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Rep. Martinez already up and running with legislation

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ALAMOSA The Alamosa Pet Food Bank in partnership with La Puente and the Dumb Friends League will distribute free pet food from noon to 2 p.m. today at the Alamosa County Fairgrounds, 8784 Old Sanford Rd., Alamosa.

'Final patrol' scheduled for **Deputy Lucero**

PAGOSA — According to the Pagosa Springs Sun newspaper, the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office will be escorting Deputy William "Bill" Lucero on his final patrol of Archuleta County on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at approximately 10:30 a.m.

His final patrol will be on U.S. 160 from west to east through Pagosa Springs. The public is invited to view his final patrol from San Juan Street (main street) in downtown Pagosa Springs. The public is asked not to join the final patrol procession in a vehicle.

During this final patrol there will be some short temporary closures of intersections along U.S. 160 and authorities ask for the public's patience and understanding.

Alamosa City Council to meet

Focus on education, veterans, behavior health, farming, water

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — With the 2024 session already underway, the Valley Courier caught up with Rep. Matt Martinez (D-62) to get his take on what legislative priorities he has for this session and what's ahead for Colorado's legislature.

Martinez has already introduced two bills, both bi-partisan

and bi-cameral, with a slate of additional bills to follow. In a furtherance of priorities reflected throughout his tenure, he continues to focus on behavior health, education, veterans, boosting tourism, farming and water.

Martinez's HB24-1002 "Social Work Licensure Compact" addresses the critical shortage of experienced, licensed social workers while also expanding access to behavioral health by removing the barriers to licensure often faced by profession-

■ See MARTINEZ page 3 Gov. Polis signs Rep. Matt Marti-

nez's HB23-1037 into law in 2023. Photo courtesy of Gov. Polis' office

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado accepting applications for natural resources scholarships

Up to \$10,000 available

STAFF REPORT

COLORADO — Are you a student who is interested in natural resources and the environment, or the parent of that student? For the seventh year, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) is accepting applications for the Grossman Scholarships. The scholarships are awarded to Colorado residents who have demonstrated a commitment to caring for our environment's natural resources and intend to pursue post-secondary education through an accredited environmental, natural resource, climate, or outdoor industry-related education program in Colorado. VOC will award a total of \$45,000 in scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year, thanks to the generosity of former VOC Board Member Rick Grossman, and his wife, Susie Grossman. The maximum scholarship is \$10,000. The scholarships support and empower individuals who are passionate about environmental conservation. The schol- and preserve Colora-







Society Hall in Alamosa will receive a \$10,000 grant from the El Pomar Foundation.

El Pomar Foundation approves \$32,700 to organizations in the San Luis Valley region By EL POMAR \$22,700 for CASA del FOUNDATION Valle; regional council COLORADO Founded by Spencer SPRINGS -El Po- and Julie Penrose in mar Trustees ap-1937, El Pomar Foundaproved \$32,700 allotion has an established cated to two nonprofit legacy of general-purorganizations in the pose grant making. The Valley at Luis San competitive process re-Foundation's mains the Foundation's the Trustees primary vehicle for or-December meeting. Through the ganizations to receive Foundation's grant funding. Additionally, making process, the over the last 85 years, following organizations El Pomar has either dewere awarded grants: veloped or been entrust-· Society Hall Foun- ed with the stewarddation (Alamosa) ship of other funds and \$10,000 for general presenting merit grants operating support; rein each region recomgional council mended by Trustees and · Colorado Court Ap- regional council mempointed Special Advo- bers. Competitive applicates, Inc. (Denver) — ■ See EL POMAR page 3

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa City Council will have a regular meeting in the Council Chambers located at 300 Hunt Ave. on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and is available via Zoom. To see the full agenda, visit www. Cityofalamosa. org

Sunny, Wind Chill 30/0 Wed: Mostly Sunny 40/5

Thurs: Mostly Sunny, Breezy 40/7

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Courier photo by John Waters

In this June 2022 photo, a crew from Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado perform trail work on the Willow Lake Trail on the Rio Grande National Forest in Saguache County. The organization is offering scholarships to students interested in pursuing natural resources careers of up to \$10,000. The deadline to apply is Feb. 26.

arships offer a pathway do's natural resources. for individuals to pursue Scholarships are availhigher education while able to graduating high actively participating in school seniors, individu-VOC's mission to protect als pursuing an under-

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Society Hall welcomes Santa Fe Alt-Country Americana Bard Edrington and the Blackbirds

By DON RICHMOND Society Hall ALAMOSA — Society

Hall is thrilled to host Ave., Alamosa. international touring artists Bard Edrington V and the Blackbirds at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

stream live on the Society available at the Society musician Karina Wil-

Hall website at www. son on fiddle and vocals, societyhall.org or at the Sarah Ferrell on bass and Green Spot, at 711 State vocals, Jim Palmer on

Bard Edrington V is Bill Palmer on guitar. an award-winning songwriter and international touring artist from Santa Fe, N.M. Bard and his band, the Blackbirds, will The concert will also be performing at Society Hall while breaking from Hall Facebook page and recording Bard's tenth al-You Tube channel. Tick- bum at Howlin Dog Stuets are \$20 in advance or dios. Bard will be joined \$25 at the door and are by well-known Santa Fe

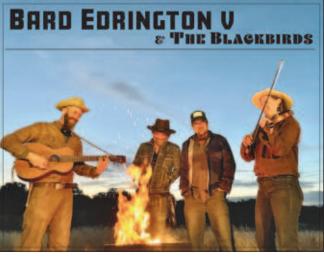
drums and special guest

Bard holds up the true meaning of being a "bard". In medieval times a bard was a professional storyteller, verse-maker

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Bard Edrington V and the Blackbirds will perform on Jan. 20 at Society Hall in Alamosa.

Courtesy photo



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OBITUARIES

Chad Harrison Phillips Oct. 3, 1975-Dec. 31, 2023

on Oct. 3, 1975, and was given to Bob and Susie Phillips.

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Chad graduated from High School Alamosa in 1994. Soon after, he worked with Mark Sutack raising black angus cattle.

Chad then went on to pursue a civil engineering degree from Trinidad State Junior College. He held various positions in engineering in Alamosa, Denver and Albuquerque. Most recently, he worked for the City of Rio Rancho where he took great pride in his job and made many friends including co-workers and contractors.

Chad had an infectious laugh that affected everyone in the room. His kind heart meant he would gladly give you the shirt off his back. This continued even after death as Chad was an organ donor.

Chad spent the last five years being the best single dad to his only son, Colin. They had a very special bond that will never be broken. He took Colin to monster truck shows, car races and loved spending time with his son.

Chad also enjoyed his

Wayne S. Farley, 91, passed away on Dec. 14, 2023, at the Spanish Peaks Veterans Community Living Center in Walsenburg, Colo.

Wayne was born to Carroll Sanford Farley and Dovie Messinger Farley on Aug. 19, 1932, in Phoenix, Ariz.

Wayne married his first wife, Jacquelyne Taylor on Aug. 3, 1956. They later divorced. Wayne

married Sheryl Holmquist Farley on July 20, 1979, and they had 44 years together.

After graduation from Mojave County Union High School, Kingman, Ariz., in 1951, Wayne enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served his country during the Korean War. He was honor-Korean

Chad Phillips was born dad's corvette, going to rodeos, working on cars and performing numerous home repairs and remodels.

Chad was preceded in death by his daughter Kayla Phillips, grandparents Les and Amy Bauer and Clem and Margie Phillips, and Uncle Colin Bauer.

Chad is survived by his son Colin Phillips (Rio Rancho, N.M.), his parents Bob and Susie Phillips (Rio Rancho, N.M.), his sister Bonnie Mercek (Richard, Rio Rancho, N.M.), Uncle Peter Bauer (Dana, Sherwood, Ore.), Aunt Vera Bustos (Montrose, Colo.), Rob and Laura Rutledge (Las Cruces, N.M.) along with numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He will be sadly missed by all who know him.

Chad was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in August of 2023. He fought a hard and courageous battle.

