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County Road 12 S closure Sept. 23-27

ALAMOSA — Alamosa County Road and Bridge Department stated that County Road 12 S will be closed from County Road 103 to County Road 105 for the week of Sept. 23-27 for paving operations.

Re-opening of courthouse offices

CONEJOS COUNTY -Conejos County Courthouse offices are now open for business. Hours of operation are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday except for the Clerk and Recorders/

DMV Office which will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Offices are in the west section of the Social Services Building, 12987 Veterans Blvd., Conejos.

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DA, ADA, top cops in SLV discuss trends in crime she made a promise to the

Violent crimes are not increasing; drug felonies are up 20%

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER Courier Reporter ALAMOSA — When

Anne Kelly was first appointed and then elected as the district attorney for the 12th Judicial District,

public to be transparent. Kelly made good on that promise Thursday night, Sept. 19, with a forum on violence in Alamosa, organized in response to a spate of violent crimes this summer.

For close to two hours, Kelly, Assistant District Attorney Wes Stafford, Alamosa Police Department Chief George Dingfelder and Alamosa County Sheriff Robert

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APD Chief George Dingfelder, ACSO Sheriff Robert Jackson and Assistant District Attorney Wes Stafford listen as DA Anne Kelly addresses the audience.

Velhagen clock to be installed

The 'heart of Alamosa' to start beating again

> By PRISCILLA **WAGGONER** Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — The Velhagen clock has been restored to its original glory and is ready to be installed on Sept. 25 and 26 in downtown Alamosa. Such a simple sentence falls far short of capturing the devotion and determination it took to get the clock restored, starting with the efforts of John Davis who, years ago, saved the clock from being hauled away to the dump.

Davis, a master machinist, worked on the clock for years. When his health failed, he was joined by his good friend, J.R. Olson. When Davis died, a community effort was born with hundreds of hours logged by J.R. and other volunteers plus significant donations from individuals and businesses, all done in homage to Davis as much as commitment to the clock.

Although many said it couldn't be done, once assembled this extraordinary piece of Alamosa history was keeping perfect time with precise automation that removes the need for it to be wound by hand.

It has since been disassembled and readied for transport to downtown, which is no easy feat. The clock is not just a stunning piece of precision clockworks graceful metal adornment, it's also massive. The installation will require a crew of six men work-

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Photos by Lee Conner

Velhagen clock assembled and keeping time.



The interior workings of a master-The Velhagen clock is one of only nine such clocks remaining in the world.



piece reconfigured for automation. A closer look at the inner precision required to make the massive clock run on time all the time.

Think like Aquinas.

Courtesy photo

Adams State Alumnus Tom Bruscino, Ph.D., '99, will address students and the public on Sept. 27.

Linebacker and scholar to give public talk Homecoming weekend

By ED CROWTHER,

PH.D ALAMOSA — Adams State University is proud to host Tom Bruscino, Ph.D., '99, a former football star and currently professor in the Department of Military Strategy, Planning, and Operations at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Penn. His talk begins at 12 p.m., Friday, Sept. 27, in McDaniel

Hall 101. Targeting current students, but also the gen

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Needham runs for county seat in 2024

By RICK NEEDHAM Alamosa County Commissioner candidate

I have called the San Luis Valley home for nearly five decades. Married with four children and four grandchildren, I am deeply rooted in the community I serve. With over 30 years in law enforcement, including roles as a police chief and detective, I have dedicated my life to public safety and community well-being. With an MBA in Public Administration from Adams State, I'm ready to bring integrity, transparency, public safety, and fiscal responsibility to Alamosa County gov-

My friends and family often



Rick Needham

ask why I decided to run for County Commissioner. The simple answer is that I am called to serve my community,

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Laske runs for reelection in 2024

By LORI LASKE Alamosa County Commissioner

I am excited to announce that I am running for re-election for Alamosa County Commissioner, District 1. I was born and raised in Alamosa County, I attended Alamosa High School, I have a bachelor's and master's degree from Adams State University, I am a small business owner with my husband, and we have a small ranch. I have been married to my husband for over 30 years and have four children and one grandson. My roots and passions are Alamosa County. It is more than a place; it is my



Lori Laske

home. I have done some good things in the last three years, but much more is needed. I want the honor of representing

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Harold Hugh Hiatt

The Man, The Myth, The Legend

Harold Hugh Hiatt, affectionately known as "Hughie," passed away on Friday, Aug. 2, 2024, at the age of 82. He fought bravely in his last few years, continuing to embrace his bachelor days at his long-term residence in Alamosa.

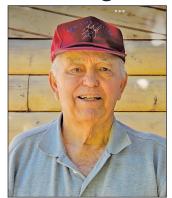
Born on Nov. 15, 1941, in Alamosa to Mary Veretta Jackson and Harold Ray "Bill" Hiatt, Hughie was the eldest of three siblings.

He is survived by his sister, Judith "Sam" Morgan and Janet Griego Malouff. (Deceased)

Hugh attended Alamosa High School, where he excelled in football, basketball, and track.

Hugh ried Cheryl Horn, and together they had three daughters: Rhonda Hi-(Hellwig) Jones, spouse Nathan Jones, Son; Travis Otto Hellwig, Kimberly Hiatt and Tammy Hiatt Monaco, Sons; Luca Hiatt Monaco, Giovanni Hiatt Monaco. The family enjoyed their life in Alamosa, reminiscing about the around town. days when Main Street meant to be dragged.

Hiatt's athletic prowess and the legendary coaching of Coach Vigil in the door after surgeries com.



made the 1960 Class reunions memorable. In 1961, Hugh attended Adams State College to play football, after which he Hugh loved sharing stoenlisted in the Army. Sta- ries of his grand adventioned in Berlin, Germa-tures with friends and ny, he traveled through- family and anyone on the out Europe with the trail. Berlin Bears Air Force football team.

"HHH" was fiercely independent, courageous, and a risk-taker, known for his adventurous spirit. Hiatt's anniversary of 41 years of sobriety was noted this March.

Hugh held various formative jobs in his early years before joining the D & RG Railroad. He found his calling working outdoors as a Lineman/ Foreman with the Public Service Company of Colorado, retiring in 2001 after 37 years of service. Even in retirement, he THE BULL YOU GET cherished meeting with THE HORNS-HHH his line crew for coffee

ran both ways and was to his daily routine of line condolences, tributes, having breakfast at the Campus Cafe community table, he relished walking it www.RogersFunerals.

and health setbacks.

He felt most comfortable in Alamosa, surrounded by the majestic mountains of the San Luis Valley. Hugh was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying fishing, hunting, and horseback riding on numerous pack trips up the Conejos Canyon. His frequent use of the Continental Divide trail and his pasturing of horses below the Blue Lake trail earned him the moniker "Mayor of Blue Lake."

A Committal Service will be Friday, Sept. 27, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Fox Creek Cemetery with Military Honors. A celebration of Hugh's life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024, at 11 a.m. at The Barn at La Manzanilla Farm, 6491 Colorado Highway 17, Alamosa. The service will be followed by a meal, potluck dessert. Please RSVP by text or phone call to Hughie's phone at 720-938-5739 for meal count purposes.

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Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the ar-Hugh was dedicated rangements. To leave onand words of comfort for Hugh's family, please vis-

Herbert James Taylor III

Herbert James Taylor III, 89, known affectionately as Herb and professionally as Jim, passed away peacefully on Sept. 4, 2024, at the Evergreen Nursing Home in Alamosa, Colo. Born on Feb. 27, 1935, in a modest railroad house between the tracks on the south side of Alamosa, Herb's journey through life was as remarkable as the man himself.

Herb's early years were spent in the town of his birth, where he graduated from Alamosa High School. His thirst for knowledge and innate intelligence led him to earn a Bachelor's Degree from Adams State, laying the foundation for a career that would take him

across the globe. As Chief Hull Inspector for container ship builds, he exclusively consulted for Chevron, APL, and Mattson Navigation. Herb's work was his passport to the world, allowing him to live in diverse places such as Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Thailand, Sumatra, and Hawaii.

It was during his time in Japan that he met the love of his life, Suzuko, while vacationing in Enoshima,



Japan. On Feb. 3, 1971, they tied the knot in Nagasaki. Shortly after their daughter was born. Their union was blessed with a second child, a son, also born in Nagasaki, Japan.

Having children brought incredible joy and pride to Herb's life. Although at times he spent years working abroad, away from family, he always returned home to the farm to enjoy the country life and nature. He was an avid hunter and excellent fisherman, skilled at the art of making unique flies. Hunting Roebuck in Germany, fishing at Smith Reservoir, Mountain Home, or pulling the camper up to Big Meadows with the family and making stops along the Rio Grande to fly fish the streams where he found solace. When he wasn't hunting, he loved work-

ing on the 20 acre farm growing alfalfa and raised livestock to feed his family. Living in the home he built with his father and working the land brought him not just joy but a sense of accomplishment and peace.

