



Alders Ass Race trots into South Fork on Aug. 31

— Page 4



Cowboys deal up aces to Mustangs

— Page 6

San Luis Valley
Colorado Genuine
Today's Issue Sponsored By:
Alamosa
Convention & Visitors Bureau

ALAMOSA STATE BANK
A Real Community Bank
Local Ownership. Local Commitment.

VOLUME 98, NO. 136

Valley Courier

TUESDAY EDITION | WWW.ALAMOSANEWS.COM

LOCAL NEWS... LOCAL VIEWS

August 27, 2024

\$1

SLV Today

Alamosa County Commissioners to meet Wednesday

ALAMOSA — On Wednesday at 8:30 a.m., the Alamosa County Board of Commissioners will hold a regular meeting in its chambers at 8900 Independence Way in Alamosa.

On the agenda is a Court Security Grant from the Colorado Judicial Department and a letter of support for Crossroads' Turning Point Inc., for its efforts to address the opioid epidemic and overdose rates. Also on the agenda is a presentation by Katelyn Smith at Adams State University regarding the Grizzly Club, a Wildlife Mitigation Plan by Ashley Valdez with Xcel Energy, the Homelessness Resolution Program by Wilson Hamilton at La Puente, and other businesses.

The commissioners will have an afternoon work session regarding SB24-131 Alamosa County concealed carry options for Resolution.

The public is invited to attend in person or via Zoom with meeting ID 270-314-6874.

Romero Valley Funeral Home grand re-opening

ALAMOSA — Romero Valley Funeral Home is proud to announce the grand re-opening of its renovated facility on Friday, Aug. 30.

"As a pillar of the community since 1977, it has been our biggest honor and privilege to serve the San Luis Valley and surrounding areas during its most difficult times. We're thrilled to invite you to the grand re-opening and join us in a day of celebration, food, family, and friends. This has been an amazing process, and we can't wait to share the next step of the journey with you," organizers stated.

Kicking off at 2 p.m., a public ribbon-cutting ceremony led by the Alamosa Chamber of Commerce, the public is invited to an array of activities, including a community barbecue, tour of the renovated and updated facility, raffle prizes, and more. The grand opening marks the completion of the first phase of renovations.

SLV WEATHER

Slight Chance of Afternoon Showers, Light Breeze 77/45

Wed: Slight Chance of Afternoon Showers, Breezy, 78/48

Thurs: Slight Chance of Afternoon Showers, Breezy 79/45

INSIDE

- Record Page 2
- Valley News Page 3
- Lifestyle.....Pages 4 and 5
- Sports.....Page 6
- Public Notice.....Page 7
- Classifieds.....Pages 8 and 9
- Comics.....Page 10

Early Iron car show in Alamosa this weekend

CONTRIBUTED

ALAMOSA — The Early Iron Festival is a three-day car show that starts on Friday and ends on Sunday in Cole Park. It's full of parties, music, slow cruising, and awesome hot rod displays.

The fun starts at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, and includes food, drink, music, and friends.

The Early Iron Festival is one of Alamosa's and Colorado's premier car shows. Alamosa became a true hot rod town when the Alamosa City Council named the Saturday before Labor Day Early Iron Day. The festival brings visitors from Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, Utah, and Kansas to Alamosa. This is

the 43rd annual show and now draws well over 600 rodders and car enthusiasts.

The Alamosa Senior Citizens are holding their annual Early Iron Breakfast from 7 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 31. Breakfast includes sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, ■ See **EARLY IRON** page 3

In this photo from 2023, Barry and Sandy Trujillo of Espanola and their 1964 Chevy Impala Super Sport. Barry said, 'I love the event. We have been coming to this event for several years. The people are really welcoming, and I really love coming here!'

Courier photo by John Waters



Courier photo by John Waters

Members of CHEER Colorado perform in Alamosa on Aug. 24 during the SLV Pride parade. About 75 marchers participated in the parade.

Rainbow of diversity at SLV Pride

By **JOHN WATERS**
Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — SLV Pride in Alamosa on Aug. 24 was awash with rainbow flags, shirts, hats, shorts and many other items celebrating the lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, intersex, asexual, (LGTBQIA+) community in the San Luis Valley. The rainbow flag represents the diversity of the LGTBQIA+ population.

The festivities began with a parade of about 75 marchers led by the Denver-based cheerleading group CHEER

Colorado, followed by a contingent from Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve. The parade ended in Cole Park, where there was music, fun, speakers, and drag.

Many groups were present throughout the park with tables and representatives, including Adams State University, Trinidad State College, Alamosa Democrats, Valley-Wide Health, and Heart of the Rockies Medical Center.

Lindsay Miller with CHEER Colorado said, "We are an all-volunteer

cheerleading team. Our mission is to show up for and positively impact and further strengthen the Colorado LGBTQIA+ community. We are one of a dozen teams in the country that are collectively the Pride Cheerleading Association."

Miller added that the team has raised and donated over \$100,000 to support LGBTQIA+ serving charities. The Denver-based troupe had 13 cheerleaders and two support staff at SLV Pride.

■ See **PRIDE** page 3

Dahlia Festival: a blooming success

CONTRIBUTED

DEL NORTE — This past weekend, Bloomstead Farms in Del Norte held its first-ever Dahlia Festival on Aug. 23-24, marking a momentous occasion for both the farm and the local community.

Nearly 250 people gathered over the two-day celebration to witness the beauty of specialty dahlias and partake in festivities that offered a taste of Colorado's rugged charm mixed with floral elegance.

The event began on the evening of Aug. 23 with a catered dinner under the stars. The setting couldn't have been more

picturesque, with tables nestled near the breathtaking dahlia fields, all in full bloom. Guests enjoyed barbecue beef and veggie kabobs, baked potatoes, fresh buttery biscuits, and an array of grilled vegetables, while a DJ spun music that encouraged dancing well into the night.

The evening also featured a dahlia field tour complete with ■ See **DAHLIA** page 3

More than 200 people attended the first-ever 'Dahlia Festival' at Bloomstead Farms near Del Norte, witnessing a number of varieties of the national flower of Mexico.

Courtesy photo



More than just flags - more than just a theft

APD investigating bias-motivated crime

By **PRISCILLA WAGGONER**
Courier reporter

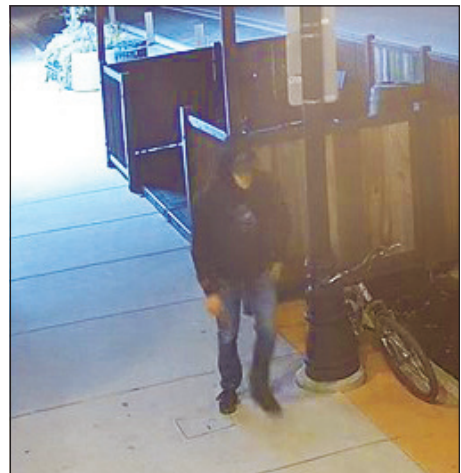
ALAMOSA — Just a few hours before Saturday's annual parade celebrating Pride Week was sched-

uled to begin in Alamosa, the Alamosa Police Department (APD) received a call reporting that all 25 of the organization's flags had been stolen from the flag poles where they were on display in a three-block area downtown.

According to an early Monday morning press release from the city, officers with APD have recovered three of the 25 stolen flags. However, the whereabouts of the remaining 22, valued at \$563, are still unknown.

This is an ongoing investigation which is currently being investigated as a bias-motivated crime, and APD is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the subject in the photograph. Anyone who can identify this person of interest is asked to contact Alamosa police through Colorado State Patrol dispatch at 719-589-5807 or APD's administrative line at 719-589-2548.

While the monetary value of the flags may not seem extraordinarily high, the nature of this deliberate ■ See **THEFT** page 3



Courtesy photo

The Alamosa Police Department is asking for public assistance in identifying this person of interest in the theft.



Within Your Reach!

Don't let the sun set on your dreams of building a home.
Construction loans - new or remodel
Local service and decisions on all loans
100 years serving Del Norte & the San Luis Valley

705 Grand Del Norte, CO 81132 (719) 657-3376

117 N. Main Creede, CO 81126 (719) 658-0126

DEL NORTE BANK
TrueLocalBank.com
Member FDIC



Record

ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

Alamosa Police Department report for week of Aug. 17-24, 2024

John McCaslin, 73, of Crestone was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over the limit.

Michael Morgan, 41, of Alamosa was cited for uninsured vehicle.

Nathen Hobbs, 28, of Denver was cited for uninsured vehicle, parking/headlights required, defective stop lights.

Ivan Mendoza, 19, of Alamosa was cited for 3rd degree assault x3, 2nd degree assault, criminal mischief, 1st degree burglary.

Nina Lucero, 32, of Manas-

sa was cited for careless driving causing bodily injury.

Trinity Licolas, 31, of Blanca was cited for unregistered vehicle, uninsured vehicle.

Gary Valpando, 39, of San Luis was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over the limit.

Angel Tomas, 23, of Alamosa was cited for theft under \$300.

Lewis Thompson, 63, of Center was cited for failing to notify police of accident, limitations on/unsafe backing/uninsured vehicle.

Juvenile male, 14, of Alamosa was cited for underage consumption of marijuana.

Juvenile male, 14, of Alamosa was cited for underage consumption of marijuana.

Juvenile female, 13, of Alamosa was cited for underage consumption of marijuana.

Juvenile male, 17, of Alamosa was cited for underage consumption of marijuana.

Donovan Chacon, 30, of Alamosa was cited for violation of restraining order, unlawful possession of controlled substance.

Brenda Espinoza, 63, of Alamosa was cited for unlawful possession of controlled substance.

Robert Rabago, 62, of San Luis was cited for criminal

mischief.

Kyle Selvey, 31, of Alamosa was cited for 2nd degree assault, child abuse, reckless endangerment.

Jesse Melton, 29, of Center was cited for failing to stop at stop sign, driving under restraint.

Lillyan O'Hair, 18, of Bayfield was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over the limit.

Hallie Nolder, 22, of Colorado Springs was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over limit in a pedestrian safety zone.

Caleb Wilcox, 18, of Dupont, Washington was cited for failing to yield ROW at intersection.

ALAMOSA SHERIFF'S REPORT

Alamosa County Sheriff's Office report Aug. 8-22, 2024

Ashley McDonald, 38, of Mosca was cited for first degree trespass at 540 Basalt Drive.

Wilfred Medina, 67, of San Luis was cited for third degree trespass and theft at 13200 CR 6 South.

