

OBITUARIES

Jose M. Ulibarri

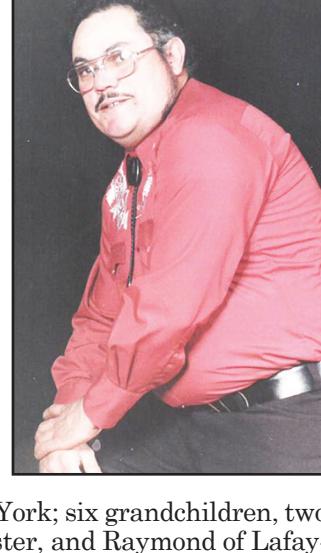
ALAMOSA — Long term resident of Alamosa Jose M. Ulibarri, 72, went to his eternal rest on Sept. 9, 2019.

Jose retired from Alamosa School District with 32 years of dedicated service. He was a hard worker who was skilled in mechanics and carpentry. He enjoyed every challenge and built his own home using every aspect of construction. He was an outdoorsman who was very proud of his family.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years Betty (Vigil) Ulibarri, two daughters Ava (Juan) Morales of Aurora; Gloria (Jim) Slovak of New York; six grandchildren, two brothers Willie of Westminster, and Raymond of Lafayette; numerous nieces, nephews, one sister-in-law Ruby (Lawrence) of Pueblo and a lifelong friend Lawrence Lucero of Alamosa.

Jose was preceded in death by his parents Cipriano and Natividad, brothers Bernie, Ernie, Ike, Joe J. Felix and one sister Florence.

Cremation was chosen and a memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019 at 10 a.m. at the Romero Funeral Chapel. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.



Gonzales receives Blue Ribbon award

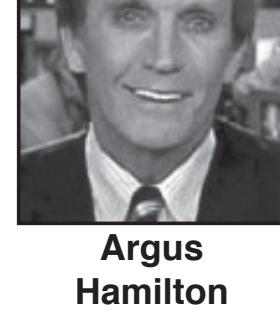
MONTE VISTA — Nick Gonzales, who has been with the Monte Vista School District maintenance team for more than a decade, was recently honored by the San Luis UniServ Unit, the regional unit of the Colorado Education Association, as this year's Blue Ribbon Education Support Professional.

He was nominated by Monte Vista High School language arts teacher, Dr. Jessica Castillo Gallegos. Nick, the son of Laurie Lewis Gonzales and Alfredo Gonzales, both retired teachers,



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God bless America, and how's everybody?



Argus Hamilton

has discontinued making Corex cough syrup for fear of product abuse. If you're not supposed to abuse cough syrup, then why does it come with a shot glass?

The Washington Examiner reported Monday that

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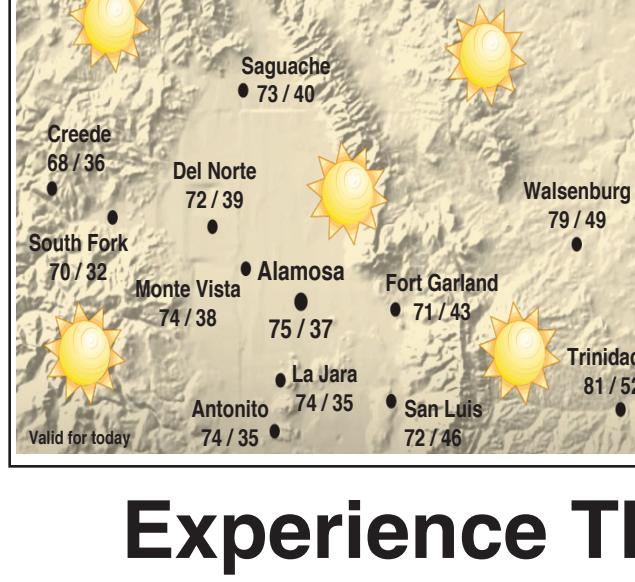
SAN LUIS VALLEY FORECAST

Today: Sunny skies with a high temperature of 75°, humidity of 17%. West southwest wind 3 to 8 mph.
Tonight: Expect clear skies with an overnight low of 37°. South southeast wind 2 to 8 mph.
Tomorrow: Skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 76°, humidity of 18%. South wind 2 to 11 mph.

