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## SLV Today

### Alamosa County Commissioners meeting

ALAMOSA — On Wednesday at 8:30 a.m., the Alamosa County Board of Commissioners will meet for a regular meeting at 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa. On the Consent Agenda are: Professional Services Agreement-County Attorney, a report from the Alamosa Weed Control District, a semi-annual report from the County Treasurer, funding for snow removal equipment, and other items. A resolution authorizing concealed carry and a resolution on a skilled gaming moratorium will be considered. The public is invited to attend in person or via ZOOM with meeting ID No. 270-314-6874.

### 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

Chance of Showers, Breezy 78/49  
**Wed:** Chance of Afternoon Showers, Breezy 76/45  
**Thurs:** Sunny, Breezy 80/45

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## What does the future hold for St. Benedict?

Public meeting is Wednesday, Aug. 14

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER  
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — Alamosa City Council is holding a meeting Wednesday night in City Hall to hear from the public regarding the future of St. Benedict, a campsite created by the city where people who are unhoused have the “legal right” to set up a tent or sleep in their cars.

The phrase “legal right” is directly tied to the purpose of the meeting, and the camp itself, af-

ter the Supreme Court recently overturned a 2018 decision that prohibited local municipalities from enforcing no camping ordinances without an alternative place for people who are unhoused to stay.

That 2018 ruling was part of the city’s rationale in creating St. Benedict in 2020. The Supreme Court’s decision to overturn means that, as was stated in the

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The future of St. Benedict to be discussed at meeting Wednesday night.

Courtesy photo Tim Dellett



## Riverfront Project public meeting in August



Courier photo by John Waters

The proposed Alamosa Riverfront Project includes increased recreational features at Cole Park, a boat ramp, a beach area with small rock jetties and stairs along the river shore and walking and cycling paths. Looking downstream of the Rio Grande, this photo shows the area on the right along Cole Park where new recreational opportunities are planned.

By JOHN WATERS  
Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Riverfront Project Public Input meeting held on June 20 at the Rio Grande Farm Park was a success, with roughly 55 members of the community attending. The project team received valuable feedback, and more is needed.

The riverfront project to increase recreational features along the Rio Grande at Cole Park in Alamosa is a partnership between the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project, the City of Alamosa, Alamosa County, San Luis Valley Great Outdoors, San Luis Valley Water Conservation District, and the Rio Grande Farm Park. Another public input meeting is scheduled for Aug. 27.

In an interview with the Valley Courier earlier

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## NPS thanks interns for their work

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GREAT SAND DUNES NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE — International Youth Day, Aug. 12, is a time when the national park service celebrates the hard work its interns have done this season.

Ethan Spaulding is one of the education interns helping in the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve. As a Southwest Conservation Corps intern, here is what he had to say about the experience.

“My time at the Great Sand Dunes has been more than I

could have ever expected. The mix of geology and biology in the park makes it fascinating to learn more every day. Educating and talking to visitors about how and why the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve came to be is one of the most rewarding parts of the job. My favorite part is exploring the area and using what I’ve learned to make sense of this great big world,” he said.

Southwest Conservation Corps’ Individual Placements Program pairs college students, recent graduates, and young adults with resource managers and places

them in federal agencies and other non-profit organizations. The resource managers serve a mentor role, creating accessible learning opportunities and hands on experiences throughout the individual’s term.

Individual placements run anywhere from 8 to 52 weeks in duration at locations throughout Colorado and New Mexico. Each placement offers a unique opportunity for immersive training, career development, and positive impact - for both the Individual Placement, and the communities they serve.



Photo courtesy NPS  
Ethan Spaulding is an education intern at Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve.

## Society Hall twin bill featuring Jon Chandler and the Tejas Brothers

By SOCIETY HALL  
ALAMOSA — Society Hall is presenting a rare double-header of shows the weekend of Aug. 16 and 17, with Colorado treasure Jon Chandler bringing great western songs on Friday, followed by the high energy Tex-Mex honky-tonk of the Tejas Brothers on Saturday. Both shows will be at 7:30 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

“We try not to have our shows too close together, or to have too many in general for our audience to attend, but sometimes we have the opportunity to present an art-

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Photo by Bill Patterson

John Chandler is bringing his big voice and great western songs to Society Hall on Aug. 16.



Courtesy photo  
The Tejas Brothers will be performing their Tex-Mex honky-tonk at Society Hall on Aug. 17.

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## OBITUARIES

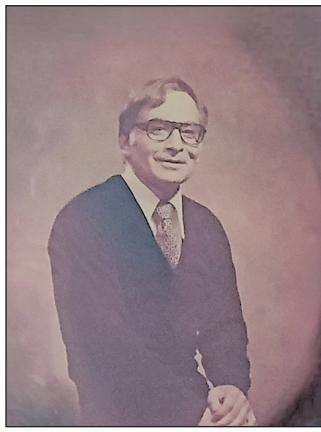
### Arthur Ruben Espinoza

AR Espinoza, 94, passed away peacefully on Aug. 9, 2024, in Alamosa, surrounded by his loving family.

AR was born in Espinoza, Colo., on July 25, 1930, to Benjamin F. and Manu-elita (Lobato) Espinoza. He met Gloria Marquez, the love of his life, and they started dating. They married on June 2, 1951, in Antonito, Colo. They resided in Alamosa, Colo.

AR Loved spending time with his family, working in the yard, fishing, riding horses and volunteering as an usher at Sacred Heart Church for many years.

He was a jack of all trades; he started driving a semi-truck hauling cattle and pigs for his dad at the age of 15. He then



worked with the forest service. He also sold cars for a bit with McMullen. He soon went onto work at Montgomery Ward and became the store manager for 30 years.

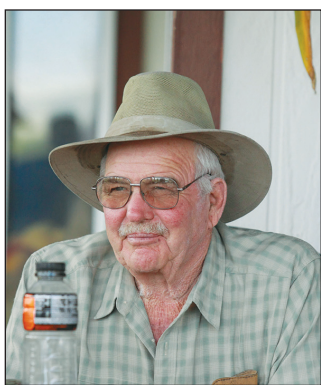
He retired for a time, and then decided to drive for the Alamosa School District for many years. He then fully retired in 1994-1995 to spend more

### James Geiser

James Thomas Geiser was born Feb. 4, 1938, in Lamar, Colo., to the late John and Mildred Geiser. He was a truck driver for most of his career, driving for his family's business, "G&G Trucking". He loved driving his trucks and did so for nearly 64 years! He also ran a farm in the San Luis Valley.

Most of all, he was a family man and did all he could to provide for them. His hobbies included anything his boys were doing, and he could always be found at his sons' athletic or 4-H events. He took great pride in his boys and captured their lives through numerous photos, videos, and newspaper articles. His legacy as a father and husband will live on. He will be greatly missed.

On July 30, 2024, James T. Geiser passed away surrounded by his family.



He was the beloved husband of 57 years to Leola Geiser.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Geiser; his mother, Mildred Geiser; and five siblings: John Geiser, Judy Minor, Jerry Geiser, Jerome (Chub) Geiser, and Jack Geiser.

He is survived by his siblings Joe Geiser (Angie) and Jeff Geiser (Nancy), and three sisters-in-law: Carolyn, Marie, and Julie Geiser. He was also preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Henry Mi-

time with his wife and family.

AR is survived by his three daughters Gloria Ann (John) McCurdy of New Jersey, Elizabeth (Earl) Masters of Wyoming, and Lisa (Chris) Faust of Colorado, three grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and one sister.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents, his wife Gloria, his son Arnold R. Espinoza Jr., and his 5 siblings.

AR will be laid to rest in Alamosa Cemetery next to his wife.

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

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He is the cherished father of Jim T. Geiser II and his wife Elaine, William R. Geiser and his wife Sandra, and Troy D. Geiser and his fiancée Tara. James was blessed with 11 grandchildren: Josh Peterson, Jake (Angela) Geiser, Emily (Eric) Struder, Cassie Geiser, Cole Geiser, Rex Geiser, Lindsey Geiser, Zach Geiser, Kiley Geiser, Austin Monson, and Sydney Monson. He also had three great-grandchildren: Eva Struder, Elizabeth Struder, and Jason Geiser.

