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Alamosa City Council meeting Aug. 21

ALAMOSA — At Wednesday night's meeting, the Alamosa City Council will be deciding on a number of issues, starting with making a fee waiver perpetual for homes built by Habitat for Humanity.

Council members will also be considering several ordinances, including Ord. No. 20-2024 which would prohibit sitting and lying down on public right of way; amend details of the trespassing ordinance; and remove the requirement that shelter, or campground space be available before citing someone for unauthorized camping on public property. 20-2024 is up for first reading.

Ord. No. 17-2024 is up for second reading and, if passed by council members, would criminalize certain offenses related to theft and trespassing. For a more detailed description, see the "Businesses Frustrated with Repeat Offenders" story in the Aug. 7, edition of the Courier. Before council members vote, the public may comment on an ordinance during second reading.

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Sexual assault reported at Horizon Heights

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
 Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — Sunday evening, the Alamosa Police Department (APD) received a call regarding a sexual assault at the housing development known as Horizon Heights located on Old Airport Road in south Alamosa.

According to APD Captain Sam Maestas, the call came in around 10:00 p.m. "I have a detective on the case and we're investigating," Maestas says, but no further information is available at this time.

Horizon Heights is a new housing development comprised of one ■ See ASSAULT page 3



Photo by Priscilla Waggoner

Back entrance to Horizon Heights housing community.

Brandt honored for 50 years at CRT



Courier photo by Keith R. Cerny

Christy Brandt was accompanied by husband John Gary "Brownie" Brown, longtime CRT photographer, as she celebrated 50 years on the stages of Creede Rep.

By KEITH R. CERNY
 Courier Publisher

CREEDE — A half-century of memorable performances on the stages of the Creede Repertory Theatre (CRT) were honored Sunday night as Christy Brandt's 50 seasons were remembered at the Creede Hotel with more than 200 friends and fans in attendance in a standing-room-only crowd.

Brandt, tabbed as the "Grande Dame of CRT," was accompanied by husband John Gary 'Brownie' Brown as longtime theatericians and others recapped her first season at CRT in 1973 until now where she is currently playing Lady Bracknell in the Oscar Wilde classic,

"The Importance of Being Earnest." This is the third time she has acted in an adaptation of the play at CRT.

New Artistic Director Emily Van Fleet and Kate Berry, interim artistic director, moderated the nearly two-hour tribute to Brandt that saw several of the earliest CRT actors commending her on her tenure, including Steve Reed and well-known musician John Green, a high school friend of Brandt. Green will be performing a concert at CRT on August 25, featuring Brandt and Betsy Miller Randle from the hit series "Boy Meets World."

Among others honoring ■ See BRANDT page 3

SUDS 4 SAR to save lives

By JOHN WATERS
 Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — The annual SUDS 4 SAR fundraiser for the Alamosa Volunteer Search and Rescue (AVSAR) team was a success. The group, which operates in conjunction with the Alamosa County Sheriff's Office, provides rescue operations in the nearby mountainous backcountry.

AVSAR is entirely non-profit. Its mission is, "Our purpose is to coordinate and conduct search and rescue operations in Alamosa County...so that others may live."

Sheriff Robert Jackson said, "This is a great fundraising event. AVSAR has been really busy this summer. They've spent a lot of time on the mountain [Blanca Massif], and ■ See SUDS page 3



Alamosa County Volunteer Search and Rescue Treasurer Olivia Maclean (left) and Sheriff Robert Jackson at the SUDS 4 SAR fundraiser in downtown Alamosa on Aug. 17. The rescue group is comprised entirely of volunteers. According to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, on average, members of SAR teams donate their time and spend over \$1,500 to purchase gear.

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Alamosa storm drain art to protect the river

By JOHN WATERS
 Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — On Aug. 19, at the intersection of State Avenue and 11th Street in Alamosa, artists Casey McCoy and Nora McBride were busy painting street art at the storm drains. The art will include text with messages that whatever enters the infrastructure flows into the Rio Grande.

McCoy said his storm drain art includes mountains, trains, fish, and the river. McBride said she loves the skies over the Valley, and her work will consist of a storm with lightning and rain that will

eventually enter the drain. The artwork and text are a City of Alamosa initiative to raise awareness that stormwater that flows into the drain picks up garbage, gasoline, motor oil, pet waste, pesticides, and other untreated toxins into the Rio Grande.

According to McCoy, the city is sponsoring storm drain art at four locations.

The storm drain artwork exemplifies Upstream Art and is an engaging educational program that communicates the function and importance of storm drains and how people can care for them.

Casey McCoy is at work at the storm drain on State Avenue in Alamosa.



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Artist Nora McBride is painting storm drain art.



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A summer of adventures at Capulin Library

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“Adventure begins at your library!” was the theme of the 2024 Summer Reading Program. At the Capulin library, we focused on adventures that take place here in our local community and wish to extend a hearty “Thank you to all of our guest speakers, and to the Soul Players of the Valley for their support.”

Our first guest speakers, Sandra and Rachel Valdez, owners of the Big River Bison Ranch, shared adventures they have had on their farm. They brought pictures and even a diagram of the cuts of a bison provides. And let each child see/feel a bison skull and hide.

Diego Martinez, local author of “The Ugly Truckling” and his family, brought a signed copy and donated his book to the children of Capulin. After reading his entire book to the children and answering all of their questions he then took them outside to tour his Cybertruck as he was explaining all of the different mechanisms and possibilities it has.

The following week our next guest speaker, Elena Miller Ter-Kuile, owner of Cactus Hill Farm, spoke to all the children about the duties of being a shepherdess, her many adventures on the farm and gave a little history of sheep farming in Capulin. She brought samples and taught the children how to wet weave with the wool and sent them home with their creations.

Keri Fransen and her four sons from the Fransen Family Farm came to



Courtesy photo

The SLV Sword Guild came to the Capulin Library and spoke about the history of swords and sword fighting.

our library to talk about their Yak farm. They shared many of their adventures ... (one particular involved bringing their yak back after they had ventured away to their neighbor's farm) ... and shared a bit of yak economics with the children.

Our next guest speaker, Cari Conari of the SLV Apothecary, took the children and their parents on a foraging adventure, stopping frequently to teach them which are and which are not edible plants and the importance of knowing which plants to keep away from.

Our last session concluded with SLV Sword Guild coming to the library and speaking about the history of swords and sword fighting. Mark and

John put on several sword fighting demonstrations and then allowed the children to try on helmets, view the swords and ask many questions. When asked if sword-fighting is popular today. It was explained that sword-fighting is now a form of martial arts. After our guests put away all their equipment, it was story time. Mark read to them an entire chapter from the “The Princess Bride.”

“Adventure is not hanging on a rope off the side of a mountain. Adventure is an attitude that we must apply to the day-to-day obstacles of Life,” said John Amatt.

For further information please call the Conejos County Library Maria De Herrera Branch at 719-274-5858.

ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

APD report Aug. 9 to 16, 2024

James Trant, 70, of Ioloa, Texas was cited for careless driving.

