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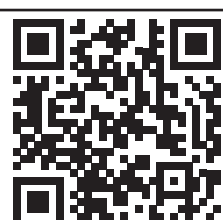
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Ag Commissioner Greenberg in Alamosa

By JOHN WATERS *Courier News Editor*
ALAMOSA — Colorado Department of Agriculture Commissioner Kate Greenberg held a forum at the Rio Grande Farm Park on July 9 to discuss policy and the department.

About 40 farmers, ranchers, and others interested in agriculture attended the 90-minute event.

Bethany Howell, Director of Strategic Outreach and Engagement with CDA, gave a brief overview to the audience and said the department has partnered with the Colorado Farm Bureau and Colorado State University Extension in producing

the feature film, "Legacy: Stories of healing and hope," which features mental health issues in the agricultural community.

After updating the audience on agriculture in Colorado, Greenberg was asked by the Valley Courier to elaborate on the film and to address mental health in the agricultural community. In this segment of the

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Colorado Department of Agriculture Commissioner Kate Greenberg spoke with local ranchers and farmers at a public forum the CDA hosted at the Rio Grande Farm Park in Alamosa on July 9.

Courier photo by John Waters



Wynonna dazzles on the Stampede stage



Country music legend Wynonna brought that "true country bass" to kick off the 102nd annual Ski-Hi Stampede.

Thursday's crowd helped themselves to the delicious annual Monte Vista Rotary Chuck Wagon Dinner before the concert and took in the sights at Wright's Amusements carnival before heading into the concert venue.

Country music icon Wynonna Judd stepped onto the stage in a black country and western style blazer, with light blue trim on the arms and pockets, gemstones on the sleeves, and a sharp black cowboy hat adorned with sparkling rhinestones. Her long, red, wavy hair cascading from under the hat and framed her beautiful smiling face.

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Country singing legend Wynonna kicked off the 102nd Ski-Hi Stampede by performing at the annual concert on Thursday in Monte Vista.

Youth mental health, mergers and fences



Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser listens to Alamosa resident, Darrell Cooper, about the Kroger-Albertson merger.

A continued conversation with AG Phil Weiser

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER *Courier Reporter*

ALAMOSA — While he was in the San Luis Valley this week, Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser told the Valley Courier, "I have an obligation as the people's lawyer to really listen hard and find solutions [to problems]. That's what I've done in a range of other areas and that's

what I'm going to do here."

FENCES

Weiser was repeating what he had told a large group of residents from San Luis who had gathered to discuss egregious damages and hardship caused by a 20-mile 8-foot wire grid fence around an area known as La Sierra, an area of deep, historic importance. The fence was erected by William Harrison, the billionaire ranch owner from Texas.

The fence, people told Weiser, is restricting

the ability of wildlife to reach sources of water and interfering with typical patterns of migration. Its construction also involved the bulldozing of a 20-yard-wide path through forests and habitats, causing further harm to wildlife and creating significant erosion that has resulted in large deposits of sediment on property outside of the ranch.

"I have not seen many public meetings like I just witnessed," Weiser said.

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Adams State hires VP of Advancement

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY
ALAMOSA — Jacob Rissler accepted the position as Adams State University Vice President of Advancement. He will begin his duties on Aug. 1.

Rissler most recently served as the Director of Institutional Advancement at Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte, Neb. In his role at Adams State, Rissler will oversee Public Relations and Marketing, Alumni Relations, Development, and the Adams State Foundation.

"Mr. Rissler has contagious enthusiasm and I believe he will make a positive impact at Adams State," noted President David

Tandberg, Ph.D. "He will make a great addition to our executive team. Mr. Rissler has the skills and vision to move Adams State forward. Through his guidance the University will strengthen marketing efforts, maintain key relationships, bring in new resources, and build new partnerships."

In his role at Mid-Plains Community College, Rissler served as the executive director for the North Platte Community College Foundation, acted as college liaison for the McCook College Foundation, built and maintained strong relationships with individuals and industries with vested interests in the institu-

tion, developed alumni relations, and engaged in community activities/service throughout the college's 18 county service area. He served as director of development for the Chadron State Foundation prior to the community college position.

"As a premiere Hispanic Serving Institution, Adams State does incredible work supporting all students," Rissler said. "I look forward to working closely with President Tandberg, and the entire Adams State community, as we raise awareness of the University and strengthen our connections across the beautiful San Luis Valley and beyond."

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Courtesy photo
Adams State VP of Advancement Jacob Rissler arrives on campus August 1, 2024.

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Community Open Classes at SLV Fair

MONTE VISTA — Community members can exhibit their items at the San Luis Valley Fair next month via the Community Open Classes. People can compete in different indoor projects like quilting, photography, canned goods, leather crafts, baked goods, and gardening. There is no fee, no pre-registration. Check-in is available on Sunday, Aug. 4, from 4- 6 p.m. or Monday, Aug. 5, from 9-11 a.m. For more information, contact Brandy Meyers at 719-849-1522 or Janae Naranjo at 719-480-4212.

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OBITUARIES

Nadine Dieckman

Nadine was born Feb. 28, 1934, in a country home near Leigh, Neb. After two sons, Duane and LaVern, a baby girl made the depression more tolerable for her parents Olie and Florence. Four years later, a second daughter, Bonnie, was born.

Nadine attended the small, rural, District 17-Praha Elementary School and went on to graduate from Schuyler High School. For a country girl, this diploma was earned on rather shabby ground, except, she excelled in business. So much so, that Kermit Wagner, of Wagner Mills in Schuyler, hired her while she was still in school.

It wasn't long before wanderlust grabbed her. She moved to Denver and was employed by Continental Airlines as an executive secretary. Nadine loved this job — loved the free and reduced flying privileges. One of her favorite trips was to Alaska. She was ill prepared for the weather, but locals lent her boots and a coat, and she continued on with her adventure. Nadine also loved living so close to the mountains and spent much time hiking and camping.

Nadine married Frank Dieckman of Moffat, Colo., on Nov. 11, 1961, in Denver. They had two children, Troy and Renee. Frank dragged her, loyal and uncomplaining, to the orchard country of Palisade where they lived on an orchard in a fixer upper with an indoor hand pump and an outhouse. They then lived in a converted school bus traveling around and in the mountains for a time.

Finally, they landed in the beautiful San Luis Valley. They lived in yet another fixer upper in Mosca until the children graduated high school. Nadine then moved to Monte Vista where she created a nice comfortable home that she loved.

Frank and Nadine tried their hands at several endeavors, orchard operators, trail ride guides, sign painters, etc. until they purchased a flower shop in 1977. Much to her surprise, Nadine took a nearly empty, struggling store and turned it into a successful, beautiful floral and gift shop, Nadine's Flowers and Gifts. When she retired 23 years later, she left behind an unbelievably talented and devoted staff whom she loved and admired.

In Nadine's own words, "after 21 years of marriage, Frank got itchy feet or maybe it was a midlife crisis. We divorced and he went away. And actually, we could say — I lived happily ever after."

After her retirement



from the flower shop, she took a summer, stipend-pay, work experience at a Yellowstone gift shop. She worked there for 3 years and came to love her co-workers. She loved exploring Yellowstone's beauty and spoke of that adventure for the rest of her life.

Nadine was the mother of Troy and Renee, who she enjoyed immensely and who supported her emotionally. Renee married Perry Hazard, a rancher from Saguache. Nadine loved and respected her son-in-law as well as her four grandchildren. Megan, Will, Ben and Kait were the joy of her life.

She could be seen wrestling, reading, painting, hiking, having picnics, and so much more with all of them. She and several other grandparents made up the cheering section at school sports and activities. Nadine could be seen smiling, laughing, and cheering on both sides, as everyone needs some encouragement. She rarely missed anything the grandkids were doing. When Kait was in high school, she coached youth basketball. When asked why Nadine went to all of her games even though Kait didn't play, Nadine said, "if I don't go, then it's over."

She never wanted any of her time with her grandkids to be over. She followed their lives on a huge map on her dining room table. She would say, "it's like I can be with them along their way." She helped to shape each of them into the people they are today.

Nadine had hidden plans we just recently found. They included, running with the bulls at Paloma, climbing breathlessly up a beautiful mountain, though I think she did this throughout her life, and walking the Appalachia Trail. She may not have accomplished all of those plans but there were so many she did.

Nadine could, among other things, paint a house inside and out, dry-wall, tape, and texture, letter truck emblems, operate an orchard, embroider, make beautiful quilts, ride a horse, make blankets, sing solo at a wedding, sing lead in a barber shop chorus, play the piano and pump organ

for church and pleasure, sing in the church choir, scrapbook, run a tractor, rake hay, play cards, do paper quilling, make miniature houses. Everything she pursued, she did so with excellence.

Nadine was a sign painter, the owner of 18 horses, a trail boss, pilot and navigator, a delivery person, a volunteer, a good cook and baker, a florist and an excellent gift buyer, an executive secretary, and a business owner.

She spent her first 18 years on the plains of eastern Nebraska where she lived and grew. She realized how beautiful that country is — so green, so lovely, sometimes so lush. But, oh the mountains, her heart was there. She lived the rest of her life surrounded by the Rocky Mountains. She was sure anywhere she was; she'd find the beauty.

More than anything, Nadine loved her family.

Nadine Florence Clausen Dieckman died on Friday, June 20, 2024, at the age of 90.

