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SLV Today



Loosbrock speaking about mining history

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Museum will be hosting a lecture program-slideshow presentation about the mining industry in the Valley and Southern Colorado at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 16. The event will be given by Adams State University Professor of History Richard Loosbrock, who is a noted authority on the topic. The program is free. The museum is at 401 Hunt Ave., Alamosa.

SdCSD board meeting is Aug. 13

MOSCA — The Sangre de Cristo School Board of Education regular monthly meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13, in the school library, 8751 Lane 7 North, Mosca. Copies of agendas are posted at school site, website, the Hooper and Mosca Post Offices, and the Mosca Pit Stop. Meetings are open to the public.

CO Dept. of Ag stakeholder meeting

MONTE VISTA — The Colorado Department of Agriculture will be holding a stakeholder meeting regarding the requirement for mandatory testing of year-out potato seed at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at the Ski-Hi complex in Monte Vista. CDA needs input to determine the rules needed to implement this testing requirement.

SLV potato growers are being asked to attend and take the time to ensure they hear your voices. Call the CPAC office at 719-852-3322, if you have any questions.

SLV WEATHER

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Ready or not – back to school

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier reporter

ALAMOSA — While it may feel like summer went by in a flash, students attending Alamosa School District (ASD) were “up and at ‘em” on Thursday morning for Day One of the 2024 to 2025 school year.

Before the school year even started, ASD was already on a roll with the second annual – and most successful – Registration Road Trip and Back to

School bash held on July 29 -July 31.

“We initially thought we weren’t getting as many people because

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Alamosa School Superintendent Diana Jones welcomes students back to school on Thursday morning. ‘Have a great school year Moose Nation,’ stated the Facebook page. ‘We know that every day matters.’

Photo courtesy of Alamosa School District Facebook page



It’s still Kit Carson

Indecision keeps mountain’s name unchanged

By JOHN WATERS
Courier News Editor

SANGRE DE CRISTO MOUNTAINS — The proposal to rename Kit Carson Mountain in the

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Kit Carson Mountain is nestled near these peaks in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Currently, the Colorado Geographical Naming Advisory Board is considering a name change.

Courier photo by John Waters



Dahlias in Del Norte

Bloomstead Farms’ first festival is Aug. 23-24

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DEL NORTE — In the rugged landscape of Del Norte, where the San Juan Mountain Range casts its majestic shadow, lies a remarkable testament to vision, perseverance, and community spirit – Bloomstead Farms.

What began as rocky pieces of land bought by Gary and Jody Seger and affectionately referred to as “Baltic Avenue” has transformed into a vibrant haven of beauty and joy under the stewardship of their son, Matt, and his wife, Wendi, along with their sons, Wes and Cole, and nephew, Henry.

A Legacy of Transformation
The story of Bloomstead Farms is one of transformation. In 1997, Matt and Wendi Seger purchased a piece of the family land that Gary and Jody had initially bought. With their family, they began the arduous task of transforming it. Over the years, they have unearthed an astonishing 39,000 tons of



Courtesy photo

Members of the Seger family of Del Norte are shown at Bloomstead Farms; front from left, Wendi and Jody; back, Henry, Wes, Matt and Cole.

rocks, turning a once barren landscape into fertile ground. Initially, potatoes, barley and canola were their primary crops, but a chance encounter with dahlias sparked a new passion.

The Segers planted their first 400 dahlia tubers, and the results were nothing short of magical. The fields, once rocky and inhospitable, became a kaleidoscope of color and life. The farm is now focusing on cultivating unique and specialty varieties, adding even more charm and al-

lure to their offerings.

Introducing the Dahlia Festival

To celebrate this transformation and share the farm’s beauty with the community, Bloomstead Farms is hosting its first-ever Dahlia Festival on Aug. 23 and 24. This enchanting event promises to capture the whimsical, heartwarming essence of a Hallmark movie, offering a perfect setting for fun, friendship, and perhaps even a touch of romance.

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SLV Potato Festival set for Sept. 7 in Monte Vista

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MONTE VISTA — The San Luis Valley Potato Festival is set to return for its 17th edition on Saturday, Sept. 7. There will be plenty of opportunities for a day filled with fun at Chapman Park.

The day will begin with the Tater Trot 5K. Proceeds from the race will support pediatric diabetes patients throughout the Valley. The cost to participate is \$25 and early registrants get a free T-shirt.

There will also be an opportunity to join CPAC Executive Director Jim Ehrlich on a free Agricultural Tour. Those who would like to attend can sign up to ride a bus from the festival site to visit the SLV-Research Center and see a field being harvested. The tour is free and provides the chance to learn about the breeding, seeding,

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Adams State offering water courses

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

ALAMOSA – Water touches everything, from the environment to the economy, to our food supply and our future. The health of our communities relies on people who understand these vital connections.

To help students and community members better understand the water challenges and opportunities in the Valley, Adams State University is again offering the introductory Water 101: Water Essentials course this fall semester. It's the first step to a water studies minor, to a career in water, or deeper engagement as a community member. The Salazar Rio Grande del Norte Center at Adams State developed this degree plan to provide students and community members the tools needed to work for a more sustainable water future for the San Luis

Valley, Colorado, and the West.

Water 101 will be taught by local water expert Maya ter Kuile-Miller, a career agronomist and teacher. After earning her bachelor's degree at Oxford University, Maya returned to Colorado for a master's degree in agronomy at Colorado State University. She was involved in project management for the Alamosa River Watershed Restoration Foundation, sampling for Colorado Riverwatch, and now consults with many Valley farmers on issues from irrigation water management and crop nutrition to farm economics.

"In the arid West, water is more precious than gold," ter Kuile-Miller said. "I look forward to navigating with you through these waters, including the basics of hydrology, water uses, administration, regulation, exploitation and some

politics of this most valuable resource. I hope this course will help you find your niche as a citizen in a water scarce world."

Beyond the classroom, the course will also include local field trips that make the role of water come to life.

In addition to being available to Adams State students, youth at local high schools can enroll in these courses as concurrent classes, for early college credits, through their school counselor.

Community members can also audit the courses as "Listening Classes" for just \$150 to deepen their water knowledge and engagement in the vital issues around water.

To register for WATR 101 or to learn more about the entire water studies minor, please contact the Salazar Rio Grande del Norte Center Director Paul Formisano, Ph.D., at pformisano@usd.edu or 719-587-7111.



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Mojomama will be performing at the ALMA (Alamosa Live Music Association) Sundays at Six concert on Aug. 11 at Cole Park in Alamosa.

Sundays at Six concert brings Mojomama on Aug. 11

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ALAMOSA – The Alamosa Live Music Association is providing free live music in Cole Park all summer long, with its Sundays at Six concert series. Sundays at Six 2024 continues at 6 p.m. on Aug. 11 with Mojomama's funky blues rock.

Grab your dinner and dessert from Tacos Martinez and Frosty Acres Rolled Ice Cream, whose food trucks will be on site selling their delicious offerings at each concert this summer. And please bring a non-perishable item for the food drive to benefit the Alamosa Food Pantry. The show will be livestreaming on ALMA's Facebook page www.facebook.com/almalivemusic.

Get ready to blast off in 2024, as Mojomama brings you a sonic adventure that'll make your spirit dance and your soul sing. Their tunes are a cosmic blend of legends like Aretha Franklin and Susan Tedeschi, mixed with a dash of Steely Dan magic, and wrapped up in a funky feel just for you.

Mojomama's been stirring up the scene, taking home awards and accolades along the way. They represented the Colorado Blues Society as semi-finalists in the 2018 and 2019 International Blues Challenges, and they even snagged the "best self-produced

CD" and "favorite female vocalist" awards in 2015 and 2018.

Now, let's talk about the band behind the jams. Jessica Rogalski leads the charge with her soul-stirring vocals that'll have you feeling like you're in both the future and the past, with echoes of Donna Summer and Susan Tedeschi. Bob Murnahan shreds the guitar with mind-bending solos and a seemingly endless supply of far-out musical ideas. The jams keep flowing with Paul Rogalski, laying down some righteous bass lines and tasty solos, while Kort Gilbert holds down the fort with solid beats, groovy fills, and a laser-focused dedication to the music.

Together, Mojomama creates a show that'll take you on a journey through space and time, leaving you dancing under the stars and humming their unforgettable tunes for light years to come. So, hop aboard the Mojomama mothership for a funky fresh, blues-infused adventure through the cosmos. Check them out at <https://mojomama.net/>.

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.

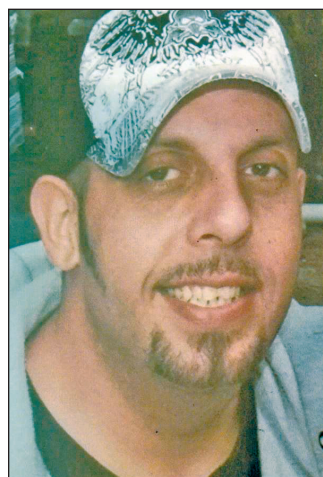
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OBITUARIES

Matthew Dale Crowther

Previous Sanford resident Matthew Dale Crowther, 47, passed away Aug. 3, 2024, at his home in Tucson, Ariz. Matt was born Sept. 20, 1976, at Parkview Hospital in Pueblo, Colo., to Dale and Shaun Crowther.

He attended Sanford High School. He participated in football and wrestling, where he got to go to State. He was fond of the mountains and camping. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and was considered a younger brother to his uncles, Shawn and Corey. He was an avid animal lover, especially to his own dogs. He moved to



Tucson where he met his wife, Beverly, and his two stepsons.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Shaun; grandparents Lois and Everet Crowther and Clyde and Shirley Horner;

and his aunt, Trish Maes.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly; mother-in-law, Ruth; stepsons Richard and Curtis; biological son, Cameron and granddaughter; his father, Dale Crowther of Sanford, Colo.; siblings Leslie Crowther of Clarkson, Neb., Clint (Tara) Crowther of La Jara, Colo., Lacy Crowther of Pierce City, Mo., and Colt (Amanda) Crowther of Alamosa, Colo.; along with numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service will be held Aug. 24, 2024, at the Sanford Community Center from 1 to 3 p.m. in Sanford, Colo.

Harold Hugh Hiatt

The Man, The Myth, The Legend

Harold Hugh Hiatt, affectionately known as "Hughie," passed away on Friday, Aug. 2, 2024, at the age of 82. He fought bravely in his last few years, continuing to embrace his bachelor days at his long-term residence in Alamosa.

Born on Nov. 15, 1941, in Alamosa to Mary Veretta Jackson and Harold Ray "Bill" Hiatt, Hughie was the eldest of three siblings. He is survived by his sister, Judith "Sam" Morgan and Janet Griego Malouff (Deceased).

Hugh attended Alamosa High School, where he excelled in football, basketball, and track.

Hugh married Cheryl Horn, and together they had three daughters: Rhonda Hiatt (Hellwig) Jones, spouse Nathan Jones, Son; Travis Otto Hellwig, Kimberly Hiatt and Tammy Hiatt Monaco, Sons; Luca Hiatt Monaco, Giovanni Hiatt Monaco.

