes afiliados con un partido político recibirán una boleta por correo de su afiliación partidista específica. Los votantes no afiliados recibirán boletas de ambos partidos en su paquete de boletas por correo y podrán marcar y devolver solo UNA boleta. Si los votantes marcan y devuelven las boletas de ambos partidos, ninguno contará. Puede registrarse para votar o actualizar su registro de votante existente en GoVoteColorado.com o en la Oficina del secretario y Registradores del Condado de Conejos en 6683 County Rd. 13 Conejos, CO 81129.  
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 Published in the Valley Courier on June 18, 2024.

**099 - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LAKE CITY HOSTS**  
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**165 - PERSONALS**

**CHRISTIAN [ORTHODOX] GENTLEMAN** seeking a wife in Covenant Marriage, by way of Christian Dating. I'm in my 70's, well-looking, good health and never married/NO Baggage! [I was seeking "first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." ] I am a small-scale gifted Preacher/Minister, College Grad Plus, and well-traveled. I am NOT Computerized, with a simple phone and voice mail Only! After Military Service [Active 5 yrs.] I worked predominately in Agriculture – hands on; so I am rural, agrarian by choice, and a homeowner in N.M. Looking for a mature Lady of like precious Faith (NON-Denominational). I appreciate Hiking, camping, Birding and Real Christian Fellowship- [I believe the Holy Bible-KJV-unto Salvation.] Please write if interested and we can meet at a church or café in Alamosa or elsewhere in the Southwest. May God be with you in this I Pray. Sincerely in JESUS LORD of ALL Gerald CRILLY POB. 253 Tres Piedras, N.M. 87577 (715/24)

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**221 - HELP WANTED**

**MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for the following positions: a Middle School 8TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER (with an EMPHASIS on US HISTORY) and a Middle School 8TH GRADE SCIENCE TEACHER. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience for each position is posted on the district website. The District operates on a 4-day week (Monday – Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salaries for these positions will be paid from the current MVSD Teacher Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website – Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities by June 27, 2024 or until the positions are filled. For application questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (7/3/24)

**SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL** is seeking DIRECTOR of STUDENT BEHAVIOR, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, and SCHOOL SAFETY MANAGEMENT for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Submit completed application to Mr. Kevin Jones, Superintendent by email to: kjones@sierragrandeschool.net. Applications are available at the District office, 17523 Hwy. 160, Blanca, CO 81123 or online at www.sierragrandeschool.net. Effective managerial, supervisory, and human relations skills, and computer skills. For more information, please contact Mr. Kevin Jones at 719-379-3259. Position open until filled. EOE. This institution is an equal opportunity provider. (7/17/24)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**BUSINESS MANAGER: ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY** is seeking a BUSINESS MANAGER for the DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS. The Business Manager position is Full time and includes managing all aspects of fiscal responsibility and day to day operations for coaches and athletic department staff. Please send application to: athletics@adams.edu (7/3/24)

**THE CITY OF MONTE VISTA** is seeking qualified applicants for position of POLICE OFFICER. Applicants must be POST certified as a Colorado Police Officer. Selected applicants must be able to pass physical, physiological evaluations, pre-employment drug test and extensive background check. Must be able to work all shifts. Starting hourly rate \$21.50 – 22.75. DOE. A \$5,000 hiring bonus is available with a signed two-year commitment. Application and complete job description may be found at https://cityofmontevista.colorado.gov/government/departments/human-resources Open until filled. (7/3/24)

**TOWN OF DEL NORTE MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK.** Town of Del Norte is hiring PART-TIME Municipal Court Clerk. High school graduate or GED equivalent and two years of office, legal, and court clerical. Will work closely with Town municipal judge for operations and procedures of the municipal court system. With knowledge of legal terminology and practices. Oversees and maintains the court dockets, records of all pending and disposed cases, and ensures accurate and updated information. All administrative and technical duties in support of municipal court. Send resume to Town of Del Norte -Attention Town Clerk. Resumes may be submitted by email to delnorte1860@outlook.com or mailed to Del Norte Town Hall 140 Spruce Street, Del Norte, Co 81132. EOE. (7/17/24)

