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ASU concert tonight

ALAMOSA — Brooke Miller's first recital at Adams State University is tonight at 7 p.m. in Leon Recital Hall. Miller teaches music education and woodwinds at Adams State and is a fabulous clarinetist. Her program features collaborations with William Lipke on piano and Professor Melinda Leoce on marimba, and includes works by Clara Schumann, Valerie Coleman, Vera Ivanova, Jorge Montilla, and Adams State Professor of Music Matthew Schildt.

Winterfest in Crestone is Dec. 9-10

CRESTONE — The annual Winterfest celebration is Dec. 9-10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Crestone Charter School. There will be student performances, live music, storytelling, acoustic jams around the campfire, puppet shows, and vendors. The festival is a benefit for the Crestone Charter School which is located at 330 E. Lime Ave. in Crestone.

Christmas Bazaar at Senior Citizens Center Dec. 9

ALAMOSA — The annual Christmas Bazaar at the Alamosa Senior Citizen's Center will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9. Breakfast burritos will be sold from 8 to 10 a.m. at \$8 per plate and homemade cinnamon rolls will be available as well. There will also be a bake sale and a silent auction as well as vendor tables. For more information, call 719-589-3277.

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City council takes first steps to fill vacant seat

By PRISCILLA WAGGONER
Courier Reporter

ALAMOSA — Initial steps are being taken this week to fill the vacancy on the Alamosa City Council that is the result of Councilor Kristina Daniel and Councilor and Mayor Pro

Tem Charlie Griego stepping down from office and Councilor Michael Carson being elected to take Daniel's place as councilor-at-large.

The city has posted a notice stating it is seeking "applications" from individuals who are inter-

ested in being appointed to represent Ward Four, the ward previously represented by Councilor Carson.

According to the posting, interested individuals must live in Ward Four, be a qualified elector (that is, a person le-

gally qualified to vote in an election) who is at least 21 years of age, and have been a resident of the city of Alamosa for at least one year.

Anyone who meets that criteria and is interested in representing Ward Four on the city council

should submit a letter of interest to the City Clerk of Alamosa, including the reason for being interested in serving on the city council and the physical address proving they reside within Ward Four boundaries.

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SLV Community Band to perform at Society Hall

CONTRIBUTED

ALAMOSA — The SLV Community Band is slated to perform a live recording and Christmas concert that promises to be a little something for everyone at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8, at Society Hall, 400 Ross Ave., Alamosa. Tickets are \$10.

The concert by the SLV Community Band will be professionally recorded by Don Richmond/Howlin' Dog Records, to recognize and digitize the SLV Community Band's musical tradition of excellence of more than 100 years. Because of the timing of this recording, the concert is being combined with a musical celebration of the holiday spirit.

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The SLV Community Band is slated to perform a live recording and Christmas on Friday, Dec. 8, at Society Hall, 400 Ross Ave., Alamosa.

Courtesy photo

MVPD arrests man after seven-hour standoff



Justice Quirova

STAFF REPORT
MONTE VISTA — Monte Vista Police Department officers arrested a 25-year-old man they say barricaded himself in a residence on Bronk Street after threatening family members.

The seven-hour standoff began at approximately 5:30 a.m. on Dec. 4 when the MVPD responded to the 500 block of Bronk Street on a report of man threatening family members. He reportedly had multiple knives

and caused damage to the inside of the residence.

All family members were safely removed from the home. The occupants of the adjoining townhome were evacuated while officers negotiated with the subject. The man was identified as Justice Quirova, 25, of Monte Vista, who has an extensive criminal history of resisting arrest, criminal mischief, and many other offenses, according to MVPD.

Over the course of the

next seven hours, MVPD officers continued to negotiate with Quirova to surrender. Detectives secured an arrest warrant for Quirova and a search warrant for the residence.

After multiple attempts and continued negotiating, Quirova broke off communications with officers. Officers successfully deployed pepper spray into the room and Quirova surrendered without incident.

After being medically cleared, Quirova

was booked into the Rio Grande County Jail on suspicion of criminal mischief, menacing, obstructing a peace officer and refusal to leave premises (barricade).

The Monte Vista Police Department was assisted by the Rio Grande County Sheriff's Office, Monte Vista Fire Department and the Monte Vista EMS.

Other than exposure to pepper spray, there were no injuries to the subject, citizens or officers.

Alamosa County Commissioners to discuss bank building donation

Renovations to Alamosa Bank Building to cost \$1 million

By JOHN WATERS
Courier News Editor

ALAMOSA — On Wednesday, the Alamosa County Board of County Commissioners will hold a regular meeting at 8:30 a.m.

On the agenda is an item to consider the contract between the county and Alamosa State Bank regarding the donation of the bank building located at 601 Main St. in

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The Alamosa County Board of County Commissioners will discuss the donation of the Alamosa State Bank branch building at 601 Main Street to the county at their meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 6. The building will be used as the new offices of the 12th Judicial District Attorney Anne Kelly and her staff.

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Nick G. Martinez

ALAMOSA — Our beloved Nicolas “Nick” G. Martinez Jr., 88, was called home on Nov. 10, 2023, surrounded by his loving family who never left his side. Nicolas was welcomed into the world on June 9, 1935, to the late Nicolas Martinez Sr. and Isabel Sandoval Martinez.

After his school years, Nick joined the Army and served his country with pride. When Nick returned home, he found the love of his life and was united in marriage to Baldina Atencio on Sept. 7, 1957, in Alamosa, Colo. They were blessed with 66 years of marriage. The two were blessed with three children, two daughters and one son.