SAN LUIS VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Isolated T-storms	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
Precip Chance: 10%	Precip Chance: 10%	Precip Chance: 30%	Precip Chance: 20%	Precip Chance: 20%
76 / 40	75 / 43	73 / 41	71 / 39	72 / 40

REGIONAL FORECAST MAP



ALAMOSA ALMANAC

Temperature

Yesterday's High	76
Yesterday's Low	52
Avg. High / Low	75 / 39
Record High	83 in 1956
Record Low	28 in 1962

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:42 a.m.
Sunset	7:16 p.m.
Today	6:42 a.m.
Friday	6:43 a.m.
Saturday	6:44 a.m.

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Precipitation

Yesterday's	0.13"
Month to Date	0.42"
Avg. Month to Date	0.37"
Year to Date	6.47"
Avg. Year to Date	5.32"

Temperature and precipitation valid through 5 p.m. yesterday

Agricultural Information

Alamosa Today

Lowest Relative Humidity	10%	Morning Wind Speed	5-10 mph
Hours of Sunshine	13	Morning Wind Direction	WNW
Evapotranspiration	0.28"	Afternoon Wind Speed	5-10 mph
*Growing Degree Days	2458	Afternoon Wind Direction	WSW
*Growing Degree Days, base 40 since 5/15/2019			

5/10 mph

WNW

5-10 mph

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5/15/2019

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Valley News

SLV band Indian Nickel celebrating 50th anniversary

BY SYLVIA LOBATO

CONEJOS COUNTY—Indian Nickel has been one of the San Luis Valley's premier bands for 50 years and it's time to celebrate.

The band is dedicating its 50th Anniversary as a fundraiser for Aundre Chavez, a 14-year-old local who was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) on June 6, 2019. The fun and food event will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Hall in Conejos at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15. Cost will be \$12 for a Frito Pie meal and the dance or \$7 for just one. Tickets in advance will be \$10 and \$5 respectively, with all proceeds going to the Chavez family for medical costs. Phone (791) 628-9572 for tickets and more information.

Indian Nickel has been entertaining audiences for five decades with their own signature blend of music—combining several different Hispanic musical forms with classic rock and country. It's a combination with something for everyone, and truly has become its own roots genre of music in this area. "It's like they are our own 'Los Lobos,'" says local record producer and recording engineer Don Richmond. "They honor traditions going back to the various different roots of our combined cultures in our area, yet they make it new and make it their own," he continues.

Indian Nickel has released several CDs over the years including a new release celebrating their 50th year anniversary. What started as a group of talented guys in rural Manassa playing the music of the San Luis Valley in and out of the area has become a regional favorite and has been inducted into the Chicano Music Hall of Fame, established in 2002 to celebrate and recognize those who have contributed significantly to the music of Mexico in the United States. It also recognizes those who introduced and broadened the influence of other musical forms to the Chicano musical community. The focus is on Colorado musicians emphasizing the best, the first and the only.

Indian Nickel includes Leroy Casias, lead guitarist and founder of the band. Leroy's musical journey began in 1969 with love for all types of music, especially old corridos and piesas. With great perseverance, he has continued to bring out his passion through the music.

Floyd Martinez - rhythm guitar and vocals is also a founder. Floyd's musical journey also began in 1969. His smooth harmony vocals and rhythm guitar talents are an integral part of the foundation of Indian Nickel's sound.

Jeffrey Jacquez - keyboard and vocals. Jeffrey joined the band in 1999, bringing a new flavor of New Mexico style Tex-Mex and a little salsa to the band. His keyboard and vocal talents are an important part of the band's wide-ranging tapestry of sound.



John Overton - Drums and vocals. John joined the band in late 2004, bringing with him decades of experience in many area bands. His energy, talents and great personality shine through with each beat.

Vernon Padilla - bass guitar and background vocals. Vernon joined the band in 2015. His years of experience and solid bass playing provide a strong foundation for the band's wide variety of music.

Their Saturday show will be just one of many benefits the band has played over the years and they recall people who had them play at their weddings are now booking their Golden Anniversary celebrations. Indian Nickel has had a following ever since they began practicing together off a dirt road in Manassa. "We used to practice outside," Casias said. "People knew we were practicing. They would line up and listen to us."

