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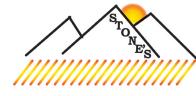
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SLV **Sloppy Joes**

Luncheon on Aug. 17

ALAMOSA — Veterans, homeless and their families are invited to a free Sloppy Joes Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Aug. 17, at the First Christian Church, 518 First St., Alamosa.

Loosbrock speaking about mining history

ALAMOSA — The San Luis Valley Museum will be hosting a lecture program-slide show 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.

350 cyclists to tour **Southwest Colorado**

SOUTHWEST COLORADO

-The Colorado Department of Transportation and the Colorado State Patrol urge drivers to be prepared to share the road with bicyclists during the annual Colorado's Ride event beginning Mon., Aug. 19 in Durango. Approximately 350 bicyclists will ride along several highways and county roads between Durango, Silverton, Pagosa Springs, and Wolf Creek Pass. The event will take place over 5 days (August 19 to 23) between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day.

Dates and highway locations:

• Aug. 19: US Highway 550

 Durango to Silverton • Aug 20: US 550, US 160, CO 172 and several county roads – Durango

• Aug. 21: CO 151 & US 160 - Durango to Pagosa Springs

• Aug. 22: US 160 – Pagosa Springs to Wolf Creek Pass • Aug. 23: US 160 - Pagosa

to Durango

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St. Benedict future still uncertain

Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — Council chambers in Alamosa's city hall were packed to capacity Wednesday night with about 150 members of the public who had gathered to give input to the city council on the fu-

ture of a campsite known as St. Benedict.

Built by the City of Alamosa in 2020, St. Benedict was created as a place where people who are unhoused and unsheltered can legally pitch their tent and live. The city's decision was motivated,

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St. Benedict campsite located in south Alamosa.

Courier photo by John Waters.



Bicycles, guns, and gambling discussed by Alamosa Commissioners



Courier photo by John Waters

The Alamosa County Board of Commissioners passed a moratorium on allowing skilled gaming in the county at their meeting on Aug. 14.

By JOHN WATERS Courier News Editor

County Commissioners' regular meeting on Aug. 14 had a full agenda. Highlights included an update on bicycle use in the county, concealed gun carry in county facilities, and a moratorium on skilled gaming.

Bicycles

Annie Altwarg with the Alamosa Bicycle Working Group gave the commissioners an overview of biking in the county.

Atlwarg's comments included that the group

make it safer, easier, and merous factors contributed more accessible to bike, ALAMOSA —Alamosa roll, and walk in the Alamosa region. The working group raises public awareness that there are ways to make local roads safer for all road users and support a culture of destigmatizing people who walk, bike or roll as their transportation mode.

The group works with local governments to build infrastructure that considers all road users and supports projects that allow people to choose how they get around legitimately. advocates for projects to According to Altwarg, nu-

to the formation of the Alamosa Bicycle Working Group.

SLV GO! has long advo-

cated for bicycling by building and maintaining mountain bike trails, offering weekly bike rides through health and wellness programming, supporting The Rattlers Mountain Bike Team, and encouraging youth cycling via the Generation Wild Program-

Altwarg described active transportation and bicycling as a form of rec-■ See MEETING page 3

Center's Crawley named Mardi Gras parade Grand Marshal

By MARIE MCCOLM

CENTER — The Town of Center recently announced it will have a parade in conjunction with its first-ever Mardi Gras celebration on Saturday, Aug. 24. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. with the lineup at 9:45 a.m. at the Center High School parking lot. Resident Judy Crawley will be this year's Grand Marshal for the pa-

Crawley is excited about being chosen and said, "I am going to have to do a lot of waving, but I am also going to have to be awful humble. I think that this is a very great honor. And I feel very humbled by it. I have mixed feelings about this, I feel like they could have picked someone else, but they asked me to do this, and I am going to do my best to honor myself and the whole community."

Crawley, who has been a resident of Center for about 60 years, said when she and her husband moved to Center they didn't know anyone.

"I was a stay-at-home mom, and I really didn't reach out in the community other than church, until my kids were in school," she



Town of Center Manager Cole Webb, left, poses for a photo with Judy Crawley, who was chosen to be Grand Marshal of the town's Mardi Gras parade on Aug. 24.

Crawley said that after ria in the Sargent School her kids were in school, her District for about 8 or 9 husband went into business years. She also remembers by himself, and she remem- working for her husband for bers working at the cafete-

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Photo by Lyndsie Ferrell

Trinidad State College Vice President of **Operations and Development Jim Kynor** was the main speaker for the August meeting of Upper Rio Grande Economic Development. Kynor highlighted some of the most recent accomplishments for the community college and what is in store for the future of the institution.

VP Kynor touts TSC at URGED meeting

By LYNDSIE FERRELL

MONTE VISTA — Members of the Upper Rio Grande Economic Development group welcomed Jim Kynor, Trinidad State College Vice President of Operations and Development of the San Luis Valley Campus, to their meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 13, in Monte Vista. Kynor began his presentation by stat-

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Record

RGH Keeping the Dream Alive event serves gratitude

By LYNDSIE **FERRELL**

DEL NORTE – Rio Grande Hospital welcomed more than 200 people to its new Wellness Center on Saturday, Aug. 10, for the annual Keeping the Dream Alive fundraiser. People gathered inside and outside of the Wellness Center for an evening of appreciating and celebrating a year full of accomplishments.

Keeping the Dream Alive began in 2008 in honor of Dr. Norman Haug. According to research done by the Denver Post in 2007 and provided by Rio Grande Hospital, Dr. Haug was a hero among rural doctors throughout Colorado and was the person who envisioned a rural hospital offering state of the art medical care for the San Luis Valley.

Dr. Norman Haug "was a hero" for the rural doctor, said Dr. John Westfall, a former rural doctor who now trains others in the same field. Haug was 69 when he died May 6. He had been a doctor in Del Norte for years, served as coroner and jail physician and spearheaded the drive to open a \$10 million hospital after the Del Norte hospital



Photo courtesy of Rio Grande Hospital

Rio Grande Hospital welcomed over 200 guests to their annual fundraiser Keeping the Dream Alive on Saturday, August 10. The event was started in 2008 in honor of Dr. Norman Haug.

administrator for that ter in Homelake, near Grande Hospital.

Development grant. He named Rural Health also was medical di- Practitioner of the year rector for the Colorado in 2003 by the National closed. He was hospital State Veterans' Cen- Rural Health Associa-

institution, and the Rio Monte Vista. In 1998, he and his wife, Rebec- Lakewood on Dec. 14, tion to his wife and son, when the hospital broke Haug worked to get ca Haug, a nurse, went 1937, and graduated Haug is survived by two ground. much of the \$10 million to Honduras to help from Regis High School other sons: Frank Haug for the hospital through people injured in Hura Housing and Urban ricane Mitch. He was

Denver. He earned his Haug of Denver; and sis-University of Colorado Dorothy Healy, both of at Boulder and a mas- Lakewood." ter's degree in public of Oklahoma.

Haug liked the idea of farm animals. He grew pandemic that stopped Timberlake.

Haug was born in side Lakewood. In addi- until June of 2023

During the fundraishealth at the University er, Rio Grande Hospi- as a way to say thanks tal CEO Arlene Harms He was a Peace Corps spoke about the need doctor in Malaysia in to get back to preventa- proud I am of our staff, the early 1960's and tive care and working to our physicians and evlater helped set up make a healthy commu-eryone who came to help the Vietnamese health nity through wellness. make this evening one system. In 1980, he Rio Grande Hospital's married Rebecca Sue vision for the Wellness ally nice to have this Sutterfield and moved Center began prior to event in our own facilto Del Norte the next 2020 as they began ity and we are grateful making plans

with 11 grandchildren: living in a small town from countless donors Development and Comand of having a few but it was the COVID munications Officer Eva

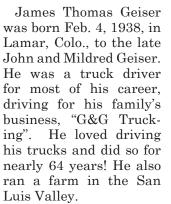
up on a small farm out- the project in its track

Mountain View Resand Regis University in of Boulder and Anthony taurant of Monte Vista prepared a delicious, medical degree at the ters Jeanne Haug and healthy meal for the attendees while several staff members volunteered to serve guests throughout the evening.

> "I just want to say how to remember. It was reto our community for and received funding all of the support," said

OBITUARIES

James Geiser



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 surrounded by away



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 Miller, Jerry Geiser, Jerome (Chub) Geiser, and Jack Geiser. He was also preceded in death by a Hank brother-in-law, Miller.

He is survived by his siblings Joe Geiser (Angie) and Jeff Geiser (Nancy), and three sisters-inlaw: Carolyn, Marie, and Julie Geiser.

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 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 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.

Valorie Pamela (Villalpando) Montoya

It is with heavy heart that we announce the passing of Valorie Pamela (Villalpando) Montoya, 53, on Aug. 11, 2024. Valorie was born on Nov. 4, 1970, to Benjamin and Viola (Martinez) Villalpando in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Valorie was a long-time resident of Center/Monte Vista, Colo. Valorie met the love of her life Jamie and moved to Whitesboro, Texas. On Aug. 12, 2023, they got married in Monte Vista surrounded by loved ones.