Herb's family was the cornerstone of his world. He is survived by his devoted wife, Suzuko Taylor of Alamosa; his children Kristy (Charles) Stella of Santa Ana, Calif., and Herbie Taylor of Alamosa; his cherished granddaughter, Carmen Anjali Greer-Taylor; his sister Barbara Brinkerhoff of Alaska; and extended family.

Herb was preceded in death by both of his parents, Fannie Elizabeth and Herbert Henry Taylor

There will be a Celebration of Life Service held on Oct. 5, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Rogers Family Mortuary in Alamosa, followed by the interment of ashes in Alamosa Cemetery.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online words of comfort, remembrances, and condolences for Herbert's family, please visit www. RogersFunerals.com.



The Adams State uSafeUS app is available for both iPhone and Android phones and already available for download.

Sadie Elizabeth Martinez

Beloved Alamosa resi-Sadie Elizabeth Martinez, 83, departed this life on Sept. 17, 2024. Born on Jan. 12, 1941, in Alamosa, Colo., to Scotty Garcia and Maria (Padilla) Garcia, Sadie was the twinkle in her parents'

After graduating high chool. Sadie went to Ad ams State College, where she obtained her Doctorate Degree in Education. She worked as an educator and counselor for Sierra Grande for many years. She loved teaching and helping others and being able to pass on wisdom and advice to anyone who wanted it. She was very enlightened and had such a great outlook on

Sadie was a devoted wife, mother, sister, and friend to all. In her free



blackjack tables, having Wednesday lunch with the ladies. She was an avid Denver Broncos fan, and she absolutely loved spending time with her family and her two dogs Sally and Bex. Sadie com. The care of arrangewill be dearly missed.

time, she loved playing through her son Jason of Alamosa.

P. Martinez of Alamosa, Colo.; special loved ones Lisa Muniz, Jason (Leslie) Faydor, Joann Garcia, Dennis (Cheryl) Garcia. She is also survived by many extended family members and friends.

Sadie was preceded in death by her parents Scotty and Maria Garcia and her husband Patricio L. Martinez.

Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. and Mass of the Resurrection will follow at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Alamosa. Interment will follow at the Alamosa Cemetery.

To leave online condolences, please romerofuneralhomes. ments has been entrusted Her legacy will live on to Romero Funeral Home

Adams State encourages uSafeUS app to keep students safe

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

State University is dedicated to the safety and well-being of all students, faculty, and staff. The campus community now has an award-winning uSafeUS app, to improve safety and reinforce consent and how to report sexual assault, relationship violence or stalking.

According to Heidi Schneider, Ph.D., inclusive excellence liaison, encourages students to fall semester gets underway.

students where they areon their phones- to communicate vital information about prevention themselves fake texts or and response. It supports our students throughout to leave an uncomfortable their time on campus in safe, anonymous way, helping to ensure they have the resources they alert friends to follow need, when they need them via GPS and to folthem," she said.

universities as a plat- alarm and flashing lights

responding to sexual as-ALAMOSA - Adams sault, dating violence, and stalking. uSafeUs provides interactive prevention features to help students leave risky or uncomfortable situations and to protect themselves or others when traveling alone. The research-informed, campus-customizable app provides help and guidance for victims or their supporters, with specially designed fea-

uSafeUS was developed download the app as the and enhanced using extensive input from more than 100 college adminis-"uSafeUS helps us meet trators and 400 students. The uSafeUS prevention features include: Time to Leave lets students send calls, providing a reason social situation before it becomes dangerous; Expect Me lets students low-up if they don't arrive The uSafeUS app is when expected; Sound designed for colleges and the Alarm triggers a loud

form for preventing and from a cell phone if a student feels threatened; Angel Drink provides a way for students to discretely alert a bartender or server that help is needed.

> The uSafeUS response features are based on more than 16 years of research into helping and supporting victims. Response features include Find Help provides fast access to medical help, public safety, counseling service, and more; Helpful Answers provides educational information in a question-and-answer format from the perspectives of victims, and their friends or supporters, including faculty and staff. What Next? Walks victims through options for care and reporting.

> For more information, visit usafeus.org.

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Conejos County deputy injured in accident

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER Courier Reporter CONEJOS COUNTY

two cars on Wednesday afternoon led to a Conejos County deputy sustaining serious injuries seriously, and transported, as well.

Nathan Lyons with the passenger was a little resuming. No further Colorado State Patrol, banged up more than information is expected Wednesday afternoon, the driver but nothing at this time.

a Conejos County dep- of a serious nature," uty was headed north- Lyons said. bound on Highway 285 when a vehicle head-- A collision between ing east on 142 turned local hospital. southbound onto Highfront of the deputy.

The deputy susand being transported tained serious but not to a local hospital. In life-threatening inju- it wasn't nearly as sethe other vehicle, two ries. The women in the rious for the occupants young women from Ala- eastbound vehicle sus- as it would have been bama were injured, less tained less serious in- otherwise," Lyons said.

According to Capt. tle banged up and the roughly an hour before

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All three individuals were transported to a

"The damage to the way 285, directly in two vehicles was very extensive. But because all three individuals were wearing seatbelts,

Lyons added that "The driver was a lit- traffic was diverted for

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mous groups.

Luis Valley offers many er alcoholics/addicts to organizations, but in the Anonymous achieve sobriety.

There are AA and list these meeting sched-NA 12-Step Meetings ules for friends and famthroughout the valley. ily. For information, call A.A. and N.A members The 6th Tradition states 719-937-5083 or see our primary purpose is to that we are not affili- website:slvaa.org

VALLEY — The San stay sober and help oth- ated with any outside spirit of cooperation, we

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Clock

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clock stands more than more than two and a half tons.

emotion filled discus- the fine new electric be counted on to show in its former site - di- some months ago. It will rectly in front of what is be quite a novelty for now the Lucky Bamboo Alamosa and an adorn- but in a spot where ment for State Street." it will be seen by all coming into Alamosa, a it should have stood all would do its duty from the subject of the photo.

along - in front of Kav- where it stood in front of Ly's on Main Street, just west of State Avenue.

The clock was origiing for two days as the nally installed on March 6,1912, when that day's 16 feet tall and weighs edition of the Valley Courier read, "Velhagen sion and negotiations, street clock that was the precise time to evthe clock will not stand ordered from the East And so it was.

Velhagen Bros. Jewelry at 505 State Avenue. Provided it was wound every eight days, it kept precise time visible both day and night while advertising VELHAGEN Bros., the enterprising BROS. JEWELRY on its And...following much jewelers, are installing hood. Although it could ery kid on his way to school or man and woman on their way to work, its image was captured only by chance in photographs. And even then, For more than half a the image was blurred place where many felt century, the street clock as the clock was never

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2024 and the chair of the

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ties Inc. I am a current

appointee to the Colorado

Child Fatality Protection

committee, and I am a

Rural Caucus member of

the National Association

of County Commission-

counties, safety, water,

and our way of life while

working to remind the

state of the importance of

I appreciate the confi-

dence the citizens of Ala-

mosa County have put

work hard and would ap-

preciate the honor to con-

tinue to fight for Alamosa

County citizens. Please

rural Colorado.

In all these groups,

reliance/redundancy

gen clock was one of only 212 made in the world by the Seth Thomas Clock Company, considered to be the "Tiffany" kind still in existence.

have passed since that restored, this "functional the near future.

That was especially first day it kept time for piece of art", as described surprising as the Velha- the people of Alamosa and an undetermined amount of time since it graced the city streets in town. But thanks to the unimaginable commitof all clockmakers. To- ment shown by a group day, it's suspected to be of people who toiled in one of only nine of its honor and respect for More than 110 years they did to see the clock held at some point in

by Richard Luckemeier, can be appreciated by all who take a moment to stop and listen to its steady "tick tock" gaze at the two faces on either side that will be illuminated at night.

A formal ribbon cut-John Davis as much as ting ceremony will be

Needham

■ Continued from Page 1 and I have been doing so since 1981. My career Chief of Police.

