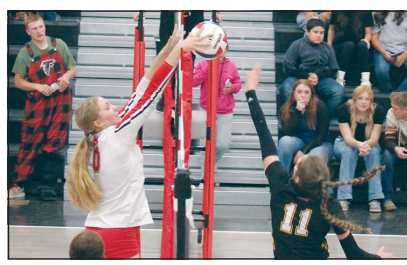




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## SLV Today

### Farmers' Market has roasted chiles and more

**ALAMOSA** — The Alamosa Farmers' Market welcomes locals and visitors to downtown Alamosa, Saturdays at the corner of Ross Avenue and 6th Street (Highway 160) for our 2024 market season. Vendors will be selling regional farm fresh food products including on-site roasted chiles, melons, new potatoes and New Mexico Apples.

Live music will be back again, Marc Eaton will be back performing this week with the help of sponsorships from the City of Alamosa and the Alamosa Live Music Association (ALMA).

Free kids activities with market staff will be going on from 10 a.m. until noon or as long as supplies last. The market accepts debit and credit cards, SNAP, DoubleUp Food Bucks, WIC vouchers, and cash.

For more see [www.alamosafarmersmarket.org](http://www.alamosafarmersmarket.org) or the Farmers' Market tent on Saturdays. If interested in being a vendor, contact the market at [alamosafarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:alamosafarmersmarket@gmail.com) or 719-849-1083. Vendors must register a week ahead of time. No drop in vendors accepted.

## Art Market vendors wanted

**ALAMOSA** — Art Market vendors wanted, 531 Edison, Alamosa. Every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Call 719-480-0458, for more information.

## 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 10 a.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.

## SLV WEATHER

Sunny, Breezy 77/38  
**Sat:** Chance of Showers, Breezy 70/36  
**Sun:** Mostly Sunny, Breezy 63/33

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# Council questions a second shelter

*Project would be in partnership with La Puente*

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER  
Courier Reporter  
**ALAMOSA** — A conversation during city council took an unexpected turn during Wednesday night's meeting

when half of the council expressed willingness to, in partnership with La Puente, consider building a year-round second shelter in Alamosa that would provide a place for people to sleep.

People would have to be in the shelter by a certain time each night and, at some pre-determined time each morning, all individuals would be re-  
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A screenshot from the Alamosa City Council meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 18, when they discussed building a second year-round shelter in the city in partnership with La Puente. On the left is the council chambers and on the right is Mayor Ty Coleman.



Courier photo

# Adams State cancer survivor program going strong

By JOHN WATERS  
Courier News Editor  
**ALAMOSA** — The Larry Holder Exercise and Cancer Survivorship Program at Adams State University (ASU) is deeply committed to the well-being of cancer survivors in the San Luis Valley. It offers those who have or are currently experiencing cancer the opportunity to participate in an individualized exercise program conducted in a group setting.

This program, which meets three times per week for 10 weeks, is open to any cancer survivor, including those currently undergoing treatment and over 18.

The program is also a research study that quantitatively measures exercise's positive impacts on those in the program.

Tracey Robinson, Ph.D., Professor of Exercise Science at ASU, explained in an interview with the Valley Courier, "We do pre-testing and post-testing; since this is a research study, we want to see if the exercise program is helping them both physically and mentally with various aspects of fitness. We do these tests at the beginning and end of the program. We compare the data and see what has changed. We see what has



Courtesy photo

Graduate students and participants in the cancer survivorship exercise program during a session at the Alamosa Family Recreation Center.

changed and hopefully improved. We do see a lot of improvement.

"The program now includes a high-intensity factor to our exercise, so instead of just walking, we would have a target heart rate where they have to walk fast to get a higher heart rate for a minute, and then they walk slower to recover their heart rate. This is done for 20 minutes instead of just strolling the entire period. We have found that we are getting better health results with the higher intensity."

Robinson noted that the entire program is tailored to each participant's individual ability, "We are setting it just for you, whatever your ability is."

Peggy Johnson, who retired from the ASU De-



Courier photo by John Waters

Peggy Johnson (left) and Tracey Robinson with the Adams State University Larry Holder Exercise and Cancer Survivorship program.

partment of Kinesiology and works with the program, added, "Interval training benefits have been validated in research studies, and we have realistic goals for those in the program."

Now in its fifth year,

the exercise classes offer a place where participants can work toward their personal fitness goals in a nonjudgmental setting while enjoying a support network of fellow cancer survivors. The program  
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## Solar grants available to Alamosa County residents

### Grants to automate permitting will help local governments accelerate rooftop solar

**CONTRIBUTED DENVER** — The Colorado Energy Office (CEO) announced that it will reopen its Automated Permit Processing for Solar (APPS) grant program and award \$1 million in funding, with Alamosa County and Boulder County receiving the initial round of grants.

The APPS initiative is designed to help local and Tribal governments implement automated residential rooftop permitting software. Streamlined solar permitting can reduce the time and cost to "go solar," benefiting families, local installers and local governments. Several Colorado jurisdictions, including Denver County, have already adopted automated permitting.

The just-reopened APPS program will award grants to applicants on a first-come, first-served basis  
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# ASU recognizes Ortega's commitment to service

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY  
**ALAMOSA** — "I live with the philosophy of gratitude. I learned that from my mom and dad. This amazing award is really an honor for them," said Sandy Ortega '74, the 2024 recipient of the Billy Adams Award.

Since 1972, the award has been presented to those in the community who carry on the commitment to Adams State epitomized by the university's founder, Billy Adams.

She will receive the Adams State 2024 Billy Adams Award at the Homecoming Banquet on Sept. 27. For tickets or more information, contact the Alumni Relations Office at 719-587-8110 or visit [adams.edu/alumni](http://adams.edu/alumni) and click on the Homecoming 2024 link.

"We need more Sandys," said President David Tandberg, Ph.D. "She has impressed me as someone who always shows up willing to roll up her sleeves and help out. Her passionate commitment to Adams State is seen in efforts she puts forth to move the institution forward, such as serving on our Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI)

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**Pictured, Sandra Ortega and the Stations of the Cross shrine; Ortega is the 2024 Adams State University Billy Adams Award recipient.**

Photo by Todd Pierson Photography



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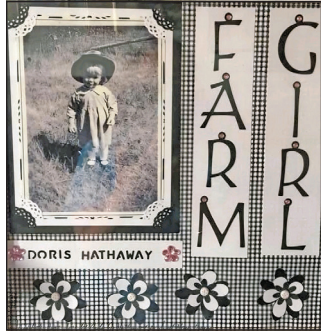
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# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Doris Lucile Hathaway



Doris Lucile Hathaway has left her earthly journey to celebrate her eternal destination. Doris was born on June 30, 1938, in Monte Vista, Colo., and entered into her eternal rest on Sept. 8, 2024, at Pikes Peak Hospice Care in Colorado Springs. Doris lived at the Tri County Senior Center in Monte Vista, for the past 5 years.

Doris is survived by her husband Orville which was a joyful 66 years. The greatest blessings were their five children, Preston (Sue) Hathaway, Chula Vista, Calif., Jonathan (Lyla) Hathaway, Monte Vista, Colo., Penny (Ron Nelson) Hathaway, Fond du Lac, Wisc., Rod (Carla Jo) Hathaway, Sweet Home, Ore., and Will (Lori) Hathaway, Monte Vista, Colo. Her legacy continued with 6 grandchildren, Daniel Hathaway, Michelle Hathaway, Jessica (Jacob) Rowberry, Rebekah (CJ) Dana, Stephen Hathaway and Samantha (Kenny) Porter. A blessing of 5 great-grandchildren with Elliott Dana, Brecken Dana, Tate Porter, Austyn Porter and soon to join us Baby Dana. Mom had the blessed opportunity for some bonus grandchildren and great-grandchildren; Kristen Guterrez and her two girls Hailey and Jillian Andersen, along with Kyla and Lyza Davis. Her heart embraced each of them sharing wisdom and love.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents Fred and Almina Anderson, stepmother Mary Anderson, sister Althea Pratt, her Aunt Elsie Keck, and many other aunts and uncles.

Doris became a fighter at a very young age, as she lost her mother to sickness when she was only 5 months old, while fighting through her own illness at the time. Her first five years were spent with her Aunt Elsie and Uncle Henry on a ranch near La Garita. When her dad remarried, Doris moved to Pueblo, where she joined her sister Althea and stepsisters Dolores, Claralyn and brother David.

Doris graduated from Centennial High School in 1956 and attended the Baptist Church becoming involved with the youth and making a commitment to accept Jesus Christ, which she carried all through her life.