The family enjoyed their life in Alamosa, reminiscing about the days when Main Street ran both ways and was meant to be dragged.



Hiatt's athletic prowess and the legendary coaching of Coach Vigil made the 1960 Class reunions memorable. In 1961, Hugh attended Adams State College to play football, after which he enlisted in the Army. Stationed in Berlin, Germany, he traveled throughout Europe with the Berlin Bears Air Force football team.

"HHH" was fiercely independent, courageous, and a risk-taker, known for his adventurous spirit. Hiatt's anniversary of 41 years of sobriety was noted this March.

Hugh held various formative jobs in his early years before joining the D & RG Railroad. He found his calling working outdoors as a Lineman/Foreman with the Public Service Company of Colorado, retiring in 2001 after 37 years of service. Even in retirement, he cherished meeting with his line crew for coffee around town.

Hugh was dedicated to his daily routine of having breakfast at the Campus

Cafe community table, he relished walking in the door after surgeries and health setbacks.

He felt most comfortable in Alamosa, surrounded by the majestic mountains of the San Luis Valley. Hugh was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying fishing, hunting, and horseback riding on numerous pack trips up the Conejos Canyon. His frequent use of the Continental Divide trail and his pasturing of horses below the Blue Lake trail earned him the moniker "Mayor of Blue Lake." Hugh loved sharing stories of his grand adventures with friends and family and anyone on the trail.

A celebration of Hugh's life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024, at 11 a.m. at The Barn at La Manzanilla Farm, 6491 Colorado Highway 17, Alamosa. The service will include Military honors followed by a meal, potluck dessert, and burial at Fox Creek Cemetery. Please RSVP by text or phone call to Hughie's phone at 720-938-5739 for meal count purposes.

You mess with the bull you get the horns – HHH

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

PENDING OBITUARY

Elton Lee Hale Sr.

La Jara resident Elton Lee Hale Sr., 87, passed away on Aug. 3, 2024, at Rio Grande Rehabili-

tation and Healthcare Center in La Jara. Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of arrangements. To

leave online condolences and words of comfort for Elton's family, visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

Early morning collision kills seven horses

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier reporter
CONEJOS COUNTY

– A tragic traffic accident in the pre-dawn hours of Wednesday morning resulted in the death of seven horses on a stretch of highway between La Jara and Sanford in Conejos County.

According to Captain Nathan Lyons with the Colorado State Patrol, at 4:11 a.m. on Wednesday morning, two males were traveling on Highway 136 when their Dodge 2500 ¾-ton pickup truck hit a herd of seven horses who were in the middle of the road at Mile Marker 2.

Reading from a report submitted by troopers who arrived on the scene, Lyons reported that apparently a fence was down on property adjacent to the highway, and eleven

horses had escaped from the pasture. Seven of the horses were in the road when they were struck.

The two occupants of the truck suffered non-serious injuries, which Lyons described as mainly "cuts and bruises from the impact" and were subsequently transported to a nearby hospital. The names and ages of the occupants were not included in the report Lyons was accessing.

The speed limit on that stretch of road is 65 miles per hour. Lyons said the report stated that excessive speed was not a factor in the accident and there was no indication that the driver of the vehicle was impaired.

Given the time the accident took place, Lyons said it was likely that, even if the highway was shut down, traffic was not delayed. As he described

it, the owner of the horses came and "did what needed to be done" to remove the horses who had been killed while a tow truck removed the damaged pickup truck from the scene.

Captain Lyons said that there was nothing in the report to indicate that the other four horses were injured.

"It was just a very unfortunate thing to have happened," he said, adding that "neither of the occupants in the truck were wearing a seatbelt" which likely contributed to their injuries.

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Valley News

Pair of SLV Fair champions



Photos by Brian Williams

Lane Mattive, left, shows the Grand Champion of the San Luis Valley Fair Market Sheep Show on Wednesday, Aug. 7, at the Ski-Hi Complex in Monte Vista. Mattive, 13, of Sargent Community 4-H Club, won his class with his 156-pound crossbred lamb before being selected Grand Champion. This was his first Grand Champion in his six years of showing at the fair. Macklie Sims, right, showed the Reserve Grand Champion of the fair. Her 144-pound crossbred lamb won her class earlier in the night.



Jocelyn Malouff, left, and Reese Anderson, right, pose for a photo after their goats were selected Reserve Grand Champion and Grand Champion, respectively, of the San Luis Valley Fair Market Goat Show on Tuesday, Aug. 6, at the Ski-Hi Complex in Monte Vista. Anderson, 16, of Sand Dunes Drifters 4-H, won her class with her 93-pound reddish-brown goat before being selected Grand Champion. Reese showed the Grand Champion in 2022 and the Reserve Grand Champion in 2023. Malouff's 79-pound white goat was the Grand Champion of Bred and Fed before being selected Reserve Grand Champion. The Junior Livestock Sale is today at 6 p.m.



Courtesy photo

Beautiful Dahlias are shown blooming at Bloomstead Farms north of Del Norte.

Dahlias

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Aug. 23: A Night Under the Stars The festival kicks off with a catered dinner and dance under the stars. Enjoy a catered meal and dance the night away with a DJ, all set against the breathtaking backdrop of our blooming dahlia fields. The cost is \$30 per person.

Aug. 24: Fields of Fun and Friendship The festivities continue with a day of farm games, designed to delight participants of all ages. Enjoy entertainment from Ms. Kai's Performance Academy, delicious food from onsite vendors, and the chance to win fantastic prizes. The entry fee is \$5 per person, which includes 10 tickets for the games.

For more details about the festival and to purchase tickets, visit bloomsteadfarms.com/pages/dahlia-festival.

Wendi's Good Things Market

Adding to the charm of Bloomstead Farms is Wendi's Good Things Market, an elevated farm shoppe with a mission to help women live more joyful and purposeful lives. Wendi Seger, the former owner of the beloved eatery Locavores in Alamosa, started the market in response to the challenges of COVID-19, aiming to keep her employees working.

What began as a small venture has now blossomed into a thriving business, shipping farm-inspired goods nationwide. The new farm location includes a retail

section and expanded shipping and warehouse facilities. Wendi's Good Things Market stands as an inspiring testament to resilience and community spirit.

A Destination in the SLV

Bloomstead Farms and Wendi's Good Things Market are more than just places; they are experiences. Visitors are welcome to explore the stunning dahlia fields, purchase bouquets, and capture unforgettable moments through photography. The San Luis Valley offers a picturesque destination, perfect for a day trip or a weekend getaway.

For more information on when the farm will be open for photography and bouquet purchases, visit bloomsteadfarms.com.

Kit Carson

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Sangre de Cristo Mountains continues. The Colorado Geographical Naming Advisory Board again discussed the issue at its meeting in May but took no action. The name change has been before the board since last year, and it will again discuss it on Aug. 26.

The proponents of the 14,167-foot peak's name change advocate removing Carson's name, stemming from his violence against Navajo and Apache tribes in the 1800s. Carson was a frontier legend, fur trapper, wilderness guide, Indian agent, and U.S. Army officer. In 1865, Carson became the commander of Fort Garland.

The geographic board was created by Governor Jared Polis in 2020 to evaluate proposals concerning name changes, new names, and name controversies of geographic features and certain public places in the State of Colorado and

then make official recommendations to the governor.

In an interview with this reporter in September 2022 regarding the possibility of changing the name of Kit Carson, Polis said, "First, we give heavy weight to what local residents want. The geographic naming board sends recommendations to me that we advance to the federal government. Often it begins with a classroom of students or local officials, and it builds — and the naming board is part of that. It starts with local residents."

In November 2023, Saguache County Commissioners voted in favor of a name change without specifically choosing one. Since then, the commissioners have proposed new names that the board has not considered, as those names are already in use.

In a statement made on Aug. 7 to the Valley Courier, Saguache Commissioner Liza Marron wrote, "We have been successful with connecting

with a Ute representative from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Historic Preservation Office as well as the Assistant Director for Tribal Affairs at the Colorado Department of Natural Resources.

"They are researching the original name for the mountain pre-colonization. The Crestone Town Board hopes to invite a contingent of Ute representatives to come to Crestone, share a meal, and discuss the naming. It seems this is moving forward. The wish by most parties is that the historic inhabitants of this area have the naming opportunity for the majestic mountain that looks down on us from the Sangre de Cristo range."

The Colorado Geographical Naming Advisory Board will meet on Aug. 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. and again consider renaming Kit Carson Mountain.

For details on how to view the meeting via ZOOM, use Meeting ID 885 7290 3329 and Passcode 266179.

Potato

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growing and harvesting of Colorado's finest potatoes, right here in the San Luis Valley.

Festivities will continue throughout the day and will include free

kid's games, the famous mashed potato dunk tank, and a professional chef competition between Chef Jason Morse of 5280 Culinary, Chefs RJ Harvey and Aurora Hollenbeck of Potatoes USA and Chef Tim Alfrey of the Windsor Hotel.

There will also be bounce houses, and a trampoline quad jumper along with food and craft vendors, live animals and much more.

For more information or to sign up for any of these events, visit coloradopotato.org/potatofestival or call 719-852-3322.

School

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people weren't standing around and waiting," says Dr. Luis Murillo, assistant superintendent who, along with Dr. Diana Jones, superintendent, assisted in registering students. "But then we realized that we had gotten so good at the process that people were just moving through registration much faster."

As successful as those first two nights of registration proved to be, they were actually just a fore-shadow of the grand finale. Known as the Back to School Bash, the third

of three nights spent registering students for next year, Murillo estimates there were more than 600 kids registered for school, doubling the number who participated last year.

Over one third of the student body registered, signed up for free lunch and registering for Friday activities at the SLV Boys and Girls Club in just three days. Not bad.

While many school districts across the state are reporting a decline in enrollment, ASD is going into the school year in as good of shape as last year if not even a little bit better.

"It's looking like we might be able to retain our enrollment," says Dr.

Luis Murillo, assistant superintendent. "What I mean by that is that we were projected to be right around 2,000 or a little under, which is where we were last year. Our last projection was somewhere around 2081 but there are still some kids that we need to disenroll." After all those changes, enrollment at ASD is projected to be around 2035. "So, we gained some students," Murillo says.

When asked about staffing of teachers and counselors, Murillo says, "We left the school year being fully staffed and then summer happened, so we're looking for one possibly two teachers at the middle

school and one counselor."

Over the summer, there were also some significant changes among principals. After decades in his position as principal of Alamosa High School, Andy Lavier left ASD to become the new assistant superintendent in the Center School District.

Amy Ortega, former principal of Ortega Middle School, was hired to be the new principal at Alamosa High School, a move that, Ortega says, "feels like home" as that is where she first started her career at ASD over twenty years ago.

The leadership team at ASD has always been a strong proponent of grow-

ing each staff member's capacity, as is evidenced by their hiring Nathan Gonzales — former assistant principal at Ortega Middle School (OMS) — to take over the helm at OMS. Adam Martinez was hired to take Gonzales' former position as assistant principal.