Jesus Gonzales Aceves, 80, of Alamosa was cited for careless driving.

Kathy Matthews, 73, of Monte Vista was cited for careless driving causing bodily injury.

Priscilla Pacheco, 82, of Del Norte was cited for careless driving.

Dennis Wood, 77, of Rancho de Taos was cited for making improper left turn at multi turn intersection and uninsured vehicle.

Joshua Rodriguez, 26, of Alamosa was cited for reckless driving.

Nathen Hobbs, 28, of Denver was cited for first-degree criminal trespass, possession of controlled substance, second-degree introducing contraband.

Claudine Hewitt, 80, of Blanca was cited for seatbelts required.

Nicholas Montoya, 42, of Alamosa was cited for possession of weapon by previous offender, menacing, reckless endangerment, prohibited use of weapon, child abuse, domestic violence.

John Jacquez, 65, of Alamosa was cited for felony conduct, disorderly conduct.

Chanel Gutierrez, 32, of San Luis was cited for trespassing, theft under \$300.

Weylen Vigil, 29, of Alamosa was cited for trespassing.

Christian Lloyd, 38, of Alamosa was cited for

false reporting.

Leigh Martin, 32 of Alamosa was cited for defective headlamp, obstruction.

Omar Aguilar, 18, of Center was cited for underage consumption.

Juvenile female in Alamosa was cited for underage consumption.

Tyler Chapman-Shelley, 18, of Alamosa was cited for parking lights required, driving under restraint, underage consumption.

Arthur Lujan, 75, of Sanford was cited for theft under \$300.

Roberto Diaz, 21, Alamosa was driving under restraint, failing to use turn signals.

Athina Romero, 38, unlawful possession of controlled substance, obstruction, child abuse.

Wesley Grau, 73, of Grady, N.M., changed lanes when unsafe, uninsured vehicle.

Sandra Chavez, 37, of Center was cited for speeding 5-9 over the limit.

Tyson Hutchison, 44, of Alamosa was cited for uninsured vehicle.

Joseph Salazar, 47, of Alamosa was cited for uninsured vehicle.

Nancy Zapata, 24, of Alamosa was cited for uninsured vehicle.

Edna Lucero, 35, of Fort Garland was cited for failing to obey traffic signal, failing to stop at a stop sign.

Claudia Sepulveda, 31, of Alamosa was cited for burning within the city limits.

Fernando Franklin Talabis, 54, of Alamosa was cited for dog running at large.

Carmel Marines, 75, of Alamosa was cited for dog running at large, unprovoked bite.

Carlos Areliano, 32, of San Luis was cited for driving under restraint, drove when seatbelt not in use.

Laura Galvan, 22, of Olathe was cited for failing to yield ROW on left turn.

Jeremy Montoya, 30, of Alamosa was cited for failing to yield ROW when proceeding from stop sign, uninsured vehicle.

Jose Pedro, 41, of Center was cited for careless driving causing bodily injury, driving without valid license.

Alex Candelaria, 32, of Capulin was cited for driving under restraint.

Christian Piccolo, 53, of Blanca was cited for careless driving.

Margie Clemmer, 70, of Alamosa was cited for limitations on unsafe backing.

Jerry Sanchez, 41, of Alamosa was cited for unlawful possession of controlled substance.

Robert Muth, 31, of Sanford was cited for speeding 10-19 over the limit.

Shane Gonzales, 33, of Alamosa was cited for felony menacing, obstruction.

Nineteen different drivers from various cities in and outside of the valley were cited for seatbelts required in the past week.

Adams State supports National Guard and Active Ready Reserve service members

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

ALAMOSA – Adams State University established the Minuteman Scholars program to support those who serve our country.

Utilizing the Chapter 1606 (Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve) benefits, any Reserve National Guard or Active Ready Reserve member of the US Armed Forces, who have a high school diploma or GED, are eligible for the guaranteed admission, in-state tuition, and a housing pledge.

According to Vice President for Student Affairs Savala DeVoge the new

initiative was developed to provide educational support and housing to eligible service members. “Those who serve in the military worked for their benefits and now their benefits work for them.”

The Minuteman Scholars program provides a housing pledge at Adams State and admission and tuition rate support. “The Adams State will match the cost of on-campus housing to the amount on the service members GI Bill,” DeVoge added.

If the service member maintains residency in Colorado, while attending Adams State, they are guaranteed in-state tuition, regardless of

their residency upon admission.

The cost of housing in traditional-style residence halls will be discounted for a double room to match the total amount of full-time 1606 benefits. Single rooms or other housing types will incur extra expenses. The student is responsible for tuition, fees, meal plan, and other costs.

OBITUARY

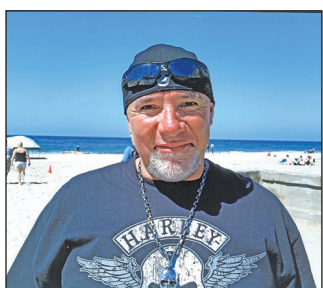
Benito “Tony B.” Quintana Jr.

La Jara resident Benito “Tony B.” Quintana Jr., 56, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family on Aug. 16, 2024.

Tony was born in Wickensburg, Ariz., to Benito “Tony” Quintana Sr. and Eloisa Manzanares on the 18th of June 1968.

He loved life and never gave up. He was strong up to the end. He will be missed by all of his biker friends and by all of his family.

He worked most of his life as a Commercial Truck driver and loved riding his Harley Davidson. He also made beautiful cabinets, beautiful bowls and many more things. His hobbies were wood working and working on antique cars.



Tony is survived by his mother Eloisa Manzanares, his brother Danny (Josephine) Arellano, his sisters Sally, Terry, Tina, Alicia, Amanda, Sandy and Laura, and his uncle Raymond.

Tony was preceded in death by both his father Tony Sr., his brother Gene Arellano, and his stepfather Jose Vivian Manzanares.

Thanks to all of Tony's special friends, Victor Salazar, Elipio Valdez

(neighbor), Robert Cummings, and Julie Gomez. He had many, many friends, too numerous to count. A very special guy Tony was to all that surrounded him.

Thanks to all the friends that visited him at home and made him laugh, he was so happy and appreciative for all the visits. Thanks to all the hospice nurses that have been so encouraging to Tony and his mom.

There will be no services or meals for Tony per his request. Cremation has been chosen.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements, to leave online condolences, thoughts, and remembrances for Tony's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

VALLEY — The San Luis Valley offers many Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous groups.

A.A. and N.A members primary purpose is to

stay sober and help other alcoholics/addicts to achieve sobriety.

There are AA and NA 12-Step Meetings throughout the valley. The 6th Tradition states that we are not affili-

ated with any outside organizations, but in the spirit of cooperation, we list these meeting schedules for friends and family. For information, call 719-937-5083 or see our website: slvaa.org

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Ordinary Elephant will be performing and celebrating the release of their self-titled album on Aug. 23 at Society Hall in Alamosa.