Public Administration ceives the best possible from Adams State Uni- services. From basic inversity has equipped me frastructure like road to manage public agen- complex issues like ecoboth the experience and believe we can do better. enhance public safety. training to serve, I am confident I can move Alamosa County forward at this critical inflection point. As the economic hub of the San Luis Valley, our county has the potential to extend its influence across southern Colorado and into northern New Mexico.

contributions, I believe more balanced perspective would better county needs leadership that is grounded in fiscal responsibility, environmental stewardship, resolutions, such as the to hysteria. I have faced recent "non-sanctuary"

county bring this balanced, service-driven approach to the Board of County just as effectively. Commissioners.

be my duty to ensure Earning an MBA in that every resident re-

Employee retention must offer competitive compensation to retain skilled workers, ensuring the county benefits from their expertise long-term. By working collaboratively with and department heads, I The county's current will ensure our services leadership is composed are not just adequate, entirely of Republicans. but exemplary and each While I respect their county employee is suc-

cessful in their role. The most important thing for voters to know serve our citizens. The is that I deeply care about this community, and I will bring diligence and and a focus on commu- law enforcement, I've althe complex decisions that

debate. I will come with public safety, I'm confident I can fulfill and administrative role

Recently, we've seen What matters most to an increase in violent began as a police dis- me is serving the peo- crime, likely linked to patcher, and since then, ple of Alamosa County. the rise in drug avail-I've served as an EMT,County government ex- ability. This is an area a sheriff's deputy, a de- ists to improve the lives where I have significant tective with Alamosa of its citizens, and as experience. I served as PD, and eventually as a commissioner, it would the commander of the 12th Judicial District's Drug Task Force for nearly a decade. If elected, I will work closely with law enforcement with the skills necessary maintenance to more and behavioral health programs to address cies effectively. With nomic development, I drug-related issues and

> I want to raise awareis a priority for me. We ness about the importance of focusing on issues that directly affect the lives of Alamosa County residents, such as economic development and affordable housing. To accomplish that, we other elected officials need long-term strategic planning to move the county forward. I have experience with this.

> > I believe in John Ad-

ams' words: "Government is instituted for the common good: for the protection, safety, prosperity, and happiness of the people; and not for the profit, honor, integrity to this office. or private interest of any Throughout my career in one man, family, or class of men." This is what I nity well-being rather ways focused on prepared- aim to bring to Alamosa than divisive, symbolic ness without succumbing County government a focus on the common

Laske

■ Continued from Page 1 our citizens for another four years.

In conjunction with my commissioners, Alamosa County team. I am a good candidate; I serve with integrity, a strong work ethic, and have experience in leading the county. For the past three years, I have worked especially hard enhancing safety, increasing road maincounty funds.

The safety for our community by working to increase Depart-Sheriff's ment's budget. These additional funds, over 1 million dollars (from the implemented 1041 Regu-2021 to 2024 budget), have increased the number of deputies, added needed equipment, and for Opioid Settlement provided competitive sal- funds coming to the SLV aries. We have increased instead of the front range. portion of the District Attorney's budget by (from Energy on a 1.7 million 719-850-1640.

the 2021 to 2024 budget), Federal grant to study which has increased the number of attorneys and allowed for swifter prosecution.

Based on citizens' in- to export solar energy. I put, we have increased am a current appointee the Road & Bridge De-I feel that I have pro- partment budget for new Tax Task Force. I have vided leadership and am equipment and directed taken on leadership roles, an integral part of the funds for road oil, all including the chair of the within an environment Alamosa County Comof increasing cost. For the first time in many years, we have also put funding towards blight mitigation and working to clean up dangerous properties.

As far as fiscal responsibility. The fund balance tenance, and have been had a increase from 2020 fiscally responsible with to 2022. We planned and utilized the ARPA Funds commissioners responsibly, and strategihave pushed to enhance cally planned for future I am fighting for rural needs while securing our ability to provide servic-

Supporting Commissioner Heersink, we lations to protect water resources.

I have directly fought in me. I will continue to Alamosa County's I am working with the Colorado Department of

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being trafficked in the

fice has spent "many more re-

Kelly says, she prioritizes her cases with consideration to-

In what may feel counter to public perception, property nity anymore. Each case will be crimes have decreased by 13% in comparison to 2020. She attributes that to more pro-active

Kelly also discussed a change she has made in policy. After response was largely positive. two years in the Valley, she is more familiar with those individuals who are "the most dan- and it sends a good message of gerous offenders." With that what the community will toler-

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in mind, the DA's office is go- ate. "It's very cheap to make. It's ing to start charging more of ders in 2020, seven in 2021, 19 highly addictive and very easy those defendants with habit- broad overview of how the bond in 2022, 10 in 2023, and 15 in to traffic and more fentanyl is ual criminal counts, which in-system works, as the DA's office count a defendant is convicted of committing.

> She emphasizes that the office is still committed to diversion and not prosecuting crimes that are committed because of addiction, with an emphasis on getting the person help. In contrast, she cites an

> example of someone who is charged with assault with a deadly weapon and, in looking through his criminal history, sees numerous previous convictions for similar crimes.

"This guy is not getting the ward prosecuting major drug message. We have this tool to go after this guy and make sure he's not a danger to the commuhandled with discretion and all attorneys in the DA's office will be involved," she said.

When she asked for feedback from the audience, the People looked at the approach as "pro-active," "necessary,"

ADA Wes Stafford gave a creases the maximum sentence is taking different action in that by three or four times for each area, as well. One of the goals is to stop the revolving door that often happens when, while on bond, a person commits more crimes. Example, if a person commits a felony and, while out on bond, commits another felony, they're asking the judge to take that into consideration in revoking bond or adding an-

> other condition to bond. Chief Dingfelder and Sheriff Jackson addressed questions about morale among officers both said the job is tough, but morale is pretty good. There additional questions about what the community can do to help, and the response

was unanimous. "If you see something, say something." They also spoke about the enormous value of having co-responders and victim advocates.

By the end of the evening, it was agreed that forums like what happened Thursday night hold value for keeping the public informed and will be held again in the future.

Crime

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Jackson weighed in on the job of fighting crime and enforcing the law in the San Luis Valley and then took questions from the public.

"Even though cites show an increase in violence in Alamosa," Kelly said, "I'm going to share with you some trends across the years that come from our office to give you a bigger and better picture of what's happening.'

Kelly shared data about cases filed by her office since 2020, clarifying the data reflects cases that are filed and are not reflective of cases the sheriff's office or police department have responded to.

In what may have come as a surprise to those who attended, Kelly painted a picture of crime rates that, with some exceptions, are not increasing.

She started off discussing homicides and murders, which includes first- and seconddegree murder, first- and second-degree attempted murder, vehicular homicide, criminal negligence, and manslaughter.

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Within that category, there fentanyl. were 14 homicides and mur-

"In 2024, five people were charged in the murder of one victim, so there have actually been 10 cases filed," she said. She then added that, in 2024, they are projecting a total of 18 homicide and murder cases to be filed.

The question was asked about the numbers being presented in a "per 100,000" figure, and Kelly had the data to answer.

In Denver, the rate was 1: 5,200; in Arapahoe County, which includes Aurora, the rate was 1:7,200. In Alamosa, that ratio was 1:3,700, which Kelly described as high. But she also added that comparing those numbers was like apples to oranges as a ratio of 1:3,700 is felt much more deeply than in Denver or Arapahoe County because the community is smaller.

Steady crime rates cannot be said for felony drug cases, which are up by about 20% since last year, a fact she attributes to the prevalence of

It just is," she said. In response, the DA's of-

sources" to better investigate, build stronger cases and to get more cases filed against major traffickers. She also discussed the Drug Task Force, which includes seven agents from multiple law enforcement agencies who work collaboratively in identifying the major drug traffickers and devote more resources in going after them.

"Unlike my predecessor," traffickers.

policing.

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Planetarium Free Movies: 5:30 p.m. Solar Superstorms and Exoplanets

Faculty Lecture: Film Music and Wormholes: Underscoring the Einstein-Rosen Bridge Chelsea Oden, 6 p.m. McDaniel 101 Free

Homecoming Week: Bingo 7 p.m. The Grill

Concert: Celebration of Hispanic Heritage 7 p.m. Richardson Hall Auditorium Free

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Homecoming Week: Alumni Reception & **Banquet** Reservations adams.edu/alumni Bonfire: 7 p.m. Gravel Lot West of Bubble

Volleyball vs South Dakota Mines 6 p.m. Plachy Hall

SATURDAY • 28

M & W Swimming vs

Western Colo. Univ. 9 a.m. Plachy Hall Pool **Homecoming Parade:** 10 a.m. Alamosa Free Carnival: 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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6 p.m. Plachy Hall

September 30 Through November 1, 2024

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Hatfield Gallery: Den Eye Photo by Dennis Schoenfelder

Gallery Hours: 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Scrambling out the '55 Chevy

I was 4 years day that watching you scramble out the green '55-Chevy door—pool hall, beer, not away; I remember a freight train rumbling, chugging through Mercedes. At10



a.m., you, an unemployed mailman, were already buzzed.

I learned that my uncle fell in love a long time ago before serving our country in Hawaii. Besides falling in bottle surrounded and close. That love with the honey from South Tex- trash bucket is within inches of 500 as, he fell in love, not so specifically, threads. Alone, he doesn't know those with each Vodka bottle or Schlitz memories, and synapses evaporate beer can he downed. Now, overused long-ago recollections and his life of military dress shoes shuffle through one-sided love. that worn path to a sweaty, soil-infused twin-sized bed.

ter night; no named brother guzzled tracks; the long-time-ago student, and couldn't bear to be parted from divorced and without family, wait-Bud, the imitation life.