Doris worked at an office supply store located in the business district. While attending church she met and made friends with Cora Belle Hathaway, who at some point thought it would be a great idea to introduce her brother Orville to Doris. They didn't waste time getting to know each other, and knew they had something special. Orville proposed to Doris in the winter of 1957 to which Doris excitedly said yes. Planning a June wedding, her mother said they might want to move that date up, as Orville would be very busy with the first cutting of hay. They were married March 1, 1958.

Doris moved back to Monte Vista, starting a family and helping with the many farm chores. They



farmed just east of Monte Vista, then moved to the 3 North and County Line, where they raised their family, overcame challenges and enjoyed picnics, fishing, camping and vacations along the way.

Once all the kids were in school, Doris became a school bus driver for 16 years, befriending many young children and earning their respect. They didn't get by with too many shenanigans. Doris expanded her friends through these 16 years and made many long-lasting friendships.

Doris was well respected, loved by many and created many memories to cherish. We are saddened by her passing, but she would not want us to take too long to get up and continue enjoying life. Cherish the time you knew Doris and share a laugh and hug with her family. As God loved her, so she loved us.

Cremation was chosen and at a future date, a celebration of life will be announced.

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

### Dustin Ray Marion



Dustin Ray Marion, a beloved figure in his community and a cherished husband, father, son, and brother, passed away on Sept. 15, 2024, in Monte Vista, Colo. Born in Farmington, N.M., on May 13, 1991, Dustin's life was one filled with passion, creativity, and love for those closest to him.

Dustin was known for his infectious energy and unwavering love for his family, which included his devoted spouse Kyndall and their two daughters, Viridian and Aliceon. His parents, Randy (Lisa) Marion and Deanna Marion, as well as his siblings, Sarah Trujillo, Linda Sena, and stepsiblings Christopher Hundtsman, Beth Patterson, and Adri- an Chapman, all held special places in his heart.

A skilled laborer in the construction industry, Dustin's work ethic was unmatched, yet his true joy came from activities like working on cars, skateboarding, snowboarding, and listening to heavy metal music. His intelligence

shone through in every conversation, often accompanied by his trademark goofiness and a captivating, loquacious personality. Despite his outward strength, Dustin's loved ones knew him as a man with a huge heart, capable of great generosity and love. He navigated life with a sense of stubborn independence, rarely seeking help even when facing challenges.

A celebration of Dustin's life will take place in Monte Vista from 2 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024, at 295 Willow Lane and in Farmington, N.M., from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 5, 2024, at 970 NM Highway 170, honoring his memorable

moments, his impactful presence, and the love he shared. The gatherings will provide an opportunity for all who knew him to reflect on his legacy, offering comfort and solace in this time of loss.

Dustin Ray Marion leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and unwavering commitment to those he held dear. His memory will forever be cherished by those fortunate enough to have known him, a light that will continue to shine in their hearts.

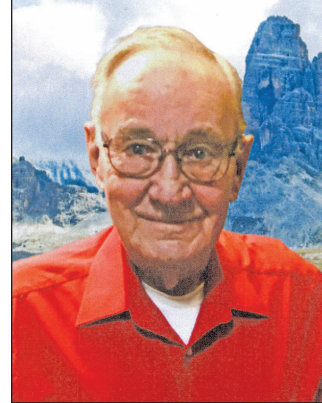
Contributions are suggested to the family and may be made by contacting the funeral home at 719-490-8197 or visit the funeral home website for an account link.

May Dustin rest peacefully, knowing he was deeply loved and will be profoundly missed.

To express condolences and view a tribute video, please visit [www.mvmortuary.com](http://www.mvmortuary.com).

Mountain Valley Mortuary is assisting the family with arrangements.

### John Buhr



John Buhr, 91, passed away in Colorado Springs, (Penrose Hospital), on Sept. 13, 2024. John was born on Feb. 15, 1933, on a small farm in Mesita, Colo. He was the 5th child of 6 from Orville and Ebba Buhr.

After graduating from Mesita High School in 1951, he worked on the family farm for a couple of years, and then joined the Air Force in 1953, where he served 22 years as a Career Airman, attaining the rank of Master Sergeant. A Vietnam Veteran, John received numerous awards and decorations, including the Airman Medal for saving a child from a burning house, and four Air Force Commendation medals.

On Dec. 26, 1958, John Married Elsie Etter, daughter of Oliver and Ester Etter of Alamosa. John was blessed with 4 beautiful children, Cindy (Jim) Savage, John Edwin Buhr, Doris (Richard) Roberts and Donna (Joe) Osterholt, 11 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

In 1975, John retired from the Air Force and moved his family back to Alamosa. He attended and graduated from Adams State College in 1981 with a major in Industrial Arts. John worked for the Alamosa-Monte Vista Coop for several years in refined fuels, and a couple of years at AmeriGas as a fill-in driver.

He loved the outdoors always seeking new experiences, as well as found solace and joy in the art of crocheting. Irene and her husband also ventured into the realm of real estate, flipping houses together in their younger years, showcasing her adventurous spirit and love for new challenges.

Known for her unwavering support and encouragement of others, Irene was a beacon of light for those around her. Her ability to help people reason through challenges, her independent and strong nature, and her support for individuality left a lasting impact on all who knew her. Her boundless creativity and never-negative attitude inspired those in her community to grow and push past their limitations.

Irene is survived by her daughter Monica Falk, brother Bill Soares, nieces Cyndi and Carrie, great niece Sophia as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins in California, Oregon and Washington. A celebration of Irene's re-

ard) Roberts and Donna (Joe) Osterholt, 11 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

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He loved the outdoors

### Irene Soares Falk



Irene Soares Falk passed away on Sept. 11, 2024, at her residence in Del Norte, Colo. Born on Dec. 16, 1937, in Redding, Calif., Irene's life was one filled with compassion, creativity, and a deep love for the arts.

Throughout her life, Irene wore many hats with grace and determination. From her tenure as an Honored Queen in the Jobs Daughters during her youth to her successful career as a Marketing Manager. Irene's impact was profound. She obtained her Master's Degree from Fairmont State University and held a notable position as a kitchen appliance marketing director at Sears for over 15 years. She had a passion for helping people succeed, she often hosted her husband's corporate visitors from Brazil.

Irene's passion for the arts shone brightly in her involvement in the arts community in Taos, N.M., where she generously shared her knowledge and support with fellow artists. She was an avid traveler, a gourmet cook and was

markable life will be held at a later time, where friends and loved ones will gather to honor her memory. In memory of Irene, let us celebrate a life well-lived, a legacy of compassion, creativity, and unwavering support for others. May her adventurous spirit and love for life continue to inspire us all.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick Falk Jr., son, Brian Falk, father, Leslie Soares, mother, Patricia Soares, and brother Howard Jay Soares.

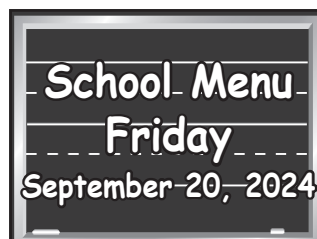
To express condolences and to view a video tribute, please visit [www.mvmortuary.com](http://www.mvmortuary.com).

Mountain Valley Mortuary is caring for the arrangements.

## PENDING OBITUARY

### Sadie Elizabeth Martinez

Alamosa resident Sadie Elizabeth Martinez, 83, was called home on Sept. 17, 2024. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.



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# Valley News

## Grant

■ Continued from Page 1 until funds are depleted. Depending on the population of the applicant's jurisdiction, they can apply for maximum awards between \$40,000 and \$100,000.

"Automating the process for rooftop solar permits offers tremendous value to Boulder County," said Ron Flax, Boulder County deputy director of building/ chief building official. "Our installers simultaneously work in many jurisdictions across the region – leading to lots of minor yet time-consuming details to manage during the permit process. By streamlining the process, it can save both installers and permitting staff lots of time. We are thrilled to have received APPS funding to help us integrate this program into our permitting process. We encourage other local governments to apply to the program."

"With SolarAPP+, we recognized an opportunity to support owners who are adding solar panels and energy storage systems to their homes," said Eric Browning, Denver's chief building official. "The SolarAPP+ tool allows licensed contractors to obtain approval and instantly pull a 'quick permit' without the need for additional design drawings or city plan review. It has provided for more timely installations for Denver residents and also allowed hundreds of hours of city staff time to be focused on more complex projects since we started accepting SolarAPP+ in 2023."

The Solar Energy Industries Association estimates that permitting and related barriers can add up to \$6,000-\$7,000 to the cost of standard residential systems. The delays associated with the permitting process are also a key reason that

households cancel their rooftop solar installations. By simplifying and speeding up their permit approval processes, jurisdictions that take advantage of this opportunity can make their transition to clean energy cheaper and easier for local residents.

Automated permitting software such as SolarAPP+ or Symbium can help Colorado communities take full advantage of Inflation Reduction Act benefits and long-term clean energy savings. Data from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) also shows that nationwide, SolarAPP+ alone saved more than 15,000 hours of local government staff time and accelerated solar permitting by 150,000 total business days in 2023. Symbium reports that its platform saves jurisdictions and contractors approximately three weeks of permitting per project, for approximately 1 million hours saved.