Folk duo Ordinary Elephant returning to Society Hall

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ALAMOSA — Society Hall is excited to welcome back IFMA Artist of the Year Ordinary Elephant for a CD release concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 23. Doors to the concert hall, 400 Ross Ave., Alamosa, open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 and are available at the Green Spot in Alamosa or online at www.societyhall.org. The concert will also stream live on the Society Hall Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Mesmerizing folk duo Ordinary Elephant has spent the better part of the last decade on a never-ending tour that's earned married couple Crystal and Pete Damore widespread critical acclaim and made fans of luminaries like Tom Paxton and Mary Gauthier. In 2017, the pair took home the International Folk Music Award for Artist of the Year on the strength of their breakout album, "Before I Go," and

two years later, they returned with the similarly lauded "Honest," which the Associated Press hailed as "one of the best Americana albums of the year."

The band's new stripped-down, self-titled collection is the purest distillation of their sound yet, showcasing the arresting power of the couple's gorgeous harmonies and intricate fretwork. The songs are timeless, rooted in rich, character-driven storytelling, and the performances are similarly transportive, fueled by delicately intertwined banjo, guitar, and octave mandolin. Though the songs were born out of a period of deep uncertainty, the record itself is a work of profound self-assurance, one delivered by a duo whose personal and professional lives embody the limitless possibility of honest, organic collaboration.

Praise for Ordinary Elephant (2024):
"A real contender for album of

the year."

— Paul McGee, Lonesome Highway

"As can be heard in the album's early singles, the writing and harmonies are rather stunning."

— Saving Country Music
"...beautiful, soulful, exquisitely simple, and totally essential."

— Ben Salmon, Bandcamp Daily

"...earthy economy of the songwriting, where songs are plucked and crafted with care. It results in something ornate, carefully curated, a neatly woven tapestry, time and experience in every stitch."

— Tom Harding, Americana UK

The board of Society Hall, a non-profit corporation, hope that you can join them for a special night of the music of Ordinary Elephant, presenting their new self-titled album on Friday, Aug. 23.

Council

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The council will also be deciding upon a date for a public hearing regarding the Boys and Girls Club of the San Luis Valley Community Project Development Grant to build a new early childhood

center in Alamosa.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in council chambers at 300 Hunt Ave. People can also attend via Zoom Webinar Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85753492744> or by telephone by dialing 1-719-359-4580 and using Webinar ID 857 5349 2744.



Courier photo by Keith R. Cerny

Longtime CRT actor Steve Reed was among those praising Christy Brandt for her 50 years on stage during a celebration of her career Sunday night at the Creede Hotel.

Brandt

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ing Brandt were longtime friends, former CRT board member Larry Morgan and his wife.

An email tribute from one of CRT's most famous alumnus Mandy Patinkin was also read.

It was estimated that Brandt has appeared in around 150 productions at CRT over the past 50 years.

In the 2024 season program, Brandt said, "I have spoken over a million lines on the CRT stage, and yet I can't come up with a line that describes how happy I am to be back for another season."

She said some of her favorite roles included Mari-

lyn in "Ripcord," Miss Helen in "The Road to Mecca" and Kimberly Akimbo in the title role of Helen in "The History Room."

Brandt said she has been truly blessed to have worked with so many talented actors and supporting staff over the years.

While CRT was established by Kansas University theatre students in 1966, it wasn't until 1973 that Brandt joined another group of KU students to take the stage in Creede.

As the 2024 CRT program states, "Brandt is beloved by generations of theatregoers and is a powerful example of the values of Creede Rep. She embodies community, intentionality, artistry, and grit."

Assault

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and two-bedroom cottages that were just recently rented with new tenants moving in. Described as housing to temporarily fill the gap for those who are experiencing challenges with renting a place to live and a lack of housing that is both affordable and available, Horizon Heights has been viewed as an innovative solution by the city to address the housing shortage in Alamosa.

While owned by the city of Alamosa, the property is under the management of the San Luis Valley Housing Coalition (SLVHC) and executive director Dawn Melgares.

Malgares said, "I have provided access to the camera footage to the investigator and will continue to do as need-

ed. We have a state-of-the-art camera system with clear pictures and an angle of every unit and entry/exit for the property to help further this investigation and keep our residents safe."

Melgares also brought up other safeguards that are in place. "We do have a staff member living on site and staff is on site throughout the day as we start to move people into units."

Despite the incident being unsettling just as the project is getting underway, Melgares and SLVHC remain committed to what they, along with the city of Alamosa and other partners, set out to do. "SLVHC knows this will be a learning experience for everyone, staff and residents alike, and helping people better their lives is always a good thing. We do not regret this opportunity."



Courier photo by John Waters

The SUDS 4 SAR fundraiser was held on San Juan Avenue in Alamosa on Aug. 17. All search and rescue teams in Colorado are comprised of volunteers. The 50 rescue teams in the state respond to over 3,000 incidents annually with 80,000 incident hours and 400,000 volunteer hours donated.

SUDS

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it is starting to take resources. People are getting tired. Rescuers are

spending time away from their families and jobs. They have done a great job this summer."

AVSAR has been deployed on three searches since July 26. Two of

those were on Ellingwood Point and the most recent SAR was on the South Zapata Lake Trail.

To donate to the Alamosa Volunteer Search and Rescue team and

the Colorado Search and Rescue Association, visit www.avsar.us and www.coloradosar.org.

The total amount the benefit raised is pending a final tally.

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Lifestyles

Colorado legislators weigh grants for behavioral health services in jails

By LINDSEY TOOMER

Colorado Newsline

A grant program to help local jails provide for free certain behavioral health services to people in custody is under consideration by an interim committee of the Colorado Legislature.

The program is part of one bill being considered by a committee looking to improve how the state treats people with behavioral health disorders in the criminal and juvenile justice systems. In a meeting Wednesday, staff from the Office of Legislative Legal Services explained to committee members what the bills currently look like, but no formal action will be taken until the committee's next meeting.

Conrad Imel, an attorney with the office, said the bill would create a grant program jails can apply for to train their staff on certain complementary behavioral health services that don't require a license or certification to administer. Grants could also be used to pay for those services so people in custody at the jail could receive them at no cost.

Another grant program the committee is considering would fund efforts by nonprofits and tribal organizations to help youth avoid the criminal justice system, said Anna Petrini, also an attorney with the OLLS. The three-year grant program would allocate \$3.3 million from the state general fund each year.

The bill also adds requirements to the state's Youthful Offender System for rehabilitative treatment and life skills programming, and it adds language related to housing arrangements and equitable treatment. It also requires a clinician to evaluate youth and develop a treatment plan, which will then be executed by a client manager to track the youth's progress in the system, Petrini said.

Starting in January 2026, the youth bill would require an annual report from the YOS that includes the number of young people in the system, who has completed the program, and who has failed.

Other bills under consideration relate to competency, crisis response programs, and "not guilty by reason of insanity" provisions.

Competency Imel explained a bill that would allow the Colorado Department of Human Services to temporarily continue providing services to someone receiving inpatient care once their case is dismissed due to incompetence. Currently, someone receiving out-patient care can continue to receive care after their case is dismissed, Imel said, so the bill would extend that right to those receiving in-patient care.

