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SLV Spay and Neuter December dates

SAN LUIS VALLEY— SLV Spay and Neuter will offer its services in Alamosa on Dec. 8-9, Antonito on Dec. 15, and in Center on Dec. 22. Cats are \$50 and dogs are \$75. For appointments, call 719-657-7076 or visit www.slvsna.org.

San Juan Ave. closure for light stringing Alamosa

ALAMOSA — The half block of San Juan Avenue between Main Street and the alleyway south of Fourth Street will be closed on the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 29, for the stringing of decorative lights. All vehicles must be removed before 6 a.m. that morning. The street will reopen by noon that day.

This beautification project implements the community vision for this "festival street" described in the Downtown Plan and was made possible through funding provided by Adams State University.

Contact the Development Services department with any questions at planning@ci.alamosa.co.us or by calling 719-589-6631.

SLV Community Band performing Dec. 2

MONTE VISTA — The SLV Community Band, under the direction of Dr. Kerry Hart, will perform at the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce Holiday Bazaar at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Ski-Hi Complex.

Holiday events at Conejos County Library

LA JARA — A holiday Bake Sale/Yard Sale and Craft Workshop are planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 9, at the Conejos County Library Maria De Herrera Branch in La Jara, 17703 Highway 285. People can create greeting cards at the workshop led by Julia Chavez.

SLV WEATHER

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Celebration of Lights in Alamosa on Friday

Santa will be visiting State Avenue at 6:30 p.m.

By **JOHN WATERS**
Courier News Editor
ALAMOSA — Deck the Halls in Alamosa this Friday. At 5:30 p.m., there will be a tree lighting ceremony at City Hall with music provided by the Alamosa State University Chamber Ensemble.

This will be the 16th Celebration of Lights celebrated by the city. Last year more than 200 people attended the event.

It is also First Friday in downtown Alamosa, and Wild Roses, A Country

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This Christmas tree at the Alamosa City Hall will be illuminated on Friday as part of the Celebration of Lights starting at 5:30 p.m.

Courier photo by John Waters

Missing Saguache woman's sister speaks about disappearance

By **MARIE MCCOLM**
SAGUACHE — Edna Quintana was last seen on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Her family continues to search for her and advocates to keep the case active with law enforcement.



Edna Quintana

A prayer vigil was held for Quintana in Saguache on Nov. 4. Following the vigil, Edna's sister, Marilyn, spoke with this reporter about her sister and what the family thinks may have happened. ■ See **QUINTANA** page 3

Let it snow!

GREAT SAND DUNES NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE — Medano Pass Primitive Road is now closed for the winter season at Castle Creek Picnic Area, 2.6 miles from the southern entrance of the road. On the east side of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, the road is closed at the Muddy Creek crossing. This is an annual closure due to hazardous ice crossings (pictured) and increasing snow depth. The road usually fully reopens by mid-to-late May, conditions permitting.

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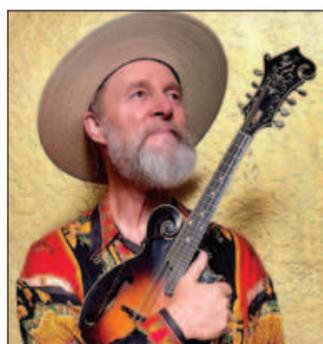


Bluegrass/Newgrass and 'Rocky Mountain High' at Society Hall

First-time-ever double header for the venue

By **PRISCILLA WAGGONER**
Courier Reporter
ALAMOSA — Always on the lookout for exemplary talent to bring to their one-of-a-kind venue, Society Hall is taking a bold, new step into new territory with its first-ever double header weekend of fine entertainment with two different concerts being performed back-to-back.

For all those Society Hall music devotees who have left a concert at Society Hall one night and found themselves



Joe Craven

thinking, "I wish there was another concert tomorrow..." well, that wish has just been granted.

On Friday, Dec. 1, the Society Hall stage will come alive with a concert by two highly gifted musicians — Joe Craven and David Thom. The



David Thom

next night, Saturday, Dec. 2, Society Hall embraces the holiday season by welcoming Chris Collins and "A John Denver Christmas" to the stage.

Craven ranks among the most impressive and accom- ■ See **HALL** page 3



Photos courtesy of Society Hall

Double header at Society Hall. Joe Craven and Don Thom, Friday night followed by Chris Collins and a 'A John Denver Christmas' on Saturday.



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Record

OBITUARIES

Willard G. Martin

Longtime Monte Vista resident Willard G. Martin passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, at the Colorado State Veterans Center Nursing Home at the age of almost 99 years old.

Willard was the son of Glenn and Ruby Martin, born in Artesia, N.M., on Feb. 18, 1925. His family moved to a cattle ranch about 12 miles from Abilene, Texas, and for the first eight years of school, he and a neighbor-girl named Anita went to a school in Taylor County, having to ride their horses to and from school. Then in the last four years of high school his family moved closer to Abilene, and he was able to ride the bus to school until he graduated in 1943. The family then moved to a cattle ranch at Razor Creek, about 20 miles from Gunnison, Colo., where he helped his Dad and Mom herd brand cattle and harvest hay.