In lieu of flowers, the later date. family requests donations be made to the University of New Mexico's Comprehensive Cancer Center's Pancreatic Research Fund. Gifts can be made, noting in memory



of Chad Phillips, online, or by check payable to UNM Foundation and mailed to UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center, Development Office, MSC07 4025. 1201 Camino de Salud NE, Albuquerque, NM 87131. Donations can also be made by phone by calling 505-272-9887.

Graveside services will be held in Alamosa, Colorado and announced at a

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of arrangements. To leave online condolences, tributes and words of comfort for Chad's family please visit www.Rogers-Funerals.com.

Wayne S. Farley

(then College) for 26 years, retiring in 1994. Wayne especially loved working with college students and guiding them toward the best education they could

get. Through the years, Wayne enjoyed working on cars, camping, reading, traveling, running, and especially spending time with his children and grandchildren. He loved animals, especially dogs.

Wayne was preceded in death by his first wife and the mother of his children, Jacque Taylor Finney, his mother Dovie and father Carroll, stepmother Ellen B. Farley, grandson Devon J. Doyle, and sister-in-law Lana

Farley. by his wife Sheryl,



Kailor J. and Sadie Kay Kelleher; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Wishing to continue to be of help in the field of education, he chose to have his body donated to Anschutz Medical School in Denver.

In lieu of flowers, please Wayne is survived make a donation to The SLV Animal Center Dumb Friends League at 701 Airport Road, Alamosa CO 81101, or the Adams State University Devon Doyle Memorial Scholarship may be found here https:// www.adams.edu/foundation/online-donation/ A Memorial Mass will be held Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024, at $11\ \mathrm{a.m.}$ at the Sacred Heart Catholic church in Alamosa. Following the Memorial Mass, please join the family for a luncheon in Faistl Hall. Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online condolences, tributes and words of comfort for Wayne's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

Todd Dalv. 63. of Center. Colo., after a brief battle with a respiratory illness left this earth and loved ones on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2024, to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Todd served 3 years in the United States Marines. He worked for many years for Idaho Pacific at their Center, Colo., potato processing plant. He held many positions at the plant with his most recent charge of responsibility being Assistant Plant Manager.

He was highly admired, respected, and well-liked by those he worked with as well as those he interacted with in his life's journey.

He is survived by his wife, Gina Daly of 30

Todd Daly Jae Welles; his mother, Pa-

tricia Mishler; grandchildren, Marcus Ocana, Darius Wills, Quinton Wills, Kayleigh Wills, Cody Wills, and Makenzie Dutton; brothers, Clay Daly, and Eric Daly; sisters, Ina Daly, and Leslie Zinke; cousins, Gwen Reese, Clinton Daly, and Ty Daly; nieces, Melissa Reynolds, Amanda Reynolds, Alisa Daly and family; nephews, Samuel Reynolds, and Bobby Revnolds; great-nieces, Helen Reynolds, and Freyja Reynolds. He is also survived by his brother-in-law William Reynolds.

He was preceded in death by his father Jackie Lee Daly and brother-in-law Kristian Reynolds.

Celebration of Life vears: son, Joshua David will be held on Saturday. Wills, and daughter, Lacy Jan. 20, 2024, at 11 a.m.

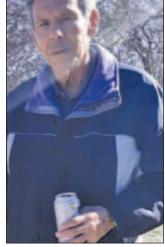


Liberato O. Archuleta, 81 passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Dec. 24, 2023. He was born on May 18, 1942, in Monte Vista, Colo., to Bill J. Archuleta and Rafelita Archuleta. Liberato lived a full and meaningful life, leaving behind love, kindness, and cherished memories.

Liberato was an exceptional father, and devoted grandpo/great-grandpo. Liberato Archuleta and Rose Sanchez had five beautiful daughters.

He was an avid fan of the Denver Broncos. He dedicated lots of his time watching Judge Judy, spending time with his daughters, driving around town, he loved taking walks, he cherished feeding his two dogs Princess and Chihuahua, listening to music, and most of all he smiled at the site of his grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

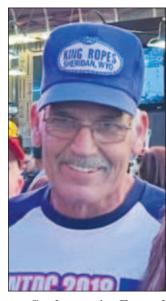
Liberato is survived by his daughters Sharon (Odin) Dean, Lenora



(Pat) Guttierrez, Christina Archuleta, and Daisy (Fred) Martinez, many grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters: Herman Archuleta (Alice), Ida Archuleta, Sofia Archuleta, Virginia Archuleta, and Lindy Archuleta.

Liberato was preceded in death by his parents Bill J. Archuleta and Rafelita Archuleta, brother Walter Archuleta (Ter-(Tom) Phillips, Bernice ry), sister Katy Macias, Home in Monte Vista.

Carole Jovce Powell



at Strohmayer's Funeral Home located at 205 S. Broadway, Monte Vista, CO 81144. Interment to follow at Blanca Cemetery in Blanca, Colo.

Arrangements in care by Strohmayer's Funeral Home in Monte Vista.

brother Sippy Archuleta, brother Harvey Archuleta, sister Juana Gallegos, sister Francis Mascarenas (Manuel), and brother Billy Archuleta. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

The family expresses gratitude for the support and condolences received during this difficult time. Please join us in celebrating the life of Liberato Archuleta and remembering the joy and love he brought into our lives. May he rest in peace, and may his memory live on in our hearts forever.

Rosary will be on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Monte Vista, Colo. Funeral Mass will be on Friday, Jan. 19, 2024, at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Monte Vista, Colo. Inurnment to follow at Homelake Cemetery in Monte Vista.

Arrangements in care by Strohmayer's Funeral

ably discharged in 1953.

He attended Arizona State University, graduating in 1957 with a BS degree in Education. He earned a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling from Northern Arizona University.

Wayne's life's work was in the field of education. He was a classroom educator and guidance counselor in Arizona for 13 years. He also received an Education Specialist degree from the University of Missouri. He then was in administration, Admissions and Records, and later Dean of Academic Services at Adams State University Jo and Jedd Valdez, and

daughter Beth Farley of Napa, Calif., son Dave Farley (Shannon) of Alamosa, Colo., stepdaughters Bonnie (Richard) Mercek of Rio Rancho, N.M., and Leslie (Brian) Doyle of Alamosa, Colo.; his grandchildren Chamisa Kellogg (Pat Farnach), Sierra (Bob) Corriea, Lucia Kellogg, and India Kellogg, Hannah (Phil) Master, Sophia (Zach) Valdez, and Ian Mercek, Kalin (Jordan) Kelleher, and Alison Jo Doyle; two brothers Roy Farley of Ft. Worth, Texas, and Paul (Jackie) Farley of Lakeport, Calif.; five great-grandchildren, John Robert Corriea IV, Selah

Carole Joyce Powell, a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away at the Homelake Veteran's Community Living Center on Jan. 9, 2024.

Carole was born on March 6, 1942, in Grant City, Mo., to Dale and Lorene Frederick.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald Powell, her brother, Bob Frederick, her three sons, William, Kirk, and Bradley Powell, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, and nieces.

Carole was preceded in death by her twin brother, Carl Frederick and her son, Ronnie Powell.

Carole moved from Grant City, Mo., to the Monte Vista area when she was about 10 years old. After marrying Ronald Powell, they lived in Alamosa for a short time before relocating to Del Norte where she raised her family. She and Ronald ran a laundry, laundry mat, dry cleaning business for many years before transitioning to the

liquor and ranching business.

Carole took care of her family in so many ways! She sacrificed herself to make sure her family came first. She never complained and just got the job done! She and Ronald never missed an event that included their four sons. She enjoyed music by Elvis and country music. She loved to garden, cook, and read! She will be remembered and missed by all who loved her!

With Carole wanting a graveside service, the family has elected to have her services during a more

"weather-friendly" time of Friday, June 7, 2024, at 10 a.m. at the Del Norte Cemetery. We will post again in late May!

Arrangements in care of Strohmayer's Funeral Home.