Nadine is survived by her brother Lavern Clausen, sister Bonnie Converse, sister-in-law Pat Clausen, son Troy Dieckman, daughter and son-in-law Renee and Perry Hazard, and her beloved grandchildren Megan and Matt Varoz, Senior Master Sergeant Will and Dr. Linh Hazard, Ben and Dr. Kaeli Hazard, Professor Kait and Zach Cureton-Hazard.

She was preceded in death by her parents Olie and Florence (Glandt) Clausen, her brother Duane Clausen, sister-in-law Alma Clausen, brother-in-law Robert Converse, and great-nephew Robert Clausen.

The older Nadine became the more she realized trying to grow old gracefully was harder than she thought it could be and the more she realized she had no desire for drama or conflict. She just wanted a cozy home, good food, and to be surrounded by lovely people who made her happy.

Her wish was for us to be giddy, silly, and to have fun.

There will be a celebration of life on Monday, July 22, at 10 a.m. at Living Water Bible Fellowship, 2910 Clark St., Alamosa, CO.

In lieu of any gift, please consider donating to the Mosca-Hooper Volunteer Fire Department at 5235 N Hwy 17, Mosca, CO 81146

Arrangements have been made through Rogers Family Mortuary. To leave online remarks, condolence, and words of comfort for Nadine's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

Alan Albert Maes



Alan Albert Maes, our loving son, brother, father, grandfather, uncle, and great friend unexpectedly passed away on July 5, 2024, in Englewood, Colo., at the age of 63. Alan was born on Sept. 16, 1960, to Margarito Jose (Buddy) and Darlene Maes and is one of six children. He graduated from Sierra Grande High School and then entered the work force. Alan was married to Karen Rivera out of high school, having two children Erica and Aldrid Maes and then later, following divorce, marrying Liz Martinez and having his third child, Isaac Maes.

Alan spent his last few months working in his daughter's bakery, helping his brother Alvin at his church, working with his friend Errol with his handy man business, and helping his sister Pam with her front yard. Alan loved helping others; always wanting to fix things and bring them back to life. He saw value in many things that others did not.

Alan was multi-talented,

always dabbling in a little bit of everything, but music was one of his main loves. He could play the drums, congas, guitar, sing, and dance. He and some of his friends formed a band in high school called "Black Magic". They were all so talented that they ended up taking second place at the Battle of the Bands in Alamosa Colo., in their first year together.

Alan is survived by his mother, Darlene Maes, daughter, Erica Abeyta, and sons, Aldrid and Isaac Maes, grandchildren, DeAngelo Maes-Chacon, Dominico Abeyta, Aleece Herrera, Jaeden Maes, Daivid Maes, Damian Maes, Mila Maes, Elena Maes, Harper Maes, and Ceci-

lia Maes, siblings, Jeanie (Ray) Miller, Pamela Maes, Alvin (Patricia) Maes, April (Bill) VanGieson and Carol (Anthony) Rolfe, loyal and lifelong friends, Steve Brown, Errol Gonzales, along with many beloved nieces and nephews and many loving extended family and friends.

Alan is now reunited in heaven with his Father Margarito (Buddy) Maes, grandson Iden Herrera, wife Rene Morfin Maes, paternal grandparents Gilbert and Theresa Maes, and maternal grandparents Jose and Delia Cordova and Bonifacio and Pauline Trujillo.

As an alternative to flowers, please consider a memorial contribution/donation in honor of Alan to: <https://lapuentehome.org/donate/>, or La Puente, 913 State Ave., Alamosa CO 81101.

A small memorial service will be held for Alan at Thrive Church, 2720 W. 92nd Ave., Federal Heights, CO 80260 on Friday, July 19, 2024, at 4 p.m. A Celebration of Life will be held in Alamosa, Colo., at a later date.

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 or call 719-589-6592.

Fiction
América del Norte by Nicolás Medina Mora

In Mexico, Sebastián is the son of a politician, a member of an elite class that has remained close to power since the 1800's. But in the post-Trump United States, Sebastián is just another immigrant. As he grapples with his father's drug war past and his mother's cancer, Sebastián must figure out where he belongs.

Inspirational
Leaning on Air by Cheryl Bostrom

After a personal tragedy, ornithologist Celia leaves her husband and flees to the small town of Palouse, determined to begin again. But strange events and sketches from a mute boy make her start to doubt her decision. Can Celia and her husband be reconciled despite their grief?

Mystery
• Play the Fool by Lina Chern

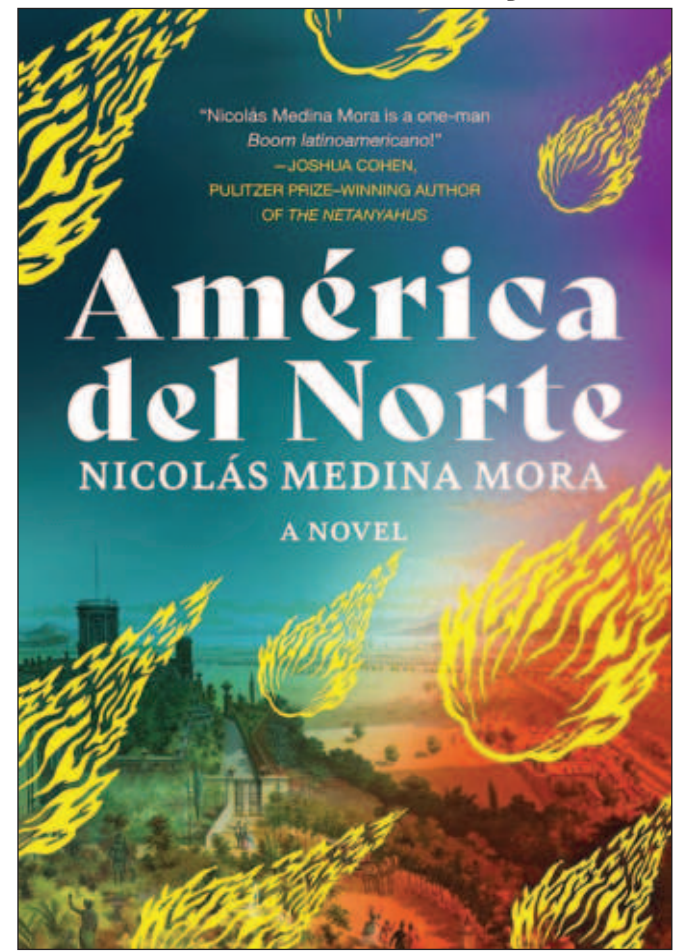
Katie True works a dead-end job at the mall, selling Russian knickknacks and performing the occasional tarot reading. One day, while sneaking a glimpse at a client's phone, she finds a picture of her best friend Marley - dead. With only an off-duty cop to back her up, Katie must muster all her strength to try to solve Marley's murder.

• Hunted by Abir Mukherjee

Sajid Khan has come to the US from England to find his daughter, Aliyah, suspected of working with a suicide bomber. In Florida, he meets Carrie, whose son is supposedly on the run with Aliyah. The two desperate parents are in a race against time to find their children before disaster strikes.

Nonfiction
• Get Quiet by Elaine Glass

So many of us today have silenced our inner voice with the noise of everyday life. Elaine Glass, a Certified Master Life Coach, draws on the



structure of a classical labyrinth to chart a profound journey inward.

• Medicine Wheel for the Planet by Dr. Jennifer Grenz

After nearly two decades of working as a restoration ecologist, Dr. Grenz became frustrated with her work. Restoration ecology is grounded in an idea that we must return the natural world to an untouched, pristine state - a notion at odds with Indigenous histories of purposeful, reciprocal interaction with the environment. This disconnect sent Dr. Grenz on a personal journey of joining Western science and Indigenous worldview to find a truer path toward ecological healing.

• In the Shadow of Freedom by Alessandra Harris

Alessandra Harris explores the legacy of Jim Crow in her examination of mass incarceration, the death penalty, the war on drugs, and other forms of caste and racial oppression.

• Look Away by Jacob Kushner

Not long after the Berlin Wall came down, three teenagers became friends in the East German town of Jena. They began attending far-right rallies of the National Socialist Underground, who blamed immigrants for Germany's economic woes. Over

the next decade, they took it upon themselves to murder these immigrants one by one.

• Water My Soul by Darla Weaver

Darla Weaver, an Old Order Mennonite, bares her heart in these 90 devotionals drawn from her home-centered life in western Ohio's hills.

Western
Crossroads in Casa Corte by Anne Schroeder

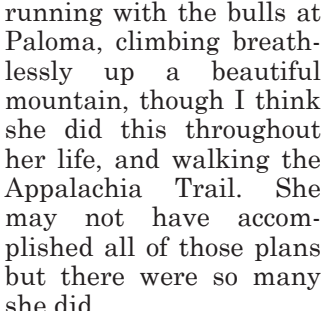
On the eve of el Día de los Muertos, eight men take shelter from a storm in a Chihuahua cantina. By morning, one of the men is dead, and the others are forever changed.

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Kay Orville Watkins

A memorial service celebrating the life of Kay Orville Watkins, long-time Adams State chemistry professor and Dean of Science, who died June 11, will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 20, at Alamosa's Society Hall, 400 Ross Ave.

It will include music, memories and food. Kay's family invites



those attending to a buffet luncheon at Calvillos

Restaurant, 400 Main St., Alamosa, after the service.

Those attending are welcome to share memories and stories both at the service and luncheon.

Memorial contributions can be made to: Kay Watkins Scholarship, ASU Foundation, Suite 380, Edgemont Blvd., Alamosa, CO, 81101-9919.