Valorie loved spending time with her husband, kids, grandkids, parents, nieces, nephews, every one of her family and friends. Valorie loved to go camping, and she loved to cook, bake, listen to music, and take care of her flowers. We all know she loved her Dallas Cowboys.

Valorie was the most loving and generous person. Valorie had a laugh and smile that could light up the room. Valorie fought her battle with



cancer to the very end, she was a warrior and never gave up, always so positive no matter what she was facing.

She is survived by the love of her life husband Jamie Montoya from Texas; her parents Benjamin and Viola (Martinez) Villalpando of Center, Colo.; her daughters Angelic (Ramon), Crystal, (Austin), Mitchiko (Mike), Vanessa (Juan Carlos), Falishia, bonus kids I'Yonna, Estevan, Lozenzo, and Aricela; father-In-law Jimmie Montoya; brother and sister-in-law Eric (Kandice) Montoya,

Jessica Montoya, Vanes-

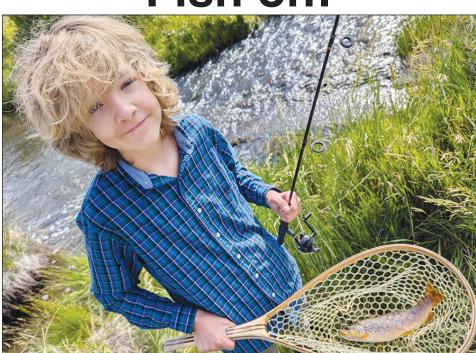
sa Chavez, David Chavez, and Angela Medina.

She is survived by 14 grandchildren, Damian, Unique (Uriah), Diego, Destiny, Tony, Elizeo, Dominick, Elijah, DJ, Angel, Dashia, Darius, Marcus and Penelope; greatgrandson Uziah; her maternal grandmother Mary Martinez of Center; many tio and tia's, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her brother Donnie Villalpando, her sister Donna Villalpando, her maternal grandfather Louis B Martinez, her tio's Glenn, and Jerry Martinez, her nephews Victor and Marcus Villalpando, Aunt Freda Martinez, her mother-in-law Elaine Montoya.

Cremation is under the direction of Meador Funeral Home of Whitesboro, Texas.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 19, 2024, at the Valley Church of the Nazarene in Monte Vista, Colo. Lunch to follow in the Nazarene Hall.



Let's Go Fishing Kids' Program announced the winner of the fishing competition sponsored by Alamosa Riverkeeper. Finneas Wright, pictured, of Capulin caught a 13-inch rainbow for the first prize of \$100 offered by Alamosa Watershed. Second-place winners are Len Hanson and Matthew Martinez, with 10.5-inch rainbows. The fishing program partners with Colorado Parks and Wildlife to promote fishing in the Alamosa River and develops trained volunteers in water sampling, macroinvertebrate sampling, and riparian and health assessment, which helps protect the river and watershed.

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Meeting

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reation and transportation that started around the Heart of the Valley Trail. Initially envisioned in the 1970s, the Heart of the Valley Trail proposes a crossvalley multi-modal path connecting the San Luis Valley community for safe and enjoyable biking, walking, and rolling. Since then, SLV GO! has hired an Active Transportation Coordinator to advance the Heart of the Valley Concept and begin working on bicycles and all active transportation infrastructure within our communities.

Altwarg said the City of Alamosa received a \$4.7 million grant from the

Depart-United States ment of Transportation's Rebuilding America's Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (US DOT RAISE) program to advance safer and more accessible passage over the Rio Grande River, demonstrating the commitment to durable, active transportation infrastructure.

The Alamosa Bicycle Coalition has promoted safe biking in Alamosa since 2018. The non-profit ensures community members can access reliable biking gear and considers infrastructure a significant contributor to a safe biking culture.

Commissioner Arlan Van Ry commented, "This is a great project. It would be great to see bike racks at schools full...I think it

this." Commissioner Lori Laske added, "I still have my purple Schwinn with the banana seat."

Guns in county buildings The commissioners discussed recent state legislation (SB 24-131) banning firearms in government buildings and the provision allowing local governments to opt out of the law.

Sheriff Robert Jackson recommended the commissioners postpone the item and discuss it at a work session, "This is a very controversial issue, and there are questions about law enforcement. Are you going to allow law enforcement? There is no verbiage [in the proposed resolution] about allowing on-duty law enforcement. Those kind of

is great that you are doing issues, I don't see that, and maybe you want to rethink

> Jackson reminded the commissioners that the county complex is within the City of Alamosa and future discussions on the issue should include city officials.

Van Ry said that while in the military and on the school board, he has taken an oath to support the Constitution and fully supports the document, including the Second Amendment. It is this Amendment that allows citizens to keep and bear arms.

"The way the law stands right now is I'm not even allowed to protect myself. We don't have the opportunity to have a sheriff's deputy or the sheriff here all the

time; we don't have metal detectors for people to go through like some county commissioners, so we are unprotected up here," said Van Ry.

"I can't say I have really strong feelings on this either way. What I have strong feelings about is legislators making rules and assuming it equals more safety and I don't think that's the truth," said Commissioner Vern Heersink, adding he was in favor of opting out.

Commissioner Laske said, "I believe this is bad policy when you look at this bill. 24-131 does allow local government to opt out. When I looked at the bill, it was not bipartisan and was only brought forward on one side of the House. Neither our Representative [Martinez] nor our Senator [Simpson] voted for it.

"The bill is vague, it is not specific, it does not talk about implementation, it was done at the very last moments [of session] so I'm concerned about those things and us implementing poor policy and poor bills that were brought about at the last [minute]," said Laske.

Skilled gaming

Alamosa County land use administrator Richard Hubler said that recently the County has received interest from a skilled gaming entrepreneur who is interested in operating here. Hubler said that the City of Alamosa recently passed a moratorium on skilled gaming. After a lengthy discussion regarding skilled gaming, the commissioners approved a moratorium on the activity.

Future

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in large part, as a defense against being sued for not providing an alternative to sleeping on the streets. However, a June 2024 ruling by the Supreme Court nullified that legal concern and, in so doing, made the future of St. Benedict uncertain.

St. Benedict has been a point of contention since the day it came into existence, with some in the community voicing opposition, not just to the campsite but to what is perceived as a growing population of people in Alamosa who are homeless. This opposition frequently includes concerns about personal safety, rising incidents of crime and, given the camp's proximity to the Recreation Center and ball fields, the possibility of children being put

Wednesday night's audience included people from both sides of the issue. In a testament to a community that genuinely appears to be looking for solutions, the tone of the meeting was cordial and respectful even when were obvious.

The meeting began with City Manager Heather Sanchez presenting background information, including the cost of construction and operation.

Sanchez cited an increase in nuisance and criminal behavior impacting property and homeowners living in the adjacent neighborhood. Inside St. Benedict, there are abandoned campsites and trash, continual manipulation and abuse of the electrical system, continual damage to fencing that encloses the camp, damage to port-a-johns, and notable staff time required to ad-

dress the issues. In terms of emergency services provided by the city, Fire Chief Bill Stone stated that, from February 2022 to July 2024, the Alamosa Fire Department responded to 22 calls at St. Benedict, 17 of which



Alamosa City Council chambers were filled with people for a Wednesday night meeting that lasted nearly 4 hours.

were calls to put out a fire. Alamosa Police Chief Dingfelder listed figures

for the Alamosa Police Department since St. Benedict opened four years ago, totaling 830 calls for service. Of those 830, 52 were for assaults; 12 were for violent acts, sexual assaults and domestic violence, and four were for unattended deaths. In the last two years, 12 people been trespassed

When asked what the Alamosa Police Departdifferences in opinion ment thinks should be forced to live someplace done, Chief Dingfelder else, which increases the was unequivocal in his re- likelihood of negative in-

from the camp.

"We think it should be shut down," he said. "The Alamosa Police Department is at the forefront of this. Come spend a day with us. Homelessness is not a crime. It's not. But St. Benedict is a hotbed of violations. The majority of people living there fail to follow the rules and they're always going to do that. Even if you enforce the rules that exist now, very few people will be there in a year. We think it should be shut down.'

Although it was not worded as such, Wednesday night's meeting was essentially held to determine if St. Benedict should continue to exist or if it should be disbanded with all services discontinued and all campsites removed.

More than 50 people ad-

dressed council directly with almost every person using the entirety of the three minutes they were allowed to speak in either stating their support for keeping the camp open or their reasons to advocate for shutting it down.

There was a group of people who live at St. Benedict present in the crowd, several of whom expressed their wish for the camp to continue to

Should the camp shut down, residents will be teractions with business owners and property owners and the need for more police officers in enforcing the no-camping ordinanc-

Should the camp stay open, something must be done to ensure the safety of people living there and enforcement of what rules exist. That, too, will require the dedication of resources that are currently allocated elsewhere.

Ultimately, there was significantly more support to keep the camp open than there was to close it down but what keeping it open might look like in the future remains unknown.