Nicholas Albertini, 27, of Burnsville, Minnesota was cited for speeding 10-19 mph over the limit in the 8000 block of Highway 17 North.

Darrell Burgan, 58, of Frisco was cited for

speeding 10-19 mph over the limit in the 14000 block of Highway 160 East.

Cristo Esquibel, 44, of Alamosa was cited for unlawful possession of a controlled substance at 5th Street and LaDue Avenue.

Tasha Jacquez, 32, of Alamosa was cited for driving a vehicle while license is under restraint at 6th Street and La Due Avenue.

Jasmine Garcia, 27, of Monte Vista was cited for third degree criminal trespass at 376 Haniver Street.

OBITUARIES

Shirley Sierra



Shirley Ann Sierra (Garcia) was born on March 1, 1957, in Center, Colo., and lived to be 67 years old. Shirley moved on from this life as we know it on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at Common Spirit Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs.

Shirley's parents were Tom and Loyda Garcia. She was 1 of 10 children in her family, including her brothers: Tom, Gary, Lloyd, and Fred as well as her sisters: Yvonne, Jenny, Renee, Marie, and Brenda. She had several brother-in-laws, sister-in-law's, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. There are too many to count.

Shirley graduated from Center High School in 1975. She married Jim Sierra on Aug. 20, 1977, and had just recently celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary. Shirley had one "biological" son, Josh Sierra, yet was a "mother" to several other family and friends throughout her life. She was a grandmother to her only grandson, Sorin Sierra and a "Nina" to Lloyd John Garcia, Me-

lissa Garcia, Jay Garcia, Alicia Garcia, and Esther Casanova.

Shirley spent her life in the San Luis Valley and worked hard throughout as a seamstress, early childhood education teacher, and most of all a caretaker for her family as well as other families alike. She had a heart of gold and truly cared about the well-being and happiness of others.

Shirley's language was "love", and she shared that with everyone she met. She was a coordinator and would always bring family and friends together for special events. Shirley loved her entire family and would do anything for anyone if she could. She was a "giver", but not the best person at receiving favors and or help. Yeah, she was stubborn to an

extent. She was proud of who she was and how she wanted to live.

Most of all Shirley loved her "boys" Jim, Josh, and Sorin. She supported them all in many endeavors throughout life. Whether it was cutting up Jim's elk or fish, preparing and cleaning for camping trips, going to Josh's and/or Sorin's sporting events, decorating for Christmas, canning green chili, finding the "clicker", or yelling "stop it Jimmy", Shirley was ALWAYS there for her "boys".

Shirley will always be cherished and remembered for her caring ways and the LOVE she gave.

There will be a viewing for Shirley at 5 p.m. at St. Francis Jerome Church in Center, Colo., on Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2024. There will be a vigil and rosary to follow starting at 6 p.m.

Date of funeral services are TBD but will likely occur in November of 2024.

To leave online condolences, please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Dustin James Kirkendall



Dustin James Kirkendall passed away on Aug. 21, 2024, in Colorado Springs, Colo., at the age of 43. Born on March 29, 1981, in Denver, Colo., Dustin's boisterous nature left a permanent mark on the hearts of all who knew him.

Dustin is survived by the love of his life, Tabatha Downing, and their three cherished daughters, Olivia, Isabella, and SaydeMay Kirkendall, his parents, Frank and Debi Kirkendall of Mosca, and his grandpa, James Warner of Saguache, his grandparents, Ted and Mary Kirkendall of South Dakota, his aunts Carlana (Larry Rodriguez) Ceja of Nebraska and Carla (Dale) Fogery of Nebraska, his uncle Ryan Williams, and aunt Nicole Soto both of Denver. His life was enriched by his close-knit relationships with his cousins Kyle, Darren, and Jasper Ceja, Cameron (Brian) Heckman, and Jordan and Jeffery Heckman, along with numerous other family members and dear friends who will miss him deeply.

Dustin was preceded in death by his sister and her husband, Nicole

(Cyril) Carragher, his cousin Terry Ceja, and his grandparents Willa May and Roger Williams, and Dean Kirkendall.

For 22 years, Dustin dedicated his professional life to Publication Printers in Denver, where he was not only an employee but a cherished member of the work community. He loved his job and the people he worked with, giving the same passion and enthusiasm to his career as he did to every aspect of his life.

Known for his laughter and ability to light up any room, Dustin's presence was a source of joy and comfort. His caring and generous spirit made him a beloved figure, and his selfless nature was evident in every interaction. An avid outdoorsman, Dustin relished the time spent fishing and hunting, embracing the beauty of nature. His love for his family and friends was unmatched, and he deeply cherished spending time with them. His favorite team was the Denver Broncos, one of his favorite pastimes was to watch them play. Dustin's laugh was

a melody that all who knew him wish they could hear just once more. His generous, loving, and selfless character will forever be etched in the memories of those he touched. Dustin James Kirkendall lived a life full of love and laughter, and his legacy will continue to inspire and warm the hearts of many. He will be profoundly missed!

There will be a visitation on Friday, Aug. 30, 2024, from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. at Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa, then we will proceed to the Alamosa Cemetery for a graveside service to honor his life, starting at 11 a.m.

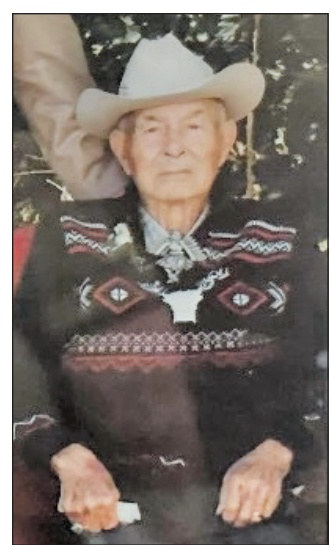
Services are in the care of Rogers Family Mortuary. To leave online condolences, tributes, and words of comfort for Dustin's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

Obed J. Jiron

Obed Jiron Jr., of Sanford, Colo.; Kelvin Adam Jiron (Pam Rice) of Englewood, Colo.; Rodney Jimmy (Jacque) Jiron of Denver, Colo.; grandchildren Adam Obed (Desure) Jiron, Alonzo (Sydney) Herrera, Estevan Jiron, Diego Jiron; great-grandchildren Giovanni, Oliver, Jynora; sister Elaine Vigil of Ft. Collins, Colo.; brothers Aggie (Lilly) Jiron of Antonito, Colo.; Lionel Jiron of Denver, Colo. Obed is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Obed was preceded in death by his parents Manuel and Cecilia Jiron, five brothers, two sisters as well as his mother and father-in-law's Delfino and Della Gallegos.

Viewing and visitation will be held on Friday, Aug. 30, 2024, from 4-6 p.m. at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church. Vigil Service will be held on Aug. 30, 2024, at 6:30



p.m. at Our Lady of the Valley Church. Mass of the Resurrection will be held on Saturday, Aug. 31, 2024, at 10 a.m. also at Our Lady of the Valley Church. Interment will follow at the Sanford Cemetery.

To leave online condolences, please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Stephen 'Stevie' Perea

Pueblo resident and former La Jara resident Stephen "Stevie" Perea, 55, was called home to be reunited with his mother and the Lord on Aug. 16, 2024. Stevie was welcomed into the world by his loving parents Steve D. Perea and Angelica Maria (Naranjo) Perea on Oct. 24, 1968.

Stevie will be remembered for his infectious laugh as well as his kind and loving nature. He was a friend to all and was always the first to help anyone in need.

Stevie loved horses, baseball and all sports in general. In his free time, he loved going fishing and camping. Stevie's greatest joy in life came from the time he was able to spend with his family and friends.

Stevie was preceded

in death by his loving mother Angelica Maria Perea.

He will continue to live on through his father Steve D. Perea, sister Angela (Ernie) Garcia and his brother Joseph (Carol) Naranjo. He is also survived by many other extended family members and friends.

Cremation was chosen and a Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Saturday, Aug. 31, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. Memorial Mass will follow at 11 a.m. both at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Conejos. Interment will follow at the Los Cerritos Cemetery.

To leave online condolences to Stevie's family or send flowers for his services, please visit

romerofuneralhomes.com. Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa has been entrusted with the care of arrangements.

School Menu Tuesday August 27, 2024

BREAKFAST

Mini Waffles
Fruit & Milk

ELEMENTARY

Chicken Tacos
Cowboy Bread
Black Beans/Veggie Cups
Fruit & Milk

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Chicken Tacos
Cowboy Bread
Black Beans/Veggie Bar
Fruit & Milk

HIGH SCHOOL

Chicken Tacos
Cowboy Bread
Black Beans/Veggie Bar
Fruit & Milk

Breakfast & Lunch Free for all students
Alamosa School District
To sponsor the School Menu call 589-2553



San Luis Valley Federal Bank

MORE THAN MORTGAGES

Discover the power of our commitment to your business. Meet Walter, Amanda, and Andrea, your trusted team of commercial loan officers. From real estate projects to equipment financing and beyond, we have the solutions to help your business thrive.

(719) 589-6653

NMLS# 403374

WWW.SLVFED.BANK



Walter Roybal
NMLS# 1692596



Amanda Maez



Andrea Archuleta-Cisneros
NMLS# 417703

Valley News

‘Discretion is Valor’ at Alamosa Public Library

CONTRIBUTED ALAMOSA —

Author J Hoolihan Clayton, who is First Nations Plains Cree, writes history as fiction and will be at the Alamosa Public Library on Friday, Aug. 30, at 5:30 p.m.

At this event, she will present her newest book “Discretion is Valor” — Ensnared once more within the ongoing dispute between the War Department and Department of the Interior which will decide Indian policy. Charles Wolfe Collins, Army Veteran, Irish immigrant and trusted investigator for politicians in Washington, is thrust into the most perilous regions of New Mexico Territory in 1880.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs has requested that Collins delve into accusations that the military commander of the District of New Mexico has committed crimes against Apache peoples in the midst of a bloody conflict with the renowned leader, Victorio. Forced to contend with brutal terrain, treacherous outlaws, enraged Apache warriors and vastly conflicting accounts of the incident in question, there is small certainty that Charles Collins will actually complete his assignment or even survive to make a report.

Books will be available for sale. The Alamosa Public Library is at 300 Hunt Ave.



Author J Hoolihan Clayton

Fatality on Crestone Peak-Needle traverse

CONTRIBUTED WESTCLIFFE —

At 9:18 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 22, Custer County Search and Rescue (SAR) was activated for an overdue hiker whose planned route was the Crestone Peak to Crestone Needle traverse.