**THE SLV LANDFILL** is accepting applications for a PART-TIME SCALE CLERK. Requires working the front office, waiting on customers, weighing loads, processing credit cards, cash transactions, cleans and maintains the office. Also, fill in for Office Assistant as needed. Must be willing to work in all types of weather and be able to work a fluctuating schedule including alternating Saturday's. Position open until filled. \$16.00 per hour 20-30 hours per week. Applications can be mailed to officemanager@slvlandfill.com or returned to the office. Download the application at slvlandfill.com. (7/2/24)

**DEL NORTE BANK** is seeking to fill a full-time position for a TELLER in the DEL NORTE BRANCH. Duties will be to accept deposits, loan payments and process withdrawals while maintaining a balanced cash drawer. Must be personable and pleasant answering the phone and greeting customers. Many other duties will be assigned as needed. The position is permanent, full-time, M – F, 8am – 5pm, an hourly rate range of \$14.42 to \$17.00, with a robust benefits package. Application available at TrueLocalBank.com/careers or inquire at 705 Grand Ave., Del Norte or call 719-657-3376 and ask for Dawn. EOE. (6/21/24)

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**221 - HELP WANTED**

**SAN LUIS VALLEY HEALTH** is seeking a full-time FACILITIES MANAGER to join our team! This position will train, lead, and direct custodians and housekeepers in the EVS department with daily, weekly, and monthly tasks and projects. The pay range for this position is \$21.98 - \$30.69. For more information and to apply please visit our careers page at [www.slvh.org](http://www.slvh.org). (6/28/24)

**SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT** is seeking a MUSIC or THEATRE TEACHER for the 24-25 school year. Applicants must possess a Colorado Teaching License or be eligible to apply for one. Salary schedules are available on the district website. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, and transcripts at <https://www.southconejos.com/page/how-to-apply> (Vacant Until Filled). (6/25/24)

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**221 - HELP WANTED**

**SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for BUS DRIVERS for the 2024-2025 school year. Must possess a valid Colorado driver's license and a commercial driver's license (CDL) or be able to obtain one. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, transcripts, and certifications at <https://www.southconejos.com/page/how-to-apply>. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. (vacant until filled). (6/25/24)

**RIO GRANDE COUNTY** is hiring! Available full-time positions with competitive pay and benefits include: ASSESSOR'S OFFICE APPRAISER TRAINEE; PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE; ROAD & BRIDGE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR; SHERIFF'S OFFICE DETENTION/DISPATCH DEPUTY; Sheriff's Office DETENTION/DISPATCH SERGEANT and CORPORAL; Sheriff's Office ROAD DEPUTY; Sheriff's Office JAIL COOK; SOCIAL SERVICES LEGAL TECHNICIAN MANAGER. Benefits include medical, retirement, and paid time-off. Visit [www.riograndecounty.org](http://www.riograndecounty.org) for details including applications and job descriptions or pickup at Human Resources: 925 6th St., Rm. 200, DEL NORTE, CO. (7/26/24)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT** is seeking an anticipated LEAD PRESCHOOL TEACHER for the 24-25 school year. Applicants must possess a Level 2 in Colorado Shines and preferred Lead Teacher Certificate. Salary schedules are available on the district website. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, and transcripts at <https://www.southconejos.com/page/how-to-apply> (Vacant Until Filled). (6/25/24)

**MECHANIC POSITION AVAILABLE** at VALLEY TRACTOR REPAIR, MONTE VISTA, CO. This is a full-time position offering top pay with benefits. Contact Ric or Tony for qualifications. 719-852-0200. (6/19/24)