"By making this technology accessible through grant funding, we're helping to ensure that more communities can benefit from the efficiencies of automated permitting," said Mike Kruger, executive director at the Colorado Solar and Storage Association (COSSA) Institute. "This not only accelerates solar adoption but also contributes to job creation and economic growth in the solar industry."

"The APPS program is a step toward making clean energy like rooftop solar more accessible for Colorado families," said Margaret Kran-Annexstein, Sierra Club Colorado director. "This is a great opportunity for local communities to help meet our climate goals and support residents in transitioning to affordable, clean electricity."

"Automated permitting platforms save local and Tribal governments time and money by reduc-

ing the need for manual review of standard solar permit requests, allowing staff to focus on more complex or nuanced projects," said Tanner Simeon-Cox, Colorado director at Solar United Neighbors. "These platforms decrease permitting errors, ensure code compliance, streamline the permitting process and maintain the safety of solar systems."

"Anything we can do to make it easier and more affordable for Coloradans to go solar just makes sense," said CoPIRG Foundation Clean Air Advocate Kirsten Schatz. "We're calling on cities and counties across Colorado to take these steps so more people can plug into the clean, affordable energy our abundant sunshine provides."

For more information visit the Colorado Energy Office website at <https://energyoffice.colorado.gov/apps>.

## Ortega

■ Continued from Page 1 Advisory Committee, and as president of our alumni board."

Ortega has served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors since 1990. "I'm still emotional. This is the first time in my 72 years that I was speechless," she added. "When Dr. Tandberg told me he selected me for the Billy Adams Award, I lost it. Holy guacamole, my tears. It's an overwhelming, exciting feeling."

A 10th-generation native of San Luis, Ortega was recently honored with inclusion in History Colorado's 2022 Return of the Corn Mothers. The award-winning traveling photographic exhibition and accompanying coffee-table book is based on the Pueblo myth of the Corn Mothers, said to have sung in the essence of creation. This collection of portraits

## Program

■ Continued from Page 1 also provides Adams State undergraduate and graduate kinesiology students with experience in fitness testing and guides and supports program participants throughout the exercise program.

The exercise classes meet three times a week for 10 weeks. Prospective participants must commit to the full schedule to ensure the accuracy of the data collected. Absences from classes can be made up. The classes meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Alamosa Family Recreation Center and are supervised by graduate students from ASU. Robinson and Johnson praised the students' work.

The program data collected so far has shown an increase in walking ability, and increases in muscle strength, endurance, and balance.

and stories is about today's Corn Mothers, women who live, study, and work in the Southwest – Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and northern Texas.

Ortega noted she donated a copy of the book to La Capilla de Todos los Santos (All Saints' Chapel) at San Luis' Stations of the Cross shrine. She and her husband, Antonio Garcia, consider the chapel to be the "crown jewel" of projects completed by their company, Passive Adobe Solar Construction, from which they retired in 2010.

Prior to working with her husband, Ortega spent 20 years in social work in the San Luis Valley, Trinidad, and Colorado Springs. She also taught remedial reading at Centennial High School in San Luis. A first-generation college student, Ortega recognizes the importance of Adams State serving the region. She appreciates the academic scholarship that allowed

The participants greatly appreciate the program; several have participated since its inception. Robinson noted that the quality of life for those in the program has increased. When this reporter visited the exercise classes last year, many in the classes praised the program and noted they experienced increased physical improvements and better mental well-being. Also pointed out by the participants was their dedication to being part of the research that may benefit other cancer survivors. Those in the classes exhibited a sense of joy and camaraderie.

"We designed the program to be in a group setting because that is the social side; they are all going through the same cancer experience. They can commiserate with each other, and help each other," said Robinson.

The Adams State University Department of Kinesiology will continue

necessary research on the benefits of several types of exercise on the physical, mental, and social health of cancer survivors. The program is funded through local support from the SLV Health Foundation, including the Larry Holder Memorial Golf Tournament, after completing a two-year grant from the Colorado Cancer Coalition.

All cancer survivors ages 18 years or older are welcome regardless of gender, type, or stage of cancer. There is no cost to the participant, but completing the entire twelve weeks of the study is crucial to ensure accurate results.

The fall semester program is currently full. The next session will be announced in early January. The Valley Courier will have articles this semester and information regarding the next session sometime in December. For more information, contact Peggy Johnson at [pjohnson@adams.edu](mailto:pjohnson@adams.edu).

her to graduate debt-free with a double major in sociology/social work and Mexican/American studies with a minor in special education. Three of her seven siblings are also Adams State alumni: Daisy Ortega '75, John W. Ortega '78, and Anthony C. Ortega '77.

Her fondest college memory is the time she and three other students drove to Puebla, Mexico, to study Mexican history for a semester through an exchange program with Universidad de las Americas.

These experiences, among others, influenced her commitment to higher education and her work with Adams State's HSI Advisory Committee. "The Hispanic Serving Institution committee works to improve the educational experience for all Adams State students. I advocate for anybody who wants to earn a degree in higher education," she said.

Ortega explained the

Alumni Association is now working with the Adams State Foundation to align alumni fundraising and friend raising activities with the university's strategic plan. The group is exploring the possibility of creating a mentoring program matching students with alumni.

"We need to start having conversations with students and new alumni to cultivate a philosophy of giving, not necessarily financial giving, but also through giving their time and talent," she said.

Ortega has volunteered for many local organizations including the Alamosa Republican Party, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Colorado Commission on Aging, the San Luis Valley Development Resources Group, SLV Health, and the Alamosa City Planning Committee. She also serves as an Alamosa County Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate.

## Shelter

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The topic came about from a change in an agreement made with La Puente last year.

Moving the soup kitchen out of its current location in a residential neighborhood on the south side has been a long-time priority of residents in the area and a long-term goal of the city. La Puente, who owns and operates the kitchen, was reluctant.

The city had also recognized the need for an established emergency shelter for nights when there is an unexpected snowstorm or temperatures are dangerously cold. Currently, the city relies on churches and other organizations to open their doors, but something constructed and equipped for such a purpose was needed.

In 2023, an agreement was reached with La Puente where, in exchange for moving the soup kitchen and agreeing to staff an emergency shelter only opened during winter months, the city would obtain funding and build such a facility that would also have showers available.

At that time, La Puente agreed.

Design and engineering will cost \$240,000 – \$145,000 of which the city received in several grants over a year ago. The total cost of the shelter is estimated to be \$2 million. If council decides not to move forward, the grant funds need to be returned soon.

As City Manager

Heather Sanchez then informed council, La Puente believes operating a shelter only open during the winter months would be difficult to staff. It is also counter to their philosophy that support should be available year-round.

La Puente will now only agree to moving and operating the soup kitchen if the cold weather shelter is, instead, a "low barrier" year-round shelter, meaning certain behaviors that prohibit a person from living at La Puente's shelter on State – for example, being under the influence, refusing to engage in services – would be allowed at the emergency shelter.

Sanchez then reminded council of the public concerns expressed in the meeting where the future of St. Benedict was discussed. Those concerns, voiced by people who wanted to close the camp, related to St. Benedict's impact on the surrounding neighborhood and proximity to the Recreation Center plus concerns that the camp served as an attraction to people outside the Valley. Sanchez said she saw how council struggled with the decision and how those concerns resonated with them.

"Those concerns would apply to this [shelter], as well," she said. "It's in the same location [as St. Benedict]. And, if St. Benedict was an attraction, I would argue that an overnight shelter would attract people even more. So, it depends upon how much those concerns resonated with you."

Councilor Michael Carson said he was not op-

posed to the shelter operating year-round.

"Originally, I thought it was going to be a year-round shelter anyway. I'm more than happy with that change," he said.

When asked for clarification, Judy McNeilsmith of La Puente explained, "This shelter is more of an urban model. If somebody comes in at 9:00, you're going to get a cot, you're going to spend the night and you're going to get up and leave in the morning. It's to provide that basic security."

Mayor Ty Coleman said, "This is a complete deviation from our intentions before. This will take this to a year-round low barrier shelter. That means every day the people who are not able to be housed in the current housing at La Puente will be occupying that location. This is not what the people asked for. This is not what they agreed to. This is not what we talked about. It's unfortunate that La Puente has put the line in the sand in this manner. But a year-round shelter is not what the people agreed to, and with the public sentiment expressed over the last year, we need to make sure that everyone is being listened to."

Coleman recommended returning the grant funding and taking the time to consider.

Councilor Jan Vigil asked, "If the shelter was built, what would happen to St. Benedict?"

Sanchez said it is uncertain because the people at St. Benedict would not be able to take their possessions with them, but there would still be a need for St. Benedict for

people in transition.