Nicolas was a member of the American Legion Dick-ey Springer Post, the VFW, and Knights of Columbus. Nick loved to go hunting and fishing and the time he spent in the mountains. He also enjoyed traveling, dancing, shooting, boxing, and going gambling. But



his favorite pastime was the time he spent with his loving family.

His legacy will live on through his loving wife Baldina “Dina” Martinez of the family home, two daughters; Helen (Cruz) Barajas of Denver, Colo., Cindy (Dennis) Milosavich of Buena Vista, Colo., and daughter-in-law Dorothy Martinez of Pueblo, Colo., grand-

children; Isaac Milosavich, Brandi Badger, Ronnie Martinez, Rhonda Alameda, Jennifer Martinez, CJ Barajas, Ebony Atencio, sister-in-law Ailene (Freddy) Arsaga, brother-in-law’s; Gabe Atencio, Gary Atencio, nephews; Adrian (Vera) Martinez, David (Sharon) Delgado, Aaron Atencio, Mike Atencio, Bobby Arsaga, Marvin Arsaga, David, Arsaga, Nicky Martinez, Ricky Martinez Jr., nieces; Leticia, Shiela, Michelle, and Lorrie, Dorthy. Nick will be truly missed by all who knew him.

Nick was preceded in death by his parents Nicolas and Isabel Martinez, son Ron Martinez, brothers; Daniel Martinez, Gilbert Martinez, Charlie Martinez, Freddie Martinez, sisters; Alma Martinez, Phyllis, Urseila, Florinda, Ruby, Tina, Matilda.

Services with full military honors for Nicolas will be held on Dec. 9, 2023, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Alamosa with the Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary at 10 a.m. and the Mass of the Resurrection to follow at 10:30 am.

The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Tina Nadine Floyd



in Elko, Nev., for special needs children and in her final years worked at multiple shelters to care for the homeless.

She was always outspoken and loving. She wasn’t afraid to stand up for the abused or mistreated; especially when it came to children.

Despite the traumas she endured at a young age and throughout her life she was always happy, laughing and living. She lived her life making sure everyone in her path was loved and taken care of.

She went above and beyond for her children and later even more for her grandchildren, Arianna and Killian.

The end was hard but having her grandbabies and so many countless aunts and uncles help through it made it easier, especially the “Apple” of her eye and niece April Chacon.

She was preceded in death by her parents Tina Valdez and Orlando Chacon, her sister Yolanda Chacon and her Godparents Cirila and Elipio Chacon.

She is survived by her children Tina Rae and Akeem Floyd, her grand-

children, Arianna Hale and Killian Floyd; her eight siblings, Diane (Mike) Vigil, Manuel (Norma) Chacon, Lavern (Moises) Ruiz, Angelo (Manuela) Chacon, Orlando (Jackie) Chacon, Richard (Carol) Chacon, Dennis (Tisha) Chacon, Sidney Chacon and Louis Cisneros. She is also survived by countless Aunts, Uncles, Nephews, Nieces and Cousins whom she loved very much.

Her big family was one of her greatest joys. She was the best Mom and even better Grandmother. If you had only ever met her once I bet that day was memorable. She will be forever missed. We love you.

May she forever rest in peace. Please hold all those memories of her smile, love and infectious laughter in your hearts.

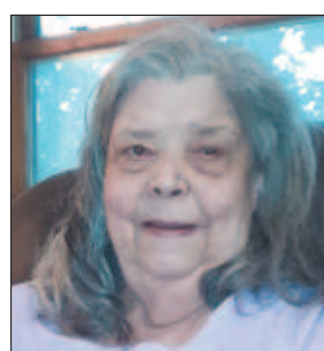
A funeral mass will be held Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church (257 N 700 W Salt Lake City, Utah) with a luncheon to follow at the F.O.E. from 1-5 p.m. (1104 W 2100 S Salt Lake City, Utah). A second mass with details to come later will be held in the spring or summer of 2024 which will take place in Colorado.

Eileen Lois Kroschel

Eileen Lois Kroschel, 74, of Del Norte, Colo., passed away on Nov. 20, 2023, in Alamosa, Colo. She was born on Aug. 25, 1949, in Rochester, N.Y., to Robert Meyer and Lois DeMocker. She married the love of her life in 1983 Raymond Kroschel.

In her spare time, she enjoyed reading a good book, sewing, and loved going on hikes or walks. Most of all she treasured any event consisting of family gatherings.

She is survived by her husband Raymond Kroschel of Del Norte, sons Ed-



win Kroschel of Alamosa; Travis (Roxanne) Kroschel of Monte Vista; stepchildren Traci (Terril) Nichols of Fort Smith, Ark.; Tyson (Michelle) Kroschel of Ignacio, Colo.; five grandkids; eight great-grandkids; and

one brother Robert Meyer of Maine.

Eileen was preceded in death by both her parents.

She was very well liked in the community. Her faith was strong, involving herself in countless activities with her church. She has left a lasting impression. Her memory will live long through all who loved and adored her.

Memorial services will be held at New Life Fellowship Church, Del Norte, Colo., on Dec. 16, 2023, at 10 a.m.

Arrangements in care of Strohmayer’s Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

Older Driver Safety Awareness Week aims to keep seniors safe on the road

167 older drivers involved in fatal crashes this year

By COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DENVER — For older adults, mobility and independence are essential to staying engaged and active. However, as people age, their physical, visual, and cognitive functions can decline, making them more vulnerable to severe injury or even death when involved in a vehicle crash. Being proactive about safe driving skills, learning ways to identify changes early, and intervening as soon as possible can help older drivers maintain safe mobility.