When asked about priorities for this year, Murillo talked about continuing the extraordinary growth last year, including PSAT and AP classes. He also sets continuing the strong upward trend in academic achievement the district has been experiencing as well as greater focus on student attendance.

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Opinion

Let the eating begin

Today Miss Trixie left for Texas to attend the funeral of a dear friend to us both. I would have gone along but Cooper the dog is very sick and so I am holding him 24-7 and praying. That's all I can do at this point.

But anyway, Miss Trixie actually caught a ride down to Texas with some friends who were going to the same funeral and so she had good company on the way and will return the same way.

Ol' Dutch sure hated to miss the funeral as there is nothing quite like a Texas send off. I have been to several and it's more of a gathering of 300 to 600 closest friends who all sit around and tell stories about the dearly departed and smile and laugh. And that's not all that occurs there. I am not talking about the reading of the will, but I am talking about the after-funeral brunch that is served Texas style.

I have read about the ancient Egyptians and other societies enclosing food in the sarcophagus for the departed to take on their otherworldly trip. But the first time I attended a funeral in the South, I soon found out that all the women bring food for those of us who were left behind and quantities enough to last several lifetimes as leftovers in the fridge.

They laid out a spread that would make any cruise ship buffet pale in embarrassment for their lack. You have the obligatory fried chicken, BBQ beef, meatloaf, roasts, ham and of course, who can forget the always present Little Smokies weenies in a rich red sauce.

Trout Republic



by Kevin Kirkpatrick



There are salads of every kind and quantity including Jello salads, pea salads, lettuce salads, tomato salads, cucumber salads and more spread out like King Solomon's table.

With a plate quickly filling I have to decide if I have room for potatoes-sweet, mashed, fried, scalloped or baked. And then just when Ol' Dutch thinks his plate cannot hold another item I spot the pastas including cold pasta salad, spaghetti, shells, and the southern staple, mac and cheese.

Now some of you might say that a person does not have to sample each item but let me tell you, if you do not, be prepared to answer as to why you didn't try Aunt Mable's taters or Grandma Jeans pea salad. It's just easier to make room in your stomach than to have to have that conversation.

Finally finding a place to sit I try to eat the food I got but it's difficult to do as there are people all around you asking questions about you kids, parents,

aunts, uncles, preacher, wife, husband all in an attempt to see how you are somehow related to every single person in the hall.

But finally, you get the food down and push back from the table a bit to give yourself room to breathe when low and behold Sister Sally from the First Baptist arrives with pie and insists that you try her special recipe. So of course, not wanting to offend anyone, especially at a funeral, I accept the tall, sweet treat and make a go at consuming it.

At this point Ol' Dutch begins to notice that the food seems to be going down a lot faster and easier as I am caught up in a conversation about Aunt Flo or Uncle Jerry and soon you find yourself standing in the dessert line looking at brownies, cakes, pies, ice cream, frozen concoctions and the ever present southern banana cream pudding with those cheap vanilla wafers inserted into the bowl.

Somehow the eating finally comes to

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an end and if you are from the North country like Ol' Dutch, you assume this shindig is going to wind down. How mistaken can one be?

For now, what follows is hours of reminiscing about the Wilsons and all the other names of the area all of which make not one bit of sense to Ol' Dutch. But finally, once again having settled all the old business of who belongs to who, the people begin to filter off towards home in the afternoon heat to resume waiting for the next kin or friend to pass to the great beyond.

So here is to Uncle Si, our friend who has passed over to the great beyond. May he find yard sales at every turn and deals of a miraculous nature.

Kevin Kirkpatrick and his Yorkie, Cooper, fish, hunt, ATV or hike daily. His email is Kevin@TroutRepublic.com. Additional news can be found at www.troutrepublic.com or on Twitter at TroutRepublic.

'Irrational exuberance: How much has the race changed?

By BYRON YORK

It has now been more than two weeks since President Joe Biden dropped out of the race and Vice President Kamala Harris became the Democratic nominee. It's always hard to get a quick handle on public reaction to a huge event like that, but after a couple of weeks, the news has had time to sink in with voters, and it's time to start looking at some new polling.

The bottom line is that so far, the Biden gambit, the sudden switch forced on the president by powerful Democratic Party insiders, appears to be working. In early July, before the wild series of events that rocked the race -- Trump assassination attempt, GOP convention, JD Vance, Biden withdrawal, rushed delegate vote for Harris -- Trump had a lead of slightly more than 3 points over Biden in the RealClearPolitics average of national polls. Now, two weeks after the Biden/Harris swap, Harris leads Trump by less than a point in the same average.

What has happened is precisely what Trump pollster Tony Fabrizio predicted when Biden pulled out. "We will start to see public polling -- particularly national public polls -- where Harris is gaining on or even leading President Trump," Fabrizio wrote in a July 23 memo. "The

Democrats and the MSM will try and tout these polls as proof that the race has changed."

That is the story of the last two weeks and could be the story of the next two weeks before the Democratic convention, which will then add one more week of Harris celebration. Still, Harris is quickly backing away from positions she has held for years, and she has still not answered a single substantive question from any journalist in her two weeks as nominee.

In a new CBS News/YouGov national poll, Harris has the narrowest possible lead, 50% to 49%, in a head-to-head matchup with Trump. In the last CBS poll, conducted in July during the Republican convention, Trump had a five-point lead over Biden, 52% to 47%.

There have been other signs that Democrats and some independents are much more enthusiastic about Harris than they were about Biden. Last week, the Harris campaign announced that it raised \$310 million in July. That is huge -- a lot more than the \$139 million Trump raised, which itself is pretty big.

Plus, there is the obvious fact that Democratic crowds appear more enthusiastic for Harris than they were for Biden. She held her first rally in Atlanta -- no accident, given the huge impor-

ance of Georgia in the Electoral College battle -- and she got a big, loud crowd.

As it turned out, a few days later, Trump had a rally of his own at the same site in Atlanta. He, too, got a big, loud crowd of people happy to be supporting him. Trump has been leading Biden in Georgia for months, and it appears he is still leading Harris, although likely by less. Nevertheless, Trump has clearly had problems re-orienting his campaign. For obvious reasons: He ran against one candidate, Biden, for two years, focusing every thought and attack on Biden, Biden, Biden. Then Democratic insiders pulled off an unprecedented switcheroo, and Trump is no longer facing the opponent he built his campaign around. No candidate and campaign could change tracks without some rough patches. Plus, Trump is still making some of the same mistakes he has made for years, regardless of his opponent. For example, in the big, enthusiastic Atlanta rally, Trump could not resist bashing Georgia Republican Gov. Brian Kemp, who Trump still holds a grudge over the 2020 vote counting in Georgia, which Biden narrowly won. It made no sense, yet Trump could not stop himself from doing it. On the other hand, Harris has had two weeks of the most positive press cover-

age imaginable, and after that the race is still tied. But is it a new race altogether? Has it been "reset," as some say? Are the issues somehow different? When Fabrizio wrote, "The Democrats and the MSM will try and tout these polls as proof that the race has changed," his next sentence was: "But the fundamentals of the race stay the same." Obviously, Democrats hope that, with the assistance of a willing press, they can make the honeymoon last for the next three months. Maybe they can. But Republicans believe that, given Harris' weaknesses as a candidate and the weaknesses of her record, the current celebration can't continue forever, or even for three months. Fabrizio is probably right that the fundamentals of the race are still the same. It is Donald Trump's job to stay steady, and keep pursuing his three-part message, with one small change: 1) Things were good when I was president. 2) Things went to hell when Harris took office. 3) Elect me, and I'll make them good again. It's a simple message, and we'll see if it can withstand the current wave of Kamalamania.

Byron York is chief political correspondent for The Washington Examiner.

LETTERS

Veterans Memorial Car/Motorcycle Show a great success

Editor,

On July 13, the Second Annual Veterans Memorial Car/Motorcycle Show was held, and it was a great success as 48 cars and motorcycles gathered on the soccer fields by the Alamosa Family Rec Center!

The weather was beautiful as we started with a presentation of the colors, it stayed beautiful. Several awards were presented, and we congratulate

the winners and all participants.

We'd like to thank our DJ team of Lee Ann and Junior Burciaga, for their excellent services. They not only gave us great music to listen to, but also helped us give out all of our great door prizes. Thank you, Lee Ann and Junior!

We also thank Anna Smith who, once again, helped us kick off the car show by singing the Star-Spangled Banner to honor our nation and our veterans.

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To our volunteers, we couldn't have done this without you -- thank you: Brenda Yohn, Cassie Howard, Megan Smith, Greg Bervig, Jim Lester, Theresa Ruder, Viola Nelson, and many others.

Sincerely submitted on behalf of the Alamosa Veterans Memorial Park Board of Directors,
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Lifestyles

Range in Saguache celebrates 10 years



Courtesy of The Range

The Range in Saguache is celebrating 10 years. There will be an opening reception for Home on The Range, with refreshments served from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 9. There will be poetry and music performances starting at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10. The Saguache art space first opened to the public in 2015 with a show called The Ramble. Home on the Range is the 35th exhibition, including artworks by numerous artists. The Range is at 307 4th St., Saguache. Home on the Range will be on view until Sept. 15. During the exhibition, The Range will have regular open hours on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ring the bell or call 646-734-1373 to visit the exhibition outside these hours. Pictured is Adrienne Garbini image, Home on the Range, 2024. Memoryware framed inkjet print.

100 Years Ago in the San Luis Valley — August 1924

By BARBARA KRUSE

SAN LUIS VALLEY —

“Complete Success Marks the 6th Ski-Hi Stampede and the Three Day Program Wins the Plaudits of Great Crowds” - read the headlines for August 1924. The clown, Ed Wright, and his bucking bull attempted to make an entry when the bull got fractious and wrecked Wright’s famous cart on the fence. The outlaw horse, Crooked Shep, had been the terror of the Stampede but found his mark when a young buster from California outlasted the usual twist into a buck of a horse that had never failed in the past.

Crowds were relatively orderly at the Stampede, and there were few arrests. The boldness of bootleggers during the event was evident owing to the fact that they expected officers to focus their attention on other things.

In another bull incident not associated with the Stampede, a resident of the Veterans Home was trampled by a vicious bull while walking through a field which left his body in a frightful condition. The victim did not believe in banks and when examined by the coroner was found to have a large sum of money found on his person. He was one of the few men still living from the Colorado Troup that served during the War of Rebellion (Civil War).

John Croke was in possession of an unusually fine collection of arrowheads and Indian novelties which were on display in the front window of the Fassett Store. The collection contains 85 very fine stone tools. He secured the specimens in the sand dune district on his trips as an employee of the US Biological Survey.

A man attempted to dive in three feet of water at Mineral Hot Springs and struck the bottom of the pool. He suffered a deep gash and slight fracture of the skull.

Gunshots resulted when a man discovered another man in his wife’s room at the Saint Charles Hotel in Alamosa. The wife was here to attend the Normal School. First, the husband received a beating, then grabbed his gun and shot the visiting man in the back as he escaped down the stairs.

