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oday **Alamosa City Council agenda Sept. 18**

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ALAMOSA — The Alamosa City Council will introduce severalnewordinancesduring Wednesday night's meeting. The first is to address the definition of temporary signs in the Unified Development Code. The second addresses a "Vacant Building Registration" requirement for properties located in the central business district. The third amends the mobile food vending regulations. All three ordinances are in their first reading.

Another ordinance, in its public comment and second reading phase, takes on a topic that's been in the public discourse lately. If passed, ordinance number 19-2024 will prohibit sitting or lying down in a public right of way, amend the trespassing ordinance and remove the requirement for there to be space available at St. Benedict before citing someone for unauthorized camping on public property.

Two motions will also be introduced. The first relates to whether staff should move forward with the design of the soup kitchen or not, and the second relates to restoring electricity to St. Benedict.

ACPHD will be closed Sept. 20 ALAMOSA — Alamosa

By JOHN WATERS Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — The gang at Society Hall held their annual celebration on Saturday, Sept. 14, next to the hall on 4th Street in Alamosa. Society Hall is Alamosa's premier location for live music.

Ruthie Brown, who is on the Society Hall Foundation board, told the Valley Courier, "What is really cool about Society Hall is that last week, our artist had just been at the Grand Old Opry. She came here to perform here, and that is very cool. She wants to come back. Everyone who has played here wants to come back. The community is so supportive of our gathering today that people donate."

Patron of the

Arts award

goes to Visit

Alamosa

By PRISCILLA

WAGGONER

Courier Reporter

year's ARTsFestival in

Alamosa was another

success with not only

15 unique sculptures

installed in key loca-

tions in the downtown

area but also 25 lo-

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ARTScape by putting

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ALAMOSA — This

The celebration offered music, and a variety of soups donated by community members.

Musical acts at the celebration included Robear, Side Trips, Ry Taylor, Hogan, and Moss. Donated soups included White chili, Vegetable beef stew, African peanut stew, and a wonderful Elk sausage green chili.

Society Hall is a nonprofit; taxdeductible donations can be made at the website www. Societyhall. com.

Larry and Ruthie Brown enjoy the annual celebration at Society Hall on Saturday, Sept. 14.

Courier photo by John Waters



APD dispatched to call of unresponsive infant Cause of death being investigated

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER Courier Reporter ALAMOSA Α 10-month-old baby was found deceased on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 14. The Alamosa Police Department is conducting an investigation to determine the infant's cause of death.

According to Alamosa Police Department's Chief of Police George Dingfelder, on Saturday afternoon, officers were dispatched to the 800 block of Hunt Avenue at approximately 3:40 p.m. on the report of an unresponsive infant. Upon arriving on the scene, officers found the infant inside a car and nonresponsive, prompting them to immediately initiate lifesaving measures. The baby could not be revived. "That's really all we can release at this time and an investigation is underway," said Chief Dingfelder. "It's just a real tragedy."



Alamosa Mayor Ty Coleman presents this year's Patron of the Arts award to Kale Mortensen and Elizabeth Sumner, accepting on behalf of Visit Alamosa.

The festival started Friday night with a

ARTsFest unveils unique sculptures

County Public Health Department (ACPHD) will be closed on Friday, Sept. 20, for staff development.

DN Food Bank distribution **Sept. 21**

DEL NORTE — The Del Norte Food Bank will be open for its monthly distribution on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 10a.m. until noon. Anyone in need of food assistance is welcome. If you are unable to attend during distribution hours and need food assistance, call 719-850-2643.

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reception where members of the public were invited to the San Luis Valley Museum where, while feasting on a great buffet and drinking good wine, they had the opportunity to meet and converse with artists whose work was on display.

The reception was also the venue where this year's Patron of the Arts award was presented to Visit Alamosa. Kale Mortensen, ■ See ARTSFEST page 3



Amaya Maestas, 20 years old and a member of the Maestas family of San Luis, poses next to sculptures made by members of his family, including his grandfather, Huberto, his aunt, Bianca, and himself. The Maestas are known in the valley and far beyond for being extraordinary artists, each gaining notoriety for their work that is unlike any other. Amaya is also an accomplished farmer.

ASU Homecoming events start Sept. 27

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

ALAMOSA The fun. free carnival returns 28, the Homecoming Paduring Adams State Uni-Homecoming. versity The popular, community event begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, on the North Campus Green. The 2024 Homecoming festivities begin Friday, Sept. 27, with an the Five Star Riders Car alumni reception and awards banquet. Award recipients include Mark Manzanares, Outstanding Alumnus; Courtney Hocking, Exceptional New Alumna; and Sandra "Sandy" Ortega, Billy Adams Award. For reser-

vations, visit adams.edu/

alumni/homecoming call 719-587-8110.

On Saturday, Sept. rade begins at 10 a.m. in downtown Alamosa; followed by the free carnival from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. on the North Campus Green. The fourth annual Custom Car and Bike Show, sponsored by Club, will be held from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, on the Mc-Daniel Hall parking lot.

The Grizzlies take on the CSU-Pueblo ThunderWolves at 1 p.m. in Rex Stadium. Get in the spirit at the Tailgate, be-■ See EVENTS page 3



Courtesy photo

The Adams State Homecoming free carnival begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, on the North Campus Green.



Showers Likely, Breezy, Gusty Winds 70/34 Wed: Sunny, Breezy 73/34

Thurs: Sunny, Breezy 74/37

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Record

ALAMOSA SHERIFF'S REPORT

Alamosa County Sheriff's Office report for week of Sept. 12

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Shawntaya Warren, 37, was cited for failing to obey/ disregarding a traffic control device in the 200 block of Price Avenue.

of Alamosa was cited for harassment, domestic violence, harassment, child abuse at 10815 Highway 160.

Ryan Barnes of Alamosa was cited for stalking, domestic violence, and menacing at 16858 Tungsten Lane.

Willow McCombs, 26, of Mosca was cited for speed-

ing 10-19 mph over in the inal trespass at 37.46785 500 block of Highway 17N. Damon Giordano, 45, of Snowmass Village was cited for speeding 20-39 mph

over the limit in the 21000 block of Lane 6N. Adam Brewck, 32, of Gerson Diego Domingo Richmond, Virginia was cited for speeding 10-19

mph over the limit in the 18000 block of Lane 6N.

North Hollywood, California, was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit in the 6000 block of Lane 6N. John Anthony Cordero

\$2000 and 3rd degree crim- at 8663 CR 109S.

OBITUARIES

105.85399 in Alamosa.

Anthony Lee Medina of Alamosa was cited for 2nd degree burglary, unlawful possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a financial device at 333 Santa Fe Avenue.

Ashish Gaikwad, of Sean Williams, 44, of Bridgewater, New Jersey, was cited for speeding 20-39 mph over the limit in the 22000 block of Highway 160.

Timmothy Schaeffer, 24, of Alamosa was cited for of Alamosa was cited for vicriminal mischief \$1000 to olation of a protection order

ALAMOSA POLICE REPORT

Alamosa Police Department report week of Sept. 9 Nicholas Ramirez, 32, of

Center was cited for 2nd degree criminal trespass, violation of a restraining order and criminal mischief.

Amber David, 31, of Alamosa was cited for driving under restraint, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, uninsured vehicle, drivers vision obstructed.

James Jones, 21, of Alamosa was cited for disorderly conduct.

Solomon Ruybal 76, of Alamosa was cited for dogs at large, vaccinations required, license required.

Amber Santos, 39, of Alamosa was cited for DUI drugs.

William Montgomery, 39, was cited for underage consumption of alcohol by minor, underage consumption of tobacco by minor.

Frank A. Muniz passed away at his home surrounded by his loving wife, daughter and grandson on Sept. 9, 2024. Born in Capulin, Colo., he was preceded in death by his two brothers Andrew and Louie as well as one sister Bernadette.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Sondra Muniz, two daughters Lori Muniz, Pam Kowalchuk, four grandchildren, five great-grandchil dren, sisters Eleanor Valdez, Lucy Brown, two brothers Avelino and Gus Muniz.

Frank was a decorated Veteran earning the Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnam Service Medal,

Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal with a Bronze Star, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Unit Citation with Palm Device, for his kind and generous Sharpshooter Badge with spirit, interesting sense rifle and mortar as well of humor and his service ments has been entrusted as the Presidential Unit to others. Frank will be Citation.

Jason Couse, 49, of Alamosa was cited for disorderly conduct.

Esteban Patricino, 26, of Alamosa was cited for driving under restraint.

Brittany Sanchez, 35, of Blanca was cited for driving under restraint, uninsured vehicle, unlawful possession of controlled substance, drivers vision obstructed.

Joziah Hernandez, 20, of San Luis was cited for exhibition of speed.

James Vigil, 55, of Denver was cited for speeding 5-9 over.

Jordan Malouff, 19, of Alamosa, was cited for violation of a restraining order.

Lesia Turningrobe, 51, of Alamosa, was cited for treatment of animal cruelty abandonment.

Vanessa Guodace, 34, of Alamosa was cited for trespassing x2.

Tyler Brown, 71. of Del Norte was cited for failing to yield ROW on left turn.

David Vialpondo, 34, of Alamosa was cited for unlawful possession of a controlled substance x2.

Jaedon Quintana, 21, of Alamosa was wanted for assault.

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

James McDonnell, 54, of Clifton was cited for theft \$300 - \$999.

Joseph Sandoval, 50, of Alamosa was cited for driving under restraint.

Christian Lloyd, 38, of Monte Vista, was cited for false reporting, criminal possession of identity documents, criminal possession of a financial device, resisting, and obstruction.

Angelo Abeyto, 40, of Denver was cited for trespassing.

OBITUARIES Frank Muniz

Once he was Honorably Discharged from his duties in the Army, he went on to work for the United Stated Post Office. After working there for 30 years, Frank worked as the Alamosa County Veterans Service Officer in his "retirement" for 20 years. Frank helped countless Veterans and touched the lives of many. Frank's dream was to build a Veterans Memorial in the Alamosa Veterans Memorial Park, which will now be his legacy.

Frank was a hero and an inspiration to his family and all who knew him. In his free time, Frank enjoyed golf, hunting, spending time in the moun-

tains, riding his ATV and spending as much time as he could with his family. Frank will forever be known and remembered

Rosary for Frank will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. with a Mass to follow at 11 a.m. at the Romero Funeral Chapel in Alamosa. Interment will be held at the Alamosa Cemetery with full military honors. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Alamosa Veterans Memorial Park Project in honor of Frank. To leave Frank's family condolences, please visit romerofuneralhomes.com.

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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Barbara Martinez who passed away on Sept. 5, 2024, at the age of 69. Barbara was born on May 26, 1955, in Pensacola, Fla., to Eloy W. and Lucille Espinoza Martinez.

As a child of a proud military family, by the time she was 11 years old included: fishing, campshe had lived in Pensaco- ing, softball, sewing, readla, Fla., San Diego, Calif., ing, and spending time and Rio de Janeiro, Bra- with family and friends. zil, before moving with her family to Conejos. Barbara was a graduate of Antonito High School and a graduate of Adams State University where teaching, she kept hershe received a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in had a passion for teaching children and was an elementary teacher in elementary teacher for 25 years.

She was a member of the Legion of Mary, Veterans for Foreign Wars Auxiliary and was very proud of being the first the Elks, Safeway and female Grand Exalter Torrez Flower Shop. She Ruler for Alamosa Elks was also very active in dolences, please Lodge #1297.

Barbara was a loving cal craft fairs. mother, sister, grand-



One of her favorite memories was her fishing trip to Sitka, Alaska. She was an avid lover of frogs.