This week the Colorado Department of Transportation is joining with local programs to observe Older Driver Safety Awareness Week from Dec. 4 to Dec. 8. Mobility and transportation options for older adults help ensure they can remain active in their communities as they age.

So far this year 167 drivers over 65 years old have been involved in fatal crashes in Colorado. Older drivers are more likely to be killed or seriously injured in a crash due to the greater fragility of their aging bodies. Research suggests that older adults can expect to outlive their ability to drive safely by seven to ten years.

“Getting older doesn’t mean it’s time to hang up the keys, but it is a time to reflect on how age affects one’s ability to drive,” said CDOT’s Office of Transportation Safety Director Darrell Lingk. “Taking proactive steps to stay safe as you age is important. And with so many transportation alternatives, it has never been easier to find other ways to get around.”

While some drivers can safely drive into their nineties, for others medical conditions, problems with eyesight, sleep, tremors, or memory can make driving more difficult and dangerous.

Safety advocates encourage people to sit down with older friends and family members

to discuss a “transportation plan” that may help identify alternative transportation options if necessary. Families and caregivers may suggest that older drivers:

- Have their vision and hearing checked regularly
 - Ask their health care providers to review medications for potential interactions
 - Drive only during the daytime when traffic is lighter and it’s easier to see.
- Older drivers may want to plan early for alternative mobility options that don’t involve getting behind the wheel of their own vehicle. Most importantly, families and caregivers should show compassion for older drivers who may no longer be able to drive. This can be a difficult time for all involved in these conversations. Understanding and empathizing can go a long way in easing the transition.

Colorado’s Guide for Aging Drivers and Their Families is available for free and can serve as an excellent resource to answer most questions including license reexamination and laws, resources for Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialists, Area Agency on Aging centers, and more. The guide is available through Health Promotion Partners and can be downloaded at healthpromotionpartners.com/aging-drivers-guide. The organization also offers driver safety evaluations, which can be requested by a family or an individual driver to determine the effect of age-related changes on driving fitness. More information about the program can be found at healthpromotionpartners.com/programs.

In Western Colorado, a good resource is olderwiser.org for information on public transit discounts. All Points Transit is a non-profit organization providing public transit services for seniors, people with disabilities and the general public in communities throughout Montrose, Delta, San Miguel

and Ouray counties.

CDOT’s Highway Safety Office addresses older driver crash prevention through education, public awareness, and partnerships with state and local agencies. CDOT supports law enforcement training and provides information to seniors on alternative ride programs. CDOT also helps older adults who drive stay safe behind the wheel. This includes sponsoring CarFit events around the state. At these events volunteers check for:

- A seat belt that holds the driver in the proper position and remains comfortable while driving.
- The tilt of the steering wheel and position of the airbag.
- Plenty of room (at least 10 inches) between the chest and the airbag.
- A properly adjusted head restraint.
- A clear line of sight above the steering wheel and dash.
- Easy access to gas and brake pedals.
- Properly adjusted mirrors.
- Ability to see around the vehicle by reducing the driver’s blind spots.
- The ability to turn the vehicle’s ignition key with ease or operate an ignition system.
- Easy operation of vehicle controls including turn signals, headlights, emergency flashers, windshield wipers, and the parking brake, among others.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration offers free resources on keeping safe as drivers age and provides information about how families and caregivers can create a safe system for all road users whether driving, walking, or cycling. Visit NHTSA at www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/older-drivers.

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Valley News

Slash LD Ranch conserved in the San Luis Valley

By COLORADO CATTLEMEN'S AGRICULTURAL LAND TRUST SAGUACHE COUNTY — The Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust (CCALT) announces the completion of a new partnership with the Pridemore family that conserves 1,550 acres on the Slash LD Ranch in Saguache County.

Collaborations across land trusts and funding partners in the region supported the Pridemore's goal to protect the Slash LD Ranch's agricultural land, water, and wildlife habitat in perpetuity. This new conservation easement adds to the more than 34,000 acres already held by the trust in the county.

The new conservation easement on Slash LD Ranch, located north of the town of Villa Grove, includes two separate parcels of land less than one mile apart. Senior water rights associated with the property have been the target of water speculators hoping to move that water out of the San Luis Valley to the more populated Front Range. Since 2011, CCALT has worked with the Trust for Public Land (TPL), Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust (RiGHT), and other conservation partners to secure the funding necessary to conserve the ranch, including its water rights, in perpetuity.

"Protecting the Slash LD Ranch builds on the monumental conservation work completed by CCALT and our partners in the northern San Luis Valley," said Courtney Bennett, Senior Conservation Manager. "CCALT is grateful for TPL's leadership on the transaction and for RiGHT's work in securing critical funding. Most importantly, we

are grateful to the Pridemores for their conservation legacy and their commitment to protecting agricultural land in the northern San Luis Valley."

The Pridemore family bought the property in 2021 with the intent of conserving it under a conservation easement and maintaining the land for its agricultural uses, scenic values, and wildlife habitat. This is the family's second conservation easement. They successfully worked with CCALT and TPL to preserve their family's ranch on the Arkansas River outside of Salida in 2021. Under the Pridemore's careful stewardship, the land has flourished, and the new conservation easement in Saguache County is now in place. Conserving the land and tying the water rights to the property is critical for the long-term viability of the agricultural operation and will help maintain the health of nearby public lands while preserving wildlife habitat and the rural character of the valley.