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Porcine creature
  - 4 Tax pro
  - 7 Radiance
  - 11 Cry of discovery
  - 12 Narrow peninsula
  - 13 Sitar great — Shankar
  - 14 Bro's sibling
  - 15 Clout
  - 16 Currier and —
  - 17 "The Grand Budapest —"
  - 19 Set aside
  - 21 Memorable time
  - 22 Certain vote
  - 23 Stuff
  - 24 Disorderly place
  - 25 Sch. organization
  - 28 Get ready to shoot
  - 29 Schuss
  - 30 Colorado town
  - 31 Actress — Hathaway
- DOWN**
- 1 Cumberbund
  - 2 Buckeye State
  - 3 Barren place
  - 4 PC's brain
  - 5 Heap

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 6 East Coast ocean
- 7 Soiled
- 8 Molten rock
- 9 "Some-where — the Rainbow"
- 10 Detergent brand
- 12 Spread out
- 18 Undermine
- 20 Comedian — Romano
- 23 Traffic barrier
- 24 Slide
- 25 Tasty
- 26 Pinball no-no
- 27 Chicken — king
- 28 Ordinance
- 29 Magnificence
- 30 Where the action is
- 35 Mineral
- 36 "Gosh!"
- 37 Take on
- 39 Unfreeze
- 40 Nerve network
- 41 Small appliance
- 42 Marching band instrument
- 44 Kitchen discard
- 45 End-of-week exclamation
- 48 Rent

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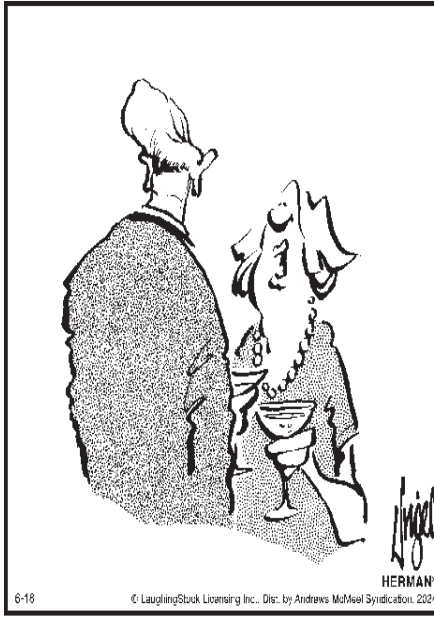
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### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

6	4	7	1	8	5	3	9	2
9	3	2	6	7	4	5	8	1
5	1	8	3	9	2	4	7	6
2	8	1	4	3	6	9	5	7
7	9	6	5	2	8	1	4	3
4	5	3	9	1	7	6	2	8
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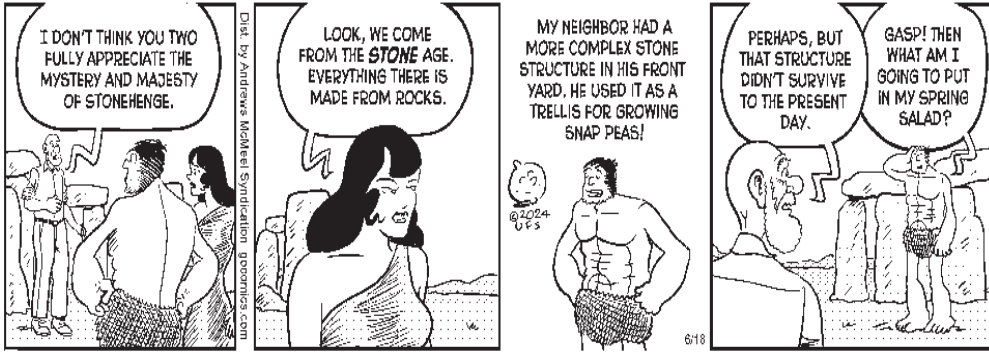
**HOW TO PLAY:**  
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