On Sept. 7, 1944, Willard enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was deployed to Rhineland Central Europe where he was sent to the 66th Armored Division Unit and was put in a medium tank as a Tank Driver. During the last year of his tour, he was a message



center chief and then an SSG Administrative NCO before being discharged on Aug. 5, 1946.

He returned back to Razor Creek, Colo., and helped his Dad on the ranch and there he met his loving wife, Norma Lee Lockhart in Gunnison at a malt shop where she worked. They got married in Taos, N.M., in a double ceremony with their good friends, the Wheelers on Nov. 20, 1947.

Willard and Norma settled in Doyleville, Colo., on a cattle ranch, where they raised cattle and harvested hay. Willard also drove a truck delivering hay to the race tracks in

Phoenix, Ariz., and Ruidoso, N.M. In 1960, Willard decided to change jobs and started working for Safeway driving a semi-truck, delivering groceries. Willard made his career with Safeway and made several moves around Colorado, and after 30 years of service he retired from Safeway. He resumed driving trucks all around the country for another 8-10 years before he decided to call it quits from driving trucks. Willard spent his remaining years taking care of his wife, home, and yard and being a snowbird in the winter months in Mesa, Ariz.

Willard is survived by his two daughters, Pat (Charlie) Burd and Carol (Ron) Martinez, three grandchildren, Shawn Burd, Lori (Art) Vigil, and Marla (Todd) Rumley, five great-grandchildren Lexi (Shane) Settle, Ryan Rumley, Spencer (Jasmine) Wingert, Sydney Rumley and Dalyn Burd, and two great-great-grandchildren Leia Wingert and Justin Settle.

Willard was preceded in death by his wife Norma Lee Martin, parents Glenn and Ruby Martin, his brother Jack Martin, and his Grandson Glen E. Martinez.

Cremation was selected and a graveside service for the family will be held at a later date. Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of arrangements, visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

Sandra Lucylle Hosselkus Kroll

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we share the passing of Sandra Lucylle Hosselkus Kroll (Sandy). Sandy passed away on Nov. 16, 2023, at the Del Norte Hospital. She was born on May 18, 19?? in Del Norte. She spent her life in Creede and the Creede community meant the world to her.

She married her high school sweetheart, Carl Kroll, and they were married until his death in 1996. She had two children, Dwayne Kroll (Trish) and Marycarol Patz (Tim). She had three grandchildren, Amanda Bell (Tom) and Patrick Bell (Alyssa) and Adrianna Demos, who lovingly referred to her as "Grandma Hot Dog" and two Step-Grandchildren, Scott Patz (Ashley) and Kaitlyn O'Neil (Chris) who lovingly referred to her as "Grandma Hammer." She had two Great-Grandchildren, Margaret "Margie" Bell and Harrison "Harry" Krabacher and six Step-Grandchildren, Zianna and Elleana Williams, Brody and Marlowe Patz and Finn and McKenna O'Neil who lovingly called her Gigi. She was blessed to have a large family of many siblings, nieces, nephews and cousins. Sandy was the most family-oriented person you will meet but you did not have to be of her blood to be her family.

Sandy was born to Allen and Margaret "Margie" Hosselkus and was one of 17 children.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and 12 of her sib-



lings.

Sandy worked as a Deputy/Dispatch for Mineral County for 31 years. Someone recently said she was not just a part of the Creede community, she was embedded in the community through her numerous volunteer activities which included her many years as an EMT. Sandy was one of the founding members of the Mineral County Ambulance back in the mid-1970s. She served about 35 years on the board with tireless dedication. When she retired from being an EMT, she remained on the Board until 2016. She helped create the EMS service and was a strong supporter. Among her many accomplishments she helped the Board build the new ambulance barns; purchased many new ambulances; supervised the EMT squad, training, etc. She assisted in purchasing new, top of the line equipment for the service, wrote countless grants and attended hundreds of trainings. She kept records, did the ambulance billing for many years and was an invaluable member of the board. She was also on the Underground Mining

Museum Board, Mineral County Democratic Chair.

In addition to her volunteer duties, she assisted many people in the community, including her Mother, siblings, friends and neighbors. She would help by taking them to appointments, providing meals, cutting hair, literally anything they needed. We often joked and called her "Florence Nightingale." She loved spending time with her family and friends and she loved a good margarita! She had many hobbies. One of the first was learning to play the guitar. She taught her Grandson his first guitar chords and his first song on the organ in her living room. She played Tuesday Night Volleyball for many years. She loved to dance, she loved playing golf and she loved to laugh. She loved life! She was loved and she will be forever in our hearts!

Viewings will be held on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., as well as, Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Strohmayer's Funeral Home in Monte Vista. Graveside services will be held at the Creede Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023, at 11 a.m. All are welcome. We will have a Memorial/Celebration of Life in the Summer as well. Arrangements in Care of Strohmayer's Funeral Home.

Donations can be sent to: Mineral County EMS, P.O. Box 381, Creede, CO 81130, and or Mineral County Fire Protection, P.O. Box 298, Creede, CO 81130.

Paid family leave portal goes live for Colorado workers

By COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

DENVER — The online portal where workers can start applying for paid family and medical leave under Colorado's new voter-approved insurance program is now up and running.