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PENDING OBITUARIES Bertral Bagwell

Longtime Manassa resident Bertral Bagwell, 83, passed away on Jan. 14, 2024, in Evergreen Nursing Home in Alamosa. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced through Rogers Family Mortuary.

Arnold Mortensen

Longtime Sanford resident Arnold Mortensen, 85, passed away on Jan. 14, 2024, at the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center in Alamosa. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced through Rogers Family Mortuary.



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graduate degree, and individuals pursuing a graduate degree in an environmental-related field of study. The deadline to apply is Feb. 26.

An eligible candidate is: A Colorado resident who is pursuing a degree program with an environmental, natural resource, climate or outdoor industry degree program with an accredited 4-year college/university, community college, or a certificate program.

VOC has previously been featured in the Valley Courier highlighting the work the organization does in the region.

Founded in 1984, VOC is the state's oldest outdoor stewardship nonprofit organization. Their mission is simple: "To motivate and enable people to become active stewards of Colorado's natural resources.'

Over the last 30-plus years, over 131,000 volunteers have worked on 1,500 projects on about 100 volunteer projects per vear. Those interested in the scholarships may also consider gaining valuable work experience and volunteering for VOC.

This reporter first experienced the group while hiking a few years ago on the Willow Lake Trail just outside of Crestone in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, I encountered a group of other hikers carrying large tools, including giant saws, and dinary hikers, so I struck this type of work that

up a conversation and learned they were all out for a weekend of trail work for the nonprofit group Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC).

In an interview with the Valley Courier, Anna Zawisza at VOC said that volunteering with the group is easy, "We work statewide engaging people to do active stewardship work, that means pretty much anything that can be done on public lands without a lot of training, we are 2-year doing. Planting trees, doing wildfire mitigation of fuel. Building new trails and maintaining existing trails. We do habitat restoration. The only kind of work that we don't do is trash pickup. I mention that because we want our projects to last at least 10-15 years before volunteers have to come back." Volunteers with the organization also help forest ecosystem health removing bv exotic plants, according to Katie Goodleaf with VOC, "We've been going out to Moon Pass the last four years to remove oxeye daisies and our results have been impressive. This area has a really bad population of that invasive species, and we pull it out of the ground, bag it up, and bring it out of the forest." This plant aggressively grows, forming dense populations that decrease plant species diversity. Removing the plants by hand has tion between us and the eliminated the need for communities, increasing the forest service to use our capacity to get imporchemical herbicides to tant conservation work all were wearing hard eradicate this unwanted accomplished while also hats. These were no or- daisy. Participating in

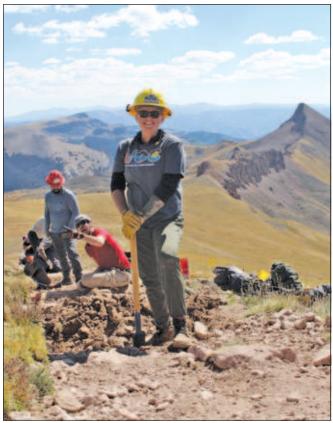


Photo courtesy VOC

Is this the kind of location you want to work in? Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado is offering students the opportunity to apply for educational scholarships of up to \$10,000.

VOC does would be an excellent resume builder for a student of natural resources. As would a scholarship from VOC.

In an interview last summer, Gregg Goodland with the Rio Grande National Forest said this about VOC, "The Rio Grande National Forest has enjoyed our valuable partnership with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado for over ten years. The VOC program has a direct tie into our agency's core value of interdependence. VOC provides a connecconnecting people to the land.

"Together, we've accomplished many goals and continue working together to set new goals for future work and achievements. We have logged thousands of volunteer hours that have a value in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. However, we are most grateful to all of our volunteers who have demonstrated and shared their passion for the land. It is the selfless stewardship we value the most."

For eligibility requirements, more information can be found at www. voc.org/grossman-scholarship. To learn about volunteering and possibly gaining natural resources work experience visit www.voc.org.

Training (POST) certification.

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cations are accepted on a rolling basis.

To increase impact and establish connections across the en- is one of the largest and tire state, the Regional oldest private founda-Partnerships program tions in Colorado. El was established in 2003. Each of the Foundation's proximately \$25 mileleven regional councils lion annually through advises El Pomar Trust- grants in the areas of ees and recommends arts and culture, civic grants to help support and community initiaits communities. The tives, education, health, San Luis Valley Re- and human services, as gional Council recom- well as community stewmends grants in Ala- ardship and leadership mosa, Conejos, Costilla, development programs Mineral, Rio Grande, to support Colorado and Saguache Coun- nonprofit organizations. ties. Council members Spencer and Julie Penare regional leaders in rose founded El Pomar the business, nonprofit, in 1937 with the mission and public sectors and to enhance, encourage, provide first-hand in- and promote the current formation about current and future well-being of

munities.

To view a full listing of El Pomar's funds and grant making areas, please visit our website at www.elpomar.org/ grant-making/.

El Pomar Foundation Pomar contributes apneeds in their own com- the people of Colorado.

when he and Zoe lived in Blowing Rock, N.C. The first time he saw Doc Watson play, he was hooked on old time music. Weekly open jams taught him the clawhammer style on the banjo. When exploring Doc Watson's music, he learned of Mississippi John Hurt and his fingerpicking style of blues. The syncopated rhythms that he held with his thumb, and melodies he played with his fingers, permeated Bard's mind. From John Hurt, he was introduced to the delta blues Bard has a gift for telling players, hill country players, piedmont blues, and on and on.

It wasn't long before he started writing songs. Bard's songs have a deep influence of Appalachian music and country blues. Staying true to his name, he writes songs that tell stories of his family, pioneers, relic trains, mezcaleros in search of wild agave, road trips, and southern belles.

Currently, Bard and his family live in Santa Fe,

where you can find him his upbringing, and ac- performing with his band complishment came from or solo. Wherever you a day's work with your hear him sing you will be guaranteed a musical As a fully independent ily life. With his wife, artist, Bard has gained a Zoe, they have success- fanbase and notoriety in fully run their landscap- the United Kingdom and Netherlands. There he has toured with his band as well as the HOTH Brothers. Bard and Kartime, old and new songs ina will be embarking on a UK tour in October 2024.Society Hall is on the corner of 4th Street and His musical roots began Ross Avenue in Alamosa.

Martinez

Continued from Page 1 als moving to Colorado, including those licensed social workers in military families whose spouses may have just been reassigned.

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Joann Ginal and Pelton. Another bill — the counties with minimal Ninth Grade Student populations, and to rede-Success Grant Program fine that within the bill," would provide grant funding for schools to hire counselors to support Valley would be eligible students in making that for this funding. But we the service with reciprocdifficult transition from also have to be careful ity on the Colorado Peace

erinarian, and Senators really much smaller communities, like frontier he says.

"The entire San Luis middle to high school, because a lot of the ski Officers Standard and nant of future success in under the definition, so we're working through Senator Cleave Simpson and Martinez are cooperating on getting support for the Costilla Water Conservancy Dis-Again, with an eye on trict that is facing sigthe past. Simpson and Martinez are also working on a bill that will provide resources to potato farmers who have been dealing with PVY, a virus that, if alover the past few years, for Veterans. That will ing seed growers in the San Luis Valley. "That business has al-In what he describes as ready dwindled in the past few years because of the virus. They really need our help," Martinez says. Rep. Martinez is followbut there's no funding for ing through on an issue he's previously identified as a priority related to defining in clear, exact terms the data on recidivism rates in Colorado's other cities like Denver Department of Corrections. "Right now, there are 15 different data points used to measure recidivism. Defining that data is critcommunities to decide ical when you're trying to measure if a program has been successful," he says. Martinez first identified run into, he says, is the this issue last year when his bill, HB23-1037 Dept of Corrections Earned Time for College Program Completion, passed with "We're aiming for those overwhelming bi-parti-

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of Rep. Martinez's legislaraised in Tennessee. His tion for the 2024 session extended family comes is a bill that would grant from the prairies of Kanindividuals exiting the sas and the banks of the military who worked as Mississippi in Arkansas. military police while in Hard work and family were the core values of

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other states, HB24-1002 which can be a determi- towns were coming up would eliminate the need for social workers to obtain licenses from multiple states by providing for the mutual recognition of licenses from those states that have signed the compact (referred to as "member" states).