An arrest was made of a highly intoxicated man. He was released in the morning and cited to appear in court at 3:00 p.m. He did not find the courtroom until after 4 p.m. and was as bad off as the night before. He was again assigned to quarters in the city jail.

A woman was sentenced to 60 days in jail for possession of liquor, and her children were taken away. An infant child was adopted by a Monte Vista couple. Two older children were sent

to Morrison, Colorado to the state home for dependent and neglected children. The mother will not be able to recover the children until she can come before a court and prove she is a reputable citizen.

Beautiful bridge and floor lamps were selling for \$13.45 to \$16.95 at the Colorado Power Co.

Teacher exams were held in Monte Vista on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9-5.

One hundred and eight students attended the Normal School summer session, which was held at Alamosa High School. Adams State Normal School opened the following year.

Colorado Potato Growers Exchange was fighting hard for reduced shipping rates. New potatoes were available on August 15th. Head lettuce was bringing in \$1.90 per crate. A mixed train service was proposed for the Creede Branch of the railroad for moving lettuce and vegetables by hooking packed cars to the daily passenger train. The proposal was denied.

\$25,000 in pledges from Alamosa’s liveliest businesses was raised to purchase a site and build a racetrack.

A group of people that had recently climbed Mount Blanca Peak noticed when they were signing the register at the top that only 18 people had preceded them to the summit.

Blood drive scheduled for South Fork Aug. 10

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BLOOD DRIVE – There will be a Valley Blood Drive from 10:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10, at the South Fork Community Building. This is open to anyone.

Blood donation has a monumental impact on the lives of people across the country and locally, according to organizers. Because of the hot temperatures across the US and in Colorado, New Mexico, and surrounding areas a lot of blood drives have been cancelled and the need for blood is

greater than ever.

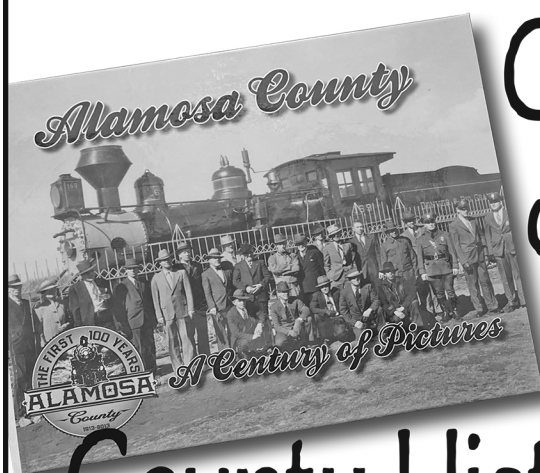
Did you know you can give one super powered blood donation – a Power Red – that may have the same impact as two regular donations? A Power Red donation is a concentrated donation of red blood cells – the most needed blood component by hospital patients. Not everyone qualifies to make this donation but as an eligible type O, A negative or B negative donor, this may be ideal, organizers stated.

Blood is drawn through special equipment that separates and collects

two units of red cells, then safely returns the other blood components of platelets, plasma, plus some hydrating fluid (saline), back to the donor. Compared to a regular blood donation, people may even feel more hydrated, organizers stated. This is as safe as a regular blood donation.

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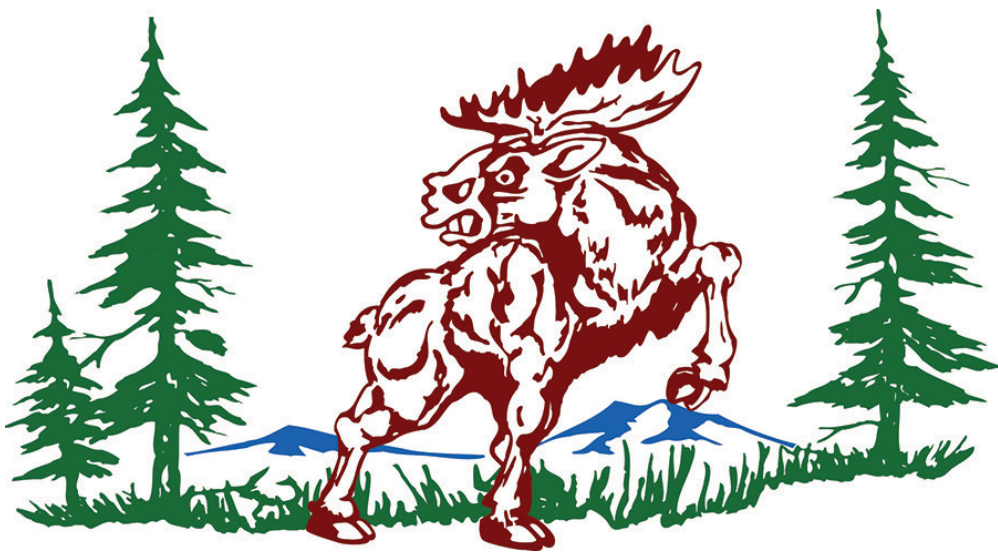
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Sports



Mean Moose golfers start season with fifth-place finish at Cortez

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA—The Alamosa High School boys golf team began the 2024 season as it competed at the Montezuma-Cortez Invitational Thursday at Conquistador Golf Course in Cortez.

The Mean Moose finished in fifth place with a score of 269 strokes.

Leading Alamosa was Serjio Najera who placed 16th with an 85. Kobe Mizokami was next with an 89 to finish 21st, Gibson Gillespie was 25th with a 95, and Brady Van Iwarden was 30th with a 99.

Durango won the tournament with 228. Montezuma-Cortez was second with 238, the Durango second team was third with 242, and the Durango third team placed fourth with 249.

Telluride finished sixth with 287, Woodland Park was seventh with 293 and Pagosa Springs was eighth with 304.

Pagosa's Johnathon Smith was the medalist with an even par 72. Durango's Drew Jepson was a stroke behind in second place.

Alamosa will next compete at the Durango Invitational on Saturday. Its home tournament will be on Aug. 16 at Cattails Golf Course.



Del Norte, Monte Vista to begin seasons next week

The other two SLV boys golf teams will begin their seasons early next week.

Monte Vista will compete at the Swink Invitational on Monday which will take place at the La Junta Municipal Golf Course. Both Monte Vista and Del Norte will be at the Fowler Invitational at the Cottonwood Links on Tuesday.

Both teams will also be at the Alamosa Invitational.

Team scores

Durango 228, Montezuma-Cortez 238, Durango 2 242, Durango 3 249, Alamosa 269, Telluride 287, Woodland Park 293, Pagosa Springs 304.

2024 DENVER BRONCOS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Preseason	Time/Score	TV
Sunday, Aug. 11	At Indianapolis Colts		11 a.m.	NFLN
Sunday, Aug. 18	GREEN BAY PACKERS		6 p.m.	NFLN
Sunday, Aug. 25	ARIZONA CARDINALS		2:30 p.m.	CBS
Regular season				
Sunday, Sept. 8	At Seattle Seahawks		2:05 p.m.	CBS
Sunday, Sept. 15	PITTSBURGH STEELERS		2:25 p.m.	CBS
Sunday, Sept. 22	At Tampa Bay Buccaneers		11 a.m.	FOX
Sunday, Sept. 29	At New York Jets		11 a.m.	CBS
Sunday, Oct. 6	LAS VEGAS RAIDERS		2:05 p.m.	FOX
Sunday, Oct. 13	LOS ANGELES CHARGERS		2:05 p.m.	CBS
Thursday, Oct. 17	At New Orleans Saints		6:15 p.m.	Prime Video
Sunday, Oct. 27	CAROLINA PANTHERS		2:25 p.m.	CBS
Sunday, Nov. 3	At Baltimore Ravens		11 a.m.	CBS
Sunday, Nov. 10	At Kansas City Chiefs		11 a.m.	CBS
Sunday, Nov. 17	ATLANTA FALCONS		2:05 p.m.	FOX
Sunday, Nov. 24	At Las Vegas Raiders		2:05 p.m.	CBS
Monday, Dec. 2	CLEVELAND BROWNS		6:15 p.m.	ESPN
BYE WEEK				
Sunday, Dec. 8	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS		2:25 p.m.	CBS
Sunday, Dec. 15	At Los Angeles Chargers		2:05 p.m.	FOX
Sunday, Dec. 22	At Cincinnati Bengals		TBA	TBA
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Prep boys golf

Alamosa at Durango Invitational, 9 a.m.

MONDAY

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Monte Vista at Swink Invitational (at La Junta Municipal Golf Course), 9 a.m.

TUESDAY

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Del Norte, Monte Vista at Fowler Invitational (at Cottonwood Links), 9 a.m.

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Back to School

Parental involvement is key factor in students' performance

Success in school can carry over to successful experiences later in life. That underscores the benefits of developing skills in the classroom. Students learn in their own way, and at times there may need to overcome various obstacles.

The job of education does not fully fall on educators and administrators. Education begins at home. Research has found that kids benefit significantly when parents and other caregivers are strongly involved in a child's education. A 2020 study published in the Journal of Prevention and Intervention in the Community found that parental involvement in a child's education is associated with improved academic performance. Specifically, children

whose parents are more involved in their education have higher levels of academic performance than children whose parents were not as involved.

A 2005 study from researchers at the Johns Hopkins University Center of School, Family and Community Partnerships showed that school practices that encourage families to support their students' math learning at home led to higher percentages of students scoring at or above proficiency on standardized math tests. Additional research indicates the benefits also extend to other subjects and areas of learning, including language comprehension and expressive language skills.

With so much to gain from parental involve-

ment in students' education, parents can embrace these strategies to get more involved.

- Develop a partnership with the teacher. Open communication with the teacher(s) can help parents stay up-to-date on what is going on in the classroom and learn early on where a student may need extra support. Then parents can offer extra guidance if it is feasible, or look into an experienced tutor.

- Be firm but supportive. Too much academic pressure may cause a child to pull back or even test boundaries, and that can lead to students falling behind in school. Parents must find the right level of involvement and guide their kids without sounding like good grades are "make or break" the



relationship.

- Attend school functions. Parents can go to open houses, back-to-school nights, conferences, and other events held at school to show

support and interest in their children's education. Involved parents also build school-based networks this way, which can be called upon if their student needs additional support in the future.

- Establish a schedule at home. Students can benefit from a schedule, with regular bedtime,

homework time and opportunities to relax. Knowing what to expect and when to expect it can take some of the stress out of learning and studying, according to Nemours health.

Parents working in concert with schools and their children can lead to better academic outcomes.

Back to school supplies checklist

As summer draws to a close, millions of students are preparing to return to school. Some may be excited to return so they can see their friends again each day, while others may lament the loss of carefree days under the warm summer sun. Regardless of which category students fall into, all will need the right supplies to begin the new school year on the right foot.

Some teachers now contact students' parents prior to the start of a new school year to let them know which supplies kids will need during the year. But the following grade-based rundown of supplies can help families get a head-start on back to school shopping.