After retiring from self busy by volunteering at the church teaching Teaching. Barbara catechism and summer bible school. She was an the South Conejos School District and finished her teaching career in the Monte Vista School District at Bill Metz Elementary. She also worked at helping her friends at lo-

mother and friend. Some son Joey Trujillo of Ala- to Romero Valley Funeral of her favorite past times mosa, Colo.; sister Sha- Home.

ron (Robert) Chavez of Manassa, Colo.; grandsons Matthew Trujillo of Alamosa, Colo., and Genesis Trujillo of Alamosa, Colo.; niece and nephews: Kristyn Chavez, Kyle Chavez, Samuel Chavez and Michael Chavez all

of Manassa, Colo.; uncle Herman Gallegos, Conejos, Colo. She is also survived by numerous cousins and friends.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents Eloy and Lucille Martinez, her brother David Martinez and one nephew Ryan Chavez.

A Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Friday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Monte Vista. A Mass of the Resurrection will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Monte Vista. Interment will follow at San Luis Valley Cemetery in Monte Vista.

To leave online convisit romerofuneralhomes. com. The care of arrange-Survivors include her ments has been entrusted

Maria Darlene Martinez

Longtime teacher and pacities for the Our Lady Bountiful resident Maria of the Immaculate Con-Darlene (Martinez) Vigil, ception Church in Romeo 68, passed away peacefully in her home on the morning of Sept. 13, 2024. She was surrounded by her loving husband of more than 45 years, Pat.

Darlene was born on Sept. 3, 1956, to Jose D. and Clotilde (Manzanares) Martinez – the youngest of four daughters. She went to school in Sanford and then moved on to Adams State where she received her teaching degree.

Darlene taught Spanish and other subjects in Sanford, La Jara, and Antonito until her retirement in the early 2000s. Alamosa; as well as sev-She loved being a teacher eral step-grandchildren, a.m. at Our Lady of the and really enjoyed run- nieces, nephews, and othning into former students er extended family. after they became successful adults.

Darlene and Pat volunteered most of their time to the Church. Darlene served in numerous ca-

but could often be seen helping in other churches in La Jara, Los Sauces, Conejos, and Capulin.

In her free time, Darlene enjoyed cooking, crafting, and decorating her home.

Darlene is survived by her husband, Patricio Vigil; her sisters: Sylvia (Allen) Biggs of Waco, Texas, Clara Martinez of Sanford, and Loki Abeyta of Aurora; her step-children: Christopher (Patricia) Vigil of San Antonio, Texas, Liz (Louie) Navares of Alamosa, and Kathy (Genaro) Gracia of

death by her parents; After her retirement, Pat's parents; her neph-Jonathan Abeyta; ew, several brothers-inand law.

In lieu of flowers, the all arrangements.



family asks that you make a donation to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church in Romeo.

Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Friday, Sept. 20, 2024, at 9:30 Valley Catholic Church in La Jara. Mass will imme-She was preceded in diately follow at 10 a.m. with dinner afterward at Our Lady of the Valley reception hall.

> Romero Funeral Home has been entrusted with

to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa. dearly missed.

PENDING OBITUARY

Angelena Duran

Antonito resident Angelena Duran, 74, was called home on Sept. 15, 2024. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.



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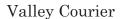
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Dive into autumn with several fall drives through the San Juans

By LYNDSIE FERRELL SAN LUIS VALLEY

With temperatures cooling and the feel of autumn in the air, now is the time to plan for outings in the beautiful capture the amazing fall colors that are set to peak beginning of October.

The San Luis Valley is the perfect place to be when Colorado chang-Whether out hiking, fish- around two hours. ing, or taking a leisurely and red.

nestled in the San Juan

Mountains just a short and a patchwork of color. South Fork and a great walk from the main trail- Be sure to stop at North head. Take Park Creek Clear Creek Falls. Look Road (Forest Service for bear prints in the mud Road 380) toward Sum- of North Clear Creek. mitville. Take the turn to Ellwood Pass which will Geologic Area is a beautitake you into Platoro. On ful drive in the La Garita San Juan Mountains to the way down the pass, Mountains just before you will drive through Creede. Take the Silver canopies of Aspen and Thread Highway (149) by the end of September, have incredible views in toward Creede. Just past all directions. There is Cottonwood Cove, there a Lodge in Platoro that will be a sign that says, serves delicious burgers, among other things. The Service Road 600 and is es into its fall attire in trip is around 40 miles 14 miles. Travelers may the next several weeks. one way and should take drive a two-wheel drive

drive, these are some of toward the historic town up 6.5 miles to the geologthe best places to see the of Lake City to experience ic area. After the mill you Aspen trees change from the Silver Thread Histor- will need a four-wheel brilliant green to glorious ic Scenic Byway. Take the drive vehicle. Drive on shades of gold, orange, Silver Thread Highway top of the mesa to be sur-(149) from South Fork to rounded by golden Aspen. Platoro Lake is a gor- Lake City for spectacugeous high mountain lake lar views of mountains is a short distance from

Pool Table and Wheeler "Pool Table". It is Forest vehicle to Hanson's Mill Travelers can also head then take the hiking trail Beaver Creek Road

place to view fall colors. Take Highway 160 west 3 miles to Beaver Creek Reservoir Road. This is Forest Service Road 360. The first 5-7 miles are through aspen forest. You will pass through the pines then the spruce and fir for great views of the surrounding mountains.

Willow Creek and Del Norte Peak are 17 miles south of South Fork near the town of Del Norte. Head two miles east of town on Highway 160 to Gerrard Road. This is Forest Service Road 350 also known as Willow Creek Road. You can follow it south up to the junction of road 345 where you will turn back to the northeast then meander back to the northwest around Del Norte



Photo by Lyndsie Ferrel

Colorado is getting ready to change seasons and will be a canvass of sharp golds, orange, and reds as aspen trees show their colors this fall.

Peak for beautiful views road 6.0 miles west where of the mountain.

a great place to see the face Carnero Creek Road changing of the seasons (Forest Road 690/County while enjoying a slice of Road 41G) 10.0 miles history just north of Del northwest to Forest Road Norte and Monte Vista. This area is known for its off-grid fishing along travelers head, always Carnero Creek so grab those fishing poles and head out to enjoy a day of the mountains and share fall fishing and changing travel plans with family colors. From U.S. High- and friends. Come on out way 285, take the La Gar- and enjoy the beautiful ita turnoff (County Road backcountry and all it has G) and follow the paved

the road forks. Take the Carnero Creek Road is right fork, the gravel sur-675.

No matter which way prepare for adverse weather, plan for a day in to offer!



The annual Crestone Energy Fair drew hundreds of attendees who enjoyed a weekend full of presentations, panels, music, home tours, and camaraderie. The fair's theme was 'Rooting Forward,' a conversation exploring the evolution of governance, politics, and volunteerism in a frontier community. The goal was to explore these while working to preserve and protect the local environmental and cultural ethos. Longtime local resident Mark Jacobi (center back) asked questions during the 'Owner Builder Q and A' panel assembled on the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 15, at the **Crestone Energy Fair.**

Courier photo by John Waters





Energy Fair powers Crestone



Courier photos by Priscilla Waggoner

People explored their own artistic expression on Saturday where, thanks to guidance from staff with Wet Paintbrush, each person recreated a painting of aspen, providing their own special touch.

ARTsFest

■ Continued from Page 1 executive direct, and Elizabeth Sumner, director of destination development, accepted the award. The award is in its third year and is presented to honor those individuals and above and beyond in supporting the presence of the arts in Alamosa.

"This year, we're introthis would have been pos- atives. sible without the Creative Council, our sponsors, Alamosa Local Marketing District, Visit Alamosa and Alamosa Live Music Association.

his attention to the Pa- ship and everything you tron of the Arts award, have done to make Alasaving. are presented to mem- said. bers of the community and this year we're rec- a visual success with ognizing Visit Alamosa. event participants explor-Visit Alamosa has been a ing their inner artists partner of the outdoor art while creating dynamic program since its inception in 2017.

"Elizabeth Sumner with Visit Alamosa has been a steady volunteer who has helped shape the program into what you see today. She has provided invaluable advice and even rolls up her sleeves every year to volunteer where needed.

Visit Alamosa has organizations who "go also been a sponsor of the event since the beginning, providing a grant to help offset some of the marketing expenses. Beducing 15 new sculptures yond their support of the to the downtown with a ARTFest, Visit Alamosa total of 29 sculptures on has also worked to help display," Alamosa Mayor strengthen and grow Ala-Ty Coleman said in open- mosa's appreciation and ing the evening. "None of recognition of the cre-

"One of the most ap-District Committee, City parent examples is the creation of First Fridays that helps to support our local businesses and creatives at the same time. Thank you, Visit Alamosa Coleman then turned for your amazing partner-"These awards mosa better," Coleman

> Overall, the event was paintings of aspen changing color.



Sierra, a member of Circus Salida, strikes a stunning pose as part of her aerial performance.



Courtesy photo

Events

■ Continued from Page 1

ginning at 11 a.m. in the Nielsen Library parking lot; the event includes Spare Keg Brewerks beer and games.

welcome to attend a Fare-11 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 29. For reservations, visit adams.edu/alumni/homecoming or call 719-587-8110.

activities for students include a club fair, painting the Rock, a petting zoo, Bingo, and a bonfire from 7 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27, in the gravel lot between the High-Altitude Training Center (the Bubble) and the high-rise Alumni and friends are apartment complex. The bonfire will include a mawell Breakfast from 9 to riachi band performing from 7 to 10 p.m.

> Student activities appreciate the donations from ALMA, the Adams State Equity Board, and Athletics.

> > Creede







Photo courtesy of USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountains

A portion of the Wildfire Crisis Strategy involves removing fuel loads in parts of national forests across Colorado and Wyoming.

NWTF, Forest Service expand Wildfire Crisis Strategy in state

Impact will be seen in Rio Grande National Forest

CONTRIBUTED EDGEFIELD, S.C. –

The National Wild Turkey Federation and the USDA Forest Service Region 2, encompassing national forests across Colorado and Wyoming, recently signed an agreement to build upon ongoing work in the region under the National Master Stewardship Agreement.

Accelerating the pace and scale of forest stewardship across the West, this additional agreement, part of the broader Wildfire Crisis Strategy, will remove timber, providing business to local mills for the retention of current forest business infrastructure necessary to carry out forest resto-

ration work. the broader landscape- tecting downstream wascale Lagarita Hills tersheds," said Brian Rus-Restoration Project in Colorado, the Saguache Spruce Stewardship Project will play a pivotal role in tackling the long-lasting effects of the spruce cal sawmills and wood beetle epidemic that has devastated the region for more than a decade.

The Saguache Spruce Stewardship Project will enhance forest health and reduce fuel loading across approximately 3,411 acres on the Rio Grande National Forest, the majority of which have been guache Spruce Stewseverely impacted by the spruce beetle outbreak. The project will involve the harvesting of dead Engelmann spruce within the designated project area, promoting forest stand resiliency and ageclass diversity.

and downed dead trees, and expanding workforce we're not only reducing the capacity to carry out forrisk of devastating wild- est restoration work.

fires but also improving As an integral part of wildlife habitat and prosell, NWTF wildfire crisis coordinator for Region 2.

> The forest products generated from this project will be directed to loprocessing facilities, ensuring that the critical infrastructure for forest product utilization remains intact. This is essential for the long-term success of future forest restoration efforts in the region.