Councilor Jan Vigil agreed with the mayor – this was not what was agreed to – and a work session should be held for the council to work this through.

Councilor Liz Hensley said, "If this shelter is built, the shelter on State will still be there. I have huge concerns to have this by the Rec Center with our kids being right by this. At this point, I'm not supportive of changing it from a cold weather shelter."

Carson said, "My conversations with Lance were that the shelter on State would be turned into a family center but the soup kitchen would be moved. I know it's uncomfortable to have the Rec Center but there are needles in alleys and kids are already in danger."

Councilor Jamie Dominguez said, "This was before my time so my perspective might be different. Looking at the blueprint, I can't help but think this will solve the St. Benedict problem. I agree with Councilor Carson that kids are in danger everywhere.

"If it's closer to services, it just makes sense. If the issue is where they go during the day, this building looks big enough – why would you let it sit empty for two or three hours when they're going to come back for lunch and the same thing for dinner? I'm sure they can come up with some clever things to do with these people."

Hensley reiterated her opposition to opening another shelter because La Puente does not have enough people at the

shelter on State Avenue who are willing to follow the rules.

Dominguez said his mind is still not decided but "people have to learn to follow the rules." Carson agreed.

Mayor Coleman "piggy-backed" on what Dominguez said.

"When we decide on programs, we need to make sure we're serving people who want to follow

the rules. 'Low barrier' means people who don't follow the rules. I don't think we should be rewarding that. That's why I'm adamant about thinking about these things through," Coleman said.

City staff did not weigh in on the matter and made no recommendations. The final decision – agreed to by all – was for council to discuss the situation at a work session on Oct. 23.



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# Opinion

## I love a good story

Because I spent a week in Kansas helping to take care of my Dad, I missed out on the first week of archery elk season. Before he passed away, one of the last things he said was, "Go home so you can hunt."

Hunting runs deep in this Kirkpatrick clan.

Now back in Colorado, my alarm goes off at 4 a.m., I have a quick coffee to go, followed by a nice uphill hike to my elk blind.

The first morning back I could really tell I had spent nine days at flatlanders' altitude with little sleep, as I had lost some of my lung capacity. But with practice and repetition, it is better now. This morning, I actually made it all the way with just a few breathers. I probably resemble an old horse wheezing and blowing at the stops. May smell like a horse, too. You'll have to ask Miss Trixie.

While I'm on the mountain slaving away chasing elusive elk and bear for our freezer fodder, this is Miss Trixie's time to do whatever she wants -- like she doesn't do that anyway. Just yesterday she felt compelled to send me her schedule which looks like it's been shot with a shotgun. Every day and evening seems to have something planned. I had to remind her that all of those social butterfly events were way down on the totem pole for Ol' Dutch. Somehow being up in the aspens hunting beats out a pig roast any day for me.

There are quite a few hunters up where I go and yesterday I was fortunate enough to meet a couple on the road. Now when I saw "couple" I mean as in a young man and his main squeeze. I got a good giggle at her stretchy legging and crop top for hunting apparel. They were from far away and asked if I knew where there were any deer.

Of course, I showed them a picture of a big one hanging out in the front yard, in town. He is no dummy.

After giving them some pointers on where to find the dumb deer, I suggested that they find a gun to carry as there are a lot of mountain lions in that area. And then I had to tell them about my Disney moment with a cougar.

This happened a few seasons ago. It was a moonlit night after a week of rain. I had been up on the mountain hunting elk when darkness overtook me. It took a while for me to find the road where the truck was parked but because the moon was so bright, I didn't even have my flashlight out. I was just a-singing as I trod down the road nary a care in the world. Well, except keeping an eye out for Bigfoot.

I finally found the truck where I left it of course, and took my own sweet time getting in. As soon as I turned on the lights of the truck, though, there was the biggest mountain lion I have ever seen. Not ten feet in front of my headlights. Tongue hanging out, drool dripping, certain that his next meal or ten was close at hand. Judging by his paw prints on the wet road, Unbeknownst to me, that lion had followed me the whole mile down the road.

Now I know they say music calms the savage beast and I don't know if that helped my cause due to the sweet melodious tunes I was singing or if my cat-erwauling made him think I would be one sour chunk of meat. But most likely the good Lord spared me an attack that night and I now carry a gun in case the Lord is busy if there is a next time.

This story had the desired effect on the hunters and the girl's eyes got as big as saucers and I could tell the poor man was in for it now. He will have to hold her hand every step or maybe even take her home.

Man, I love a good story.

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## We cannot do it without them

By STEVEN ROBERTS

Donald Trump is making immigration a major theme of his campaign of fear and grievance, and his prime example is Springfield, Ohio -- 45 miles west of Columbus, the state capital. There, he claims, newcomers from Haiti are stealing and eating local pets.

If he wins, he vows, "We're going to have the largest deportation in the history of our country" -- and he intends to start in Springfield. But when ABC asked Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine if Trump's charges are true, he answered flatly: "No. Absolutely not."

To be clear: This conservative Republican governor says that Trump is blatantly lying about the situation in Springfield. That, however, is just a Small Lie. His Big Lie is far more corrupt and corrosive: that immigrants are "poisoning the blood" of America and stealing jobs -- not just cats and dogs -- that rightfully belong to native-born citizens.

The truth is the reverse. Immigrants are -- and always have been -- an enormous boon to America. Virtually every economist who has studied the issue agrees on this point, including Jerome Powell, the chair of the Federal Reserve, who was appointed by Trump.

"The U.S. economy has benefited from immigration," Powell told "60 Minutes" on CBS. "And, frankly, just in the last year, a big part of the story of the labor market coming back into better balance is immigration returning to levels that were more typical of the pre-pandemic era."

Indeed, as The Associated Press asks: "How has the economy managed to prosper, adding hundreds of thousands of jobs, month after month, at a time when the Federal Reserve has aggressively raised interest rates to fight inflation --

normally a recipe for a recession?"

"Increasingly, the answer appears to be immigrants -- whether living in the United States legally or not," adds the AP. "The influx of foreign-born adults vastly raised the supply of available workers after a U.S. labor shortage had left many companies unable to fill jobs."

Trump's trope about the pet-pilfering Haitians is a classic case of "othering," a devious and deliberate strategy that says: They are different, they are threatening, they are not like us. He's played this tawdry tune his entire public life, including spreading the birther lie about Barack Obama -- remember how he stressed the middle name Hussein?

The great irony of Trump's anti-immigrant tirades is that his own supporters living in the old industrial heartland -- "flyover country," the areas he says are ignored by the "coastal elites" -- are the ones who need immigrants the most. And Springfield is the perfect example.

As DeWine said about the Haitians who have settled there: "They're here legally, and they want to work, and they are, in fact, working. And when you talk to the employers, what the employers tell you is, you know, we don't know what we would do without them." He also added, "These are people who care about their families. These are people who value education. They are hard workers. And I think we should respect that."

Immigrants tend to be younger and more mobile than American-born workers, so they can move where jobs exist, and they are willing to take on tasks many American citizens don't want, from picking crops and slaughtering animals to pouring concrete and emptying bedpans.

If Trump succeeds in his deportation

plans, whole American systems -- agriculture, construction, health care -- would collapse. Jenni Tilton-Flood, who runs a dairy operation in Maine, spoke for many business owners around the country when she told the AP about her immigrant workers: "We cannot do it without them."

Moreover, as the birth rate declines and the population ages, the taxes these immigrants pay help finance all those social services enjoyed by all those retired Trump supporters.

"As baby boomers have begun moving into retirement in advanced economies around the world, immigration is helping to keep America comparatively young and reducing the burden of financing retirement benefits for a growing elderly population," reports the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania (Trump's alma mater).

Not only is Trump wrong about immigrants taking American jobs, they actually create new ones, benefiting everyone. "Immigrants are highly entrepreneurial, launching new businesses at twice the rate of U.S.-born individuals," reports the advocacy organization FWD.us. "About 45% of Fortune 500 companies in 2023 were founded by immigrants or their children, while immigrants founded 55% of U.S. startups valued at \$1 billion or more."

Yes, the border situation is chaotic, and yes, newcomers can strain local services and budgets. But Trump is wrong and DeWine is right. None of us, not even the most fervent supporters of MAGA nation, can thrive without immigrants.

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### LETTER

## Democrats bring tax dollars back home to Valley

Editor,

One of many examples of Democrats working to return tax money to our local communities is 30 million dollars of our hard-earned federal tax dollars brought back into the San Luis Valley. In 2023 the Rio Grande Water Conservation District received 30 million dollars to pay out to water users who reduce or curtail usage within the confined aquifer in the SLV.

This is part of our long-term goal of restoring the confined aquifer water level so that we can ensure our farmers and ranchers can produce food well into the future. As we all know, our agriculture is the bedrock that supports all of our other Valley economies.