On Thursday, Sanchez sent this statement to the Valley Courier. "Homelessness has impacted Alamosa for decades, and as the national crisis has grown, so has it in Alamosa. The complexities of homelessness create challenges for communities to balance addressing the issue with avoiding enabling certain behaviors. Without national solutions for housing, mental health, and substance use treatment, communities will continue to struggle with homelessness very little resources.

"Meanwhile, the issue remains one of the most divisive and controversial topics to navigate. I was greatly impressed with the public input that City Council received as part of this process. From the vance to the public comment provided during the meeting, the diversity of opinions our community has on this topic was thankfully brought for-

ward. "I was not surprised that City Council struggled with providing direction since in reality, there are consequences to any action taken. If City Council elects to keep St. Benedict going forward, then as we increase the rules and enforcement, we will obviously be watching closely the impacts on both the residents of St. Benedict and the community in order to see if further changes are needed. It was clear that better solutions to address homelessness must remain a priority for community partners to discuss."

Parade

15 years.

■ Continued from Page 1 a while, too, as his bookkeeper. Crawley said she got a job as the Cafeteria Supervisor for the Center Consolidated School District and worked there for

"I loved that job it was the best job I ever had. I like to cook, and I loved the kids. It was a very good job for me," she said.

Although the kids that Crawley grew to know and love are grown up now, she said the kids still like her and look out for her.

They are all so respectful of me, I am very well accepted in the community. That is the thing about the Center community, we all look out for each other. We care about each other. I am very well cared for in this community," she said.

Center Mayor Archie Gallegos said that through Crawley's position at the school she became a mother to not only but basically everyone in

with the kids. Everyone got to know her through the school. She takes care of everyone. She's an angel here on Earth, who helps everybody out. She's really become like a mother to everyone in Center over the years," Gallegos said

Gallegos said Crawley grows her own produce and enjoys cooking and sharing with everyone when she can, and she often makes "the best fried chicken" he's ever had and takes it to events at the park when they have them in Center.

"She is very giving," Gallegos said.

Crawley said that after working at the school she retired and took care py to have her."

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passed away. She is an active member of the St. Francis of Jerome Catholic Church, and that at one time she used to take care of the yard at church, "I really wish I could

of her husband until he

do all I used to do, but I am not able to do all of that anymore. I am still very active in the church though," she said. Crawley said that she

loves life, another thing she does is sew. She also provides alterations to anybody in the community that may need help with her sewing skills. "I never think about

how old I am, I just think about things that I love to do and hope that I can still do them next year," she said with a laugh.

Mayor Gallegos said that Crawley was also a part of Colorado Shares with him, which was a federally funded program that helped families and low-income individuals with food, according to careandshare.org.

"I have served the comthe children in Center, munity in many different ways," said Crawley. "I was involved in Colorado "She was always good Shares with Archie. I have served the community because I am able to, and because I enjoy helping people, that is what I like doing.

> Crawley said that she has a great support system in her family with four daughters and her sons-in-laws.

"They all take great care of me, too, and I wouldn't be where I am without them," she said.

Town Manager Webb is proud to have Crawley head up the parade as the Grand Marshall.

"She is well known and has made a lot of significant contributions to the Center Community." Webb said. "We are hap-

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ing that the college would be celebrating its 100-year anniversary in 2025 and is the oldest community college in the State of Colorado. "We are really excited to hit this milestone, and we have some wonderful things happening that will elevate Trinidad State College in the next several years," said Kynor.

Trinidad State serves eight counties throughout Colorado and New Mexico including Colfax County, Saguache, Alamosa, Los Animas, Huerfano, Costilla, Conejos, Rio Grande, and Mineral County. The college has taken steps to fortify their educational programs through innovative learning and economic development.

The college will launch a Bachelor Applied Science program in the fall of this year and re-open the Freudenthal Library and a newly remodeled Romero Hall where the nursing program is held each year.

the newly opened programs and facilities, Krynor also stated that they have recently signed 10 transfer agreements with Adams State University that will allow students in two-year programs to transfer into four-year programs without having to leave the San Luis valley.

"Having a key partnership with Adams State will strengthen the pipeline from the two-year graduate students to fouryear students and we are very delighted in the part-

nership," he said. for greater value in tran-Kynor was also pleased sition to jobs, a focus on

to announce that Trinidad State was in the top 20 community colleges to receive semi-finalist status for the Aspen Prize through the Aspen Institute program. The college also received \$22 Million for renovation and improved campus projects thanks to a recent partnership with other com-

munity colleges statewide. We have some goals that were set in 2020 and though we realize now that we are at least two to three years away from achieving some of them, we are optimistic and hope to see the change sooner rather than later. There is a changing perception of higher education that includes factors like affordability and value of a degree as well as the need

work-based learning and the recognition of the need for community colleges to be economic development catalysts within their communities," said Kynor.

The institution is planning to focus more on opening up to the community and offering portions of their facility to the pub-"It does us no good to be

a closed campus when we have resources that could help the economy in which we serve," he said. The college plans to

increase opportunities through training, bringing jobs to the economy by participating in developing entrepreneurships and building innovation centers on campus.

We are very excited about the success of Trinidad and where the school will go from here," he said.

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Montana's politicians have lost their ties to land

Writers On

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Tim Sheehy, the Republican seeking to unseat Montana Democratic Senator Jon Tester, is a business executive born and raised out of state. That same description applies to Troy Downing, a Republican running for one of Montana's two Congressional seats. Same for Montana's Republican Gover-

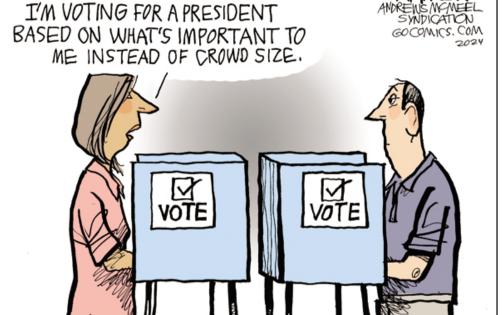
nor Greg Gianforte and his challenger, Democrat Ryan Busse.

I have nothing against out-of-staters moving to Montana or working at a business. I fit both categories myself years ago. But I think this change in politicians' backgrounds reflects a change in how Montanans view their identity.

Previous Montana politicians who weren't government lawyers often came from farming and ranching or related businesses. Today's business backgrounds are less intimate with Montana's land. Gianforte started a software company. Sheehy founded imaging technology and aerial firefighting businesses. Downing, a real estate developer, has owned everything from self-storage units to vineyards.

Seeking business-friendly policies, Republicans have long favored candidates with business backgrounds. But today's desire for political outsiders includes Democrats like Busse, a former firearms executive without experience in elected office. And recent high-profile Democratic candidates have included educators, managers, and a musician—in other words, people who have not worked daily with nature and its resources.

Montanans used to mistrust government officials who lacked intimacy with the land. But today, both parties elevate politicians who lack that intimacy,



probably because Montanans care more about ideological issues such as immigration, abortion, inflation or gender identity.

Political power used to flow from grazing stock and vast acreages. Now it flows from Wall Street stock and scenic mansions. For example, Sheehy and Downing own homes in the chichi resort of Big Sky; Gianforte comes from the expensive Bozeman area; Busse comes from the scenic and pricey Flathead re-

those places are Montana. But Montana's politicians once came from less-glamorous places, including bare-knuckle Butte, the faded mining metropolis; remote Libby, with its logging and mining economy; and dusty Billings, an oil and cow town. In the 2000 and 2004 gubernatorial elections, Democrat Brian Schweitzer owned a Flathead mint farm but bragged that he was raised on an eastern Montana cattle ranch.

In other words, politicians once claimed Montanan identity through shared experience. That often included in-state birth and always included landbased pastimes like hunting. Today it's less "Are you a hunter?" than "Are you endorsed by the National Rifle Association?"

The shift makes it hard to interpret politicians' actions. For example, in 2021, Governor Gianforte a killed a mountain lion and trapped and killed a wolf. Because he's not a rancher-politician, we can't understand, much less endorse, such acts in the context of a lifelong working relationship with land and livestock.

Similarly, Gianforte, Busse, and Downing have all been cited for various gradations of hunting violations. Should we judge them differently than we would a native-born hunter? And Sheehy's company is deeply in debt. For a ranch, that wouldn't be surprising. But for an aerospace company?

To the rest of the country, choosing leaders based on ideologies may sound familiar. But Montana, aka "Big Sky Country," used to pride itself on being different. More place-based, more rural, more centered on the individual.

Outsiders may have dismissed such philosophies as insular and backward but that dismissal was what made them outsiders.

How should we react to this change? We might celebrate that Montana is

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Letters policy

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leaving behind its tired frontier myths. Or we might mourn the shift, because Montana's extraordinary landscapes and people's deep relationships to them—were what once made the state special. As Montana changes from bovines to business and from rural to resort, its politics can feel like yet another big-box store featuring all the latest national trends.

Then there's Senator Jon Tester, the lone elected Democrat who's running for re-election. The third-generation farmer from the wide-open plains of Big Sandy represents the land-based tradition that Montanans once cherished. But do Montana voters still want a senator like that?

Regardless of outcomes this November, the act of choosing by ideology rather than deep roots in the land marks a huge change.