Daylight breaks through the win- plowed into that rust bucket. dow; still, that uncle, brother, friend, I was 4 that day watching Uncle Ar-



Another young man listened in class some 20 years before he bought Another drunkard has fallen and the six-pack and parked that rusty refuses to wake to the vomit night af- ole Ford truck on the Tioga wintery ed and waited until the locomotive

father, or son sleeps, and keeps the nold, dressed in stained khakis, stum-

ble out of the green '55-Chevy passenger door. The Mercedes Pool Hall, and an icy Bud, were 10 steps away; I still remember his face fixed, his eyes annoved and his feet stumbling.

The news says men aren't consuming as much whiskey as they used to. Not as many highballs as two years ago. For women, numbers are also growing, journalists report.

Who understands the draw of losing minds, or egos into numbness and into nothing-at-all? It seems to me that drinking, drugging, and other mind-altering activities need solu-

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Historical records show that even a hundred years ago, people died from alcoholism manifested as cirrhosis of the liver. I've lost many family members to those alcoholic clutches, so bringing rehab programs to our communities with intense one-on-one therapies is so important. Let's not lose another loved one to a disease with so many hooks.

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A Kamala Harris crowd: Big and happy

By BYRON YORK

In the days before Vice President Kamala Harris came here, on Friday ris set a lower bar for herself, holding the 13th, some Trump supporters in the rally at the McHale Athletic Centhis northeastern Pennsylvania town ter at Wilkes University. It's a good speculated that she would have trou- deal smaller than Mohegan, and not ble attracting a big crowd to her rally. designed to accommodate arena-size Even when attendees began to show crowds. Harris filled it up; local news up, the detractors said the number reports said officials let just over was small and perhaps they had been 4,100 people into the event. paid to attend.

himself promoted the idea a few days boro, located in heavily Democratic earlier at his debate with Harris. Guilford County, which Biden won "People don't go to her rallies," Trump by 23 points over Trump in 2020 and said. "There's no reason to go. And the Clinton won by 20 points over Trump people that do go, she's busing them in 2016, Harris drew a crowd estiin and paying them to be there."

in 2020 and by 19 points over Hillary Coliseum. Clinton in 2016. The point was not winning Pennsylvania overall.

to the area. He has held rallies there in and they aren't paid. Some of several times, most recently on Aug. the Republican grumbling going on 17 at the Mohegan Arena, which can now is reminiscent of 2012, in the accommodate somewhere between Barack Obama-Mitt Romney race, 8,000 and 10,000 people, depending when a number of Republicans conon how it is set up. Some accounts vinced themselves that the polls were called Trump's August crowd "near "skewed" and Democrats were decapacity" -- the exact crowd size has moralized. A visit to an Obama rally gotten caught up in a lot of trolling or two would have proved otherwise, from the Harris campaign and some but those Republicans chose to igmedia outlets. But Trump undoubt- nore the Democratic enthusiasm in they listed Harris' strongest issue,

edly drew a lot of people.

Entering Republican territory, Har-

The day before, Harris held two Former President Donald Trump rallies in North Carolina. In Greensmated at 17,000. In Charlotte, where

Quibble with the numbers if you to win Luzerne County in November want; crowd size has long been a but to make progress there as part of point of contention in political battles. But Harris has been drawing Trump has paid a lot of attention big crowds, and they aren't bused

front of their faces. Now, Republicans and the issue Biden sought to make should be seeing a lot of Democratic the centerpiece of his campaign. enthusiasm in front of their faces. Harris' rallies are real-life illustra-More than anything, the Wilkes- tions of the standard poll question Barre crowd seemed happy. Re- about voter enthusiasm. For months, ally happy. Harris didn't have to do when Biden was their candidate, much to please them; at one point, Democrats lagged in the question she literally said, "We're all in this of which party was more enthusiastogether," and they cheered wildly. tic about the race. Now Democrats They often broke into chants of KA- are ahead. That's not the only meaevoking memories of the Obama cult tion, and it doesn't mean things can't of personality in the 2008 campaign. change in the next several weeks. Many members of the audience fit But it's something Republicans the Harris/Democratic profile -- they need to realize about the other side. were social workers, teachers, students, school administrators, nurses, psychologists. In the course of sever- spondent for The Washington Exam-The idea of the Wilkes-Barre rally in Mecklenburg County Biden won al conversations, all described them- iner. Email him at byork@washingwas for the Harris campaign to go by 35 points over Trump in 2020 and selves as lifelong Democrats. Just tonexaminer.com. into a Trump stronghold. The former Clinton won by 30 points over Trump one said he had feared the party had president won surrounding Luzerne in 2016, the Harris campaign said it been heading toward defeat under County by 14 points over Joe Biden drew 7,500 people at the Bojangles Biden -- "He's old, man" -- while the rest said they fully supported Biden. Now, they're just as fully on board for Harris. All were ecstatic about Harris' performance against Trump in the debate a few days before. As far as issues are concerned, when asked their most important issue, every woman said abortion or "women's issues," by which they meant abortion. Some of the men said so, too, but several others said that preserving democracy was the most important issue to them. That was it. Certainly, they have other concerns, but when asked the simple question of what is most important to them,

KA-MA-LA! KA-MA-LA! sure of what is important in an elec-

Byron York is chief political corre-

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Progressive evangelicals decry political theology

for social media humor.

On Religion ers didn't get the joke when a progressive evangelical offered a hot take on the man with an AK-47 hiding in the bushes beside Donald Trump's course.

somebody waiting to try to thor, tweeted: "The atkill the former president tempted murder of Donor somebody legitimately ald Trump is evil & every using his AK as a putter," noted the Rev. Ben Marsh of First Alliance Church added: "Folks, we're talking about Florida here."

Terry Mattingly

As critics circulated the quip, Marsh reposted strong rejections of political violence, including this appeal: "Please protect Trump and ban these guns!!!"

The furor was timely, since Marsh was one of the first to sign "Our Confession of Evangelical Conviction," a new statement urging evangelicals in American life.

God drives away all fear," worldly political regimes divine worship around

The hours after an ap-noted a key passage. An- and about the dehuman-partisanship."

as an illegitigodly motivation, and we repudiate the use of violence to achieve po-

Christ."

Christian should condemn it."

in Winston-Salem, North evangelical world, any -- to have been inspired Carolina, on X. Then he discussion of these issues by the "Barmen Declara--- such as a confession tion," published in 1934 gelical Trump critics, as of Germany as a rejection well as some doctrinal of the Nazi Party. progressives -- will automatically be framed by the rhetoric of the former president and his boldest supporters. Decades of rapier thrusts by latenight comedians, news-

to reject verbal violence new confession and dis- that a Christian's loyalty agree with any word in should belong to any po-"Unlike the false secu- it. The statement is cor- litical party. We reject rity promised by political rect in virtually all its ... idolatry and its messen- assertions about Jesus motes devotion to a hugers, the perfect love of Christ's supremacy over man leader or that wraps

parent assassination at- other passage states, "We izing attitudes that can tempt are a tricky time reject the stoking of fears corrupt Christian politiand the use of threats cal witness," noted Andrew T. Walker, of Southmate form of ern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, in his article on The Gospel Coalition website.

The question is whethlitical goals as er it "ends up telling us incongruent almost nothing about with the way of how to properly relate Christianity to politics. It Skye Jethani becomes a vacuous declaof the Holy Post Podcast, ration that one gets the "This could either be the document's lead au- impression is a way to tsk-tsk rightward-facing evangelicals," he added.

Several commentators have noted that this confession appears -- in for-In the bitterly divided mat and subject matter signed by A-List evan- by the Confessing Church

"Our Confession Evangelical Conviction" declares: "No political ideology or earthly authority can claim the authority that belongs to Christ. ... We reject room warriors and oppo the false teaching that researchers fade into the anyone other than Jesus Christ has been anointed "It's hard to read this by God as our Savior, or any message that pro-

Another passage added: "We affirm that the character of both our politi- for Life affirmation that side," he added. cal and spiritual leaders being "pro-life" means matters. ... We reject the lie that a leader's power, popularity, or political effectiveness is confirmation of God's favor, or that Christians are permitted to ignore the teach- confession says Chrisings of Christ to protect tians shouldn't retreat themselves with worldly power."

Confession of Evangelical Conviction" does argue that Christian faith "compels us to act with love and mercy toward all from the very be-

protect human life at all stages from conception to natural death."

It's important, noted Walker, that this new from the public square, while it also condemns political actions it considers worldly.

"Which is it? Should we embrace piety on the margins of society or public engagement toward ginning of life to the very the common good? ... Beend." But it avoided the lieving one side is acting faith and mass media.

"whole life" statements, doesn't necessarily jussuch as the Democrats tify supporting the other

"The solution isn't to "promoting policies that undermine the common good by choosing the lesser of two evils. The solution is to use political power to promote the common good using the available means within a political community."

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Bible Digest

Saturday, September

"Your testimonies are very sure: holiness becomes your house, LORD, for ever." (Psalms 93:5 AKJV)

God is always right. Lean on Him.