"Conserving our ranch is important to us to keep our way of life going for our children and hopefully even further generations to come," said Chelsea Pridemore. "Ensuring that the water can never be sold off and the land can never be divided is an attempt to keep the land in its original condition, greatly benefiting from the cattle we run. Our family of five has put blood, sweat and tears into building what we have, and we wanted a way to protect it and keep improving what we have built thus far."

"Water is the lifeblood for the San Luis Valley, its farms and ranches and its local communities," said Jim Petterson, Mountain



Photos courtesy of the Pridemore family

The Slash LD Ranch in Saguache County.

West Region vice president for Trust for Public Land. "This project builds on a 20-year collaborative initiative designed to ensure that the water, wildlife and way of life in this corner of the Valley survives and thrives for generations to come. We celebrate the vision and commitment of the Pridemore family, and all the partners that brought this project to life."

These collaborative efforts to-date have conserved over 21,000-acres of working land and their water rights along the Saguache Creek Corridor for 25 miles west of the Town of Saguache. The Slash LD Ranch conservation easement expands these efforts to the east and offers working landowners an alternative to selling land and water rights to developers and waters speculators, fur-



Water rights are tied to the Slash LD Ranch conservation easement. Water in all its forms is the lifeblood for ranches in the San Luis Valley.

ther illustrating that conservation can pay financial dividends as well.

Funding for the partial purchase of the conservation easement was provided by the North

American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA), the Gates Family Foundation, and the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) with the support of the Rio Grande

Headwaters Land Trust. The Pridemore's donated the remaining value of the conservation easement, illustrating their commitment to both agriculture and conservation.

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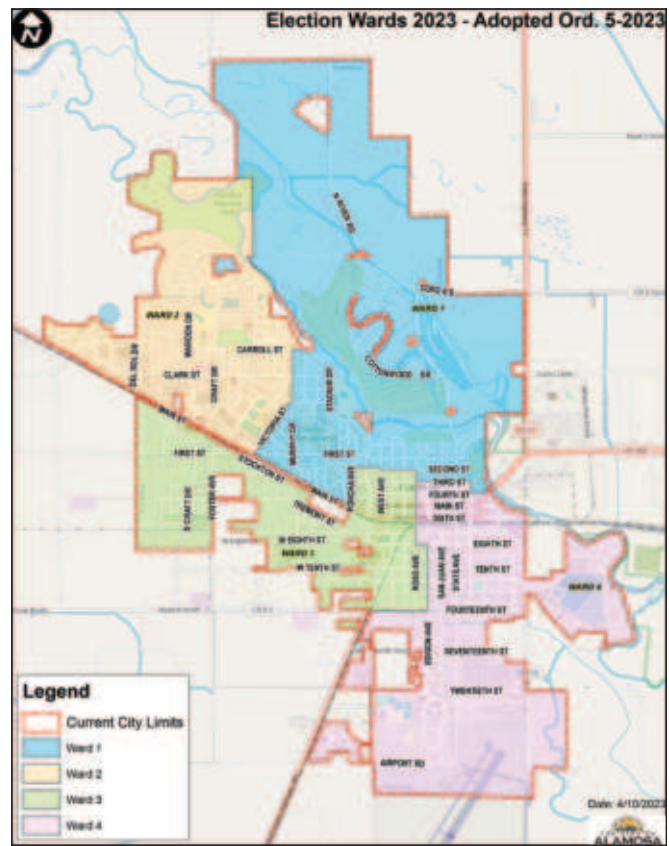
All letters of interest should be sent to Alamosa's City Clerk by the end of Jan. 10, 2024.

In terms of the city council's process in appointing a new council member, City Manager Heather Sanchez told the Valley Courier that a work session has been scheduled for 6 p.m. on Jan. 3, 2024, where members of the city council will discuss the interview questions.

Three weeks later, a second work session is scheduled for Jan. 24 when members of the city council will conduct interviews with individuals who have expressed an interest in serving.

Following that work session, a special meeting (termed "special" because it is outside the city council's standard calendar) will be held during which council members will appoint the new member.

Both work sessions are



Graphic courtesy of the City of Alamosa

Map of wards represented by city members. Ward Four is in purple at the bottom of the map.

open to the public.

Letters of interest should be submitted to the City Clerk at 300 Hunt Ave., P.O. Box 419, Alamosa, CO 81101 or via email to cityclerk@

ci.alamosa.co.us. The deadline for submissions is Jan. 10, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. For additional information, contact City Clerk, Holly Martinez, at 719-589-2272.

Building

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the county. As previously reported in the Valley Courier, the building will be used for the offices of the District Attorney. According to the contract that will be discussed at the commissioners meeting, the value of the donation is \$1.3 million.

The Commissioners will also converse about an item regarding the building between Spencer Architecture and the county for "Additions & Altera-

Alamosa State [Bank] Building located at 601 Main Street, Alamosa, Co." "The initial budget for The Cost of The Work, as provided by Alamosa County is estimated at \$1,000,000."

A Special Initiative Funding grant application filed by the county with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for the renovation for \$823,000 will also be discussed.

According to County Administrator, Roni Wisdom, the donation of the old bank building to the county will be finalized on Dec. 29.

The real property being donated by Alamosa State Bank is Lots 9, 10, 11 in Block 39, City of Alamosa; The South 50 feet of Lots 12,13,14,15, and 16, in Block 39, City of Alamosa, and Lots 17,18,19, in Block 39, City of Alamosa.

There will also be a presentation at the meeting from Alamosa County Health that will cover a variety of health issues including a brief update on COVID that will include, "Community level jumped up to Medium in mid-October, then went back to Low. Have had higher numbers of reported cases the

week of 11/13 and 11/20."