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ıs your cup

You don't have to have lived as long as Ol' Dutch to have heard the phrase "Is your cup half empty or half full?" It's a storied line used by psycho-babble people of every persuasion ıncludıng pastors, shrinks, doctors, motivational speakers, teachers, and mar-

by Kevin Kirkpatrick

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riage counselors. The use of this phrase, of course, is that these well-meaning "helpers of humanity" want to get a person to look at their life in a positive manner instead of a negative one.

Now, I do know that it's way better for us to think about things in a positive manner and probably makes for a happier life but sometimes I wonder about such thinking. For instance, let's say you are headed on a trip in your car,

make sure you have sufficient fuel for that as she always looks on the bright the journey.

In this case, at least, I believe it is better to see the tanks as half empty so that some kind of urgency is placed on finding fuel for the trip. There are people, however, who drive around on fumes as they seem to see that they have "some gas" remaining in the tank nence no rush to replenish the same. They are what we call "walkers" as they soon find themselves without and then cannot believe it happened to them, of

Another place where seeing the lack in your situation may be helpful is with a person's bank account. It's a sad fact of reality that having a half full account really doesn't do much good when faced with a purchase. And yes, you can keep positive and say "well, at least I have some money" but that does not seem to help when you want to purchase anything of value. You are still half empty.

I have to say, Miss Trixie is a "half and you glance down at the gas gauge to full" type of person and I do appreciate now.

side of things which tends to pull Ol' Dutch along and out of the "half empty" mentality that he has. It's a good balance, I guess, for any relationship if one person can maintain positive vibes.

There is one area, though, that Ol' my way of thinking. That is with cups tar of the elite. she is frugal to a fault but saving days old quarter cups of Chai Tea drives me toward insanitv.

And yes, I know some of you say well why can't I just dump them out and I do but mostly I hit them as they balance on the edge of the countertop and dump them on the floor. This elicits all kinds of loud exclamations and words not allowed in mixed company let alone here. And when Ol' Dutch lets loose, this causes Miss Trixie to launch off the bed where she is reclined like Cleopatra of old and come running to see what I did

I have tried to reassure her that we can afford the cheap Chai tea she buys and to simply dump it out when she thinks she is done but to no avail. So, it appears that while Ol' Dutch sees her cup as half empty, she will continue to see it as half full and keep it around un-Dutch wishes she would come around to til mold appears in the life-giving nec-

And Ol' Dutch will continue to dump She is her mother's daughter for sure as it down the drain at every opportunity which causes words of non-appreciation to spew forth from Miss Trixie's mouth. But Ol' Dutch is pretty hard of hearing now so what used to go in one ear and out the other simply does not even make it in the one hearing appendage.

> Is your glass half full? Well then dump it out and save your marriage while you can.

> 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.

LETTER

Vote yes for cats to uphold fair and ethical hunting in Colorado

bear biologist working at the time citiout to chase bears in spring, sparing cubs and Colorado from unfair, unethical practices.

"Most hunting can be ethically defended. Some cannot. Change, where necessary, is our only hope of survival," Beck was quoted in Colorado Out-

coloradopress

Readers will remember Colorado Di- end all hunting; neither did the votervision of Wildlife's Tom Beck, our state approved ban on indiscriminate leghold traps. CATs also carves out spezens voted to no longer send dog packs cific, unethical practices and in the widely marketed trophy lion hunting of Colorado, where outfitters charge upward of \$8,000 and a 100% guaranteed head, alongside commercialized fur trapping that lures bobcats with bait to skin them for fur coats on the Chinese market.

Lynx are included because as Colora-

and lynx share habitat, are similar in as wildlife is a public trust, not private appearance, and attracted to the same

A vote "YES" in November will uphold those principles of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, to not allow unfair chase and unsightly commercialization of wildlife.

CPW states on its website it will enforce the "will of the voters" as it always has done so well on moral issues for basic standards and ethics. Our

property of the fur trappers-and-lion-

trophy-hunters-only club.

CATs held a press conference last weekend, where Erik Molvar, a published wildlife conservation biologists who is also an avid hunter of deer and elk, had this to say:

"Hunting for big cats is trophy hunting, pure and simple. It's not to fill the freezer, it's to bring home a trophy...many hunters are like me, they subscribe to hunting ethics, like the fair-chase principle. Running mountain lions for miles with multiple dogs until they climb into a tree, and then shooting them out of the tree at pointblank range, that's not fair chase. The prey animal doesn't have a fair chance to escape, and hunters aren't taking the quarry using their own skill and knowledge."

A yes vote on cats is a vote for the best of Colorado and to weed out what is nothing to be proud of. Visit www. catsarenttrophies.org to learn more.

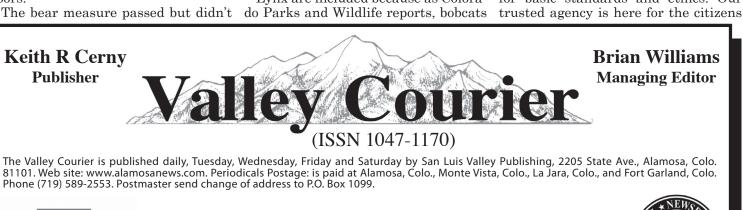
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Heightened DUI enforcement begins today

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Aug. 16 to Sept. 4, the Colorado Department of Transportation will support the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and 70 local law enforcement agencies for The Heat Is On Labor Day Crackperiod. During the 20-day enforcement period, drivers may see saturation patrols, sobriety checkpoints and additional law enforcement officers on duty dedicated to arresting impaired drivers.

Labor Day marks the end of the 100 Deadliest Days of Summer — the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day that historically sees a spike in fatal crashes. Since Memorial Day of this year, there have been nearly 1,400 crashes involving a suspected impaired driver in Colorado. In June and July alone, there were a combined 129 traffic fatalities in Colorado, 44 of which involved a suspected impaired driver.

"Impaired driving-related tal. crashes, injuries and fatalities are entirely preventable. When you drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol, you are gambling with other people's lives," said Col. Matthew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "Your holiday weekend could quickly come to an end with a DUI, jail time or even a fatal crash. Keep your safety and that of others in mind — the only choice is a sober ride."

Driving under the influence of any impairing substance — not just alcohol is illegal. Most CSP troopers have specialized training in drug detection, known as ARIDE (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enlaw enforcement agencies can administer alcohol and drug toxicology tests to drivers following a fatal DUI mation at codot.gov/safety.

crash. Additionally, there STATEWIDE — From are over 120 Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) in Colorado trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to. alcohol.

"Long weekends down DUI enforcement never an excuse to drive impaired," said CDOT's Office of Transportation Safety Director Darrell Lingk. "Last year's Labor Day Crackdown enforcement period concluded with 774 reported DUI arrests. No one is above the law — the only way to avoid a DUI is by driving sober. It's that simple. Enjoy the holiday responsibly by leaving the keys at home and planning a sober ride."

> For yearly impaired-driving crash and fatality data in Colorado, visit www. codot.gov/safety/trafficsafety/data-analysis/fatalcrash-data. For local law enforcement agency plans, visit www.codot.gov/safety/ traffic-safety-reporting-por-

The Heat Is On campaign runs throughout the year, with 16 specific high-visibility impaired driving enforcement periods centered on national holidays and large public events. Enforcement periods can include sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols and additional law enforcement on duty dedicated to impaired driving enforcement. Find more details about the campaign, including impaired driving enforcement plans, arrest totals and safety tips at HeatIsOnColorado.com. More information about DUI laws in Colorado can be found at NoDUIColorado.org. Learn more about CDOT's dedication to keepforcement). All Colorado ing Colorado roads safe, including impaired driving enforcement objectives, arrest data and safety infor-

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission to meet Aug. 22-23

CONTRIBUTED COLORADO SPRINGS

- At a hybrid meeting in rehabilitation. Colorado Springs, the Parks and Wildlife Commission will open for annual consideration of adjusting license fees and license agent commission rates according to adjustments to the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Consumer Price Index and to increase the daily vehicle fees for the following state parks: include: Chatfield, State Forest and Golden Gate Canvon.

The Commission will also open for consideration of ture Update changes to commercial use on state parks and state wildlife areas and consider adding GMU 63 to the valid units for the Over-the-Counter fall Turkey hunting opportunity.

The Commission will open for annual review of Chapter Herd Management Plan W-1 (Fishing) and consider regulatory changes that modify take regulations, bag and possession limits, closures and special regulations in multiple locations.

The Commission will with Wolves vote to permanently adopt the timed-entry reservation system at Eldorado Canyon State Park, update the property-specific hunting regulations at Fishers Peak State Park and adopt a spring turkey hunting opportunity at Lone Mesa State Park.

The Commission will also vote to extend the Keep Colorado Wild pass refund opportunity for accidental purchases, modify the Aspen Leaf Lifetime pass program, and remove Harmsen Ranch House from the public comments for hybrid Guest House Program at meetings are available on Golden Gate Canyon State

Park and modify license distribution timing for wildlife

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 22, and recess at 4:30 p.m. The Commission will reconvene at 8 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 23, and adjourn at 1:05 p.m. The meeting will be streamed live on CPW's YouTube page.