In addition to the Saardship Project, NWTF Wildfire Crisis Strategy staff will collaborate with Forest Service Region 2 staff this fall to develop a regional strategy. This strategy will focus on addressing wildfire risks, retaining wood products "By removing standing processing infrastructure



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Outdoor Fitness Court Studio coming to DN's Centennial Park

CONTRIBUTED Health in partnership healthier, more connected with UCHealth, and National Fitness Campaign (NFC) recently announced the grand opening of a new outdoor Fitness Court Studio in Del Norte The Fitness Court will be at Centennial Park, 140 Spruce St., Del Norte, and will open on Sept. 18, from noon to 2 p.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. This Fitness Court Studio is the result of a partnership between Rio Grande County Public Health with the Town of Del Norte and Rio Grande Hospital as partners, UCHealth and NFC to expand free access to highquality workouts, creating equitable access to exercise for communities aged 14 years and older around the state. The Fitness Court Studio delivers the powerful seven minutes full body workout on one side and a versatile outdoor class area for enjoying yoga, Zumba, pilates and other popular group wellness activities on the opposite side. "Investing in an outdoor Fitness Court Studio is more than just adding new equipment to our community; it's about creating accessible opportunities for everyone in Rio Grande health and well-being.

By encouraging physical well documented that reg-DEL NORTE — Rio activity in a natural set- ular exercise can prevent Grande County Public ting, we are fostering a illness, improve our mencommunity that can thrive together. We are incredibly proud and excited to bring this outdoor fitness center to the Rio Grande County community. This initiative represents our commitment to enhancing the health and wellbeing of our residents. We highly appreciate the great partnership of the Town of Del Norte and Rio Grande Hospital, and other agencies that provided enormous support and collaboration to make this dream a reality for our community," said Dr. Kolawole Bankole, Director, Rio Grande County Public Health Agency. Created with people and with all abilities in mind, the workouts are adaptable for all fitness levels, allowing participants to move at their own pace. Users also may download the free Fitness Court app which acts as a coach-in-your-pocket and enhances the outdoor gym into a digitally supported wellness experience. "Everyone can benefit from living an active lifestyle, both physically and mentally," said Manny Rodriguez, UCHealth's chief County to prioritize their marketing, experience and and wellbeing within the innovation officer. "It is

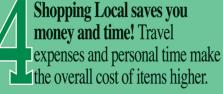
tal health and help manage chronic health conditions. We are excited to partner with the National Fitness Campaign as part of UCHealth's 'Ready. Set. CO' challenge to improve the health of all Coloradans and restore our place as one of the healthiest states in the nation." The public is invited to attend the launch event on Wednesday, Sept. 18, from noon to 2 p.m. to try the Fitness Court Studio. For more information, contact the Rio Grande County Public Health Agency at 719-657-3352 or email kbankole@riograndecounty.org. For more information on UCHealth's support of NFC, please visit nationalfitnesscampaign. com/colorado. "National Fitness Campaign is proud to welcome the Rio Grande County Public Health Agency to the campaign as a leader Colorado, championin health and wellness ing for their residents," said Mitch Menaged, founder of National Fitness Campaign. "The addition of the Fitness Court Studio, along with digital wellness programming, demonstrates a tremendous commitment to the health community.'



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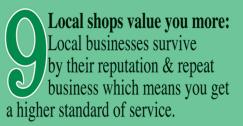


Shopping Local retains our community: Without the support in the local community, restaurants, shops and services are forced to close.

Shopping Local retains our distinctiveness: Local businesses respond quicker to the needs of the customers and stock products to meet the core community's needs.

Shopping Local encourages community growth. By choosing to do business locally you help maintain Alamosa's diversity, charm & appeal. Which in turn, attracts new community members.







Groups help build horno at heritage center in San Luis

By MARIE MCCOLM SAN LUIS – Carol Gurule of the CSU Extension is excited about a new addition that the Sangre de Cristo Heritage Center and Museum has added to its grounds.

"Anytime the group 'Juntos,' can be a part of something, it is very near and dear to my heart. We worked in collaboration with other groups to make this possible, and we are proud to be a part of history in the making," Garule said.

Heritage Center and Mu- in the late 1500's and an adobe horno that was built by Adobist Ole Bye, to the museum grounds. According to southwestdiscovered.com. an adobe horno is a hive-shaped outdoor oven, that is traditionally made from mud and adobe. These outdoor ovens were used by early settlers, for baking food inside. A fire is created inside of the oven and then allowed to burn out. Food is then placed inside the oven, and the oven is covered in the front with a board or other item. to allow the heat to stay in several buildings that the the oven and bake the food.

The adobe horno was created in conjunction horno," Bye said. with several different partnerships including the CSU Extension Juntos Program, Soul Players of the Valley San Luis (SPV San Luis) Costilla hornos here and many County Conservancy District (CCCD), and the Town of San Luis. The groups all worked together to facilitate this proj-Juntos Program works in different counties to help families and with projects through ought the San Luis Valley. The CSU Extension has an office that magic of hornos," bringserves the San Luis Vallev in Monte Vista.

volunteers assisted with socialize." moving, plastering, and

Many of the bricks that horno at an upcoming were placed were over 150 years old. The horno was built for baking bread, possibly cooking chicos.

has been built. By spoke about the build and the culture behind the horno.

"The story is that the Spanish brought the design to this hemisphere from northern Africa. There are ovens like this and knowledge of adobe still being used in places like Morrocco. The Span-The Sangre de Cristo ish came up from Mexico seum in San Luis added there is archeological evidence that hornos were used at the confluence of the Chama and the Rio Grande. It's likely these hornos were built by women who were slaves or servants of the Spanish colonists. The work of adobe hornos is historically in the realm of women as well," Bye said.

Bye explained that everyone who volunteered and worked together, many used historical pieces to create another piece of history.

"The adobes came from community dismantled, so there is a bunch of history in the base of the

Bye said that the dome of the horno is being supported by bricks that are at least 150 years old.

"People know about people have one. It's been both intimidating and rewarding with everyone who comes by who shares their stories about how ect. The CSU Extension their grandmothers had one," Bye said.

Bye hopes that the community uses the horno, and it helps bring people together, as that is "the people together. ing "They have a magnetism A community build day that is the nucleus of the for the horno project was domestic environment, held on Friday, Aug. 16. where people can come During the build day, together, share food, and Soul Players San Luis placing bricks, as a sup- Valley is planning to celport system for the horno. ebrate the building of the

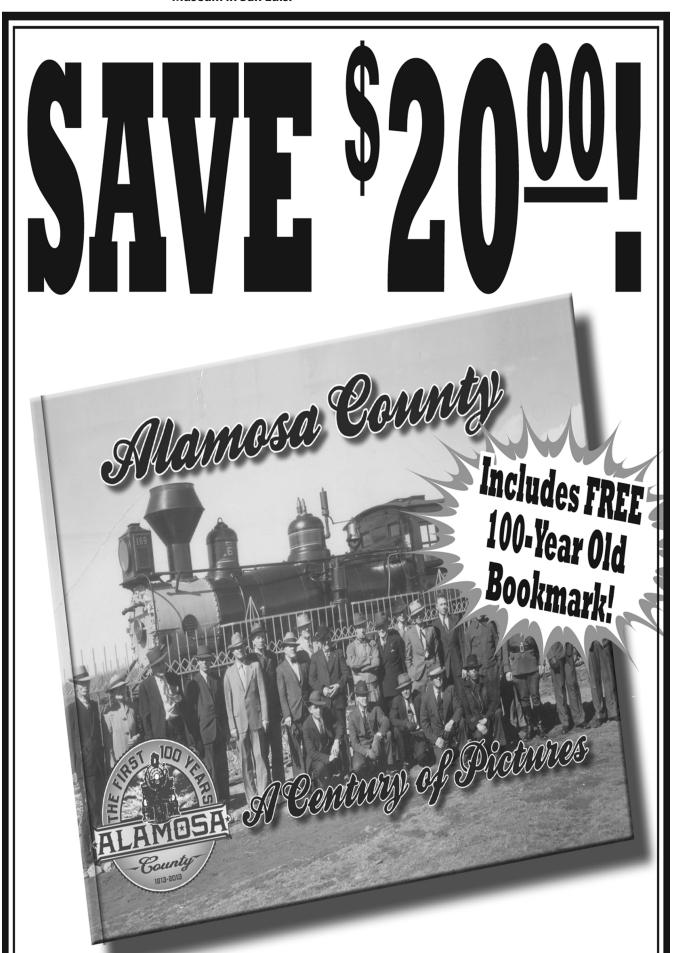
event by baking bread.

SPV San Luis thanked Gurule and Cody Groff pizza, cooking meat, and of the CSU Extension and the Juntos Program, According to Bye, there Costilla County Commisis rich history in what sioner, Teddy Leinbach of the Town of San Luis, Christian Santistevan of SPV San Luis/CCCD Recreation Coordinator, and Bye. They also thanked Juan Ramon Maestas for sharing his background making and helping to provide the dirt used to make bricks.

For more information on the horno, contact Gurule at 719-852-7381



Photo by Yates McConnell Groups collaborated to build a horno at the Sangre de Cristo Heritage Center and Museum in San Luis.



Arapahoe County facilities workers latest to unionize under 2022 state law

Colorado Newsline Workers with Arapahoe County's Facilities and Fleet Management department voted to unionize Friday, acting on a new Colorado law that or stop work. allows county workers to organize.

with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Colorado local. An additional five "yes" votes were contested because workers filled out both sides of a dual-sided ballot, one in English and the other in Spanish.

The department includes workers who maintain county facilities, including maintenance staff and fleet technicians.

"This vote for our union is a commitment to our future," custodian Tommy Lujan said in a statement. "It means we now have a seat at the table to address our concerns and negotiate for better wages and working conditions and improve the services we provide."

The Colorado Legislature passed a law in 2022 giving government em-

By LINDSEY TOOMER ployees in larger counties the right to unionize and collectively bargain over pay, benefits and working conditions. The law withheld the right for these unions to strike or to slow

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office also Workers voted 30-15 in unionized, with the Frafavor of forming a union ternal Order of the Police, after the new law permitted workers to do so. Jefferson County Public Library workers voted to unionize with AFSCME in March under the law.

Elizabet Garcia, spokesperson for AFSCME, said the next steps for the facilities and fleet workers will be to elect union leadership and then start the negotiations process with Arapahoe County officials "to establish a contract that addresses their needs and concerns."

"This is an exciting first step for us, and I hope it inspires other county workers to consider coming together for a seat at the table," custodian Ryan Davis said in a statement. "The services all county employees provide are important. And our work should be recognized and valued."

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Valley Courier



Alamosa wins twice at home tri-meet

Bv KEN HAMRICK Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA - The Alamosa High School volleyball team hosted a tri-meet with Centauri, Gunnison and Hoehne Saturday at the AHS gym.

The Lady Mean Moose were very successful on their home court as they defeated Hoehne and sixth-ranked and previously undefeated Gunnison both in straight sets.

"The girls played well," said Alamosa coach Annie Mortensen. "We're going to get better every practice, every game and every set. I think they did that."

The Lady Falcons swept Hoehne but lost in four sets to Gunnison.

"We're going to keep working, keep fighting and getting back up there.' said Centauri coach Ali Miller.

Centauri def. Hoehne The first match of the

day featured the Lady Falcons and the Lady Farmers. Centauri took an early 10-6 lead in the first set, but Hoehne rallied to take a 12-11 lead.

But the Lady Falcons dominated the rest of the way, winning the first set 25-16.

Centauri took a 6-3 lead to open the second set, but Hoehne came back to take a 10-7 advantage. The Lady Falcons tied the score at 11-11, but the Lady Farmers took a 20-15 lead.

Centauri finished finished the set with a 10-3 run to take a 25-23 victory.

The Lady Falcons had a 5-1 lead early in the third set, but the Lady

Farmers tied the score at 9-9. Centauri regained the lead at 14-10, but Hoehne rallied to cut its deficit to 15-13.

The Lady Falcons finished with a 10-7 run for a 25-20 win.