There will be a rosary on Aug. 17, at 9:30 a.m., followed by funeral services at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Alamosa, Colo. Interment will follow at the Alamosa Cemetery, and there will be a reception in the church hall following the interment.

son, Sheila B. (Robinson) Dailey, and his niece Adria M. (Vorpagel) Bothe.

A celebration of his life will be held on Aug. 17, 2024, at 2 p.m. at La Puente Home located at 913 State Ave., Alamosa, Colo. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to La Puente Home, 913 State Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101, an organization Barry felt strongly about.

To leave online condolences, please visit [Romerofuneralhomes.com](http://Romerofuneralhomes.com). The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

ters, Yolanda (Pat) Hernandez and Maria (Tim) Barker; son, Dean Metz; grandchildren, Alex and Alissa Barker; great-granddaughter, Avaya Marino.

Raul was preceded in death by his parents.

No service will be held at this time.

### Raul Troncoso



wife, Virginia; two daugh-

Raul Troncoso, 71, passed away Friday, July 5, 2024, at home. Raul was born on Sept. 1, 1952, in Orogrande, N.M.

Raul was a professional driver for over 40 years. He enjoyed fishing, riding motorcycles and listening to oldies.

He is survived by his

## ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

Alamosa Police Department Report Aug. 2-9

David Lauro, 31, of Wheat Ridge was cited for control/care/treatment of animals.

Debbie Crispi, 66, of Alamosa was cited for animal cruelty.

Isaias Andres Mateo, 34, of Alamosa was cited for speeding 10-19 over.

Loren Bianca, 32, of Alamosa was cited for 1st degree criminal trespass of vehicle, theft under \$300 and possession of a financial device x2.

Rikk Chavez, 31, of Alamosa was cited for reckless driving and exhibition of speed.

Tabith Castleberry, 21, of Mosca was cited for unlawful possession of controlled substance.

Joseph Kelly, 49, of Alamosa was cited for theft under \$300, trespassing.

Two juvenile males, 13, of Alamosa were cited for

disorderly conduct.

William Fisher, 46, of Alamosa was cited for failure to yield.

Chelsea Squires, 32, of Alamosa was cited for possession of controlled substance x2.

Donovan Valdez, 32, of Monte Vista was cited for unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Joseph Horner, 43, of Graham, Colorado was cited for driving under restraint, failing to use turn signals, obstruction and improper turn.

Alex Caneleria, 32, of Capulin was cited for unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Shawntaya Warren, 32, of Alamosa was cited for driving under restraint.

Justin Hernandez, 35, of Denver was cited for driving under restraint.

Michael Holmes, 40, of Alamosa was cited for unlawful possession of

a controlled substance, shoplifting, possession of burglary tools.

Steven Holmes, 39, of Pueblo was cited for shoplifting, possession of burglary tools.

Victor Spieker, 55, of Alamosa was cited for intimidation of a witness/victim.

Donovan Chacon, 30, of Alamosa was cited for violation of restraining order.

Amber Cortez, 39, of Alamosa was cited for dog at large, 3rd offense.

London Massey, 37, of Mio, Mississippi was cited for DUI-Alcohol, prohibited use of weapon, failing to display lamps when required, DUI per se.

Jose Rivera, 55, of Manassa was cited for seatbelts required.

Desire Powers, 34, of Alamosa was cited for seatbelts required.

## ALAMOSA SHERIFF'S REPORT

Alamosa County Sheriff's Office citations for week of Aug. 1-8

Ramona Gonzalez, 49, of Albuquerque, New Mexico was cited for going 10-19 mph over the limit in the 2000 block of Highway 17 North.

Anna Ronquillo, 42, of Fort Garland was cited for going 10-19 mph over the limit in the 22000 block of Highway 160.

Elisha Medina, 20, of Monte Vista was cited for going 10-19 mph over the limit in the 3000 block of Highway 160.

Nathan Mills, 28, of Denver was cited for going 10-19 mph over the limit Highway 150 Mile Marker 4.

Dawn Allen, 54, of Chandler, Texas was cited for going 20-39 mph over the limit in the 1000 block of Highway 17 North.

Justin Johnson, 39, of Alamosa was cited for going 10-19 mph over the limit in the 1000 block of Highway 17 North.

Adriana Romero, 24, of

Alamosa was cited for driving a vehicle license was under restraint at Main Street and Craft.

Federico Quibingco of Alamosa was cited for harassment, obstruction of telephone or telegraph service and domestic violence at 10506 Highway 160 East.

Michael Suazo, 36, of Alamosa was cited for unlawful possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia at 259 San Luis Avenue Lot 7.

David Harris, 73, of Alamosa was cited for harassment and criminal mischief in the alley behind 385 McQuerry.

Lis Ziegler, 32, of Cañon City was cited for going 10-19 mph over the limit in the 2000 block of Highway 160 West.

Michael Thompson, 48, of Centennial, Colorado was cited for going 20-39 mph over the limit in the 3000 block of Highway 160 West.

William Roberts, 55, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida was cited for first degree

criminal trespass at 3017 CR 106.

Francois Guirolla of Yoder, Colorado was cited for motor vehicle theft at 415 Main Street.

Brandon Ratcliffe, 29, of Alamosa was cited for criminal mischief at 1315 17th Street.

William Roberts, 55, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida was cited for second degree trespass at 333 Santa Fe (Quality Inn).

Loren Bianca of Alamosa was cited for 2nd degree burglary of a dwelling at 913 State Avenue.

Esteban Patrocinio Esteban, 26, of Alamosa was cited for driving a vehicle while license is under restraint at Main Street and Craft.

Muhammed Afridi, 38, of Salisbury, Maryland was cited for going 20-39 mph over the limit in the 3000 block of Highway 160.

Giovanni Francisco-Lima, 28, of Alamosa was cited for limitations on backing public or private at 250 Broadway Avenue.

## CDOT begins construction of new three-way signal at intersection of US 24

### CONTRIBUTED CHAFFEE COUNTY

— The Colorado Department of Transportation in cooperation with prime contractor, Bixby Electric, began a 3-way signal installation project today, Monday, Aug. 12, at the intersection of US Highway 24 and Baylor Drive and DePaul Avenue in Buena Vista. The project is expected to be completed in late October.

"Recent studies have shown a growing amount of traffic on US 24, especially along Baylor Drive where there is a largely residential area," said Julie Constan, CDOT Regional Transportation Director. "Buena Vista is an active community.

Many pedestrians and bicycles are crossing the highway in this location. It was determined that a new signalized intersection will create a safer environment and more efficient flow of traffic for all modes of travel and users interacting on this stretch of highway."

Project improvements include: Three-way signal at US 24, DePaul Avenue and Baylor Drive

Micro-surfacing (laying new asphalt over the existing pavement) at the approaches of the intersection in each direction

New striping and markings including turn lanes and multi-modal features

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### School Menu

Tuesday

August 13, 2024

#### BREAKFAST

Early Riser Breakfast Hashbrown

Fruit & Milk

#### ELEMENTARY

Colorado Burrito/Salsa

Corn/Black Beans

Veggie Cups

Fruit & Milk

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL

Colorado Burrito/Salsa

Corn/Black Beans

Veggie Bar

Fruit & Milk

#### HIGH SCHOOL

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# Valley News

## BBQ and brews



Courier photos by Ken Hamrick

**Still Whiskey Smokehouse gives samples at the Beat the Heat BBQ and Brewfest on Saturday at Cole Park in Alamosa.**

**A crowd gets samples from 662<sup>nd</sup> Street BBQ, a company from Denver, at the Beat the Heat BBQ and Brewfest on Saturday at Cole Park in Alamosa. Results not available prior to publication.**



## Project

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this year, Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman said, “This is an exciting planning process, and we are grateful for the community partnerships that make this project possible. The 2017 Comprehensive Plan lists the activation of the Rio Grande as the number one community priority, so this project helps us move that effort forward.”