Additional agenda items

- Department of Natural Resources Update
- Department of Agricul-
- Financial Update · White-nose Syndrome
- Colorado State Parks
- History Book Colorado Wildlife Coun-
- NE Region Pronghorn
- State Wildlife Action Plan Revision Update
- 2025 Commission Meeting Schedule (Step 2 of 2)
- · Wolf Update

Nonlethal Coexistence

- Colorado Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan & Colorado's Outdoor Strategy Up-
- · Draft East Slope Mountain Lion Plan

A complete agenda along with all materials for this meeting are available on CPW's website for public review.

The public is encouraged to email written comments to the Commission at dnr cpwcommission@state. co.us. Details on providing CPW's website.

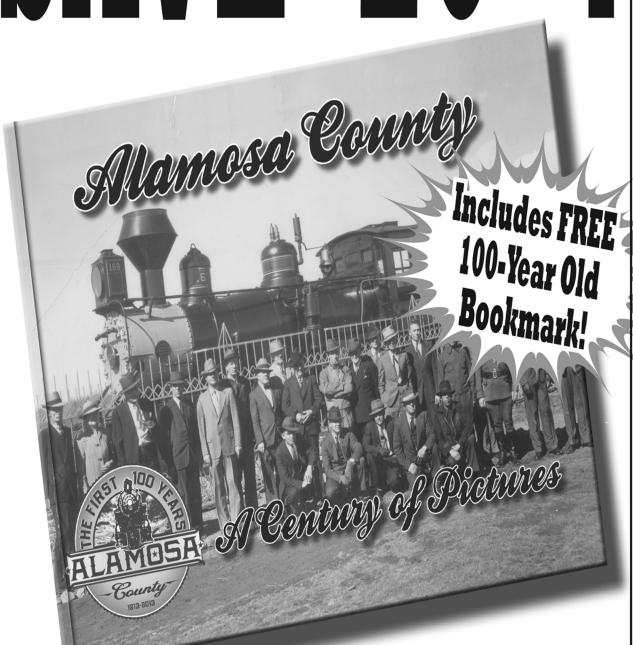
CD 3 candidate Frisch stops in Creede



Adam Frisch, right, the **Democratic candidate** in the CD 3 race, speaks with Creede residents at a campaign stop at the Creede Hotel on Monday, Aug 12.'I enjoyed meeting with voters in Creede today and discussing my campaign to unite folks from all backgrounds and bring common-sense back to politics. Both parties have failed to solve the serious challenges facing rural communities, like the high cost of living in our state and the difficulties in accessing quality, affordable health care close to home. That's

creating good-paying local jobs, protecting Colorado farmers and ranchers, and securing the Southern border.' Frisch will face Republican Jeff Hurd from Grand Junction in November.





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Cat's Classic returns this weekend

By KEN HAMRICK Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA - The Cat's Classic motocross event will return to Sutak Raceway on Saturday and Sunday. It will be a Rocky Mountain Vintage Motocross Racing event.

The test and tune will be on Saturday from 11 a.m.

The actual races are on Sunday. Check in is at 7 a.m. There will be a riders meeting at 8 a.m. with racing to begin at 9 a.m. The gates open at 6 a.m.

Spectators are welcome and a food vendor will be on site.

The prices are \$15 for the weekend, \$25 for the test

and tune, and \$10 for camping.

Some rules include no open fires and no drones. Sutak Raceway is at 8131 County Road 11 South.

For further information, contact Dwight Catalano at (719) 580-9717 or at catsxdwight@aol.com.







Teed off About Domestic Violence tournament is on Aug. 24

By KEN HAMRICK

Courier sports editor **ALAMOSA** – Anna's Mission, Inc. will host the Teed Off About Domestic Violence Golf Tournament on Aug. 24 at

the Monte Vista Golf Club. Tee time is at 1 p.m.

The tournament is a four-person scramble and the cost is \$70 per person. A cart is not included.

There will be awards for the three lowest scores, the longest drive, high score, funniest team and the furthest traveled.

There will also be yard games and

food trucks.

All proceeds benefit to help domestic survivors and survivors of sexual assault.



To register or for further information,

call (719) 733-7353.

Sports Bulletin

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

Correction on Kahler Tournament

The winner of the first flight at the Alex P. Kahler Tournament this past weekend was Scott Kelleher. It was originally reported as Austin Kelleher. The Valley Courier apologizes for the error.

> **SCHEDULE 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.

TUESDAY Prep girls softball

Durango at Alamosa (at Adams State), 4 p.m.

THURSDAY Prep girls volleyball

Primero at Sangre de Cristo, 4:30 p.m.

Salida at Center, 5 p.m. College men's soccer

Trinidad State at Adams State (exhibition), noon



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Upper left: Eric Cook goes airborne at the 2022 Cat's Classic. Upper right: Michael Secor on the track. Lower left: Stanton Cook approaches the finish line.



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IN THE MATTER OF THE SOUTHERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT AND THE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT SUBDISTRICT OF THE SOUTHERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

COURT USE ONLY IN SAGUACHE, ALAMOSA, AND RIO GRANDE COUNTIES. Case No. 2024CV30030

ORDER FIXING A PLACE AND TIME FOR HEARING ON THE PETITION TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTHERN COLORADO WATER

CONSERVANCY DISTRICT AND THE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT SUBDISTRICT OF THE SOUTHERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT This matter comes before the Court pursuant to the applicable provisions of C.R.S. §37- 45-109 and §37-45-120, "the Water Con-

servancy Act," upon the petition to the Honorable District Court sit-

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION

To All Persons Interested: Public Notice is Hereby Given:

1. That on the July 23, 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the Colo rado Water Conservancy Act, C.R.S. §§ 37-45-101 et. seq., there was filed with the clerk of the district court sitting in and for Alamosa County, Colorado, a petition ("Petition") for the establishment of a water conservancy district to be known as the Southern Colorado Water Conservancy District ("District") and for the establishment of the Groundwater Management Subdistrict of the Southern Colorado

Water Conservancy District ("Subdistrict").

2. The formation of the District and Subdistrict will encourage the conservation, development, and stabilization of water supplies used for domestic, irrigation, commercial, power, manufacturing, and other beneficial uses. See C.R.S. §37-45-108. Irrigated lands within the District and Subdistrict are irrigated by a combination of surface water supplies and wells withdrawing water from the Confined and Unconfined Aquifers. The lands proposed for inclusion also utilize wells for related industrial and commercial uses. In order to continue operating their wells for irrigation and related commercial and industrial uses these well owners will require the development of works and acquisi tion of supplemental supplies of water for the purposes of replacing depletions to the Rio Grande River and any other river or creek where depletions are required to be replaced and for purposes of conserving water within the Unconfined Aquifer in order to ensure that a sustain able water supply is achieved and maintained within that aquifer as required by C.R.S. §37-92-501(4). The District and its Subdistrict will be distinct legal entities, funded by a mill levy imposed by its board pursuant to the provisions of the Act, by fees and assessments paid by well owners who enter water allotment contracts with the District or Subdistrict and by any other lawful means. Assessments will be proportional to the cost of obtaining sufficient water to augment the wells of contract holders and to achieve and maintain a sustainable water supply in the Unconfined Aguifer. The District and the Subdistrict will employ a number of means to develop works and a portfolio of water rights sufficient to achieve and maintain a sustainable water supply and augment its member wells to ensure that such wells are allowed to continue operating under all applicable laws, rules, and water court decrees, including but not limited to, the lease and purchase of senior, transmountain or other fully consumable water rights, the change of senior water rights to augmentation use, the development of recharge projects, forbearance agreements, the construction of water storage projects, and the purchase, lease and retirement of irrigated land and wells which divert water from the Confined and Unconfined Aquifers alone or in concert with other entities, and will employ all means avail able under the Act for the financing of its activities, including but not limited to the issuance of Water Conservancy Bonds, the imposition of mill levies, the creation of one or more water activity enterprise and financing through the Colorado Water Conservation Board or other available lenders. The District and Subdistrict intend to prosecute an application for approval of one or more plans of augmentation with the Division 3 Water Court, may seek approval of substitute supply plans pursuant to C.R.S. §37-92-308(4) during the time the application is pending and may develop a groundwater management plan under C.R.S. §37-92-501(4)(c).

3. The District and Subdistrict will be composed of non-contiguous parcels of land in Alamosa, Rio Grande, and Saguache Counties, Colorado, described below. One hundred percent of the owners of said lands have signed the petition for the formation of the District

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF DISTRICT COURT CASE DISTRICT COURT, COSTILLA COUNTY, COLORADO 304 Main Street, San Luis, CO 81152 Case No.: 2024CV30012 Division: C

Plaintiff: CIELO VISTA RANCH II, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability

Defendants: JOSHUA SISNEROS, a Colorado resident; MARIAH MEDINA, a Colorado resident; DEVIN VIGIL, a Colorado resident; DIEGO ROMERO, a Colorado resident. DEVIN VIGIL, a Colorado resident, DIEGO ROMERO, a Colorado resident. Attorneys for Plaintiff:

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To the Above-Named Defendant: JOSHUA SISNEROS.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to file with the Clerk of this Court an answer or other response to the Complaint filed in the above captioned matter. Plaintiff, CVR II, alleges that you intentionally above captioned matter. Plantini, CVR II, alleges that you intentionally entered the CVR II Property to hunt, did not have permission to enter CVR II Property, and did shoot and kill a bull elk. CVR II alleges that due to your trespass, it has suffered damages due to lost time and productivity of its employees in having to respond to your trespass, and it is seeking a declaration that you improperly trespassed on CVR II Property and damages to be proven, including lost time and other costs allowed by law. Per Court order, this notice shall constitute service on you one it has been a helicited for five exposertive weeks. vice on you once it has been published for five consecutive weeks. No. 4054.