"Doing this for those who have just moved to Colorado allows them to get a job in their field more quickly and become entrenched in their communities," he says.

Martinez plans to introduce a similar bill addressing those licensed in cosmetology, something that would also be very helpful to military families.

"It's a slow process," he says, "because the bill has to pass in almost exactly the same language as it's passed in other states."

Martinez has also in-HB24-1048 troduced "Providing Veterinary Services Through Telehealth", which would do exactly what the name of the bill suggests.

"With $_{\mathrm{the}}$ growing shortage of veterinarians in Colorado over the last year," he says, "providing vet services through telehealth is one way to increase access to a veterinarian by people with animals, such as pets or livestock, out in the field or over their phone or their iPad or whatever."

HB 24-1048 is bi-partisan and came out of the Agriculture, Water and Natural Resources Committee, of which Martinez is a member. It's also co-sponsored with Rep. McCormick, who is a vetsecondary schools.

"If you can provide that, as well." them with that support in the ninth-grade level, it helps to make them more successful and keep them in school," he says.

Veterans' health, another nificant challenges ahead one of Martinez's bills with creating water augcoming up would make it mentation plans, somea requirement to include thing they had been exin all state literature and empt from developing in advertising information for Veterans on how to apply for and access benefits.

"We already have information on employee rights and how to apply for workers compensation lowed to spread as it has and other areas. There should also be information runs the risk of decimatalso help them to advocate for themselves," he says.

his "big bill" this session, Martinez plans to restart Regional Tourism the

"The act already exists it," he says. A distinct difference this time from previous years would involve specifically targeting rural areas as the need in or Colorado Springs is not nearly as great.

"We'll be putting money into places where it's most impactful and for the best way to use the funding."

The problem they've definition of "rural", which is somewhat "nebulous" in the state statutes.

"Military Police have gone through enhanced training in the past few years," he said, "and it would help address the serious shortage in law enforcement if that training would make them immediately eligible for employment."

When asked if this session was going to be as crazy as last year, Martinez said, "I think it's going to be...interesting. Housing is definitely a big issue this session with a lot effort focused on that area."

He believes that "the old Land Use" bill will probably come back to the floor but this time in smaller segments that would allow support for some parts of the bill and opposition to others.

Martinez made it clear that he will continue to be the loudest voice advocating for language about water augmentation and sustainability to be included in any land use legislation that comes before the House.

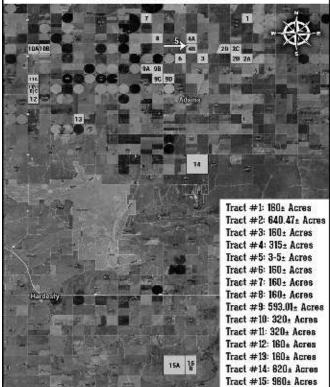
When asked if last summer's visit to the Valley by the Latino Caucus seemed to impact his colleagues in any way, Martinez immediately mentioned water, saying Rep. Ortiz of Littleton has already added provisions related to water in various pieces of legislation.

"They're also attuned to any efforts to export water - back door or otherwise — and understand how devastating that would be to the Valley," he says.

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SLV Trout Unlimited will provide scholarships to the annual River Conservation and Fly-Fishing Camp in Taylor Park on June 9-15.

SLV Trout Unlimited to provide scholarship opportunity

By SAN LUIS VALLEY TROUT UNLIMITED

COLORADO — San Luis Valley Trout Unlimited (SLVTU) will provide San Luis Valley youth with an opportunity to attend the Annual Trout Unlimited River Conservation and to apply for camp. Fly-Fishing Camp.

vation and Fly-Fishing Camp for teen youth at AEI Base Camp in Tay-

fee and camp tuition. Since 2006, youth enriched as they form from across the state lifelong relationships, have gathered to com- "finding their people" plete a week-long pro- and bonding with peers gram of STEM-based of similar interests. The conservation education program exposes campand instruction in the ers to the complexity of art of fly fishing. Youth water management in aged 14-18 are eligible the west and its nexus

This camp provides For more information, SLVTU will host the a unique immersive email SLVTU educaannual River Conser- experience for teens tion coordinator Kevin interested in the out- Milder at slvtroutundoors, fly fishing, and limited@gmail.com and potential conservation- Milder will lor Park on June 9-15. related career paths. more information and The San Luis Valley Campers participate in a link to apply for the chapter will be spon- hands-on conservation camp. Applications will soring a scholarship for activities and receive require a 2-4 paragraph this annual camp that one-on-one and group essay. Application deadcovers the registration instruction in fly fish- line is April 1.

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Weiser, other attorneys general urge federal rescheduling of marijuana

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Colorado Newsline Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser led a coalition of other states urging the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to reschedule cannabis "in the interest of public health and safety," Weiser said in a statement.

In a letter addressed to DEA Administrator Anne Milgram, the group of 12 state attorneys general urged the DEA to permanently reclassify cannabis from Schedule I to Schedule III following the latest recommendations from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The group of Democratic attorneys general state-regulated said marijuana markets are safer for consumers than illicit markets and praised the states that have effectively implemented their own regulations. The letter said 38 states legalized medical use and 24 states as well as Washington D.C. legalized recreational use for adults 21 and up.

"As state attorneys

public safety," the letter working with banks. says. "The undersigned are also particularly concerned about the illicit market, unregulated intoxicating hempcannabinoids. derived and the continuing proliferation of dangerous opioids. State-sanctioned cannabis markets provide access to regulated products that are clearly safer to what individuals can buy on the street — and supporting the effective and federal rescheduloperation of these regulated markets thus fits related with our commitment legitimate to addressing the opioid businesses. crisis and rising overdose deaths."

Colorado became one mand for these products of the first states to approve recreational marijuana use for adults when voters approved Amendment 64 in November 2012. Medical marijuana has been legal in Colorado since voters approved Amendment 20 in November cal and mental impacts 2000.

still considered a Sched- largely not been possiule I drug federally, businesses are subject existing placement in to some punitive tax Schedule I of the Congeneral, we have a re- provisions and have trolled Substances Act."

consumers and defend business practices when

The letter said rescheduling would allow state cannabis industries "to continue to set the standard for legal products" and reduce sales of unregulated intoxicating hemp products. Regulated markets have also been profitable for state economies. with billions of dollars coming to state and federal governments, according to the letter, ing would remove taxobstacles for cannabis

"Regardless of the policy choices made, dewill continue. Meeting this demand only in a regulated, legal marketplace better protects consumers," the letter says. "Rescheduling also increases the ability to research cannabis to determine the physiof cannabis use. To Because marijuana is date, this research has ble because of cannabis



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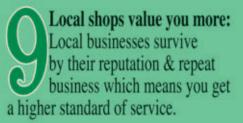


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Courtesy photo

Resident Barb Miller is a busy grandmother and enjoys cleaning up the roads around Monte Vista.

Miller is making Monte Vista a cleaner place

By MARIE MCCOLM MONTE VISTA—Resident Barb Miller loves to stay busy and active. Miller works at Top Value in Monte Vista and is a busy grandmother, helping her grandkids, and enjoys cleaning up the roads around Monte Vista.

Miller retired from working as a postmaster in Wyoming 15 years ago, and was asked to come and live in Monte Vista, by her daughter, to help with her grandchildren. Miller moved to Monte Vista and noticed on her many drives around town trash and debris.

and forget they are there Miller said. and drive off. I have found screwdrivers, wrenches, about her cleaning efforts gas caps. With Monte and wanted to share it Vista Coop right there too, with the community. people just drive down the highway and forget their come, cleaning the ditches gas caps," she said.