Sunday, September 22 "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, even

(Psalms 90:2 AKJV) in charge. No one will ever

take His place. Monday, September 23

"I will say of the LORD, will I trust." (Psalms 91:2 AKJV)

It is wonderful to be in God's capable Hands.

"He that spares his rod choose you this day whom hates his son: but he that you will serve; whether loves him chastens him the gods which your fabetimes." (Proverbs 13:24 thers served that were

Consistent lovdiscipline is a gift that parents give to their children.

Wednesday, September 25 "Before

from everlasting to ev- LORD: for he comes, for 24:15 AKJV) erlasting, you are God." he comes to judge the earth: he shall judge the God is eternal and He is world with righteousness, and the people with his truth." (Psalms 96:13

the

There is a Day of Judg-He is my refuge and my ment. God is holy and He fortress: my God; in him will do what is right. Are you ready?

> Thursday, September 26

"And if it seem evil to Tuesday, September 24 you to serve the LORD,

on the other side

of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in land whose you dwell: but as for me and my house, will serve

Oh how we need more men to commit to serve the Lord. This would bless

"And when you shall

Are you paying attention to the events of our day? Jesus is coming soon.

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Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Mass

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Friday, 6:00 p.m. M.O.S.H. Youth Night

Monday Free Music Classes

at 6pm during the summer months with a final practice at 8:15am on

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Services - Sundays at 10:00 p.m

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Sunday

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Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

The Peak Community Church

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Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - Family Night &

Alamosa Christian Reformed, 719-589-3493 1861 Rd 10 S., Alamosa

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Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Classes

Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study Healing Hearts, a Bible-based 12 step

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Central Church of Christ 200 Franklin Street, Monte Vista, 719-852-3811

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Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. 11611 2nd Avenue, Hooper

Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Sunday, 10 a.m. - Wolship Sunday, 6 p.m. - Book of Acts Study Monday, 7 p.m. - Youth Thursday, 7 p.m - Bible Study San Luis Valley Christian Center 305 S. Broadway (3rd & Broadway), Monte Vista

Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Bible Study Prayer House Church 410 Main Street, La Jara Pastor Jaime Flores - 719-298-0007 Sunday Morning Service, 10:30 am Wednesday Family Ministry, 6:30 pm

Friday Night Bible Study, 7:00 pm Sargent Community Church 6967 N. County Rd. 2 E., Monte Vista (across from Sargent School)

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Kim Nipple • 303-532-9342 Worship Service - Wednesday Evening at 5:00

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See you at Sunday School

How to Be the Bigger Person

God puts us in relationships with all need to always be right? nds of people. We think differently, Strife is extremely dangerous. kinds of people. We think differently, and we have different personalities, interests, and ideas. God made us that way on purpose. And although everyone is not like us, He still wants us all to get along.
I love what the apostle Paul says

in Philippians 2:2 (AMPC): "Fill up and complete my joy by living in harmony and being of the same mind and one in purpose, having the same love, being in full accord and of one harmonious mind and intention.

To put this verse in perspective, Paul was dealing with people who seemed to be in continual disagreement. If you've raised two or more children, I'm sure you know exactly what he's talking about. Sometimes you'd give anything for a little peace and quiet!

Oddly, the people we usually disagree with the most are the ones we care the most about⊠our spouses, family members, close friends, and coworkers. And if we're asking God to bring healing into any of those relationships or make them better, we need to partner with Him to make it happen. We need to learn how to control

our emotions and stay out of strife. Strife is an old-fashioned word for bickering, arguing, or a heated disagreement, and it carries an angry undercurrent. ever been around Have you someone who's pretending

everything's okay, but you can tell that on the inside they're seething with anger? Have you ever been that person? Think about it. How long do you stay mad when someone mistreats you? How easy is it for you to get frustrated with someone? When you

have a disagreement, do you have the

It can destroy marriages, families, relationships, and even churches. If it isn't stopped, it will continue to go from person to person, causing all kinds of problems and unnecessary

It's not easy to hear, but the Bible says we are still under the control of the flesh as long as we are envious and jealous of others and there is arguing among us (1 Corinthians 3:3). When the Bible talks about "the

flesh," it is referring to the parts of our souls and bodies that we have not yet surrendered to God...things like bad attitudes, selfishness, strife, anger, fear, unforgiveness, lust, addictions, and anything else that leads to sin. The minute we begin to sense envy

or jealousy within us or an urge to be offended, we need to make a decision to put our feelings aside and say, "I am not offended. If we don't do this—and instead just stuff it down inside of us—little

things become giants in our lives. Then before we know it, we're angry, bitter, resentful people...going to church every week but not acting any different than the rest of the world. God wants us to care more about

maintaining peace in our relationships than we care about being right. And He wants us to have a good attitude even when we don't get our way. Acts 13:22 says God is looking for those who will "carry out My program fully" (AMPC), and part of that is learning to forgive quickly, frequently,

and thoroughly. When you have a conflict, you need to do your part to resolve it no matter what the other person chooses to do. Someone has to choose to be

the LORD." (Joshua

families and nations.

Friday, September 27

see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is near." (Luke 21:20

Moving Up Higher Joyce Meyer





atmosphere of unity.

blessing (Psalm 133). When people are unified and agree, it brings peace and power.

I can promise you there will be opportunities to be offended. You may even be tempted to have an allout fit. But before that even happens, I encourage you to set your mind to be the "bigger" person. Why? Because

like Jesus, but we can get better at loving imperfect people. For more on this topic, order Joyce's three-part teaching resource Do Unto Others. You can also contact us to

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humble and apologize first-and as a Christian, that very often means you.

If you've been through some tough times in your relationships, you probably know that being right is highly overrated. We're not likely to agree with each other by accident because we're all different, so we need to put a real effort into creating an

And where there's unity, there is

when we do, we can have the healthy relationships God wants us to have. We're not ever going to be perfect

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Farmers plow under Bobcats 64-6

By KEN HAMRICK Courier sports editor

SARGENT SCHOOL - The Sargent High School football team returned home on Friday for a game against winless Custer County at the SHS field.

The visiting Bobcats proved to be no match for the Farmers. Sargent scored every time it had the ball, plus two defensive touchdowns for a 64-6 win.

"It was a good win," said Sargent coach Jon Medina. "The boys came together and played well. Everybody did their jobs and it was a good overall effort.

Custer County had the ball first but turned the ball over on downs on their own 36. The Farmers took advantage of the good field position on the very next play as Lucas Garcia ran 36 yards for a touchdown. Kade Temple ran in the two-point conversion and Sargent led 8-0 with 8:37 left in the first quarter.

The Bobcats turned the ball over on their next possession as the snap got past quarterback Masson Simmons. Garcia got to the end zone on the play as he scooped and scored on a 30-yard return. The two-point attempt failed and the Farmers led 14-0.

The Bobcats punted on their next possession and the Farmers took over at their own 45. It took four plays to get into the end zone as Garcia scored his third touchdown of the game, this time on a 10-yard run. The two-point conversion try was no good and the score stood at 20-0.

Custer County fumbled the ball away on its next drive with Jaycian Sierra recovering. Garcia then threw a 36-yard touchdown to Temple, but the two-point play again was no good and Sargent led 26-0 at the end of

The Bobcats scored their only touchdown early in the fourth quarter as Elijah Flynn tossed a 23-yard scoring strike to Agi Thomas. The two-point attempt came up short.

Their momentum was short lived as Garcia scored his fourth touchdown. He took the snap from center and raced 51 yards to the end zone. The two-point attempt was unsuccessful and the Farmers led 32-6.

47-yard run. Kenyon Knorr scored on the two-point conversion and the score stood at 40-6. The Farmers scored one more time before halftime as

Garcia found the end zone for the fifth time on a

 $Temple\,went\,into\,the\,end\,zone\,on\,a\,1\text{-yard}\,quarterback$ sneak. The two-point play was no good and Sargent had a 46-6 advantage.

The rest of the game was played under a running clock, but the Farmers scored twice in the third quarter. First Kyler Jones scored on a 14-yards run, but the two-point attempt came up short. Then they got their second defensive touchdown on a 45-yard interception return by Temple. The two-point conversion attempt was unsuccessful.

Sargent got one touchdown in the fourth quarter with Jones going into the end zone on a 10-yard run. yards on 17 carries.



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

Sargent High School's Lucas Garcia (4) runs for a touchdown behind Jaycian Sierra's block in Friday's game against Custer County at the SHS field. The Farmers defeated the Bobcats 64-6.

The two-point conversion again was no good.

The Farmers had 331 yards of total offense on only 23 plays. They had 250 yards on the ground with Garcia running for 165 yards on seven carries. Jayce Capron had 25 yards on two carriers, Jones had 24 yards on two carries, and Bryson Paulson had 22 yards on one carry.

Temple completed all three of his pass attempts for 45 yards, and Garcia completed his only attempt for 36 yards. Sierra had two receptions for 21 yards, Temple had one for 36 and Jones had one for 24.
"It was an awesome game," Temple said. "I was

glad to come back and make two interceptions. I had a rushing touchdown and everyone blocked well. I just played well for my team.'