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Monte Vista School District is accepting sealed bids on the following

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1995 Ford Pickup 1999 International 65 pass school bus

2004 International School Bus 65 passenger

Vehicles may be viewed August 12, 2024, through August 20, 2024, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., by contacting Mark Hotz, Maintenance/Transportation Director, at 719-852-4050. Sealed bids must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on August 22, 2024, in the District Office, 59 North Broadway, Monte Vista, CO 81144.

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Conejos Water Conservancy District gives notice that the District Court of Conejos County is accepting applications for the appointment of directors to serve on the Board of the Conejos Water Conservancy District. The Board of Directors consists of seven directors who must: (1) have resided within the District for a period of one year, and preferably within the division of application; (2) own real property within the District; and (3) be knowledgeable in water matters with a background reflecting the agriculture, municipal, industrial, and other interests in beneficial use of water within the District. The Court will appoint one director each from Divisions 1, 2 and 3. The term of the appointment is four (4) years. The application, which may be made by letter, should state that it is an application for appointment to a director position of Division 1, Division 2, or Division 3 of the Conejos Water Conservancy District. The procedure and criteria for application and appointment of water

conservancy directors are set forth in detail in Colorado Revised Statutes 37-45-114. The application must be received by the court prior Applications are to be sent to

The Honorable Crista Newmyer-Olsen Conejos, CO 81129 Nathan Coombs, Manager

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ting in and for Alamosa County, State of Colorado, for the establishment of a Water Conservancy District and Subdistrict

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a hearing on said Petition shall take place on the 17th day of October 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Alamosa County Justice Center, Alamosa, Colorado, in Courtroom A. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall cause to be published said Petition in a newspaper of general circulation

in Alamosa, Rio Grande, and Saguache counties and shall mail a copy of the published notice to the Alamosa, Rio Grande, and Saguache Board of County Commissioners as required by CRS FINALLY, the matter shall be set for a Status Conference on August 19, 2024, at 10:45 a.m. at the Alamosa County Justice Cen-

ter, Alamosa, Colorado, in Courtroom A, for a determination of the amount of necessary bond pursuant to CRS 37-45-110. DATED this 30th day of July 2024. BY THE COURT:

District Judge and Water Judge Water Division 3

SW1/4 36-41-8

NE1/4 1-41-9 LESS 1.835 ACRES B424 P852, ALSO LESS 0 .80 ACRES REC# 338252 (SMR)

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NE1/4 19-41-9 NW1/4 19-41-9 B 364 P 642 (SMR) SW1/4 19-41-9

SE1/4 19-41-9

SW1/4 22-41-9

NE1/4 27-41-9 LESS A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 2.57 ACRES

REC# 398180 (A/K/A TRACT 1 MYERS LAND RLLP, DIVISION OF LAND REC# 397712) NW1/4 27-41-9 SW1/4 29-41-9 B380 P120 NW1/4 30-41-9

SE1/4 31-41-9 LESS 5.78 ACRES REC# 387907, ALSO LESS 4.39 ACRES REC# 391242 (AKA TRACT 2A JADA HOLDINGS DIVISION

N1/2NE1/4 8-41-10 S1/2NE1/4 8-41-10 (SMR)

SW1/4 8-41-10

SE1/4 8-41-10 POR. OF LAND IN SW1/4NW1/4 17-41-10 CONT. 10 AC. (SMR) NW1/4 17-41-10 LESS 10 ACRES B361 P259

SE1/4 17-41-10 SE1/4 18-41-10 LESS A TRACT OF LAND CONT. 4.35 AC B457 P233 (SMR)

SW1/4 19-41-10 S1/2SW1/4, SE1/4, N1/2 20-41-10 N1/2SW1/4 20-41-10

SW1/4 29-41-10 SE1/4 29-41-10 LESS 7.082 ACRES REC# 350421 (SMR) E1/2NW1/4 30-41-10, E1/2W1/2NW1/4 30-41-10 LESS MINERALS

W1/2W1/2NW1/4 30-41-10 (SMR) B353 P44/45 SE1/4 31-41-10 LESS A TRACT OF LAND LOC. IN SE1/4SE1/4

CONT. 6.62 ACRES B436 P389 (SMR) NW1/4 32-41-10 S1/2 32-41-10 LESS 1.471 ACREC# 323646, ALSO LESS 9.490 AC

REC# 357650 (SMR) NW4 7-40-10 157AC M/L (SLV) EXC 1/2 IN M/RTS WD REC #328938 11-29-06 SWD REC #331045 01-29-07

ME4 & SE4 4-40-9 (SLV) SW4 & NW4 4-40-9 (SLV) SWD REC #380852 05-17-2021 SE4 5-40-9 156A (SLV) JWD REC #380858 05-17-2021

TR 1 ALLIED POTATO DOL LOC IN NE4 6-40-9 148.02AC M/L WD REC #373263 05-16-19 PLAT REC #375223 12-03-19 SW4 6-40-9 TNA 153.5AC EXC SW4SW4SW4SW4 2.5AC (SLV)

EXC 1/2 INT M/RTS BSD REC #385241 05-13-2022 ALSO OWNER: MYERS GERALD W TRUST (1/3 INT) FRANSEN CHERYL M TRUST 1/3 INT & MYERS GERALD W TRUST NE4 7-40-9 1584 (SLV) PRD REC #383175 10-22-2021 PRD REC #383176 10-22-2021 PRD REC #373177 10-22-2021 TRD REC #383179 10-22-2021 TRD REC #383180 10-22-2021 TRD REC #383181 10-22-2021 NW4 7-40-9 155.42A (SLV) PRD REC #383175 10-22-2021 PRD REC #383176 10-22-2021 PRD REC #383177 10-22-2021 TRD REC #383179 10-22-2021 TRD REC #373180 10-22-2021 TRD REC

SE4 7-40-9 158A (SLV) WD B 540 P 175 3-14-96 SWD REC #366789

NW4 9-40-9 155AC (SLV) SWD REC #380852 05-17-2021 SE4 9-40-9 156AC (SLV) EXC 1/2 INT M/RTS WD B 288 P 463 4-29-

02 SW4 10-40-9 154A (SLV) JPRD REC #383309 12-01-2021 SW4 14-39-9 160AC EXC 1/2 INT M/RTS NW4 14-39-9 160AC EXC

1/2 INT M/RTS WD REC #387897 02-10-2023 A TR OF LAND CONT. 1.835 ACRES LOCATED IN NE1/4 1-41-9

TR A-1 IN SE1/4 33-41-8 B353 P492 B396 P333 SW4SW4SW4SW4 6-40-9 2.5A (SLV) BSD REC #385241 05-13-

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED WITHIN THE NW1/4 24-41-8 CONTAINING 5.535 ACRES REC# 369797 (A/K/A MYERS HOME

FR SWANW4 7-40-9 (SLV) BEG SW COR PARCEL HEREIN DE SC

A PT ON E LINE CO RD AS FENCED WHENCE W2 SEC 7 BEAR S S 1DEG 42 1/4' W 855.89' TH N 173' ALONG E LINE SAID RD TH E 88.88' TH S 77DEG 08' E 19.09' TH S 46DEG 15' E 53.96' TH S 20DEG 58' E 26.20' TH S 0DEG 01' E 92.03' TH S 39DEG 46' W 15.03' TH S 88DEG 40' W 146.30' TO POB .58AC PRD REC #383175 10-22-2021 PRD REC #3831 A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SW1/4 3-41-9 CONTAINING

5.00 ACRES A/K/A/ TRACT 2 REC# 315607

4. Pursuant to C.R.S. §37-45-114, Petitioners request the initial Board of Directors be comprised of Asier Artaechevarria who is a farmer and landowner within the District; William Meyers who is a farmer and the appointed agent of Myers Family Farm, LLC and its members who are landowners within the District, and Les Alderete who is the General Manager of Skyline Potato and the appointed agent of Skyline Land Company and its owners who are landowners within the District. These people are landowners or agents for entities who are landown ers and are familiar with and representative of the beneficial users of

water within the District and Subdistrict.

5. The public hearing on the Petition will take place on October 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Alamosa County Justice Center, Alamosa, Colorado, in Courtroom A.

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DISTRICT COURT COSTILLA COUNTY

304 Main Street

P.O. Box 301 San Luis, CO 81152

FOR COURT USE ONLY Case Number 2024CV30027 JOHN M. FINN and JOLENE A. FINN.