How did we get this wonderful funding? The U.S. Congress awarded this funding

to all states including Colorado through the American Rescue Plan to counter the devastating economic effects of the covid epidemic. This plan was crafted by President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris as well as Democratic senators and representatives.

The American Rescue Plan Act passed both the U. S. Senate and House without a single Republican vote in support. That's right- EVERY Republican senator and representative -- all 259 of them- voted AGAINST this plan. And yet many of these deceptive Republican lawmakers continue to claim credit for projects they voted against (Bobert).

And yes, this important Colorado funding was brought home by State Senator Simpson- but if not for the Democrats, there would be no money at

all. Zero!


So, what have other Republicans been up to besides claiming credit for legislation they opposed and pushing for lower taxes for the rich?

The Republicans in Douglas County have for the past several years been trying to steal SLV water and pump it over the mountains through a private corporation composed of other Republicans, including the last governor of the state with an R next to his name.

When Democrats are in control, they bring funding and support for entire communities instead of giving tax breaks and subsidies to corporations and the ultra-rich.

Thank you, Democrats!


David Montgomery  
Alamosa



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# Lifestyles



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The Creede Arts Council is hosting its 5th annual Steamroller Printmaking Event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 21.

## CAC's Steamroller Printmaking Event is Sept. 21

**CONTRIBUTED CREEDE** — The Creede Arts Council is hosting its 5th annual Steamroller Printmaking Event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 21. This is an outdoor printmaking event held in Creede.

Artists will have created and carved wooden boards with their own original designs. The day of the event, the boards are inked by hand and

placed on the street with paper placed over the boards. Then, a Steamroller (roadbed compactor) will roll over them, pressing the paper onto the board. The resulting outcome is an original fine art print!

Each artist's print will be available for purchase during and after the event, with 50% of profits returning to nonprofit missions of the Creede

Arts Council. Local artists participating will include Colleen DeSanto, Jody Stroh, and Amanda Charlton Hurley.

For more information, contact Creede Arts Council at [creedearts@outlook.com](mailto:creedearts@outlook.com). To learn more about the Steamroller Printmaking Event, follow us on Facebook or visit our website at [www.creedeartscouncil.com/steamroller-printmaking](http://www.creedeartscouncil.com/steamroller-printmaking).

## Cruisin' the Canyon Car Show rolls into fall this weekend

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

**CREEDE-** As the trees within the San Juan and La Garita Mountains change into their fall attire, the 16th Annual Cruisin' the Canyon Car Show will be hitting Main Street in Creede on Saturday. For the past 16 years, this popular event has brought car enthusiasts from all over the U.S. to add a spark of the past to the brilliance of fall in this small mountain town.

Sun glinting off of chrome combined with tunes from the 40's, 50's, 60's makes for the perfect scene as people wander among ever year, make and model of vehicles throughout downtown Creede. The event began when the owners of the Holy Moses Gift Shop, Vicki and Nick Kulyk, decided it was time to host a car show in Creede to boost the economy during a slow season in the small town.

The show is scheduled every year to correspond with the changing fall colors and to bring guests to the sleepy town right before the onset of hunting seasons in the area. People enjoy a day full of antique and beautifully restored vintage cars and trucks of all makes and models.

The event starts Friday night, Sept. 20, with a pre-registration party at the Creede Baptist Church and then join the fun for a barbecue down the road at Cottonwood Cove. Participating vehicle owners can come out to mingle and enjoy some delicious food as they prepare for the show on Saturday.

Saturday morning will start off with more registration at 8 a.m. at the Mineral County Courthouse. The show starts off at 10 a.m. and will last until the awards



File photo

The 16th Annual Cruisin' the Canyon Car Show will be hitting Main Street in Creede on Saturday.

ceremony that afternoon. Gabe Duran will be spinning classic rock tunes with Stephanie Hester singing the National Anthem at 11:30 near the flagpole at the Post Office.

The local 4-H club will be serving breakfast burritos, and lunches with beverages throughout the day on Main Street.

The awards will start promptly at 3 p.m. and the Rod Run to North

Clear Creek Falls will leave the Visitors Center at 4:45. Freeman's General Store will be staying open late serving their great food and ice cream.

Sunday morning the SLV Pilots Association will be serving breakfast while pilots from across the state fly into the Mineral County Airport.

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- 9 Local shops value you more:** Local businesses survive by their reputation & repeat business which means you get a higher standard of service.

# Sports

## Alamosa wins tough match with Centauri

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

**LA JARA**—One thing you can count on during a rival match is that records and statistics are meaningless.

It was that way when the fifth-ranked Alamosa High School volleyball team traveled to face Centauri Tuesday at the Lady Falcons' court.

The Lady Mean Moose won in three sets, but it wasn't easy. The scores were 25-15, 25-18 and 25-21.

"It's an emotional game and we were looking to stay composed and wound up on top," said Alamosa coach Annie Mortensen. "I think we made a lot of errors we don't normally make and that's due to a rival game. I think we're a solid team."

"We always put up a fight," said Centauri coach Ali Miller. "Don't ever count Centauri out."

The teams opened the first set by exchanging side outs before Alamosa took a 4-3 lead. After a brief Centauri side out, the Lady Mean Moose scored five straight points for a 9-4 advantage.

The Lady Falcons closed to within 10-7, but Alamosa pushed the lead to 15-9.

Centauri then scored four consecutive points to cut its deficit to 15-13.

But the Lady Mean Moose finished strong by scoring 10 of the final 12 points and they took a 25-15 win.

Alamosa took a 4-0 lead to begin the second set. After a brief Centauri side out, The Lady Mean Moose scored four more points for an 8-1 advantage.

The Lady Falcons closed the gap to 9-4 before Alamosa extended the lead to 12-4.



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

**Centauri High School's Rylee McCarroll (8) hits the ball over the net as Alamosa's Aubrey Rothermich (11) goes up to defend the play in Tuesday's match at the CHS gym. The Lady Mean Moose defeated the Lady Falcons in three sets.**

Centauri began to chip at the lead and reduced the

deficit to 18-14. Alamosa increased the lead to 21-14, but the Lady Falcons closed to within 22-17.

The Lady Mean Moose again finished strong by scoring three of the last four points to take a 25-18 victory.

Alamosa took an 8-3 advantage to open the third set, but Centauri rallied to cut the lead to 13-11. The Lady Mean Moose regained the momentum and pushed the lead to 19-14, but the Lady Falcons came back to tie the score at 19-19.

The teams traded side outs, but Alamosa had a strong finish again, scoring five for the final six points and claiming a 25-21 win.

Morgan Ortega led Alamosa with 14 assists and nine kills. Aubrey Rothermich had eight kills and she also had two service aces. Taybor Wiedeman also had two aces.

Aubrey Ullery led Centauri with eight assists. Mikasa Gilleland led in kills with five, followed by Rylie McCarroll with four. Ullery, McCarroll and Paige Sowards each had one ace.

Alamosa (10-2, 3-0) will have a long layoff before resuming play at home against Montezuma-Cortez on Sept. 27.

"We're going to practice the next two days, then give them a long weekend," Mortensen said. "We're going to come back refreshed."

Centauri (3-6, 0-1) will host Pueblo East on Friday. "We're going to do the and do the same thing we've been doing," Miller said. "The girls have been putting in the work and they're amazing."

## Adams State Athletics Announces 2024 Hall of Fame Class

By **MADYSON SCHLIEP**

*ASU Sports Information*

**ALAMOSA** — The Adams State University Grizzlies Sports Hall of Fame will induct twelve distinguished members as part of its Class of 2024. This year's inductees include a range of standout athletes, coaches, and a historic team that left a lasting legacy in their respective sports.

**The Class of 2024:**  
 TiaNecia Mosley, Dr. Loren Lutz, Tom Kusleika, Deborah Bome, Adam McGurk, Matt Gersick, Mike McAninch, Jermaine Thomas, the 1974 Baseball Team, Jim Labrosse, Larry Evens, and Sydney Gidabuday.

**TiaNecia Mosley '07 (Track & Field)**

A two-time National Champion, sixteen-time national championship placer, and twenty-time RMAC Champion, TiaNecia Mosley made an unforgettable impact on Adams State from her freshman year onward. She began her career with four individual RMAC titles and six event placements at nationals, setting the tone for her remarkable collegiate journey.

Throughout her career, Mosley earned eighteen All-American honors and countless accolades, including a place on the RMAC Women's All-Time Track & Field Team, 2007 USTFCCCA Indoor National & Regional Field Athlete of the Year honors, and three RMAC Track & Field Athlete of the Year titles. Her career remains a testament to her extraordinary skill and dedication.