"twenties, tens, fives, no one is shooting off the ones, and coins. I often starting gun. Once minwondered how I could find ute here, and one minute money but in thinking there, it will show that about it, I am sure people you do care. Mile after throw money up on their dashes and it just flies out the window as their tle or cup. Your honk and going down the highway. wave make my day, thank I found a social security you is what I want to say. that the ditches and side card once and I looked So, on your walk, grab roads contained a lot of up the name and called a your sack. Yes, it happens resident out of Alamosa. just like that.' Miller, wanting to see The woman stated that it the roads look cleaner, belonged to her son, and and wanting to make a she would never let him difference in her commu- carry it again," Miller nity, began picking up stated with a chuckle. "I trash and debris along the also once found five boxes ditch banks and the roads of brand-new telephone equipment, that had prob-Many customers from ably fallen off a truck or the local store that she a trailer. I took it home works for have noticed her and called someone. They were so thankful, they stated it was so many dollars' worth of equipment and they travelled and picked it up. I also found a 3 thousand dollar check once. I called the company that the check was made from, and the guy said that he threw it up on his dash and wondered where it went. He was very appreciative that I found it." Miller said that last spring she recycled 25 bags of bottles and cans, to help the environment. "I carry two bags in my pocket and a bag in my hands. I am excited because I helped save the CDOT guys from having to pick up those bottles and cans and take them to the landfill too," Miller said. Miller stated that a farmer had also stopped once and wanted to give her money for all she was doing. "I insisted that it was just fun for me, and the money wasn't necessary. It just gives me a good feeling when I see the streets looking clean and the highway looking clean. I know I was a part of that, and that makes me feel good. I think if everyone everywhere would take even just a moment, "I will tell you this or an hour or a minute, we could all make a big difference in the way everyamazed at some of the thing looks. This is somethings I have found in the thing I enjoy, and I love ditch areas. I have found to give to the community. lots of sunglasses, and so Again, not to be recogmany tools. I know people nized but it just feels good

the back of their vehicles see the nice clean roads,"

Miller wrote a poem

"An addict I have bejust for fun. You can do She said she has found it and don't have to run, mile of trash picked up, soon there won't be a bot-

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coming into Monte Vista.

cleaning trash and debris and would stop and wave at Miller and a few even brought her snacks and soda for all her hard work and effort.

Miller spoke of her reasons behind the help that she gives and spoke of her thoughts on how important it is to keep the roads clean for everyone.

"I don't need to be recognized for this, to me this is just play and fun," she said. "I enjoy staying busy and active. Before I started at Top Value, I had gone to the highway department, and I signed on for this, for 3 miles under my name. I noticed though, that nobody would clean the sections in between. So, I just started at our house, which is 11 miles out, and I went all the way up into Monte Vista. I drive this route all the time and I like to see it clean. CDOT has provided me with an orange vest, and with orange trash bags. I help with cleaning, and they pick up the bags. I do this in the Spring and in the Fall. I love to stay busy."

Miller said she has found all kinds of interesting things on the side of the roads and in the ditches.

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Sports Bulletin

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

SCOREBOARD FRIDAY **Prep boys** basketball Cotopaxi48, Centennial 42 Del Norte 43, Center 22 Ignacio 37, Alamosa 32 Moffat 74, Antonito 25 Pagosa Springs 39, Centauri 37 Sanford 48, Escalante (N.M.) 44 Sangre de Cristo 42, Custer County 37 Sargent 61, Creede 15 Prep girls basketball Alamosa 53, Ignacio 47 Cotopaxi 57, Centennial 10 Del Norte 33, Center 25 Moffat 45, Antonito 42 Pagosa Springs 44, Centauri 39 Sanford 54, Escalante (N.M.) 31 Sargent 68, Creede 29 Sierra Grande 45, Lake City 13 College men's basketball

Regis 80, Adams State 68 College women's basketball

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SATURDAY Prep boys basketball

Alamosa 72, Montezuma-Cortez 33 Antonito 57, Creede 50 Centauri 62, Bayfield 39 Centennial 58, Trinidad 31

Mean Moose trample Panthers 72-33

By KEN HAMRICK Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – It was a mixed result as the Alamosa High School boys basketball team opened Intermountain League play this past weekend.

On Friday, the Mean Moose lost to Ignacio 37-32 on the road. But they recovered and easily defeated Montezuma-Cortez 72-33 at home on Saturday.

"Friday night against Ignacio, our shots didn't fall," said Alamosa coach Myles Baker. 'Ignacio made some shots and we couldn't overcome it. Against Cortez playing in our home gym we shot the ball well. Defensively, I thought we played well. It was the start of league play.^{*}

Easton Hartsoe gave Cortez the early lead. but Brant Jackson tied the score. R.J. Meis put the Mean Moose in front, but Caidin Leonard drained a 3-point basket for a 5-4 Panthers lead.

That would be the last time Cortez would be in the lead. Jackson made two free throws, and Kiko Ruybal drove for a layup to extend the lead to 8-5.

Ridge Hathale scored a layup for the Panthers, but Zack Crowther buried a three, and Jackson made two baskets. Leonard made another three, but Ruybal and Tajuan Jamestown both scored.

Leonard hit another trey but Alamosa led at the end of the first quarter 19-13.

Michael Motz opened the second quarter scoring, but Gael Garcia scored in the paint and added a free throw. Jackson made two more free throws, and

Victor Zepeda swished a 3-pointer. Hartsoe

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Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

Alamosa High School's Brant Jackson fires up a 3-point shot in Saturday's game against Montezuma-Cortez at the AHS gym. Jackson scored 18 points as the Mean Moose defeated the Panthers 72-33.

drove for a layup to bring Cortez within 26-18, but the Mean Moose scored the next nine points with Jackson scoring four, Crowther three and Kiler Ullery two.

Hathale ended the rally, but Crowther made his third three and Alamosa led 38-20 at halftime.

Leonard made three free throws for the first points of the second half, but Motz and Jackson both made 3-point baskets. Leonard hit his fourth three, but Zepeda made a 3-pointer, followed by a Ruybal layup.

Jackson split at the line and Jamestown drained a trey. Crowther and Parker Gilmore ended the quarter with the Mean Moose leading 57-26.

Most of the fourth quarter was played under a running clock with Alamosa scoring 15 points and Cortez seven.

Jackson was Alamosa's leading scorer with 18 points, followed by Crowther with 13.

Leonard lead Cortez with 15 points.

Alamosa (8-3, 1-1) will host top-ranked Pagosa Springs on Friday and Centauri on Saturday.

"Pagosa's tough, but every league team is tough," Baker said. "We have to come ready to play and get after it.³

Alamosa 72, Montezuma-Cortez 33

Montezuma-Cortez - Leonard 4 3-3 15, E. Hartsoe 2 0-0 4, Wheat 0 0-0 0, Hall 3 1-2 7, T. Hartsoe 0 0-0 0, Garcia 1 1-1 3, Soto 0 0-0 0, Hathale 2 0-2 4, McDonald 0 0-0 0, Oliver 0 0-0 0, Hoffman 0 0-0 0, Rosenbaugh 0 0-0 0. Total 12 5-8 33. 3-point goals - Leonard 4. Total 4.

Alamosa - Zepeda 2 0-0 6, Gilmore 3 0-0 7, Jackson 6 5-6 18, Motz 2 0-0 5, Meis 2 0-0 4, Ullery 1 0-0 2, Lujan 0 0-0 0, Crowther 5 0-0 13, Moeller 1 0-0 2, Heredia 0 0-0 0, Ruybal 4 0-0 8, Jamestown 3 0-0 7. Total 29 5-6 72.

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Fouls – Montezuma-Cortez 10, Alamosa 16.									

Lady Moose rally in second half to defeat Cortez

By KEN HAMRICK

Courier sports editor ALAMOSA – It was a successful opening to the Intermountain League season for the Alamosa High School girls basketball team this past weekend.

After defeating Ignacio 53-47 on the road on Friday, Alamosa then defeated Montezuma-Cortez 50-39 at home on Saturday.

"It was very good for our girls," said Alamosa coach Ty Crowther. "It was exciting to see them mesh together and bring it together and get over that speed bump.