Custer County had 167 yards of total offense – 117 rushing and 50 passing. Wyatt Grundy ran for 128

Sargent (2-2) will have a week off before resuming play against Dolores at home on Oct. 4.

"Dolores is a tough squad and they're coached well," Medina said. "We're just going to come out and play our football game and hope to get a victory."
Sargent 64, Custer County 6

Custer County Sargent First quarter S – Garcia 36 run (Temple run), 8:37 S – Garcia 36 run (Temple rurn (run failed), 8:05 S – Garcia 10 run (pass failed), 5:20 S – Temple 36 pass from Garcia (run failed), 2:39

Second quarter
CC - Thomas 23 pass from Flynn (run failed), 9:49
S - Garcia 51 run (run failed), 9:34
S - Garcia 47 run (Knorr run), 7:30
S - Temple 1 run (run failed), 4:10
Third quarter
S. Jones 14 run (run failed), 7:50

S – Jones 14 run (run failed), 7:50 S – Temple 45 interception return (run failed), 3:16 Fourth quarter S – Jones 10 run (pass failed), 6:06

Lady Farmers silence Lady Thunderbirds

By KEN HAMRICK Courier sports editor

MOSCA – The 10th-ranked Sargent High School volleyball team had a tough task on Thursday as it traveled to face perennial power Sangre de Cristo.

The Lady Farmers got a tough contest early in their match against the Lady Thunderbirds but came up with a sweep by scores of 25-21, 25-12 and 25-14.

Sangre took a 4-2 lead to begin the first set, but Sargent came back to go in front at 6-5. The Lady T-Birds had a brief side out before the Lady Farmers went on a 6-1 run to take an 11-6 advantage.

Sangre closed the lead to 11-8, but Sargent scored three consecutive points for a 14-8 advantage. The teams then exchanged side outs until the Lady T-Birds narrowed the gap to 15-11.

After again trading side outs, the Lady Farmers went up 19-13 before Sangre scored four unanswered points to reduce its deficit to 19-17.

The teams again exchanged side outs before Sargent scored three of the final four points for a 25-21 win.

Sangre scored the first point of the second set, but Sargent scored the next four. After a brief Lady T-Birds side out. the Lady Farmers scored seven points in a row to take an 11-2 advantage.

Sargent increased the lead to 15-4 before Sangre rallied to pull within 18-10. But the Lady Farmers finished with a 7-2 rally for a 25-12 win.

The Lady Farmers scored the first six points of the third set. After trading side outs, the Lady T-Birds scored four consecutive points to reduce the margin

Sargent answered with a 7-0 run for a 17-9 advantage. It then scored eight of the final 13 points to take a 25-14 victory.

Reese Anderson and Kandace Pargin led the Lady Farmers as Anderson had 13 assists and eight kills, while Pargin had nine assists and nine kills. Pargin's twin sister, Kimmy, had five kills. Bella Anderson, Reese Anderson and Kimmy Pargin each had two service aces.

Kylie Smit led the Lady Thunderbirds with eight assists. Belle Beiriger led in kills with four. Hallie Henry, Emma Jimenez and Taylor Freel each had two

Sargent (9-0, 3-0) will play Primero on Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

Sangre de Cristo (6-6, 1-1) played La Veta and Center on Friday. Its next match is Thursday at home against

Fort Lewis Westminster (Utah)

Colorado Christian

South Dakota Mines

Metropolitan State-Denver

Colorado School of Mines

Colorado School of Mines

Fort Lewis Colorado-Colorado Springs

Metropolitan State-Denver

New Mexico Highlands

Colorado Christian

Westminster (Utah)

Adams State

Colorado State Pueblo

Colorado Mesa

Adams State

Colorado Mesa

Team

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Overall

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Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

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4-3 4-4 4-4

Sargent High School's Reese Anderson (10) hits the ball as Sangre de Cristo's Belle Beiriger (14) goes up for the block. The 10th-ranked Lady Farmers defeated the Lady Thunderbirds in three sets.

Regis Black Hills State (S.D.)

Metropolitan State-Denver

Colorado-Colorado Springs

Colorado Mesa

Colorado Christian

Colorado State Pueblo

Black Hills State (S.D.)

Colorado School of Mines Western Colorado

South Dakota Mines

Chadron State (Neb.)

New Mexico Highlands

Fort Lewis

Adams State

Westminster (Utah)

Team

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Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference standings

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FOOTBALL

As of Thursday

Colorado State Pueblo 1-0 Colorado School of Mines Western Colorado Black Hills State (S.D.) Chadron State (Neb.) Colorado Mesa Fort Lewis **Adams State** New Mexico Highlands South Dakota Mines MEN'S SOCCER Conf. Team W-L-T

Bulletin

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SCOREBOARD

THURSDAY

Prep girls softball

La Junta 13, Alamosa 2,

Colorado-Colorado Springs Colorado State Pueblo **Sports** Cristo 25-21, 25-12, 25-14

Sargent def. Sangre de

Conf.

FRIDAY Prep football Cedaredge 1, Del Norte

0, forfeit Center at Ellicott - no report Delta 41, Alamosa 12 Fowler at Sanford - no

report Monte Vista at Pagosa Springs - no report

Sargent 64, Custer County

Prep girls volleyball Sierra Grande 58, Antonito Questa (N.M.) def. Prep girls volleyball Centennial 25-4, 25-14,

no report

Evangel Christian def. Center 25-19, 25-22 Pueblo East def. Centauri

in four sets - scores not reported Sangre de Cristo at La Veta - no report

Sierra Grande at Antonito no report College women's

volleyball New Mexico Highlands def. Adams State 16-25, 29-

27, 25-23, 16-25, 15-11

SCHEDULE SATURDAY Prep cross country 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,

Primero, Sargent at Centennial, 11 a.m. Sierra Grande at Creede,

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

Vista, 5:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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Prep girls softball Gunnison at Alamosa (at

Adams State), 4 p.m. Prep girls volleyball

Center at Antonito, 4:30

Del Norte at Sargent, 5

Crested Butte at Monte

College women's volleyball

Colorado State Pueblo at

Center vs. Sangre de Cristo

Alamosa at Coronado

11 a.m. Trinidad at Sanford, 11 Adams State, 1 p.m. **TUESDAY** Prep boys soccer

Alamosa at Durango, 5

Adams State, 6 p.m.

Lifesty

Saguache first responders hold 9/11 remembrance event

SAGUACHE Sept. 11, first responders participated in a parade held on 4th Street in Saguache. The street was lined with people happily watching as the local fire and rescue trucks, Saguache County Sheriff trucks, and a Saguache County ambulance, drove down the street with their lights and sirens on, in remembrance of the 9/11 tragedy.

Shortly after the parade, the groups gathered at the fire station, where a moment of silence and special prayer was said to honor the fallen heroes of 9/11.

Inside of the station, baked goodies were laid out for everyone to eat, including brownies, cookies, frosted cupcakes, cheesecake, and fruit. There were also light drinks served at the celebration.

Mackenzie Hammel. County Ambulance District, spoke about the

"Tonight, we had a litget together in rememevery year, it's bigger this year than it has been the last couple of years,"



Following the 9/11 remembrance parade in Saguache, the public and first responders were treated to homemade desserts at the Saguache Volunteer Fire Department station.

Hammel said.

Hammel, 26, has been a part of the ambulance district her entire life.

"My dad was the prewho is the director of vious director, and I bethe Northern Saguache came the director in Jan- out. Every year since 9/11 uary. It's really been nice we have dedicated this for all of us as a first reevent, and why it was sponder family to get to- together and do a little gether tonight, and for us parade around town with to also spend this time totle parade and had a little gether, because we never know if we could end up brance of 9/11. We do this in an emergency like that at some point," Hammel

> Saguache Volunteer he said.

Fire Department Chief Kendal Adolph spoke about the event, and about his crew being there.

"It's been a good turntime, and we all gather our sirens on. We read a couple of poems, we do a moment of silence, say the pledge of allegiance and we also just gather for fellowship. It's great,"



Photos by Marie Mccolm

In remembrance of 9/11, a parade was held in Saguache. The Northern Saguache County Ambulance District was one of the participants.



The Saguache Volunteer Fire Department participates in a 9/11 remembrance parade in Saguache.

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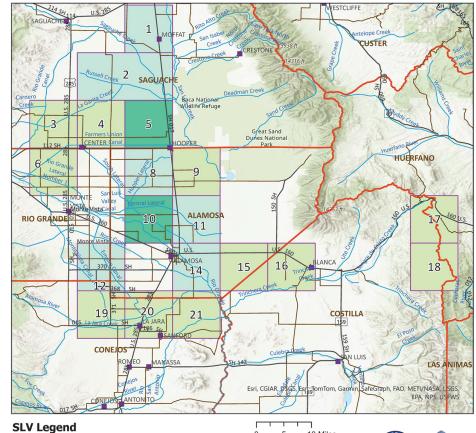
The Colorado Geological Survey (CGS), a department of the Colorado School of Mines, has been funded through a grant from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) to conduct a 5-year study of baseline radionuclides and metals in groundwater obtained from privately owned residential water wells throughout Colorado. CDPHE's reason for this study is education focused for homeowners on wells. Note: CDPHE has no regulatory authority over private wells. The grant is covering the costs so is free to homeowners.