## HERMAN

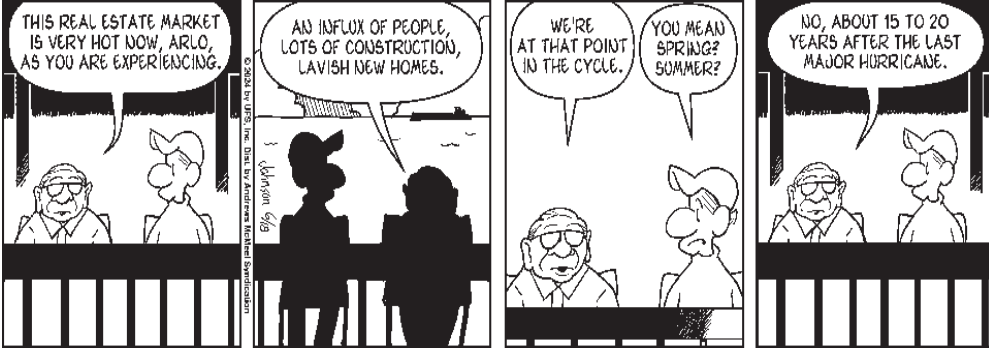


"I can't remember: Are accountants 'left brain' or 'right brain'?"

## ALLEY OOP



## ARLO & JANIS



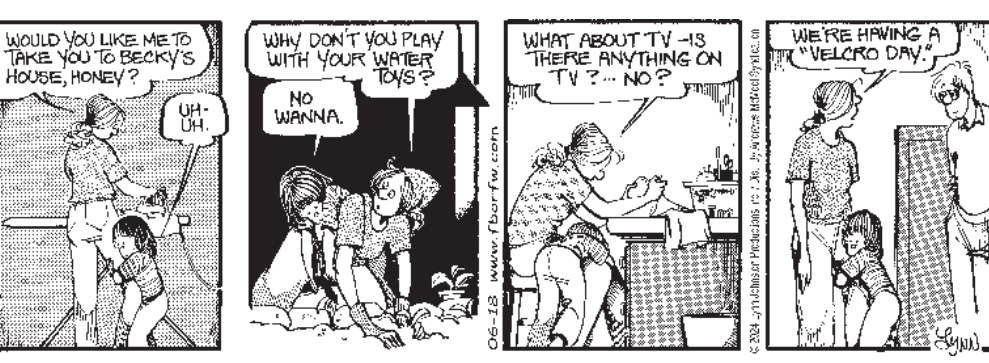
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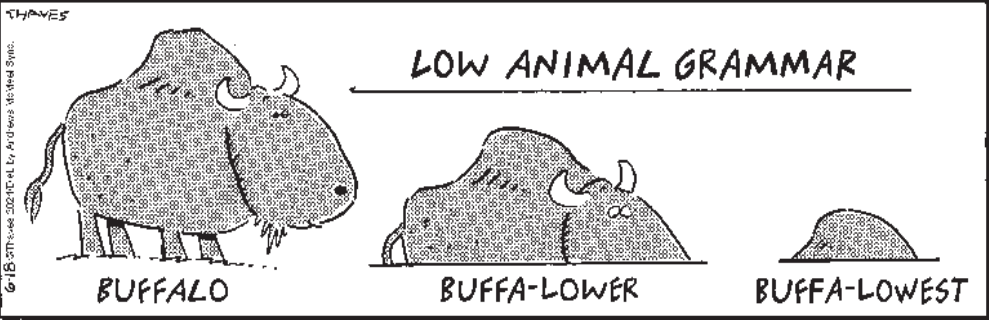
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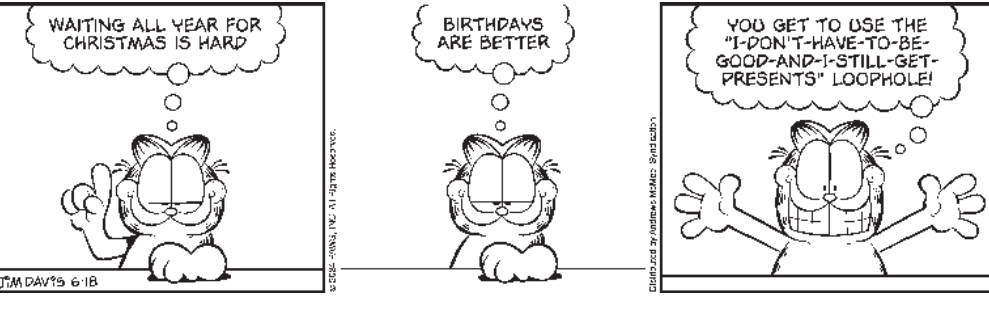
## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