GREG J. GONZALES. Attorneys for Plaintiffs Matthew K. Hobbs, No. 332255 mhobbs@cstrial.com

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719-530-3011 /512-477-5011 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend

against the claims of the Complaint filed with the court in this action, by filling with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 35 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.

If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 35 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.

This is in rem action to quiet the title for the Plaintiffs in and to the

real property in Costilla County, Colorado, more particularly described

Tract 9, of the Amended Plat of M & M Ranches, also known by Parcel Number 72700080. July 29, 2024

Published in the Valley Courier, Alamosa, Colorado

Matthew Hobbs, No. 33225 Attorney for Plaintiffs No. 4072.

Published in the Valley Courier on August 9, 16, 23, 30, & September 6, 2024.

ALAMOSA COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CORRECTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held be-

fore the Alamosa Planning Commission on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM and again before the Alamosa Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 8:30 AM, in the Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way. Alamosa, Colorado for the purpose of considering an application for a Minor Subdivision submitted by Preston Porter of Alamosa Storage, LLC on property currently identified as 5929 South Rd 106, Parcel 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 Administrato Alamosa County

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District Court Denver Probate Court
Alamosa County, Colorado

Court Address: 8955 Independence Way Alamosa, CO 81101 719-586-4996

Jenine Lynn Manesiotis COURT USE ONLY

In the Matter of the Estate of

Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address)
John M. Montgomery, Attorney 660 Grande Avenue

Del Norte, CO 81132 Phone Number: 719-657-3333 E-mail:john@montgomery-law.net FAX Number: 719-657-9999 Atty. Reg. #: 19385 Case Number: 2024PR30024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Jenine Lynn Manesiotis Deceased Case Number 2024PR30024 All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to X District Court of Alamosa, County, Colorado or Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado

on or before December 20, 2024 (date)*, or the claims may be for-

ever barred.

John M. Montgomery

Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice 660 Grande Avenue

Del Norte, CO 81132 City, State, Zip Code No. 4087.

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HEARING FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF THE SAN LUIS VALLEY'S EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER COM-MUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG).

The City of Alamosa will conduct a public hearing at 300 Hunt Ave, Alamosa, CO 81101 on August 21, 2024 at the Alamosa City Council meeting. The purpose of the hearing is to allow citizens to review and comment on the performance of the City of Alamosa in carrying out their Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley new early childhood learning center, which was financed with federal Community Development Block Grant funds provided by the State of Colorado Written comments are also welcome and must be received by August 21, 2024, at 300 Hunt Ave, Alamosa, CO 81101 or planning@ ci.alamosa.co.us; Attention:Holly Martinez . Information and records regarding the above described project are available at 300 Hunt Ave.

Alamosa, CO 81101 during regular office hours. A public hearing to receive citizen views concerning the community's economic and community development needs will be held at 300 Hunt Ave, Alamosa, CO 81101 on August 21, 2024 at the Alamosa City Council Meeting. For information concerning the public hearing contact (name, address and telephone number).

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired should contact Holly Martinez the office of the City Clerk at 300 Hunt Ave, Alamosa, CO 81101, at least three calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Holly Martinez the office of the City Clerk at 300 Hunt Ave, Alamosa, CO 81101 at least three calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided To access a Telecommunication Device for Deaf Persons (TDD) please call (719) 589-2593. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during these hearings should notify Holly Martinez at the office of the City Clerk at 300 Hunt Ave, Alamosa, CO 81101 at least three days prior to the hearing to be attended

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY TOWN OF LA JARA, COLORADO

Notice is hereby given that the Liquor Licensing authority of the Town of La Jara, Colorado will hold a Public Heating at approximately 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at La Jara Town Hall, 221 Broadway, La Jara, Colorado 81140.

Pursuant to the liquor laws of the State of Colorado, Family Dollar Stores of Colorado, LLC (Store #27022 in La Jara, Colorado) has requested the licensing officials of the Town of La Jara to approve a new Fermented Malt Beverage/Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine Retailer liquor license Located at 217 Spruce Street.

Shawn Pagnotta, CMC

Town Clerk August 13, 2024 No. 4091

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAVERN LICENSE APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that July 11, 2024, Pimara Wipanngern d/b/a

Sushi Thai Alamosa applied to the City of Alamosa to grant a new
Beer and Wine License at 3374 Clark Street. Applicant is owned by Pimara Wipanngern, 3374 Clark Street, Alamosa, CO 81101 The City Council of Alamosa, which is the Local Licensing Authority for the City of Alamosa, accepted the application and set a public

hearing to be held: esday, August 21, 2024

Alamosa City Council Chambers 300 Hunt Ave

at which time and place any party in interest may be allowed to present evidence and to cross-examine witnesses, in accordance with the procedures of said hearing.

Any petitions and remonstrances pertaining to the granting or denial of said application may be filed at the Office of the City Clerk, Municipal Building, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101 during office hours, in advance of said hearing, or may be presented to the City

Holly C. Martinez.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VETERANS HOMELESS THEIR FAMILIES: Free Sloppy Joes Luncheon at the First Christian Church – 518 First Street, ALAMOSA (corner of First & State). 11:00-1:00, August 17, 2024. (8/17/24)

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Council at said hearing.

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THE TOWN OF LA

JARA is accepting applications for POLICE CHIEF. The successful candidate shall plan and administer the law enforcement program and activities of the town and do related work as required. Minimum qualifications include a degree in law enforce-ment, Colorado POST Certification, and extensive and increasingly responsible experience in law enforcement work including supervisory experience. Thorough knowledge of the princi-

ples, problems and techniques of municipal police administration; thorough knowledge of the technical and operating practices and methods of law enforcement and crime prevention. Must have ability to handle firearms and maintain certification and firearms proficiency in accordance with Colorado POST regulations. Applicants must complete a background check, drug screening and have a current psychological evaluation. The Town of La Jara offers a competitive compensation package that includes health. dental and vision insurance; retirement through FPPA; and paid time off. Salary range from \$55,000 to \$65,000. Ap-

cations accepted until filled. (9/4/24) L&M SALVAGE YARD is looking for a PARTS SPECIALIST & WRECKER DRIV-ER, Hiring full time position. Valid driver's license. Knowledge of vehicles preferred. Apply in person. (8/24/24)

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(8/24/24)

221 -**HELP WANTED**

TREASURER/AC-COUNTING TECH POSITION with AL-AMOSA COUNTY TREASURER & PUB-LIC TRUSTEE OF-FICE. Duties include but are not limited to: Works with all functions of the Treasurer's Office in the collection, distribution, and reconciliation of taxes. Greets customers, answers the phone, uses tax collection software to collect property tax payments. Conducts daily balancing duties of all treasurer collections. Releases deeds of trust. Previous banking or title company experience is helpful. Attention to detail is a must. Knowledge should include basic office procedures, proficiency in Excel, Word, Gmail and 10-key. Ability to communicate verbally, in an email, in a letter with effective and concise wording. Bilingual is preferred. Pick up an application at 8999 Independence Way, Suite 104, Alamosa. Pay range \$17-\$19/hour. Submit a cover letter and resume along with the application. Deadline to apply is August 20, 2024. (8/20/24)

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

221 -**HELP WANTED**

THE CITY OF ALA-MOSA is seeking an EQUIPMENT OPERA-TOR dedicated to maintaining and improving our community's infrastructure. This position is in the PUBLIC WORKS DEPART-MENT. The ideal can-didate is a skilled heavy equipment operator who will help keep our streets safe and functional for all residents. As a Streets Equipment Operator, you will be responsible for operating and maintaining a variety of heavy ma-chinery used in road construction, repair, and maintenance. You will work on tasks such as paving, grading, and excavation, ensuring that all work is performed to the highest standards of quality and safety. In-terested 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 \$25.41 - \$26.68 per hour. Fringe ben-efits 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

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ADAMS STATE UNI-VERSITY 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)

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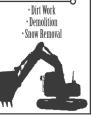
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with any questions or fax resumes to 719-206-3226. Thank You. Job

THE BOE OF CEN-TER SCHOOLS is now accepting applications for the Position of SEC ASSISTANT for the 2024-2025 School Year. Qualifications: Highly Qualified according to ESSA or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. For information and application materials, please visit 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. (8/21/24)

GRANT SPECIAL-IST. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS at ADAMS STATE UNIVERSI-TY seeks a full-time GRANT SPECIAL-IST to facilitate, write, review, and prepare grant proposals. The applicant must have a bachelor's degree and proven experience in grant writing, budget preparation, and secur-ing federal, state, and/ or private grants. Open until filled. Application review begins Sept. 30. More information at: Adams State's Human Resources Employment Opportunities webpage, https://www.adams. edu/hr/employment/ or https://adams.wd1.my workdayjobs.com/ASÚ. (8/20/24)