The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment's Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) Division announced Monday, Nov. 27, that the My FAMLI+ portal will help Colorado workers apply for paid leave when it becomes available in January. My FAMLI+ allows workers to apply for partial wage replacement when they need to temporarily step away from their jobs because of life events such as welcoming a new child, facing a serious health condition or caring for a loved one facing a medical condition.

Paid leave becomes available for almost all Colorado workers on Jan. 1, 2024. Opening the application portal more than a month early will help those who know they will need paid leave as soon it becomes available for things like wel-

coming a new child or because they're planning a major surgery for early next year.

To help everyone navigate the portal and get their questions answered about applying for FAMLI benefits, the FAMLI Division is putting on three statewide virtual town halls in English and Spanish in December, January and February at the dates and times below:

- Dec. 6 English: 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Spanish: 3-4 p.m.
- Jan. 10 English: 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Spanish: 3-4 p.m.
- Feb. 1 English: 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Spanish: 3-4 p.m.

The FAMLI Division started collecting premiums and wage reports at the beginning of 2023 to prepare for the release of benefit payments next year. The Division is led by Tracy Marshall, a Registered Nurse for over 25 years who is Board-Certified as both a Case Manager and Disability Management Specialist.

"We're proud to give Colorado workers a best-in-class user portal to give them the support they need when facing a major life event," Mar-

shall said. "Not only does My FAMLI+ provide Colorado workers a stress-free application process, it also allows health care providers to certify their patients' claims all online, reducing the paperwork and processing times."

For more details, check out famli.colorado.gov to find how-to videos, a user guide, webinars and FAQs to help workers, employers and health care providers navigate the program.



Courtesy Photo

'Selfies with Santa' will again be available during the St. Nick at the Bricks event on Dec. 6 at the Alamosa High School athletic stadium.

Annual St. Nick at the Bricks is Dec. 6

ALAMOSA — The Alamosa Alumni Association along with Maroon Pride, Alamosa High School Student Council, Ef's Restaurant and the 5 Star Riders Car Club will be hosting the annual St. Nick at the Bricks for Al-

amosa and surrounding communities on Wednesday, Dec. 6.

There will be free poble, biscochitos, hot cocoa and candy canes as well as free craft activities, selfies with Santa, holiday music and more.

The evening of holiday cheer and good tidings will be in front of the AHS athletic stadium from 4 to 6 p.m. Donations for the Alumni Association food drive, coat drive and toy drive will also be accepted that evening.

PENDING OBITUARIES

Vidal Garcia

With great sadness we announce the loss of Vidal Garcia, 39, of Alamosa. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Florencio Suazo

Alamosa resident Florencio Suazo passed away Nov. 27, 2023. Arrangements are pending and will be announced through Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

BIRTH

László Lynn Sigaty

László Lynn Sigaty was born on Nov. 2 to Macey Aileen Sigaty (Geivett) and Dustin Joshua Sigaty of Monte Vista. Maternal grandparents are Kathi Geivett, Doug Geivett of Littleton. Pa-

ternal grandparents are Todd and Ines Sigaty of Aurora.

László weighed 5 pounds, 9 ounces and was 18.5 inches at birth and was born at San Luis Valley Health in Alamo-

sa.

Great-grandparents are, alive: Barbara Geivett, Viktoria Warren, Victor Avila; deceased: Gary Geivett, Walter Warren, Marlin "Lynn" and Jewel Sigaty.



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Adams State holiday production brightens the stage

By ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY ALAMOSA — The holidays are upon us. Shopping, parties, finalizing plans for travel, preparing to host family and guests, the desire to make the holidays a special time is heady indeed.

Take a break from the flurry and escape reality at the Adams State University Theatre production “The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong,” directed by John H. Taylor, Ph.D. It has all the perfect elements for a time out: silly antics, physical comedy, and fictional characters who persevere even as they

spectacularly fail with the wild hope nobody notices.

The fast-paced, award-winning show finishes in 75 minutes, but your happy, refreshed spirit will keep smiling throughout the week.

It’s opening night for an amateur theatre company’s winter season play. As the Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society performs the who-done-it mystery The Murder at Haversham Manor, everything possible goes wrong. “At first, small things go awry, then bigger mishaps until the entire production is in

shambles, but still, the show goes on as the actors adapt and continue to pretend all is good,” said Taylor.

The “The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong” was written and produced by the British company, Mischief Theatre, who have created a whole series of “goes wrong plays.” The productions have become a worldwide phenomenon.

“Audience’s aged 5 to 105 will have fun as the on-stage action spins widely out of control,” Taylor said. “And during the holiday season, what better way to spend time together than laughing and enjoying the silly, over-the-top silly antics in this slapstick comedy.”

This is the 20th anniversary of the Adams State Theatre Department’s holiday season productions. Since 2004, the faculty and students have produced a variety of classics including “A Christmas Carol,” “It’s a Wonderful Life,” “Midsummer Night’s Dream,” “Little Women,” “Peter Pan,” and “Cinderella.”

“This year I selected a comedy because laugh-



Courtesy photo

The Adams State Theatre Annual Holiday Performance opens December 1, on the SLV Federal Bank Main Stage, located in the Theatre Building.

ter is always good to help relieve stress,” added Taylor.