## FRANK & ERNEST



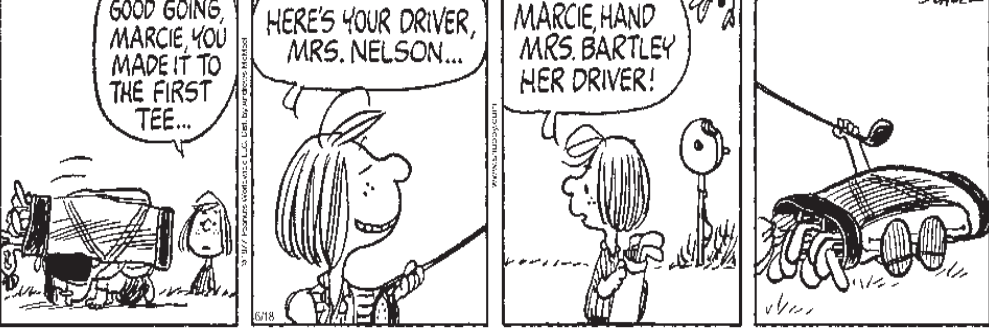
## GARFIELD



## THE GRIZZWELLS



## PEANUTS



# Flirty manager makes work less and less comfortable

DEAR ABBY: I am single, never married. A male manager at my job is divorced. After a few weeks at the job, I realized we were both single. I have been here for about a year. This manager is flirty and appears to be into me. He acts a lot like my brother-in-law, who I don't get along with, so I have tried to avoid the situation. I don't want to date anyone who reminds me of my brother-in-law.

This manager complained to a second manager last month about his impression that I don't like him. I need this job because it's one of the few I have found with good health insurance. Now I have to interact with the manager in the hope that he no longer assumes I don't like him, but it's really awkward.

I doubt it would go well if I point out my suspicion that this guy is into me. I suppose he might just be a flirt who hits on lots of girls or someone who doesn't realize they're flirting with their team members. What can I do? -- NEEDS THE JOB IN THE WEST

DEAR NEEDS: There is a middle ground between being openly hostile to this manager and acting like you are interested in him. Be professional, cordial and businesslike.

If he makes a move on you or asks to see you outside of business hours, tell him you do not socialize with fellow employees. However, if he continues after that, be sure to document it. Then tell the other manager that you are uncomfortable and that this situation is creating a hostile working environment.



## ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I've been in a relationship with "Blake" for 24 years, and his siblings won't talk to me. They come over, knock on the door, tell Blake they are here and then wait for him to come outside. They say it's because of my cigarette smoke, but I've tried going outside and joining them numerous times.

When I say something, even Blake ignores me, and they move away and start talking again. I asked him why they treat me like I'm not there. He says he has no clue. I have asked HIM to ask them why they don't talk to me, but he says he always forgets to do it.

My family treats Blake like family. He is accepted and included in everything, even though they don't care for him. Should I feel left out? How can I attempt to solve this? Or should I just give up? It really hurts my feelings. -- NONEXISTENT IN

WASHINGTON  
DEAR NONEXISTENT: You cannot "solve" the rudeness of Blake's relatives or the fact that the man you love has allowed it to continue for 24 years. (!) You can, however, grow a thicker hide and stop allowing them to get to you.

Blake's family doesn't like you, which I'm sure is reciprocal. Your family doesn't like him either, although they have enough class to tolerate his presence. If I thought there was anything you could do to change the dynamic, I'd gladly share it. But the best I can offer is to forget about wanting to be accepted and keep yourself busy (or absent) during those visits.