Jub Engineering and RiverRestoration were hired to work with the community during the planning and design process. RiverRestoration

has worked on a portfolio of aquatic projects in both restoration and recreation.

The Bend (Oregon) Parks and Recreation Department retained the firm in 2010 to replace a hazardous dam on the Deschutes River and transform the area into a recreational paradise. The Town of Vail also hired the firm to improve the performance of the Vail Whitewater Park. Both sites are now tourist destinations.

The project team will hold another public meeting at 6 p.m. on Aug. 27 at the Shooting Stars Cultural and Leadership Center, 807 Ross Ave.,

Alamosa. The public can meet the team over dinner to learn more about the project and give your input on draft designs to help shape the future of Alamosa’s riverfront. This meeting will be in English and in Spanish, all are welcome to attend. Childcare will be available at the venue. View the Facebook event on the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project Facebook page.

The project team will stop accepting feedback on Friday, Aug. 30. The upcoming public input meeting on Aug. 27 will be the last formal meeting before integrating feedback into final de-

signs, which are expected to be completed in early 2025.

As an additional opportunity to give input, draft designs are also viewable in video or PDF format on the website, followed by a short five-minute survey at [riograndeheadwaters.org/alamosa-riverfront](http://riograndeheadwaters.org/alamosa-riverfront). Email [alamosariverfront@gmail.com](mailto:alamosariverfront@gmail.com), with further questions.

The City of Alamosa, Colorado Water Conservation Board, Colorado Health Foundation, Trinchera Blanca Foundation, Peregrine Accelerator Program, and the Westside Ditch Water Users have made funding available for the project.

## Future

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city’s press release dated July 18, “The City of Alamosa no longer needs St. Benedict in order to enforce the no-camping ordinances on public property (sidewalks, parks, trails, alleys, etc.)”

The topic of St. Benedict has been an issue of contention among residents of Alamosa, something of which council members are distinctly aware.

“The City recognizes that homelessness is a problem without easy solutions, and St. Benedict has long been a controversial topic for our community,” read the press release.

Homelessness is not unique to Alamosa and, by all accounts, will not be easily or quickly resolved as the current situation was decades in the making and the result of a constellation of factors.

And there are legitimate questions on both sides of the issue, some that can foster discussion based on data.

According to City Manager Heather Brooks, creating the campsite, including making modifications and repairs, cost over \$130,000, an expenditure funded by grants and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Service Act (CARES) and the

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Ongoing and recurring costs – including actual costs and costs offset by in-kind contributions – come in at slightly less than \$20,000 a year.

According to Judy McNeilsmith, director of operations and program services with La Puente, data collected by street outreach personnel and co-responders with the Alamosa Police Department shows that 270 unique individuals have resided at St. Benedict since its creation, not including those individuals who may have lived there, left and then come back.

All the people “have received at least one service while residing at the camp.” When asked to define “received services”, McNeilsmith translates that to mean “they have either been given information or connected with a person to help determine what’s the next step.”

As of Aug. 6, there were currently 112 unhoused people in Alamosa, including 38 at St. Benedict, 26 at the shelter operated by La Puente, nine people living in their cars and 39 people living on the streets.

When asked, McNeilsmith defined living on the streets as “staying on the river, staying in someone’s backyard or walking all night and sleeping somewhere dur-



Courier photo by John Waters

**Entrance to St. Benedict. Alamosa City Council is holding a meeting Wednesday night in City Hall to hear from the public regarding the future of St. Benedict.**

ing the day.”

She adds the numbers reflected in this data are the lowest they have been in 10 years.

Of the 270 people who have resided at St. Benedict, 124 people have left the encampment to live indoors, including 36 individuals who have moved into rental housing of their own. That equals 45% of all residents.

One of the most evocative points of contention relates to the question of where the people who are unhoused are originally from – are they from the Valley or did they come here from some other place.

Data is helpful insofar as it creates a common ground between people with different, and sometimes, directly opposition-

al viewpoints. As small as that common ground may be, it might provide a good starting point for a discussion that is, to a degree, value-based.

Against this backdrop, Alamosa City Council encourages everyone who has an opinion to attend the meeting. People who are unable to attend are encouraged to share their thoughts with city council members through their contact forms found on the city website at <https://cityofalamosa.org/departments/city-council/>.

The Public Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at City Hall, 300 Hunt Ave.

People can also comment via zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85753492744>.

## Society

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ist on a certain date, and we just can’t pass it up,” says board member Don Richmond. “We hope folks can make an effort to come out and support both of these great artists – you don’t want to miss either one.”

Chandler is a big man with a big voice and big stories to tell, embracing the scope and grandeur of the American West, both past and present. Both an author and a singer-songwriter, he is a three-time winner of the prestigious Spur Award from the Western Writers of America.

“Linwood,” his moody examination of Doc Holliday’s life won the Spur for Best Song in 2009, while his tribute to Wyoming’s Hole in the Wall country, “Morning Star Moon,” received the award in 2012. His novel “The Spanish Peaks” received the WWA’s Medicine Pipe Bearer Award (Spur Award) for Best First Novel, and he was named True West Magazine’s Best Western Musician. “Wyoming Wind, A Novel of Tom Horn,” was a finalist for the Colorado Book Award.

A seventh-generation Coloradan, Chandler’s music and stories reflect his heritage, and his eight CDs, two novels, two non-fiction works, and myriad short stories and nonfiction articles are collected by western lifestyle aficionados worldwide. He hosts the iconic monthly concert series America’s Soul Live at the Olde Town Pickin’ Parlor in Arvada. “Homage,” his new recording of cover songs that have influenced his writing and singing, was released in Summer 2019.

The Los Angeles Daily News dubbed Denver native Chandler the “... best western songsmith since Ian Tyson,” while Texas’s Country Line Magazine exclaimed, “Thank God for Chandler and his gang of musicians.” That about covers it. There’s not an ounce of stereotypical Gene ‘n Roy retro-cowpoke, Lazy Z Chuckwagon faux-western schtick in his music, voice or prose.

Chandler writes and sings of the historic and contemporary West – not particularly cowboy songs and stories, although they tend to show up with frequency. His songs owe more to Larry McMurtry, Elmer Kelton, Robert Service and Mark Twain than they do to anyone in a band that ends with

Wranglers or Ramblers. Simply put, his music and his writing are reflections of his heritage.

“Jon Chandler is part Wallace Stegner, part Jack Schaefer. He’s part Bruce Springsteen, and part Rambling Jack Elliott. He’s part William F. Cody, and part Cole Younger. Yet he’s distinctively original, a poet laureate of the American West of past, present and future.”

And then the Tejas Brothers are coming back to Society Hall on Saturday. Society Hall board member Richmond remarks, “I’ve seen these guys several times, and the main thing you come away from a Tejas Brothers show is that they are an incredible amount of fun. And they have this amazing cross-cultural reach in their music, from corrido to country to rock, all seamlessly blended, making the listener realize that it’s all just a big outpouring of the human spirit in slightly different forms. But you’ll mainly remember the fun.”

Tejas Brothers front man and accordionist David Perez echoes this sentiment, “Music is supposed to be fun. They can’t put you in jail for combining Tex-Mex music with Honky Tonk music, or an accordion with a steel guitar, so why not do it?” “Mama loves George Jones and daddy loves Freddy Fender,” he continues.

With influences from all different styles of music, the audience might find it difficult to describe a live show. Most of them say, “I don’t know what to call it. I just know it’s good.”

The closest description that the band has been able to come up with is Tex-Mex Honky Tonk. A typical trip through a Tejas Brothers medley might start out as a jumpin’ tejano polka, hop into steam-engine country train song, and then drop you off into a twisting blues rocker.

As their website says, “If you are one of those people who has all but given up on the music of today, don’t worry... there are still some bands putting out the good stuff! If you come to a show, just make sure you can see the stage!”