**Dr. Loren Lutz (Men's Basketball, 1967-1977)**

During his decade-long tenure at Adams State, Coach Loren Lutz guided the men's basketball team to unprecedented success. With a coaching record of 262-114, including 125-109 at Adams State, Lutz's impact went beyond the court. In 1972, he led the team to the NAIA National Tournament, finishing the season ranked #9 in the nation.

Lutz's legacy was built on his firm belief that academic excellence led to athletic success, a philosophy that earned him the admiration and respect of his players.

**Tom Kusleika '69 (Wrestling)**

A three-time All-American and key contributor to the 1969 team that clinched back-to-back NAIA National Titles, Tom Kusleika was a dual-sport star, excelling in both wrestling and football. Competing in the 177 lb weight class, he finished as a national runner-up in 1967, moved to the heavyweight division in 1968, securing a third-place finish, and finished 5th in 1969, solidifying his place as a versatile and elite athlete.

**Deborah Bome '04 (Track & Field)**

Deborah Bome, a 13-time All-American and 8-time NCAA Division II Championship finalist, and 23-time RMAC Champion, excelled in short sprints, including the 55m, 60m, 100m, 200m, and 400m dashes. From her freshman year onward, Bome showcased her talent with top placements both indoors and outdoors. Her senior year was especially noteworthy, where she added four more All-American honors, capping



an extraordinary career.

**Adam McGurk '05 (Football)**

Adam McGurk made his mark as a record-shattering football player and a decorated soldier. A three-time All-RMAC and All-American honoree, he was twice named RMAC Defensive Player of the Year and earned a spot on the RMAC 100-Year Team. After football, McGurk served in the U.S. Army, earning multiple military distinctions. He will be posthumously inducted into the Hall of Fame, cementing his legacy as both an exceptional athlete and serviceman.

**Matt Gersick '09 (Track & Field)**

Matt Gersick, a 2009 Shot Put Indoor National Champion and nine-time All-American, was a dominant force in the ring. Despite a knee injury that ended his football career, Gersick went on to excel in track & field. He later transitioned into coaching, where his athletes have earned over 40 All-American honors, continuing his legacy of excellence.

**Mike McAninch '89 (Football)**

Mike McAninch transferred to Adams State from the Air Force Academy and quickly became a defensive

standout. His senior season in 1988, where he led the team to the NAIA Playoffs and finished as national runners-up, earned him NAIA All-American First Team honors, further solidifying his place in Adams State football history.

**Jermaine Thomas '00 (Football & Track & Field)**

Jermaine Thomas was a standout hurdler, earning a National Championship in the 110m hurdles in 2000. A five-time RMAC Champion and three-time All-American, Thomas set records and left an indelible mark on Adams State's track & field program.

**1974 Baseball Team**

The 1974 Adams State baseball team remains the only squad in program history to win the RMAC Championship. Known for their stellar defense and pitching, they reached the

NAIA Area II Playoffs, capping off a historic season that stands as one of the greatest in Adams State history.

**Jim Labrosse '90 (Wrestling)**

Jim Labrosse, a three-time All-American wrestler, placed in the top 10 at Nationals in two different weight classes. As a coach, Labrosse had a lasting influence on the next generation of athletes, becoming the winningest coach in his high school's history.

**Larry Evens '90 (Wrestling)**

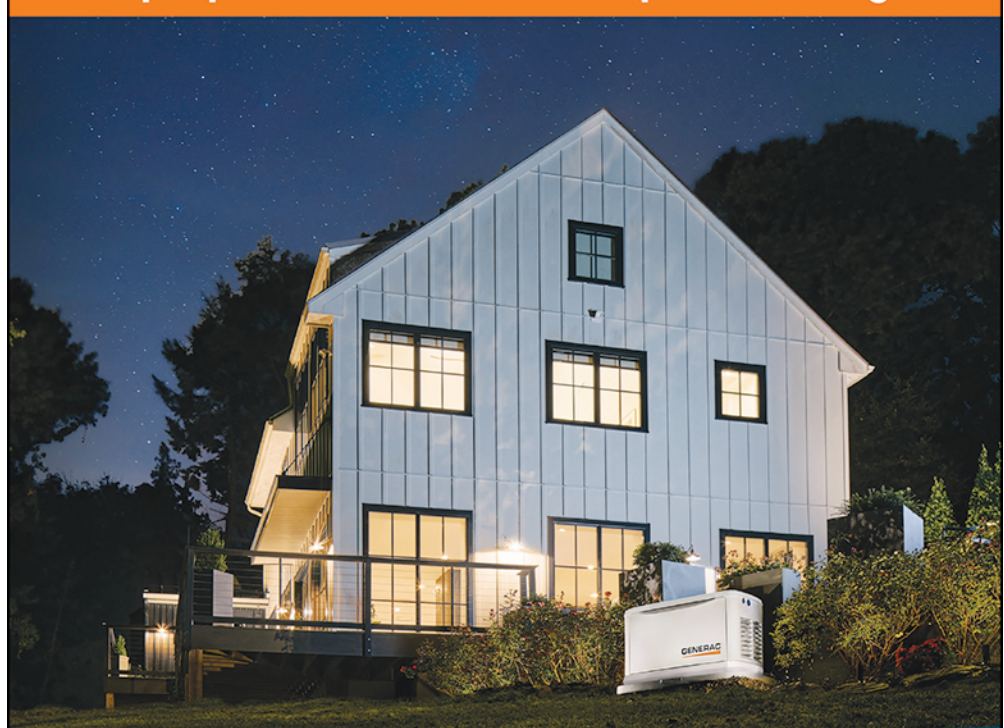
Larry Evens, a three-time All-American, set records both on the mat and in the classroom. In 1990, he helped Adams State win the National Team Title while earning a runner-up finish at Nationals, marking him as one of the most celebrated wrestlers in the school's history.

**Sydney Gidabuday '18 (Track & Field)**

Sydney Gidabuday was one of Adams State's most decorated track & field athletes, earning six National Championships and 13 All-American honors. His dominance in the 3,000 and 5,000 meters set him apart, and his collegiate career is considered one of the finest in Adams State's storied history.

This extraordinary class of athletes and coaches will be enshrined in Adams State history, honoring their legacy and accomplishments as part of the Grizzlies Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2024 in a Ceremony on November 1st. Tickets are on sale at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/oivzdd/event/2024athletichalloffamebanquet/>

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### Sports Bulletin

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#### SCOREBOARD TUESDAY

**Prep girls softball**  
 Alamosa 12, Gunnison 4  
**Prep girls volleyball**  
 Alamosa def. Centauri 25-15, 25-18, 25-21  
 Questa (N.M.) def. Antonito 25-23, 25-10, 25-21

#### WEDNESDAY

**College men's soccer**  
 Adams State 2, Oklahoma Panhandle State 1  
**College women's soccer**  
 Adams State 2, Oklahoma Panhandle State 0

#### THURSDAY

**Prep girls softball**  
 Alamosa at La Junta - late  
**Prep girls volleyball**  
 Sargent at Sangre de Cristo - lste  
 Centennial at Questa (N.M.) - late

#### SCHEDULE FRIDAY

**Prep football**  
 Sierra Grande at Antonito, 3 p.m.  
 Alamosa at Delta, 7 p.m.  
 Center at Ellicott, 7 p.m.  
 Custer County at Sargent, 7 p.m.  
 Del Norte at Cedaredge - canceled  
 Fowler at Sanford, 7 p.m.  
 Monte Vista at Pagosa Springs, 7 p.m.  
**Prep cross country**  
 Antonito, Centauri, Centennial, Center, Del Norte, Monte Vista, Sierra Grande at Gerard Archuleta Invitational (at Antonito), 9 a.m.  
**Prep girls volleyball**  
 Center, Evangel Christian, Sangre de Cristo at La Veta, 9 a.m.  
 Sierra Grande at Antonito, 11 a.m.  
 Mountain Valley at South Park, 1 p.m.  
 Pueblo East at Centauri, 4 p.m.  
**College women's volleyball**  
 Adams State at New Mexico Highlands, 6 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

**Prep football**  
 Sangre de Cristo at Dove Creek, 1 p.m.

**Prep cross country**  
 Alamosa at Coronado Invitational, 9 a.m.  
**Prep girls gymnastics**  
 Alamosa at Overland Invitational, TBA  
**Prep boys soccer**  
 Alamosa at Pagosa Springs, 10 a.m.  
**Prep girls softball**  
 Lamar at Alamosa, 11 a.m.  
**Prep girls volleyball**  
 Centauri at Pagosa Springs, 11 a.m.  
 Monte Vista at Center, 11 a.m.  
 Primero, Sargent at Centennial, 11 a.m.  
 Sierra Grande at Creede, 11 a.m.  
 Trinidad at Sanford, 11 a.m.  
 Mountain Valley at Crested Butte, noon  
**College football**  
 Adams State at Western Colorado, 6 p.m.  
**College cross country**  
 Adams State at Metropolitan State-Denver Invitational (at Washington Park), 8:30 a.m.  
**College men's soccer**  
 Sul Ross State (Texas) at Adams State, 10 a.m.  
**College women's soccer**  
 Sul Ross State (Texas) at Adams State, 1 p.m.