Centauri was led by freshman setter Aubree Ullery with 37 assists. Kynlei Curits led in kills with 11, followed by Mikasa Gilleland and Rylie McCarroll both with eight, and Joselyn McCarroll and Denver Holman both with seven. Rylie McCarroll led in service aces with five.

Alamosa def. Hoehne

The Lady Mean Moose dominated from start to finish in the first set as they won by a score of 25-8.

Alamosa took a 12-4 lead to open the second set, but Hoehne recovered and cut the lead to 19-17. The Lady Mean Moose outscored the Lady Farmers 6-3 to finish the set and take a 25-20 victory.

Alamosa took a 7-3 lead in the third set, but Hoehne closed to within 7-5. The Lady Mean Moose then went on a 13-2 run for a 20-7 advantage, and they rode that momentum to a 25-11 win.

Morgan Ortega led the offense with 30 assists. Jaelin Garcia led in kills with nine, followed by Ortega and Aubrey Rothermich with eight, Taybor Wiedeman with seven, Kadie Hawkins with six, and Lily Heersink with five. Ortega also led in aces with five, and Wiedeman and Garcia both had two.

Gunnison def.

Centauri The Lady Falcons took

Team

Mancos Dolores

Norwood

Sanford

Sargent

Haxtun 60, Sanford 0

Hoehne 62, Sargent 6

Rangely 44, Dolores 6

Mancos 36, Merino 32

Dove Creek 50, Escalante (N.M.) 6

Plateau Valley 40, Norwood 34

Custer County at Sargent, 7 p.m.

Monticello (Utah) At Norwood, 7 p.m.

Sangre de Cristo at Dove Creek, 1 p.m.

Whitehorse (Utah) at Dolores, 7 p.m.

Fowler at Sanford, 7 p.m.

Open date: Mancos

Team

Hoehne

Fowler

Walsenburg

Sangre de Cristo

Crowley County

Custer County

Dove Creek





Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

Left: Alamosa High School's Taybor Wiedeman (3) hits the ball in Saturday's match against Hoehne at the AHS gym while Lily Heersink (4) and Kadie Hawkins (12) stand by. The Lady Mean Moose defeated both Hoehne and Gunnison, both in three sets. Right: Centauri High School's Kynlei Curtis (1) puts the ball over the net against Gunnison while Rylie McCarroll (8) and Aubree Ullery (2) stand by. The Lady Falcons defeated Hoehne in three sets, but lost to Gunnison in four.

a 5-2 lead to begin the first set. They eventually increased the lead to 21-17, but the Cowboys rallied to close within 24-21. Rylie McCarroll's kill gave Centauri the win 25-22.

The Lady Falcons claimed a 9-3 lead to begin the second set, but the Cowboys ran off eight straight points for an 11-9 edge. Gunnison pushed the lead to 19-14, but Centauri came back to within a 19-18 deficit.

The Cowboys won the set 25-23.

Gunnison got off to a fast start in the third set as it led 13-2. It led 18-4 before Centauri came back to narrow the gap to 21-15. The Cowboys, however, scored the final four points for a 25-15 win.

Gunnison again had a strong start in the fourth set as it led 13-5. Centauri came back to within 17-12. but the Cowboys had an 8-1 finish and took the victory 25-13.

Ullery again led Centauri with 24 assists. Rylie McCarroll led in kills with 10, followed by Joselyn McCarroll with seven, and Holman with five. Holman led in aces with five, and Ullery, Joselyn McCarroll and Gilleland each had two.

Alamosa def.

Gunnison

The Lady Mean Moose took a 10-3 lead to begin the first set, but the 11-7. Alamosa had a 14-4 finish to the set for a 25-11 win.

The Lady Mean Moose took a 4-2 lead early in the second set, but the Cowboys took the lead at 13-7. Alamosa then scored seven straight points for a 14-13 edge, but Gunnison came back to lead 20-19. The Lady Moose scored the final six points of the set for a 25-20 v ictory.

Alamosa took a 6-2 lead to open the third set, but Gunnison rallied to take a 9-8 edge. The Lady Mean Moose regained the lead at 14-10, and they outscored the Cowboys 11-6 to finish the set and took a 25-16 win.

Ortega had 23 assists Cowboys closed to within to lead the Lady Mean Moose. Rothermich led in kills with 13, followed by Ortega and Garcia both with 11. Ortega and Rice led in aces with four apiece.

What's next

Alamosa (9-2, 2-0) and Centauri (3-5, 0-0) will meet on the Lady Falcons' home court on Tuesday. The first match of the evening starts at 4:30 p.m.

"That is a highly emotional game,' Mortensen said. "We're going to work hard at playing our game, andour goal is definitely to beat them."

"It will be a good game," Miller said.

High school fall sports standings

FOOTBALL CLASS 2A INTERMOUNTAIN LEAGUE Overall League Team W-L Bayfield Alamosa 0-0 2-02-1 0-0 Montezuma-Cortez 2-1 Pagosa Springs 0-0 1-1 Salida 0-0 1 - 2Gunnisor 0-0 0-3

Del Norte at Cedaredge, 3:30 p.m. Center at Ellicott, 7 p.m. Dolores Huerta Prep at Trinidad, 7 p.m. Ignacio at Bayfield, 7 p.m. Monte Vista at Pagosa Springs, 7 p.m. Open date: Centauri

> 8-MAN MOUNTAIN LEAGUE Overall League W-Ľ W-L 3-0 2-1 1-2

> > Last week's scores

Friday

Saturday

This week's schedule

Friday

Saturday

8-MAN SIX COUNTY LEAGUE

Last week's scores

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1-2

Overall

W-L

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1 - 2

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Calhan 28, Crowley County 20 Holly 42, Custer County 8 Hoehne 62, Sargent 6 Saturday Akron 56, Fowler 0 Walsenburg 40, Questa (N.M.) 0 Open date: Sangre de Cristo This week's schedule Friday Hoehne at Sedgwick County, 4 p.m.

Saturday

6-MAN SOUTHWEST LEAGUE

This week's scores

Friday

Saturday

This week's schedule Thursday

Friday

Saturday

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

CLASS 3A INTERMOUNTAIN LEAGUE

League

W-L

Overall

W-L

League

W-L

1-0

1-0

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0-0

0-1

0-1

Overall

W-L

3-0

2-1

3-0

0-2

0-3

0-3

Custer County at Sargent, 7 p.m. Fowler at Sanford, 7 p.m. Rocky Ford at Walsenburg, 7 p.m.

Crowley County at Haxtun, 1 p.m.

Team

Primero

Antonito

Cotopaxi

La Veta

Branson/Kim

Sierra Grande

Primero 64, La Veta 0

Open date: Antonito

Open date: La Veta

Team

Sierra Grande 63, Kiowa 18

Branson/Kim 54, Cotopaxi 0

Cotopaxi at Primero, 7 p.m.

Sierra Grande at Antonito, 3 p.m.

Deer Trail at Branson/Kim. 1 p.m.

Sangre de Cristo at Dove Creek, 1 p.m.

lamosa	2-0	9-2
Pagosa Springs	1-1	5-4
Aontezuma-Cortez	1-1	6-8
Centauri	0-0	3-5
Bayfield	0-2	3-6
CLASS 2A SOUTH	IERN PEAKS LEA	AGUE
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leam	W-Ľ	W-L
Quena Vista	2.0	3.5

Last week Thur		
Pueblo Central 43, Alamosa (
Frid	lay	
Bayfield 67, Gallup (N.M.) 0		
Meeker 25, Gunnison 12		
Salida 28, Florence 15		
Open date: Montezuma-Cortez		gs
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Alamosa at Delta, 7 p.m.		
Ignacio at Bayfield, 7 p.m.	_	
Monte Vista at Pagosa Spring	s, 7 p.m.	
Salida at Rye, 7 p.m.	<u> </u>	
Open date: Gunnison, Montez	uma-Cortez	
CLASS 1A SOUTH (CENTRAL LEA	GUE
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Team	League W-L	Overall W-L
Team Centauri		
	W-Ľ	W-L
Centauri	W-Ľ 0-0	W-L 3-0
Centauri Monte Vista	W-L 0-0 0-0	W-L 3-0 2-1
Centauri Monte Vista Ignacio	W-L 0-0 0-0 0-0	W-L 3-0 2-1 1-2
Centauri Monte Vista Ignacio Del Norte	W-L 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	W-L 3-0 2-1 1-2 0-2
Centauri Monte Vista Ignacio Del Norte Trinidad	W-L 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0	W-L 3-0 2-1 1-2 0-2 0-2
Centauri Monte Vista Ignacio Del Norte Trinidad Center	W-Ľ 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 c's scores	W-L 3-0 2-1 1-2 0-2 0-2
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Centauri Monte Vista Ignacio Del Norte Trinidad Center Last week Fric Cedaredge 52, Center 12 Centauri 19, Buena Vista 13 Ignacio 34, Olathe 7	W-Ľ 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 c's scores lay	W-L 3-0 2-1 1-2 0-2 0-2
Centauri Monte Vista Ignacio Del Norte Trinidad Center Last week Fric Cedaredge 52, Center 12 Centauri 19, Buena Vista 13 Ignacio 34, Olathe 7 Monte Vista 43, North Fork 2	W-L 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 c's scores lay	W-L 3-0 2-1 1-2 0-2 0-2
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This week's schedule Friday

Sports Bulletin

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SCOREBOARD FRIDAY Prep football

Cedaredge 52, Center 12 Centauri 19, Buena Vista 13

Haxtun 60, Sanford 0 Hoehne 62, Sargent 6 Monte Vista 43, North Fork 20 Sierra Grande 63, Kiowa

18 Prep girls volleyball

Center def. Cotopaxi in three sets – scores not reported Kiowa def. Sierra Grande 30-28, 25-14, 25-15 North Fork def. Monte Vista 25-22, 25-17, 23-25, 25-12 Swink def. Sanford 25-18,

25-19, 25-22 College women's soccer WestTexas A&M 1, Adams

State 0 College women's

volleyball

Angelo State (Texas) def. Adams State 25-14, 25-14, 25-16 California State-Dominguez Hills def. Adams State 25-21, 22-25, 25-23, 25-21

SATURDAY

Prep football Roaring Fork 1, Del Norte 0, forfeit

Prep girls volleyball

Alamosa def. Gunnison 25-11, 25-20, 25-16 Alamosa def. Hoehne 25-8, 25-20, 25-11 Antonito def. Mountain Valley, 25-13, 25-14, 32-30 Bethune def. Sierra Grande 20-25, 25-10, 25-10 Broomfield def. Monte Vista 25-7, 25-9 Centauri def. Hoehne 25-16, 25-23, 25-20 Centennial def. Cripple

Creek-Victor 25-17, 25-22, 25-17

League

W-L

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Center def. Rocky Ford 25-12, 25-15, 25-16 Cheraw def. Sangre de Cristo 21-25, 25-18, 25-19, 25-20

Del Norte def. Sanford in five sets - scores not reported Doherty def. Monte Vista 25-6, 25-16 Eaglecrest def. Monte Vista 25-7, 25-11 Eagle Valley def. Monte Vista 25-12, 25-20

Gunnison def. Centauri 22-25, 25-23, 25-15, 25-13 Holly def. Sierra Grande 25-22, 25-19

South Baca def. Sierra Grande in three sets – scores not reported

College football Texas-Permian Basin 67, Adams State 14

College women's volleyball Cal. Poly-Humboldt def.

Adams State 25-23, 25-23, 25-20 Minnesota State-

Moorhead def. Adams State 18-25, 25-13, 25-16, 25-18

MONDAY

Prep boys soccer Alamosa at Bayfield -

SCHEDULE TUESDAY Prep girls softball

Alamosa at Gunnison, 4 p.m.

Prep girls volleyball Alamosa at Centauri, 4:30 p.m.