Tickets can be bought for both at the Society Hall website at [www.societyhall.org](http://www.societyhall.org) or at the Green Spot, 711 State Ave., Alamosa. Both concerts will also stream live on the Society Hall Facebook page and You-Tube channel. Tickets for either show are \$20.

## CDOT

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for pedestrians and cyclists

Replacement of old sidewalks with new sidewalks, ramps and other features compliant with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) on the northwest and northeast corners of US 24 and Baylor Drive Enhanced pedestrian safety at crosswalks

Reflective backplates to increase visibility of the traffic signal heads, especially for night drivers and during low-visibility

situations like severe weather

**Travel Impacts**  
Typical working hours will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday

Motorists can expect a southbound right turn lane closure from US 24 onto DePaul Avenue and occasional single lane closures on US 24

Schedules are subject to change based on weather and available resources

For real-time updates on this project and others across the state, please visit [www.COTrip.org](http://www.COTrip.org)

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# Lifestyles



Photos by Vera Guebert-Steward

The 39th annual Snowshoe Shuffle took place on Aug. 3. This year's 5K running and walking race had over 100 entrants. The race provided exercise and fun for all involved. The race was an out and back from Basham Park up East Willow past North Creede and then returned to the park by the same route.

## Snowshoe Shuffle sees over 100 racers

CONTRIBUTED

**CREEDE** — The 39th annual Snowshoe Shuffle took place on Aug. 3. This year's 5K running and walking race had over 100 entrants. The race provided exercise and fun for all involved. The race was an out and back from Basham Park up East Willow past North Creede and then returned to the park by the same route. After the race, participants enjoyed cookies provided by Bristol Head Bakery and bananas provided by Kentucky Belle Market. During the awards, door prizes were given by local merchants.

Medals were given to the top three finishers of each race and to the top three finishers in each age group, ribbons were given. Results were:

Men's 5K Run: 1st place overall, Mike Cleveland in 22:02; 2nd place overall, Jon Evrants in 23:55; 3rd place overall Colin Bohan in 24:05. Age group winners were: 6 and under; 1st Brecken Parr; 2nd Barrett Heinrich; 9-10; 1st Park Hammel; 2nd Devyn Vincent; 11-12; 1st Gage Vincent; 2nd Mason Tanteri; 13-15; 1st Mitchell Tanteri; 16-19; 1st Gus Miller; 2nd Tanner Houser; 20-24; 1st Aidan Patterson; 2nd Charlie May; 3rd Waylon Rust; 30-34, 1st Colin Bohan; 2nd M Moore; 3rd Lucas Torres; 35-39, 1st John Dickinson; 2nd Andres Torres; 40-44, 1st Mike Cleveland; 2nd Nick Hummel; 3rd Kevin Daniel; 45-49, 1st Andrew Houser; 2nd John Adams; 50-54, 1st Greg Sipes; 55-59, 1st Jon Evrants; 2nd Scott Miller; 3rd Andy Hancock; 60-64, 1st Doug Wooster; 2nd Andy Torres; 65-59, 1st Jeffery Small; 2nd David LaChance; 70-74, 1st Term Taddeucci; 80-84, 1st Ken Kutac.

Women's 5K Run: 1st



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**Clint Leggett accepting a donation from the Snowshoe Shuffle presented by Deb Haverfield for Mineral County Search and Rescue.**

place overall, Whitney Spivey in 23:52; 2nd place overall Carissa Parr in 28:16; 3rd place overall Kim Kosciusko in 30:36. Age group winners were: 13-15, 1st Marin Tanteri; 16-19, 1st Maria Sears; 2nd Valarie Goodland; 20-24, 1st Emma DeHerrera; 25-29, 1st Alysia Torres; 30-34, 1st Carissa Parr; 2nd Rachael Torres; 3rd Stephanie Seman; 35-39, 1st Jenna Bredehoff; 40-44, 1st Whitney Spivey; 2nd Kristina Daniel; 3rd Lisa Duncan; 50-54; 1st Michaels; 60-64, 1st Kim Kosciusko; 2nd Cindy Riley; 3rd Lynn Seman; 65-59, 1st Deb Haverfield; 75-79, Beverly Dooley; 80-84, 1st Judy Davis-Tomeczin.

Women's 5K Walk: 1st place overall Stacy York in 39:43; 2nd place overall Debbie Ediger in 40:34; 3rd place overall Melissa Evrants in 45:18. Age group winners were: 13-15, 1st Sylvia Yamagherty; 25-29, 1st place Ericka Finney; 40-44, 1st Stacy York; 2nd Kristin Hummel, Shyler Vincent; 50-54, 1st Stacy Smalley; 55-59, 1st Barb Sears; 2nd Deaun Hancock; 60-64; 1st Dawn Brady; 2nd Carla Vick; 3rd Teresa Finney; 65-69, 1st Connie Gonzales; 2nd Lauren Shel-drake; 3rd Karen Denison;

70-74, 1st Barbara Hooker; 2nd Tiare Finney; 75-79, 1st Jane Nearing; 2nd Jane Sanders, 3rd Patti Mason; 80-84, 1st Janelle Cochran.

Men's 5K Walk: 1st place overall John Perrin in 41:40, 2nd overall Steve Riley in 44:57; 3rd overall Patrick Andrus in 46:30. Age group winners were: 13-15, 1st Zero York; 2nd Josiah Houser; 40-44, 1st Tad Dooley; 60-64, 1st John Perrin; 2nd Jim Vick; 65-69, 1st Steve Riley; 2nd Kenny Sears; 3rd Russ Finney; 70-74, 1st Patrick Andrus; 2nd Bill Dooley; 80-84, 1st John Finney.

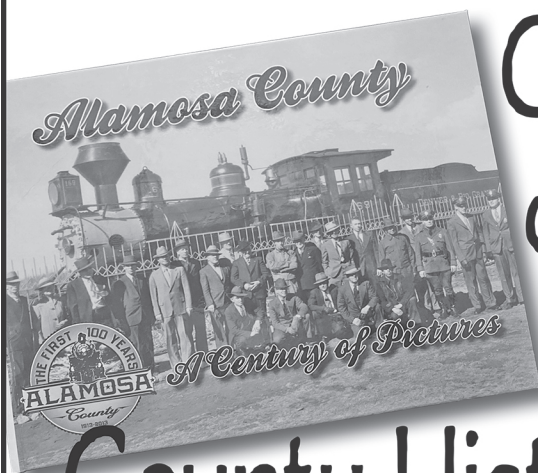
Snowshoe Shuffle organizers want to thank our sponsors and our volunteers. This event could not happen without both. Shuffle volunteers are selfless and help provide a fun and rewarding morning.

This year's proceeds went to Mineral County Search and Rescue. With a special thank you to an anonymous donor who paid for 100% of the cost of the shirts, the Snowshoe Shuffle was able to make a \$1500.00 donation to Search and Rescue.

On Aug. 2, 2025, the Shuffle will celebrate its 40th year. Proceeds in 2025 will go to Mineral County Ambulance.

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# Lifestyles

## Bear Creek community awards \$36K to three students

**CONTRIBUTED**  
**BEAR CREEK** — The mountain community of Bear Creek located 17 miles west of Antonito has awarded three scholarships to three outstanding graduating seniors from Conejos County high schools. The Bear Creek Scholarship Committee raises funds throughout each year from its residents as well as many local businesses for these three college scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to a graduating senior from each high school in Conejos County — Antonito, Centauri, and Sanford.

This year Bear Creek provided a \$12,000 scholarship to each of these three outstanding and well-deserving students:

- Zanita Ruybal from Antonito High School
- Zanita graduated from Antonito High School with a goal already in mind. Af-

ter an internship with the Conejos County Emergency Management Services, Zanita was convinced her goal was to pursue a degree to become an Emergency Medical Technician from Trinidad State College. Zanita is also a talented photographer, and she hopes to continue her hobby during college and beyond.