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

School Menu Monday July 15, 2024

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Stampede

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The crowd went wild as she stepped to the front of the stage, complete with a blue string electric guitar and opened with the fan favorite "I Saw the Light." Many in the audience sang along with Wynonna.

During her 90-minute set, Wynonna sang "I Hear You Knocking," "I Know Where I Am Going," "Rock Bottom," and "Hey Good Looking," all the while speaking casually with the crowd throughout the evening.

"Is this really happening? We are in Colorado," Wynonna said. "I am so glad to be here with you, it's been a long journey to get out here. Rodeos are my absolute favorite places to play, I was 18 years old when I played my first rodeo. You all are my kind of people."

"I wish the rest of the nation did life like you all do," she said with big smile.

Wynonna pointed to a woman in the audience holding a baby and said, "Glad you brought the baby and some headphones for her, too. She doesn't know who I am,

and she don't care, but mamma does and that's what matters."

Wynonna explained that for those in the crowd who did not know who she was, that she was an artist who was formerly known as the Judds musical duo with her late mother, Naomi, who died in 2022.

The Judds were one of the most successful acts in country music history, winning five Grammy Awards for Best Country Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal, and nine Country Music Association awards. They also charted more than 20 singles on the Billboard Hot Country Songs charts, including fourteen that went to number one.

The Judds disbanded in 1991 and Wynonna began a solo career. Wynonna has released eight studio albums, a live album, a holiday album, and two compilation albums, with over 20 singles.

In 2022, Wynonna was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame as a member of The Judds. Wynonna has five songs that are number one and she was part of 14 top hits with the Judds.

Wynonna told the crowd she loved country



Wynonna lit up the Ski-Hi Stampede stage Thursday night, dancing, walking around and entertaining the crowd.

music because it was so "real." At one point, she looked up to the sky and said, "Thank you Mamma."

Wynonna sang some of her greatest hits, including "No One Else on Earth," "Tell Me Why," "Only Love," and "Grandpa." She invited the crowd repeatedly to sing along with her, and they did.

Wynonna lit up the stage, dancing, walking around and entertaining the crowd. At one point, she introduced her husband, Cactus Moser, who plays the drums fiercely in her band. Moser bantered with Wynonna to the delight of the crowd, even stealing a kiss on stage.

"Thank you for showing up for me tonight," she said. "Out of all my husbands, I love you the best," she said with a chuckle. The crowd went wild. Then Moser announced that he was from Colorado, with Wynonna adding that he was from Montrose.

Moser came from behind the drum set and stood next to his wife Judd and they played and sang a couple of songs together. Wynonna dedicated her song "Love is Alive," to Moser, and anyone in the audience who needed some inspiration that night.

Judd finished her set with "No One Else on Earth," but returned an encore song, that was followed with a firework display.

Max McNown, of Bend, Ore., got the crowd revved up for Wynonna with a crisp 30-minute performance playing a blend of original material and some well-known covers.

McNown sang a piece he wrote for his brother, Brock, who is battling cancer, called "Can't Hide Light." Brock was on the stage filming his brother's performance.

"This next song is really close to my heart. My older brother Brock, who is taking photos right there. I wrote this song about everything he has gone through, and how there's always a light in it, and it never ever went out so, you can't hide light," McNown said.

The Ski-Hi Stampede continued Friday with a parade in Downtown Monte Vista, followed by local rodeo in the afternoon and PRCA action that same night.

There's another parade downtown Saturday morning followed by PRCA action Saturday night and Sunday afternoon at the Ski-Hi Complex in Monte Vista. For more information, visit www.skihistampede.com.



Photos by Brian Williams

The Ski-Hi Stampede continued Friday with a parade in Downtown Monte Vista. Friday's Grand Marshals Domey, left, and Rodney Salazar, right, wave to the crowd from the back seat of a classic convertible.

Fences

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"Over 70 people at that meeting in the middle of a workday in a county that has 1,000 people. People wanted and needed to be heard. I listened and learned a lot about how this fence is affecting the community, the water and wildlife and even mental health."

"We're going to work with the county and see what we can do. I have an obligation as the people's lawyer to really listen hard and find solutions. That's what I've done in a range of other areas and that's what I'm going to do with this fence, as well. We've committed to work with the county and to make sure that no one gets bullied, or their rights get trampled."

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Weiser, who was in Alamosa for the grand opening of Hope in the Valley, is also focused on youth mental health.

In 2020, Weiser, on behalf of the state of Colorado, filed a lawsuit against Juul Labs after an investigation showed the company was targeting youth in their marketing of e-cigarettes and misrepresenting the health risks.

The lawsuit was successful, and Weiser reached a multi-state settlement of \$462 million, of which \$31.7 million was allocated to Colorado.

"We've already given out our first round of grants from suing Juul. We just announced \$817,000 in grants to the valley. That's round one," he said.

"Now we're working on round two. We want to see school-community partnerships addressing youth mental health."

Weiser recalled a roundtable discussion in 2023 devoted to the topic of youth mental health.

"Jamie Dominguez talked about his work that he's doing with young people. Cindy Medina is teaching kids to fish and to read. We know there are a lot of programs and collaborations working with young people. The goal is how do we lift them all up? How do we bring people together for young people who are hurting? I'm really looking forward to what type of grant proposal people can put together here," he said.

According to information from the Office of the Attorney General, of the

\$817,000 awarded to the San Luis Valley, Alamosa School District received \$244,968; San Luis Valley BOCES received \$273,870; and Sierra Grande School District received \$100,985.

KROGER-ALBERTSONS MERGER

During that same visit in 2023, Weiser met with residents, ag producers, union officials and employees of two of the grocery stores in Alamosa — City Market and Safeway — regarding the proposed merger of Kroger (which owns City Market) and Albertsons (which owns Safeway). If the merger happens, there is the likelihood that the future of Safeway is uncertain.

According to a Tuesday announcement from Albertsons Companies and Kroger, 89 of the 103 existing Safeway stores in Colorado would be sold to C&S Wholesalers Grocers, a company based in New Hampshire. Included in the list is Safeway in Alamosa.

"That was a powerful conversation, and I took it with me. People were saying we need to take more control of our local food ecosystem. We have too little competition, too little local food available. This merger is already taking a problematic situation and making it worse," he said.

In February of 2024, Weiser filed a lawsuit in Denver District Court to block the \$24.6 billion proposed merger.

When asked for an update, he said, "The hearing is in August in Denver. We're asking for a preliminary injunction to stop this merger from happening. The Federal Commission is bringing its own case in Oregon — some states are part of that. We're bringing our own case here in state court, and Washington is bringing their case to state court, too."

One area of expertise in Weiser's background is antitrust after he served as senior counsel to the Assistant AG for the Justice Department Antitrust Division from 1996 to 1998 followed by his 2009 appointment by President Obama as Deputy Attorney General in the Justice Department's Antitrust Division.

"I think we're going to win," Weiser said. "We've got the right arguments on our side. We've got the evidence we've collected. And this is really important to the people of Colorado."



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Forum

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population, the rate of suicide, according to the National Rural Health Association, is about three 3.5 times the rate in the non-agricultural sector.

Greenberg said, "The film that we put together with the Farm Bureau is part of our continuing efforts to destigmatize asking for help. Ours is two-fold, help increase access to [mental health] services. We're not a mental health service provider but we want to help people who need services, we want to connect people to providers in their communities. The second strategy is to destigmatize this."

"We are a tough bunch of folks, so many of you do it alone, you figure stuff out yourself. If people are struggling you don't have to do it alone, it is OK to struggle, and you really don't have to do it alone."

"The film, 'Legacy,' which was produced by a grant with Farm Bureau, really tells that story about people who have struggled. Our communications team has set up a five-showing tour throughout the state," she said.

The film will be shown in Monte Vista on July 18. Colorado filmmaker Steve Vanderheide directed the 45-minute production.

"We have a hotline that we have set up and is heavily promoted," said Greenberg. The hotline can be reached by calling 844-494-8255 or texting, Talk to 38255. According to the CDA Rural Mental Health website, "The agricultural community

Legacy Film Tour: Stories of healing and hope

COLORADO — A deep love for agriculture can be rewarding, joyful, and at times, painful. Colorado's agricultural community knows how to pull together to help each other navigate through stressful times.

Join the Colorado Department of Agriculture and regional partners for food, camaraderie, and a meaningful discussion about mental health in our communities.

The gathering will be at the Ski-Hi Complex in Monte Vista on July 18 at 5:30 p.m.

All screenings are free, but tickets are required, because a light dinner will be served.

Visit this website to reserve a free ticket www.eventbrite.com/e/legacy-stories-of-healing-and-hope-tickets-933994421457?aff=oddtcreator

Screenings will include a light dinner and conclude with a facilitated conversation about supporting the emotional needs of rural community members.

Approximate timeline for most events:
5 p.m. - Doors Open
5:30 p.m. - Community Dinner
5:55 p.m. - Welcome



and Introduction 6 p.m. - "Hold Our Ground" Short Film 6:15 p.m. - Intermission 6:25 p.m. - Intro to Rural Mental Health Partnership 6:30 p.m. - "Legacy" Feature Film 7:20 p.m. - Community Discussion Q and A 8 p.m. - Conclusion

used on ag. They will be responsible for setting up an advisory committee at CDA on how to do this mental health work," said Greenberg.

For more information, visit Colorado Agricultural and Mental Health Program (CAAMHP) online at www.campforhealth.org.