Antonito at Questa (N.M.), TBA

College women's golf Adams State at South Dakota Mines Invitational, TBA

WEDNESDAY College men's soccer Adams State at Oklahoma Panhandle State, 4:30 p.m.

College women's soccer Adams State at Oklahoma Panhandle State, 1 p.m.

Del Norte	1-0	9-0
Center	1-1	6-3
Crested Butte	1-1	7-4
Sanford	1-1	5-4
Trinidad	0-1	1-5
Monte Vista	0-2	1-9

CLASS 1A SOUTHERN	PEAKS LEA	AGUE
	League	Overall
Team	W-Ľ	W-L
Sargent	2-0	8-0
Centennial	1-0	3-2
Sangre de Cristo	1-0	6-5
Antonito	1-3	3-6
Sierra Grande	0-0	2-10
Creede	0-1	3-3
Mountain Valley	0-1	2-6
BOYS SOC	CER	
CLASS 3A INTERMOU	INTAIN LEA	GUE
	League	Overall
Team	W-L-T	W-L-T
Pagosa Springs	1-0-0	4-0-1
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0-1-0	2-5-0
	0-0-0 0-0-0

GIRLS SO CLASS 3A TRI-	OFTBALL PEAKS LEAGU	Е
	League	Overall
Team	W-L	W-L-T
Rocky Ford	2-0	9-5-1
Lamar	1-0	10-4-0
Southeast Colorado	1-0	6-3-0
Alamosa	0-2	8-7-0

0-2

7-7-0

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DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 3, STATE OF COLORADO TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS FILED IN WATER DIVISION 3.

Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302(3), you are notified that the following is a resume in

Water Division 3, containing notice of applications and certain amendments filed in the

office of the Water Clerk during the month of August 2024 for each county affected.

24CW3008 San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District, acting by and through its Augmentation Program Enterprise ("Conservancy District" or "Co-Applicant"), c/o Heather Dutton, Manager, 623 Fourth Ave. Alamosa, Colorado 81101, (719) 589-2230l, and the Beaver Mountain Estates Property Owners Association, Inc. ("Beaver Mountain" or "Co-Applicant"), c/o Matt Dorsett, Chairperson, Water Committee PO Box 713. South Fork, Colorado 81154, (972) 467-6725, APPLICA TION OF THE SAN LUIS VALLEY WATER CONSERVANCY DIS-TRICT AND BEAVER MOUNTAIN ESTATES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION FOR CHANGE OF WATER RIGHTS AND PLAN FOR AUGMENTATION IN ALAMOSA, CONEJOS, HINSDALE, MIN-ERAL, RIO GRANDE AND SAGUACHE COUNTIES. Please mail copies of all pleadings in this case to: Tod J. Smith, The Law Office of Tod J. Smith, LLC, 5777 Central Ave., Suite 228, Boulder, CO 80301 (Attorney for the Conservancy District) and Mirko L. Kruse, Kruse Law PLLC, 134 F Street, Suite 203, Salida, CO 81201 (Attorney for Beaver Mountain). 2. Introduction and General Background. By this Application for Change of Water Right, 6.349 acre-feet of the original 7.0 acre-feet of Church Ditch water decreed as fully consumable wa ter for the Association's augmentation use in Case No. 01CW24 will be incorporated into the District's Augmentation Program and used to replace out of priority depletions by the Conservancy District's Partici-pating Structures on the South Fork of the Rio Grande and the Rio Grande (The remaining 0.651 acre-feet will continue to be used by the Association to augment well depletions as originally decreed in Case No. 01CW24). In exchange, the Conservancy District will provide the Association with an Augmentation Certificate which will include 6.349 acre-feet for the replacement of out of priority depletions caused by the Association's wells as described in more detail in this Application. The Conservancy District is a water conservancy district created and existing pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 37-45-101 to 153. The Conservancy District, through its Augmentation Program Enterprise, operates several decreed plans for augmentation which provide wa ter to augment out-of-priority depletions resulting from the exercise of junior water rights owned by Augmentation Program Participants ("Participants") located within the Conservancy District's boundaries. A map of the Conservancy District's current boundaries is attached to this Application as Exhibit 1. Those boundaries encompass all of the land that will be included in the Augmentation Certificate issued by the Conservancy District to the Association. The Conservancy District's boundaries may change from time to time in accordance with Colorado law. The Conservancy District's existing decreed plans for augmentation, which it operates through its Augmenta tion Program, have been decreed in Case Nos. 84CW16, 93CW43, 94CW62, 03CW41, 05CW13, 07CW63, 09CW34, 14CW3011, and 21CW3004 all in Water Division No. 3. The source of augmentation water for operation of the District's Augmentation Program is derived from changes of several water rights including Case Nos. 84CW16, 94CW62, 03CW41, 05CW13, 07CW63, 09CW34, 14CW3011, and subsequent diligence cases. Each of those cases decreed the use of the Conservancy District's changed water rights in its Augmenta-District has decreed exchanges on Pinos Creek, Case No. 93CW43, and on various sections of the Rio Grande and the South Fork of the Rio Grande in Case No. 21CW3004. The decree in Case No. 21CW3004 includes the exchange of the Church Ditch water rights being changed in this case for inclusion in the Conservancy District's Augmentation Program. The Association represents home and prop erty owners within the Beaver Mountain Estates Phases I, II, and III and Crow's Nest Subdivisions located on the South Fork of the Rio Grande. The Association holds title to 7.0 acre-feet of the Church Ditch water right which was changed for fully consumable use in a plan for augmentation in Case No. 01CW24, Water Division No. 3, following prior changes in Case Nos. 82CW177 and 99CW33. The decree in Case No. 01CW24, decreed the use of the 7.0 acre-feet for the augmentation of wells for domestic, commercial, and municipal use on 50 lots located on 100 acres in Phase III of the Beaver Mountain Estates Subdivision, generally located in Section 3, Township 39 North, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M., Rio Grande County, Colorado. The Conservancy District and the Association have agreed that, following entry of a final decree in this case changing the use of 6.349 of the 7.0 acre-feet originally decreed in Case No. 01CW24 for incorporation into the Conservancy District's Augmentation Program, the Association will convey that changed water to the Conservancy District and the Conservancy District will issue an augmentation certificate to the Association which will include 6.349 acre-feet (with additional water totaling 7.714 acre-feet) for the augmentation of the wells serving the land located in Phases I, II, and III of the Beaver Mountain Estates Subdivision and the Crow's Nest Subdivision, which include the wells and lots originally decreed in Case No. 01CW24. A map depicting these lands is attached to the Application as Exhibit 2. The Augmentation Certificate will be issued in accordance with the terms of the Agreement to Convey Water Rights in Exchange for Augmentation between the Conservancy District and Association, which was executed on April 18, 2024 ("Agreement to Convey Water"). The Association will retain the remaining 0.651 acre-feet for augmentation uses under the decree in Case No. 01CW24. Paragraph 14 of the Decree in Case No. 01CW24 required that the Association construct an augmentation pond to store 8 - 10 acre-feet of augmentation water. The Conservancy District, in this case, seeks to change the place of storage for the 6.349 acre-feet to Beaver Park Reservoir, in which the Conservancy District holds a storage account with a firm capacity of 400 acre-feet, or Shaw Reservoir, which the Conservancy District owns and can store up to 348 acre-feet. Water can be delive red from either reservoir to augment depletions to the South Fork of the Rio Grande and the Rio Grande caused by the wells used to supply water to the lands depicted on Exhibit 2. The Conservancy District has previously obtained a decree in Case No. 21CW3004 confirming the right to exchange the water that is the subject of this change case from the original Church Ditch headgate to both reservoirs. 3. Previous Decree Information for Water Right to be Changed. 3.1. Water Right Upon entry of a final decree in this case, the Association will convey to the Conservancy District the 6.349 acre-feet for which the Co-Applicants seek a change in use and a change in location of storage. 3.2. Prior Decrees: The water rights for the Church Ditch were originally awarded by the Rio Grande County District Court, General Stream Adjudication, May 1, 1896. 3.2.1. Decreed Point of Diversion: SW1/4, NW1/4 of Section 4, Township 39 North, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M., Rio Grande County, Colorado at a point N 78°35'E 17.45 chains from the 1/4 section Corner between sections 4 and 5, Township 39 North, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M., Rio Grande County, Colorado. 3.2.2. Appropriation Dates and Amounts: May 31, 1881, 1.0 cfs (Priority No. 216); July 31, 1889, 0.02 cfs (Priority No. 360). 3.2.3. Decreed Use: Irrigation, 3.3, Case No. 82CW177: 3.3.1. Amount Changed in Use: 0.57 cfs. 3.3.2. Total consumptive use available for augmentation: 27.73 acre-feet. 3.3.3. Use: Augmentation of wells for commercial, domestic, and municipal uses. 3.3.4. Amount of fully consumable water dedicated to plan for augmentation in Case No. 82CW177: 11.49 acre-feet. 3.3.5. Remaining amount of fully consumable water available for future augmentation: 16.24 acrefeet. 3.4. Case No. 99CW33: 3.4.1. Use: Additional 2.62 acre-feet dedicated to uses decreed in Case No. 82CW177. 3.4.2. Total used in Case Nos. 82CW177 and 99CW33: 14.11 acre-feet. 3.4.3. Amount of fully consumable water remaining for future augmentation: 13.62 acre-feet. 3.5. Case No. 01CW24 3.5.1. Use: 7.0 acre-feet of the remaining 13.62 acre feet of fully consumable water dedicated to augment out of priority depletions by wells used for domestic, commercial, and municipal purposes on 50 lots located on 100 acres. 3.5.2. Location of Use: 100 acres of land located generally in Section 3, Township 39 North, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M., Rio Grande County, Colorado. 3.5.3. Language from De-(Paragraph 9) "Matters previously determined in Case No. 82CW177 are considered res judicata, including the amount of water historically used by the Applicant's share of the Church Ditch water right, and Applicant's right to change water to domestic, commercial, and mu-nicipal use." (Paragraph 10) "As previously determined in Case Nos. 82CW177 and 99CW33, 13.62 acre feet [of] Applicant's Church Ditch water right is available, on an annual basis, to provide augmentation water for the uses applicant has proposed." (Paragraph 11) "Applicant shall dedicate 7 acre-feet, out of the 13.62 acre feet to augment de pletions to the Rio Grande River and South Fork of the Rio Grande River caused by wells used for domestic, commercial, and municipal purposes on 50 lots owned by Applicant and located on the 100 acres