- Mercedes Dunn from Sanford High School
- Mercedes graduated from Sanford High School. She plans to attend Colorado Mesa University and pursue a degree to become a registered nurse. As a registered nurse, Mercedes believes she can make a positive difference in the lives of her patients. Her goal is to be an ICU nurse or a travelling nurse. Mercedes is dedicated to achieving these goals and looking forward to her college career.
- Tayden Montoya from Centauri High School

Tayden Montoya graduated from Centauri High School with 60 college credits already completed. She plans to attend Colorado Mesa University with a goal of receiving a bachelor's degree in nursing. Tayden will enter college with half of her credits completed towards this degree. Tayden is determined to make her dreams of caring for others as a nurse come true. Tayden is already well on her way.

Bear Creek has been awarding scholarships since 1999, and as the community grows, its ability to give more help to county students to further their education has grown. The Bear Creek Scholarship Committee has over 25 volunteer members with many



Zanita Ruybal



Mercedes Dunn



Tayden Montoya

others helping throughout the year. Spearheaded by Denise Purcell and Lynn Rezzuti, the committee works year-round seeking cash donations as well as new and used items that can be sold at the annual

auction in July each year. The committee deeply appreciates the many businesses in Alamosa, Conejos Canyon, and Chama that generously donate to the fund and to the auction. Their donations and

gift certificates receive lively bidding at both live and silent auctions. The scholarships change the lives of these young college students and help their dreams for the future come true.

### Church Project hosts first play 'Knocking on the Devil's Door'

By MARIE MCCOLM  
**MONTE VISTA** — The Church Project owner Madeleine Ahlborn was all smiles on the second night of the opening of the community play at her building. The play, "Knocking on the Devil's Door," was the first to be held at the Church Project and was a riveting experience from beginning to end. Ahlborn was happy with the turnout of around 27 people for the play.

"It's very exciting, seeing all of this really happening and coming to life. The cast has been practicing for about a month, and they are super excited to be putting this play on for everyone tonight," she said.

"Knocking on the Devil's Door" was written and directed by Isaac Anthony Sisneros, a resident of Monte Vista. Sisneros also portrays the play's lead character "Tony".

Sisneros was a theatre major and received a bachelor's in theatre. Sisneros said he wants to continue writing and directing for the rest of his life.

"I originally wrote and directed the show for my senior thesis at Adams State University," he said.

Sisneros said that for anyone that has seen the play, he can guarantee that it is completely different this go-around. The play is set in the town of Monte Vista and was originally written that way. Sisneros will soon be leaving the San Luis Valley, but would like to thank Ahlborn, and the cast and team for helping him reproduce the play for Monte Vista. Sisneros said that the play is his goodbye to the town of Monte Vista, which was wonderful, but also not so wonderful at times.

The play is a real account of what could happen to a child growing up in a small town. The lead character Tony begins his story with two friends, Rodney and Melvin, who are played by Benjamin Alexander as Rodney and Carson Phillip Leaf as Melvin.

Melvin is a motivated person, and talks with Tony about his inspirations, and his dreams of writing a book, and going to college, while Rodney wants Tony to get into his lifestyle, which is a gang lifestyle selling drugs and being a gang member.

In the play, Tony's smokes marijuana, and did recently break up with his childhood and high school sweetheart, Carmen, because he attended a party with his friend Rodney, became intoxicated and ended up cheating on Carmen, who is played by Ash Fox. After losing his girlfriend, he considers not finishing a book that he is writing or going to college and considers the gang lifestyle.

In the play, Tony goes through memories of his relationship with Carmen, when they first started dating and fell in love. Tony goes to Carmen's house to apologize for cheating, but ends up with Car-

men telling him to leave, and Carmen's dad Devin showing up and telling Tony to leave.

As the play progresses, Rodney further pushes Tony to become part of his gangster lifestyle and sell drugs, while Melvin continues to plead with Tony not to do it, and to stick to pursuing his dreams by going to college and finishing his book.

Tony sits and after thinking about everything, is leaning toward the gangster lifestyle, until Carmen shows up and tells him she wants to forgive him, because she found out she is pregnant with his baby and wants to try to get back together and have the baby with him.

Tony tells Melvin that he decided not to become a gangster and decided to pursue his dreams and go to college. Melvin is happy for Tony, but when Tony tells Rodney, Rodney gets upset, and shoots and kills Tony.

Carmen's dad Devin, who is played by Nathan Pooler, becomes angry when he hears of Tony dying and wants to avenge Tony's death, and with Melvin's help, they find Rodney and a fight ensues until they kill Rodney.

The end of the play shows Rodney waking up, in the afterlife and seeing Tony and telling him he remembers killing him, with Tony saying that it's not Rodney's hell that he is in, he is in his own personal afterlife hell. The play also shows Carmen crying at the end, and trying to figure out life by herself, with a baby to raise alone.

The play shows what can happen to anyone if they continue to knock on the devil's door, according to Sisneros.

Cast member Benjamin Alexander, who played Rodney, said that it was fun playing the bad guy.

Pooler said that he enjoyed playing Carmen's dad but admits to being a little nervous at first.

Leaf, who played Melvin, said that he enjoyed doing the play, and felt it had real scenes.

Ash, who played Carmen, said that her favorite part was working alongside some of her closest friends.

Sisneros was proud of his play, his directing, and the successful production of the play.

The actors said they were excited about doing the play at the Church Project.

Stage manager and assistant director Caitie Adams said that the Church Project has "a lot of potential, and she cannot wait to see it grow."

Ahlborn thanked the actors and the audience.

"I aspire to help the arts grow. Ninety percent of the revenue generated tonight, and every night this play is performed, goes back to the performers. I want to make it happen for them, by helping to jumpstart their careers in the performing arts," Ahlborn said.

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# Sports



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Three of the top finishers at the Alex P. Kahler Memorial Golf Tournament this past weekend at Cattails Golf Course. From left, Madeline Adam, Brenden Crowther and Carson Gylling.

## Woman posts best net score at Kahler tourney

By **KEN HAMRICK**  
*Courier sports editor*  
**ALAMOSA** – For the first time in its history, the Alex P. Kahler Memorial Tournament opened its competition to women.

One female golfer took advantage of the new inclusion as Madeline Adam recorded the best net score in the championship flight.

Adam, who hails from Chandler, Ariz., and competes on the University of Hartford's women's golf team had a net of 137 which is five under par.

Adam, however, did not record the best gross score. That went to former Alamosa High School player Brenden Crowther with a 142. Adam finished third in the gross with 147.

Carson Gylling was second in the gross with 146, followed by Adam, and Challis Wright with a 150.

Crowther was second in the net with 138, followed by Austin Heersink with 139. Gylling and Wright tied for fourth with a 142.

In the first flight Austin Kelleher had the best gross with a 154 and the best net of 140. Eddie Valdez was second in the gross with 161 and tied for third in the net with 147. Anthony Romero was third in the gross with 162 and second in the net with 144. Ryan Werkmeister was fourth in the gross with 163 and tied for third in the net with 147.

Colton Mellott had the best gross in the second flight with 150 and the best net of 132. Jim Wright was second in both the gross and net with 163 and 143, respectively. Keith Griggs was third in both gross and net with 164 and 146, respectively. Kevin Haas was fourth in both with 165 and 147, respectively.

In the third flight, Noel Thompson recorded the best gross with 167 and the best net of 139. Daniel Clark was second in the gross with 169 and he tied third in the net with 147. Edwardo Masias was third in the gross with 170 and second in the net with 144.

Samuel Clark was fourth in the gross with 175 and tied for third in the net with 147.

Kade Jones won the gross in the fourth flight with a 170 and he tied for first in the net with 138. Brandon Mizokami was second in the gross with 172 and tied for first in the net with 138. Mark Kissel was third in both with 179 and 141, respectively. Doug Messick was fourth in the gross with 184, and John DeHerrera was fourth in the net with 149.

The fifth flight was won by Matthew Blankenship with a 181 in the gross and 135 in the net. Shannon Peirce was second in the gross with 195 and he tied for third in the net with 149. Paul New was third in the gross with 197 and tied for third in the net with 149. Patrick Vigil was fourth in the gross with 201 and second in the net with 145.