Coordinates placed the hiker in Saguache County, and the mission response was delegated to Custer County SAR. The 66-year-old male party had summited Crestone Peak, traversed to Crestone Needle, and was on his descent when he is presumed to have descended off-route and died. Family members reported his Garmin device indicated a position that had not changed in several hours.

A vehicle with Nebraska plates, belonging to the party, was found by SAR personnel at the trailhead in Custer County Thursday night. Custer County SAR fielded teams at 3:30 a.m. on Friday, and the operation concluded with all ground personnel out of the field by 10:30 p.m.

Weather conditions hampered both ground and air search efforts throughout the day. Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control’s (DFPC) Cañon Helitack was able to conduct an aerial search after 2 p.m. and made a visual.

A team of two technical climbers, part of eight field personnel, were able to access the location. DFPC’s Cañon Helitack aircraft was then equipped with a longline, to carry external loads, delivering equipment to rescuers at the site and recovering the victim.

With nightfall fast approaching and weather conditions again deteriorating, a Colorado Army National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk hoisted the two rescuers from technical terrain after a ground operational period exceeding 16 hours. Other SAR personnel hiked out.

During this response, rescuers experienced wet, loose rock, heavy fog, sporadic heavy rain showers, and steady



Photo Courtesy Custer County SAR

Rescuer on Crestone Needle in low visibility.

winds between 20 and 30 mph, sometimes exceeding 40 mph.

Custer County SAR recommends careful route finding and navigation, which is best gained by carefully descending the same route one previously ascended. His Garmin device provided valuable clues that assisted in locating and recovering the individual.

A common denominator on Crestone Needle

missions is climbers who get off-route descending the south face, from 13,400 ft and below — indicating the extreme importance of navigation and staying on route to avoid becoming cliffed-out and fatal falls.

Members of the all-volunteer Custer County Search and Rescue send their deep, heartfelt condolences to the deceased’s family and friends.

Theft

Continued from Page 1

type of crime against a specific group of people is taken very seriously by the state of Colorado.

As of January 2022, the Colorado Revised Statutes Title 18. Criminal Code § 18-9-121 Bias-Motivated Crimes states that:

The general assembly hereby finds and declares that it is the right of every person,

regardless of race, color, ancestry, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation to be secure and protected from fear, intimidation, harassment, and physical harm caused by the activities of individuals and groups.

The general assembly further finds that the advocacy of unlawful acts against persons or groups because of a person’s or group’s race, color, ancestry, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation for the purpose of inciting

and provoking bodily injury or damage to property poses a threat to public order and safety and should be subject to criminal sanctions.

(2) A person commits a bias-motivated crime if, with the intent to intimidate or harass another person, in whole or in part, because of that person’s actual or perceived race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation, he or she:

(a) Knowingly causes bodily injury to another person; or

(b) By words or conduct, knowingly places another person in fear of imminent lawless action directed at that person or that person’s property and such words or conduct are likely to produce bodily injury to that person or damage to that person’s property; or

(c) Knowingly causes damage to or destruction of the property of another person.

According to the statute, anyone found guilty is subject to penalties that range from a first-

degree misdemeanor to a fifth-degree felony, depending upon the nature of the crime.

This is the second time in as many years that some individual (or individuals) chose to deliberately interfere with the Pride parade by stealing the celebratory flags used by the organization.

Last year, someone also stole the Pride flags the night before the parade started. Last year the APD chose not to pursue the incident as the flags were found dumped outside of Alamosa City Hall. A letter also accompanied the stolen flags, but its content was not made public.

This year, the police department is choosing a different route and recognizing the theft as a crime that violates state law prohibiting bias-motivated acts.

According to a history published on the website for the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, before the rainbow striped flag that has become so well known and symbolic of the inclusion of the Pride



Courtesy photo

movement, the flag bore a pink triangle, adapted from the badge gay prisoners were forced to wear in the Nazi concentration camps.

The pink triangle also became emblematic of the gay community during the HIV/AIDS epidemic that took thousands of lives.

Then, in the late seventies, Harvey Milk — the first openly gay man to be elected to public office — asked a friend, Gilbert Baker, to design a symbol to represent the (what was called then) gay com-

munity.

Baker designed a flag comprised of eight different colors each symbolizing something different. Hot pink symbolized sex; red — life, orange — healing, yellow — sunlight, green — nature, turquoise — magic and art, indigo — serenity and violet — spirit.

Before long, difficulties with manufacturing and dyeing the material with hot pink and turquoise hues resulted in those colors being eliminated, paving the way for the six-colored flag so well

known today.

In recent years, the community at large has grown even more expansive, as reflected in the community now being known as LGBTQI+. Many of those groups now have their own flags specific and unique to who they are.

With that in mind, the flags stolen last Saturday were much more than mere decoration for a parade. They were a symbol, a means of identification and a message to others about the beauty and power of inclusivity.

Dahlia

Continued from Page 1

map and signs, where guests could get an up-close view of the different dahlia varieties and learn about their unique qualities. Despite being a first-year event, the evening was magical and left attendees talking about next year’s celebration before the night had ended.

The festivities continued Aug. 24 with a full day of farm fun. Bloomstead Farms opened its doors to families and dahlia enthusiasts alike, offering farm games, performances by students from Ms. Kai’s Performing Arts Academy, and a showcase of Wendi’s Good Things market products.

In the heart of the farm’s fields, local families played among hay bales while taking in the colorful dahlia blooms that stretched across the landscape.

A highlight of the weekend was the voting of the top dahlias. The coveted title of Dahlia of the Year was awarded to the Camano Zoe, a stunning dahlia known for its perfect symmetry and soft pink and white petals. Coming in as the runner-up was the Belle of Bamera, another showstopper with its bright peach-pink hues and delicate form. These two dahlias are now available for pre-sale as tubers at bloomsteadfarms.com, and they’re expected to sell out quickly as interest in specialty dahlias continues to grow.

The festival also served as the perfect backdrop to launch Bloomstead Farms’ U-Pick experience. Now through the first of October, visitors are invited to stroll the fields and pick their own bouquets of dahlias Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This offering allows people to experience

the beauty of Bloomstead Farms firsthand while creating their own custom floral arrangements to take home.

For those who couldn’t attend the festival, the farm’s website now offers pre-sale orders for their highly sought-after specialty dahlia tubers, which will be shipped in the spring. The Camano Zoe and Belle of Bamera are leading the charge, with orders already rolling in.

As Bloomstead Farms looks ahead to future festivals, it’s clear that this inaugural event has laid the foundation for something special. The farm has blossomed into not just a local treasure but also a growing destination for flower lovers from across the region. With the community’s support and a love for all things in bloom, Bloomstead Farms is ready to nurture this festival into an annual celebration that brings even more beauty and joy to the San Luis Valley.

Pride

Continued from Page 1

Sierra Willoughby, Chief of Interpretation, Education, and Visitor Services at Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, told the Valley Courier, “We are here because the National Park

Service is for all Americans. We do outreach at many different events, such as Pride and Hispanic Heritage Month. The Pride event is a community event, and we are part of this community and we are here to show everyone that the National Park Service welcomes all Americans.”

State Representative Matt Martinez said, “I think this is a great event; I’m really glad to see this grow over the last few years, especially after Covid. I’ve seen this continue to grow, and the community is involved, and we celebrate our LGTBQ + community; I think it is great.”

Early Iron

Continued from Page 1

coffee, tea, milk, or orange juice. It costs \$8 per plate and will be held at the Alamosa Senior Citizen’s Center, northwest end of Cole Park.

The Show and Shine is Saturday morning at 7 a.m. It includes nitro displays, pin strippers, 15 best-of-f show awards, and the Rodders and Ladies Choice awards.

Don’t miss the Ladies Tea. For years, the Ladies Tea has brought a bit of sophistication to

the Early Iron Festival with amazing fashion, pastries, and tea for the ladies to enjoy. The tea begins at 1 p.m. The Scavenger Hunt is a fan favorite. This exciting race (at your own pace, of course) wanders through downtown, giving you a chance to shop and enjoy Alamosa.

The Saturday Night Banquet at 5:30 p.m., is not to be missed. This is your chance to visit with old and new friends, win cash and other prizes including an engine and transmission. Up to \$4,000 will be given away

at the show and during the banquet. Be sure to register early as tickets sell out fast. Only those pre-registered will qualify for the \$1,000 drawing.

Remember dragging Main? Well, we do it in style. Cruise your classic vehicle around the historic downtown streets of Alamosa. Just want to watch? No problem. Join us for live music, great food, cold beer, and other downtown festivities.

Explore the beautiful San Luis Valley during Sunday’s Poker Run, for details visit www.earlyironclub.com.

Lifestyles

Alder Ass Race trots into South Fork on Aug. 31

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

SOUTH FORK — For the past three years, the South Fork Friends Foundation has worked to strengthen a new event in South Fork and their efforts have paid off. The annual Alder Ass Race is next weekend and is expected to bring the largest crowd of burro racers to the area since the event's start in 2022.

Burro racing has been a staple in small mountain towns throughout the US and Colorado. Burros played a significant role in South Fork's timber history, which makes it an excellent location to have this historic and fun event.

The South Fork Friends Foundation is planning to host more than 60 pack burro race teams at Browns Park located north of South Fork along Highway 149 on Saturday, Aug. 31.

Burro racing began as a way to honor the hard work and dedication of those from the past who relied on the animals to travel, work in yards, mines, and agriculture, and participate in some greatest historical events such as the Fremont Expedition that took place in 1848 here in the San Luis Valley.

Each of these historical tales showcases these amazing animals and their ability to survive in the toughest conditions. Though many of the tales end in tragedy, it is another reason the animals are so cherished today.

Several area sanctuaries



Organizers are expecting more than 60 pack burro race teams for the annual Alder Ass Race in South Fork on Aug. 31.

participate in the annual Alder Ass Race including Burro Buddies that is located in South Fork. This burro rescue is home to several burros that came from the BLM Wild Burro Project and have found not only a new home but a new mission in life serving as some of the pack burros that participate in the race.

South Fork is also home to Tiny as Donkey Experience, another burro sanctuary that focuses on sharing education and the joy of owning a burro with the public.

The Alder Ass Race will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Browns Park. There will be food, fun and entertainment for everyone throughout the day. Race registration is open until just before the race so be sure to sign up at www.adventuresignup.com/Race/CO/SouthFork/SouthForkAlderAssRace.

The intro course is three miles. Pack saddles, gold pan, pick, and shovel are optional for this distance. The majority of this course is on pavement for an out and back route.