The bill would also authorize the department to provide supportive housing to people whose cases are dismissed due to incompetence. A proposed grant program would use Proposition 123 funding for organizations that provide supportive housing to people who have been involved in the criminal or juvenile justice system.

In 2022, Colorado voters approved Proposition 123, which dedicates an additional \$300 million annually to the state's affordable housing efforts. It protects the additional revenue by exempting the funds from the annual limits set by the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, the 1992 constitutional amendment that places restrictions on Colorado's tax and spending levels.

The bill also outlines that the process used for determining competency in cases involving juveniles applies to a case if it is filed with or transferred to adult court, Imel said. If a court finds that a juvenile cannot be restored to competency, in certain cases they are then given a management plan by the court.

Crisis response Another bill would require the Department of Public Safety and the Behavioral Health Administration to establish a stakeholder group tasked with identifying alternative programs used across the state to respond to behavioral health crises. DPS would then compile the list of resources and make it publicly available so local gov-

ernments that might not have a program in place can see what options are used around the state.

It also requires relevant state departments work together to provide information to the Legislature about where funding shortages and gaps exist throughout the state's crisis response system, as well as funding options.

Rep. Judy Amabile, a Boulder Democrat who serves as vice chair of the committee, said she wants to see language clearly stated in the bill that requires someone under an emergency 72-hour hold who is evaluated and in need of an extended, short-term hold be directly connected to a proper facility to initiate that hold. Shelby Ross, also an attorney with the OLLS, said her office will work with the BHA to determine the proper language to include based on other parts of the statute.

The bill would also require that the BHA report why someone who was under a 72-hour hold is released, in addition to other information already required in a report.

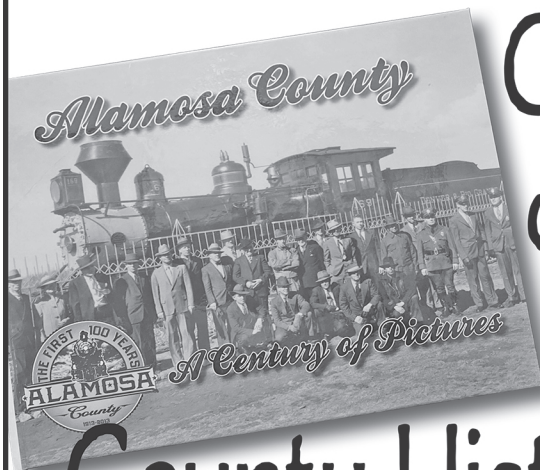
Not guilty by reason of insanity

Ross said the bill drafters updated much of the language in the "not guilty by reason of insanity" statute to include current terminology, as it includes outdated language. Other changes would update requirements for where examinations can take place and how they are recorded.

The committee will vote on the bills during the next meeting, scheduled for Sept. 30, when bill sponsors will also be assigned. Bills approved by the interim committee would be introduced during the 2025 legislative session.

Other committee members include Sen. Dafna Michaelson Jenet, a Commerce City Democrat who chairs the committee; Rep. Mary Bradfield, a Colorado Springs Republican; Sen. Lisa Cutter, a Littleton Democrat; Rep. Regina English, a Colorado Springs Democrat; and Sen. Rod Pelton, a Cheyenne Wells Republican.

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Lifestyles

CDOT transforms Red Rocks Amphitheatre into powerful memorial for speeding victims

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In 2023, 257 people were killed on Colorado roads in speed-related crashes. To help motorists grasp the magnitude of this number and understand the tragic impact speeding has on our roads, the Colorado Department of Transportation marked 257 seats — more than two entire rows — at Red Rocks Amphitheatre with signs and handwritten notes remembering the victims.

Each note included the demographics of each person killed, such as their age, gender and county where the crash happened. The powerful display aims to put statistics into perspective by using a famous concert venue to remind drivers that these numbers represent real people who had families that loved them.

Speed was a leading factor in traffic deaths in Colorado in 2023, claiming more lives than both impaired driving (228) and unbuckled crashes (222).

“By showcasing the 257 lives lost at a beloved state landmark, CDOT hopes to spark a meaningful conversation about traffic safety and encourage drivers to slow down,” said Sam Cole, CDOT communications manager. “This initiative is part of CDOT’s broader efforts to reduce speed-related incidents and make Colorado roads safer for everyone.”

In conjunction with the Red Rocks display, CDOT has created a custom “No Need for Speed” Spotify playlist featuring mellow, slow-paced songs to encourage drivers to slow down. This initiative stems from a study by Memorial University of Newfoundland, which found that drivers who listened to fast-tempo songs were more likely to exceed speed limits. With nearly 75% of motorists driving or riding with music (National Library of Medicine), this playlist aims to promote safer driving habits. More than half of the artists on the playlist have performed at Red Rocks.

The signs feature a QR code that links to the CDOT playlist. After the installation at Red Rocks, the signs will be distributed throughout Denver and the state’s top counties for speed-related fatalities (El Paso, Jefferson and Weld). Additionally, they will be given to Colorado DMVs for the public to take and display in their own neighborhoods.

According to CDOT’s 2023 Driver Behavior Re-

port, more than 70% of Colorado drivers said they drove over the speed limit on main highways and local highways at least some of the time.

Drivers tend to overestimate the time saved by speeding. In fact, according to a study conducted by AAA Colorado, a motorist moving at 80 mph instead of 75 mph would have to travel 100 miles to save roughly 5 minutes.

“Driving at unsafe speeds not only compromises a driver’s ability to maintain a safe lane position, but it also drastically reduces the time available to react to potential hazards,” said Col. Matthew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. “This not only endangers the speeding driver but also puts everyone on the road at risk. The margin for error narrows significantly, turning a momentary mistake into a potentially life-altering event.”

In 2023, the Colorado State Patrol issued the most speeding citations for drivers exceeding the posted speed limit by 20+ mph on the following five roadways:

- I-70
- I-25
- Highway 50
- Highway 24
- Highway 285

CDOT shares the following tips to stay safe from speeding drivers:

- Maintain Space: Give other drivers, speeding or not, plenty of space. Drivers are more likely to lose control of their vehicles when speeding.

- Do Not Engage: Speeding is often linked to aggressive driving. If a speeding driver is tailgating you or trying to engage in risky behavior, use your judgment to safely steer your vehicle out of the way.

- Report Dangerous Behavior: If you believe a driver is following or harassing you, or engaging in other risky behavior, dial *CSP (*277) or your local law enforcement to report.