The commissioners will also discuss a letter to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission in support of Xcel Energy's Colorado Clean Energy Plan 120-Day Report and Xcel Energy's Preferred Plan. The plan includes 22 projects and would double the amount of renewable energy and include an investment by the utility of \$14-\$15 billion. According to the letter, "With the retirement of Xcel Energy's existing Alamosa Combustion turbine in 2025, Xcel Energy is proposing a new 28 MW combustion turbine to

ensure reliable electric service in the San Luis Valley by backing up existing energy generation in the area. Furthermore, investments in transmission infrastructure will enhance reliability in the San Luis Valley and throughout the state."

The Alamosa County Board of County Commissioners will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers located at 8900 Independence Way in Alamosa. The meeting will be on Zoom.com or by calling 669-900-6833 with the meeting ID 270-314-6874.

Concert

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portion of the concert will be a live recording of a handful of band classics — i.e., some of the greatest pieces ever written for band — for international exposure and the promotion of the SLV Community Band.

The second part of the concert will consist of Christmas and holiday music that includes both traditional holiday tunes such as "What Child Is This?" and Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride." It will also include some new, non-traditional arrangements of familiar holiday tunes such as "Hark the Herald Tubas Sing" and "Christmas Eve/Sarajevo" — a version of "Ring Christmas Bells" as performed by the Trans-Siberian Orchestra.

As a special treat, Richmond will be singing with the band on "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" — a television musical

favorite based on the Dr. Seuss story.

The SLV Community Band is an important part of the musical culture of the San Luis Valley with a tradition of excellence dating back to the approximate time of the founding of the City of Alamosa in 1878. According to Dr. Kerry Hart, Director of the SLV Community Band, "The music culture of the Valley is more than the SLV Community Band. We also have some very talented vocalists in the Valley."

For the recording of the SLV Community Band, Hart includes a version of Battle Hymn of the Republic combining choir and band.

"This piece is one of the greatest arrangements for band and choir and will really highlight both the vocal and instrumental talent of our Valley musicians," Hart said.

"With an outstanding band and outstanding choir performing together in this venue — not

to mention the inclusion of the Valley's musical icon, Don Richmond — what better way is there to conclude this program than with a Christmas Carol Sing-Along with the instrumentalists and vocalists of the San Luis Valley?" Hart said. He added, "This concert promises to be an epic event."

The concert on Dec. 8 is made possible through support from Society Hall, Richmond and Howlin' Dog Records, the Adams State University Music Department, and the Alamosa School District.

The SLV Community Band is open to any musician with band experience. Current participants range in age from middle school students through retirement age. Any musician interested in becoming a member of the SLV Community Band is encouraged to contact Hart, Director of the SLV Community Band, at 719-587-3342.

Lifestyles



The annual Yuletide celebration and Winterfest in South Fork was a holiday success this past weekend. The South Fork Friends Foundation in partnership with the South Fork Visitor Center and the Town of South Fork lit up the night sky on Friday and hosted a successful Winterfest market on Saturday.

Photos by Lyndsie Ferrell



South Fork kicks off holidays with Yuletide and Winterfest

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**
SOUTH FORK — People from the San Luis Valley and outside of it made their way up to South Fork this past weekend to kick off the holiday season with the annual Yuletide Celebration and Winterfest. The town was the perfect holiday location on Friday as the first of several inches of snow fell.

Guests gathered near dusk as the Yuletide Celebration began on Friday, bringing with it a chance to celebrate the holiday season in style. More than 50 trees were lit up with Christmas lights and decorations as the sun set behind the San Juan Mountains. The yard outside of the visitor center was a perfect location for guests to gather and watch as the lights lit up the night sky.

Each year, the Town of South Fork, the South Fork Visitor Center and the South Fork Friends Foundation spend weeks preparing for the annual event, taking the time to wrap trees with lights and set up a holiday display that is a sight to

be seen and is enjoyed throughout the month of December. Thanks to the many volunteer hours, this event has become something people look forward to each year.

"Yuletide was fantastic. Thanks to South Fork Friends, Luke and Judith Brennan, Kris Steffens, Don Burwell for being Santa, Lulu and West from Aspen Ridge RV Park, Linda Drain, for being the elf, Dustin Hund, Michele Cruse, Celeste Anderson, Tiny Timbers, Ramones, Burrow Buddies, Bob and Lis Frank, Kevin and Kris Daniel for being great volunteers. There were so many people there providing food, serving, and just doing about everything you can imagine to make this happen," stated the South Fork Visitor Center.

The fun did not stop there as the following day, the annual Winterfest market opened on Saturday at the Rio Grande Club and Resort. The building was transformed into a holiday bazaar that could not be matched, offering every type of vendor

a holiday shopper could ask for.

Christmas music wove through the building, offering the perfect holiday atmosphere as guests wandered from booth to booth looking for that special gift for family and friends. Everything from homemade cookies from Basecamp Sweets to homemade treasures from local artists filled every corner of the upstairs clubhouse.

The resort offered delectable treats, delicious food and hot beverages which were the perfect way to start off the holiday shopping as the frigid temperatures lingered throughout the day.

Now that the town has successfully kicked off the holiday season, every organization is turning their attention to future events including ice skating parties on the new rink at Rickel Park and several chances to support local businesses this holiday season.

Be sure to stay up to date for future events this winter by visiting www.southfork.org or by following the South Fork Friends Foundation on their Facebook Page.

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Lifestyles

Chocolate Fest and Holiday Market bring season to life in Creede

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**

CREEDE — Fresh snow could not freeze the holiday cheer this past weekend in Creede as the annual Chocolate Festival and first Creede Holiday Market took place on Friday and Saturday.