Kindergarten
Kindergarten marks most students' initial introduction to formal schooling, and this exciting year of school is filled with lots of fun and new experiences. Some of the more common supplies kids need for kindergarten include:

- Pencils
- Colored pencils and crayons
- Washable markers
- Erasers
- Pencil case
- Pencil sharpener
- Glue sticks
- Children's scissors with a blunt tip
- Tissues
- Backpack
- Lunchbox/bag
- Headphones

Elementary school
Elementary school students typically need different supplies based on which grade they're in. Children between first and third grade may be asked to bring many of the same supplies as students in kindergarten, including pencils, washable markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, and children's scissors.

But first, second and third grade students also may be asked to bring some additional supplies, including:

- Ruler
- Pencil grips
- Index cards
- Wide-ruled notebooks
- A box for supplies, including pencils

Fourth and fifth graders will likely be asked to bring supplies that align more with academics than arts and crafts. Such supplies may include:

- Calendar
- Personal organizer
- Binders
- Loose-leaf paper
- Spiral notebooks
- Calculator
- Pens
- Plastic folders
- Highlighters
- Book covers

Middle school and high school
By the time children



reach middle school and high school, parents are well-versed in back-to-school shopping and likely know what is required. But some of the more unique items parents may be asked to provide for students in these grades include:

- Graphic calculator
- Graph paper
- Permanent markers
- Combination lock

- Protractor
- White-out
- Three-ring binders

Teachers are a great resource that can help students and their parents as they begin back-to-school shopping. Families are urged to reach out to educators or visit school websites to determine if there are any specific items kids will need during the school year.

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The legal description of the property is: All of blocks 1 & 3, and Lots 1, 2, 3, a portion of Lots 4 and 5, a portion of Lot 15, all of Lots 16 through 20, in Block 2, and the vacated portion of San Luis Ave west of 1st St, and vacated Park Place in Godfrey & Boyd's First Addition County of Alamosa, State of Colorado.
Details regarding this application are available for public inspection in the Alamosa County Land Use Office at 8999 Independence Way Suite 100 during regular office hours or at (719) 589-3812.
Richard Hubler
Land Use Administrator
Alamosa County
No. 4073.
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The applicant is proposing to divide the existing ~272 acre tract into Tract 1A-1 of 252.38 acres and Tract 1A-2 of 7.78 acres. This property is in the Rural (RU) zone district.
The legal description of the property is: Tract 1A of the Seger Division of Land #2, according to the plat recorded August 25, 1988 at Reception No. 246300, County of Alamosa, State of Colorado.
Details regarding this application are available for public inspection in the Alamosa County Land Use Office at 8999 Independence Way Suite 100 during regular office hours or at (719) 589-3812.
Richard Hubler
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The applicant is proposing to divide the existing ~20 acre tract into Parcel 1 of 12.69 acres, and parcel 2 of 7.33 acres. This property is in the Industrial (I) zone district.
The legal description of the property is: Tract 5, Barrier Division of Land, according to the plat recorded May 6, 1999 at Reception No. 292842, County of Alamosa, State of Colorado.
Details regarding this application are available for public inspection in the Alamosa County Land Use Office at 8999 Independence Way Suite 100 during regular office hours or at (719) 589-3812.
Richard Hubler
Land Use Administrator
Alamosa County
No. 4075.
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163 - LOST & FOUND

LOST: YOUNG FEMALE TORTOISE-SHELL CAT. Fixed, no chip or collar. Lost from NAVAJO TRAIL ANTIQUES. ABOUT 3 MILES EAST OF ALAMOSA ON HIGHWAY 160. REWARD for safe return! Linda, 719-580-4463. (8/13/24)

FOUND: WALKING CANE at ALAMOSA RECYCLING CENTER. Call 719-589-3813 to ID & claim. (8/13/24)

173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

PRIVATE HOME HEALTH: I can help keep your loved one at home. CNA 20+ years experience, excellent references, reasonable rates. 512-293-1448. (8/28/24)
LICENSED PLUMBER DOES all types of plumbing & plumbing repairs. Quick service! Call anytime, weekends & evenings: 719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593. (9/6/24-monthly)

221 - HELP WANTED

GUNBARREL STATION IS hiring a full-time TIRE TECHNICIAN. 40-44 hours/week. Starting pay is \$15/hour. Must be 18. Gunbarrel Station is also hiring part/full-time STORE CLERK. 20-30 hours/week. Must be 18. Starting pay is \$14.50/hour. Call 719-754-3543 or stop in for an application. (8/28/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

THE CITY OF ALAMOSA POLICE DEPARTMENT is seeking a full-time dedicated and experienced PROGRAM MANAGER to oversee our CO-RESPONDER & LEAD PROGRAMS. This vital position plays a key role in supporting the goals of improving public safety, reducing criminal behavior, and enhancing the quality of life for individuals participating in the program. Interested candidates can submit their application at cityofalamosa.org and attach their resume and a cover letter detailing their qualifications and experience. Starting pay FLSA Non-Exempt DOQ \$23.75 - \$24.94 per hour. Fringe benefits include CO PERA Retirement employer contribution 14.73% & employee contribution is 9.00%, 11.5 holidays per year, 2 personal days, 80 hours of sick leave and 80 hours of vacation leave per year. Employer paid life insurance, STD, LTD & AD&D, 75% of medical, vision, and dental premiums paid by the employer, Wellness Program, and discounted recreational memberships. Open until filled, with a first review on August 26th. (8/28/24)

THE ALAMOSA POLICE DEPARTMENT is seeking a full-time BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICIAN to join their team as a BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CO-RESPONDER. This position offers a unique opportunity to intervene and de-escalate crisis situations while providing essential mental health services to individuals in need. The successful candidate will work closely with law enforcement and community partners to assess, diagnose, and develop treatment plans for clients experiencing behavioral health crises. Interested candidates can submit their application at cityofalamosa.org and attach their resume and a cover letter detailing their qualifications and experience. Starting pay FLSA Exempt DOQ, non-certified \$64,750 - \$67,987, certified \$76,211 - \$80,021. Fringe benefits include CO PERA Retirement employer contribution 14.73% & employee contribution is 9.00%, 11.5 holidays per year, 2 personal days, 80 hours of sick leave and 80 hours of vacation leave per year. Employer paid life insurance, STD, LTD & AD&D, 75% of medical, vision, and dental premiums paid by the employer, Wellness Program, and discounted recreational memberships. Open until filled, with a first review on August 26th. (8/28/24)

CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS located in CENTER, CO seeks a PART-TIME PARKS & REC COORDINATOR for the 2024-2025 school year. Candidates should have a high school diploma and excellent organizational and communication skills. Ability to speak Spanish is preferred, but not required. The positions will involve promoting youth and community engagement through physical activity. This part-time position will begin August 20 or when filled. Center Consolidated Schools is an equal-opportunity employer. To apply, send a Cover Letter, Resume, Letters of Recommendation, Transcript, and a completed non-Certified Application found at <https://5il.co/qdtr> to Carrie Zimmerman, Superintendent of Schools, Center School District 26JT, 550 S. Sylvester Avenue, Center, CO 81125. For more information, please contact Katrina Ruggles at kruggles@center.k12.co.us. (8/17/24)

DEL NORTE HIGH SCHOOL is seeking a qualified ASSISTANT VOLLEYBALL COACH for the 2024 volleyball season. The individual would be responsible for developing the junior varsity program and assisting the varsity coach in all aspects of the high school volleyball program. If interested, please email Gilbert (Gibbs) Sanchez, Del Norte Jr/Sr High School Athletic Director at ggsanchez@urtigers.co or contact him at 719-657-4020. (9/13/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS POSITION open at the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Applicant must pass a background check and be able to work independently, be a forward-thinking individual with an overall team approach to all tasks at hand. Applicant must also be able to work in all weather conditions (snow removal/ general landscaping). If interested, please contact Demo Trujillo, 719-657-4040 x4007, dtrujillo@urtigers.co. Applications can be retrieved online at: www.urtigers.co. (9/13/24)

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. (9/13/24)

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED AT UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT in DEL NORTE! We need subs for teachers (must have a sub license), classified employees (must have sub license), CAFETERIA WORKERS, and BUS DRIVERS. Call or email: Sophia Cruz at 719-657-4040 x4000, scrutz@urtigers.co (9/13/24)

ACTIVELY HIRING: DIRECTOR - ALAMOSA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, competitive pay. Accounting experience, QuickBooks experience preferred, leadership role, decision making abilities, multitasking, event planning, speaking experience preferred, grant writing experience preferred but not necessary, fundraising. Deadline for applicants is Saturday, August 17, 2024. Mail resume to: PO Box 1276, ALAMOSA, Colorado 81101. (8/17/24)

ADELANTE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - La Puente is seeking a Master's level person (license eligible) to PROVIDE OVERSIGHT OF THE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM under the guidance of the Adelante Director. This position will provide direct supervision of case management staff to ensure completion of assessments, strength-based service plans, and case notes. Experience working with people who have serious mental health issues, and/or substance use disorders as well as chronic homelessness is extremely helpful. Crisis management skills, cultural responsiveness and organization skills are needed. Position will also provide oversight and supervision to non-housing Adelante staff in the absence of the Director as needed. Salary \$58,000 to \$60,000 plus benefits, send cover letter and resume to: hr@lapuente.net. (8/28/24)

COME BE a part of the growing CENTENNIAL R-1 TEAM! We are seeking applications for a TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR, will remain open until August 14, 2024. Please submit a resume, three letters of recommendation, pertinent transcripts, and a background check/valid CDE license with an application. Submit application through <https://www.applitrack.com/centennialschool/onlineapp> or email kimbarael@centennial.k12.co.us. This full-time position qualifies for a competitive benefits package and salary as outlined through our Master Agreement, which is available at centennial.k12.co.us. The starting pay range for transportation director is \$35,000-\$43,000. We are doing great things in SAN LUIS; it's the perfect time to join our team. (8/14/24)



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID SALE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Centennial School District R-1 is seeking sealed bids for the sale of the following property:
Property Description:
* Location: W2 OF LT 16 BLK 4 SAN LUIS
* Size: 293.7 x 27.7
* Current Use: Vacant lot
Bid Submission:
* Submission Deadline: Bid Deadline Date August 12, 2024
* Submission Address: Centennial School District Administration Office, 14644 Hwy 159 PO Box 350 San Luis, CO 81152
* Joe.Garcia@centennial.k12.co.us
* Starting bid: \$7,000.00
Additional Information:
* Bidders are encouraged to inspect the property prior to submission.
* The Centennial School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
For further details, contact Joe Garcia at 719-672-3322 or at joe.garcia@centennial.k12.co.us. No. 4058.
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DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO, Alamosa County

Courthouse, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101
IN THE MATTER OF THE SAN LUIS VALLEY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
The Applicant:
San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District
623 Fourth Street
Alamosa, Colorado 81101
Telephone: (719) 589-2230
Fax: (719) 589-2270
email: Heather@slwvcd.org
Case No. 2265 (C/R 49CV2265)
NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition for Inclusion of Certain Lands within the boundaries of the San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District has been submitted by the following owners of property in Mineral County, Colorado:
Petitioner: Mary M. Lasarsky Revocable Living Trust, Mary M. Lasarsky, Trustee
314 Pacifico Dr., South Fork, CO 81154
Property: Lot 1, Rio Grande Haciendas Subdivision, NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 11, Township 40 North, Range 2 East, N.M.P.M., Mineral County, Colorado.
Petitioner: Donna J. Osborn Revocable Trust, Kristen S. Arendt, Trustee
314 El Celito Drive, South Fork, CO 81154
Property: Tract 3, Rio Grande Haciendas Subdivision, NE 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 10, Township 40 North, Range 2 East, N.M.P.M., Mineral County, Colorado.
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Petitioner: TK Estates, LLC, Phyllis M. Maas, Managing Member
202 Pacifico Dr., South Fork, CO 81154
Property: Tract 14, Rio Grande Haciendas Subdivision, NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 11, Township 40 North, Range 2 East, N.M.P.M., Mineral County, Colorado.
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6486 Hwy 149, Creede, CO 81130
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SAN LUIS VALLEY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
By /s/ Marcie Schulz, Secretary
Dated: August 5, 2024
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NOTICE

The Centennial School in San Luis, CO is currently taking bids to replace the padding, carpet, and vinyl flooring in a house that the school district owns. For more information, any questions, or to submit a bid, please contact Ernie Rael at 719-672-3322 or 719-672-3406. No. 4043. Published in the Valley Courier on July 24, 26, 27, 30, 31, August 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, & 13, 2024.