Public performances of “The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong” run at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1, 8, and 9; and 2 p.m. on Dec. 3, on the San Luis Valley Federal Bank Main Stage, located in the Theatre Building. The Share the Magic benefit performance for La Pu-

ente Home is Dec. 2 and the Adams State alumni performance is 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10. The production is sponsored in part through the generosity of Billings Electric and Valley Lock and Security.

Tickets are \$13 for general public and free to Associated Students and Faculty (AS&F) with current Adams

State I.D. Tickets may be purchased online at theatre.adams.edu. For telephone or in-person ticket orders, the box office number is 719-587-8499. The box office is open from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. AS&F tickets for faculty, staff, and students must be ordered through the box office.

Hall

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plished multi-instrumentalist musicians in the new acoustic/bluegrass-newgrass/forward folk realms, and one of the most renowned to ever grace the Society Hall stage as he’s made music with Jerry Garcia (yes, that Jerry Garcia), David Grisman, Alison Brown, Howard Levy, Vassar Clements and others. From Carnegie Hall to street-corner busking around the world and back — Craven is at home and loving every minute. As the San Francisco Chronicle describes it, “Joe Craven is magical.”

Thom is a mandolinist, guitarist and veteran of many bluegrass bands, including Vintage Grass and the Bill Hearne Trio with a command of acoustic guitar and mandolin that is perfectly complemented by wide-ranging vocal abilities. Thom’s talents are best judged by the admiration of his peers, with numerous invitations to perform both onstage and in the studio from leading artists including David Grisman, Peter Rowan, Bob Weir, Phil Lesh, Don Riggsby and Laurie Lewis, to name a few.

Friday night’s audience is in for a memorable and amazing concert of world-class adventurous bluegrass/newgrass and “forward folk”.

Not to be outdone, on Saturday night, Society Hall gives a big nod to the season with a warm and heartfelt Christmas performance by Collins, the widely popular and nationally known artist who has been doing John Denver tribute presentations for years.

As Don Richmond puts it, Society Hall folks “have been wanting to get [Chris Collins] ever since

we got things going.”

Collins began playing guitar when he was 17, primarily listening to Jim Croce and James Taylor. About that same time, Denver’s “Back Home Again” album came out. Collins liked the album so much he “went backwards” in John Denver’s catalogue of albums.

“The more I researched backwards, the more I liked his music. I became a huge fan,” he says.

Collins bears a striking resemblance to the late singer, something audiences picked up on right away while listening to him perform his own music. Every place he performed, someone would ask him to “play some John Denver.” And so, he did.

It was just a matter of time before someone from Aspen — where Denver lived for years — heard about Collins and invited him to perform at the annual John Denver Celebration. The rest, as they say, is history.

Whether someone is a fan of Denver’s music from years ago or discovers its warmth and humanity in Collins’ performance, Saturday night’s concert is pretty much guaranteed to solicit a few whispers of, “Oh, I know this song” among members of the audience.

Two nights of extraordinary music on the Society Hall stage in just one weekend. It just doesn’t get better than that.

Society Hall is located at the corner of 4th Street and Ross Avenue in Alamosa. Doors open at 6 p.m. both nights with concerts beginning at 7 p.m. The concerts will also stream live on the Society Hall Facebook page and YouTube channel. Tickets are available at the Society Hall website at www.societyhall.org or at the Green Spot, 711 State Ave., Alamosa.

Lights

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Store and So Much More at 511 Main St. will have games and giveaways. There will be holiday markets at Milagros Coffee House located at 529 Main St. and at Sweetgrass Therapeutics at 418 State Ave., featuring live music, makers, sweet treats, and warm beverages. Santa will be at Sweetgrass Therapeutics at 6:30 p.m.

Throughout the day there will be Shine Bright and Shop Local events downtown and the first Shine Bright Tree Decoration Contest. There will also be live music at other venues downtown.

Follow First Fridays with Visit Alamosa on Facebook for all of the details. Don’t skip your

chance to get a jump on Christmas shopping during this event, and remember, Santa shops locally — and so should you.

Other events this weekend include performances at Adams State University of the “One Act Play That Goes Wrong,” at 7:30 p.m., on Friday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. There will be a Share the Magic benefit performance of the play for La Puente Home on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at www.theater.adams.edu or by calling 719-587-8499.

On Saturday, Society Hall presents, “A John Denver Christmas,” with tribute artist Chris Collins at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the Green Spot on State Avenue in Alamosa or at societyhall.org.

Quintana

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pened to her. Marilyn said her 56-year-old sister was a dotting daughter and would go to her mom’s every day to visit and help in the house.

“The day that my sister disappeared,” Marilyn said. “The last time I had seen her was on a Monday. I had gotten out of work, and she was helping my mom make supper at her house. She went over the next day on Tuesday, my mom and brother got to see her, but I didn’t. Wednesday, I called my mom, and she told me that Edna had left her clothes in the dryer at her house. I told her OK well I will message her for her to go do her laundry.”

She called her sister, but she did not answer, so she went to her mom’s house and asked if she had heard from Edna. Her mom said she had not heard or seen Edna.

“I sent Edna a message that night and I was kind of mad,” Marilyn said. “I figured she would call my mom the next day because she usually did, when I was mad at her, to tell my mom I was mad. She never called.”