The short course is eight miles. Boots or alternative hoof protection is recommended, but not mandatory. The course may include water crossings. Max elevation can be up to 8,703 feet.

The long course is 19.25 miles. This course is challenging, rocky, and may include water crossings. Boots or alternative hoof protection is highly recommended, but not mandatory. South Fork's elevation gain is 2,862 feet with a max elevation of 10,913 feet.

Colorado program reimburses SNAP recipients up to \$60 per month for fruits and vegetables

By **TATIANA FLOWERS**

The Colorado Sun

When customers use their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits to buy food at any of Eden Valley Farm's farmers market booths, market manager Isaac Livingood makes sure to let them know they're eligible for a new benefit under the decades-old subsidized food program.

The SNAP Produce Bonus Program — which launched Aug. 1 in Colorado with help from a \$7.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture — reimburses SNAP participants for up to \$60 worth of healthy foods such as fresh fruits and vegetables and dried beans per month, on top of their normal food assistance.

Although the benefit is new, as many as 15 customers per day are already using the program to buy healthier foods at Eden Valley Farm's locations, meaning business has increased by about 10% for the organization since the initiative launched, Livingood said.

"The way I think this is helping them most is that if someone was going to use their SNAP benefits for a small purchase because they thought their SNAP balance was low, I tell them they have this extra \$60 per month to use, and then they make a larger purchase because

now they don't feel as limited by how much they can afford to spend," Livingood said.

The produce program makes it cheaper and more motivating for SNAP participants to buy foods that improve their health and nutrition. It will also allow them to spend more of their SNAP money on other items, at a time when food insecurity is on the rise in Colorado and inflation is making it harder for people with lower incomes to buy organic fruits and vegetables, several people interviewed for this story said.

Colorado is one of three states, including Louisiana and Washington, chosen to pilot the healthy incentive project.

When participants buy eligible food items, they are issued a credit equal to what they spent on their SNAP benefits card.

SNAP participants do not need to sign up to participate. They are credited up to \$20 per transaction at participating locations, which will grow in number during the coming months, said Abby McClelland, food and energy assistance division director at the Colorado Department of Human Services.

"This is the first technological advance in administering rebates that we've seen and we're really excited about it," she said.

The produce program is not the first incentive project launched to increase

healthy eating among SNAP participants.

The Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 authorized and funded pilot projects to see if SNAP participants increased their consumption of fruits and vegetables when financial incentives were provided.

The USDA's Food and Nutrition Service used that funding to launch the Healthy Incentives Pilot. SNAP recipients who participated received 30 cents for every SNAP dollar they spent on certain fruits and vegetables.

About 55,000 Hampden County, Massachusetts, SNAP households that participated from November 2011 to December 2012 ate 26% more fruits and vegetables per day and reported spending more of their SNAP benefits on produce, according to the USDA.

"This pilot will test models run directly by states, which is expected to lower administrative costs, so more incentive dollars reach SNAP participants," a USDA spokesperson wrote in an email to The Colorado Sun.

The new pilot incentive aims to reduce food insecurity among people with lower incomes. However, food insecurity affected most income groups statewide in 2023, according to the Colorado Health Institute's most-recent Health

■ See SNAP page 5



Photos by Lyndsie Ferrell

The annual Alder Ass Race is set to hit the starting line at Browns Park in South Fork next weekend.

Xcel Energy Alamosa to Antonito Transmission Line Rebuild Project

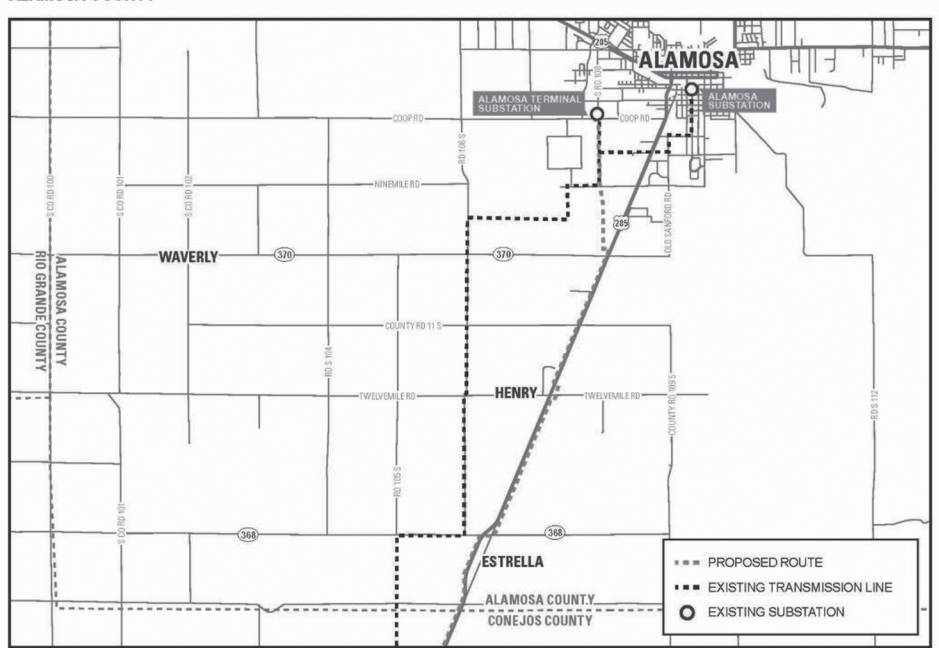
Alamosa County construction starting soon

Following approval by Alamosa County in July, Xcel Energy plans to begin work in Alamosa County in October to rebuild nearly eight miles of the existing 69-kilovolt (kV) transmission line south of Alamosa Substation to the southern Alamosa County line. All work to rebuild the 69-kV transmission line will be completed in accordance with the conditions of approval included in the Alamosa County 1041 permit for the project. The rebuilt transmission line, it will provide safe, reliable and economical electric service to Alamosa County and surrounding communities.

Construction activities will include removal of some vegetation within construction areas, installation of foundations for transmission poles, setting of new transmission poles, stringing conductor and static wire, and restoration of construction areas.

Updates about the construction activities may be found on the project website — <https://xcelenergytransmission.com/antonito>—, along with a map of the Proposed Route and project information. You may also contact us with questions by calling (toll-free) 855-839-8865 or by email at AlamosaToAntonito@xcelenergy.com.

ALAMOSA TO ANTONITO TRANSMISSION LINE REBUILD PROJECT ALAMOSA COUNTY



NEW SUBSCRIBER SPECIAL

Get a **FREE** copy of our **Alamosa County History Book!**

SIX MONTHS FOR ONLY

\$69⁰⁰ & You Receive

\$29⁹⁵ Hardbound History Book

Net cost \$39⁰⁵

Includes Our Online E-Edition

LIMITED TIME OFFER

Call or Stop in

Valley Courier

**(719) 589-2553 2205 State · Alamosa
www.alamosanews.com**

Keith R Cerny
Publisher

Brian Williams
Managing Editor

Valley Courier

(ISSN 1047-1170)

The Valley Courier is published daily, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday by San Luis Valley Publishing, 2205 State Ave., Alamosa, Colo. 81101. Web site: www.alamosanews.com. Periodicals Postage: is paid at Alamosa, Colo., Monte Vista, Colo., La Jara, Colo., and Fort Garland, Colo. Phone (719) 589-2553. Postmaster send change of address to P.O. Box 1099.

Debbie Sowards Advertising Manager
John Waters News Editor
Priscilla Waggoner Staff Writer
Ryker Alonzo Editorial Assistant

Ken Hamrick Sports Editor
Gary Honodel Print and Digital Sales
Shasta Quintana Circulation
Richard R. Quintana Mailroom Supervisor/Press

coloradopress ASSOCIATION

Your FIRST Source for Local News

Lifestyles



Photos by Marie Mccolm

Rock Creek Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, formerly known as Monte Vista Estates, cut the ribbon for its partly renovated facility on Aug. 18. Staff were eager to take people on tours during the open house.

Rock Creek RHC holds open house on Aug. 18

By MARIE MCCOLM
MONTE VISTA — On Sunday, Aug. 18, Rock Creek Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, formerly known as Monte Vista Estates, cut the ribbon for its partly renovated facility.

Rio Grande County Commissioner Scott Deacon and Monte Vista Mayor Dale Becker held the ribbon as Rock Creek Regional Social Services Director Shawn Frieze cut it.

Excited members of the Monte Vista community were given tours of the newly remodeled hall and building. There was free food for everyone who attended, along with free coffee. Approximately 150 people attended the event. According to Business Office Manager Trish Slater, Monte Vista Estates was bought by Centennial HC as of May 1. Renovation on the building began mid-to late May.

Slater said, “The residents here have been so excited to see all the changes that are taking place. One big change I have noticed is that the residents are sitting together and watching TV in the new commons area. The atmosphere is so different, and you can see that everyone is really enjoying the changes.”

Centennial HC Chief Executive Officer Ralph Gottlieb came from New Jersey to attend the event and spoke about the importance of the improvements to the facility.

“I have been traveling here for the last 2 years. The two biggest things that trigger us in improvements and what we do for places that we operate, are quality of life, and quality of care. We are here for the residents and here for the families. Everyone in the building here has been stepping it up and doing a fantastic job. We have amazing staff in this building. Our consultants have



Renovations at Rock Creek Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Monte Vista began in May, and more are planned. The community got to see some of the progress during an open house on Aug. 18.

been working with them to try to give them as much support as they possibly can,” he said.

Gottlieb said that COO Donna Hauser, who lives in Cortez, has become so dedicated to the renovation project that she was living on site, overseeing everything for almost 4 months.

Both Gottlieb and Houser said that outside the consulting team, all renovations were completed by staff members at Rock Creek Rehabilitation.

“This was a big team effort. There is nothing like a big team effort giving it their all. Our consulting team along with the maintenance man and his son, Jacob, Shawn, admin, and everyone, they all pulled together to make this happen.” Gottlieb said.

Gottlieb said Regional Social Services Director Frieze’s family was a tremendous help to the facility with everything for many years, and made many different contributions, that they were thankful for.

“Shawn and his family are the steppingstones between the facilities that have been here, members of his family have been here helping for more than 40-plus years,” Gottlieb said.

During the open house, Frieze led tours and showed off the newly remodeled part of the facil-

ity. Frieze showed how the entrance to the facility was completely changed. The entire floor entrance to the building was completely redone with a classy-looking black and grey hardwood floor. There is also an all-new commons area for the residents, complete with a TV and new furniture.