Morgan Ortega gave Alamosa the early lead with a layup just three seconds into the game. Kayce Tom made two free throws to tie the score, but Jaelin Garcia drove for a layup and Ortega drained a 3-point basket for a 7-2 Lady Moose advantage.

Savannah Haselroth ended the run, and Taylor Whited scored a layup to bring Cortez within 7-6.

Ortega made her second trey, but Sariah Jackson countered with a three on the other end of the court and Alamosa led 10-9 at the end of the first quarter.

Whited opened the second half with a layup, but Garcia answered by knocking down a jumper. Haselroth put the Lady Panthers back into the lead, but Laci Christensen split at the line to tie the score at 13-13.

Christensen tied the score with a 3-pointer, and Jaelin Garcia split at the line for a 21-20 Alamosa lead. Tom's jumper gave Cortez a 22-21 edge with 3:26 left in the third quarter.

That would be the final time the Lady Panthers would lead. Garcia scored five straight points and Montoya buried a three. Garcia added two free throws for a 31-22 Alamosa advantage.

Ogo ended the run with a 3-pointer, but Christensen scored the final four points of the period and the Lady Moose had a double-digit lead at 35-25.

Jones scored the first points of the fourth quarter, but Ortega made a layup and added a free throw. Taybor Wiedeman scored in the paint to extend the lead to 40-27. Whited scored for the Lady Panthers, but Garcia answered with a layup. Milah Begay drained a trey and Whited drove for a layup to bring Cortez within 42-34.

Ortega scored another layup and added another free throw. Christensen made another three to give Alamosa its largest lead at 48-34.

Alamosa had three players score in double figures as Christensen, Garcia and Ortega each scored 14 points.

Whited led Montezuma-Cortez with 10 points.

Alamosa (8-4, 2-0) will host Pagosa Springs



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Alamosa High School's Laci Christensen shoots a 3-point shot in Saturday's game against Montezuma-Cortez at the AHS gym. Christensen scored 14 points in the

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College men's basketball

Colorado-Colorado Springs 77, Adams State 62 **College women's** basketball Colorado-Colorado Springs 68, Adams State 65

SCHEDULE TUESDAY **Prep boys** basketball La Veta at Sangre de Cristo, 4:30 p.m. **Prep girls** basketball La Veta at Sangre de Cristo, 4:30 p.m. **Prep girls** swimming Pueblo Central at Sargent (at Plachy Hall pool), 5 p.m. Prep boys wrestling Sargent hosts dual meet tournament, 5 p.m.

Christensen then made a short jumper, but Markylla Jones made two free tosses for Cortez. Alexia Montoya gave the Lady Moose a 17-15 lead at halftime.

Haselroth tied the score to begin the second half, followed by Kalea Ogo making one of two from the line, and Whited making a jumper for a 20-17 Cortez lead.



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

The SLVYHA won its home tournament by defeating the New Mexico Ice Wolves Red team by a score of 5-0 Sunday at the ice rink.

SLVYHA wins home tournament

By KEN HAMRICK

Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The San Luis Valley Youth Hockey Association Yetis won its home tournament which took place this past weekend at the City of Alamosa Multi-purpose Pavilion and Ice Rink.

The Yetis defeated the New Mexico Ice Wolves Red team by a score of 5-0 on Sunday.

Josh Ortiz gave the Yetis the early lead as he scored just one minute and 20 seconds into the game.

Ortiz scored again early in the second period, and Augustus Miller increased the lead to 3-0 at the end of the period.

The Yetis capped off the scoring with two goals in the third. Brady Van Iwaarden scored off a Miller assist, and Jace Montoya scored with less than four minutes left in the game.

SLVYHA's road to the final began by going 4-0 in round-robin play. On Friday, the Yetis defeated the New Mexico Ice Wolves White team 8-3, and the El Paso Rhinos also by a score of 8-3.

On Saturday, they defeated the Taos Ice Tigers 7-2 and the New Mexico Ice Wolves Red team 8-6.

In the third-place game, El Paso defeated Taos 8-3. Friday SLVYHA Yetis 8, New Mexico Ice Wolves White 3 New Mexico Ice Wolves Red 9, El Paso Rhinos 7 Taos Ice Tigers 13, New Mexico Ice Wolves White 6

New Mexico Ice Wolves Red 9, Taos Ice Tigers 6 El Paso Rhinos 6, New Mexico Ice Wolves White 0 SLVYHA Yetis 7, Taos Ice Tigers 2 New Mexico Ice Wolves Red 8, New Mexico Ice Wolves White 4 Taos Ice Tigers 13, El Paso Rhinos 11 SLVYHA Yetis 8, New Mexico Ice Wolves Table Sunday Third place game El Paso Rhinos 8, Taos Ice Tigers 3 Championship SLVYHA Yetis 5, New Mexico Ice Wolves Red 0

on Friday and Centauri on Saturday.

"Pagosa's a strong team and they're going to be good match four us," Crowther said. "But we're ready to take on the challenge."

Alamosa 50, Montezuma-Cortez 39

Montezuma-Cortez – Whited 5 0-2 10, Ogo 1 1-4 4, Haselroth 3 0-0 6, Jones 2 2-2 6, Tom 2 2-2 7, Tillahash 0 0-0 0, Elliot 0 0-0 0, Jackson 1 0-2 3, Begay 1 0-0 3. Total 15 5-12 39. 3-point goals – Begay 1, Jackson 1, Ogo 1, Tom 1. Total 4. Alamosa - Christensen 4 4-6 14, Ortega 5 2-2 14, Rothermich 0 0-0

Lady Mean Moose's 50-39 win over the Lady Panthers.

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Center wrestlers win Custer County Invite

By KEN HAMRICK

Courier sports editor ALAMOSA – The fifth-ranked Center High School boys wrestling team won the Custer County Invitational Saturday in Westcliffe.

The Vikings scored 237 points – well ahead of the runner-up Palmer Ridge with 162 ¹/₂. They had five individual champions in Jordan Duran (113), Francisco Villa (132), Aaron Valadez (144), Martin Palma (165) and Jesus Valadez (175).

Also placing for Center were Matthew Archuleta who was second at 126, Andre Meraz who was second at 144, Lorenzo Trujillo who was second at 157, Devin Thompson who was second at 190, Caden Ruggles who was third at 150, Nicolas Palma who was fourth at 120, and Michael Archuleta who was fifth at 113.

Alamosa sent its second team to the tournament and it finished sixth with 78 points. The Mean Moose had one champion in Aiden Pintor at 106 pounds.

Other Alamosa placers included Peter Ramirez who was second at 106, Caleb Quintana who was fourth at 150, Tanner Quintana who was fourth at 175, Derek Thong who was fifth at 126, and Zavier Maez who was sixth at 120.

Sierra Grande/Centennial took eighth place with 57 1/2. The Panthers had three placers, all of whom took third place. The list includes Garrick Pettigrew (106), Diego Rodriguez (113), and Jesus Reyes (132).

Del Norte tied for 13th place with 33 points. The Tigers' only placer was Paul Neal who was the champion at 150 pounds.

Sargent finished in 16th place with 27 ¹/₂ points. Placing for the Farmers were Garret Thomson who was fifth at 144, and Matthew Voss who was sixth at 132.

Antonito was 19th with 15 points. The Trojans' only placer was Darius Cisneros-Gomez who was sixth at 165

Mel Smith Invitational

Alamosa, Centauri and Monte Vista high schools all competed at the Mel Smith Invitational last Friday and Saturday in Florence.

The Falcons finished fifth with 138 ¹/₂ points. They had two individual champions in Caden Casias (113) and Josh Polkowske (190).

Two other Centauri wrestlers were second in Matthew Salazar (106) and Riley Valdez (126).

The Mean Moose were 16th with 72 points. Placing for Alamosa were Jeremiah DeLaCerda who was fourth at 106, Anthony Meder who was fifth at 113, Dyson Woodward who was fifth at 138, and Uriah Martinez who was sixth at 120.