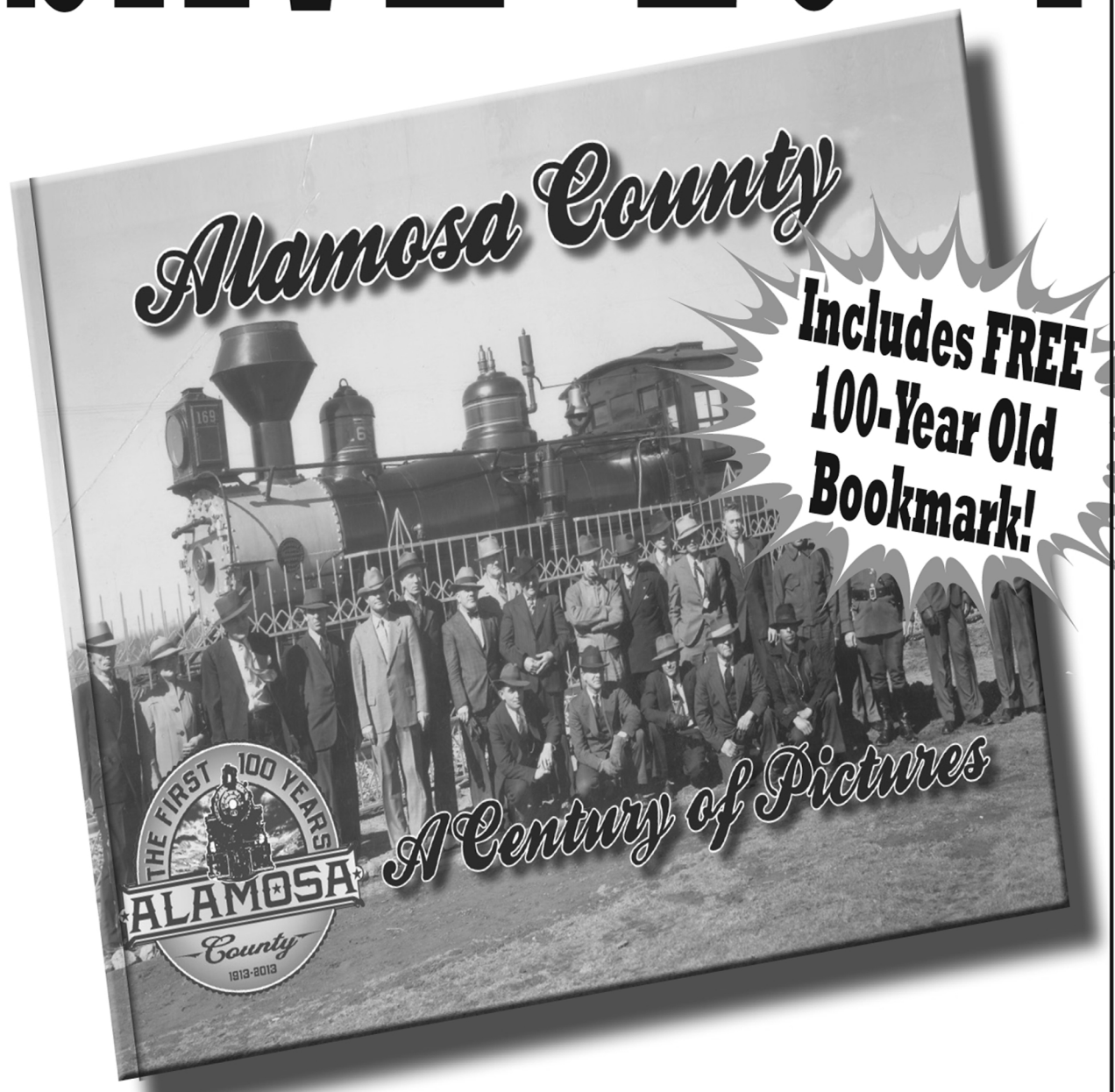
The Colorado Department of Transportation’s mission is to provide the best multi-modal transportation system that most effectively and safely moves people, goods and information. CDOT maintains more than 23,000 lane miles of highway, more than 3,400 bridges and 35 mountain passes. CDOT leverages partnerships with a range of private and public organizations and operates Bustang, an interregional express bus service. Find more details at codot.gov.



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The Colorado Department of Transportation marked 257 seats — more than two entire rows — at Red Rocks Amphitheatre with signs and handwritten notes remembering the victims of speed-related crashes.

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Conservation districts hosting free events Aug. 23-24

STAFF REPORT CENTER — San Luis Valley conservation districts will be hosting free events on Aug. 23 and 24.

The events begin on Friday, Aug. 23, at the Ski-Hi Complex in Monte Vista. There will be a soil and water workshop held on Friday, with guest speaker Annie Overlin from the CSU Extension office.

Overlin will explain the connection between soil and water conservation and ways to track and test soil health. She will also be explaining different ways to implement water conservation in daily planning. Attendees can also connect with other likeminded individuals, ask questions about water conservation and soil health, and take a deeper look at innovation and practices. The workshop will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Dinner will be provided by Gosar Sausage.

On Aug. 24, the public is invited to the USDA Office in Center for the San Luis Valley Farmer to

Famer Field Day Tours. The tour will make stops in Rio Grande, Saguache, and Alamosa counties. The tours are being provided to help residents of the San Luis Valley understand and see what local farmers and ranchers are doing to help with water conservation and overall soil health. Attendees will have the chance to ask farmers and ranchers questions.

After the tours, there will be a discussion held at the USDA Office. There will be plenty of time for attendees to ask questions, and gain insight into anything they may have seen on the tours. The tours will run from 8:30 a.m. until about 3:30 p.m. Transportation is provided for people who attend, and lunch from the Ruby Rose Café will also be served.

There is no cost for the workshop or the tour event, to RSVP call or text Mattea Freel, the District Manager at 970-371-0687 or Seth Armentrout at 719-289-7332, or email centercd1@gmail.com.

Sports



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

The first race gets underway to open the 2024 Cat's Classic Sunday at Sutak Raceway.

Results of the 2024 Cat's Classic

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The Cat's Classic motocross races returned to the valley Sunday at Sutak Raceway with several riders from Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming competing.

Here are the winners in each division.