Marilyn works in Center and ran into a woman who “always sees my sister, so I asked her, have you seen Edna, and she said no. At this point I got to thinking a little bit. I remember getting home on Thursday and thinking she hadn’t called anyone. I saw my mom on Thursday and my mom said she still hadn’t heard from her. I started to think well this is all really weird, it just didn’t make sense to me.”

By this time, Marilyn was worried and remembered one of Edna’s friends and an individual that Edna was seeing were looking for Edna by her mom’s house. She said it struck her as “re-

ally weird,” that everyone was suddenly looking for her sister.

“When they went to look for my sister, they just asked for her,” Marilyn said. “They didn’t say anything to us about her going to the mountains with them or anything.”

Marilyn began asking other family members if they had seen Edna.

“I went to my cousins to ask if they had seen her, and when I went over there, the person my sister was seeing was there too. I asked my cousin and her husband if they had seen Edna, and they told me well we would like to ask you the same thing. My cousin’s husband also started telling me that she had been left in the mountains, and they couldn’t find her. They supposedly sent one of her friends to tell us about it too, but instead, all the friend did was ask for her at my mom’s.”

This was the first time Marilyn had heard that Edna had gone to the mountains with her guy friend on this occasion. Marilyn knew they frequently went up to the mountains together to go hiking and to look for some type of valuable rocks that they would sell together.

Marilyn said she asked the boyfriend that Edna was seeing if they had gone to the mountains, and why he did not say something sooner.

“He said, ‘well I didn’t tell you about it, because I know you don’t like me.’ I explained to him that it was only common sense that if something like this were to happen, that he should tell one of us. This is the first time we had heard about it,” Marilyn said.

Marilyn said one thing that stood out to her was that the boyfriend that her sister was seeing was just listening to all of this at her cousin’s house, as her cousin’s husband was telling her about it, and the

guy was just leaning up against the door while eating and nonchalantly suddenly said, “Well, I do have her purse.” Marilyn said that he didn’t seem bothered or sad by it at all, though her sister had been seeing him for a couple of years.

“He also told me he had her purse with her phone, and I asked him to give it to me,” Marilyn said. “So, the story I was told was that my sister and the guy she was seeing had gone up to the mountains, and I don’t know how long they stayed. They supposedly went to their favorite spot, and the guy supposedly told her to not go very far because he couldn’t hear. He also stated that she seemed to be waiting for a car while walking around. He also later stated that he heard a car pulling up, and it was misfiring in the mountains, but told my sister he wouldn’t be able to hear her if she went too far. None of that made sense to me.”

Marilyn said that none of this was adding up. She was also told they had reported her sister missing to the police twice, but when she went to the police, they said they could not do anything until her sister had been missing for 48 hours.

“When I went to go report it, the lady there stated, she had heard something about it too,” Marilyn said. “I was really upset because nobody had told us. I told everyone, when you leave someone up on a mountain you need to let their family members know. I don’t know how or why, but they couldn’t find my sister. I remember not being able to sleep that night either, wondering where on the mountain she could be. I kept thinking she could be cold. There could be animals. Then she was on medication for seizures sometimes, too. It was a horrible night for me.”

Marilyn said she missed work the next day to go with Edna’s kids’ dad to search the area on the mountain where her sister went with her guy friend.

“I had asked the guy she went with up there to draw me a map and tell me where the place was,” Marilyn said. “I went up there and I got to thinking if my sister had come down there was a road. There were houses. I went knocking on the houses. I asked if anyone had seen her. Everybody said that nobody had seen her.”

Marilyn said that when they got back from the mountains her cousin called her and told her law enforcement was there.

“When I got there, everyone was telling the cops the story again,” Marilyn said. “The guy my sister was seeing only talked about everything for about 5 minutes. He told the cops very little and didn’t seem very worried. I don’t know, none of it really adds up.”

Marilyn then said with tears in her eyes and in an emotional voice, “My sister is such a nice person. She doesn’t deserve anything if anything has happened to her. I don’t want to think anything bad and I hope she’s OK, but she didn’t call my mom for her birthday or Mother’s Day. We are just so worried. I never thought something like this could happen. It is so frustrating, and it hurts so much to not know where she is. We still look out the window for her. We still look for her outside the door. We are waiting for her to come home. We really wish she would.”

Marilyn is hoping that somebody will read her story and come forward. If anyone has any information about the whereabouts of Edna Quintana, they are asked to contact their local law enforcement agency, or the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.



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Lifestyles



Courtesy photos

Members of the Monte Vista Elks Lodge along with a few volunteers from the Tri County Senior Citizens Center served Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 23.

Monte Vista Elks Lodge Thanksgiving Dinner brings community together

By MARIE MCCOLM
MONTE VISTA — The Monte Vista Elks Lodge hosted its fifth annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Nov. 23.

The dinner was free for everyone to enjoy. It had a full menu of Thanksgiving goodies including, turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, green beans, and pumpkin pie with other delicious sides as well.

Members of the Elks Lodge along with a few volunteers from the Tri County Senior Citizens Center, served the dinner. Though the meal was free, donations were appreciated and taken.

Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge C.E. Glunz was at the dinner and enthusiastic about the turnout and how the dinner came together this year. "Everything went so well with our dinner. We served a very nice, traditional turkey dinner. We served quite a few meals. We took nine meals down to Tri County Senior Citizens. We had about 32 take-out meals. We served a total of about 140 meals in person. Everybody was very happy. We were really happy with the way it turned out," Glunz said.

Glunz added that they had a steady crowd from about 11:30 a.m. on, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves as they sat and visited with one another. Glunz said he appreciated the sense of community.

"Everyone was talking and enjoying the food,



The Monte Vista Elks Lodge Thanksgiving Dinner was free for everyone to enjoy. It had a full menu of Thanksgiving goodies including, turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, green beans, and pumpkin pie with other delicious sides as well.

this is what we love to see," Glunz said.

Shari DeSautell said that they had about 16 volunteers all together for the dinner.

"We had Metz Potato donate potatoes, and the Sunflour Café Bakery donated pies. We want to thank Wilbur Ellis for their donations and Bob Richards for the peas," DeSautell said.

Desautell said that dinner is an important part of the Elks. They enjoy giving to the community. There are various times during the year that the Elks give to the community.

The hope is that the Thanksgiving Dinner becomes a tradition for people who are alone with or without families, or people who cannot afford to buy a big Thanksgiving dinner.

"We had a father and a son come in together

to eat that we know did not have a way of getting a big turkey dinner. It was heartwarming to see that we were able to help them. That is really what this dinner is all about. We want to give back to our community. That is what is important, and that is what means something to us. When we see this, it makes it all worth it," DeSautell said.

DeSautell also thanked the following individuals for their help with the turkey dinner — Glunz, Dawn Martin, Jere Metz, Jim Brown, Tom Tancula, Dave Curtis, Joy Werner, Racheal Werner, Jennifer Kinyon, Ken Anderson, Kathi Jo Martinez, Rick Pena, Kathy Metz, Jarrad Martin, Ronnie Dilley, Joey Armiak, and Jim Prentice; and Tri County Senior volunteers Sheila Wallich, Sandy Carlson, Margaret Trujillo, and Robert Medina.



The Monte Vista Elks Lodge hosted its fifth annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Nov. 23.

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Lifestyles

Scrumpy Moo's serves free Thanksgiving dinner

By MARIE MCCOLM MONTE VISTA — On Nov. 23, Tim and Wendy Davidson and their family served a free community Thanksgiving dinner from their restaurant — Scrumpy Moo's.

The dinner consisted of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn, roasted sweet potatoes, cranberry relish, dinner rolls, and pumpkin or apple pie.

Approximately 250 people attended the dinner. There were long tables set up inside the restaurant for people.

Wendy Davidson spoke about the dinner and what it meant to her.

"We were so happy to do this," she said. "We are hoping to make this an annual tradition. One of my biggest things is thinking that someone is

home alone, or someone doesn't have a meal. Our biggest thing is we don't ever want to know that someone doesn't have a place to go for the holidays. We want to help provide that. We feel like we have just found our home here. Everyone has been so supportive of us that we want to give back and give thanks. For us this is about people coming in out of the cold and enjoying a hot meal together. This is for everyone. We want to help people who can't afford meals, people who are alone. This is for people to come and eat dinner together. We want to be there for everyone, this is part of our thanks to this beautiful community."

Wendy said that for Thanksgiving she used many of her grandmoth-

ers' recipes at the restaurant, and that was a big tradition for her.

Tim Davidson said, "Other restaurants came to us and asked us if we needed anything here for this dinner. We all talked back and forth while we were making everything, and they are doing the same thing in other towns. I thought it was pretty cool that other places are doing this around the Valley for people. We are happy that others are also giving to their communities."

Kenzy Murphy, a resident who ate at the Thanksgiving dinner, said, "I really enjoyed the dinner with my family. You can't get any better than this. It was a delicious warm dinner. So nice to spend this time with my family. Thank

you, Scrumpy Moo's."

The Davidsons are also excited to do a special Pancakes with Santa Breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 2. The event will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Pancakes are free for kids, and adults pay \$5.

Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, and a drink of choice, coffee, OJ, or Coke products. Santa will be at the event.

Any in-kind donations made will be donated to the Monte Vista Emergency Food bank.

Scrumpy Moo's is located at 110 Adams St. and their phone number is 719-628-2110.

The Davidsons thanked everyone who donated to the Thanksgiving event. They were grateful for the community support.



Courtesy photos

Scrumpy Moo's served a free Thanksgiving dinner to approximately 250 people on Nov. 23.

Naming contest underway for wolves being reintroduced

By COLORADO WOLF AND WILDLIFE

The Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center (CWWC) is delighted to announce a "Naming Contest" for the first wolves that will be reintroduced into their original native historical range. It's believed the last wild wolf part of an established population was killed in 1945.

CWWC believes that the children of Colorado should have the opportunity to be a part of this significant event. CWWC decided that middle school children encompassing grades 5-8 would be the perfect age group for this project. CWWC aims to provide information about the wolf reintroduction to anyone who is interested, including students from other grades. Students can choose

from a list of 14 potential names for the wolves. They will have access to an educational script and the rules for the contest. Each student will have the opportunity to vote once for their favorite name. The contest began on Nov. 27, and concludes on Dec. 20.