Tickets for both days of the Chocolate Festival were sold out a week before the event.

Friday bloomed cold and white as fresh snow fell on the Creede area as guests made their way to the small mountain town for the first day of the Chocolate Festival. The Underground Mining Museum was champion for the day with their Merry Mice bombs. Turns out mouse plus chocolate is quite a delicious combo.

Friday's runner up was the Wava Bakery with their Wild Beaver Balls.

Creede was a winter wonderland as the sun came up over the San Juans early Saturday morning and by the time the day was in full swing the streets were lined with vendors, businesses rolled out the red carpets to welcome holiday shoppers and delectable treats were shared with Chocolate Festival ticket holders throughout the day.

Saturday's Chocolate Fest winner was the Wava Bakery at Wild Beaver Mountain Man Emporium who took first place again with their incredible Wild Beaver Balls and congratulations to the day's runner Kip's Grill Creede with their delicious S'mores Cookie Dough Truffle.

The Creede Holiday Festivities Committee was hard at work for almost the full month of November preparing for this event. Several volunteers helped decorate Basham Park and downtown Creede along Main Street for the holiday season.

There will be two more chances to enjoy the Creede Holiday Market — Dec. 9 and Dec. 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition to the Holiday Market, the Creede Musical Arts Collective will be showcasing musical talent on the following days:

- Dec. 9, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. — Colorado Brass Band Quintet; pop-up concerts throughout the Holiday Market
- Dec. 15, 5-6:30 p.m. — Eliana Joy Holiday Jazz Trio
- Dec. 16, 11:30 a.m.-

2:45 p.m. — Eliana Joy Holiday Jazz Trio; pop-up concerts throughout the Holiday Market

• Dec. 16, 12-2 p.m. — Jazz Brunch at the Creede Hotel, featuring Eliana Joy Holiday Jazz

Trio
• Dec. 22, 3 p.m. — Concert of Holiday Classics, featuring Zachary

Nelson, baritone and Megan Marino, mezzo-soprano at the Creede Community Church

Stay tuned for updates and grab your tickets to these enchanting events.



Photos by Lyndsie Ferrell

The annual Creede Chocolate Festival and first Creede Holiday Market kicked off this past weekend and brought holiday cheer to guests as they wandered along Main Street and enjoyed a day of shopping, family fun and delectable homemade chocolate treats. Friday night ended with the Creede Parade of Lights.

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Sports

Alamosa girls hold off Lamar; Del Norte defeats Ellicott

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor
ALAMOSA—The First Annual Erik Melgoza Shootout ended Saturday at the Alamosa High School gym with both local teams winning their games.

Del Norte opened the day by defeating Ellicott 38-8, and Alamosa held off a feisty Lamar team 37-32.

Del Norte 38, Ellicott 8

The Lady Tigers took a big lead early as they led the Lady Thunderhawks 13-3 at the end of the first quarter. Del Norte shut out Ellicott in the second quarter and led 21-3 at halftime.

The Lady Thunderhawks closed to within a 25-8 deficit in the third quarter, but the Lady Tigers had another shut out in the fourth for the 38-8 win.

Kaitlyn Velasquez led Del Norte in scoring with 11 points, followed by Kayleigh Haynie with eight and Emma Parra with seven.

Jacey Lujan led Ellicott with five points.

Del Norte (1-1) will travel to Buena Vista on Thursday and host Ignacio

Alamosa 37, Lamar 32

The first quarter was a back-and-forth affair with Lamar leading 7-6 at the end of the period. The Lady Mean Moose led 19-16 at halftime and 30-26 after the third quarter.

Alamosa led by as much as 36-28 in the fourth, and it held off a late Lady Thunder rally to record the win.

Laci Christensen led Alamosa with 10 points, followed by Jaelyn Garcia with nine.

Brooklyn Robbins was Lamar's top scorer with 16 points.

Alamosa (2-0) will travel to Greeley for the University Invitational this weekend. Its first game will be at Frontier Academy on Thursday beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Del Norte 38, Ellicott 8

Del Norte - Velasquez 4 1-2 11, Parra 3 0-3 7, Laymon 2 0-2 4, Brown 1 0-0 2, Haynie 2 4-4 8, Gallegos 0 1-2 1, Jabalera-Palacios 0 0-0 0. Total 14 7-15 38.

3-point goals - Velasquez 2, Parra 1. Total 3.

Ellicott - Ferguson 1 0-4 2, Erickson 0 1-2 1, Lujan 2 1-2 5, Wright 0 0-0 0, Flewellen 0 0-0 0, Perez 0 0-2 0, Cassell 0 0-0 0, Ceccreda-Esparza 0 0-0 0, Baca 0 0-0 0, Legarda 0 0-0 0. Total 3 2-10 8.

3-point goals - none.

Del Norte 16 8 4 13 - 38

Ellicott 3 0 5 0 - 8

Fouls - Del Norte 10, Ellicott 18.

Fouled out - Lujan. Technical foul - Ellicott bench.

Alamosa 37, Lamar 32

Lamar - Milenski 3 0-2 6, Fernandez 0



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick
Alamosa High School's Laci Christensen dribbles the ball up court in Saturday's game against Lamar. The Lady Mean Moose won 37-32.

0-0 0, R. Chavira 1 1-4 3, Robbins 7 2-5 16, Rodriguez 0 1-4 4, K. Chavira 2 1-2 5. Total 13 5-17 32

3-point goals - none.