- Modern Open Intermediate – Derek Lucero, Alamosa (race 1&2)
- Modern Open Expert – Louis Gallegos, Monte Vista (race 1&2)
- Modern Open Novice – Craig Williams, Del Norte (race 1); Isaiah Garcia, Monte Vista (race 2)
- GP Age 40+ Novice – Curtis Lowry, Frederick (race 1&2)
- GP Age 40+ Expert – Clyde Jorgensen, Albuquerque, N.M. (race 1&2)
- GP Age 60+ Intermediate – Mike Kunz (race 1&2)
- GP Age 60+ Expert – Scott Plaster, Arvada (race 1&2)
- GP Age 70+ Novice – Steve Stratton, Aurora (race 1&2)
- GP Age 70+ Expert – Craig Hager, Hesperus (race 1); Dwight Catalano, Alamosa (race 2)
- Vintage Classic Novice – Steve Sharp, Wheat Ridge (race 1)
- Vintage Classic Intermediate – Leif Myhre, Steamboat Springs (race 1&2)
- Vintage Classic Expert – Matt Reynolds, Centennial (race 1&2)
- Vintage 125 Intermediate – Ben Reynolds, Peyton (race 1)
- Vintage 250 Expert – Dan Pate, Pueblo West (race 1)
- Vintage Open Intermediate – David Stuedell, Jemez Springs, N.M. (race 1&2)
- GP-1 Expert – Dan Pate, Pueblo West (race 1)
- GP 2/3 Open Expert – Clyde Jorgensen, Albuquerque, N.M. (race 1&2)
- GP-4 Stroke Open Expert – Craig Hager, Hesperus (race 1&2)
- Women Novice – Wendy Jones, Longmont (race 1&2)
- Women Intermediate – Mandy Edeen, Eagle (race 1&2)
- Women Expert – Britney Gallegos, Monte Vista (race 1&2)
- Modern Age Under 40 Intermediate – Kade Crowther, Alamosa (race 1&2)
- Modern Age Under 40 Expert – Alex Gallegos, Monte Vista (race 1&2)
- Modern Age 40+ Intermediate – Jon Edeen, Eagle (race 1&2)
- Modern Age 40+ Expert – Louis Gallegos, Monte Vista (race 1&2)
- Modern Age 50+ Intermediate – Scott Holman, Arvada (race 1&2)
- Modern Age 50+ Expert – David Bower (race 1&2)
- Modern Age 70+ Expert – Dwight Catalano, Alamosa (race 1&2)
- Enduro – Slater Ensz, Del Norte (race 1&2)
- Kids 65cc Novice – Xzavier Martinez, Alamosa (race 1&2)
- Kids 65cc Intermediate – Shane Reynolds, Peyton (race 1&2)
- Kids 85cc Novice – Derick Sandoval, Alamosa (race 1); Jerek Martinez, Alamosa (race 2)
- Kids 85cc Intermediate – Frank Duncan, Parachute (race 1&2)
- Kids SuperMini Intermediate – Stetson Romero, Alamosa (race 1&2)
- Kids SuperMini Expert – Cobee Serak, Montevista (race 1&2)
- Modern 250 Novice – Ethan Malouff, Greeley (race 1&2)
- Modern 250 Intermediate – Kade Crowther, Alamosa (race 1&2)
- Modern 250 Expert – Britney Gallegos, Monte Vista (race 1&2)
- D2 Intermediate – Clyde Jorgensen, Albuquerque, N.M. (race 1&2)
- D2 250 Expert – David Baketz, Milliken (race 1&2)
- D2 Open Novice – Craig Williams, Del Norte (race 1); Dave Wessling, Colorado Springs (race 2)
- D2 Open Expert – Andy Kunz, Colorado Springs (race 1)
- Vintage Age Under 40 Expert – Matt Reynolds, Centennial (race 1)
- Vintage Age 50+ Intermediate – Leif Myhre, Steamboat

- Springs (race 1&2)
- Vintage Age 60+ Intermediate – David Stuedell, Jemez Springs, N.M. (race 1&2)
- Vintage Age 60+ Expert – Dan Pate, Pueblo West (race 1)
- Vintage Age 70+ Intermediate – Bob Rader, Cheyenne, Wyo. (race 1&2)
- Vintage Age 70+ Expert – David Wilson, Longmont (race 1&2)
- D1+D2 Age Under 40 Novice – Caden Woodmansee, Ignacio (race 1&2)
- D1+D2 Age Under 40 Intermediate – Titus Reynolds, Peyton (race 1&2)
- D1+D2 Under 40 Expert – David Baketz, Milliken (race 1&2)
- D1+D2 Age 40+ Novice – Ryan Ausmus, Springfield (race 2)
- D1+D2 Age 40+ Intermediate – Ben Reynolds, Peyton (race 1&2)
- D1+D2 Age 50+ Intermediate – Andy Kunz, Colorado Springs (race 1&2)
- Modern Age 40+ Novice – Tyler Lawson, Pueblo West (race 1&2)
- Modern Age 50+ Novice – Wendy Jones, Longmont (race 1)
- Modern Age 60+ Novice – Dave Wessling, Colorado Springs (race 1&2)
- Kids 50CC Mini Track Only – Cooper Morgan (race 1&2)



A rider goes airborne in the second race of the day.



Doing a wheelie on the track in the fourth race.

Sports Bulletin

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

SCHEDULE 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

College women's soccer

Trinidad State at Adams State (exhibition), 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Prep cross country

Alamosa at Cheyenne Mountain Invitational (at Norris Penrose Event Center), 2 p.m.

Prep boys golf

Alamosa, Monte Vista at Pueblo County Invitational (at Hollydot), 9 a.m.

Prep girls softball

Alamosa vs. Greeley Central (Platte Valley Invitational), 1 p.m.

Alamosa vs. Yuma (Platte Valley Invitational), 5 p.m.

Prep girls volleyball

Sanford at La Veta, 2 p.m.

SATURDAY

Prep girls softball

Alamosa at Platte Valley (Platte Valley Invitational), 9 a.m.

Alamosa vs. The Academy (Platte Valley Invitational), 1 p.m.

Prep girls volleyball

Creede, Mountain Valley at Crested Butte

Invitational, 9 a.m.
La Veta, Rocky Ford at Del Norte, 9 a.m.

Hoehne, La Junta, Monte Vista, Pueblo Central, Sargent at Monte Vista tri-meet, 9 a.m.

Center, La Veta, Mitchell, Nucla, Sierra Grande at Sangre de Cristo, 10 a.m.

Centauriat Lamar, 11 a.m.
Gunnison at Sanford, 4 p.m. Salida

Antonito at Hanover Invitational, TBA

MONDAY

Prep boys golf

Alamosa at Pueblo South Invitational (at Elmwood Golf Course), 8:30 a.m.

Alamosa at Durango Invitational, TBA

Prep boys soccer

Salida at Alamosa, 6 p.m.

College men's soccer

Eastern Arizona at Adams State (exhibition), 2 p.m.



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THE BOE OF CENTER SCHOOLS is now accepting applications for the Position of **BUSINESS OFFICE ASSISTANT** for the remaining 2024-2025 School Year. Qualifications: High school diploma, post-secondary education preferred, with experience in office management, use of computers, word processing, and bookkeeping or, such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Must be able to pass a background check. 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. (8/28/24)

THE BOE OF CENTER SCHOOLS is now accepting applications for the Position of **SECONDARY TEACHER 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)

221 - HELP WANTED

THE CITY OF ALAMOSA is seeking an **EQUIPMENT OPERATOR** dedicated to maintaining and improving our community's infrastructure. This position is in the **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**. The ideal candidate 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 machinery 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. 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 \$25.41 - \$26.68 per hour. Fringe benefits include CO PERA Retirement employer contribution 14.73% & employee contribution is 9.00%, 11.5 holidays per year, 2 personal days, 80 hours of sick leave and 80 hours of vacation leave per year. Employer paid life insurance, STD, LTD & AD&D, 75% of medical, vision, and dental premiums paid by the employer, Wellness Program, and discounted recreational memberships. Open until filled. (8/28/24)

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

221 - HELP WANTED

TREASURER/ACCOUNTING TECH POSITION with **ALAMOSA COUNTY TREASURER & PUBLIC TRUSTEE OFFICE**. 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)