Rural Minds is a non-profit dedicated to serving as the informed voice for mental health in Rural America and providing mental health information and resources. See online www.ruralminds.org.

the impacts of depression and anxiety. Greenberg said the program offers members of the ag community up to six free consultations with mental health professionals.

"We have never been state-funded; we have always gone for grants at CDA to do this work. Now we have the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) that is essentially centralizing mental health resources. In our budget this year, we are now going to have a full-time ag person at BHA, someone who is fo-

has always come together to help our neighbors in a time of need and that is what this effort is all about pulling together to help others through this stressful time."

Greenberg also mentioned the partnership with the Colorado Agricultural and Mental Health Program (CAAMHP). The program's goal is to care for farmers and ranchers who have been impacted by severe and persistent drought, price instability, and the resulting impacts on mental health. CAAMHP understands

Opinion

Camping out: adventure along the Rhein

Movin' On with Nellie



Nelda Curtiss

The adventure of a lifetime began between fourth and fifth grade when my family moved to Wiesbaden, Germany. It was my first experience camping; and the backdrop was the Rhein River. Our journey took us from the castle-rich country of Spain through France and to the Rhein.

In France, we camped out in small town that I imagined was not far from Paris. I remember glimpsing the iconic customs of living in France: sidewalk cafés, dark hair and berets, and the popular form-fitting striped shirts. Artists sketched on the streets while my parents sipped wine.

While our parents enjoyed relaxing with alcohol, my little sister and I drew, colored, and played chase around the campground.

The car we traveled in was a Peugeot, a gray and now classic breed. The seats were tweed red and comfy. We played traveling dogs with plastic poodles from the local carnival. Then, we fashioned a wagon and little blankets out of tiny cars and candy wrappers. Our play mirrored our camping reality. We scaled mountains that were sweaters and the back seat itself.

One place we camped out along the Rhein was at the bank of the river in Germany with shopping and leisure restaurants around. After our parents grilled our lunch, we visited the ice cream shop and bought the push-up ice treat. With that first lick, I remember



the heat swept away. We entertained ourselves for hours over the push button wooden giraffe or Pluto that folded down on itself when the underside button was pushed.

The tent was new and I remember our dad cautioning us not to touch the inside of the tent. He said wherever we touched the material on the inside a leak would sprout. Sure enough, I touched the inside and a leak popped up. Now I wonder what chemical that was that kept the inside dry. We each had our own sleeping bag; and I gathered my toys and drawing pads around me at night. I always ended the night with, "Mama, I want some water," or "Mama I have to go to the bathroom."

We spent a month camping before we moved into military family housing at the air base. So, while Daddy was working and familiarizing himself with his new assignment, we played and drew small pictures with our mom.

I remember Mama showing us how she drew a girl's face. I always remember how her lines melted into the paper and created a beautiful monochromatic portrait of a girl every much as stylish as Veronica from the Archie comic strip.

Reading was a past-time developed during this moment, for sure. We read every comic book that our parents allowed us. Then we'd copy the idea and create our own. If there was a piece of paper bag handy, we were set and just needed a pencil. We weren't allowed the ink pen yet. At night we'd listen to the radio series: The Shadow. As I entered sixth grade, Nancy Drew was my constant companion when I wasn't playing cowboys and robbers with the neighborhood kids.

I remember the rolling hills of Germany and how the greenery never seemed to end. We visited historic towns like Darmstadt, Munich, and Mainz. And

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A hike to visit old trees



Photo courtesy of Rio Grande National Forest
Gregg Goodland standing with a large Douglas Fir tree on the Alamosa River to Rock Creek Trail #703.

Phones quickly took photos as our mouths eventually closed and we regained our composure. I wondered if that entire trail was designed for that single location.

We started the hike from the Comstock Campground in the Rock Creek drainage just south of Monte Vista. Seemingly following an old jeep road, the Alamosa River/Rock Creek Trail #703 quickly gains elevation through the cool forest as you pass over loose rocks and rutted sections, often making you pay more attention to your steps than you care to.

The views from the trail alternate from a dark forest to a more open aspen forest with better light, to open meadows then back into the darker forest. The lush green vegetation, fueled by the ample precipitation from this early summer, was a pleasing sight to most westerners. Not too much fire risk to distract us here.

Probably not quite at their peak, the wildflowers proudly displayed their brilliant colors and unique character. I'm not a flower expert by any means but the commonly known species were all there for us to enjoy. The mountain asters and fire weed mixed in well with the wild rose.

My favorites, Indian paintbrush and columbine were abundant and simply beautiful as they seemingly waved to me in the light breeze. We even saw monkshood and, of course, several species I can't identify.

After a while, the trail became less steep and more flowing-like as it guided us over the casual undulations of the mountain. More time for looking around while we hiked was welcomed.

We eventually arrived at that amazing vista point I described earlier. A short pause for better appreciation of the view and we pushed on. I had to see some of my much "older friends."

Not too much farther towards the Silver Mountain Trail #704 junction they appeared, just as they always have. Most of them massive in girth and some of them towering well above the rest of the forest. The numerous old Douglas fir trees are a magnificent feature of this trail.

As you approach the large trees that are next to the trail you must take note of the size and grandeur of those farther away. It will give you a better appreciation for the ones you are compelled to stand under and take photos with.

They don't mind and their expression rarely changes so they are a safe bet to be photographed with. My wife took a photo of me standing next to a large tree with a trunk that reminded me of the bell bottom pants from the 1970's. It's pretty evident that this tree did, in fact, live through the 70's. My timber specialist estimates it at around 300 years old!

The decision point happened when we reached the trail junction. Do we head down the really cool but consistently steep trail to the bottom of the Alamosa Canyon, or head back for the truck? I had visions of me grumbling about the long uphill trek, and while I love that section of trail, brighter minds prevailed and we turned back for the truck.

It was a glorious Southern Colorado day, and the hike was wonderful, as expected. We never saw another human until after we got back to the truck.

Land, Water and People



Gregg Goodland

during October, I remember the beer festival, Oktoberfest. I remember the customary costumes of the dancers and waiters. Clogs make a specific sound when they tap, tap, tap on the cobblestone roads and patios.

I remember the grown-ups drinking the German beer heartily and with punch as they nearly slammed their beer steins together in toasts. My littlest sister was a baby then and I remember holding her and swinging to the rhythm of the music and musicians.

I still have the image of Daddy propping her up on the bar and her happy face and arms discharging her own rounds of excitement!

It was an adventure!

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And, to my absolute surprise, my heart was warmed by the fact that we never saw even one tiny speck of litter. It makes me proud to be in an area where all the trail users take the extra care to not leave litter from their forest experience. I sincerely hope that this will be the case for everyone this summer!

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RFK Jr testifies about God, faith, heroin and his demons

After he decided to kick heroin, the young Robert F. Kennedy, Jr tried to think about daily life in a totally different way.

Rather than trusting his willpower to do the right thing for a whole day, he began dividing each day into 40 or more decisions.

"When the alarm goes off in the morning, do I get immediately out of bed, or do I stay in bed for an extra 20 minutes with my indolent thoughts?" asked Kennedy, speaking to a recent Socrates in the City gathering. "When I reach in the closet and pull out a pair of blue jeans, and all those wire hangers fall on the ground, do I shut the door like I used to and say that, 'I'm too much of a big shot, that's somebody else's job,' or do I go in there and clean up my own mess?"

After 14 years of addiction, Kennedy said he tried to act as if each decision was a moral test and God was watching.

This was a leap of faith, since his addiction attacked the Catholic faith of his childhood.

This New York City audience -- Socrates events focus on "life, God and other small topics" -- knew Kennedy would discuss his independent White House campaign and his edgy views on the environment, vaccines, autism, assassinations and similar topics.

Basic questions would be covered, as with previous guests since 2000 -- such as scientist Francis Collins, author Malcolm Gladwell, television legend Dick Cavett, Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks of England, Anglican Bishop N.T. Wright and Ambassador Caroline Kennedy, JFK's daughter.

But politics isn't the only reality. Socrates in the City founder and host Eric Metaxas -- a conservative Christian radio host and the New York Times bestselling author of "Bonhoeffer,"

"Miracles" and other books -- would ask Kennedy about the role of faith in his complicated and controversial life.

"I was never an atheist -- ever. I was raised in a deeply religious family, and I integrated that," said Kennedy. "My dad was killed when I was 14. I became a heroin addict when I was 15. ... When you're ... living against conscience, which is what happens when you're an addict, you tend to push any kind of notion of God over the periphery of your horizon."

As a Catholic child, Kennedy was proud of his own willpower. Heroin burned that away.

"The most demoralizing feature of addiction was my incapacity to keep contracts with myself," he said. "I would tell myself at 9 o'clock in the morning I am never going to do that again, and at 4 o'clock I'd be doing it. It was baffling to me that I could not bind that person who I was going to be later on in the day to do anything."

Kennedy said that he "had to change at a deep, fundamental way, who

I was, because I didn't want to be an addict, but just be white-knuckling it and be miserable all the time -- and wanting a drug. ... I knew that was going to require a spiritual awakening."

From years of reading, Kennedy knew about saints -- such as St. Augustine -- who struggled with all kinds of depravity and escaped their sin. He had read Carl Jung and learned about religious believers whose faith helped them escape addiction.