NOTICE

The Centennial School in San Luis, CO is now taking silent bids for a 2007 Dodge Caravan. It has 307,000 miles, 3.3L V6. Please turn in your bid in a sealed envelope at 14644 Hwy 159 in San Luis, Colorado. Or, email it to P.O. Box 350, San Luis, Colorado 81152 by August 15th, 2024. No. 4044. Published in the Valley Courier on July 24, 26, 27, 30, 31, August 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, & 13, 2024.

Classifieds

221 - HELP WANTED

JUSTICE AND HERITAGE ACADEMY in ANTONITO, CO is seeking a dedicated SECONDARY MATH TEACHER and K-12 SUBSTITUTES for the 2024-2025 academic year. If you have a passion for math and education, we would love to hear from you. Please submit your letter of intent and resume to mike@cccwater.org. Competitive pay at \$15 per hour and part-time positions available. (8/24/24)

HARVEST TRUCK DRIVERS, Class A CDL required, seasonal, full time, must pass drug and alcohol test. Call 719-588-3516. (8/24/24)

WOLF CREEK SKI AREA is accepting applications for ALL DEPARTMENTS: lifts, ski school, base operations, food & beverage/bakers & baristas, rental, retail, ticket office, snow reporting/guest services, ski patrol, grooming, snow removal, custodial building maintenance, and a freelance photographer. To download an application and see job descriptions please visit the employment page of WolfCreekSki.com. Send resumes and applications to wolfcreekski@wolfcreekski.com or P.O. Box 2800, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147. All jobs are winter seasonal (November - April) with skiing privileges. Starting wage of \$18/hour with merit increases based on performance and experience. (10/30/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for full-time CUSTODIAN. This is a full-time position with benefits. Preference will be given to applicants with maintenance experience. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience can be viewed on the district website. Monte Vista School District offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Maintenance and Custodial 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 August 15, 2024 or until the position is filled. For application questions, contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (8/13/24)

L&M SALVAGE YARD is looking for a PARTS SPECIALIST & WRECKER DRIVER. Hiring full time position. Valid driver's license. Knowledge of vehicles preferred. Apply in person. (8/10/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

NOTICE OF JOB OPENING for SYSTEM OPERATOR: SAN LUIS VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, Inc., located at 3625 US Hwy 160 W, MONTE VISTA, Colorado, currently has an open position for a SYSTEM OPERATOR. Work hours are Monday - Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., forty hours/week plus additional time as duties require. Duties are primarily performed indoors and rotational standby coverage is required. Responsible for two-way radio communications with field personnel, prepares and executes electric system switching orders, extensive use of SCADA, real time meter data, vehicle tracking, outage management software and mapping system. Education Requirements: Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM) associate's degree, or journeyman lineman certification, or additional testing will be required as well as pre-employment drug screening and background check. Visit our website at www.slvrec.com to complete the job application. Applications will not be accepted after close of business on Tuesday, August 13. EOE. (8/10/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26 is now accepting applications for the position of 6-12 IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION INTERVENTIONIST, for the 2024-2025 School Year. Qualifications: HS Diploma, with Bachelor's degree in related field preferred, or related experience. Requires flexible working hours. Bilingual/English preferred, or such alternative as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. All candidates must pass a background check. Applications can be found on the District Website <https://www.center.k12.co.us/page/employment-opportunities> or contact the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (8/13/24)

DEL NORTE BANK is seeking to fill a full-time position for a TELLER in the CREEDE 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 - 4:30pm, an hourly rate range of \$14.42 to \$17.00, with a robust benefits package. Application available at TrueLocalBank.com/careers or inquire at 117 N. Main St. CREEDE or call 719-657-3376 and ask for Dawn. EOE. (8/16/24)

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CAFETERIA STAFF NEEDED at UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Must have a high school diploma and some knowledge of working in a kitchen or a willingness to be trained. Pay is dependent on prior experience. Please contact Leslie Martinez at 719-657-4040, xl100 or email her at lmartinez@urtigers.co. Applications can be retrieved online at: www.urtigers.co. (9/6/24)

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY is looking for candidates to fill the position of BUDGET ANALYST within the Business and Finance department. You can apply through://adams.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/ASU/details/Budget-Analyst-R188. We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions please reach out to our Human Resources department 719-587-7990. (9/4/24)

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MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a PART-TIME FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEE for the 2024-25 school year. The position is for 2.5 hours per day (11:30 am - 2:00 pm), Monday - Thursday, at MONTE VISTA MIDDLE SCHOOL. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Food Service 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/employment-opportunities by August 12, 2024, or until the position is filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (8/10/24)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for an INFANT or TODDLER TEACHER at the MVSD EARLY LEARNING CENTER. A complete list of qualifications can be viewed on the district website. The district offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Paraprofessional 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/employment-opportunities by August 12, 2024, or until the position is filled. For application questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (8/10/24)

PART TIME JOB FOR A VETERAN: ALAMOSA COUNTY is seeking a HALF-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT to assist the Veteran's Services Officer. The State of Colorado requires the PERSON BE AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERAN who will provide administrative assistance and can become a certified Veteran Service Officer after completing training. Applications can be found at https://alamosacounty.colorado.gov/category/press-release. For questions, please contact Sonia Salinas at 719-587-5314 or ssalinas@alamosacounty.org. (8/20/24)

221- HELP WANTED

COLORADO ROCK & DIRT EXCAVATION, based in PAGOSA SPRINGS, is expanding our team. We are looking for experienced CDL Drivers-local driving only. This is a full time position, offering competitive pay, health insurance, 401K and PTO. Please email resume to coloradorock08@gmail.com or contact the office at 970-264-3478. (8/20/24)

RAINBOW'S END THRIFT STORE seeking MANAGER in ALAMOSA. Position works closely with the Director of Enterprises, store staff, volunteers, and La Puente programs to run daily thrift store operations with the goal of maximizing proceeds, communicating the mission and impact of La Puente, building donor and community relations, and reducing waste. Salary \$35-\$40k. 15% net profit bonus. Full benefits package. Send resume/cover letter & request job description: hr@lapuente.net. La Puente, P.O. Box 1235, Alamosa, CO 81101; 719 589-5909 (Ext 238); www.lapuente.net. (8/9/24)

SAN LUIS VALLEY REC is seeking bids from a qualified INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR TO PERFORM LAWN CARE AND HEDGE TRIMMING. The bid must include labor costs and expenses related to the use of equipment, tools and supplies, as these items will not be provided by San Luis Valley REC. The contractor must also carry insurance and provide a certificate of insurance as proof of coverage. Contractor must submit an invoice to San Luis Valley REC on a regular basis to receive payment. Bids can be returned in person, by mail or email and must be submitted by August 12, 2024 by 5:00 PM. The email address is mtrujillo@slvrec.com. If you have questions, please call Shawn McKibbin at 719-852-6676. 3625 US Hwy. 160 W, MONTE VISTA, CO 81144. Weekly Expectations: 1. Seasonal raking of leaves and general yard clean-up as necessary. 2. Must mow and take care of weeds on a weekly basis. 3. Trim hedges as needed. If interested, a tour of the grounds can be scheduled prior to submitting your bid for a better idea of the requirements. (8/10/24)

TERRACE IRRIGATION COMPANY is seeking an individual for the position of DITCH RIDER/RESERVOIR SUPERINTENDENT. The position includes monitoring reservoir levels, adjusting and maintaining head-gates and ditches, and daily recordkeeping of water deliveries, in order to ensure accurate delivery of water to users. Farm or water delivery background helpful but not required. There will be on the job training. Mileage reimbursement will be provided. Pre-employment drug test/ random drug tests and background check are required. Salary dependent on experience. Contact the Ditch Secretary at 719-852-2144 for an application. (8/20/24)

WOLF CREEK SKI AREA is hiring a Full Time STAFF ACCOUNTANT. Those with Bookkeeping, Payroll, Accounts Payable experience are encouraged to apply. Familiarity with Microsoft Excel is preferred. Attention to detail, and organizational skills are required. The office is located at the Ski Area located on top of Wolf Creek Pass and requires commuting throughout the year. This is a year-round position, with longer hours during the winter operating months, and a shorter work week in the summer months. This position offers skiing privileges and the compensation starts at \$34 per hour depending on experience. Full slate of insurance benefits and PTO available after a probationary period. Please email resume to: Payroll@Wolf-CreekSki.com (8/31/24)

221- HELP WANTED

WOLF CREEK SKI AREA is hiring an ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT. Those with Bookkeeping, Accounting, Clerical or Human Resources experience are encouraged to apply. The office is located at the Ski Area located on top of Wolf Creek Pass and requires commuting throughout the winter months. This position offers skiing privileges and the compensation starts at \$24 per hour depending on experience. Please email resume to: Payroll@WolfCreekSki.com (8/31/24)

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. (8/30/24)

FAMILY SERVICES MANAGER: CENTER HEAD START is searching for a highly motivated FAMILY SERVICES MANAGER. Applicants must have strong interpersonal and communication skills. Required to have a Bachelor's 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. (8/30/24)

DIRECTOR: CENTER HEAD START is searching for a highly motivated DIRECTOR. Required to have a Bachelor's degree. The Head Start director takes total responsibility for administration of the program, including the planning, implementation, and evaluation. He/she will supervise all Head Start staff and is responsible for community involvement in the program. He/she maintains a good working relationship with the Regional Office. Ensures that the Head Start program is in compliance with Performance Standards and all policies of the National Head Start Program. Applications can be picked up at the Center Head Start Office or on the website. Questions, please call the office at 719-759-9259. (8/30/24)