Alamosa - Christensen 3 3-6 10, Ortega 1 1-2 3, Rothermich 1 0-0 2, Garcia 3 3-4 9, Wiedeman 1 2-2 5, Quintana 0 0-0 0, Montoya 3 0-0 6, Felix 1 0-0 2, Rice 0 0-0 0. Total 13 9-14 37

3-point goals - Christensen 1, Wiedeman 1. Total 2.

Lamar 7 9 10 6 - 32

Alamosa 6 13 11 7 - 37

Fouls - Lamar 15, Alamosa 20. Fouled out - Rodriguez; Rothermich, Ortega.

Alamosa boys fall to Lamar; Del Norte scores win over Ellicott

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA—The second day of the First Annual Erik Melgoza Shootout took place Saturday at the Alamosa High School gym.

Del Norte defeated Ellicott 34-19 in the first game, and Alamosa lost to Lamar 41-30 in the tournament's final game.

Del Norte 34, Ellicott 19

The Tigers shut out the Thunderhawks in the first quarter and they had a 9-0 lead at the end of the period. Ellicott woke up in the second quarter and trailed 17-13 at halftime.

Del Norte increased the lead to 25-17 after the third quarter and outscored Ellicott 9-2 in the final quarter.

Tytus Atencio was Del Norte's leading scorer with 12 points, followed by Kelby Mondragon with eight.

Parris Erickson led Ellicott with five points.

Del Norte (1-1) will play at Buena Vista on Thursday and host Ignacio on Saturday.

Lamar 41, Alamosa 30

The Thunder took the lead early and led 10-6



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick
Alamosa High School's Parker Gilmore directs traffic in Saturday's game against Lamar. The Mean Moose lost to the Thunder 41-30.

after the first quarter. The Mean Moose reduced the deficit to 18-15 at halftime.

Alamosa got as close as a one-point differential early in the third, but Lamar rallied to take a 30-19 lead at the end of the period.

Both teams scored 11 points in the fourth.

Parker Gilmore led Alamosa with seven points,

followed by Michael Motz and Zack Crowther both with six.

Lucas Martinez was Lamar's leading scorer with 13 points, followed by Alex Williams with 12.

Alamosa will be in Greeley this weekend for the University Invitational. Its first game will be at Frontier Academy Thursday at 8 p.m.

Del Norte 34, Ellicott 19

Del Norte - Trujillo 2 1-2 5, Atencio 5 0-0 12, Pacheco 1 0-0 2, Mondragon 2 4-4 8, Bailey 1 2-4 4, Williams 0 0-0 0, Worz 0 0-0 0, Estrada 1 0-0 3, Vigil-Ledford 0 0-0 0. Total 12 7-10 34.

3-point goals - Atencio 2, Estrada 1. Total 3.

Ellicott - Flewellen 1 0-0 2, Peters 0 0-0 0, Bourgeois 1 0-0 3, Orberg 1 0-0 3, Pcikell 0 0-0 0, Bonilla 1 0-0 2, Briggs 1 0-0 2, Erickson 2 0-0 5, Robles 1 0-0 2. Total 8 0-0 19.

3-point goals - Bourgeois 1, Erickson 1, Orberg 1. Total 3.

Del Norte 9 8 8 9 - 34

Ellicott 0 13 4 2 - 19

Fouls - Del Norte 8, Ellicott 16.

Lamar 41, Alamosa 30

Lamar - Martinez 4 3-4 13, DeLaRosa 1 0-0 2, Williams 5 1-3 12, Jacobs 3 2-4 8, Thacker 0 0-4 0, Vasquez 0 0-0 0, Estrada 0 0-0 0, Moreno 0 0-0 0, Dunning 1 4-6 6, Willis 0 0-0 0. Total 12 10-21 41.

3-point goals - Martinez 2, Williams 1. Total 3.

Alamosa - Zepeda 2 0-0 5, Gilmore 3 0-0 7, Jackson 2 0-0 2, Motz 3 0-0 6, Meis 0 0-0 0, Lujan 0 0-0 0, Crowther 2 0-0 6, Ruybal 2 0-0 4. Total 13 0-0 30.

3-point goals - Crowther 2, Gilmore 1, Zepeda 1. Total 4.

Lamar 10 8 12 11 - 41

Alamosa 6 9 4 11 - 30

Fouls - Lamar 7, Alamosa 23. Fouled out - Zepeda.

All-SLV football banquet is Wednesday

ALAMOSA - The 2023 All-San Luis Valley football banquet will take place Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Ski-Hi Complex in Monte Vista.

Admission is \$15 at the door and it will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Cash or checks only. No credit cards.

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Cheraw 59, Creede 31	Prep boys wrestling	
Lamar 34, Del Norte 33	La Junta 51, Monte Vista 26	
Moffat 52, South Park 36	SATURDAY	
Monte Vista 45, Swallows Charter Academy 34	Prep boys basketball	
Salida 71, Sanford 46	Centauri 66, Durango 53	MONDAY
Sangre de Cristo 44, Dolores 41	Creede 48 Antonito 28	Prep boys basketball
Sargent 43, Center 31	Del Norte 34, Ellicott 19	Cripple Creek-Victor at Moffat - late
Sierra Grande 47, Springfield 44	Dolores 54, Center 46	Prep girls basketball
Soroco 58, Antonito 23	Holly 63, Sierra Grande 52	Cripple Creek-Victor at Moffat - late
Prep girls basketball	Lamar 41, Alamosa 30	
Alamosa 55, Ellicott 16	Moffat 53, Cotopaxi 51	SCHEDULE
Cheraw 50, Creede 26	St. Mary's 34, Monte Vista 31	TUESDAY
Lamar 37, Del Norte 12	Sargent 48, Sangre de Cristo 35	Prep girls swimming
Lake City 31, Antonito 26	Prep girls basketball	Pueblo West at Sargent (at Plachy Hall pool), 5 p.m.
Monte Vista 52, Pueblo Central 20	Alamosa 37, Lamar 32	College men's basketball
Sanford 32, Salida 21	Centauri 33, Durango 31	Adams State at Fort Lewis, 7 p.m.
Sangre de Cristo 52, Dolores 26	Center 47, Dolores 13	College women's basketball
Sargent 44, Center 38	Creede 58, Antonito 14	Adams State at Fort Lewis, 5 p.m.
South Park 2, Moffat 0, forfeit	Cripple Creek-Victor 2, Moffat 0, forfeit	College women's wrestling
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CAFETERIA STAFF NEEDED at UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Must have a high school diploma and/or GED and some knowledge of working in a kitchen or a willingness to be trained. Pay is dependent on prior experience. Please contact Leslie Martinez at 719-657-4040, x1100 or email her at lmartinez@urtigers.co. (12/15/23AS)