# Classifieds

### 173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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### 221 - HELP WANTED

**RIO GRANDE COUNTY** is seeking a Land Use Code Compliance Inspector w/without Building Inspector Duties to join our team. The Land Use Code Compliance Inspector performs duties related to the enforcement of the Rio Grande County Land Use Development Code and Building Codes. Performs inspections of vacation rental properties and maintains records relating to vacation rentals. Performs field verification of building setbacks. Maintains address and zoning permit database and assigns new addresses and issues agricultural building permits. Assists with building construction inspections as assigned. This a Full Time, Non-Exempt Position, that will receive County benefits of Annual & Sick Leave, Retirement and Health Insurance. Wage/Salary Range is \$20.19 - \$29.26 per hour DOE. Check out the Employment section on <https://riograndecounty.colorado.gov/>. Submit applications to [humanresources@riograndecounty.org](mailto:humanresources@riograndecounty.org) or drop it off at 925 6th Street, Rm 200, Del Norte, CO 81132. Job will remain Open Until Filled.(10/9/24)

**BUSY POTATO WAREHOUSE** hiring full time PERMANENT BAGGERS/STACKERS. Apply at WORLEY & McCULLOUGH, 2471 East CR 7 North, MONTE VISTA, CO. 81144. (10/5/24)

### 221 - HELP WANTED

**ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY** is seeking applications for the Full-Time position of Content Strategist. Salary Range is \$42,252-\$48,060, commensurate with education and experience. Benefits include Health, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance, Retirement, PTO, Paid Holidays. This position provides key decision support in developing and implementing a cohesive, integrated communication strategy across multiple platforms, including social media, web, print and digital, that tell Adams State's story in a compelling, visually engaging and consistent manner. Review of applications will remain open until position is filled. For more information and application please visit <https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/>. (10/9/24)

**RIO GRANDE COUNTY** is seeking a Grant Specialist to join our team. The Grant Specialist will work with federal, state, and private grants to manage programs and secure funding. They often work with a variety of staff, including department heads, financial staff, and others. Grant specialists may also be responsible for special projects. The Grant Specialist will report to the Chief Financial Officer, is an Exempt Full-Time Position, will receive County benefits of Annual & Sick Leave, Retirement and Health Insurance. Wage/Salary Range is \$59,133.00 - \$65,248.00 per year DOE. Please submit your application to [humanresources@riograndecounty.org](mailto:humanresources@riograndecounty.org) or drop it off at 925 6th Street, Rm 200, Del Norte, CO 81132. Deadline to apply for the Grant Specialist position is 4PM on October 11, 2024. (10/9/24)

### 221 - HELP WANTED

**SAN LUIS VALLEY Health** is seeking a Director of Human Resources. Leading a team of six, this position is directly responsible for the management, administration, coordination, and evaluation of Human Resource services and functions for all departments and the 765 employees of San Luis Valley Health. To learn more about this incredible opportunity check out our careers page at [www.slvh.org](http://www.slvh.org) or call 719-587-1200.(10/9/24)

**FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR: SARGENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** is seeking a highly motivated Facilities/Maintenance Director for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have strong team management and interpersonal skills, knowledge of electrical, plumbing, and HVAC, we'd love to hear from you! Starting salary is between \$45,000 and \$53,800 BOE and qualifications. For more information and to apply, visit [www.sargent.k12.co.us](http://www.sargent.k12.co.us) or call 719-852-4023. Application Deadline: 9/30/24 or until position is filled. EOE. (9/28/24)

**SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT** is seeking a MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year. Please submit a district application, resume, and cover at <https://www.southconejos.com/page/how-to-apply>. (10/4/24)

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### 221 - HELP WANTED

**SANGRE DE CRISTO SCHOOL DISTRICT** is looking for PART-TIME CUSTODIAN help. For more information please contact Gary Fritz at 719-378-2321 or email [gfritz@san-greschools.org](mailto:gfritz@san-greschools.org). Applications may be downloaded from [sdc.schoolsdesk.net](http://sdc.schoolsdesk.net) under tab "about us". Position open until filled. (10/2/24)

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**MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE PERSON**, or team, wanted for a 12-unit apartment complex in DEL NORTE, CO. Duties include but not limited to: office paperwork, cleaning, minor plumbing, minor electrical, drywall repair, painting, and grounds keeping. Fax or email a letter of interest and/or resume to 712-274-1230 or [nnieman@landmark-management.com](mailto:nnieman@landmark-management.com). Equal Employment Opportunity. (9/28/24)

**DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER** needed at the URGSD. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at [aduda@urtigers.co](mailto:aduda@urtigers.co) or contact Amy at 719-657-4050. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: [urtigers.co](http://urtigers.co). (10/4/24)

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**221 - HELP WANTED**

**JOB TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.** Location: CHILDREN'S GARDEN EARLY LEARNING CENTER, ALAMOSA CO. Salary: \$55-60k annual. Overview: Children's Garden Early Learning Center (CGELC) is hiring an EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR to serve as the Head of School, responsible for the overall leadership, administration, and management of the center. The Executive Director will oversee daily operations, ensure compliance with state and federal regulations, and implement board-established policies. We seek a leader who is deeply committed to early childhood education, excels in organization, and fosters a warm, supportive environment for both families and staff while maintaining the highest standards of care and education. Qualifications: Education- Bachelor's degree in education or a related field preferred; relevant experience may be considered in lieu of formal education. Advanced degree and early childhood education credentials are highly desirable. Experience: Minimum of 3 years of experience in school administration, including 2 years in a supervisory role. At least 1 year of experience in nonprofit or corporate management. Knowledge and Skills: Strong background in early childhood education. Director qualifications as required by the Department of Social Services. Experience in nonprofit administration and management. Fundraising experience. Ability to build positive relationships and establish rapport with families and staff. Excellent verbal and written communication skills. Strong time management and public speaking abilities. Proficiency in computer skills, with website development experience preferred. Other Attributes: Passion for working with children. Visionary and strategic thinker. Optimistic, open-minded, and a good listener. Decisive, diplomatic, and fair. Strong leadership qualities with the ability to delegate effectively. To apply, send a resume and 3 references to kassismith208@gmail.com. (9/24/24).

**BARTENDER WANTED IN QUESTA, NM** at El Monte Carlo Lounge. Thursday - Sunday, 3pm-11pm, hours may vary. \$13/hr with tips, housing can be available if needed. Call Mark 575-779-0653. (9/20/24)

**DEL NORTE BANK** is seeking to fill a full-time position for a TELLER in the CREEDE BRANCH. Duties will be to accept deposits, loan payments and process withdrawals while maintaining a balanced cash drawer. Must be personable and pleasant answering the phone and greeting customers. Many other duties will be assigned as needed. The position is permanent, full-time, M - F, 8am - 4:30pm, an hourly rate range of \$14.42 to \$17.00, with a robust benefits package. Application available at TrueLocalBank.com/careers or inquire at 117 N. Main St, Creede or call 719-657-3376 and ask for Dawn. EOE. (10/2/24)

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

**221 - HELP WANTED**

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

**WOLF CREEK SKI AREA** is accepting applications for ALL DEPARTMENTS: lifts, ski school, base operations, food & beverage/bakers & baristas, rental, retail, ticket office, snow reporting/guest services, ski patrol, grooming, snow removal, custodial building maintenance, and a freelance photographer. To download an application and see job descriptions please visit the employment page of WolfCreekSki.com. Send resumes and applications to wolfcreekski@wolfcreekski.com or P.O. Box 2800, Pagosa Springs, CO 81447. All jobs are winter seasonal (November - April) with skiing privileges. Starting wage of \$19/hour with merit increases based on performance and experience. (10/30/24)

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**341 - GARAGE SALE**

**GARAGE SALE FRI.** 9/20 & Sat 9/21 8am. Furniture, tools, Misc. 508 13th St. Alamosa. (9/21/24)

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# Comics

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### NEA Crossword Puzzle

#### ACROSS

- 1 Spigot
- 4 Factory
- 8 Moves up and down
- 12 Against — odds
- 13 Warsaw native
- 14 Designer — Tahari
- 15 "Born in the —"
- 16 Assistant
- 17 Enjoy
- 18 From soup —
- 20 Shorebird
- 22 Verity
- 24 Finished
- 25 Play for time
- 27 French cleric
- 29 Flower garland
- 30 "God's Little —"
- 32 Be too fond
- 36 Pull hard
- 38 Under the covers

#### DOWN

- 40 By way of
- 41 Fiddling despot
- 43 Make into law
- 45 Leisurely
- 47 Mechanical man
- 49 Asserts
- 51 Metallic element
- 54 Sour
- 55 Of the ear
- 57 Mine find
- 58 Encourage
- 59 Deceive
- 60 Nothing at all
- 61 Require
- 62 Muscle quality
- 63 Retired jet

#### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 7 Look furtively
- 8 Cherished
- 9 Oil source
- 10 Motorcyclist
- 11 Crystal-gazer
- 19 Web address
- 21 Throw
- 23 Refuge
- 25 Cunning
- 26 Beverage
- 28 Winged creature
- 31 Sedan
- 33 Rounds of applause
- 34 — -tac-toe
- 35 Devour
- 37 In a tangle
- 39 Fiasco
- 42 Ovine animal
- 44 Give silent approval
- 45 Look
- 46 Mammoth
- 48 Hunter constellation
- 49 Bowl over
- 50 Gentle
- 52 "Exodus" author
- 53 Liquefy
- 56 "This — shall pass!"