The front area, where there was once a huge glass enclosed office for staff to sit in, was now an open space with a large stylish cubicle area for the staff.

The overall appearance of the new renovations was described as “comfortable and inviting” by many who attended the open house.

Frieze spoke specifically about some of the other renovations in residents’ rooms, and what is coming as the renovations continue.

“We started at the end of May. The rooms have been changed quite a bit. The differences include a bed on one side, and a chair along with another TV on the other side. This is still a 60-bed facility, but everything is slowly being changed,” Frieze said.

Frieze explained that as the halls are renovated, residents will be moved to accommodate the change.

For more information about the facility, call 719-852-5138.

SNAP

Continued from Page 4
 Access Survey, indicating states should implement similar pilot programs to incentivize improved health among all residents.

The new pilot incentive aims to reduce food insecurity, which is increasing in Colorado, as the price of groceries climbs sharply, according to the survey.

“The rate of food insecurity jumped more than 3 percentage points since 2021 to 11.2% in 2023,” organization leaders wrote in a summary of their survey.

People working in ranching and farming communities are often not getting enough food to eat, the survey found.

The San Luis Valley, southeastern Colorado and Weld County had some of the highest rates of food insecurity, even though agriculture drives the economy in those areas. Denver, Pueblo and

El Paso counties also had above-average rates of food insecurity, according to the survey.

Low incomes and lack of access to nutritious food are among the key barriers preventing people from eating healthy diets, according to the USDA.

This pilot program is happening while the people who administer and utilize SNAP are concerned about overall access to fresh fruits and vegetables. SNAP recipients, who struggle to afford food and don’t have access to grocery stores nearby or transportation to get there, may still struggle to receive fresh produce, even under this new incentive program.

To help, the produce program allows participants to use the benefit at farmers markets and farm stands, which are more prevalent in rural areas where it can be hard to access fresh food, McClelland said.

For example, there is only one retailer partici-

pating in the pilot program in some parts of Colorado that would likely see high demand for the incentive program.

Carniceria La Sabrocita in Fort Morgan is the only participating retailer on the Eastern Plains, Valley Roots Food Hub in Mosca is the organization participating in the San Luis Valley and Ela Family Farms’ stand at South Pearl Street Farmers Market is the only Denver participant.

“We are actively working to add new locations,” John Rosa, a spokesperson for the Human Services department, wrote in an email.

The state human services department sent more than 68,500 postcards this month to SNAP recipients in areas where retailers are participating.

The Human Services department said the program will likely run through the end of September 2027 but grant funding could possibly dry up sooner.



Say goodbye to gutter cleaning for good

No clogging*, No cleaning
 No leaking, No water damage
 No ladder accidents

Call now for your free estimate! Financing available 1.844.214.7889

15% Off Total Purchase*

* This offer is valid for homeowners over 18 years of age. The following persons are not eligible for this offer: employees of Leafguard or affiliated companies or entities, their immediate family members, previous participants in a Company in-home consultation within the past 12 months and all current and former Company customers. Previous/future purchases are not eligible for a discount or sale price adjustment. Sales tax does not qualify for discount. This offer cannot be combined with any other sale, promotion, discount, code, coupon and/or offer. This promotion has no cash value. Leafguard reserves the right to end any promotion at any time without notice. Offer ends 10/31/24.



Receive a \$200 Visa Card with your Leafguard purchase!

Consumer Disclosure/Award Rules: All participants who attend an estimated 60-90 minute in-home product consultation and choose to make a purchase will receive a \$200 VISA card. Retail value is \$200. Offer sponsored by LeafGuard Holdings Inc. Limit one per household. Company procures, sells, and installs seamless gutter protection. This offer is valid for homeowners over 18 years of age. If married or involved with a life partner, both cohabitating persons must attend and complete presentation together. Participants must have a photo ID and be legally able to enter into a contract. The following persons are not eligible for this offer: employees of Company or affiliated companies or entities, their immediate family members, previous participants in a Company in-home consultation within the past 12 months and all current and former Company customers. Card may not be extended, transferred, or substituted except that Company may substitute a card of equal or greater value if it deems it necessary. Card will be mailed to the participant via first class United States Mail or e-mailed within 30 days of receipt of the promotion form provided at presentation. Not valid in conjunction with any other promotion or discount of any kind. Offer not sponsored or promoted by VISA and is subject to change without notice prior to reservation. Except in the states of MD, NY and DC, where the gift card offer is limited to \$25. Offer not available in the states of CA, IN, PA and MI. Expires 10/31/24.
 * Guaranteed not to clog for as long as you own your home, or we will clean your gutters for free.

Be prepared before the next power outage.



It’s not just a generator.

It’s a power move.™

Receive a free 5-year warranty with qualifying purchase* - valued at \$535.

Call 719-895-6158 to schedule your free quote!

GENERAC®

*Terms and Conditions apply.

Sports

Cowboys deal up aces to Mustangs

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

SANFORD – After opening the season with a five-set loss at La Veta on Friday, the Sanford High School volleyball team played at home for the first time on Saturday.

The Lady Mustangs played Gunnison in the home opener, however, they were swept by the Cowboys. The scores were 25-19, 25-10 and 25-12.

Serving proved to be the big difference as Gunnison had 11 service aces compared to four for Sanford.

“They had a lot of aces and we had a lot of errors,” said Sanford coach Melissa Faucette. “If we can minimize errors, it’s going to change.”

Gunnison scored the first point of the first set, but Sanford scored two straight. The Cowboys also had a 2-0 run, but the Lady Mustangs had a 4-1 run to take a 6-4 lead.

Gunnison answered with a 7-2 rally for an 11-8 lead. Sanford pulled to within 12-11, however, the Cowboys scored four consecutive points, which included two aces by Ruthie Lock, to increase their advantage to 16-11.

Sanford pulled to within 16-14, but the Cowboys went on a 6-1 run to increase the margin to 22-15. The Lady Mustangs closed to within 24-19, but Kathryn Frey slammed a kill to give Gunnison a 25-19 win.

The two team opened the second set by scoring a points, but the Cowboys six unanswered points for a 7-1 lead. Bella Peterson ended the run with a kill, but Gunnison went on a 10-0 rally for a 17-2 lead. Frey had three aces in the run.

The Lady Mustangs reduced the deficit to 20-7, but the Cowboys scored four in a row. Sanford pulled to within 24-10, but Aubrey Welfelt’s kill ended the set with Gunnison winning 25-10.

Sanford began the third set by scoring the first two points. But Gunnison had a 5-1 run for a 5-3 lead.

The Lady Mustangs narrowed the margin to 6-5 before Gunnison scored 11 consecutive points for a 17-5 advantage. Rose Kowal served up two aces in the run.

The Cowboys finished strong with an 8-7 run to win the set and match 25-12.



Brooklynn Reynolds led the Sanford offense with 12 assists. Avery Koenig was the leader in kills with four, followed by Peterson and Riley Willett both with three. Shasta Bond led in aces with two, followed by Reynolds and Rose Schwartz both with one.

Sanford (0-2) will open Southern Peaks League play on Thursday as it will travel to Monte Vista. The first match begins at 5 p.m.

The Lady Mustangs will head to Kremmling this weekend for the West Grand Invitational.



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

Left: Sanford High School’s Brooklynn Reynolds (1) sets up a kill attempt in Saturday’s match against Gunnison at the SHS gym. Right: Avery Koenig hits the ball over the net. The Lady Mustangs lost in three sets by scores of 25-19, 25-10 and 25-12.

Alamosa, Centauri, Del Norte begin cross country season

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The Alamosa, Centauri and Del Norte high school cross country teams opened their seasons at the Cheyenne Mountain Stampede Friday at the Norris Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs.

Alamosa competed in the championship division mainly against larger schools.

The Lady Mean Moose finished 16th in the girls race with 404 points. They were led by Elizabeth McQuitty, who finished seventh in 19:41.00. Olivia Formisano was 87th in 22:47.10, Reese Canaan was 129th in 25:11.90, Daelyn Jackson was 137th in 28:38.0, and Isabella Lopez was 139th in 29:06.40.

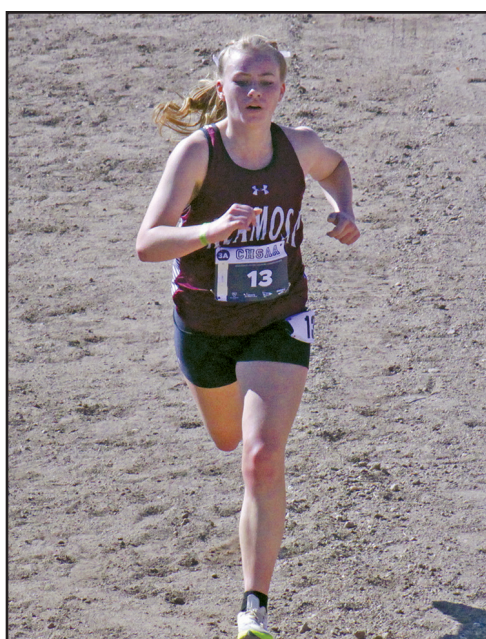
The Alamosa boys were 18th with 398 points. They were led by Ethan Merrick who was 41st in 17:00.50, followed by Jeremiah DeLaCerde who was 56th in 17:15.90, Tyler Dokson who was 92nd in 18:03.70, Cody Williams who was 125th in 18:44.30, Cael Canaan who was 148th in 19:16.60, William Wilson who was 152nd in 19:21.00, Cody DiCamillo who was 182nd in 22:31.50, Matthew Hollingsworth who was 183rd in 23:45.30, and Danny Lopez who was

184th in 24:57.40.

Centauri was in the small school division and the Falcons were ninth in the boys race with 240 points. Leading Centauri was Carson Bagwell who was 13th in 19:06.90, followed by Lincoln Bagwell who was 28th in 20:02.50, Dice Koontz who was 49th in 20:57.90, Tyrel Hostetter who was 78th in 22:16.20, Troy Sowards who was 102nd in 23:26.50, Rhett Taylor who was 113th in 23:55.40, Gavin Graber who was 127th in 24:50.20, Liam Sowards who was 162nd in 28:10.50, and Hunter Horton who was 181st in 31:47.30.

Del Norte also competed in the small school division. It was fifth in the boys race with 166 points. Mads Kreutzer led the Tigers as he was 23rd in 19:42.80. Caleb Cowett was 29th in 20:05.00, Jax Lester was 38th in 20:12.50, Josiah Yocom was 40th in 20:18.20, Cruz Matta was 56th in 21:19.60, Corbin Horrocks was 67th in 21:45.30, and Landon Crowther was 117th in 23:59.30.