Grover Hathorn won the senior flight with 152, followed by Ken Madsen with 158, and Mitch Baker with 162.

## Pirates open season with a tournament win

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

**ALAMOSA** – The Monte Vista High School boys golf team began the 2024 season on Monday as it competed at the Swink Invitational at the La Junta Municipal Golf Course.

The Pirates won the tournament with a score of 224. They finished far ahead of second place Salida with 242, and the host team with 243.

Monte Vista was led by Kaden Mellott and Connor Mellott who both tied for third place with a 73. Liam Ellithorpe tied for eighth with a 78, and Jakoby Ross tied for 12th with an 82.

Las Animas' Damian Baca was the medalist with a four-under-par 68.

Monte Vista will remain in the Arkansas Valley for the Fowler Invitational today at the Cottonwood Links. Del Norte is scheduled to open its season at Fowler.

All three San Luis Valley schools will compete at the Alamosa Invitational Friday at Cattails Golf Course.



Team scores

Monte Vista 224, Salida 242, Swink 243, Fowler 252, Las Animas 252, Rye 258, Pueblo West 260, Pueblo West 2 261, The Vanguard 262, Cheyenne Wells 278, Eads 280, Rocky Ford 291, Lamar 295, Manitou Springs 295, Swink 2 298, Evangel Christian Academy 314, Swallows Charter Academy 330.

## Sports Bulletin

Follow sports editor Ken Hamrick on X. His handle is @KenHamrick1.

**SCHEDULE**  
**TUESDAY**

**Prep boys golf**

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

**FRIDAY**

**Prep boys golf**

Alamosa, Del Norte, Monte Vista at Alamosa Invitational (at Cattails), 9 a.m.

**SATURDAY**

**College men's soccer**

Otero at Adams State (exhibition), 1 p.m.



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**NOTICE**

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**Notice**

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 1999 International 65 pass school bus  
 2004 International School Bus 65 passenger  
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**DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 3, STATE OF COLORADO TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS FILED IN WATER DIVISION 3.**

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302(3), you are notified that the following is a resume in Water Division 3, containing notice of applications and certain amendments filed in the office of the Water Clerk during the month of July 2024 for each county affected.

Case No. 2023CW15 Diaz Family Farms. LLLP (as lessor) 0721 Lane 2 N Alamosa, CO. 81101 (719)852-2498 diaz@martinefarmseagleproduce.com In the Rio Grande or its Tributaries in Alamosa County AMENDED APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF WATER RIGHT. Decreed water rights for which change is sought Name of structure: Well No. 1 (W535), WDDI 2009249 (Well No. 1). Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: December 31, 1972. Case No: W0535 Court: Division 3 Water Court. Center of SE 1/4, Section 20, Township 39 North, Range 9 East NMPM, at a point 1300 feet from South Section line and 1300 feet from East Section line, in Alamosa County, Colorado, Decreed source of water: Unconfined. Appropriation Date: June 25, 1959. Total amount decreed to structure: Absolute 800 gpm. Decreed use or uses: Irrigation. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: Absolute 800 gpm. Decreed water rights for which change is sought: Name of structure: Well No. 2R (Case No. 08CW14), Permit 2198 WDDI 2014348 (Well No. 2R). Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: December 31, 1972, January 7, 2010. Case No: W0535, 08CW14 Court: Division 3. SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 20 Township 39 North, Range 9 East NMPM, at a point 1260 feet from South Section line and 2620 feet from East Section line, in Alamosa County, Colorado. Decreed source of water: Unconfined. Appropriation Date: March 27, 1965. Total amount decreed to structure: Absolute 600 gpm. Decreed use or uses: Irrigation. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: Conditional: N/A Absolute 600 gpm. Decreed water rights for which change is sought: Name of structure: Well No. 3R (18CW04), Permit 88376-F, WDDI 2009250 (Well No. 3R). Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: December 31, 1972, June 11, 2019. Case Nos: W0535, 18CW04 Court: Division 3 Water Court. Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 20, Township 39 North, Range 9 East NMPM, at a point 30 feet from South Section line and 2620 feet from East Section line, in Alamosa County, Colorado, Decreed source of water: Unconfined. Appropriation Date: April 1, 1945. Total amount decreed to structure: Absolute 1404 gpm. Decreed use or uses: Irrigation. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: Reference: The SE1/4 Section 20, T39N, R9E, NMPM is referred to a Field No. MS12 (Miguel Diaz - owner) The SW14 Section 20, T39N, R9E, NMPM is referred to a Field No. 10 (Feliberto Martinez Trust B - owner) In the original application in Case No. 23CW15 we had two requests within Field No. 10. One was to correct the locations of Well No. 3 and Well No. 3-S. The second request was to change the flow rate of Well No. 3-S, a decreed alternate point of diversion to Well No. 3, from 500 gpm to 1000 gpm. Well No. 3 is decreed for 1000 gpm. However, there is potential for the combined production of Well No. 3 and Well No. 3-S to produce nearly 1200 gpm. Therefore, we would like to request those original changes detailed in Case No. 23CW15 remain intact but add in a transfer of 200 gpm from Well No. 3R in Case No. 18CW04 to the 1000 gpm decreed to Well No. 3. Well No. 3R, located on Field No. MS12, is decreed for 1404 gpm, this would leave 1204 gpm at that water right. We would like to amend the application in Case No. 23CW15 so that both Well No. 3 (WDDI 2005684) and Well No. 3-S (WDDI 2005685), located on Field No. 10, can each well individually and in combination with each other be allowed to pump up to 1200 gpm via the transfer of 200 gpm from Well No. 3R. Our Second Request in this Amended Application is to allow each of the wells (Well Nos. 1, 2R, and 3R) on the SE1/4 of Section 20, Twp. 39N, Range 9E, NMPM (Field No. MS12) be allowed to operate as alternate points of diversion to each other. The total decreed flow rates of these wells are 2804 gpm. If the transfer of 200 gpm from Well No. 3R is approved, there would be 2604 gpm remaining. We request that each well, individually and in combination with each other, be allowed to pump up to 2604 gpm. This is primarily being done to qualify for a meter variance to use one meter to measure all three wells. We propose no changes to the decreed combined limitations in Case No. 18CW04 outside the transfer of the 200 gpm. All wells involved in this request are located in the S 1/2 of Section 20, Twp. 39N, Range 9E, NMPM and produce from the unconfined aquifer. Location information: Well No. 1 Center of the SE1/4 Section 20 Township 39N Range 9E Principal Meridian NMPM. Point(s) of Diversion Easting 411115 Northing 4162711 Zone 13. Location information: Well No. 2R/Permit No. 2198-F SW1/4 of the SE1/4 Section 20 Township 39N Range 9E Principal Meridian NMPM. Point(s) of Diversion: Easting 410719 Northing 4162677 Zone 13. Location information: Well No. 3R / Permit No. 88376-F SW1/4 of the SE1/4 Section 20 Township 39N Range 9E Principal Meridian NMPM. Point(s) of Diversion Easting 410711 Northing 4162326 Zone 13. Name(s) and address(es) of owner(s) or reputed owners Feliberto Martinez Trust B and Catalina Martinez 0721 Lane 2 North, Alamosa, CO 8110. Miguel A. Diaz Revocable Trust 1054 Lane 2 North, Alamosa, CO. 81101 You are notified that you have until the last day of September 2024, to file with the Water Clerk a verified statement of opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions or a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of opposition or protest must also be served upon the Applicant or the Applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service must be filed with the Water Clerk. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$192.00. Forms may be obtained from the Water Clerk's Office or our website at www.courts.state.co.us. Jennifer Pacheco, Water Clerk, Water Division 3, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101. No. 4066. Published in the Valley Courier on August 13, 2024.