SALAZAR MEATS near MANASSA interviewing for salaried, full-time MANAGEMENT POSITION, starting \$40-50K based on experience. Please call 347-407-1622 for next steps in the hiring process. (12/15/23AS)

221 - HELP WANTED

DELOSS INDUSTRIES IN ALAMOSA is Hiring Full-Time, 40 Hours Per Week, Wages 24 to 40 Dollars Per Hour. Looking to hire: EQUIPMENT MECHANICS, MECHANICS HELPER, WELDERS and MACHINIST. The mechanics helper will be paired with a mechanic in the shop. Primary equipment serviced and maintained are forklifts and materials handling related equipment. This is a full-time position, 40 hours per week. Paid vacation and sick leave. Health insurance may be provided. Pay rate is 24 to 40 dollars per hour, depending on experience. Tools are provided. Must have clean driving record, CDL is a plus. Must pass drug test and background check. Must have stable work history. This is a career opportunity with a stable company that has been in the Valley for 36 years. Shop is located in Alamosa, CO. Call 719-589-3213 for interview or send resume to DelossJohn@aol.com. (1/13/23AS)

CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26 is paying years of service and single health insurance benefits. Apply now to become part of our dynamic district as we are now accepting applications for the position of SECONDARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER, for the remaining 2023-2024 School Year. Qualifications: Special Education Certification as required by the State of Colorado or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Applications can be found on the District Website https://www.center.k12.co.us/page/employment-opportunities or contact the District Office at (719)754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (12/6/23AS)

WANTED EXPERIENCED PRESSMAN. Must be reliable, flexible, and dependable. Apply in person, 2205 State Street, ALAMOSA. (TFN-AS)

NEED A SECOND INCOME? child support? Car Repairs? Taxes Due? Earn up to \$800/month DELIVERING THE VALLEY COURIER. Contact Keith at 719-589-2553. (2/26-TFN-AS)

307 - APPLIANCES

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324 - SEED & FEED

HORSE & COW HAY: GRASS, GRASS/ALFALFA, ALFALFA. 3x3 and 4x4 bales, various quality and pricing. 719-850-8917. (12/6/23AS-monthly)

NATIVE GRASS HAY for sale. Small bales, HORSE HAY QUALITY. USDA certified. Call or text (719)657-1876. (12/19/23AS)

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353 - FARM & LIVESTOCK

I SOLD MY HORSE IN 2 DAYS TO A GOOD HOME. THANKS VALLEY COURIER! Rick. (AS)

SALE BLACK ANGUS HI-ALTITUDE BULLS calving ease Brink Livestock Services. 800-641-3750 / direct line 719-580-3526 www.brinklvestock.net (12/30/23AS)

FOR SALE: 181-231 head cow GRAZING PERMIT on APACHE RANGE. 719-580-9444. (12/5/23AS)

360 - MISC. FOR SALE

SOLD MY WHEELCHAIR IN 2 DAYS. WONDERFUL, HEARTWARMING EXPERIENCE. A WIN-WIN FOR BOTH OF US! Yolanda. (AS)

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368 - PETS & SUPPLIES

AKC FRENCH BULLDOG PUPPIES. Ready December 24TH, full DNA, chipped, wormed, shots, started on crate & potty training. Solid, Brindle & Merle \$3,500 719-640-6404. (12/16/23AS)

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420 - LOTS & ACREAGES

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, ANTONITO. 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.rgxcd.org/subdistrict-no-3/publicbid. The land may be inspected with District personnel by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling the District office at (719) 589-6301 or by emailing angelo@rgxcd.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

FOR SALE IN ALAMOSA County: 1980 GLENWOOD TRAILER HOUSE \$6,700. Must be moved. 402-269-7172. (E-TFN-AS)

525 - GUNS

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601 - APARTMENTS FOR RENT

COZY 1 BEDROOM IN REMODELED DUPLEX, near Cole Park, washer/dryer, no pets. \$700 month, \$700 deposit. 719-580-5400. (12/9/23AS)

606 - BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR RENT

RENT COMMERCIAL SPACE HAIR SALON 800-641-3750 / 719-480-3932. (12/30/23AS)

611 - HOUSES FOR RENT

KUDDOS TO THE VALLEY COURIER FOR RENTING OUR HOUSE IN 2 DAYS! Thanks, Gerry. (AS)

701 - AUTOS FOR SALE

1 DAY ADVERTISED IN THE VALLEY COURIER, SOLD MY CAR! GREAT SERVICE! Samuel. (AS)

710 - CLASSIC AUTOS

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