As an adult, RFK Jr has struggled with addictions of various kinds. In private diaries

leaked to the press, he described his struggles with infidelity and "lust demons" during his post-heroin marriage to Mary Kennedy, who died by suicide as their union crashed. These private diaries described his waves of guilt as he failed while struggling to change.

"After you have a spiritual awakening -- you can't live off the laurels of the spiritual awakening," Kennedy told the Socrates audience. "You have to renew it every day. ... You have to renew it by staying in that posture of surrender."

After beating his ad-

dition to heroin, he was ready "to turn my life over to God," he added. Then, as the "cash and prizes start flowing back in, you're like, 'Thanks, God. I've got it from here.' And then you take the wheel and drive that car off the cliff again, and you have to come in on your knees."

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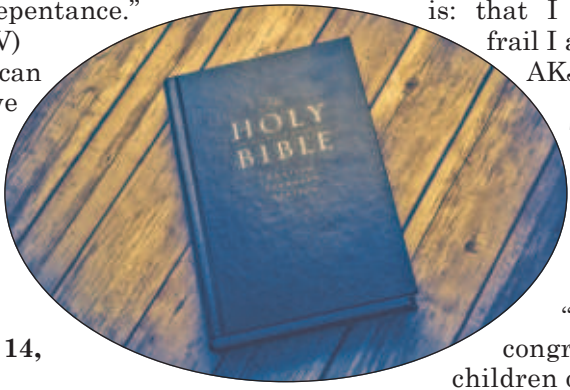
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"When Jesus heard it, he said to them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

(Mark 2:17 AKJV)

The Lord can help us when we realize the sickness of sin in our hearts. We must repent of sin and seek Him.



Sunday, July 14, 2024

"And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."

(Mark 1:35 AKJV)

Take time to pray. Jesus did.

Monday, July 15, 2024

"For I will declare my iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin."

(Psalms 38:18 AKJV)

Where is the sorrow and remorse for sin in today's world? We must truly repent and humble ourselves before God.

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

"And they went out, and preached that

men should repent." (Mark 6:12 AKJV)

We need that kind of preaching today. Wednesday, July 17, 2024

"LORD, make me to know my end, and the measure of my days, what it is: that I may know how frail I am."

(Psalms 39:4 AKJV)

Life is short. Treat it with care. Put it in God's Hands.

Thursday, July 18, 2024

"Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them, You shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy. You shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I am the LORD your God."

(Leviticus 19:2-3 AKJV)

We sure need the good old ways.

Friday, July 19, 2024

"You shall not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."

(Leviticus 19:18 AKJV)

Love can conquer a lot of the evils of our day.

Enjoying Life God's Way

I have this burden to see people enjoy the life that Jesus died to give them—and I want to see people not just talk about it but walk in it. John 10:10 (AMP) says, "The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)."

The thief, in these particular verses is Satan. But John 10 tells us that while the thief comes only in order to steal, and kill, and destroy, Jesus came, that we may have and enjoy life and have it in abundance, to the full, until it overflows. What a scripture! Not only are we alive, but we should enjoy being alive.

When Jesus came to give us life, He didn't come just to give us breath—we were already breathing! Instead, He came to give us life as God has it, life as God knows it! But not only does He want us to have and enjoy life, but He gets radical and says: "In abundance, to the full, until it overflows."

God wants us to enjoy life just for the sheer sake of enjoying life! But He also wants us to enjoy it because we are His ambassadors. The Bible says in Corinthians 5:20 that God is making His appeal to the world through us. If you are a born-again believer, you are a direct representative of Almighty God. You and I are showing the world what God is like. We're advertisements for having a personal relationship with Jesus.

With this in mind, it's no wonder Satan wants to keep so many people in the body of Christ sad, and mad, and operating in all kinds of wrong fruit: judgement, criticism, gossip, backbiting! He wants to keep people depressed and angry and stressed out and full of strife. He doesn't want us to have any joy because it might make others want to know God!

It's also important to enjoy your life, because you don't want to pass you by and leave you with regrets. I know this sounds awful, but when I was raising my children, I loved them and I was a responsible parent, but I look back now, and I did not enjoy my children the way that I could have. And do you know why? Because I was a

workaholic. And I was so busy keeping everything neat and tidy and clean—but that dirt will be there tomorrow. And that doesn't mean you just live a sloppy life, and you never clean up things and take care of things, but I can remember my kids wanting me to stop working and play with them. And I always said something like, "I can't do that, I've got work to do." Well, you know what? You're always going to have work to do, so, you need some balance in your life because some things are passing you by. And you don't want to come to the end of your life and look back with regrets.

The only way you can keep from having regrets is to do something about making better choices right now. And the truth of the matter is, you may not really be enjoying the journey. If we are letting the devil steal from us, we need to make a decision. We need to put our foot down and say, "That's it, devil. You have stolen my joy long enough. I'm determined that I'm going to learn how to enjoy my life."

When I say, "enjoy your life," I'm not just talking about vacations, Friday night when the work week is over, and payday. I'm talking about enjoying everyday life. That's why I called my program "Enjoying Everyday Life." Because most of life is not some big hilarious event. It's Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and we have years of that. Most of life is very ordinary. It's about going to work, and driving in traffic, and taking out the trash, and dealing with the grouchy neighbor.

But thank God, we have the power of the Holy Spirit to help us deal with things that ordinary people cannot deal with. We are supernaturally anointed to live ordinary life in a supernatural way. You can be happy in situations where nobody else could be happy if they didn't have Jesus in their life. Why? Because it's not our situations, it's the joy of the Lord that is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10).

And I believe that's the first place we have to start is by saying: "God really does want me to enjoy my life!" Somehow Satan has sold us the



lie we shouldn't enjoy it. But John 17:13 (AMP) tells us, "And now I am coming to You; I say these things while I am still in the world, so that My joy may be made full and complete and perfect in them [that they may experience My delight fulfilled in them, that My enjoyment may be perfected in their own souls, that they may have My gladness within them, filling their hearts]."

We need to lighten up and stop being so deadly serious about everything, including our own faults. We are no surprise to God. He told Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you and I approved of you as My chosen instrument" (Jeremiah 1:5). Stop being against yourself and picking on yourself and examining all your faults all the time, and just say: "You know what? I am what I am and I love God and I want to change, and I'm changing all the time, and He's changing me every day from glory to glory, but this is what you got today and I'm going to enjoy myself because God loves me."

For more on this topic, order Joyce's three-part teaching resource *Joy and Enjoyment*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org. Joyce Meyer is a New York Times bestselling author and founder of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. She has authored more than 140 books, including *BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND* and *OVERCOMING EVERY PROBLEM* (FaithWords). She hosts the *Enjoying Everyday Life* radio and TV programs, which air on hundreds of stations worldwide. For more information, visit www.joycemeyer.org.

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Sports



Left: Riley Pruitt of Gering, Neb., recorded the best time in the Friday's Ski-Hi Stampede slack's tie-down roping in 8.6 seconds. Right: Christina Gould of Williams, Ariz., records a time of 16.67 seconds in barrel racing. The rodeo continues today at 7 p.m. and concludes Sunday beginning at 2 p.m.

Courier photos by Ken Hamrick

Stampede kicks off with Friday slack

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

MONTE VISTA – The 102nd Annual Ski-Hi Stampede got underway Friday afternoon with the slack at the Stampede rodeo grounds. There were three events -n the slack – barrel racing, tie-down roping and breakaway roping. Turning in the best time in barrel racing was Jentry Vendenberg of Bellvue in 15.71 seconds. Lorelee Ward of Fort Lupton was second in 15.89, and C.J. Vondette of Rifle was third in 16.07.

Riley Pruitt of Gering, Neb., had the top time in tie-down roping in 8.6 seconds. Jayden Broussard of Broussard, La., was second in 9.1, and Jacques Trahan of Hackberry, La., was third in 10.3.

Taya McAdow of Fort Lupton had the best time in breakaway roping in 2.6 seconds. Dara Belew of La Junta and Charity Hoar of Pine Bluffs, Wyo., tied for second in 3.1.

The local rodeo took place following the slack. Those results will be printed in Tuesday's edition.

The first performance was Friday evening. The rodeo continues with the second performance Saturday at 7 p.m., the it wraps up with the third performance Sunday at 2 p.m.

Online registration closes Thursday for Manassa Pioneer Days 5K

MANASSA – Online registration closes Thursday, July 18 at 6 p.m. for this year's Manassa Pioneer Days 5K race. Race officials encourage participants to sign up early to ease the crunch of waiting in line on race day. Registration is available online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/Manassa/PioneerDays5K>, or bit.ly/LetsGoRunMHK. The race fee is \$20.

The Pioneer Days 5K, hailed as southern Colorado's longest-running road race – and one of its largest -- will be held on Saturday, July 20, beginning at 8 a.m. The start and finish lines are adjacent to Jack Dempsey Park. More than 400 runners are expected to toe the line this year.

Those who register in advance can pick up their race packet in Jack Dempsey Park between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Friday, July 19, or between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. on race day.

In-person registration will also be available in Jack Dempsey Park from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on July 19, and at 7 a.m. on race day.

The 47th annual Manassa Pioneer Days 5K will be chip timed, with live results available at bit.ly/LetsGoRunMHK.

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SCHEDULE SATURDAY

PRCA Rodeo
 Ski-Hi Stampede, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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 Ski-Hi Stampede, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY

Rodeo
 Manassa Pioneer Days Rodeo, 6 p.m.