Centauri was fourth in the girls race with 95 points. Leading the Lady Falcons were McKenzie Torres who was 20th in 23:22.60, Jocelyn Jarvies who was 23rd in 23:44.30, Kourtney Heikes who was 25th



Courier file photo by Ken Hamrick

Alamosa High School’s Elkizabeh McQuitty at last year’s Class 3A State cross country meet. McQuitty finished seventh at the Cheyenne Mountain Stampede last Friday at the Norris Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs.

in 23:58.70, Erica Miller who was 29th in 24:12.40, Bailey Graber who was 33rd in 24:21.30, Ella Guymon who was 47th in 25:22.10, Brooklyn Shawcroft who was 51st in 26:00.50, Lyndie Sowards who was 55th in 26:10.20, Faith Medellin who was 65th in 27:07.60, Alyvia Norton who was 68th in 27:18.60, Hannah Guymon who was 73rd in 27:29.40, Rylie Sowards who was 88th in 29:19.20, Lindsey Robins who was 93rd in 29:34.80, Sara Kelly who was 96th in 30:06.40, Jeana Dunn who was 109th in 31:28.10, and Beijah Sowards who was 113th in 31:41.20.

Del Norte did not have a team score as it did not enter a full team. The Lady Tigers were led by Madeline Mitchell who was 45th in 25:08.60, Frannie Edelin who was 46th in 25:17.30, and Ella Cowett who was 112th in 31:36.00.

Alamosa’s next action will be the Arapahoe Invitational at DeKoevend Park in Centennial this coming Friday. Centauri will be at the Rocky Ford Invitational on Friday. Del Norte will be at the Durango Invitational on Saturday.

Other local teams in action this week include Antonito, Centennial and Center at the Antonito Night Invitational on Friday.

Splashland to host Sprint Triathlon on Sept. 7

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA - The Splashland Hot Springs Pool will host its 10th Annual Benefit Sprint Triathlon on Sept. 7.

It is a USA Triathlon-sanctioned event.

The course will be a 3 ½-mile run, a 10-mile bike ride and a 400-yard swim.

The purpose of the triathlon is to raise funds to purchase equipment for the disabled. That includes non-slip flooring, a pool veranda and to raise awareness of healthy lifestyles and habits.

There will be 13 age groups for male, female and team divisions.

Splashland is looking for sponsorships for the event. The sponsorship levels include \$500 for gold, \$300 for silver and \$150 for bronze. Sponsors will have their name or logo on posters, Facebook, the Splashland web page, newspapers, e-blasts, radio ads and they will be on



the back of shirts.

Sponsorships will help cover costs for t-shirts, insurance, awards, advertising, timing and bib numbers.

To sponsor the events, make the check payable to Splashland Sprint Triathlon at 5975 Griego Road, Alamosa, Colo. 81101.

For questions or further information, contact Michael at (719) 298-0662.

Mean Moose compete in two tournaments

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The Alamosa High School boys golf team participated in two tournaments on Monday.

The first team competed at the Durango Hillcrest Invitational at Hillcrest Golf Course. The Mean Moose finished ninth with 268 and were led by Serjio Najera who was 20th with an 86. Kobe Mizokami was 28th with a 90, Josh Cline was 32nd with a 92, and Clayton Treinen was 47th with a 101.

The host team won the tournament with 216. Durango’s Drew Jepson and Pagosa Springs’ Johnathon Smith were the co-medalists as both shot a two-under-par 69.

The second team was at the Pueblo South Invitational at Elmwood Golf Course. The Mean Moose finished 11th with 292 and were led by Zavier Medina who tied for 30th with a 96. Gibson



Gillespie tied for 33rd with a 97, Keenan Mackey tied for 39th with a 99, and Mason Weyers tied for 43rd with a 102.

Swink won the tournament with 244. Pueblo East’s Jayden Padilla was the medalist with a 77.

Alamosa was at the Montezuma-Cortez Invitational Tuesday at Conquistador Golf Course. Monte Vista will also be at that tournament. The Mean Moose will be at the Pagosa Springs Invitational on Wednesday. Monte Vista and Del Norte are also scheduled to compete.

Sports Bulletin

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

SCOREBOARD

THURSDAY
Prep girls volleyball
Primero def. Sangre de Cristo 25-20, 25-18, 25-21
Salida def. Center 25-15, 25-19, 25-19

FRIDAY
Prep girls softball
Alamosa 18, Greeley Central 3, 3 inn.
Alamosa 18, Wray/Yuma 1, 3 inn.
Prep girls volleyball
La Veta def. Sanford 25-17, 22-25, 25-18, 19-25, 21-19

SATURDAY
Prep girls softball
Alamosa 18, Platte Valley 1, 3 inn.
The Academy 2, Alamosa 1, 5 inn.
Prep girls volleyball

Creede def. Mountain Valley 25-11, 25-14
Creede def. Norwood 25-20, 11-25, 15-13
Custer County def. Sierra Grande 25-15, 24-26, 25-14, 25-11
Crested Butte def. Creede 25-6, 25-12
Del Norte def. La Veta 25-23, 25-16, 25-13
Del Norte def. Rocky Ford 25-12, 25-11, 25-19
Elbert def. Antonito 25-22, 25-19
Gunnison def. Sanford 25-19, 25-10, 25-12

Hoehne def. Monte Vista 25-11, 25-11
Hoehne def. Sangre de Cristo 26-24, 25-19
La Junta def. Monte Vista 25-15, 22-25, 16-14
Lamar def. Centauri 25-18, 32-34, 25-18, 25-12
North Park def. Antonito 25-21, 25-18
Norwood def. Mountain Valley 25-11, 25-14
Nucla def. Sierra Grande 25-16, 25-21, 25-21
Primero def. Antonito 25-21, 25-13
Pueblo Central def. Sangre

de Cristo 25-16, 25-18
Sangre de Cristo def. La Junta 25-23, 21-25, 15-13
Sierra Grande def. Cripple Creek-Victor in four sets – scores not reported
MONDAY
Prep boys soccer
Salida at Alamosa - late
SCHEDULE
TUESDAY
Prep boys golf
Alamosa, Monte Vista at Montezuma-Cortez Invitational (at Conquistador

Golf Course), 9 a.m.
Prep girls softball
Alamosa at Pueblo Centennial (at Runyon Sports Complex, Pueblo), 5 p.m.
Prep girls volleyball
Manitou Springs at Alamosa, 4:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prep boys golf
Alamosa, Del Norte, Monte Vista at Pagosa Springs Invitational, 9 a.m.

Classifieds

221 - HELP WANTED

OUTREACH ASSISTANT. SAN LUIS VALLEY LOCAL FOODS COALITION seeks an LFLP Outreach Coordinator. Strong communication and computer skills are required. Submit your resume and cover letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com. Additional requirements can be found at www.slvlocalfoods.org/jobs/. Applications close September 9th, 2024. (9/7/24)

HUMAN RESOURCES AND EQUITY COORDINATOR. SAN LUIS VALLEY LOCAL FOODS COALITION seeks a Human Resources and Equity Coordinator. Related college degree and/or 4 years experience with HR, preferably in a non-profit. Submit your resume and cover letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com. Additional requirements can be found at www.slvlocalfoods.org/jobs/. Applications close August 31st, 2024. (8/31/24)

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1 is accepting applications for HS ASST. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL COACH. Applications can be submitted through online app https://www.applitrack.com/centennialsschool/onlineapp/ or www.centennial.k12.co.us. Open until filled. For questions, please contact District Administrative Office at 719-672-3322. (9/11/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

VALLEY ROOTS FOOD HUB GENERAL MANAGER. San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition seeks a Valley Roots Food Hub General Manager. As the General Manager, you will learn, understand, and oversee the jobs of Driver, Aggregator, Markets Manager, Warehouse Manager, Operations Manager, Bookkeeper, Kitchen Manager, Sales Manager, and Fleet Manager. Minimum of 5 years of relevant experience. Submit your resume and cover letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com. Additional requirements can be found at www.slvlocalfoods.org/jobs/. Applications close September 15th, 2024. (9/11/24)

NOW HIRING A full-time MAINTENANCE position at CENTURY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT and SALES. Please call Century Property Management at 719-589-5744. (9/10/24)

KINDERGARTEN PARAPROFESSIONAL NEEDED: SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is seeking a dedicated Kindergarten Paraprofessional for the 2024-2025 school year. If you're passionate about working with young learners, we'd love to hear from you! For more information and to apply, visit www.sargent.k12.co.us or call 719-852-4023. Application Deadline: 9/4/24 or until position is filled. EOE. (9/4/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

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)

LEAD TEACHER FOR INFANT CARE CENTER NEEDED at the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. 150 days per year which includes all days that teachers are at school. Please submit your application and resume to: Aaron Horrocks, Superintendent, at 950 French Street, DEL NORTE, CO, 81132, or call at 719-657-4040, x4000. Applications may be retrieved on-line at urtigers.co or at the District Office. (9/24/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

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 enforcement, Colorado POST Certification, and extensive and increasingly responsible experience in law enforcement work including supervisory experience. Thorough knowledge of the principles, 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. Applications may be picked up at La Jara Town Hall, 221 Broadway. Applications accepted until filled. (9/4/24)

Always the Last to Know?

If you keep finding out about local events after they happen, it's time to subscribe to the Valley Courier.

Subscribe today and stay connected to your world.