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 Case No.: 2024CW7 CONCERNING THE APPLICATION FOR THE CHANGE OF WATER RIGHTS OF APPLICANT: JARED MYERS in the Rio Grande River or its Tributaries. In Saguahe County. JARED MYERS 53943 County Road B, Center Co. 81125, (719)-754-3613 jared@alliedpotato.com. Decreed water right for which change is sought: Well No. 1, permit no. 20325-R, WDDI 2006586; Well No. 1S, permit no. 34589-F, WDDI 2006588; Well No. 1SS, permit no. 86372-F, WDDI 2014619 April 17, 1975; January 10, 1989, February 13, 2024. Court: Saguahe County. NW 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 29, Township 41N, Range 9E, NMPM, GPS UTMX: 410554 4180140. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer. Appropriation Date: May 10, 1955. Decreed use or uses: Irrigation. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: Conditional 0 Absolute: 1400 gpm. We request that each of the wells on this quarter be allowed to individually and in combination with each other pump a total of 1400 gpm. This is the amount of water originally decreed to the parent water right (minus 260 gpm that was abandoned in case no. 88CW34). The other two supplemental wells are decreed for less flow rate which is preventing us from obtaining a metering variance. This application is being done solely to qualify for a metering variance to measure all three wells together. No changes to the terms and conditions in case no. 21CW7 are proposed. Location information: SW1/4 Section 29 Township 41 Range NMPM Easting 410354 Northing 4180205 Zone 13 Source of UTM GS. JARED MYERS 53943 County Road B, Center Co. 81125 (719)-754-3613 jared@alliedpotato.com. You are notified that you have until the last day of September 2024, to file with the Water Clerk a verified statement of opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions or a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of opposition or protest must also be served upon the Applicant or the Applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service must be filed with the Water Clerk. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$192.00. Forms may be obtained from the Water Clerk's Office or our website at www.courts.state.co.us. Jennifer Pacheco, Water Clerk, Water Division 3, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101. No. 4067. Published in the Valley Courier on August 13, 2024.

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 Case Number 2024CW8. Application to make conditional water right absolute in Conejos County Name, address, email address of applicant: Donald Wayne Torres, 11515 CR. J Antonio, CO 81120 (719)376-2593. Name of structure: Torres Diversion, ditch. Legal description of each point of diversion: Easting: 407001 Northing: 4107419 Zone 13, source of UTM: Google Earth. Accuracy of location displayed on GPS device: 20 feet. Legal description: Conejos county SW1/4 SE1/4 Township 33 Range 8 Principal Meridian NMPM distance from section lines (not from property lines) 50 feet from S2600 feet from E Source of PLSS information local map, street address N/A source: Tailwater accruing into Mogote Ditch. Date of appropriation: June 10, 2023. How appropriation was initiated: Drop boards into Mogote Ditch to divert water. Date water applied to beneficial use: June 10, 2023. Amount claimed in cubic feet per second: Absolute 3.0 (cfs). List all uses or proposed uses: Irrigation of my farmland located east of the Mogote Ditch within the SE1/4 section 12 Township 33N Range SE Township NMPM. Number if acres historically irrigated 65; proposed to be irrigated 15. Does the Applicant intend to use this water right to supplement irrigation on an area of land already irrigated under another water right: Yes. A portion of the SE1/4 Section 12 Township 33N Range 8E NMPM See attached map (available at the Alamosa Combined Court Clerk's Office). Name(s) and address(es) of owner(s) or reputed owner(s): Donald Wayne Torres 11515 County Road J Antonio, CO. 81120. Remarks or any other pertinent information: The tailwater I use is not available every year. I only use the tailwater when share water is not available from Mogote Ditch. You are notified that you have until the last day of September 2024, to file with the Water Clerk a verified statement of opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application should not be granted or why it should be granted only in part or on certain conditions or a protest to the requested correction. A copy of such a statement of opposition or protest must also be served upon the Applicant or the Applicant's attorney and an affidavit or certificate of such service must be filed with the Water Clerk. The filing fee for the Statement of Opposition is \$192.00. Forms may be obtained from the Water Clerk's Office or our website at www.courts.state.co.us. Jennifer Pacheco, Water Clerk, Water Division 3, 8955 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101. No. 4068. Published in the Valley Courier on August 13, 2024.

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 Case No. 2024CW3 CONCERNING THE APPLICATION FOR THE CHANGE OF WATER RIGHTS OF APPLICANT: Vista Farmland, LLC in the Rio Grande County. Jim McCullough 5500 CR. 5 North Monte Vista Co. 81144 (719)588-5061 jimcculloughfarmslc@gmail.com Decreed water right for which change is sought: Name of structure: Well No. 3, Case No. W-196, WDDI 2008638. Permit No. 21036-U. Also recited in case No. 2004CW34. Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: September 19, 1974 (Case No. W-W196 No. 3.) and November 28, 2005 (Case No. 2004CW34). Legal description of structure as described in most recent decree that adjudicated the location: the NW1/4 SE1/4 Section 2, Township 39 North, Range 8 East, NMPM, at a point 1,470 feet from the South water line and 2,620 feet from the East Section Line, Rio Grande County, Colorado. Easting 405950 Northing 4167741. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer of the Closed Basin. The depth of the well is 66 feet with 60 feet of perforated casing. Appropriation Date: April 15, 1961. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute: Absolute 1,300 Gallons Per Minute being 2.89 cfs. Decreed use or uses: Irrigation. Amount of water that Applicant intends to change: None for this well. A. Name of Structure: Well No. 1, Case No. 93CW06, WDDI 2006673, Permit Number 20136-S. Well No. 1 is also recited in Case No. 2004CW34. Date of original and all relevant and subsequent decrees: December 16, 1993. Legal description of structure as described in the most recent decree that adjudicated the location: NW1/4 SE1/4 Section 2, Township 39 North, Range 8 East NMPM, at a point 1320 feet from the South section line and 1,320 feet from the East section line, in Rio Grande County, Colorado. Easting 406343 Northing 4167634. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer of the Closed Basin. The depth of the well is 75 feet. Casing is plain from 0-20 feet and perforated from 20 to 75 feet. Appropriation Date: July 1, 1935. Total amount decreed to structure in gallons per minute: 1,000 GPM Absolute. Decreed use or uses: Limited in Case No. 93CW06 to irrigation of 136 acres within the SE1/4 of Section 2, Township 39 North, Range 8 East, NMPM. Amount of water Applicant intends to change: Reduction in irrigated area after 2024. The decreed flow rate of 33.5 gpm will remain in place. Name of Structure: Well No. 3AA, Case No. 2004CW34, WDDI 2014012, Permit Number 63433-F. Date of original and all relevant and subsequent decrees. November 28, 2005. Legal description of structure as described in the most recent decree that adjudicated the location: SE 1/4 SW1/4 Section 2, Township 39 North, Range 8 East, NMPM. Located 400 feet from the South Section line and 2,550 from the East Section line. Easting 405951 Northing 4167336. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer of the Closed Basin. The depth of the well is 66 Feet, with 30 feet of 16" perforated casing. Appropriation Date: April 15, 1961. 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# Classifieds

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**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](http://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)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**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](mailto:kruggles@center.k12.co.us). (8/17/24)

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**ACTIVELY HIRING: DIRECTOR - ALAMOSA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER**, competitive pay. Accounting experience preferred, QuickBooks experience preferred, leadership role, decision making abilities, multi-tasking, 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)

**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](mailto: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)

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**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](mailto:dtrujillo@urtigers.co). Applications can be retrieved online at: [www.urtigers.co](http://www.urtigers.co). (9/13/24)

**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](http://WolfCreekSki.com). Send resumes and applications to [wolfcreekski@wolfcreekski.com](mailto: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)

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**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/centennialsschool/onlineapp or email kimbrae@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)

**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)

**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)

**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)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**CAFETERIA STAFF NEEDED** at UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Must have a high school diploma and some knowledge of working in a kitchen or a willingness to be trained. Pay is dependent on prior experience. Please contact Leslie Martinez at 719-657-4040, x1100 or email her at lmartinez@urtigers.co. 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 https://adams.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/ASU/details/Budget-Analyst\_R188. We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions please reach out to our Human Resources department 719-587-7990. (9/4/24)