ALAMOSA PARKS AND RECREATION BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

12-14 girls softball THURSDAY
 Alamosa at Salida (2), 5:30 p.m.
End of season

9-11 baseball At Cole Park TUESDAY
 Red Sox vs. Rockies, 5 p.m.
 Dodgers vs. Pirates, 6:15 p.m.
 Cubs vs. Angels, 7:30 p.m.
End of season

9-11 girls softball At Lee Field #3 TUESDAY
 AceofBasesvs.Battitudes, 6 p.m.

End of season

7-8 coed machine pitch At Sunset Field WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

Men's softball league At Lee Field 2 End of Season Tournament TUESDAY, JULY 9

Happy Mountain/NGNL 13, 99 Problems 4
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TUESDAY, JULY 16
 REC/Deuces vs. WOLO, 7 p.m.
 Platinum vs. 99 Problems, 8 p.m.
 Winner Game 4 vs. Happy Mountain/NGNL, 9 p.m.
THURSDAY, JULY 18
 Winner Game 6 vs. loser Game 5, 7 p.m.
 Winner Game 5 vs. winner Game 7, 8 p.m.
 Winner Game 8 vs. loser

Game 8 (if necessary), 9 p.m.

Coed Leisure softball At Lee Field MONDAY

Bomb Squad vs. Livingstone Trucking, 7 p.m. (Field 1)
 Where My Pitches at vs. Cutthroats, 7 p.m. (Field 2)
 Bros Before Throws vs. Top Notch, 7 p.m. (Field 4)
 WOLO vs. All Valley Towing, 8 p.m. (Field 1)
 La Puente Homers vs. CRP Dust Devils, 8 p.m. (Field 2)
 The Misfits vs. WarTurtles, 8 p.m. (Field 4)
 Battitudes vs. The Undertakers, 9 p.m. (Field 1)
 SOS Misfits vs. Steel Line, 9 p.m. (Field 2)
 Tandberg's Angels vs. War turtles, 9 p.m. (Field 4)
WEDNESDAY
 Top Notch vs. Bomb Squad, 7 p.m. (Field 1)
 The Dirty Dozen vs. SOS Misfits, 7 p.m. (Field 2)
 La Puente Homers vs. Where My Pitches At, 7 p.m. (Field 4)
 Cutthroats vs. The Misfits, 8 p.m. (Field 1)
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Saguache Arts Walk and Hollyhock Festival set for July 27

CONTRIBUTED SAGUACHE — The Town of Saguache is busy preparing for its signature annual event, the Saguache Arts Walk, Hollyhock Festival and Fairy House Tour to take place on July 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Each summer Downtown Saguache comes alive with this vibrant celebration of creativity and community spirit, showcasing the diverse talents of local artists, artisans, and performers while opening local gardens that showcase the town's flower, the Hollyhock.

The heart of the Arts Walk is on the picturesque Saguache County Courthouse lawn. The lawn will be lined with numerous artist booths where visitors can explore a variety of artwork and find the perfect piece to take home.

From local painters and photographers to potters and woodworkers, visitors will find a diverse display of talent highlighting artists from Saguache, the Valley and beyond.

For example, renowned local Saguache artist Gary Wilfong will be participating for the second year in a row, sharing his evocative drawings and paintings that captures the spirit of the West. Wilfong's work is a testament to his deep connection to his heritage, his study of Native histories and traditions and the inspiration of his mother, a natural artist who had always encouraged him to keep drawing. At his booth, visitors can view a collection of his latest pieces, engage in discussions about his artistic journey, and purchase his works.

Beyond visual arts, there will also be live



Courtesy photo

This image will be on the 2024 Hollyhock Seed Card, which will be available for purchase. This image is from the 2023 Hollyhock Arts Contest winner, Lupe Hernandez. This was her rendition of the hollyhock. Commemorative T-shirts with a creation from a previous art contest winner will also be for sale on that date along with Hollyhock plants.

music and interactive activities while a food truck will again, offer loaded fries and local vendors will offer a variety of refreshments.

Another highlight of the day is the opportunity to discover the enchanting display of Saguache Fairy Houses scattered throughout town. Families can pick up a map and take a self-guided tour to find these miniature, intricately crafted dwellings, each one a unique testament to the creativity and imagination of local artist Sarah Krantz.

The Saguache Arts Walk and Hollyhock Festival is proudly presented by the Saguache Chamber of Commerce, an organization dedicated to promoting local businesses and fostering community engage-

ment.

The festival not only highlights the artistic talents within Saguache but also boosts the local economy as visitors often spend the day exploring local galleries, dining and shopping, thereby supporting small businesses and organizations.

The Chamber is committed to highlighting the town's rich cultural heritage and supporting its arts scene through this annual event supported generously with funding provided through a Saguache County Sales Tax Grant.

The 2024 Saguache Arts Walk is the perfect combination of artistic expression, community interaction, and family fun and a delightful way to spend a summer day.

Colorado elk, mule deer migration corridor habitat conserved

CONTRIBUTED MISSOULA, Mont. — A vital migration corridor for both elk and mule deer in west-central Colorado remains intact and is now protected thanks to a collaborative effort by a conservation-minded landowner and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

A voluntary conservation agreement between the two sides conserves 1,049 acres northeast of Montrose near Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park (BCGNP) and Curecanti National Recreation Area (CNRA). "We're grateful for a landowner who not only recognizes and understands the wildlife values of the property but translated that knowledge into action by conserving it," said Kyle Weaver, RMEF president and CEO.

The acreage supplies transition and critical



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winter range for approximately 7,700 elk as well as mule deer. Combined with adjacent public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and BCGNP, the immediate area serves as a migratory corridor for both species, as noted by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. It also offers habitat for black bears, wild turkey, raptors and other wildlife.

In addition to woodlands, meadows, grasslands and sagebrush steppe habitat, it also features important riparian habitat since more than two and a half miles of the Pinon Springs Draw flows through the property.

Protection of the mi-

gration corridor is in line with RMEF's migration initiative work, Secretarial Order 3362 and important Colorado priorities.

When combined with other projects in the BCGNP and CNRA vicinity, RMEF collaborated with landowners to conserve more than 13,000 acres of habitat for elk and other wildlife.

Founded in 1984 and fueled by hunters, RMEF has conserved more than 8.9 million acres for elk and other wildlife. RMEF also works to open and improve public access, fund and advocate for science-based resource management, and ensure the future of America's hunting heritage.

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HELP WANTED PART TIME - DEPUTY CORONER: Experienced individual needed for On Call Part time position assisting the Saguache County Coroner. The position will be an on call/as needed position. Coroner calls are paid at \$150.00 per call and Transports are \$150.00 per call, Weekday on call \$15.00 per day and Weekend on call \$30.00 per day. Please contact April Quintana with the Saguache County Administration office for an application or printable at www.saguachecounty.colorado.gov. Call 719-655-2231 for more information. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. SAGUACHE COUNTY is an EEO employer. Drug testing and a background check will be required for final applicants. (7/24/24)

JR/SR HIGH LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER needed at DEL NORTE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License with a secondary Language Arts endorsement. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Annie Hardy, DNHS Principal at ahardy@urtigers.co or contact Mrs. Hardy at 719-657-4020. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at www.urtigers.co. (8/7/24)

DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is seeking an energetic, caring individual to serve as a SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAEducator. Applicants must have a high school diploma and prior experience working with students with special needs is preferred. Please submit your application to Amy Duda, DNES Principal at 950 French Street, DEL NORTE, CO 81132; aduda@urtigers.co; or call at 719-657-4050. The position will be open until filled. You can pick up an application at the District Office or online at www.urtigers.co. (8/6/24)

DEL NORTE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL is looking for an energetic and experienced candidate to serve as the district's STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH. This position will assume the responsibility and obligation of establishing and maintaining a strength and conditioning program for all sports. Additional responsibilities include teaching junior high school physical education and high school physical education/weight training courses. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree and either possess or be able to obtain the appropriate Colorado teaching license. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Annie Hardy, DNHS Principal at ahardy@urtigers.co or contact Mrs. Hardy at 719-657-4020. Applications can be found online at www.urtigers.co. (8/6/24)

THE TOWN OF CENTER is excited to announce an opening in our PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. We are seeking a motivated and skilled individual to join our team. This position offers the opportunity to directly serve the Center community, playing a vital role in Serving as the town's Enforcement agent in code, building and animal control. It is a full-time position. We are recruiting for one ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. Applicant must also have the ability to interact with customers and possess good communication skills. Applicant must also pass a background check and pre-employment drug testing. The candidate will also be subject to random drug testing. The job description and the application is on the Towns website, townofcenter.colorado.gov. Please submit your application to Town Hall or email to jhurtado@centerco.gov. The deadline is until positions are filled. (7/20/24)

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THE TOWN OF LA JARA is accepting applications for POLICE OFFICER. Must be currently Colorado POST certified; willing to submit to background and criminal history checks as well as a psychological test. Salary starting at \$48,500.00 depending on experience. The Town of La Jara offers an excellent benefit package that includes vision, dental and medical insurance, PTO and paid holidays. Applications may be picked up at La Jara Town Hall, 221 Broadway; call 719-274-5363 for more information. (7/19/24)

EDUCATION MANAGER: CENTER HEAD START is searching for an EDUCATION MANAGER. Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or equivalent, experience working with diverse children and families, knowledge of Early Childhood development and ECE reports. Highly advised that applicants have good communication skills, leadership skills and ability to plan and problem solve. Applications can be picked up at the Center Head Start Office or on the website. Questions please call the office at 719-759-9259. (7/31/24)