Valley Courier
719-589-2553

You'll find it all in the ...
Business & Service Directory
• Easy to Read Format • Affordable • Seen 4 Days a Week
To Place Your Ad Call (719) 589-2553

APPLIANCE REPAIR
All Major Brands of Kitchen & Laundry Appliances
• Trained and Certified Technicians
ALTITUDE APPLIANCES
Open 10-6 Mon-Sat
611 Main • Alamosa
(719) 206-2844

Advertising
Advertise Your Business in this SPACE
Only \$99 per month*
*3 month commitment

STORAGE
ALAMOSA STORAGE
Parking Spaces For Rent
5929 Road South 106
Alamosa, CO 81101
Call us today or visit our website
alamosastorage.com
(719) 992-3440

HEATING & GAS
RMHG
Rocky Mountain Heating & Gas Service
Installation, Service & Repair
Heaters, Fireplaces,
Wood & Pellet Stoves Sales
Stason Gomez 719-628-9310
RMHGENT@gmail.com

Advertising
Advertise Your Business in this SPACE
Only \$99 per month*
*3 month commitment

Architecture
Your Local SLV Architecture Firm for Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Agricultural Projects
SPENCER architecture studio
Don Spencer, A.I.A. Licensed in Colorado, Texas and New Mexico
719-696-5783
Steve Copley Sr. Project Manager, E.I.T.
spencerarchitecturestudio.com

Advertising
Advertise Your Business in this SPACE
Only \$99 per month*
*3 month commitment

Electrical
ALPINE ELECTRIC INC.
82 CONEJOS ALAMOSA
719-589-9144

Earth Moving
Earthworks of Southern Colorado LLC
Troy Geringer 719-480-1756
• Trenching • Dirt Work
• Ditch Cleaning • Demolition
• Site Cleaning & Prep • Snow Removal
• Driveway Construction & Grading
• Landscaping • House Pads
• Stream Bank Restoration
• Irrigation Welding & Fabrication
• Tractor Mowing

Taxidermy
Ask about our 6 month guarantee!
July's Taxidermy Est. 1995
719-480-9300

Real Estate
Greg & Jeni Goodwin
PORTER REALTY, INC.
503 Mam Street, Alamosa CO
719-589-5899
www.PorterRealty.com
greg@porterrealty.com (719) 580-5395
jeni@porterrealty.com (719) 580-2636
♦ Excellent Service ♦ Expert Advice ♦ Exceptional Results

AUCTION
CONSIGNMENT AUCTION
Last Saturday of the month from April 27 until November 30. At the Community Building next to Quality Timbers on Hwy. 285. Taking consignments on Fridays. Sale starts at 10:00 am. Lunch available.

FOOD TRUCK
SUAVECITO Follow us on Facebook
719-588-7485
GARTITAS
Catering located in the parking lot in front of Little Caesars

APPLIANCES
KitchenAid MAYTAG Whirlpool AMANA SLV APPLIANCE
239 Walker Rd. • Alamosa (Located in the old Sears store)
719-587-3882
www.slvappliance.com

LOCKSMITH
Locked Out? Lost Your keys? Just Need a spare? We've Got You Covered!
• Smart Keys • Transponders • Fobs
Serving The San Luis Valley And Surrounding Areas
Call or Text us Today 719-MrK-Lock (719-675-5625)
Mr. K Lock & Key
LOCKSMITH
Commercial • Residential • Automotive
719-MrK-LOCK - (719-675-5625)

Plumbing & Remodeling
DEREK'S
Plumbing & Remodeling
License# PC-33398 • License# MP-600281
Derek Marquez
Master Plumber, Plumbing Contractor
(719) 588-0682
derekspumbing@outlook.com
1110 Alamosa Ave. • Alamosa, CO

We Buy Cars
We Welcome Insurance Claims
L&M
Paint & Body Shop
8425 Rd. 8 South • Alamosa
589-9205

Construction
ZTEC
Construction
5" & 6" SEAMLESS RAIN GUTTERS
Free Estimates
Mervin Fisher 719.992.1396
14972 CR 13 • La Jara, CO 81140

Stucco
Sanchez Plastering & Masonry
Synthetic Traditional Patches Interior Exterior Paint
Fully Insured & Bonded Fully Licensed Work Guaranteed
(719) 486-6781

Tires
Jim's Tire Store
711 1/2 State Ave. • Alamosa
719-589-9690
NEW • USED • RECAPPED
Great Service!

ELECTRICAL
SUMMIT ELECTRICAL LLC
719-480-5638
Summitelectrical1@outlook.com

Advertising
Advertise Your Business in this SPACE
Only \$99 per month*
*3 month commitment

Get Your Service Out there! call the Valley Courier Today! 589-2553

Classifieds

221 - HELP WANTED

Homes Direct of Alamosa IS HIRING

- Receptionist
- Sales People

Email resume to: Sundihomesdirect@gmail.com
3003 Adcock Circle Alamosa

HEAD JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL COACH needed at DEL NORTE JR. HIGH SCHOOL. Experience as a coach or assistant coach at the middle school and/or high school level is preferred. Must possess: effective coaching techniques and a thorough knowledge of the rules of the sport; and have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with school administrators, parents, and students. Please contact Gibbs Sanchez, Athletic Director, at: gsanchez@urtigers.co 719-657-4020; or Annie Hardy, Principal, at: ahardy@urtigers.co 719-657-4020. (9/24/24)

MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE PERSON, or team, wanted for a 12 unit apartment complex in DEL NORTE, CO. Duties include but not limited to: office paperwork, cleaning, minor plumbing, minor electrical, drywall repair, painting, and grounds keeping. Fax or email a letter of interest and/or resume to 712-274-1230 or nnieman@landmarkmanagement.com. Equal Employment Opportunity. (9/4/24)

SLV FEDERAL BANK is now accepting applications for a TELLER in our MONTE VISTA OFFICE. Applications and position descriptions are available at www.slved.bank or at each branch location. Equal opportunity Employer, including considering individuals with Disabilities and Veterans/Affirmative Action Employer. (8/30/24)

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)

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)

221 - HELP WANTED

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

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

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)

221 - HELP WANTED

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

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

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)

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)

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)

221 - HELP WANTED

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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

221 - HELP WANTED

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

304 - LAWN & GARDEN

TROY - BUILT CHIPPER SHREDDER CS4265, \$450. Max 719-379-3123. (10/19/24)

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

307 - APPLIANCES

EMERIL RICE COOKER, \$25 obo. Call 719-852-8879. (9/4/24)

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)

HORSE & COW HAY: GRASS, GRASS/ALFALFA, ALFALFA. 3x3 bales, various quality and pricing. 719-850-8917. (9/13/24-monthly)

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

350 - FARM EQUIPMENT

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)

353 - FARM & LIVESTOCK

NUBIAN BUCKS; IMPROVE your genetics in udder attachment, quality. Born 2023. Tricolored, dehorned, gentle. 719-588-6621, text. (9/25/24)

368 - PETS & SUPPLIES

FREE GOLDEN RETRIEVER PUPPIES to Forever Homes, due to relocating: 1 Male, 1 Female. Excellent temperament! House trained with very good trainable natures & perfect for families with children and other pets! I will not re-home to just anyone. Preferably email me first at: stephaniechristensen59@yahoo.com before Text (980) 353-7582. (9/4/24)

GREAT PYRENEES/BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG mix, available 9/9/24. \$750/obo. Call 719-859-4245. (9/14/24)

8 FEMALE CHOCOLATE LABS, ready 8/19. \$300/obo. Call 719-937-9718. (8/30/24)

401 - BUSINESS PROPERTIES

Century Property Management & Sales, LLC
Alamosa • 589-5744
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICE
 For all your rental needs please call 719-589-5744 or stop by 823 Main St. Alamosa, CO 81101
www.alamosarentals.com

426 - MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

FOR SALE IN ALAMOSA COUNTY: 1980 GLENWOOD TRAILER HOUSE \$6700. Must be moved. 402-269-7172. (E-TFN-AS)

525 - GUNS

ZACH'S EUROPEAN MOUNTS. Professional work, low prices. 719-580-0398. (TFN-AS)

606 - BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR RENT

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

611 - HOMES FOR RENT

2 STORY HISTORIC RENOVATED 4 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATH. Appliances furnished. Deck, shop, garage, large fenced in backyard. Excellent neighborhood; 416 2nd Ave., MONTE VISTA. \$1975/month, plus utilities. Yearly lease; available now. Contact 719-852-5101 or 719-852-5350. (9/24/24)

630 - ROOMS FOR RENT

NICE FURNISHED ROOM in ALAMOSA. 720-436-5550. (9/4/24)

737 - RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

LIGHTLY USED 26' 2018 FOREST RIVER TOY HAULER, power surge protector, power jack. \$18,600 Call 719-850-1352. (9/4/24)



Haven't You Heard?

Buying and Selling in the Valley Courier Classifieds can be the Best Way to get the most Bang for Your Buck!

Give Us a Try!

Valley Courier
589-2553

FEEL LIKE A FISH OUT OF WATER?

New in town?
 Get acquainted with and all it has to offer by ordering a subscription to the

Valley Courier

719-589-2553

Where To Shop!
 Where To Dine!
 Community Bulletin Board!
 Professional Services!
And more!

Comics

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Serial —"
 - 4 European range
 - 8 Homeless child
 - 12 Italian article
 - 13 Stead
 - 14 Gymnast — Korbut
 - 15 Knight's title
 - 16 Grizzly
 - 17 Cheer
 - 18 Abode
 - 20 Bank employees
 - 22 '60s sitcom — "McHale's —"
 - 24 Craze
 - 25 Sheltered side
 - 26 Half a dozen
 - 27 Sch. in Cambridge
 - 30 Sports org.
 - 32 — -do-well
 - 34 Tokyo, formerly
 - 35 Aim
 - 36 Docile
 - 38 Head of hair

- 39 — anemone
 - 40 Gym unit
 - 41 — Jima
 - 43 Favoring
 - 44 Poi base
 - 46 Cough drop
 - 50 Knitter's need
 - 52 Affirm
 - 53 Place of exile
 - 56 Sports org.
 - 57 Gull cousin
 - 58 Night light?
 - 59 Racket
 - 60 Statue in Piccadilly Circus
 - 61 Fed. agent
 - 62 — — loss for words
- DOWN**
- 1 Porridge
 - 2 Edible bulb
 - 3 Spread for bread
 - 4 Priest's vestment
 - 5 Fib
 - 6 Earthy fuel
 - 7 Foolproof

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	V	E	L	I	M	P	F	L	I	P
N	I	X	E	M	I	R	A	A	R	A
E	T	C	D	I	R	E	U	R	I	S
W	A	L	T	T	A	C	T	L	E	S
L	L	U	N	G	L	O	T			
L	S	T	Y	F	U	R	S	A	P	
A	L	I	M	I	L	D	E	C	U	
L	I	V	M	E	E	K	M	E	G	
F	E	E	A	P	E	E	B	B		
C	R	O	C	R	O	A	I	L	S	
O	B	E	L	I	S	K	S	G	A	T
R	O	M	A	T	A	T	S	N	A	T
E	R	I	S	O	L	E	O	C	I	O
G	E	T	S	R	E	P	S	E	R	N