Fans still follow the group all over the San Luis Valley and down to Taos, over to Pueblo, Grand Junction and Montrose and even to Denver and Albuquerque. Casias, now a Taos, New Mexico resident, is lead guitarist while Monte Vista resident Martinez plays

rhythm guitar. Jeff Jacquez, from San Acacio, plays the keyboards; Johnny Overton from the Sargent area is the band's drummer and Arnie Quesada from Romeo plays bass. They are versatile with their repertoire including Spanish, old rock and roll, country, cumbia and oldies.

Indian Nickel has established itself as "The Sound of the Valley"—mainstays of the San Luis Valley and beyond. Celebrating cultural and social activities at both the family level and on professional stages for decades they have provided dance music that merges the traditional with the contemporary. Under Casias' direction, the band has built a musical bridge between New Mexico and Colorado. Their music is heard frequently as far north as Denver and south into Albuquerque and beyond. They continue to influence new generations of musicians and they tour and record extensively.

The anniversary album is one that will stay in the car CD player until it becomes the "road music, always counted upon for enjoyment.

20th Anniversary Headwaters Hoedown begins Sunday

ALAMOSA — The Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust (RiGHT) invites the whole community to our 20th Anniversary Headwaters Hoedown, on Sunday, Sept. 15 from 12 to 5 p.m. The Hoedown will be held at the beautiful Cross Arrow Ranch in Conejos County about 30 minutes south of Alamosa. Get your tickets online at www.riograndelandtrust.org or on our "Headwaters Hoedown" Facebook event page. Tickets are \$40 and will also be available at the event. Kids 16 and under are free. Hosted by the ranch owners, the Willett Family, the Cross Arrow Ranch sits on the confluence of the Rio Grande and Conejos Rivers and provides stunning views of the Sangres and San Luis Hills. This is a chance for our friends and supporters to enjoy the beauty of this private ranch—another beautiful property that has been

conserved with RiGHT.

This historic ranch will provide a lovely place to gather, listen, and dance to the fabulous music of local favorites Don Richmond and the Rifters. Enjoy local food from SLV producers prepared by Pepita's Catering, with a selection of locally brewed (and grown) beers from the Colorado Fam Brewery. Our ever-popular silent auction will offer fabulous items from local artists, businesses, and supporters, including some very special fishing trips on private waters to dinners and theater tickets to ski lift tickets—there is sure to be something for everyone.

For more information and directions to the Cross Arrow Ranch, please visit our website at www.riograndelandtrust.org or call us at our Del Norte office at 719-657-0800. We look forward to celebrating with you.

2020 Vale grants

The Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Board for the 12th Judicial District, which includes the counties of Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande and Saguache, announces the availability of local VALE grant funds for programs and projects that provide services to victims of qualifying crimes.

Funds are available for the period Jan. 1, 2020 through Dec. 31, 2020. Applications are due by 3 p.m., Monday, Oct. 15.

For more information and/or application, please contact Victoria Chavez, VALE Coordinator, Office of the District Attorney, 426 San Juan Ave., Alamosa, CO, 81101, 719 589 3691 or email: vchavez@da12.state.co.us or download an application from www.coloradodistrictattorney.org.

The State Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement program funds Colorado criminal justice agencies that help to implement the Victim Rights Act as well as organizations whose projects help implement or coordinate statewide or multi-jurisdictional victim programs and services.

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Tues - Thurs: 4:45, 7:40

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Tues - Thurs: 5:35, 8:15

PG-13

Tues - Thurs: 5:15, 8:20

Stay alive PG-13

Tues - Thurs: 5:15, 8:10

Tom Holland, Samuel L. Jackson PG-13

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is married to Alicia Gonzales, with whom he has three children. His oldest daughter, Trinady, graduated from Monte Vista Senior High School with honors in May

2019 and is now studying sociology and criminology at Adams State University.

Nick, who attended Alamosa High School and Trinidad State Junior College, came to the Monte Vista School District from Vendola; in his free time, he enjoys making great music, working on classic cars, and spending time with family and friends. During his time here, Nick has been instrumental in making sure the new

high school was a safe and functional place for students and staff, in addition to supporting nearly every large-scale project that takes place at the nine buildings in the district, including meetings, dances, band concerts, student plays and productions, sports competitions, and community events.

Though Nick is best known for his mechanical prowess, he is also being recognized as an outstanding ESP by the Colorado Education Association San Luis UniServ Unit for his commitment to organizing the district's classified staff and supporting them in their negotiations goals. The staff and students of the Monte Vista School District are very fortunate to work with such amazing people and warmly congratulate Mr. Nick Gonzales on his award.