seek in this Application to change 6.349 acre-feet of the 7.0 acre feet previously dedicated to augment out of priority depletions to the Rio Grande and the South Fork of the Rio Grande caused by wells used for domestic, commercial, and municipal purposes on 50 lots owned by Applicant and located on 100 acres described on Exhibit B to the decree in Case No. 01CW24, which is Phase III of the Beaver Mountain Estates Subdivision. The Co-Applicants by this change seek to incorporate the 6.349 acre-feet of the 7.0 acre-feet of Church Ditch water into the Conservancy District's augmentation water portfolio for use in its Augmentation Program to replace out-of-priority depletions caused by Participating Structures on the South Fork of the Rio Grande and the Rio Grande. Upon approval of the change, the Con-servancy District will dedicate 6.349 acre-feet of its augmentation water to be used to replace depletions from the Association's wells used for domestic, commercial, and municipal purposes in Phases I. II, and III of the Beaver Mountain Estates Subdivision, which includes the 50 lots comprising 100 acres originally decreed in Case No. 01CW24, and the Crow's Nest Subdivision, all of which is located within the land identified in the Case No. 01CW24 decree. The Conservancy District will issue an Augmentation Certificate to the Association providing for the delivery of up to 6.349 acre-feet for the purposes set forth above and in accordance with the terms of the Agreement to Convey Water. 4.2. Decreed Point of Diversion: The 6.349 acre-feet of water being changed in this case may be accounted for as augmentation replacement water and left in the stream to replace out of priority depletions accruing on the South Fork of the Rio Grande or the Rio Grande, or exchanged from that point to either Beaver Park Reservoir or Shaw Reservoir pursuant to the terms and conditions of the exchange decreed in Case No. 21CW3004. 4.3. Place of Delivery: The 6.349 acre-feet of Church Ditch water being changed in this case will be delivered to the South Fork of the Ric Grande to replace out-of-priority depletions or exchanged into Beaver Park or Shaw Reservoirs. Once exchanged the water will become part of the Conservancy District's Augmentation Program portfolio of water rights and the subsequent delivery from that portfolio will be made to replace depletions to the Rio Grande and South Fork of Rio Grande caused by Participating Structures, including the Association's wells. Deliveries of the augmentation water to replace out of priority depletions caused by the Association's wells will be made pursuant to an Augmentation Certificate that will be issued by the Conservancy District to the Association following entry of a final deoree in this case. 4.4. Place of Use: The use of up to 6.349 acre-feet of water from the Conservancy District's water rights portfolio will be delivered to replace depletions on the South Fork of the Rio Grande and the Rio Grande caused by Participating Structure's out-of-priority depletions, which structures may include, but will not be limited to those wells used to supply water to Phases I, II, and III of the Beaver Mountain Estates Subdivision and the Crow's Nest Subdivision which include the 50 lots originally decreed in Case No. 01CW24 for Phase III of the Beaver Mountain Estates Subdivision. 4.5. Type of Use: The changed water rights will be used for augmentation purposes to replace out-of-priority depletions to the Rio Grande and the South Fork of the Rio Grande Basin caused by Participating Structures. 4.6. Structures to be Augmented: The structures for which the changed 6.349 acre-feet of Church Ditch water rights may be used include existing wells, ponds, or other structures currently included in and augmented through the Conservancy District's Augmentation Program, and new wells, ponds, or other structures which will divert surface water or groundwater within the Conservancy District (as its boundaries currently exist and may change from time to time hereafter) for in-house domestic, domestic, including lawn and landscape irrigation, agricultural irrigation, commercial, industrial, municipal, pool evaporation, and stockwatering. To be eligible to receive augnentation water, a structure owner must contract for augmentation water from the Conservancy District, which issues an Agreement and Augmentation Certificate to each Participant. The structures for which the Conservancy District provides augmentation water are referred to in this Application as "Participating Structures." Once the changed 6.349 acre-feet of Church Ditch water is incorporated into the District's Augmentation Program water portfolio, the District will issue an Augmentation Certificate to the Association providing, in part, 6.349 acre-feet of the District's augmentation water to replace out-of-priority depletions for wells used for domestic, commercial, and municipal uses within Phases I, II, and III of the Beaver Mountain Estates Subdivision, which includes the 50 lots comprising 100 acres originally decreed in Case No. 01CW24 for Phase III of the Beaver Mountain Estates Subdivision, and the Crow's Nest Subdivision, all of which is located within the land identified in the 01CW24 decree. The Association's wells covered by the Augmentation Certificate will become Participating Structures. 5. Plan for Augmentation. 5.1. The amount and timing of out-of-priority depletions by Participating Structures will be determined in accordance with the Depletion Schedules adopted and applied by the Water Court in each of the Conservancy District's decreed plans for augmentation. The Depletion Schedules are attached to this Application as Exhibit 3, and were used in Case No. 01CW24 to establish the depletions attributable to the 50 lots that were identified in that case. The place of use of water used by Participants must be within the Conservancy District's boundaries, as those boundaries may change from time to time. 5.2. The Participants in the Conservancy District's Augmentation Program will install measuring devices on all Participating Structures for the administration of this plan for entation and operation of the Conservancy District's Augmentation Program as may be reasonably required by the State or Division Engineer. The Conservancy District will submit periodic water use and depletion accounting forms sufficient to meet the reasonable ac counting needs of the State or Division Engineers. 5.3. The 6.349 acre-feet of fully consumable Church Ditch water rights may be stored in the District's storage account in Beaver Park Reservoir, pursuant to its storage agreement with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, or in Shaw Reservoir, which the Conservancy District owns. The two reservoirs are located as follows: Beaver Park Reservoir: Beaver Reservoir located on Beaver Creek, a tributary of the South Fork of the Rio Grande, located generally in the S1/2 of Section 28, SW1/4 of Section 27, NE1/4 of Section 33, and W1/2 of Section 34, all in Township 39 North, Range 3 East of the N.M.P.M., Rio Grande County, Colorado. Shaw Res bir: Shaw Res voir. an off-channel re unsurveyed land generally in portions of Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8 of Township 38 North, Range 2 East, N.M.P.M., Mineral County, Colorado. Water is diverted into Shaw Reservoir from Kitty Creek. The point of diversion through which exchanged water will be diverted into Shaw Reservoir is located on the east bank of Kitty Creek [formerly known as Little Trout Creekl. North 87 decrees. 50 minutes West 1,841 feet from contour post No. 13 of Shaw Reservoir located in the Northeast Quarter of Sec. 6, Twp. 38 North, Range 2 East, N.M.P.M., Mineral County, Colorado. The Northwest corner of Section 6 bears North 46 degrees West 2,702 feet. 5.4. The 6.349 acre-feet of fully consumable Church Ditch water rights may be exchanged from the Church Ditch decreed point of division to both Beaver Park and Shaw Reservoirs pursuant to the terms and conditions of the exchange decreed in Case No. 21CW3004. 6. Names and Addresses of Ow Structures and of Land on which Structures Are Located. 6.1. The Participating Structures are and will be located within the boundaries of the Conservancy District as those boundaries may change from time to time. Generally, Participating Structures are located on the lands of the Participants owning such structure, but Participating Structures may also be located on the lands of other parties pursuant to permission, license, easement, right of way, or other authorization obtained by the Participant. 6.2. To the best of the Co-Applicant's knowledge, the owners of the land on which the reservoirs are located are: Beaver Park Reservoir is owned by Colorado Parks and Wildlife and is located on land owned by the: United States of America, Rio Grande National Forest, 13308 W. Highway 160, Del Norte, Colorado 81132. Shaw Reservoir is owned by the Co-Applicant San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District and is located on land owned by the United States of America, Rio Grande National Forest, 13308 W. Highway 160, Del Norte, Colorado 81132. (The application is 9 page with 3 exhibits)

DISTRICT COURT, WATER DIVISION 3, STATE OF COLORADO TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN WATER APPLICATIONS FILED IN WATER DIVISION 3

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blentz 0495 East County Road 11 South Monte Vista, CO 81144 (719)852-6989 Melvin Coblentz 0104 East County Road 11 South Monte Vista, CO 81144 (719) 849-3292 Concerning the Application Change of Water Right. In the Rio Grande Basin or its Tributaries, in Rio Grande County.

Decreed water right for which change is sought: Name of structure: Well No. 2, Case No. W-2544, Permit No. 473-R, WDID 2005110 (Well No. 2) Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: April 14, 1977, Court: District Court, Water Division No. 3 Legal de scription of structure: SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 31, Township 37 North, Range 8 East, NMPM at a point 2590 feet from the North section line and 55 feet from the West section line in Bio Grande County Colorado. Decreed source of water: Confined Aquifer (well is 240 feel deep with perforated casing from 160 feet to 240 feet. Appropriation Date: July 31, 1949, for 775 gpm (being 1.72 cfs) and February 27, 1964, for 345 gpm (being 0.768 cfs). Total amount decreed to structure: 1120 gpm = 2.50 cfs Decreed use or uses: Irrigation. Amount of water that applicant intends to change: 20 gpm (being 0.045 cfs) Detailed description of proposed change: This 1120 gpm irrigation well (Well No. 2) will be lowered to 1100 gpm. The 20 gpm to be changed will be pumped from existing well Permit No. 5270, Well No. 1, Case No. W-2544, WDID 2012555 (Well No. 1). The existing well is decreed for domestic and stockwater use at 40 gpm. Commercial use is needed within the northwest sprinkler corner of the NW 1/4 Section 31, Township 37 North, Range 8 East, NMPM. Well No. 1 is the best water source, and it also produces from the confined aquifer with a total depth of 227 feet and a perforated interval of 167 feet to 227 feet. This well is located at approximately 200 feet from the North Section Line and 600 feet from the West Section Line, a distance of section Line and the same quarter section. Future use of Well No. 1 will be for commercial chicken and egg production in a year-round facility as well as an office to manage the commercial activities while retaining the exempt-type domestic and stockwater uses. A portion of the land historically irrigated by Well No. 2 will be retired from future irrigation. The historic consump tive use of water from Well No. 2 on the dry-up area will be moved to Well No. 1. The dry-up area can generally be described as the inkler corners of the sprinkler located within the NW1/4 Section 31, Township 37 North, Range 8 East, NMPM. Well No. 2 historically combined with Applicants' Terrace Irrigation Company shares to irrigate nearly the entire quarter section less the homesite. The sprinkle was installed to provide a more reliable and even water supply to the majority of the quarter section. The sprinkler corners were irrigated with a combination of surface and ground water for a number of years before it became impractical to irrigate with well water. The initial sprinkler size was approximately 123 acres. The current sprin kler size is approximately 120 acres. Applicants wish to retire irriga-tion of the corners from irrigation with Well No. 2. Applicants wish to retain the ability to use Well No. 2 on the original sprinkler area of 123 acres. The estimated annual withdrawal of water from Well No. 1 for commercial use is 1.00 acre foot (325,851 gallons). Of that amount, approximately 0.90 acre-feet will be consumed. The commercial processes will require an annual diversion of approximately 1.0 acre-foo with 0.9 acre-foot consumed. The domestic use will continue based on the exempt well permit.

In order to offset this withdrawal and consumptive use. Well No. 2 will not be used on the dry-up area - the sprinkler corners, resulting in an annual reduction of approximately 5.0 acre-feet of historically pro-rated withdrawal and 2.5 acre-feet of consumption. These amounts will be adequate to cover the transfer to Well No. 1. All wells will be metered as required by the Division of Water Resources. Accounting of water use from the wells shall be kept and provided as required by the Division of Water Resources subdivision. Attach copies of well

N/A. A portion of the water right decreed to Well No. 2, Case No W-2544 will be moved to the well currently permitted as no. 5270 (Well No. 1). The location of Well No. 1 will not be changed. Well No. 1: NW1/4 NW1/4 Section 31, Township 37 North, Range 8 East, NMPM. See Attachment A – MAP. Name(s) and address(es) of owner(s) or reputed owners of the land upon which any new diversion or storage structure, or modification to any existing diversion or stor age structure is or will be constructed or upon which water is or will be stored, including any modification to the existing storage pool. Ber Coblentz 0495 East County Road 11 South Monte Vista, CO 81144 (719)852-6989 Melvin Coblentz 0104 East County Road 11 South Monte Vista, CO 81144 (719) 849-3292.