"We have sent this invitation to all public middle schools in Colorado we could reach. If your school has not been contacted and would like to participate in this historic endeavor, please email wolfcontestco@gmail.com with "Wolf Naming Contest" in the subject line." CWWC stated. The votes will be calculated utilizing two electronic forms. The results will be finalized no later than Jan. 1, and the name with the most

votes will be assigned to the first released wolf. This process will be followed for all subsequent wolves, using the names that receive the majority of votes. At this time, CWWC is unsure how many wolves will be released in the first round. CWWC will soon receive the Federal ID number for each wolf, which will be matched with a name. The names of the wolves and the participating schools will be announced publicly. After the naming, people can stay updated by visiting the CWWC website, www.wolfeducation.org, as well as the website of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife department. It is believed that the first wolves to have paws on the ground will be by Dec. 31.

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Sports

Eight SLV volleyball players named All-State by CHSAA

By **KEN HAMRICK**
Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The Colorado High School Activities Association announced its All-State volleyball teams last Wednesday.

The All-State teams for all five classifications are posted on the CHSAANow.com web site.

Eight players from the San Luis Valley earned All-State honors.

Leading the way was Centauri senior outside hitter Kailyn Polzin who was named to the first team in Class 3A.

Polzin led the Lady Falcons in kills with 430 and in blocks with 64. She also had 287 digs and 29 service aces.

Another Lady Falcon to be named All-State was senior libero Jaelyn Jackson who was an honorable mention selection.

Jackson was the leader in digs with 478. She also had 39 aces.

Two Alamosa players were named to the Class 3A All-State team. The list includes sophomore outside hitter Laci Christensen, and junior setter Morgan Ortega. Both were honorable mention.

Christensen was the Lady Mean Moose's leader in kills with 259. She also recorded 228 digs, 15 blocks and 42 aces.

Ortega had 707 assists and 71 aces to lead Alamosa. She also scored 88 kills, 243 digs and 20 blocks.

Only one SLV player was an honorable mention All-State selection in Class 2A in Del Norte senior Kayleigh Haynie.

Haynie was the Lady Tigers' leader in assists with 165. She also recorded 24 aces, 11 blocks and 164 digs.

The rest of the local All-State selections are in Class 1A.

Sangre de Cristo had two selections in senior middle blocker Idahlia Garcia who was a second team player, and senior outside hitter Palma Enriquez who was 1A honorable mention.

Garcia led in blocks with 184 and she also had 139 kills and 56 digs.

Enriquez led in kills with 241 and she also had 40 aces and 452 digs.

Antonito junior libero Ashlyn Romero was also an honorable mention selection in Class 1A.

Statistics for the Lady Trojans were unavailable.



Courier file photos

Centauri's Kailyn Polzin, first team Class 3A.



Alamosa's Laci Christensen, honorable mention Class 3A.



Alamosa's Morgan Ortega, honorable mention Class 3A.



Sangre de Cristo's Idahlia Garcia, second team, Class 1A.

Sports Bulletin

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

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 Adams State 83, Alaska-Anchorage 82

SATURDAY

College men's basketball

Alaska-Anchorage 66, Adams State 52
College women's basketball
 Adams State 66, Alaska-Anchorage 65

SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

Prep boys basketball

Center at Salida, 4:30 p.m.
 Creede at La Veta, 4:30 p.m.

Prep girls basketball

Center at Salida, 4:30 p.m.
 Creede at La Veta, 4:30 p.m.

Prep girls swimming

Sargent, Pueblo Centennial at Pueblo South, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY

Prep boys basketball

Creede vs. Center (Sangre de Cristo Shootout), 9:40 a.m.
 Sargent vs. Cheraw (Sangre de Cristo Shootout), 1 p.m.

Prep girls basketball

Dolores vs. Soro-co (Sangre de Cristo Shootout), 4:20 p.m.
 Monte Vista at Rye Invitational, 4:30 p.m.

Prep boys wrestling

Antonito at Sangre de Cristo (Sangre de Cristo Shootout), 7:40

p.m.

Centauri hosts Mountain Top Tournament, TBA

Prep girls basketball

Creede vs. Center (Sangre de Cristo Shootout), 8 a.m.
 Dolores vs. Lake City (Sangre de Cristo Shootout), 11:20 a.m.

Prep boys wrestling

Sargent vs. Cheraw (Sangre de Cristo Shootout), 2:40 p.m.
 Antonito at Sangre de Cristo (Sangre de Cristo Shootout), 6 p.m.