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

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

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

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

JR/SR HIGH LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER needed at DEL NORTE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License with a secondary Language Arts endorsement. Please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to: Annie Hardy, DNHS Principal at ahardy@urtigers.co or contact Mrs. Hardy at 719-657-4020. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online. (9/13/24)

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

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

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

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

CAFETERIA STAFF NEEDED at UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Must have a high school diploma and some knowledge of working in a kitchen or a willingness to be trained. Pay is dependent on prior experience. Please contact Leslie Martinez at 719-657-4040, x1100 or email her at lmartinez@urtigers.co. Applications can be retrieved online at: www.urtigers.co. (9/6/24)

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY is looking for candidates to fill the position of BUDGET ANALYST within the Business and Finance department. You can apply https://adams.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/ASU/details/Budget-Analyst_R188. We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions please reach out to our Human Resources department 719-587-7990. (9/4/24)

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

221 - HELP WANTED

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

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

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

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

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

EDUCATION MANAGER: CENTER HEAD START is searching for an EDUCATION MANAGER. Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or equivalent, experience working with diverse children and families, knowledge of Early Childhood development and ECE reports. Highly advised that applicants have good communication skills, leadership skills and ability to plan and problem solve. Applications can be picked up at the Center Head Start Office or on the website. Questions please call the office at 719-759-9259. (8/30/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

FAMILY SERVICES MANAGER: CENTER HEAD START is searching for a highly motivated FAMILY SERVICES MANAGER. Applicants must have strong interpersonal and communication skills. Required to have a Bachelor's degree, certificate or credential in social work, human services, family services, or counseling related field at hire or within 18 months of hire. This position works closely with our families to help them reach their goals and create community partnerships. Highly preferable if bilingual (English/Spanish). Applications can be picked up at the Center Head Start Office or on the website. Questions please call the office at 719-759-9259. (8/30/24)

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

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

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

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/GENERAL MANAGER: The Baca Grande Property Owners Association, 68575 County Road T, CRESTONE, CO 81131 \$90,000 - \$130,000 a year - Full-time. <https://www.indeed.com/job/executive-director-general-manager-a959c74f16ae2c01>. (8/28/24)

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

221 - HELP WANTED

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

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

304 - LAWN & GARDEN

SPRINKLER REPAIR & INSTALLATION. Quick Service!! Call evenings & weekends: 719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593. (9/6/24-monthly)

324 - SEED & FEED

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ALFALFA HAY \$7.50 per bale. Call 719-274-0380. (9/13/24)

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KRAMER SINGLE 8 row ROUND BALE RETRIEVER. 719-588-0168. (9/21/24)

NEW HOLLAND 688 ROUND BALER. \$8,000. 719-588-0168. (9/21/24)

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525 - GUNS

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606 - BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR RENT

COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR RENT: at 1016 West Ave., ALAMOSA. Call Mike (719)850-1961. (9/6/24)

737 - RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

FOR SALE: WINNEBAGO ADVENTURER WORK HORSE, M/H chase, Class A, in Alamosa, 32,000 miles, \$28,500. 928-920-5095/ 719-937-2487 (8/20/24)



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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fermented taro root
 - 4 Diplomat's forte
 - 8 Penny
 - 12 007 creator — Fleming
 - 13 Wind instrument
 - 14 '60s rock musical
 - 15 And so forth, for short
 - 16 Wound mark
 - 17 Medieval chest
 - 18 Tries to find
 - 20 Streetcar
 - 22 Opposite of SSE
 - 23 Clumsy boat
 - 24 Spinning toy
 - 26 Racket
 - 27 Every-body's uncle
 - 30 Like seawater
 - 32 Santa —, CA
 - 33 New Deal org.

- 34 Actress — Tyler**
- 35 Nonsense**
- 37 Cast**
- 39 Shoe part**
- 40 "(— Had) The Time of My Life"**
- 41 In the blink of an —**
- 42 After zeta**
- 43 Butter unit**
- 45 Sated**
- 49 Juicy fruit**
- 51 Superfood berry**
- 52 "— boy!"**
- 54 Fib**
- 55 Abrasive material**
- 56 Burden**
- 57 Student at Yale**
- 58 Certain**
- 59 Dozes**
- 60 — Aviv**
- DOWN**
- 1 Bakery items
 - 2 Of a grain
 - 3 Motivation
 - 4 Flip a coin

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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5 "The Bach- elorette" network

6 Outer layer

7 Piece of land

8 School- room need

9 Nobleman

10 Cote d'Azur city

11 Salver

19 Tae — do

21 Highly decorated

25 Fool's gold

26 Sticky fruit

27 Brook Rd.

29 Gaping opening

30 Deli sandwich

31 — de Janeiro

36 Show of acclaim

38 Promote aggressively

42 Aristocratic fabric

44 Decorative fabric

45 — to riches

46 Beige

47 Twosome

48 Lab burner

49 Young lady

50 Actor — Patrick Harris

53 Have a meal

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SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

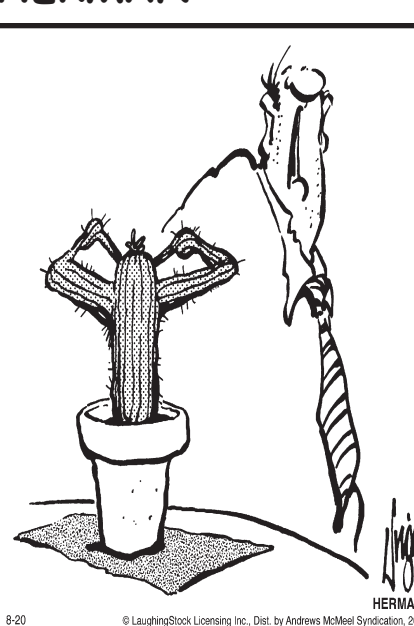
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

HERMAN



"You been talking to this cactus again?"

ALLEY OOP



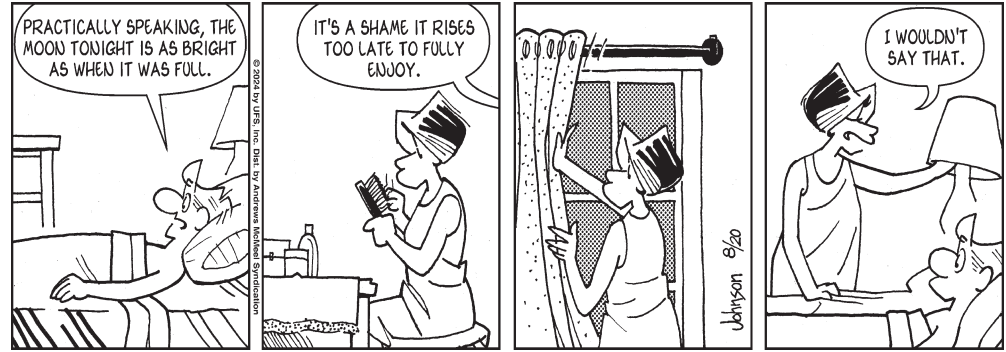
Panel 1: "WE CAN'T SEE INSIDE THE VILLAINS' HIDEOUT, SO WE'LL HAVE TO GO IN BLIND."