GUNBARREL STA-TION IS hiring a full-time TIRE TECHNI-CIAN. 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 ALA-MOSA POLICE DE-PARTMENT is seeking a full-time dedicated and experienced PRO-GRAM MANAGER to oversee our CO-RE SPONDER & LEAD PROGRAMS. This vital position plavs a key rôle 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 ben-efits 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 DEPART-MENT is seeking a full-time BEHAV-IORAL HEALTH CLINICIAN to join their team as a BEHAV-IORAL 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

memberships. Open until filled, with a first review on August 26th. (8/28/24)CENTER CONSOLI-DATED SCHOOLS located in CENTER, CO seeks a PART-TIME PARKS & REC COORDINATOR for the 2024-2025 school year. Candidates should have a high school di-ploma 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-opportuni-ty 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, Super-intendent of Schools,

dental premiums paid by the employer, Well-ness Program, and dis-

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co.us. (8/17/24) **DEL NORTE HIGH** SCHOOL is seeking a qualified ASSIS-TANT 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 gsanchez@ urtigers.co or contact him at 719-657-4020. (9/13/24)

Center School District

26JT, 550 S. Sylvester Avenue, Center, CO

81125. For more in-

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FULL-TIME MAIN-TENANCE & GROUNDS POSI-**TION** open at the UP-PER RÍO 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 LAN-GUAGE 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)

ADELANTE ASSIS-TANT DIRECTOR La Puente is seeking a MASTER'S LEVEL PERSON (LICENSE ELIGIBLE) to PRO-VIDE OVERSIGHT OF THE PERMA NENT 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)

JUSTICE AND HER-**ITAGE** 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)

WOLF CREEK SKI AREA is accepting applications for ALL DE-PARTMENTS: 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)

CAFETERIA STAFF NEEDED at UP-PER 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)

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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. EDUCATION MANcom/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 ADMINISTRA-TIVE ASSISTANT to assist the Veteran's Services Officer. The State of Colorado requires the PERSON BE AN HONOR-ABLY DISCHARGED VETERAN who will provide administrative assistance and can become a certified Veteran Service Officer after completing training. Applica-tions 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 EXCAVA TION, based in PA-GOSA 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 pro-grams 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.lapu-ente.net. (8/9/24)

TERRACE IRRIGA-TION COMPANY is seeking an individual for the position of DITCH RIDER/ RESERVOIR SUPER-INTENDENT. 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 experi-ence. Contact the Ditch Secretary at 719-852-2144 for an application. (8/20/24)

WOLF CREEK SKI AREA is hiring a Full Time STAFF AC-COUNTANT. 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 of-fice 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 ski-ing privileges and the compensation starts at \$34 per hour depending on experience. Full slate of insurance ben-

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CreekSki.com (8/31/24)

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WOLF CREEK SKI AREA is hiring an ACCOUNTING AS-SISTANT. 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: Pavroll@WolfCreekSki. com (8/31/24)

AGER: CENTER HEAD START is searching for an EDU-CATION 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 de velopment 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 the Center Head Start Office or on the website. Questions please call the office at 719-759-9259. (8/30/24)

FAMILY SERVICES MANAGER: CEN-TER HEAD START is searching for a highly motivated FAMILY SERVICES MANAG-ER. Applicants must have strong interpersonal and communica-tion 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 the Center Head Start Office or on the website. Questions

please call the office at 719-759-9259. (8/30/24) DIRECTOR: CEN-TER HEAD START is searching for a highly motivated DIKLC TOR. 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 relation-ship 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 the Center Head Start Office or on the website. Questions, please call the office at 719-759-9259. (8/30/24)

BUS DRIVER/CUS-TODIAN: CENTER HEAD START is in search of a BUS DRIV-ER/ 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 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 & PER-

MITTING ADMIN-ISTRATOR: 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)

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EXECUTIVE DI-RECTOR/GENER-AL 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-directorgeneral-manager-a959c-74f16ae2c01 . (8/28/24) THE UPPER RIO

GRANDE SCHOOL

DISTRICT is hiring a full time JR./SR HIGH SCHOOL COUN-SELOR. 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) DEL NORTE PO-LICE OFFICER.

The TOWN of DEL NORTE is seeking qualified applicants for osition ôf 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)

DIRECTOR OF EM-**PLOYEE SUPPORT** (DES). LA PUENTE is our community's response to address the effects of poverty by providing a safety net of services, where individuals and families get what they need to stabilize, heal, strengthen, and ultimately thrive. Seeking Director of Employee Support who will assist with hiring, on-boarding, trainfacilitation, con flict management, and strengthening organizational culture. Seeking experienced independent professional with strong people skills and understanding of holistic staff support and development. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of helping others. Salary \$55k-60k DOE. Full benefit package. Send cover letter, resume, request job description: hr@lapuente.net La Puente: P.O. Box 1235, ALAMOSA, CO 81101; 719/589-5909 (Ext 238); www.lapuente. net. (8/17/24)

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, Fulltime for the 2024/25 SY. CCS also seeks a PART-TIME TRANS-PORTATION COOR-DINATOR & 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)

> 304 - LAWN & **GARDEN**

SPRINKLER RE-PAIR & INSTAL-LATION. Quick Ser-vice!! Call evenings & weekends: 719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593. (9/6/24-monthly)

324 - SEED & FEED

NATIVE GRASS HAY for sale. HORSE HAY in SMALL BALES and COW HAY available in 3x3 BALES. Contact Ed, if interested, leave a message (719) 852-3069. (9/18/24)

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SATURDAY 8/17 -8:00 am-12:00 at 115 Alamosa Ave., Alamosa. Huge sale with collectables and many nice items. Hosted by GFWC Woman's Citizenship Club. Proceeds to fund our community projects.(8/17/24) **MULTI-FAMILY**

GARAGE SALE: Saturday, August 17 at house next to the Firehouse in MOSCA. 8:00 to 3:00. Some AN-TIQUES. (8/17/24)

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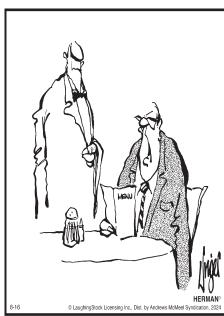
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"What's the paint-stripper of the day?"

Mother makes little effort to meet people after move

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DEARABBY: My mother, who is 69, recently moved close to where my wife and I live to be near us as she ages. On the whole, this has been great for all of us. Mom is in good health and still very active. She walks every day and takes care of her house and garden. We see her often.

The problem is, she is very resistant to meeting new people or going out without us. She says she will never find friends as good as the ones she left behind, so it's not worth trying. We encouraged her to join the senior center, which she did, but she quit after a month, saying the people there are "too old."

I took her to church, but after the second Sunday, she announced she's not going back. My wife tried to get her to join a club or volunteer at our kids' school, but Mom said she doesn't like to be on a schedule. Several neighbors invited her over, but she always makes excuses to decline. I think they have stopped asking. Because she's indepen-

dent, this isn't a big deal now. But I'm worried that if she doesn't get to know people while she's still active, we'll be her only source of support as she

You often ask if older parents are experiencing a change of personality

caused by old age or dementia, and I don't think this is the case here. Mom's always been shy. Now she's shy and stubborn. What are my options? -- LOOK-ING OUT FOR MOM IN CHICAGO

DEARLOOKINGOUT: Among my first thoughts is that your mother isn't the independent person you described, and she's setting herself up to be completely dependent upon you and your wife for social interaction. It isn't healthy for ANY of you.

Before she isolates herself further than she already has, sit her down and tell her directly that you do not want this to happen and that she MUST make more of an effort to interact with others. While relationships are not interchangeable, she once had a social life, and she will again IF she makes an effort.

If her shyness prevents her from easily conversing with strangers, suggest that she volunteer at an animal shelter. That way she will be out of the house, interacting with others and not solely dependent on you.

DEARABBY: My friend Sally" has been dating this guy for 10 years. Their relationship has been rocky from the beginning, and he doesn't seem to want to commit. He acts like he doesn't want to even BE with her, spending time



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only when it's convenient for him.

He has put Sally through a lot. He was involved with this other woman. He said it was because she knew some things about him and was holding it against him and he couldn't tell my friend. I think he's a narcissist. What advice can you give her? -- ASKING FOR A FRIEND

DEARASKING: Knowing that the most unwanted advice is that which is unasked for, I would wait until the next time Sally complains about the treatment this man has given her for the last 10 years. Then I would suggest that she talk with a licensed mental health professional about how to rebuild her self-esteem.

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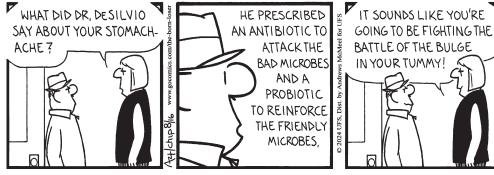
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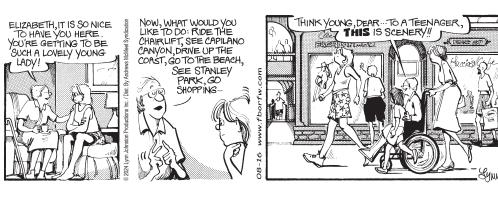
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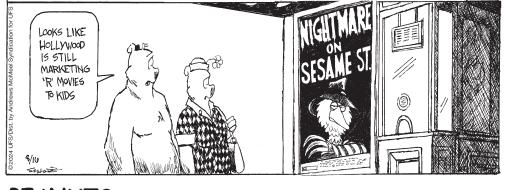
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