FAMILY SERVICES MANAGER: CENTER HEAD START is looking for a highly motivated FAMILY SERVICES MANAGER. Applicants must have strong interpersonal and communication skills. Required to have a degree, certificate or credential in social work, human services, family services, or counseling related field at hire or within 18 months of hire. This position works closely with our families to help them reach their goals and create community partnerships. Highly preferable if bilingual (English/Spanish). Applications can be picked up at the Center Head Start Office or on the website. Questions, please call the office at 719-759-9259. (7/31/24)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a HS ASST. VOLLEYBALL COACH. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Extra Duty Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application <https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities>, by July 9, 2024, or until the position is filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (7/17/24)

SANGRE DE CRISTO has openings for the following positions: SCHOOL COUNSELOR; K-12 MUSIC TEACHER; MS FOOTBALL; HS BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL; NUTRITION STAFF. Please contact Dave Crews for more information 719-420-1422 or Jenna Mondragon at 719-717-0871. (7/24/24)

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@sierragrande-school.net. Applications are available at the District office, 17523 Hwy. 160, Blanca, CO 81123 or online at www.sierragrande-school.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)

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MECHANIC: JT TIMBER FALLING is hiring a full-time HEAVY EQUIPMENT and TRUCK MECHANIC in BLANCA, CO. \$25-\$45/hr depending on experience. Monday - Friday schedule. Benefits are available. Call 719-379-4066 or visit jtimber.com to apply. (7/17/24)

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)

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 for details including applications and job descriptions or pickup at Human Resources: 925 6th St., Rm. 200, DEL NORTE, CO. (7/26/24)

304 - LAWN & GARDEN

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324 - SEED & FEED

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HAY FOR SALE: \$7 bale. 719-274-0380. (8/6/24)

341 - GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY 7/13 & Sunday 7/14, 8am-12pm. Women's & girl's clothes, shoes, toys, household items, bikes. Come see. Pet-free, smoke-free home. 206 Calle Buena, ALAMOSA. (7/13/24)

TWO (2) FAMILY Garage Sale: Fri. & Sat. 12th & 13th; 1861 San Juan Ave. (2) Sewing Machines (working); Queen Size Mattress; Roll-a-way bed; Rocking Chair; Super-Twin Water Bed w/ accessories; TV stand; Couch; plus, Avon Collectables; and much more, must go. (7/13/24)

HUGE SALE! 7-12 & 7-13, 702 Craft Dr., ALAMOSA. 8am-? Stop by. (7/13/24)

TOOLS, GRINDERS, SAWS, power washer, ice hut, ice auger, ducks/geese decoys, veteran memorabilia. 2019 Angel Place, ALAMOSA. 7/12&13/2024, 8am. (7/13/24)

HUGE YARD SALE/BAKE SALE: Sat. July 13th, 8am-2pm, 709 4th St., ALAMOSA. Furniture, household items, kitchen wares, jewelry, sporting good, art, patio furniture, holiday decor + more. Home baked goodies of all kinds. Free coffee & lemonade. (7/13/24)

341 - GARAGE SALE

GARAGE SALE: SATURDAY 7/13, 1417 Ross, ALAMOSA; in back of house. (7/13/24)

350 - FARM EQUIPMENT

2005 HESSTON 4910 BALER New Monitor, Preservative Applicator, moisture sensor, accumulator. Field ready. \$22,500 OBO 719-850-1143. (7/13/24)

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601 - APARTMENTS FOR RENT

1 BEDROOM: UTILITIES included. Deposit, employment, references required. \$665 rent, \$750 deposit. 719-580-3710. (7/17/24)

2 BEDROOM NEAR ASU/ Hospital, 1204 Lincoln. No smokers/vapors. 1 year lease, references. 719-588-1422. (7/26/24)

1 BEDROOM APARTMENTS with WASHER/DRYER for rent. Across from ASU. Call 719-251-3597. (7/13/24)

Accepting applications for 1 bedroom apartments. Must be 62 or older or disabled
Cielo Vista

Apartments
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754-3664

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Accepting Applications for 2 & 3 bedroom family units
Valley Grande Apts.
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852-4302

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West View Villas
510 Dunham Monte Vista, Colo
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Accepting applications for 2 & 3 bedroom apartments. Rent based on income for qualifying households.
Gomez Manor Apts.
804 State St. Antonito, Colo.
376-2388

TTY
1-800-659-2656
This institution is an equal opportunity provider & employer

601 - APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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Guadalupe Hacienda Apts.
404 W. 8th Antonito, Colo.
376-2025
TTY
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630 - ROOMS FOR RENT

VERY NICE FURNISHED ROOM, ALAMOSA. 720-436-5550. (7/17/24)

701 - AUTOS FOR SALE

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cleopatra's killer
 - 4 Drunken one
 - 7 Done for the day
 - 11 Singer Jerry — Lewis
 - 12 Wild pig
 - 13 Tree trunk
 - 14 Between Feb. and April
 - 15 — Seltzer
 - 16 Relaxation
 - 17 Wool-bearing animal
 - 19 Bombarde
 - 21 Shredded
 - 23 "Calling — cars!"
 - 24 Driveway's end
 - 27 Goof
 - 29 Nocturnal predator
 - 32 Abound
 - 33 Read in haste
 - 34 "I've got you!"
 - 35 Butt
 - 36 Tax
 - 37 Neb. neighbor
- DOWN**
- 1 — mater
 - 2 Official imprint
 - 3 Wrongdoer
 - 4 Energy type
 - 5 Wood for barrels
 - 6 Catch

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	B	C	M	O	C	K	C	A	L	I
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- 7 As clear as —
- 8 Lots and lots
- 9 Otherwise
- 10 Ownership proof
- 12 Cured meat
- 18 Corpuscle
- 20 Be deserving of
- 22 Tasty drink
- 24 Razor brand
- 25 Loud sound
- 26 Ponder days gone by
- 28 Light beam
- 30 "Huh?"
- 31 Pool
- 33 Have food and drink
- 36 Obligation
- 37 Fill fully
- 40 Carried
- 42 Genus of birds
- 44 Sunshine
- 45 Cabal
- 46 Rajah's wife
- 47 — dunk (sure thing)
- 49 Example version
- 50 — the Terrible
- 51 Tex-Mex food
- 54 Japanese sash

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ALLEY OOP

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH YOUR NEW SUPERPOWERS, OOLA?

WELL, I THOUGHT FIRST I'D...

YOU SHOULD STOP ALL CRIME, DEAD IN ITS TRACKS!

YOU SHOULD REPAIR OUR AILING ENVIRONMENT!

YOU SHOULD SAVE ALL THE ENDANGERED CREATURES!

YOU SHOULD SOLVE ALL THE LITTLE PROBLEMS THAT ANNOY ALLEY AND ME!

I SHOULD GET AWAY FROM YOU TWO.

COME BACK! WE'RE NOT DONE TELLING YOU HOW TO LIVE YOUR LIFE!

ARLO & JANIS

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Clunk

SORRY! NOTHING TO SHARE BUT BOILED OKRA AND MISERY!

BIG NATE

THAT WAS WEIRD, SEEING COACH JOHN.

IT'S ALWAYS WEIRD SEEING TEACHERS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL.

LAST YEAR, MY MOM AND I WERE AT THE NOODLE SHOP AND GUESS WHO WAS IN THE NEXT BOOTH?

MRS. GODFREY.

I CAN STILL HEAR THE SLURPING NOISES.

EWWW!

THE BORN LOSER

I'M REALLY HOT!

ME, TOO!

SAY, WHY DON'T WE GO FOR A COOL, REFRESHING SWIM IN THE POOL?

I'M TOO HOT TO GO FOR A SWIM!

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

MAN, I CAN'T BELIEVE I GOT A SHAVE, A HAIRCUT AND NEW CLOTHES JUST SO I COULD SIT IN ON A NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW!

HEY, IT'S REALLY COOL OF YOU GUYS TO LET ME TAG ALONG WITH YOU LIKE THIS!

NO PROBLEM.

WHERE ARE WE GOING, ANYWAY?

WRESTLEMAN!

FRANK & ERNEST

I ALWAYS THOUGHT JUDGMENT DAY WOULD BE MORE DIGNIFIED, SOMEHOW.

GARFIELD

I JUST GOT THIS FIBER SUPPLEMENT

IT'S A CEREAL FOR ADULTS

I CAN TELL

THE MARSHMALLOWS ARE SHAPED LIKE TINY DIETITIANS

CRUNCH CRUNCH CRUNCH

THE GRIZZWELLS

THERE GO THE SALMON, SWIMMING UPSTREAM TO SPAWN

THEY MEET, Hook UP, FALL IN LOVE... HAVE A WILD ROMANTIC WEEK END AND THEN GO THEIR SEPARATE WAYS

LIKE "THE BACHELOR"? EXACTLY!

PEANUTS

I FEEL LIKE A TELEPHONE WIRE!

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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HERMAN

GIANT TORTOISE RIDES

"It's a buck-fifty for 14 hours."