BUS DRIVER/ CUSTODIAN: CENTER HEAD START is in search of a BUS DRIVER/ CUSTODIAN. Must have a Class B Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with P25 endorsement. A good driving record. Able to do a pre-trip inspection to ensure functioning maintenance of bus. Ability to work with children, parents, other staff, and community people. Custodian must take responsibility for the overall maintenance of the Head Start facility. Knowledge and understanding of safety and sanitation regulations and perform routine repairs as needed throughout the building. Applications can be picked up at the Center Head Start Office or on the website. Questions, please call the office at 719-759-9259. (8/30/24)

I NEED HARVEST HELP & TRUCK DRIVERS needed for POTATO HARVEST starting September 3. Please text me at 719-850-2137. (8/28/24)

LAND USE & PERMITTING ADMINISTRATOR: The Baca Grande Property Owners Association, 68575 County Road T, CRESTONE, CO 81131 \$50,000 - \$60,000 a year - Full-time. https://www.indeed.com/job/land-use-permitting-administrator-c201b92d488ea125. (8/28/24)

221- HELP WANTED

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/GENERAL MANAGER: The Baca Grande Property Owners Association, 68575 County Road T, CRESTONE, CO 81131 \$90,000 - \$130,000 a year - Full-time. https://www.indeed.com/job/executive-director-general-manager-a959c-74f16ae2c01. (8/28/24)

THE UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT is hiring a full time JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR. Applicants must have a Master's Degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain an appropriate Colorado school counselor license. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Annie Hardy, DEL NORTE Jr./Sr. High Principal at ahardy@urtigers.co or contact Mrs. Hardy at 719-657-4020. Applications for certified staff positions can be picked up at the District Office or online at www.urtigers.co. (8/28/24)

MOFFAT SCHOOLS IS now hiring for: K-12 SCHOOL COUNSELOR and SCHOOL SECRETARY. Job descriptions and applications can be found on the District website, www.moffatschools.org or contact Kathy Garcia at 719-341-0128 for more information. Application deadline: Until filled. (8/13/24)

JOB OPENING: PART-TIME SECRETARY at SACRED HEART CHURCH. Monday thru Friday - hours 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (25 hrs. a week). Should be bilingual and have experience with Microsoft programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher) and google email/calendar knowledge. Should be a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing with the Church. Must pass a criminal background investigation; must have a good driving record, current Colorado Driver's License, and automobile insurance. Please submit a resume to admin@sacredheartalamosa.org or come to the office for an application. If you have any questions, please call the office at (719) 589-5829, ext. 11. (8/10/24)

DEL NORTE POLICE OFFICER. THE TOWN OF DEL NORTE 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 a physical, physiological evaluation, pre-employment drug test, and extensive background check. Must be able to work all shifts. Salary \$45k-\$48k DOE, plus excellent benefits and retirement. Must be at least 21 years of age. Send resume to Del Norte Police Department email: delnorte1860@outlook.com or apply at delnortecolorado.com or can be picked up at Del Norte Police Dept. 525 Grand Ave., Del Norte, Co 81132. Deadline until position filled. EEO/ADA. (8/23/24)

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221- HELP WANTED

RIO GRANDE COUNTY is accepting applications for a HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST. Full-time, Monday - Friday. Salary starts at \$59,133 - \$65,248 annually DOE. Benefits include Health, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance, Paid Holidays and a 401(a) at 4% match. Starting annual salary of \$57,408 - \$59,717 DOE. Must pass a background check and pre-employment drug test, including testing for marijuana. Application and job description are available at riograndecounty.org and submit applications to humanresources@riograndecounty.org or pick up and drop off at 925 6th Street, Room 200, DEL NORTE, CO 81132. (8/10/24)

THE CRESTONE CHARTER SCHOOL is attracting skilled educators for a MS/HS SCIENCE TEACHER position. Qualified applicants will have a breadth of knowledge in biology, physics, chemistry, and earth science as well as instructional practices for individualized, project-based, experiential learning; teacher's license is preferred but educational experience is required. Salaried with benefits ranging from \$40-60K. Full-time for the 2024/25 SY. CCS also seeks a PART-TIME TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR & DRIVER to start ASAP for the 24-25 school year. Wages range from \$16.50-20.00 per hour. The position includes coordination of van fleet, drivers, and sports and trip driving. Clean driving record (not CDL) required. Call 719-256-4907 or visit www.crestone-charter-school.org/employment. (8/9/24)

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YARD SALE: SATURDAY August 10, 142 Davis Street, MONTE VISTA, 8:00am - 12:00pm. (8/10/24)

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Public transport
 - 4 Stuff
 - 8 Set of parts
 - 11 Fitting
 - 12 "Sweet — Alabama"
 - 13 Mouthful
 - 14 Feather scarf
 - 15 Genus of maples
 - 16 — vera
 - 17 Enrage
 - 19 Zone
 - 21 Vital statistic
 - 23 Electrical unit
 - 24 Took an opposing view
 - 29 Newt
 - 32 Dark
 - 33 Flooring material
 - 34 Chinese "way"
 - 35 Exist
 - 36 Big rig
 - 37 Greek cheese
 - 38 Term in tennis

- 39 Urged
- 41 Bill and —
- 43 Annex
- 44 Straw for roofs
- 47 Nostalgic song
- 51 Drinks
- 52 Unending
- 54 Fight
- 55 "On the double!"
- 56 Field
- 57 Stopped a fast
- 58 Papa
- 59 Daybreak
- 60 Impair

- DOWN**
- 1 Rum-soaked cake
 - 2 "Once — a Time"
 - 3 Men only
 - 4 Accusation
 - 5 Legendary bird
 - 6 Iowa town
 - 7 Simple
 - 8 Distance measure
 - 9 "Believe — not!"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 10 Summer shirt
- 13 Shower alternative
- 18 "The Big —"
- 20 Computer instructions
- 22 Make ingress
- 24 Soap brand
- 25 About (2 wds.)
- 26 Artist's blank book (2 wds.)
- 27 Duration
- 28 Beethoven's "Fur —"
- 30 Destiny
- 31 Warty thing
- 36 See
- 37 Sated
- 40 Motto
- 42 Tobacco kiln
- 44 Parting word (hyph.)
- 45 Outfitted
- 46 Round dance
- 48 Bit to drink
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- 50 Vessel with a handle
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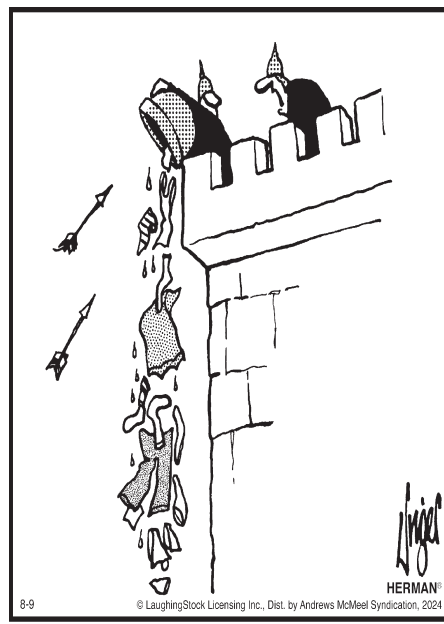
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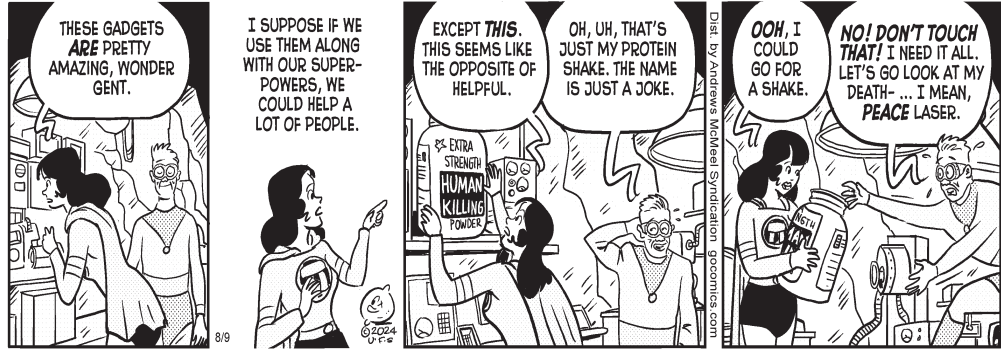
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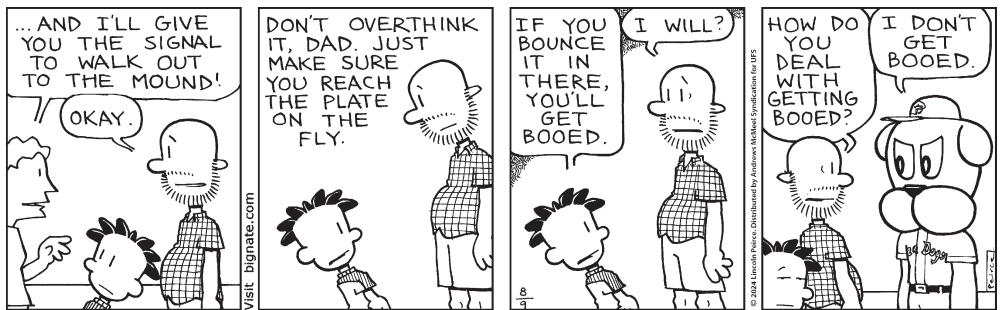
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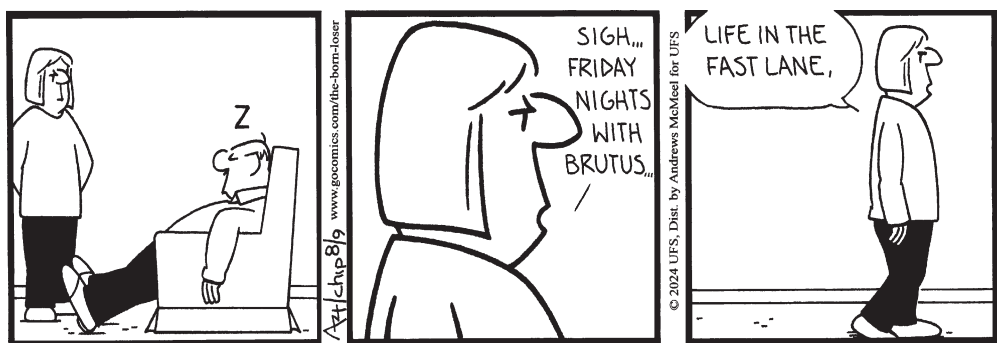
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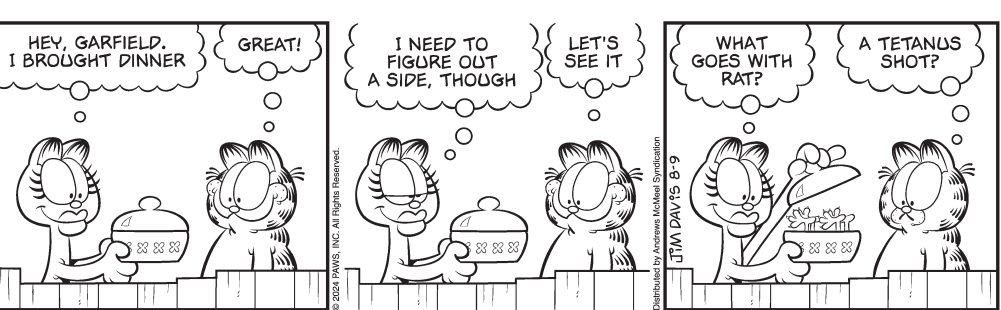
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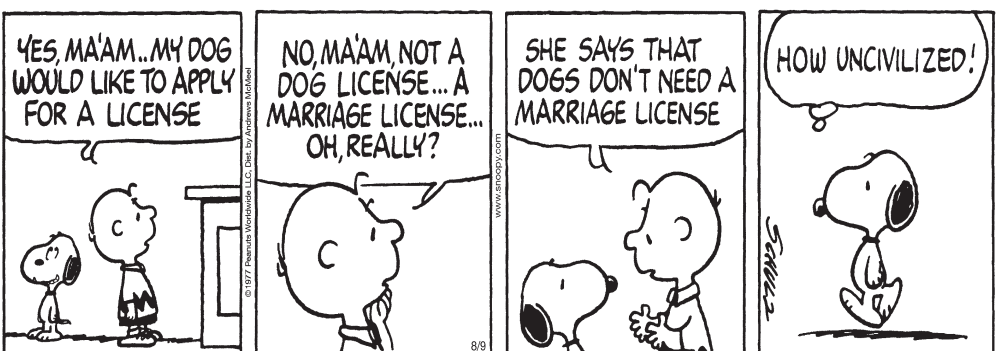
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THE GRIZZWELLS