The Pirates placed 23rd with 44 1/2 points. Kevin Cisneros was Monte Vista's only placer as he was sixth at 150 pounds.

Vista Ridge Alpha Female Invitational

The local girls wrestling teams participated in the Vista Ridge Alpha Female Invitational Saturday in Colorado Springs.

Alamosa finished in ninth place with 73 1/2 points. Leading the Lady Mean Moose was Sarah DeLaCerda who was the champion of the 110-pound gold division.

Also placing for Alamosa were Giselle Meraz who was second at 115 gold, Kennedy Hillis who was second at 105 silver, and Samantha Maestas who was fourth at 120 gold.

Monte Vista was 22nd with 32 points. The Lady Pirates' only placer was Alyssa Campos who was third at 130 golf.

Del Norte tied for 32nd with four points. The Lady Tigers had no placers.

Mountain Valley was 34th with three points. Placing for the Lady Wolves were Ozi Ogu who was second at 190 gold, Emma Berguetski who was second at 110 silver, and Quinn Hartlieb who was fifth at 140 gold.

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You are hereby notified that on or after February 20, 2024 the Santa Maria Reservoir Company will issue a duplicate certificates by cancelling lost stock certificates No. 4237, 4238, and 4047, and issuing new stock certificates in the name of the claimants, their legal representatives or assignees, unless a contrary claim is filed with the Santa Maria Reservoir Company prior to February 20, 2024.

Date: December 13, 2023 No. 3722.

Published in the Valley Courier on December 19, 26, 2023, January 2.9.& 16.2024

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173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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tion. http://agency.gov-ernmentjobs.com/colorado Contact Nina Esquibel for assistance at 719-852-8215. For ques-tions regarding available open shift(s) for RN, & CNA positions, contact Sandra Qualls, DON, or Christica Gillopurator Christina Gillenwater, ADON at 719-852-5118. (1/23/24AS)

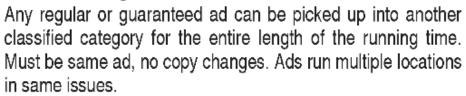
ALAMOSA WATER & SANITATION DIS-TRICT is seeking a candidate for the position of MANAGER. The position reports directly to the District Board of Directors and is responsible for the adinistrative duties of the East Alamosa Water & Sanitation District. Candidate must have a strong knowledge of QuickBooks, Word and Excel, with the ability to quickly learn new software programs and applications. This a full-time salaried position with some benefits and a simple 401K. The schedule is Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. thru 5:00 p.m. with some night meetings. Annual salary is \$45,000+ DOE. Resumes can be deliv-ered to the District office at 10 Costilla, Alamosa or emailed to jamie@ eastalamosaws.org, no later than January 20, 2024 at 5:00 pm. A complete description of job duties is available upon request or can be viewed online at eastalamosaws. org. (1/23/24AS) **NIGHT STAFF NEEDED AT** LA PU-ENTE HOME. Need Mature, dynamic, compassionate people that are able to deal with all types of clients. Must be able to work weekend and graveyard shifts (9:00 pm - 7:00 am). and Must be at least 21+. Bilingual preferred. Looking for the unique applicants who will be a part of an awesome team of individuals helping others. Beginning pay is \$15.00 per hour. Some day shifts may also be available. Join our staff of dedicated profession-als and learn the joys and satisfaction of help-ing others. (2/16/24AS)

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Date: December 13, 2023

No. 3723.

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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE PRAIRIE DITCH COMPANY SHAREHOLDERS THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU: That the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Prairie Ditch Company will be on February 3, 2024 at 10:00 AM., at the Mosca Community Church Fellowship Hall, located in Mosca, Colorado.

The purpose of the Meeting will be to: 1) Vote on changes to the Bylaws ; Article V, Section 1 to add subsec-tion (i), Article VII Section 1, Section 9

Set the assessment for 2024.
 Nominate and elect two Direct

Nominate and elect two Directors to the Board, the Western District, currently Held by LaVern Hart Jr. and one at Large currently held

by Clay Mitchell; both are 3-year terms.
Any Other business that may legally come brought before the meeting

Enclosed you will find a copy of the changes to Bylaws and your proxy form.

The board of Directors urges shareholder that do not expect to attend the Annual Meeting to sign and designate a proxy, YOUR VOTE CANNOT BE COUNTED WITHOUT A DESIGNATED PROXY AND IT MUST BE SIGNED. Please return to the Prairie Ditch Company, PO,

BOX 32, Mosca Colorado 81146, by January 29, 2024 PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST, INFORM THE SECRETARY BE-FORE THE ANNUAL MEETING. WHO IS QUALIFIED TO REPRE-SENT YOU AND YOUR STOCK, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING (Article III Section 4, as per regulations adopted Feb 4, 2018) Your PROXY WILL NOT BE USED if you later decide to attend the

Annual Meeting and desire to vote your shares.

Lunch to be provided

Given by the order of

Board of Directors of, The Prairie Ditch Company

No. 3735

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ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS - TO BE HELD FEBRUARY

14, 2024 The Annual Member Meeting of RG BANK, a Savings and Loan Association (the "Bank") will be held Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce, 947 First Avenue, Monte Vista CO. 81144. at 4:00 p.m.

Business to come before the meeting: (i) Election of two Directors for 3-year terms, (ii) Presentation of the Annual Report of the Bank, and (iii) Consideration of any other business that may come before the meeting.

The Bank's annual Disclosure Statements are available upon request by mail from RG BANK, PO Box 29, Monte Vista, CO or by telephone (719) 852-5933 directed to the Bank's President. The first copy of the annual disclosure statement shall be provided to a member at

no charge. Only Members of RG BANK, a Savings and Loan Association are permitted to attend the meeting. A notice of the meeting has been mailed to account holders.

The proxy committee for this meeting consist of Eric Kimberling, Charles Bryant, and Danielle Anderson, or their assigned appointees,

should this become necessary.

- Should this bec Shon R. Davis President RG BANK

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NOTICE

model. Please come by our office for a bid packet. The bid packet will be ready for pick up in our office at 213 Murphy Dr. Alamosa, Co. 81101 on January 12, 2024. The Alamosa Housing Authority will be accepting bids for an office re-

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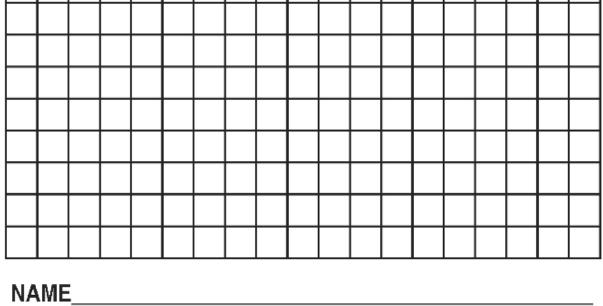
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12TH JUDICIAL DIS-TRICT PROBATION DEPARTMENT currently has an opening for a full-time PROBA-TION OFFICER with a monthly salary range of \$4463 to \$8065. Minimum requirements are a Bachelor Degree from a four year college or university with major course work preferably in Criminal Justice, Sociology, Psychology, Social Work, or related field. Upon hire and as a condition of continued employment, the employee must complete all Mandatory New Employee Training. Prospective employees are subject to a background

investigation prior to hiring. A Colorado Ju-dicial Department Application, located at www.courts.state.co.us/ Careers, under Job Title 'PROBATION OFFI-

CER", Location "ALA-MOSA" must be sub-mitted via the website no later than January 25, 2024. Please include a detailed resume as well. (1/24/24AS)



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CITY OF ALAMO-**SA** is seeking a full-time COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER. Hiring pay is \$21.59 to \$22.67 per hour DOQ. Fringe benefits include CO PERA Retirement employer contribution 14.73% & employee con-tribution is 9.00%, or Empower 401K, 10% match, 11.5 holidays per year, 2 personal days, 80 hours of sick leave and 80 hours of vacation leave per year. Employ-er paid life insurance, STD, LTD & AD&D, 75% of medical, vision, and dental premiums paid by the employer, Wellness Program, and discounted recreational memberships. This position performs a variety of professional and technical work necessary to identify, investigate and enforce violations of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alamosa as specified by Article II, Section 2.37 of the Code of Ordinances authorized by the City Manager. For a full job description and to apply visit cityofalamosa.org or stop by City Hall at 300 Hunt Ave. The City of Alamosa provides Equal Opportunity Employment for accommodations please submit them in writing with the