Prep girls basketball

Monte Vista at Rye Invitational, 6 p.m.
 Centauri hosts Mountain Top Tournament, TBA

Prep boys wrestling

Brush at Alamosa, 4:30 p.m.
 Center, Sargent at Del Norte, 6 p.m.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Swell-head's problem
 - 4 Molten rock
 - 8 Church service
 - 12 Hit gently
 - 13 Pre-owned
 - 14 The devil, mostly?
 - 15 Held tightly
 - 17 Indian queen
 - 18 Diner fare
 - 19 Writer
 - 21 Gain
 - 23 Unwell
 - 24 Lucifer
 - 27 Scot's cap
 - 29 Pennysaver contents
 - 32 Gloomy from cloud cover
 - 34 Woodwind instrument
 - 35 Dagger handle
 - 36 Flyer
 - 38 "— to Billy Joe"
 - 39 According to
- 40 Rows of seats**
- 41 Opposite of NNW
 - 43 Chinese chairman
 - 44 White crested parrot
 - 48 Set of wheels
 - 52 — vera
 - 53 Put in order
 - 55 Ready to eat
 - 56 Strike-breaker
 - 57 Schoolboy
 - 58 Versifier
 - 59 Strikeout symbols, in baseball
 - 60 Meas. of time
- DOWN**
- 1 Impress clearly
 - 2 Festivity
 - 3 Magnum —
 - 4 Jean— Picard
 - 5 Quite pale
 - 6 Flight formations
 - 7 Says further
 - 8 Actress — Streep

Answer to Previous Puzzle

F	O	R	F	A	D	E	A	D	A	Y
U	K	E	I	C	A	N	S	A	R	A
N	R	A	N	E	N	E	S	I	C	K
A	L	F	A	A	M	B	U	S	H	
I	L	L	Y	O	M					
E	S	T	E	E	M	S	T	E	S	T
G	O	Y	A	I	O	U	N	A	B	
O	F	T	T	A	T	L	I	R	E	
A	V	O	W	P	E	L	I	C	A	N
W	R	E	P	O	A	K				
L	A	C	E	O	P	U	S	R	I	B
A	G	R	A	S	I	N	E	R	A	
P	E	E	L	E	T	O	N	D	A	D

- 9 Readily gotten
- 10 Seven deadly —
- 11 Cut
- 16 Baffle
- 20 Point a weapon
- 22 Abbr. in business
- 24 London or New York district
- 25 Eager
- 26 Spyglass
- 27 Ruler of old Russia (var.)
- 28 Cash dispenser, for short
- 30 Active one
- 31 Establishes
- 33 Simian creature
- 34 Buckeye
- 37 School org.
- 39 Toy gun projectile
- 42 Trapshooting
- 43 Colorful eel
- 44 Complain
- 45 Hodge-podge
- 46 Job
- 47 Killer whale
- 49 Hideous
- 50 Salty drop
- 51 Concern of bettors
- 54 Tummy muscles

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
12			13				14					
15			16				17					
18				19			20					
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38				39			40					
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44	45					46	47		48	49	50	51
52						53			54			
55						56			57			
58						59			60			

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THE GRIZZWELLS



PEANUTS



SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

5	6		2	1		7	4
4	1		7	2			
	8		9			1	6
9	7					2	7
6	5		1	3			5
1	2		5	7			8
8	4		1	7			6
2							

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

3	6	1	9	2	4	8	5	7
2	4	9	5	8	7	6	1	3
8	5	7	6	3	1	4	2	9
7	9	2	1	4	5	3	6	8
1	3	4	8	6	9	2	7	5
6	8	5	2	7	3	1	9	4
9	1	3	4	5	2	7	8	6
4	2	8	7	9	6	5	3	1
5	7	6	3	1	8	9	4	2

HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

HERMAN



Readers detail options for tech-averse writer

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Love My Cheap Phone" (Aug. 28). As a millennial who has worked in retail my whole adult life, I'm tired of the excuse that the older generation can't or won't use smartphones.

Personal computers have been out for decades, and smartphones have been around more than 16 years. Like the automatic transmission, these things are designed to make our lives easier and should be embraced rather than shunned. I've had people cuss me out over not being able to access discounts due to not having a smartphone -- going so far as to claim discrimination.

a modern communication device. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I'm a senior with mobility issues, and I couldn't live without my smartphone. It is not a "toy." I use it to fill my prescriptions, schedule medical appointments, check test results and communicate with my doctors. I do most of my shopping, conduct all of my banking online, call up ride-sharing, make travel arrangements and keep in touch with friends and family. I encourage "Love" to open their mind a bit. -- ONLINE SENIOR IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ABBY: There is a government program, Lifeline (go to fcc.gov), that provides a FREE smartphone and phone service to low-income people. If someone chooses not to have a smartphone for other reasons, that's their choice -- but no one should go without one because they cannot afford it. -- MARY IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR ABBY: Some states offer the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) which provides free phone service with smartphones AND TABLETS to low-income individuals or those receiving Social Security. A tablet might be the better option to use for the kind of interactions the writer described. -- HOPEFULLY HELPING OUT WEST

DEAR ABBY: I'm guessing "Love" has family and friends who have older phones in the junk drawers of their



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

homes. (We do.) Perhaps someone would be willing to part with one. Also, AARP offers classes to learn how to use a smartphone, which I suspect is behind your writer's reluctance to modernize. -- KRISTIN IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR ABBY: As a retired librarian who has helped many seniors with their technology, the idea of a \$1,000 smartphone is akin to thinking that all cars are Rolls Royces. Many phones can be had for under \$200, and some for less than \$100. A number of cellphone and service providers cater to seniors trying to transition from their beloved flip phones. I urge "Love" to visit their local library and see what advice they can get there. -- MR. G. IN SYRACUSE, N.Y.