Panel 2: "SOOOPER OOOOLA, YOU GET SOME SHOVELS AND WE'LL START DIGGING A TUNNEL."

Panel 3: "I'LL FIND SOME LIGHTS AND EXTRA OXYGEN IN CASE BREATHING BECOMES DIFFICULT UNDERGROUND."

Panel 4: "OR I COULD JUST USE MY POWERS TO WALK THROUGH THE WALL." "IT'S STARTING TO FEEL A LITTLE BRAGGY, ALL THESE POWERS YOU HAVE."

ARLO & JANIS

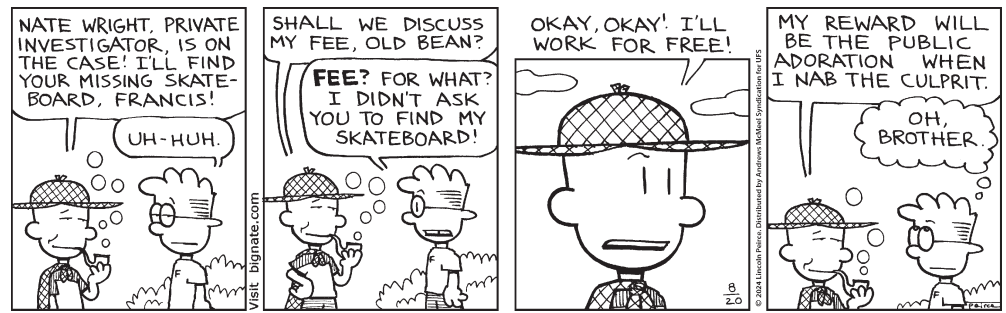


Panel 1: "PRACTICALLY SPEAKING, THE MOON TONIGHT IS AS BRIGHT AS WHEN IT WAS FULL."

Panel 2: "IT'S A SHAME IT RISES TOO LATE TO FULLY ENJOY."

Panel 3: "I WOULDN'T SAY THAT."

BIG NATE



Panel 1: "NATE WRIGHT, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR, IS ON THE CASE! I'LL FIND YOUR MISSING SKATEBOARD, FRANCIS!" "UH-HUH."

Panel 2: "SHALL WE DISCUSS MY FEE, OLD BEAN?" "FEE? FOR WHAT? I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO FIND MY SKATEBOARD!"

Panel 3: "OKAY, OKAY! I'LL WORK FOR FREE!"

Panel 4: "MY REWARD WILL BE THE PUBLIC ADORATION WHEN I NAB THE CULPRIT." "OH, BROTHER."

THE BORN LOSER



Panel 1: "YOU'RE SOAKING WET!" "I TOOK A LONG BATH."

Panel 2: "WE DON'T HAVE A BATH."

Panel 3: "THE DRAIN IN THE SHOWER STALL IS CLOGGED UP!"

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE




Panel 1: "OK YOU TWO! STOP SCRAPPING. WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH CUSTOMS."

Panel 2: "CANADIAN CITIZENS?—OK, I NEED IDENTIFICATION FOR THE CHILDREN. PLEASE — WE NEED TO VERIFY THAT THEY ARE YOURS."

Panel 3: "HAH! — DO YOU THINK WE'D BE TRAVELING WITH THEM IF THEY BELONGED TO SOMEONE ELSE?"

Panel 4: "BORDER GUARDS DON'T JOKE MUCH, DO THEY, DADDY?"

FRANK & ERNEST



Panel 1: "GENETICS LAB"

Panel 2: "EUREKA! I FOUND THE GENE THAT CAUSES CLUMSINESS IN PEOPLE AND...OOPS! IT JUST FELL OFF THE SLIDE!"

GARFIELD



Panel 1: "ALL YOU NEED TO PO..."

Panel 2: "IS EXERCISE 30 MINUTES A DAY..."

Panel 3: "IN ORDER TO HATE EXERCISE"

THE GRIZZWELLS



Panel 1: "SMELL...SMELL...ARE YOU WEARING COLOGNE?" "YEP..."

Panel 2: "IT'S GUARANTEED TO LEAVE JASMINE SPEECHLESS"

Panel 3: "YEAH... I CAN SEE WHERE SHE'D BE UNABLE TO SPEAK WHILE SHE'S GASPING FOR AIR"

Panel 4: "WHAT DO I DO WITH THE REST OF THE GALLON?"

PEANUTS



Panel 1: "SPIKE, I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!"

Panel 2: "IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT WEDDING, AND YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE MY BRIDE-TO-BE!"

Panel 3: "AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE MY BEST-MAN... ISN'T THIS SOMETHING?"

Panel 4: "NOW, ABOUT THAT HAT..."

Strangers add to disabled woman's pain and suffering

DEAR ABBY: I am a 40-something woman who has recently become disabled. I use a wheelchair. Some days, my body works; other days, it doesn't. But walking any distance causes me to have seizures. I look fairly healthy to anyone who isn't close to me, but I'm not.

About a year into my disability, my husband and I had to move in with my dad so he could help care for me. Dad does all the shopping and errands, and my husband works full time. I rarely leave the house. On days when I'm feeling really good, I go shopping with Dad. He's in his 70s, but has no problem pushing me in my wheelchair.

The issue is, I get dirty looks from other elderly people who see an old man pushing what looks like a healthy younger person. I don't feel I should have to explain why I use a wheelchair. However, it's starting to really upset me that the few times a month when I get out, I get dirty looks.

Those people are seeing me on my best days. I'm hoping you can spread the word that some disabilities are invisible, and that it's OK to use a wheelchair if needed.

-- PUSHED AROUND IN IDAHO

DEAR PUSHED: Some people do take advantage of disabled parking, and it's not surprising that able-bodied folks are offended by it. HOWEVER, as you so clearly stated, not everyone's disability is obvious. Some healthy-looking individuals have heart problems or balance issues (among others), which is why it is wrong to assume anything about anyone you don't know. When people give you dirty looks because your father is assisting you, simply smile and ignore them.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 24-year-old wife and mother of three children under 3. While I love my husband and children, I'm struggling to find myself and what I like to do. When I wake up, I don't think about myself and what I need. Instead, I feel guilty and selfish when I do think about myself. It's hard for me to focus on work because of the needs of the house.

I'm the second oldest of 10, and from a young age I've had the responsibility of taking care of others. I never realized it would affect me this much. How do I find the balance to make time for myself and my family without feeling guilty? -- **HANDS FULL IN TENNESSEE**

DEAR HANDS FULL:



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Please stop beating yourself up for the feelings you are experiencing. You are not the only young mother who has them. You have had three children in three years, and some of those feelings may be hormonal. If you haven't discussed them with your doctor, you should. If you don't want more children in the near future, talk with them about that as well.

Because you took care of your younger siblings for years, could some of them give you a hand now? Are there any other relatives who could ease the responsibility you have taken on? As your babies grow older, you will have time to explore more opportunities for yourself.