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268, Saguache, CO 81149. James J. Petrock, John D Buchanan, Hayes Poznanovic Korver LLC, 700 17th Street, Suite 1800, Denver, CO 80202. Amended Application for Determination of Water Rights Change of Water Rights, and Plan for Augmentation in SAGUACHE COUNTY. CHANGE OF WATER RIGHTS. Decreed water rights for which change is sought. Russell Company Ditch Water Right. Name of Structure, Russell Company Ditch, Decrees, Final decree entered on November 23, 1889 by the District Court for Saguache County in the proceedings captioned as In the Matter of a Certain Petition for the Adjudication of the Priority of Rights to the Use of Water for Irriga-tion in Water District No. 26 ("1889 Decree"); decree entered on February 1, 1917 in Case No. 288 by the District Court for Saguache County; and the decree entered on September 15, 2014 in this Case No. 10CW36 ("10CW36 Decree"). Legal description of point of diver-sion. SW1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 12, Township 44 North, Range 7 East, NMPM in Saguache County, Colorado. The mE and 4214562 mN (the "Russell Company Ditch Headgate"). Source. Saguache Creek. Appropriation Date. May 1, 1869. Amount. 0.60 cfs. Use. Irrigation. Russell Ditch No. 1 Water Right. Name of Structure. Russell Ditch No. 1. Decrees. The 1889 Decree and 10CW36 Decree. Legal description of point of diversion. The Russell Company Ditch Headgate. Source. Saguache Creek. Appropriation Date. April 1, 1874. Amount. 5.20 cfs. Use. Irrigation. Russell Ditch No. 2 Water Right. Name of Structure. Russell Ditch No. 2. Decrees. The 1889 Decree and 10CW36 Decree. Legal description of point of diversion. The Russell Company Ditch Headgate Source. Saguache Creek. Appropriation Date. May 1, 1874. Amount. 3 cfs. Use. Irrigation. Malone Ditch Water Right, Priority No. Name of Structure. Malone Ditch (this water right was changed to allow diversion through the Russell Company Ditch Headgate in the 10CW36 Decree). Decrees. The 1889 Decree and 10CW36 Decree Legal description of point of diversion. The Russell Company Ditch Headgate. Source. Saguache Creek. Appropriation Date. May 15, 1866. Mount. 0.25 cfs. Use. Irrigation. Detailed description of pro-posed change. Historical Use of the Water Rights. Maps showing the approximate location of the historical use of the water rights are attached as Exhibit A. Change of Use. Applicants seek to change the use of the water rights to include, in addition to the currently decreed rrigation use, augmentation and replacement, directly and/or by exchange and recharge, and/or following storage with the right to fully consume the consumable portion of the water. In addition to augmen-tation and replacement of the structure identified in paragraph 4, Applicants seek to change the water rights to allow use in the plan for augmentation sought in the pending application in Case No. 23CW3015 in Water Division 3. Plan of Operation. Applicants will use the Rio Grande Decision Support System ground water model ("RGDSS Model") to calculate the amount, timing, and location of depletions associated with withdrawals of ground water from the well described below in the Augmentation Plan section. Applicants will change all or portions of the Replacement Water Rights in an amount sufficient to ensure that the available fully consumable portion of water is sufficient to replace Applicants' well depletions. Applicants shall replace depletions either by delivering the fully consumable water to recharge ponds or by direct release to the stream, including after storage and/or by exchange. Return Flows. Applicants shall replace historic return flows either by delivering the fully consumable water to recharge ponds or by direct release to the stream, including after storage and/or by exchange, or through continued application of any wa ter not needed for augmentation to the historic irrigation uses. AUG-MENTATION PLAN Names of structure to be augmented. Well Permit No. 25755-F. Decree. Well No. 3, Case No. W-1241, Water Division 3. Permitted Location of Well. NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 13, Township 44 North, Range 7 East, NMPM at a point 2600 feet from the East Section line and 2600 feet from the South Section line. Appropriation Date. March 31, 1952. Amount. 250 gpm. Source. Unconfined Aquifer. Decreed uses. Stockwater and irrigation. Water rights to be used for augmentation. Depletions on Saguache Creek will be replaced using the water rights identified in paragraph three of this application and any other water rights lawfully available for such use. Depletions on the Rio Grande will be replaced using the follow ing water rights, and any other water rights lawfully available for such use: Atkins Ditch Water Right. Name of Structure. Atkins Ditch. Previous decrees. Final Decree in the Matter of the Adjudication of the Priorities of Water Rights in Water District 20, Costilla County District Court, entered May 1, 1896; Case No. W-2967, entered January 3 1974, by the District Court in and for Water Division No. 3. Point of Diversion. A point on the North Bank of the Rio Grande River whence the North Quarter corner of Section 28, Township 40 North, Range 5 East N.M.P.M., bears North 31°18.5' West 2,125.00 feet distant. Priority Nos. and Amounts: Priority No. 57, 0.3 cfs; Priority No. 90: 0.67 cfs; Priority No. 143: 0.08 cfs. Use. Irrigation. The Atkins Ditch Water Right has historically been used for irrigation on a property referred to as the "Shadow Ranch" in Sections 21, 22, and 28, Township 40 North, Range 5 East, N.M.P.M., Rio Grande County, Colorado. The Atkins Ditch Water Right and the Atkins Ditch Exchange are the subiect of the pending application in Case No. 23CW3015 in Water Division 3. Recharge water available from the use of the Atkins Ditch Water Right may be used pursuant to a final decree entered in Case No. 23CW3015, including recharge water that is exchanged pursuant to the appropriative right of exchange requested in said application. Depletions on San Luis Creek will be replaced through a lease with the Special Improvement Subdistrict No. 4 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District using the water rights described in the Subdistrict's 2024 Annual Replacement Plan Approval, available at https:// app.box.com/s/j62a2osu8hr7g5hleml2e1p8mzecbw39/ file/1500412223253 and any other water rights that may be included in future Annual Replacement Plans, and other water rights lawfully available for such use. Applicants may enter into forbearance agree ments with water rights owners on the Rio Grande, San Luis Creek, and Saguache Creek to allow monetary payments in lieu of providing replacement water. Applicants may also truck water for delivery to the stream to replacement depletions. Complete Statement of Augmentation Plan. The location of the well associated with Well Permit No. 25755-F ("Subject Well") is illustrated on Exhibit A. Applicants will quantify the time, location, and amount of depletions from pumping the Subject Well using the RGDSS Model. Applicants will provide replacement water to Sagauche Creek, San Luis Creek, and Rio Grande to replace depletions from pumping the Subject Well to the extent that the call is senior to the water right decreed to the Well. Due to the small monthly and annual depletions calculated by the RGDSS Model, Applicants may aggregate deliveries of replacement water into monthly or annual releases. The augmentation plan will include any necessary terms and conditions such that the augmentation plan will not injuriously affect the owner of or persons entitled to use water under a vested water right or a decreed conditional water right. Applicants reserve the right to propose additional terms and conditions to ensure non-injury. Names and addresses of owners or reputed owners of the land upon which any new diversion or storage structure, or modification to any existing diversion or storage structure is or will be constructed or upon which water is or will be stored, including any modification to the existing storage pool. Applicants. Sustainable Water Augmentation Group, Inc., c/o Lawrence Custer Gras-mick Jones & Donovan, LLP, 5245 Ronald Reagan Blvd. Suite 1, Johnstown, CO 80534. DETERMINATION OF WATER RIGHTS. The following water rights have historically been used for livestock watering, enhancement of soil moisture and recharge of the aguifer throughout the calendar year, including during the non-irrigation season, since their respective original dates of appropriation and for their full decreed flow rates. Therefore, Applicants seek judicial confirma-tion and a determination pursuant to C.R.S. § 37-92-302(1)(a) that the original beneficial uses of the water rights described below in-cluded icing of meadows, livestock watering, and recharge of the aquifer throughout the calendar year, including during the non-irriga-tion season. The Russell Company Ditch water right described in paragraph 3.1. The Russell Ditch No. 1 water right, described in paragraph 3.2. The Russell Ditch No. 2 water right described in paragraph You are notified that you have until the last day of October 2024, to file with the Water Clerk a verified statement of opposition setting forth facts as to why a certain application

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NOTICE

District Court Denver Probate Court Conejos County, Colorado Court Address: 6683 C Rd. 13 Conejos, CO 81129 In the Matter of the Estate of Robert R. Romero No. 4136. Deceased April 29, 2024 Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address): Yvonne M Romero DaSilva COURT USE ONLY Case Number: 2024PR11 1811 Indiana St Phone Number: (203) 998-1887 FAX Number: E-mail: msyvonne71@gmail.com Attv. Reg. #: Division C Courtroom NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S. NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Robert R. Romero Case Number 2024PR11 All persons having claims against the above named estate are re-quired to present them to the personal representative or to District Court of Conejos County, Colorado or Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado on or before January 17, 2025, or the claims may be forever barred. Yvonne M. Romero DaSilva Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice 1811 Indiana St Address Houston, TX 77019 City, State, Zip Code No. 4137 Published in the Valley Courier on September 17, 24, & October 1, 2024.

ESTRAY: #1602: One Young Black Cow with J Strung Bar Strung C on LR. Livestock must be claimed by legal owner within 10 days or will be sold by Colorado Brand Board. For information call 719-936-5400 or 303-869-9160.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE there will be a	a public hearing at the date,
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2022CW44 Jess Douglas and Emily Lynn Freel: 7257 County Road 112, Mosca, CO 81146 Freelfarms8245@gmail.com (719) 588-7051 CONCERNING THE AMENDED APPLICATION FOR WATER RIGHT JESS DOUGLAS AND EMILY LYNN FREEL IN SAGUACHE COUNTY. Increase to the Adjudicated Flowrate of existing supple ntal wells on Field No. 5 (SE1/4 Section 15, T39N, R10E, NMPM) PLEASE NOTE: This portion of the Case No. 22CW44 application for change of underground water rights remains the same. Applicants continue to seek correction of the decreed source for Well No. 1, Case No. 87CW39, WDID 2006604, to the unconfined and confined aquifers AND increase the allowable flowrate of Well Nos 1S and ISs to 800 gpm individually and in combination with the other wells. Decreed water right for which change is sought Name of structure: Well No. 1, Case No. 87CW39, Permit No. 20096-F, WDID 2006604 Well No. 1) Date of original and all relevant subsequent decrees: March 13, 1991, Court: District Court, Water Division No. 3 Legal dequent decrees scription of decreed structure: Center of the SE1/4 Section 15. Town D. Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer Note: at a depth of

124 feet and perforated

casing from 25 feet to 124 feet, this well likely produces from both the unconfined and

confined aquifers. Applicants request the Court to recognize the dual water source. Appropriation Date: March 21, 1976, Page 1 of 5 Total amount decreed to structure: 800 GPM, being 1.78 cfs Decreed use: Irrigation Amount of water that applicant intends to change: 800 gpm being 1.78 cfs Decreed water tight for which change is sought Name of structure: Well No. 1S, Case No. 87CW40, Permit No. 24862-F, WDID 2006605 (Well No. 1S) Date of original and all relevant subse-quent decrees: March 13, 1991 Court: District Court, Water Division No. 3 Legal description of decreed structure:SE1/4 SE1/4 Section 15, Township 39 North, Range 10 East NMPM Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer Note: at a depth of 60 feet and perforated cas-ing from 20 feet to 60 feet, this well produces from the unconfined aquifer. Appropriation Date: March 21, 1976, Total amount decreed to structure: 400 GPM, being 0.891 cfs as a supplemental well to Well No. 1.0. Decreed use: Irrigation Amount of water that applicant intends to change: 800 gpm, being 1.78 cfs Decreed water right for which change is sought: Name of structure: Well No. 1SS, Case No. 87CW40, Permit No. 24863-F, WDID 2006606 (Well No. 1SS) Date of priginal and all relevant subsequent decrees: March 13, 1991, Court bistrict Court, Water Division No. 3 Legal description of decreed structure: SE1/4 SE1/4 Section 15, Township 39 North, Range 10 East NMPM Decreed source of water: Unconfined Aquifer Note: at a depth of 60 feet and perforated casing from 20 feet to 60 feet, this well produces from the unconfined aquifer. Appropriation Date: March 21, 1976. Total amount decreed to structure: 300 GPM, being 0.668 cfs as a supplemental well to Well No. 1. Decreed use: Irrigation Amount of water that applicant intends to change: 800 gpm, being 1.78 cfs. Detailed description of proposed change: Transfer 200 gpm and 60 acre-feet of historical pumping from Well No. 1 to an existing supplemental well, unpermitted, located within the NW1/4 SE1/4 Section 15, Township 39 North, Range 10 East, NMPM with GPS location of UTM, NAD83 423990 mE, 4164350 mN. This well was the subject of administrative orders of the Division Engineer in 1990. The well was drilled in 1980 and is approximately 60 feet deep. This well (propose name of No. R) produces from the unconfined aquifer. This well would be used as the third supplemental irrigation well to Well No. 1. All well production will be metered in compliance with Case No. 05CW12. Applicants and their predecessors have retired considerable acreage since inception of the first well in 1966. Nearly 155 acres were irrigated with wells and surface water in the 1960's and 1970's. The sprinkler was placed in 1984 and covered 130 acres with end gun and long boom. The sprinkler size was cut back in the early 2000's to the current 120 acres. This dry-up should support transfer ofr the needed consumptive use to Field No. 5. The SE1/4 of Section 15, T39N, R10E, NMPM is within the defined service area of the Prairie Ditch Company. Applicants have shares that are used for direct irriga-tion and recharge. Applying to transfer water from Well No. 1, Case No. W-3603, WDID 2013518, located on the SW1/4 of Section 32, T40N, R10E, NMPM (Field No. 2) to an existing un-papered irrigation located on the SE1/4 of Section 15, T39N, R10E, NMPM (Field No. 5). Yes, see above. Name of owner: Jess Douglas and Emily Lynn Freel 7257 County Road 112, Mosca CO 81146 Freelfarms8245@ You are notified that you have until the last day of October 2024, to