- 8 Planet
- 9 Succulent plant
- 10 Prince in opera
- 11 Dieter's concern
- 19 Actress — Arden
- 21 Careless
- 23 Desire
- 26 Ooze
- 27 Office notes
- 28 Wedding words
- 29 Lid
- 30 Apiece
- 31 Wildebeest
- 33 Coming into prominence
- 37 Tool collection
- 40 Director — Howard
- 42 Method
- 43 Indoor plants
- 45 Satellite's path
- 46 Tardy
- 47 Finished
- 48 Actor — Mostel
- 49 Basic (abbr.)
- 51 "Peter Pan" pooch
- 54 Big snake
- 55 Raggedy doll

1	2	3		4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11
12				13					14			
15				16					17			
18			19				20		21			
	22			23			24					
		25				26				27	28	29
30	31			32	33					34		
35					36			37		38		
39				40				41	42			
			43					44		45		
46	47	48				49			50			51
52					53		54	55		56		
57					58					59		
60					61					62		

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

3	9		2	8				5
	8		5			9		3
6	5		9	3			7	8
			1	5	6			
	2		7				3	
	3	2	4					
2	3		9	8		1		6
8	6			1			2	
1			6	3		8		9

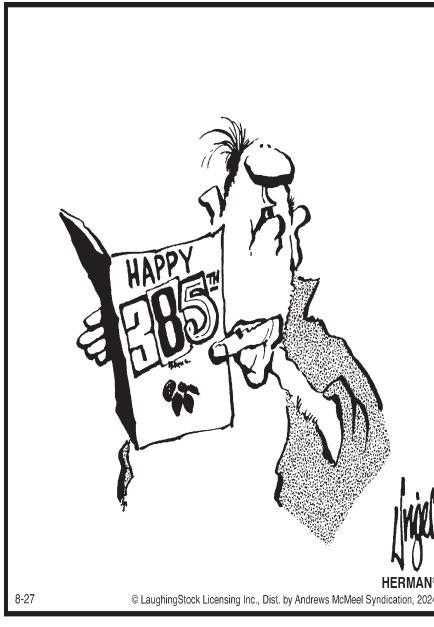
© 2024 Dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication for UFS

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

3	4	2	5	1	7	8	9	6
7	1	8	2	9	6	3	4	5
9	6	5	3	8	4	1	7	2
6	3	4	1	2	9	5	8	7
2	5	7	6	4	8	9	1	3
8	9	1	7	5	3	2	6	4
1	2	6	9	7	5	4	3	8
4	7	9	8	3	2	6	5	1
5	8	3	4	6	1	7	2	9

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

HERMAN

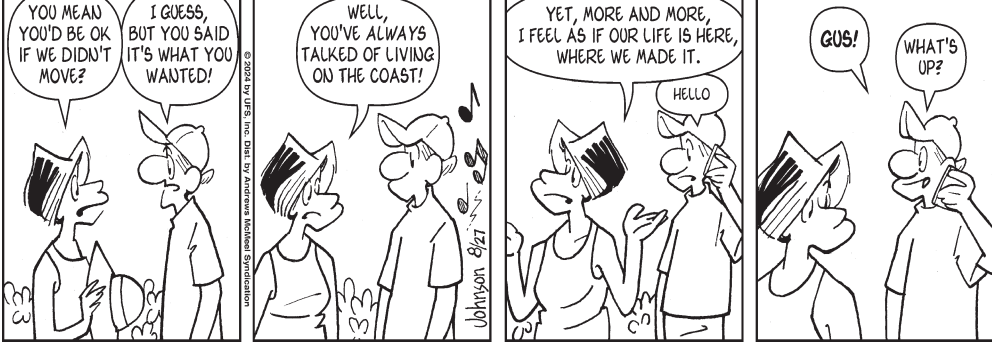


"That rotten dog made me a birthday card!"

ALLEY OOP



ARLO & JANIS



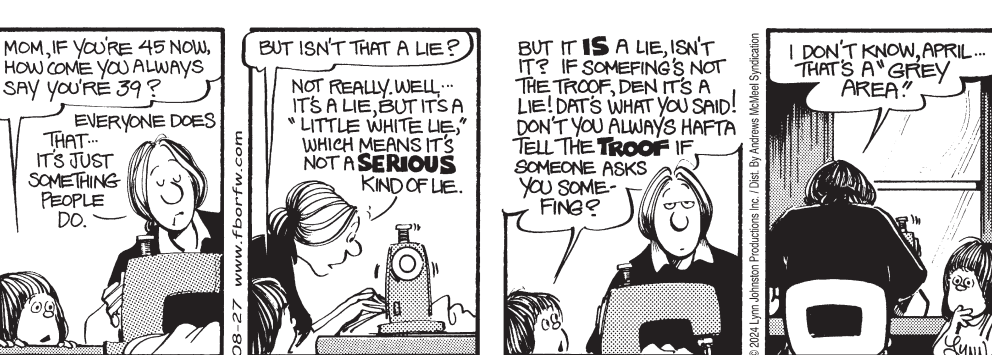
BIG NATE



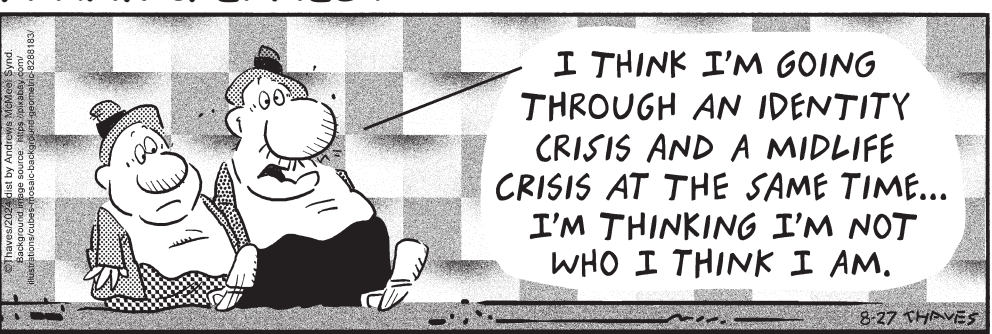
THE BORN LOSER



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



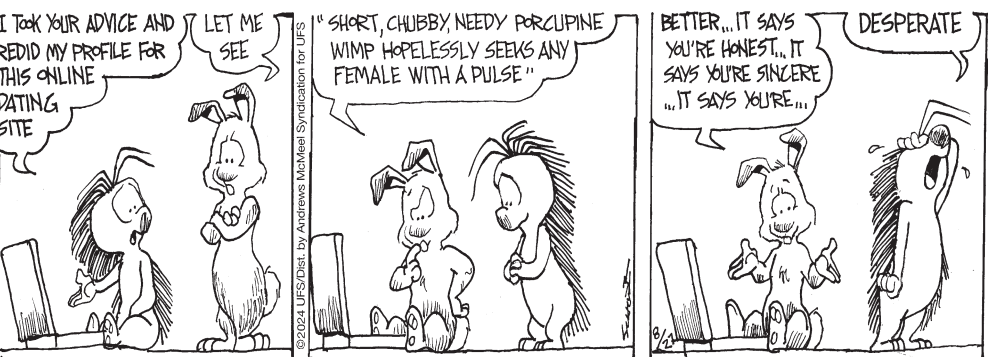
FRANK & ERNEST



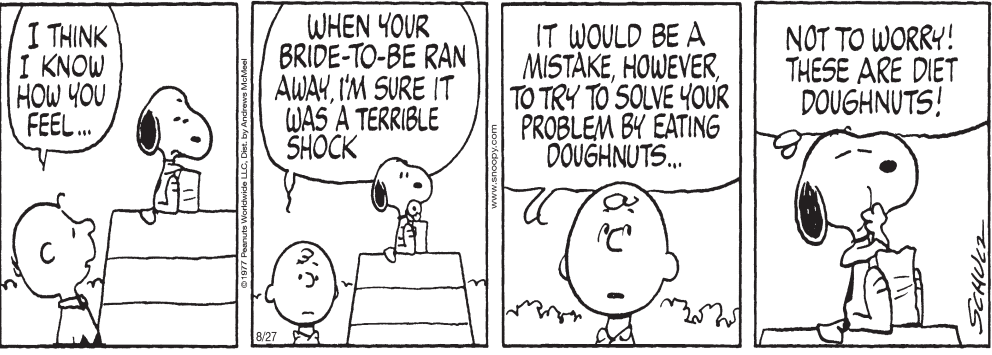
GARFIELD



THE GRIZZWELLS



PEANUTS



Co-workers' fight jolts multiple relationships

DEAR ABBY: I've been seeing a man, "Barry," who worked with my younger brother. They had an altercation at work, and Barry was terminated for misconduct. My brother, "Rob," is upset with me because I still see him. Barry did reach out to Rob to apologize and see if they could move on. While my brother has forgiven Barry, he has chosen to have no contact with him, and continues to want to control the narrative.

Am I wrong for going against my brother and continuing the relationship? I was in prior abusive relationships that Rob wasn't concerned about. But when it is about him, he lets me know he's "disappointed" or worried about my well-being. I have set boundaries with them both, but that altercation was between them, not me. -- TORN IN SOUTH DAKOTA

DEAR TORN: The altercation between your brother and Barry must have been a doozy for him to have lost his job. You mentioned that you have been in "prior abusive relationships," which tells me your man-picker may be somewhat skewed. Barry may have anger management issues that need to be addressed.

Like it or not, your

brother is right that Barry could be dangerous. The altercation may have been between them, but what's to prevent your boyfriend's volatile temper from erupting on you? Your relationship with Barry could be hazardous to your health, which is why I am urging you to move on and find someone more stable.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in a loving relationship with my wife, who is 10 years older. Last year, we discussed her retiring from the workforce. She's 63 and has worked her whole life. We weren't 100% prepared for this move financially, but I'm happy to see her happy, enjoying time with the grandkids and doing other things.

Here's the rub: She gets bored sometimes. When she gets bored, she spends money and arranges things for us to do that I dislike -- like going camping. I still work full time, and I enjoy my weekends at home relaxing. I think it'd be helpful for her to find a part-time job. I have suggested it, but then she gets hostile and asks if I think she's wasting her time. It becomes an uncomfortable conversation.

Any suggestions about what I can say so I won't tick her off while helping her realize she could find



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

something else to keep her busy and contribute financially? -- TRYING TO KEEP UP IN ARIZONA

DEAR TRYING: Tell your wife you are happy she is enjoying her retirement, but you are still fully employed. Then remind her that when she decided to leave the workforce, you weren't fully prepared for it financially. Explain that for the time being, you need the weekends to rest, not to go camping, which is one of your least favorite things to do. And while you're at it, mention that you know she enjoys shopping, and a part-time job would give her more discretionary money to do it. I don't think that any of those statements should be inflammatory.