PEANUTS



Unstable relative reappears as father's health declines

DEAR ABBY: My aunt frequently cuts people out of her life for perceived slights -- small, large and imagined. A few years ago, she got into a fight with my dad (her brother). Somehow, the rest of my family got cut out, too. Guilt by association, I guess.

She has done it to me so many times that I decided this last time would be it. I no longer want the drama of being "let back in" (without explanation or apology), only to be mysteriously cut off again.

Unfortunately, my dad is in ill health. He and his sister have recently made contact, but it is only surface conversation. When he passes, how do I let her know about his death without inviting her back into my life? No one in our family wants her at the funeral. Thanks for your wisdom. -- UNSURE IN THE WEST

DEAR UNSURE: Tell your aunt about her brother's death and let her decide if she wishes to attend the funeral. If she comes, be cordial. The woman is obviously troubled, but she should be allowed to pay her last respects if she wishes. Permitting her to do this does not need to change anything between the two of you. Remember, funerals exist

to comfort the living, and that includes your aunt.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married nearly 30 years, and there is nothing fundamentally wrong with my marriage or my husband. However, since I began working at home, I have noticed that my husband has a variety of irritating personal habits and idiosyncrasies that, because I was away at work all day, I never truly "appreciated" until now.

On one hand, I have always believed that home is the one place where people should be fully embraced despite their imperfections. On the other, he is driving me out of my gourd! Just like with sausage, maybe spouses should not be examined too carefully. Any advice for renewing the mystery in our relationship? -- UP THE WALL IN OREGON

DEAR UP THE WALL: If all that's missing is the mystery, perhaps you and your husband should see less of each other as soon as it is feasible. Being elbow to elbow day after day can diminish the romance if my mail is any indication. In the meantime, if there is something that needs tweaking, tell your husband what bothers you so he can make some changes -- as long as you are willing to do the same for him. It could save your



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marriage.

DEAR ABBY: I am dating a widower whose wife died three years ago. He constantly tells me he loves me. I love him, too. The problem is, every day he writes on his calendar that he loves his late wife. He also keeps her gardening shoes by his back door, and a large picture of her faces the chair he sits in. Am I making too much of this? -- RANKED SECOND IN MICHIGAN

DEAR RANKED SECOND: Perhaps. It is said that true love never dies. It's possible to still love a spouse who has passed on while also loving a woman who is living. Only you can decide if his attachment to his late wife is something you can live with.

Lifestyle



Photos by Brooke Ashley Photography

Creede Community Church, UCC members Stan and Michael Tucker-McDermott of the Tucker-McDermott Foundation, shepherded the Medication Garden project.

Creede Community Church marks 130th anniversary

Dedicates community Meditation Garden on Aug. 4

CONTRIBUTED CREEDE — In honor of its 130th anniversary on Aug. 4, the Creede Community Church dedicated its new Meditation Garden.

During the ceremony, the Rev. Sarah B. Linn offered appreciation to the trustees and to church members Stan and Michael Tucker-McDermott of the Tucker-McDermott Foundation, who shepherded the project over the past five years.

Several members and friends of the congregation contributed hours of work to bring the vision to life.

The Meditation Garden is open to the public 24 hours a day and features picnic tables, park benches, lovely plant life, and “Spin/Monarch,” an inspiring work of art by public sculptor Joe Nor-



Creede Community Church, UCC dedicated its Meditation Garden as part of their worship service on Aug. 4.

man. The sculpture was a generous gift from an anonymous donor and serves as the centerpiece of the garden.

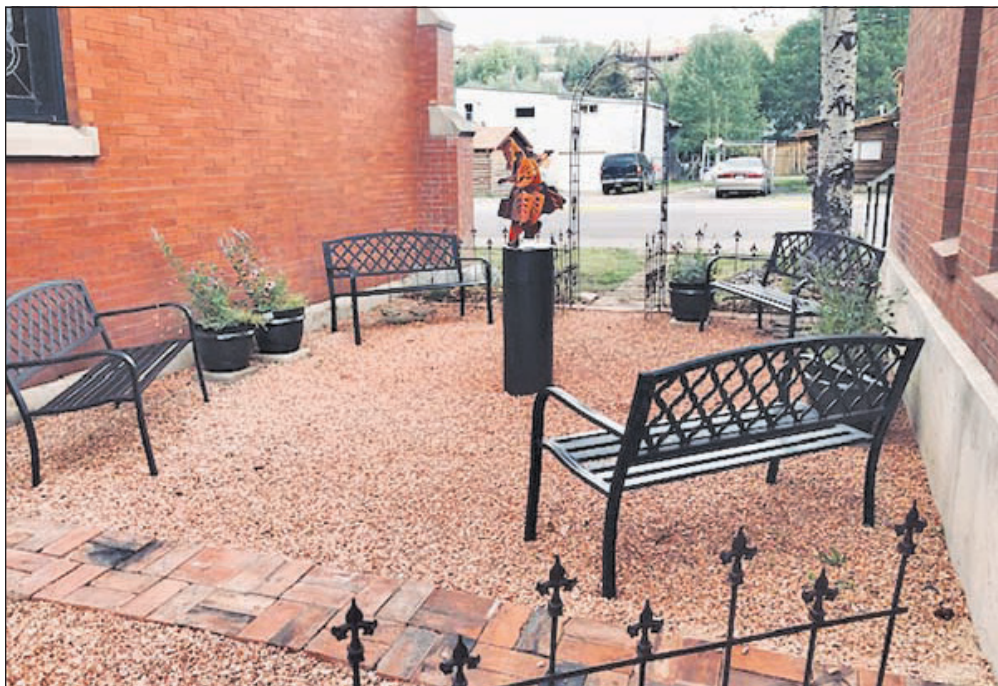
Creede Community Church, UCC began as a series of house meetings in 1892. The original congregation was chartered as Creede Congregational Church on Aug. 4, 1894.

Five years later, CCC formed the Ladies Auxiliary to raise money to support the church. They eventually become what is now known as the “Ladies Aid Society” (LAS), which has expanded its mission

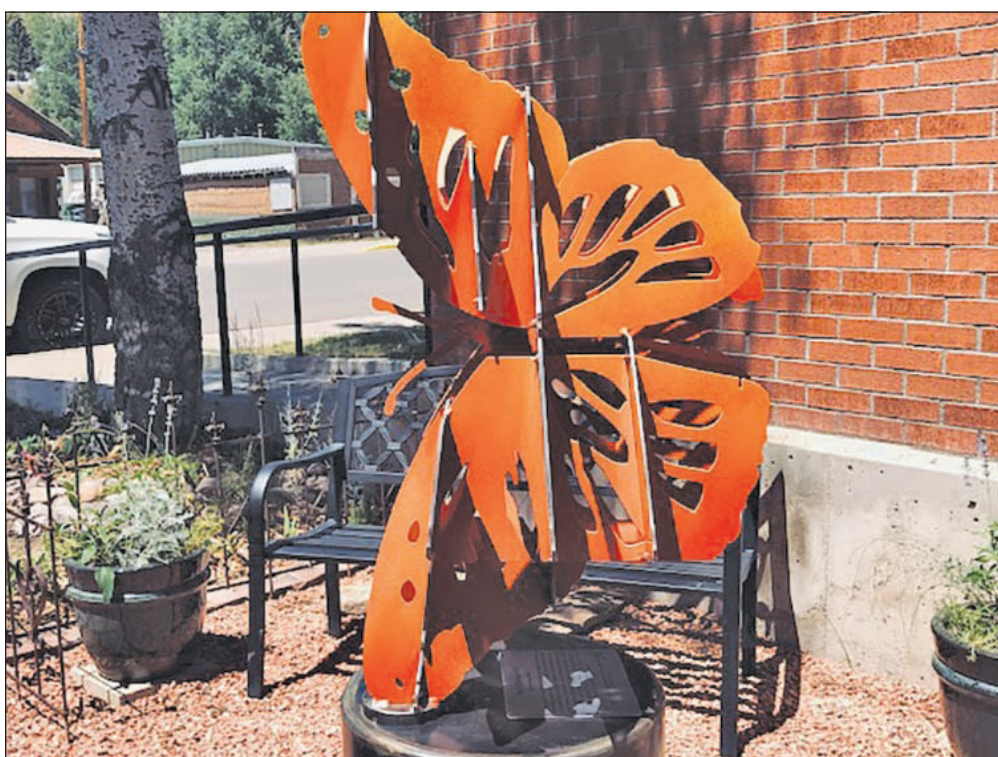
to include supporting local non-profits and neighbors in need. LAS is celebrating its 125th anniversary this summer.

The Congregational Church became Creede Community Church, UCC when it was folded into the United Church of Christ when the denomination was founded in 1957.

The Meditation Garden at Creede Community Church welcomes anyone who could use a break, a sunny or shady place to rest, or a moment of quiet reflection.



Members of the Creede Community Church, UCC celebrated its 130th anniversary Aug. 4.



Creede Community Church's Meditation Garden features the sculpture – Spin/Monarch – by Joe Norman as its centerpiece.



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