**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)

**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)

**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)

**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)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**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 hiring a Full Time STAFF ACCOUNTANT. Those with Bookkeeping, Payroll, Accounts Payable or public accounting 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@WolfCreekSki.com (8/31/24)

**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)

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

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**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)

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**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)

**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**

**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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# Comics

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Poseidon's domain
  - 4 Soak hemp
  - 7 Teen's dance
  - 11 Harry Styles song, "As It \_\_\_"
  - 12 Kismet
  - 13 Romantic flower
  - 14 Behave
  - 15 Director — Reitman
  - 16 Actor — Sharif
  - 17 "Friends" character
  - 19 Hurt
  - 21 Honorable
  - 23 Treat for Fido
  - 24 Skirt shape (hyph.)
  - 26 Bird's home
  - 28 "That ship — sailed!"
  - 29 Peace bird
  - 31 "Yikes!"
  - 35 Sore
  - 37 Pleat

- 39 Second-hand
- 40 Not at all certain
- 42 Place of refuge
- 44 Christmas
- 46 Broadway offerings
- 48 Romantic song
- 50 Brainstorm
- 53 Eager
- 54 Jedi master
- 56 Riotous group
- 57 Snow field
- 58 Not up
- 59 Self
- 60 Vehicle on runners
- 61 Insult, slangily
- 62 Sprinted

- DOWN**
- 1 Substitute
  - 2 For one
  - 3 Knock for a loop
  - 4 "Bolero" composer
  - 5 Greek vowel

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

S	O	P	A	M	A	H	A	F	A	R
I	N	A	D	O	N	E	P	I	L	E
Z	U	C	H	I	N	I	P	E	L	T
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- 6 Incline
- 7 Further
- 8 Type style
- 9 River in Missouri
- 10 — mortal
- 12 Lied
- 18 Years upon years
- 20 Stomach muscles
- 22 Diplomats
- 24 Cry of triumph
- 25 Fond du —, Wisc.
- 27 Moray
- 30 Switch position
- 32 Delicate fabric
- 33 Boxing great
- 34 Driller's deg.
- 36 Ceded
- 38 Thingamajig
- 41 State near Ga.
- 43 Fear
- 44 Orange type
- 45 Shade of green
- 47 Secretes
- 48 Disallows
- 49 Pair
- 51 Old garment
- 52 Black
- 55 Kimono accessory

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## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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

**PREVIOUS SOLUTION**

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## HERMAN

HERMAN

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"I told you not to plant it too close to the house."

## Woman tired of connecting friends at her own expense

DEAR ABBY: I'm an outgoing person with a lot of friends, but I have begun being "ghosted" after setting up or facilitating an introduction between male and female friends. This has happened more than once when I'm pretty good friends with the guy. I introduce him to a female friend or colleague and encourage their relationship, only to have him tell me she isn't comfortable with his being my friend, gets jealous, etc.

Abby, I am happily married. I'm not interested in these men, and I'm really annoyed at losing a friend (or worse, he wants to meet only in secret). In most of these cases, I was friendly with the man's ex, and we all did things together without issue. It's making me not want to have male friends and to be wary of female friends. Advice? -- MATCHMAKER IN INDIANA

DEAR MATCHMAKER: Talk about ingratitude. It appears no good deed goes unpunished. It also appears you are swimming in a pond filled with insecure female friends and colleagues. The lesson here is: Stop fixing these women up. Stay out of the line of fire and let them find their own dates from now on.

I get over my ex-husband? He wanted the divorce. I was told, not asked! It has been 10 years, yet I still dream about him. I haven't been with him or any other man since then. My disordered sleep is making me crazy. I have tried therapy, sleeping aides (OTC medication, sleep apps), but I still dream of him -- good dreams and bad ones. I'm not sure how much more I can take. How do I keep my ex from my dreams? -- HAUNTED IN ALASKA

DEAR HAUNTED: I have found that the more we try to censor our dreams, the more frequent they become, particularly if the last thing you think about before going to sleep is, "DON'T think about the rat who left me so unceremoniously!" What may help your sleep quality would be to find another therapist and talk, talk, talk until you finally accept that your ex is history. Then you can finally start dreaming about your future instead of the past.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a married disabled woman. I dress myself, wash my clothes, clean up after myself, make my own breakfast and lunch, and cook dinner for my family. I do at-home rehab. My husband is supposed to stretch my legs twice daily



## ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

to keep them limber, but he refuses to do it twice a day. He will do it only once if I remind him. He won't make our bed or help to clean up the kitchen after I cook. Am I wrong to feel that something is wrong with this picture? -- DOING MY PART IN TEXAS

DEAR DOING: You are entitled to your feelings. It is sad that your husband isn't more willing to help, and you have the right to ask him why he's not. Because he refuses to assist with your rehab more than once a day, if possible, make other arrangements for it. Perhaps another relative or a friend could assist. Your doctor may also be able to help you find someone.

## ALLEY OOP

IF WE'RE GOING TO DESTROY THE EVIL VILLAINS OF THE GOOD DEEDS SQUAD, WE NEED A PLAN.

THIS SALT SHAKER IS YOU, SCOOPER OOLA. AND THESE SIX BOTTLES OVER HERE ARE THE G.D.S.

AND YOU ARE GOING TO USE YOUR AMAZING POWERS TO BRING THEM DOWN!

WHERE ARE YOU IN THIS PLAN?

I'M THE PEPPER SHAKER. IN THE OTHER ROOM. IN A CUPBOARD. LOCKED UP. YOU KNOW, AS BACKUP!

## ARLO & JANIS

MY WORD! WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING?!

I'VE BEEN IN THE GARAGE, OILING AND POLISHING MY SHOP TOOLS!

WE MAY HAVE TO TRIAGE THE RAG BAG SO YOU'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO WEAR!

## BIG NATE

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU PULLED IT OFF, DAD! THAT WAS THE BEST FIRST PITCH EVER!

I MEAN, THAT BABY WAS RIGHT DOWN BROADWAY!

I KNOW!

I WAS SO WORRIED THAT I MIGHT HUMILIATE MYSELF SOMEHOW, BUT —

DUDE, YOUR FLY'S OPEN.

ANNNNND WE'RE BACK.

## THE BORN LOSER

I MADE YOU SOME SUGAR-FREE OATMEAL COOKIES!

HOW KIND, YOU EVEN THOUGHT OF MY HEALTH-MAKING THEM WITH A SUGAR SUBSTITUTE!

OH, IT WASN'T INTENTIONAL. THERE'S NO SUGAR SUBSTITUTE—I JUST FORGOT TO PUT THE SUGAR IN!

## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

GOODBYE, NOW! HAVE A GOOD TRIP! WE'LL MISS YOU!

ARE WE GONNA VISIT OUR OTHER GRAMMA NOW, MOM?

YES—WE'RE GOING TO LEAVE OUR CAR HERE AND TAKE A PLANE TO VAN-COOVER.

IS IT A BIG PLANE? HOW BIG? AS BIG AS A HOUSE? WHEN CAN I SEE IT? SOON?

... DOES IT GETS A BAFROOM?

## FRANK & ERNEST

TAKE MY ADVICE-- NEVER GO OUT WITH A CLING PEACH.

## GARFIELD

SUNBEAMS...

NATURE'S CHARGING STATION

## THE GRIZZWELLS

WELL, HERE I AM... WATCHING RERUNS ON TV...

AND EATING LEFTOVERS FOR DINNER

NOSTALGIA SUCKS

## PEANUTS

YES, SIR, MY DOG IS GETTING MARRIED... HE NEEDS A COMPLETE WEDDING OUTFIT...

NO, SIR, WE DON'T HAVE AN ACCOUNT HERE

I'M SURE MY CREDIT IS GOOD

INFORM THE GENTLEMAN THAT I WAS A WORLD WARI FLYING ACE!