For this effort, 41 water samples are currently available for select areas of the San Luis Valley. These have been divided up in a grid, each containing 1, 2, or 3 samples. If the number of volunteers in a grid space exceeds the quota, the CGS will prioritize selection of participants by spatial distribution combined with geologic considerations.

For this effort we are seeking volunteers to whom we will ship, via FedEx Ground, a boxed sampling kit with a pre-paid FedEx Ground return shipping label. We will need filled water samples returned within about 2 weeks. Once we receive a water sample, we will assign a sample number to anonymize it. Thus, the owner's contact information will stay solely with CGS. We anticipate about a 2 month turn-around time before we can email lab results to the individual well owners.

Volunteers, please send an email to LSEBOL@mines.edu with your name, shipping address, (physical address of property if different), and phone number (FedEx requires phone numbers for shipping). A reply email will be sent with more detailed sampling information, asking for confirmation. If possible, please also identify which grid space the well is located within (available grids are shown in color on our grid map).

Residential water well sampling grid showing available number of samples per grid space



Number of samples per grid

1 well sample/grid 2 well sample/grid

3 well sample/grid

Cities

County border

Rivers and Streams

Center Viking Youth Club holds suicide awareness run

awareness color run took ness. place on Friday morn-Youth Club.

also a coffee truck selling coffee and hot choco- having these thoughts." late. Center Police De-Fresquez helped with helps with this, too. the race and could be celebrate the completion of the race.

Center Viking Youth the race and the STARS program of Center.

forStudents Teaching About Relationships and Success. The STARS program puts on this race every year for suicide awareness and prevention. The person in charge of STARS is Camille Villa. She is also the cross cross country kids are Club. running, too. We all work together on this."

that the students that were in the race got a t-shirt. Most of the kids in the race were wearing the t-shirts. Children were excited for the race and began lining tional learning, we ride up shortly after 7 a.m. bikes and skateboards, The t-shirts were color-

CENTER — A suicide were for suicide aware-

Pavlovsky stated, "Our ing, Sept. 13. The race goal is to bring suicide began at the Center Vi- awareness and to help king Youth Club, 386 S. kids feel comfortable in Broadway, Center. The talking about it. Sturace involved students dents do think about from the Center Consoli- this, more than anyone dated School District, realizes. We want the and all that attended ei- word 'suicide' to be norther ran or walked back mal in conversation for to the Center Viking students. We want them to hear it, know what it There were snacks means, and if they are and water provided for feeling a certain way the children. There was they can go to a counselor and tell them I am

explained the snacks and make Pavlovsky partment Chief Aaron that the STARS program

"So, we have students projects. Also, dependseen in the middle of the that are in STARS. We ing on the time of year. road guiding both chil- have high school stu- A lot of the students that dren and traffic. When dents that are paired we have here, well their the kids returned to the with middle school stu- parents, might really club, colored chalk was dents, and we have men- need this space, because thrown at each other to tors and mentees, so that their parents might be they can look to them for working until five or six advice. High school stu- o clock, and they need dents can lean on each somewhere for their kids Club Director Carmen other. Everyone also has to go. We try to provide Pavlovsky spoke about these adults that are education and food, but there for them to go to. our number one goal is Our goal is for the stu-building relationships. "We did the race in dents to know that they collaboration with the have trusted friends and educational space and STARS program, which people that they can go to for help. We have all these people together to help as a community to prevent suicide if anyone is having thoughts about it. Our main goal is to get these messages run go hand in hand, out there, with this run,

Pavlovsky spoke about country coach, and her the Center Viking Youth

Monday through Thurs-Pavlovsky explained day after school, and we are here all day on Fridays. We provide time for students here. provide snacks, We and different activities. We provide social emowe learn about making



Participants of the suicide awareness color run pose for a photo on Sept. 13 at the Center Viking Youth Club.

healthy choices. We have

the kids help us make

their own lunch. We do

science projects and art

We try to provide a safe,

there is a tuition fee,

but we do not turn the

kids away if they don't

have the fee. We are also

working on trying to pro-

vide transportation too.

I feel the club and this

because we are about

building positivity and

Pavlovsky stated that

good relationships.'



Photos by Marie Mccolm

A suicide awareness color run took place on Friday morning, Sept. 13. The race began at the Center Viking Youth Club.

IN MONTE VISTA

Orlando DeHerrera, DO

Monte Vista Medical Clinic

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elcome, Dr. Orlando DeHerrera, to our Monte Vista Medical Clinic. San Luis Valley native Orlando

DeHerrera, DO, is accepting new patients at our Monte Vista Clinic. Born and raised in Antonito, he has been a local favorite with patients and is known for his down-to-earth charm.

Dr. DeHerrera is excited to be practicing with Rio Grande Hospital Clinic in Monte Vista, where he resides with his family. He is actively involved in the community and is happy to get back to his true calling as a primary care provider in the San Luis Valley!



To schedule your appointment with Dr. DeHerrera,

Talk

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eral public, Dr. Bruscino's presentation focuses projects, and other topics of interest. He is eager to hear what the current crop of students are

in pursuing. from Ohio University in social studies teacher 2005, Dr. Bruscino began teaching at United real passion in academic States Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Riley, Kansas, beat Carlisle Barracks in 2017.

"We educate senior leadmultiple civilian agencies, and international a doctorate in history. officers in national security and decision making, strategic leadership, military strategy and campaigning, and defense management, so they can that launched him on his go out and lead the armed forces in war and peace."

sity of Tennessee Press in homecoming Meuse Argonne Offen- ongoing love for Adams

sive and the Birth of the State.'

American Century."

A football standout at Highlands Ranch High School, he was not widely recruited. His high school coach, Marty Heaton,'81 on enlarging [a student's] recommended him to perspective on what is Coach Jeff Geiser, Ph.D.. available in the world for at Adams State. Dr. Br-Adams State graduates. uscino played linebacker He will answer questions for Geiser and earned a about history, graduate reputation for tenacity school, government ser- and making big plays. He vice, professional mili- calls, Coach Geiser a lifetary education, current long mentor and "a great, inspirational, coach who truly cares about people."

Although Bruscino studying and interested came to Adams State to play football, he planned After earning his Ph.D. to become a high school and coach. He found his study.

"The general education courses introduced fore assuming his duties me to a broad variety of subjects taught by passionate professors. I had A specialized institu- incredible mentors in my tion, "The Army War major area, led by Drs. College is the last major McDaniel and Crowther, educational step in an which led to me getting officer's career," he said. the McDaniel-Gallagher Scholarship." By the end ers in all of the services, of his junior year, Bruscino had decided to pursue

Neither of his parents attended college but Adams State provided a supportive academic and environment athletic career path. He met his wife, Terrie, '99, at Ad-He published his first ams State, and they are book, "A Nation Forged in proud parents of three War: How World War II children. When his team-Taught Americans to Get mates decided to hold a Along," with the Univer- reunion during the 2024 weekend, 2010, and Oxford Univer- Bruscino was determined sity Press will soon pub- to attend and is giving lish his latest work, "The this talk "to share my





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NOTICE OF LOST STOCK CERTIFICATE The San Luis Valley Canal Company, a Colorado Mutual Ditch Company, pursuant to C.R.S.A. §7-42-115 causes this NOTICE to be published on the 31st day of August, 2024 and once every week thereafter for five successive weeks the fifth publication being on the twenty-eighth day after the first publication." CRS 7-42-115, in the Valley Courier, a newspaper of general circulation in Alamosa County, in which the principal office of the San Luis Valley Canal Company is located.

In accordance with the terms of C.R.S.A. §7-42-114 to §7-42-117, Lloyd J. Simpson and Wilma H Simpson, joint tenants and The Federal Land Bank of Wichita, has filed a Notice with the San Luis Valley Canal Company making Demand for the issuance of duplicate certificates for stock certificates No. 765, for 100 shares each, respectively, of capital stock in the San Luis Valley Canal Company. The San Luis Valley Canal Company will issue, on or after the 31st day of October, 2024, thirty days after the last publication date, duplicate certificates to the registered owner, as above stated, unless a contrary claim is filed with the San Luis Valley Canal Company, Attn: Secretary, P O BOX 631, Monte Vista, Colorado 81144, prior to the date stated in

The San Luis Valley Canal Company
Jess Freel, President Attest: Lyla Hathaway, Secretary Jess Freel, President No. 4114.