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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4	6	2	8	7	9	3	5	1
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Boyfriend is punished for an imagined event

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend, "Jessica," thinks I've cheated on her because I didn't come home right away after being given the day off. My grandparents were away on vacation. When they go away, they want me to check on the house and bring in the mail and newspaper. On this particular day, I decided to drive by, did what needed to be done and spent half the day there. I even took a nap in the recliner. Now Jessica insists that I cheated when I simply was hanging out at my grandparents'. To add to the situation, we have a daughter on the way, and Jessica doesn't want me in the delivery room. She's blowing everything out of proportion. She was in a nine-year abusive relationship, and her ex cheated numerous times, so I'm not sure if her actions stem from her past relationship. I'm having a hard time understanding why she's doing this with a baby on the way, when I've been nothing but faithful and good to her. -- ALMOST-EX IN MISSOURI

DEAR ALMOST-EX: It would have been considerate to have called your pregnant girlfriend from your grandparents' house to let her know you would be returning later than

expected. Not having done that was your mistake, nothing more. Her over-the-top accusation of infidelity may have stemmed from a hormone imbalance caused by her pregnancy. It could also, as you stated, be the result of her disastrous nine-year romance with her abuser. Because she has trust issues, it's important you consider couples counseling with her. As to wanting you absent when your child is born, she may have said it to retaliate for your imagined cheating, or to spare you the sight of her in pain. DEAR ABBY: I have been with my current wife for 12 years after a terrible divorce. She is very kind. The problem is, I work 40 to 50 hours a week, do all the cooking, grocery shopping and about 90% of the cleaning. I have spoken several times to her about helping more around the house since she doesn't work. My wife smokes pot every day, sleeps until 3 p.m. and doesn't contribute anything beyond being nice to me. I come home to a trashed house and have to prepare dinner, clean up and get ready for work the next day. I may have PTSD from my first failed marriage. What can I do? I'm ready to give up and



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

just take care of myself. -- DOESN'T WANT TO HURT ANYMORE

DEAR DOESN'T: You may not have PTSD. You DO have such low self-esteem that you've been willing to tolerate (for 12 years!) a marriage in which you do everything while your wife sleeps and spends her waking hours on cloud nine. Tell this "kind" woman to sober up and help you. Give her a two-day deadline. If she doesn't cooperate, consult an attorney. It may cost you money or some assets acquired during the marriage, but from your description of what has been going on for so long, it will be worth it. P.S. Once she is gone, stay single for a few years.

Lifestyle

Mo Lowda and the Humble play Cole Park on Sunday

CONTRIBUTED
ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Live Music Association is providing free live music in Cole Park all summer, with its Sundays at Six concert series. The series continues on July 14 with the indie rock of Mo Lowda and the Humble. Head over to Cole Park at 6 p.m. for some quality live music by the indie rock band.

Grab your dinner and dessert from Tacos Martinez and Frosty Acres Rolled Ice Cream, whose food trucks will on site selling their delicious offerings at each concert this summer. Catch the show livestreaming on ALMA's Facebook page.

Mo Lowda and the Humble are a self-produced indie rock band hailing from Philadelphia. The band released their fourth LP on March 3, 2023, with five singles leading up. Since releasing their debut album in 2013, they've vastly expanded the sonic exploration of their recorded material whilst developing a dialed-in, yet ener-

getic live show through persistent touring. In turn, they've built a ravenous and loyal following across the country, selling out clubs and theaters throughout the US each year.

Mo Lowda's upcoming self-titled album is their most versatile and ambitious work yet. It visits some previously uncharted sonic territory for the band, while still providing the thoughtful, creative songwriting their fans have grown to love.

ALMA is again partnering with RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) of Alamosa County and the Food Bank Network of San Luis Valley by having a food drive at each Sundays at Six concert this summer, to benefit the Alamosa Food Pantry.

All are invited to contribute a non-perishable item or two for this food drive. Look for the receptacles under the ALMA tent at each concert.

Some ideas of much-needed items include canned meat (tuna and

chicken), peanut butter and other nut butters, low-sodium canned veggies and beans, healthy snacks (low-sugar granola bars, dried fruit, etc.), gluten free items, healthy canned or boxed meals (chili, etc.), shelf-stable milk and milk alternatives.

Sundays at Six 2024 is generously sponsored by Alamosa Building Supply, Alamosa Home, Alamosa State Bank, Bank Shot Sports Bar, Blanca Peak Dental Center, City of Alamosa, Colorado Trust, Comfort Inn & Suites of Alamosa, Community Banks of Colorado, Crestone Eagle, First

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Mo Lowda and the Humble will be performing at 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 14, in Cole Park as part of ALMA's Sundays at Six concert series.

Courtesy photo



'Breaking the Silence of Slavery'

A convening of Hispano and Native American heirs of Indigenous enslavement

"Some people grew up with these histories, holding onto photos, documents, stories, and even traditions. Others have spent years engaged in genealogical and historical research revealing the names of their ancestors. Yet, many are just beginning to explore the records and the meaning in this legacy. We invite members of these communities to join us this summer during one of the three gatherings," said project coordinator, Weston Archuleta.

The gatherings will take place at the following locations on the dates and times listed:

- Los Luceros Historic Site, Alcalde, N.M. — July 20, 2-4 p.m.

- New Mexico History Museum/Palace of the Governors, Santa Fe, N.M., Aug. 4, 2-4 p.m.

- Hacienda de los Martinez, Taos, N.M., Aug. 17, 2-4 p.m.

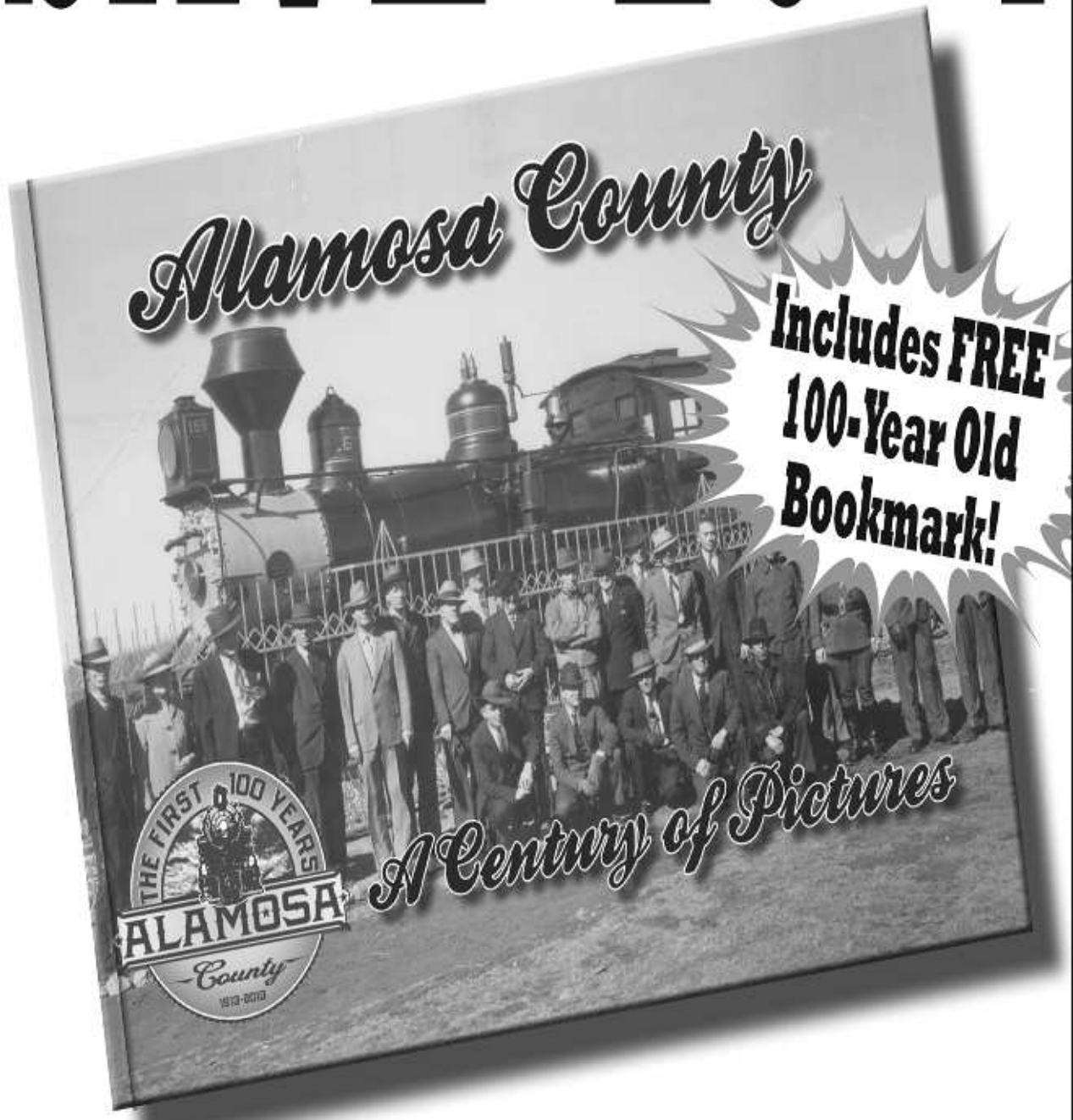
These gatherings have been made possible thanks to funding from the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Although "Breaking the Silence" gatherings are local, they are set within a hemispheric project, Native Bound Unbound — Archive of Indigenous Slavery (NBU). NBU was launched in 2022 with the support of the Mellon Foundation. The objective is to create a digital repository centered on the lives of the enslaved Indigenous people across the Americas, "name by name and story by story."

Individuals interested in participating in any of these gatherings are asked to bring stories, photographs, documents, and artifacts that may have been made or held by an ancestor.

Anyone with questions or interested in attending is asked to RSVP by writing to info@native-boundunbound.org.

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