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WATER DIVISION 3. Pursuant to C.R.S. 37-92-302(3), you are notified that the following

is a resume in Water Division 3, containing notice of applications and certain amendments filed in the

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2024CW3009 D. Shane Temple, Elizabeth A. Temple, and M&S Shaw Properties, LLC, 41150 County Road G, Del Norte, CO 81132, Tele phone: (719) 850-3083, 2303 River Rd Ste 301, Attn Gary R Weit kamp, Louisville, KY 40206, US, (502) 551-4651 (P. Andrew Jones #29076, Law Office of P. Andrew Jones, 1213 Founders Circle, Wind sor, CO 80550, Telephone: (970) 235-0252, E-mail: ajones@panes.com). APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF PLACE OF USE AND FOR APPROVAL OF ALTERNATE POINT OF DIVERSION. 2 Name of Structure: Well No. 1 W-3180. 2.1 Original Decree: 2.1.1. Case No. W-3180, Water Division No. 3. 2.1.2 Adjudication date: April 20, 1978. 2.1.3 Appropriation date: August 31, 1963. 2.1.4 Decreed Location: In the NW 1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 6. Township 41 North, Range 7 East, NMPM, at a point 700 feet from the West Section Line and 2600 Feet from the South Section Line, in Saguache County, Colorado. 2.1.5 Decreed flow rate: 2140 g.p. (4.76 c.f.s.). 2.1.6 Decreed Use: Irrigation. 2.1.7. Well Permit: 04413-F 2.1.8. WDID: 2705326. 3. Name of Structure: Well No. 1-A (alternate point to Well No. 1 W-3180) 3.1. Original Permit: 3.1.1. This well was W-3180. It has not yet been decreed. 3.1.2. Location: In the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 6, Township 41 North, Range 7 East, NMPM at a point 1400 feet from the South Section Line and 1400 Feet from the East Section Line, in Saguache County, Colorado. 3.1.3. Flow rate: 2140 g.p.m. (4.76 c.f.s.) in combination with Well No. 1 W-3180. 3.1.4. Annual Appropriation: 1428 acre feet, in combination with Well No. 1 W-3180. 3.1.5. Use: Irrigation of not more than 475 acres in the South half of Section 6, and the NW 1/4, N 1/2 of the SW 1/4, and the WW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of section 7, T41N, R7E, NMPM, in combination with Well No. 1 W-3180. 3.1.6. Well Permit: 24009-F. 3.1.7. WDID 2706243. 4. History of Well. 4.1. The W-3180 decree does not identify a place of use or irrigated acreage for Well No. 1 W-3180. Contem-porary filings and ownership records indicate that the Applicant used the well to irrigate the South 1/2 of Section 6 and portions of Section 7, Township 41 North, Range 7 East, NMPM. 4.2. In 1979, a previous owner of the well applied for and received a permit to drill Well No 1-A as an alternate point of diversion for Well No. 1 W-3180. At that of Section 6, and the NW 1/4, N 1/2 of the SW 1/4, and the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of section 7, T41N, B7E, NMPM, by the wells combined the SE 1/4 of section 7, 141N, H/E, NMPM, by the wells combined. 4.3. In 1983, the owner of the property and the wells installed center pivot irrigation systems. Well No. 1 W-3180 supplies a 123acre circle in the NE 1/4 of Section 6, T41N, R7E, NMPM. Well No. 1-A supplies a 132 circle in the South 1/2 of Section 6, T41N, R7E, NMPM. The combined acreage of the circles is 255 acres. Irrigation in this manner has occurred through the present. 5. Approval of Alternate Point of Diversion. Applicant seeks a decree approving Well No. 1-A as an alternate point of diversion for Well No. 1 W-3180, under the terms and conditions stated in Well Permit 24009-F. 6. Change in Irrigated Acreage. Applicants request that the location of use for irrigation be changed to the NE 1/4 and the South 1/2 of Section 6, T41N, R7E, NMPM for Well No. 1 W-3180 and its alternate point Well No. 1-A Applicant further proposes that, consistent with Well Permit 24009-F, the irrigated acreage for the combined wells be limited to 475 acres, a rate of withdrawal not exceeding 2140 g.p.m. (4.76 c.f.s.), and an annual withdrawal amount of 1428 acre feet. This correction is consistent with the well permits in place since 1983 and the historical practice and will not result in an expansion of acreage irrigated by the wells. No expansion of use or injury will occur. 7. Name and address of owner of land on which structure is located: Applicants. Dated August 30, 2024.

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ments filed in the office of the Water Clerk during the month of August 2024 for each

county affected. 2024CW10 Donald and Lana Whitten 44000 County Road M Center, CO 81125 (719)849-5229 pknplace@gmail.com Application for Change in Water Rights: To make Absolute in Whole or in Part, in Saguache County, Name of structure: Phillips ditch No.1 date of Original Decree: 5/18/2004 Case No. 2002CW64 Court: Water Division 3. List all subsequent decrees awarding findings of diligence: Date of Decree: 5/2/2011 & 5/23/2019 Case No. 2010CW18 & 2017CW3008 Court: Water division 3. Legal description: Phillips Ditch. No 1 (WDID 2600623) The existing headqate is located on the easterly bank of the Werner Arroyo, south branch of Saguache Creek, at a point whence the Southwest Corner of Section 3 T43N, R8E, NMPM, bears South 9 degrees 18 minutes West. 4,380_feet distant. GPS coordinates 4207138.2 mN, 404715,7 mE. Name of structure: Phillips Ditch No 2 (WDID 2600624) The existing headgate is located on the westerly bank of the Werner Arroyo, South branch of Saguache Creek, at a point whence the Southwest Corner of Section 3, T43N, R8E, NMPM bears South 9 degrees 12 minutes West, 4,425 feet distant, GPS coordinates 4207153.2 mN, 404648.7 mE Source of water: Werner Arrovo / South branch of Saguache Creek Appropriation Date Livestock watering and recharge of aquifer during the non-irrigation season in the months of November through March, inclusive, and 2) Water storage in the form of ice for recharge and irrigation in spring Depth: (if well) I am seeding, to make this water fight fully absolute, I have maintained headgates and ditches, cleaned weeds and debris from Werner Arroyo, and called for water every year. I have worked cooperatively with the water commissioner and Saguache Creek Water Users As sociation and tend owners to manage this. Water, right. See attached Daily Diversion Record Report from Division of waler Resources. If claim to make absolute to whole or in part: Date water applied to beneficial use: 11/05/2019 Amount: 5 c,f,s. Use: Decread purposes. Le-gal description: Phillips Ditch No 1 NW1/4 NW 1/4 Section 3 Township 43N Range 8E NMPN, Phillips Ditch No 2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 3 43N Hange & MMPN, Phillips Ditch No 2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 3 Township 43N Range 8E NMPM UTM coordinates Phillips Ditch No 1 Northing 4207138.2 mN Easting 404715.7 mE, Phillips Ditch No 2 Northing 4207153.2 mN Easting 404648.7 mE Zone 13 404657 mE 4207176 mN street address: NA Distance from section Lines: IVA Nane if land owner: Donald and Lana Whitten 44000 County Road M. Center, CO 81125



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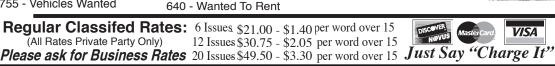
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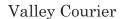
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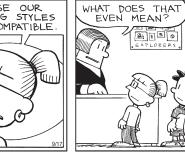
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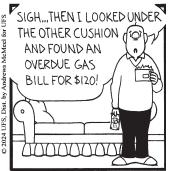




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"When your online profile said 42, 22, 38, I didn't realize you meant age, I.Q. and shoe size."

Active lifestyle makes it harder to find love

DEAR ABBY: I'm a mature male who had a weight problem years ago. When I turned 50, I was diagnosed with metabolic syndrome, hypertension and diabetes. I took my doctor's advice about diet and 150 minutes of exercise a week. Fastforward to today, and I have lost almost half my body weight and am now in good shape.

My problem now is finding women near or around my age who have the same dedication to exercise and fitness. It is nearly impossible to find a partner who shares the same values. I have tried dating sites, and almost always get catfished. I go on dates, but if I'm not physically attracted to someone, things don't get out of the "friend zone."

I feel physical attraction drives a good part of a healthy relationship. I value having friends, but finding someone who can run, bike, kayak, etc., is, to me, vital to a successful relationship. Should I settle to have someone to spend time with, or keep the faith and hope I find a woman I'm attracted to? I've had little luck finding a compatible partner. Am I too picky, given that a lot of people don't or won't take care of themselves?

-- DISCOURAGED IN MEMPHIS

DEAR DISCOUR-AGED: Physical attraction is important, but what attracts us to others varies from person to person. You don't have to be lonely. Because physical fitness is so important in your life in addition to chemistry, continue to look online. If you do, you will find there is more than one dating site geared to folks who are interested in health and fitness. I wish you luck.

DEAR ABBY: I am a senior lady who still works at a great job and who is generally very happy with my life. My husband is a clergyman, but we have our own apartment, so my adult daughter lives in the church rectory with her three children and partner. My husband has stated his intention to retire next year -- well deserved.

Naturally, my daughter will have to find a new place to live. She has suggested that I sell my apartment and go in with her and her brood on a two-family home. I love her and the grandkids, but my mortgage is paid off, and I don't want to do this. I seriously doubt she has any savings to contribute to a down payment or any of the other mvriad costs of paying for or maintaining a house. How can I respond with-



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

out hurting her too much? -- BAD IDEA IN NEW YORK

DEAR BAD IDEA: Your adult daughter has been very fortunate to have parents who have provided shelter for her, her partner and her brood. You didn't mention whether she and her partner have jobs. (I wish you had.) If they do, they could pool their earnings and be able to pay rent to a landlord.

Ask your daughter how she intends to contribute to the arrangement she is suggesting, and be honest about your feelings. It isn't hurtful to stand up for yourself. You don't have to be harsh, but do communicate that what she has in mind wouldn't work for you.



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