Published in the Valley Courier on August 31, September 7, 14, 21,

NOTICE OF PASSAGE Ordinance No. 19-2024

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at a regular meeting of the Alamosa City Council duly called, Council finally passed and adopted Ordinance No. 19-2024, an ordinance amending Sections 11-49: 11-53; and 11-99 of the Code of Ordinance es of the City of Alamosa to prohibit sitting and lying down on public rights of way; to amend details of the trespassing ordinance; and to remove the requirement that shelter or campground space be available before citing someone for unauthorized camping public property. Further notice is hereby given that the full text thereof is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the Office of the City Clerk.
Alamosa City Council

Holly C. Martinez City Clerk No. 4146

Published in the Valley Courier on September 21, 2024.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Ordinance No. 21-2024

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 21-2024, an ordinance amending the Unified Development Code to change the definitions of temporary signs; to modify the classification of real estate offices; and to add a table note requiring first floor businesses facing Main Street in the Central Business District to be open

a minimum number of hours per month.

This ordinance was accepted on first reading on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, and a Public Hearing thereon set for Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. This hearing will be held in Alamosa Council Chambers, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado,

Further notice is given that any and all persons of interest may appear at said hearing and be heard in this matter, and that the full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection and acquisition on the City's website and in the office of the City Clerk. Alamosa City Council Holly C. Martinez,

Published in the Valley Courier on September 21, 2024.

On Ordinance No. 22-2024

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 22-2024, an ordinance establishing a vacant building registrations requirement in the Central Business District, setting forth maintenance

requirements and penalties therewith.

This ordinance was accepted on first reading on September 18, 2024 and a Public Hearing thereon set for Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. This hearing will be held in Alamosa Council Chambers, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado,

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Alamosa City Council Holly C. Martinez,

City Clerk No. 4148

Published in the Valley Courier on September 21, 2024.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING On Ordinance No. 23-2024

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 23-2024, an ordinance amending mobile food vending regulations. This ordinance was accepted on first reading on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, and a Public Hearing thereon set for Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. This hearing will be held in Alamosa Council Chambers, 300 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, Colorado.

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> 221 -**HELP WANTED**

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY San Luis Valley Research Center in Center, CO, seeks Farm Manager, full-time salaried w/ benefits. Min. require-ments include experience managing an entity involved in research, agricultural production or related commercial enterprise environ-ment. Read full job description and apply online by 09/30/2024 for full consideration at: https://jobs.colostate.edu/post-ings/150505. CSU is an EO/EA/AA em-

ployer and conducts background checks on

all final candidates.

(10/25/24)

SAN LUIS VALLEY Health is looking for an Emergency Prepared-ness Manager. This position is responsible for creating and overseeing emergency preparedness and response plans and involves assessing risks, coordinating training and drills, and ensuring compliance with relevant regulations to protect the organization's assets, personnel, and operations in the event of emergencies. To learn more about this opportunity check out our careers page at www.slvh.org or call 719-587-1200.(10/01/24)

221 -

HELP WANTED

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 en-forcement of the Rio Grande County Land Use Development Code and Building Codes. Performs inspections of vacation rental properties and maintains records relating to vaca-tion 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://riogran-decounty.colorado.gov/ . Submit applications

to humanresources@ riograndecounty.org or drop it off at 925 6th Street, Rm 200, Del Norte, CO 81132. Job will remain Open Until Filled (10/0/24) Filled.(10/9/24)

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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 or call 719-587-1200. (10/9/24)

ADAMS STATE UNI-VERSITY 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 if filled. For more information and application please visit https://www.adams. edu/hr/employment/. (10/9/24)

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)

221 -**HELP WANTED**

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 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)FACILITIES/MAIN-

TENANCE DIREC-TOR: 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.kl2. co.us or call 719-852-4023. Application Deadline: 9/30/24 or until position is filled. EOE. (9/28/24)

BARTENDER WANT-**ED 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)

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(9/28/24)JOB TITLE: EX-ECUTIVE DIREC-TOR. Location: CHIL-DREN'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 all leadership, administration, and management of the center. The Executive Director will oversee daily operations, ensure compliance with state and federal regulations, and implement board-estab-lished 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

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delegate effectively. To

apply, send a resume

and 3 references to kassismith 208@gmail.

com. (9/24/24).

221 -**HELP WANTED**

DEL NORTE ELE-MENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER needed at the URGSD. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must have a bachelor's de-gree 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 or contact Amy at 719-657-4050. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: urtigers.co.

(10/4/24)

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HEAD NIOR HIGH GIRLS' VOLLEY-BALL 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 re-lationships 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)

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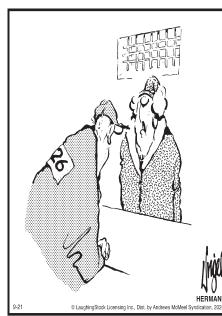
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HERMAN



"I didn't know how to tell you before. The dog ran off 14 years ago."

Grandmother showers only one child with affection

DEAR ABBY: I'm a single mother of two children, an 8-year-old daughter and a 9-year-old son. My daughter's father is involved; my son's father is not. I was diagnosed with pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) when my daughter was born and given two weeks to live. My condition has markedly improved, and I am on the best treatment there is for it.

To safeguard my son in case something happens to me, my parents and I did a third-parent adoption. With this new law, I was able to add my parents to my son's birth certificate without giving up my parental rights, and I remain the sole custodial parent. He stays with my parents three evenings a week.

The problem is, my mother blatantly favors my son over my daughter. Last year, she planned a Disney cruise for only herself, my son and me. I understand life is not 100% fair, but her favoritism goes beyond just tickets and trips. It's everything from gifts and attention to tone of voice and how many pictures are on the wall. Everyone around us sees it, especially my daughter. Please advise. -- UN-EQUAL IN OREGON

DEAR UNEQUAL: I'll BET your daughter notices it! The person who can put a stop to it is you. Consult the attorney who helped you with the custody arrangement and explain that what has been happening is not healthy for either of your children. After you find out what your options are, including possibly changing the custody agreement, confront your mother about her blatant favoritism. And be glad that your daughter's father is as responsible as he seems to be.

DEAR ABBY: I used to hang out with my friend "Brian" and his girlfriend, "Jenny." We all lived together and would spend almost every weekend together. They broke up and went their separate ways 14 years ago. Jenny is single, and Brian has a steady girlfriend now. I still talk to them both, but not often.

Jenny messaged me recently on social media. We shared some photos and talked about the past and present. She said she has her own place and is doing well. I suggested that maybe I'd stop by one night after work. She said she'd like that and sent me her phone number to set up the date

and time. My question is: Should



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

I visit her, and what if something sexual happens? (Trust me, I wouldn't rule it out.) Should I ask Brian for his permission? Are Jenny and I heartless for wanting to meet up? -- PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE **FRIEND**

DEAR FRIEND: Because you are uneasy about crossing some kind of boundary if you visit Jenny and there is chemistry, contact Brian and say, "Hey, guess what. I reconnected with Jenny and she invited me over. Do you have any objection to that?" I cannot see how, 14 years after their romance ended, he would have an objection. Then visit Jenny, and que sera, sera.

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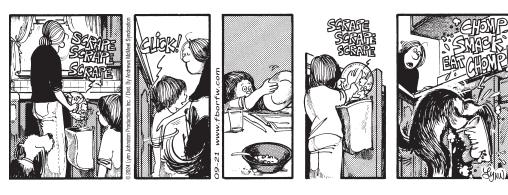
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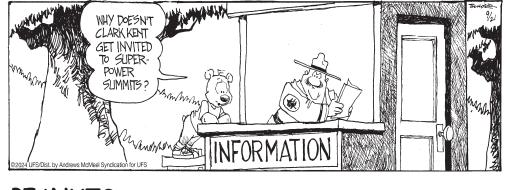
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Agriculture continues to be one of the most dangerous job sectors in America, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, especially during the busy fall harvest season. National Farm Safety and Health Week in September reminds all of us to be aware and use caution on the farm and in surrounding areas this autumn and all year long.

- Drivers, reduce your speed when you see farm equipment, and slow down on gravel, hills, curves and turns when traveling on rural roads.
- Farmers, make sure safety features like lights and Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) signs on your tractor are visible and not obscured by dust or debris.

Top 10 Farm Safety Tips

- 1. Stay alert, and be aware of your surroundings.
- 2. Account for the mental and physical differences associated with age.
- 3. Be sure to include hazard and safety lessons when training workers.
- 4. No seat, no rider, no exceptions. Extra riders can cause distractions and block access to controls.
- 5. Use hydraulic equipment cautiously, and control operations from the tractor seat only.
- 6. Never attempt to unplug equipment while power is engaged.
- 7. Use safety identification markers, turn signals, flashing lights, and/or escort vehicles when driving farm equipment on public roads.
- 8. Carry a fire extinguisher on every piece of powered equipment.
- 9. Prepare a safe play area for children away from machinery.
- 10. Enforce basic safety rules for others, and follow them yourself.

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