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deadline - open until filled. (1/19/24AS) **EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR: RIO** GRANDE FARM PARK seeks Education Coordinator to empower the community through regenerative agriculture. Details at www. slvlocalfoods.org/jobs/. (1/16/24AS)

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is accepting applica-tions to fill TWO POSI-TIONS in their UTIL-ITY DEPARTMENT. Applicant should possess knowledge and skills in all aspects of high voltage power lines lineman preferred, gas systems, water distribution, and sanitation. Applicant should accept duties of construction, repair, maintenance, and operation of these systems. Applicant must also have a valid driver's license and be able to operate trucks, backhoe, and other equipment in the performance of these duties. The duties also included are heavy manual labor and utilization of a large variety of hand tools. Some experience is preferred and continued training will be provided. Compensation will depend on experience. Applicant must also have the ability to interact with customers and possess good communication skills. Applicant must also pass a background check and pre-employment drug testing. The candidate will also be subject to random drug testing upon hiring per CDOT regulations. CDL license preferable but not required. The job description and the application is on the Towns website, townofcenter. colorado.gov. Please submit your application to Town Hall or email to jhurtado@centerco. gov The deadline is until positions are filled. (1/23/24AS)

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MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applica-tions for a ROUTE DRIVER FOR STU-DENTS WITH SPE CIAL NEEDS. Applicants for this position must have a current driver's license (a CDL IS NOT REQUIRED) and pass a drug test. For additional information contact Mark Hotz, Maintenance/Transportation Director, at 719-852-2881. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://www.pirates. monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities by January 25, 2024, or until the position is filled. For questions regarding the application process, contact the Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (1/31/24AS)

CITY OF ALAMOSA is accepting VOLUN-TEER FIREFIGHTER applications. As a volunteer member of Alamosa Fire & Rescue, you will have the honor of serving your community in emergency situations. Additionally, all members have the opportunity to meet and work with other highly trained, motivated, and enthusiastic volunteers, and interact with numerous local, state, and national fire and rescue organizations. Please visit our website at https://cityofalamosa. org/ for more information and to complete an online application. For questions please contact Fire Chief Stone at (719)587-2530. (2/14/24AS)

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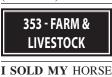
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DIRECTOR OF VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATION: Local, well-respected nonprofit agency seeking individual to recruit, train, and place community volunteers and service groups to as-sist La Puente's diverse programs. Additional responsibilities: presentations, special events, building community partnerships, manage ment of support staff. Self-starter, values driven, comfort engaging a diversity of people, administrative skills. Join our staff of dedicated professionals and learn the joys and satisfaction of serving others. Sal-ary \$43k-46k DOE, full benefit package. Start date: flexible between February 1-April 1st. Request job description; send resume/cover letter Emily: hr@lapu-ente.net, 719 589-5909, ext238. www.lapuente. net (1/24/24AS) org Positions open until filled. CRP is an EOE. (1/27/24AS)

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(1/24/24AS) **HEAD VOLLEY-**BALL COACH needed at DEL NORTE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL. We are looking for the following abilities in our coach: Experience as a volleyball coach or assistant coach at the high school or college level is preferred. Must possess: effective coaching techniques and skills; a thorough knowledge of the rules, regulations, and techniques of the sport; and have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with school administrators, parents, and students. Please contact Gilbert "Gibbs" Sanchez, Athletic Director, at: gsanchez@urtigers. co, 719-657-4020; or Annie Hardy, Principal, at: ahardy@urtigers.co, 719-657-4020. Appli-cations may be found on our website; www.ur-tigers.co. (1/23/24AS)

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> 324 - SEED & FEED

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341 -GARAGE SALE

INSIDE GARAGE SALE. afternoons only, starting at 1:00 p.m. Call for appoint-ment 719-298-6110. (1/24/24AS) AGE UNITS; 2049 Mullins Ave, ALA-MOSA, CO 81101. January 20, 2024. #4 at 10:00 AM, #62 at 11:00 AM, #121 at 12:00 PM AM, #181 at 12:00 PM. (1/20/2024AS)



MULTIPLE 35+ ACRE TRACTS For Sale. The Rio Grande Water Conservation District is accepting sealed bids for tracts of land LOCATED AT 14355 G.5, ANTONI-TO. The minimum acceptable bid is \$2,000/ acre. Bids must be received by U.S. mail or hand delivered to the RGWCD's office at 8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101. Detailed information regarding the tracts is available for review by appointment at the RGWCD office or by visiting the District's website at www.rgwcd. org/subdistrict-no-3/ publicbid. The land may be inspected with District personnel by appointment only. Ap-pointments can be made by calling the District office at (719) 589-6301 or by emailing angelo@ rgwcd.org. Bids must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 31st, 2024. Late bids will not be accepted. The District reserves the right to reject any bid in its sole discretion. (1/27/2024AS)

> 426 - MOBILE HOMES **FOR SALE**

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Old sweethearts' meeting reopens a few old wounds

DEARABBY: After 35 years, I recently ran into my first love, "Cliff." His sister lost her son, and I went to the wake. She and I were good friends growing up and stayed in touch occasionally through the years. Neither of us ever brought up her brother.

Cliff and I broke up during my senior year of high school. I suspected a very good friend of mine was seeing him behind my back at the same time I was confiding in her over my broken heart. Turns out they got married. They are still married to this day.

When I saw Cliff, he looked at me from a distance with a huge smile on his face and his hand over his heart. We hugged for a good five minutes. He held me the way he did when we were together. I never got closure from our breakup because his girlfriend (now wife) wouldn't allow it.

It turns out she wasn't happy that he and I were speaking that evening. I really want closure even though all these years later I have moved on and am married to the love of my life. I need to heal that part of my heart and know if he still has feelings for me. I have

gone through all these years feeling he hates me. Please help. -- BIT-TERSWEET MEMORY IN NEW YORK

DEAR BITTER-SWEET: I think you already have the answer to your question. When vour old beau saw you, his smile lit up the room and he touched his heart. To me, it sends a strong message. That his wife wasn't thrilled the two of you spent five minutes hugging makes me wonder if she may have sabotaged your high school romance all those years ago. PLEASE go on with your life and stop looking back. You already have the closure you seek.

DEAR ABBY: My family and I love to go camping and invite friends and family to join us. No matter how large the group is, I tend to be the one cooking all the meals all the time. I actually love to cook, but some of our guests take advantage and don't help out with food prep or clean up, or the setup or take-down of camping equipment. They don't even pick up after their children.

One of them is a coworker and good friend, and I don't know how to approach her so that there are no hard feel-

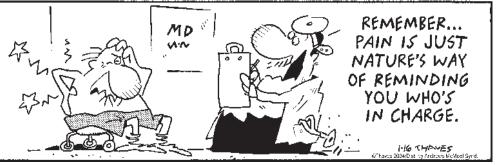


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ings. I have actually considered not inviting that family again. I'll miss their company, but my family and I think it's rude not to help in any way. -- NOT A HAPPY CAMPER

DEARNOTAHAPPY CAMPER: I agree it's rude not to offer to help one's host in the situation you have described. Before inviting your good friend and co-worker on the next campout, have a chat with her. Explain that if she and her family decide to come along next time, you'll NEED her to assist you with those chores. That way she'll be warned and can refuse the invitation if it is not to her liking.

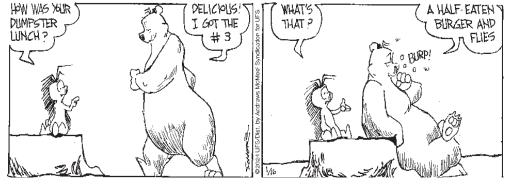
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