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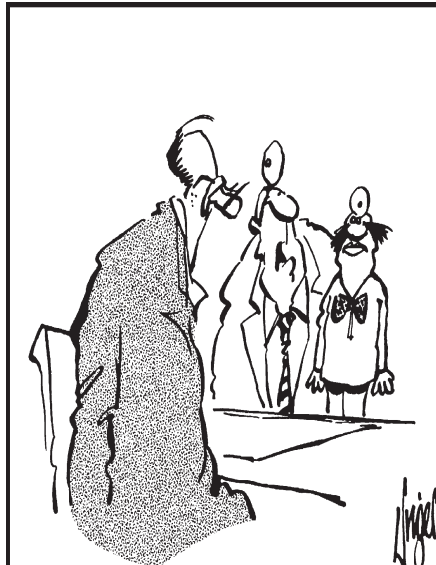
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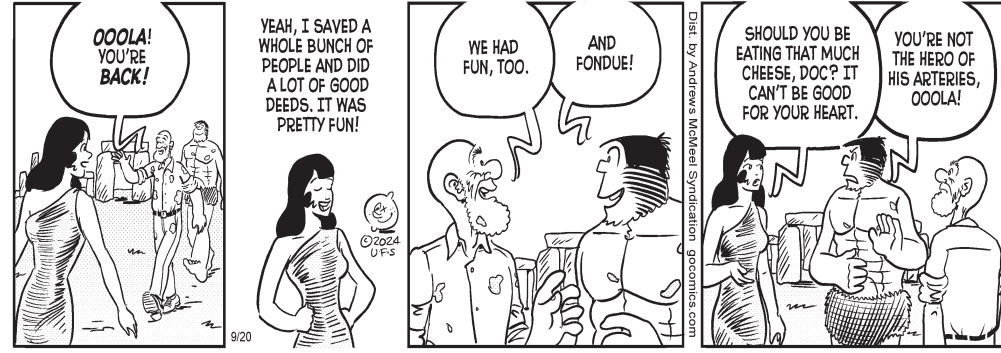
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## HERMAN

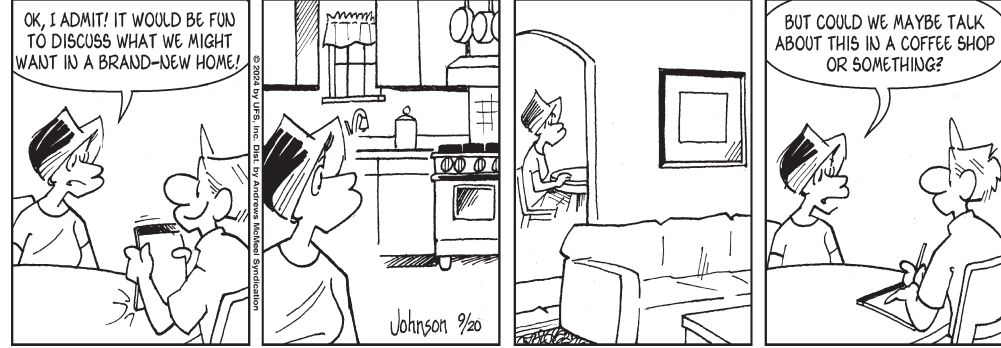


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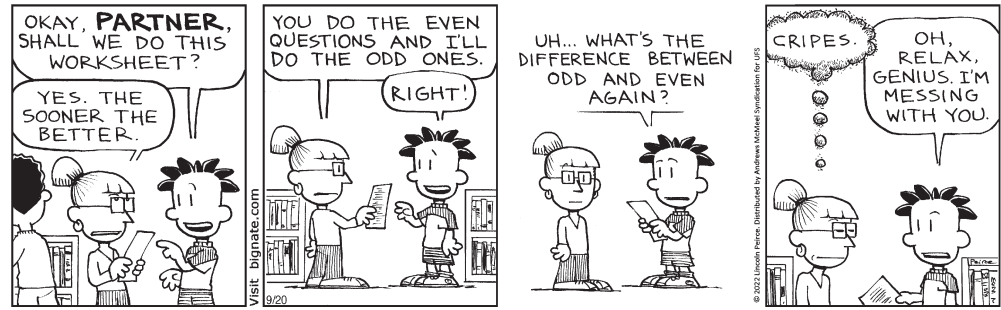
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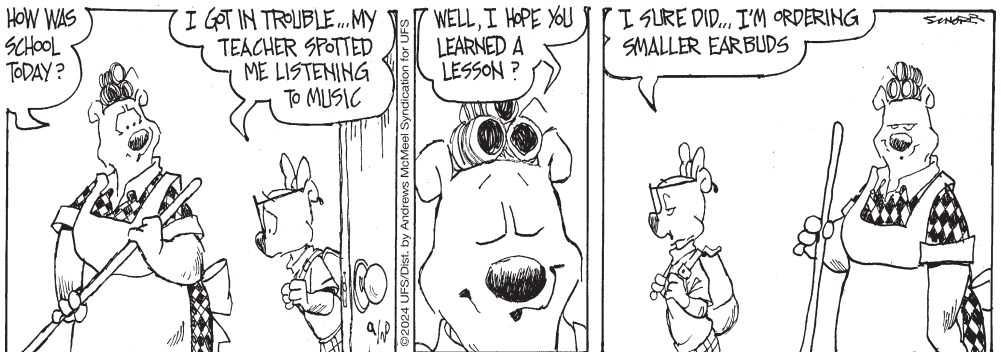
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# Helping people has become a full-time job for friend

DEAR ABBY: I enjoy helping my friends, my partner and family members. I feel doing good deeds is important in my retirement. My hands are pretty full with getting my elderly dad to medical visits, and I also visit him three times a week. I also have older single friends I do things for, such as occasionally dropping off meals and running errands.

Lately, I have been asked to provide transportation to medical appointments for no less than three of these friends. One, in particular, is more of a friend of my partner. Nevertheless, she expects a lot of me. I feel taking care of my dad and my partner keeps me busy enough. I feel pressured by these other friends. If I say no to them, I feel guilty.

How do I gracefully bow out with these folks? One of them has implied I'm not a good friend if I don't help them get to the doctor, sit with their dog, etc. She never seems to remember past good deeds and loves to start arguments with everyone (she only has one or two friends left). Any advice? -- WEARY MAN IN WISCONSIN

DEAR WEARY MAN: For some folks, it's only a short step from being a people-pleaser to being a

doormat. You have been kind and helpful; now it's time to start helping yourself. You shouldn't feel guilty for saying no to entitled individuals. The woman you described is one of them, so don't expect her to be grateful for the time and effort you have already given.

Developing the ability to say no is similar to weightlifting. Start small, work your way up, and in a short time, you will have developed the muscle. Try it. You'll like it.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I met on the debate team in high school. We debated about every topic, and I think it was one of the things he loved most about me.

Fast-forward 14 years and a couple of children later, and I don't have the fire in me to debate "oranges vs. strawberries" anymore. Every time I state a simple opinion, he tries to engage in a debate, but he goes from zero to 100 in a minute and forgets to listen to my opinion. I have taken to "letting him win" just to shut him up because I don't want to hear it. He gets frustrated when I do this and always says that it's what we used to do.

Abby, my priorities have changed. I'm calmer than I used to be, and most



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of my attention is focused on our kids. I'm tired of the constant arguing, but I know he enjoys it. Please help me find a common ground with my husband. -- NO FIGHT LEFT IN ME

DEAR NO FIGHT: Some couples enjoy contention as a form of foreplay. If you haven't told your husband what you have related to me, it is important that you do. Since "debating" has been an established pattern in your marital relationship, you may need a licensed marriage and family therapist to help you get your message across, because your husband may have difficulty adjusting to the change in how you communicate.